

## Ag community mourns loss of Gary Veeder

Gary Veeder passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the age of 84 on April 15th.

A lifelong resident of Dutchess County, he was born in Poughkeepsie on July 7, 1941 to Harold and Mae Veeder. He attended Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, and graduated from Albany College of Pharmacy in 1963. He married his high school sweetheart, Pamela Boice Veeder, in 1963 and together they worked at and ran Veeder Pharmacy in LaGrange, from 1963 to its closing in 1996. He served as the Town Supervisor of Pleasant Valley from 1976 to 1980, and has served countless other roles in town government.



Gary Veeder rides the float as Grand Marshal of the Pleasant Valley Days parade. *File photo by Curtis Schmidt*

Gary Veeder lived his life with a spirit that is impossible to capture in writing, a man who loved humor and was deeply devoted to his family and his community. He served in many volunteer roles for organizations, including the Holland Society, the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, and the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers. Gary was a proud member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and never missed the Dutchess County Fair. He showed sheep with his family and enjoyed

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## Battenfeld, Angell gain top honors at 28th annual Agriculture Breakfast

*By Curtis Schmidt*

Hundreds of farmers, future farmers and farm supporters gathered at the 28th Dutchess County Agricultural Breakfast Meeting held on April 15 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

The event included an opening presentation by Eoin Wrafter, Commissioner at Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development, the presentation of the annual Tractor Awards and a roundtable discussion of issues facing the local agriculture community.

Wrafter presented an overview of agriculture in Dutchess County that centered on challenges that included funding, farm education, the rising cost of business, lack of skilled labor, loss of farmland and opportunities that included diverse markets, agritourism and youth opportunities.

In regard to youth, students and leaders from the

4-H Clubs of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County were in attendance, along with Future Farmers of America (FFA) students and leaders representing chapters from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains, John Jay High School in East Fishkill, Red Hook High School and Pawling High School.

### Tractor awards

Fred Battenfeld of Battenfeld Farms in Red Hook and veterinarian Dr. Isaac Angell of the Bentley Veterinary Practice in Stanfordville were named winners of the 2026 Tractor Awards.

Operating in Red Hook since the late 1800s, Battenfeld Farm is home to five generations of growers who've turned a love of the land into a year-round family business. They raise fresh cut flowers for wholesale and local buyers, with the Hudson Valley's climate perfectly suited to their signature anemones. They also

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Fred Battenfeld, second from left above, and Dr. Isaac Angell, second from left below, were honored with Tractor Awards at the 28th annual County Agriculture Breakfast on April 15. Presenting the awards are Steven Van Tassell of the Dutchess County Dairy Committee, Andy Imperati, CEO of the Dutchess County Fair and Agricultural Society and Brian Scoralick, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



### RENEGADES ROUNDUP

## Renegades rally past Keys to even record at 7-7

*By Morgan E. Maier*



Core Jackson has been one of the hitting leaders for the Renegades in the early part of the season. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

The Hudson Valley Renegades looked to free themselves from an early-season losing streak with a first-ever trip to the Frederick Keys. The Renegades, now owning a 7-7 record, spoiled the Keys' first homestand as a Baltimore Orioles affiliate since 2019, winning four games with first-inning scoring, extra-inning heroics and a few home runs that might have left Maryland.

A couple of Renegades starters excelled in their second starts, beginning with Brandon Decker in

the game one resumption on April 15. Decker went 3.2 innings in his season debut on April 8, allowing 2 earned runs, 2 hits, and 2 walks while striking out four against the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Against the Keys, Decker found his rhythm from the start, inheriting a 4-2 Renegades lead in relief of Franyer Herrera. Decker went 4.2 strong, conceding four hits and fanning 6 on the way to his first win of the season.

Brady Kirtner and Chris Veach closed out a successful bullpen showing for the 10-2 win. Jack

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# Silent No More Foundation connects survivors of sexual assault with services

By Cynthia Baer

Deb Bedrosian is on a mission to raise awareness and advocate for victims of childhood sexual abuse.

She founded the Silence No More Foundation in November 2024 with daughter, Alexandra Hazelton, after a life-changing event.

Deb explains, "My daughter disclosed to me that she was being sexually abused. As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse myself who never told anyone, I understood the courage it takes to come forward. As our lives spun out of control with police, courts, lawyers, interrogation after interrogation, we realized the justice system does not always protect the survivor or prosecute the offender. We decided we didn't want anyone else to endure what we were experiencing, so we started the Silent No More Foundation."

April is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. The Silent No More Foundation encourages the community to wear teal as a visible symbol of support for survivors of sexual assault, promoting healing, sol-

idarity, and raising awareness through conversation about sexual violence.

Proactive education is a big part of creating change in how society responds to abuse. Says Deb, "We want to educate society. Sexual assault is a problem that faces everyone either directly or indirectly. Everyone hears about breast cancer - according to the American Cancer Society it affects 1 in 8 people. But how many people know that 1 in 3 women are sexually harassed or assaulted in their lifetime? Or that 1 in 5 women have experienced completed or attempted rape? Or that 1 in 5 men are sexually harassed or assaulted in their lifetime? (NSVR, RAINN). These numbers are unacceptable. With awareness comes prevention. We need to talk about these issues as a society and we need to partner with our representatives to close the loopholes that allow offenders to escape accountability."

Currently, the Silent No More

Foundation does not have an official location. However, The Foundation maintains an active presence on social media and through its official website, [silentnomorechildabuse.com](http://silentnomorechildabuse.com), where it provides resource lists and contact numbers to local agencies specializing in mental health and advocacy information to help guide people through the legal system. Although not affiliated with any other organizations, The Foundation works with and is aware of a variety of other organizations that can help survivors in need. Local resources include Family Services of Dutchess County, The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA), The Child Advocacy Center (CAC), The Grace Smith House, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Fearless!, The Hudson Valley Justice Center, Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center and Pace Women's Justice Center.

Says Deb, "We have networking to effectively help anyone within Dutchess or Putnam County navigate their way through a very complex system. Our goal

is to be able to help anyone in the Hudson Valley, and hopefully someday anyone in New York State. We are here to help all survivors so no matter where you live, you are welcome to reach out to us."

Deb also makes in-person appearances to spread the word about sexual assault and its effects on children. Her next event will be at "Swap the Shame, Shift the Blame," an event hosted by Family Services of Dutchess County and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to promote sexual assault awareness and "destroy rape culture." The event is part of a series of community conversations designed to educate the public on sexual violence and support services. It will be held Wednesday, April 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center in Brexel - Schlathaus Park, located 127 All Angels Hill Road in Wappingers Falls.

Silent No More Foundation can be contacted via social media pages: Facebook - Silent No More Foundation and Instagram - @silentnomorechildabuse, or e-mail [silentnomorechildabuse@gmail.com](mailto:silentnomorechildabuse@gmail.com).

# Dutchess County Rev250 ramps up with celebration of Dutchess history

As preparations for the observance of the United States' 250th birthday ramp up, Chair Yvette Valdés Smith and the Dutchess County Legislature welcomed County Historian William P. Tatum to share details about upcoming happenings across Dutchess County.

At the Legislature's April 13th board meeting, Tatum briefed Legislators on events including historical reenactments of colonial-era crafts and trades, to theater performances celebrating Dutchess County's Revolutionary War history, all supported through the County's

"Dutchess Rev 250" initiative, which was developed in 2025.

"Dutchess County played a key role in the founding of our nation, and we are so blessed and proud to have the opportunity to spotlight our important, shared history," said Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith, who represents and lives in Fishkill, one of the nine original towns in Dutchess. "These amazing events will allow residents of all ages to get a glimpse of what our region was like in 1776. I hope to see neighbors and visitors alike exploring Dutchess County and

observing the 250th anniversary of the great American experiment."

Set to take place throughout the year, these special events are intended to supplement—not replace—the County's many annual Independence Day observances and celebrations help re-focus on the special 250-year milestone America reaches on July 4, 2026.

Program highlights include Dutchess County's RevCon, scheduled for June 13 at the FDR Library in Hyde Park and featuring a livestock demonstration from the Dover Historical Society, and the Revolutionary Cider Experience, to be held at Fishkill Farms on June 27, featuring historical cooking demonstrations, presentations on cider history, and storytelling by historical interpreter Jonathan Kruk.

"As County Historian, I'm proud to help the County support these wide-ranging and thought-provoking initiatives that bring history to life and enhance the celebration of America's 250th anniversary here in Dutchess," said County Historian William P. Tatum. "I appreciate the support of the County Legislature in helping spread the word about these events, and I thank Chair Valdés Smith for inviting me to share the details at the meeting this month."

Tatum also unveiled the Chirp Dispatch App, an immersive smartphone application designed to bring 1776 alive for children with an animated cricket which will explain the history behind the events in an engaging way for a young audience.

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## Battenfeld, Angell gain top honors at 28th annual Agriculture Breakfast

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grow butterfly ranunculus, lilies, alstroemeria, dahlias, peonies and violets.

Battenfeld's 100-acre Christmas tree fields have welcomed families since 1956 where cutting your own tree, riding in a horse-drawn wagon, meeting Santa, and sharing tailgate meals have become beloved holiday traditions.

Dr. Angell is a native of the Hudson Valley, being born and raised on the Bentley Farm in the Town of Stanford.

He said the real award "belongs to my wife, Allie, who enables me to do this work." He also related a recent event which he said helped him to understand "what it means to be a farmer."

"I received a call about a lambing and drove an hour down to Mount Kisco. When I arrived, the farmer led me to the barn where a ewe was in labor. I could see on his face that this was not going well. We gathered our equipment and went in. I worked to reposition them to facilitate delivery. But as we brought the lambs out, it became clear that the ewe had already suffered a uterine tear that was not survivable. In that moment, together, we made the decision to let her go. The farmer expressed that this was his worst fear.

"On the drive home, I found myself reflecting - A farmer is someone who promotes life. Yes, we often speak about stewardship of animals and that is true - but it is more than that. It is the daily, faithful act of tending, nurturing and sustaining life, even in the face of loss."

He also gave credit to two of his mentors - Henry Wheeler and Clarence Knapp.

In conclusion he added, "I believe the American farmer is a national treasure - the bedrock of our society. And we would do well to remember that."

### Roundtable discussion

The roundtable discussion was led by moderator Brian Scoralick, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District. Discussion leaders included Deputy County Executive Gregg Pulver, Dutchess County Agricultural Navigator Amanda Bergin, Dutchess Land Conservancy President Becky Thornton and John Jay High School FFA co-advisor Emily Sztaberek.

The following is a look at some of the questions posed along with replies.

• **How can farmers and municipalities work together better?** - Pulver noted that he attempted to look at a variety of issues from an agriculture perspective during his years with the Dutchess County Legislature. "It's really about understanding how things work, getting involved and pre-planning," said Pulver. "If you want something, that's what it takes. I know farmers are busy, but farmers have to become active members of town boards and other governing groups and advocate for local agriculture."

• **Communication** - Bergin said her office provides a wide variety of information and is continually working to assist farmers with resources to get their messages to the public and further assist from a business standpoint.

• **Workforce housing** - Pulver characterized this as an "important issue," and noted that more education is needed in regard to regulations.

The Hudson Valley Alliance for Housing and Conservation was discussed as a possible resource. The organization's website describes it as "An Innovative Collaboration of Land Trusts and Affordable Housing Organizations Conserving Critical Landscapes and Responding to the Region's Housing Crisis." It consists of "Sixteen Hudson Valley organizations working together to strengthen biodiversity and climate resilience, while creating affordable places where people can live."

• **How to bridge the gap from established farmers to future farmers** - In regard to land, Thornton noted that the DLC works to preserve farmland, find suitable land and help to make it affordable for the next generation of farmers. The organization also has a variety of programs to connect prospective farmers with opportunities.

Sztaberek suggested developing more relationships between youth organizations like the FFA chapters and area farmers that could lead to employment opportunities.

Pulver said there are "a myriad of different ways" to accomplish that goal and added "we just need to bring people together."

Stephanie Rhoades, Agricultural Science Teacher and FFA Advisor at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine



Members of four FFA chapters attended the 28th annual Dutchess County Agricultural Breakfast on April 15 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Above are members of the Stissing Mountain High School FFA in Pine Plains and below are FFA members from Red Hook High School. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



Plains noted that the school's Agriculture Program is now a CTE certified program. Students will receive a seal for agriculture indicating that they have completed an approved Career and Technical Education program in the area of agriculture.

She added that students have to complete a sequence of high school agriculture classes, complete work-based

learning hours in the form of an internship or job, perform specific agricultural-related skills and an employability profile, along with passing a certification exam.

The seal is for their diploma and that it is essentially what a BOCES program offers, but students can accomplish that in their home school in Pine Plains.

## Hackett Farm Supply sets 4-H Fundraiser event May 3

Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners will host a Children's Activities & Fundraiser event on Sunday, May 3 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The store is located at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, just off the Taconic State Parkway.

The event is designed to support Dutchess County 4-H youths and the many different clubs and interests

involved with the clubs.

Included will be baked goods, arts and crafts, farm animals and more. Residents are encouraged to help the youths raise money for their clubs and fundraising projects.

For more information, call the store at 845-266-3494 or text 845-309-8686.

## Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited sets Veterans, family fishing days

Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited has scheduled a weekend of fishing at Overlook Park (36 Knights Place) in Poughkeepsie, thanks to the Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Veterans Fishing Day is set Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans, this one's for you! Enjoy a relaxing day of fishing with complimentary food and drinks provided by the Federation of

Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs.

Registration is required - sign up by calling Anthony Pittore: 914-755-9667 or Kevin Haight: 914-474-7740

Family Fishing Day is set Sunday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's a fun-filled fishing day for families of all ages! NYSDEC will provide poles and bait, and the Federation will offer complimentary food and drinks.

No registration needed—just show up and fish!

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# Brother, sister to be ‘heart heroes’ at annual Heart Walk on April 25

The news that Gabe Saki needed to see a cardiologist was a surprise to his mother Malory when she took him for his six-month checkup. He was above average on the height and weight charts and everything seemed normal.

At the cardiologist visit, though, Saki learned that her infant son had an atrial septal defect – also called an ASD – which is a hole in the wall between the heart’s upper chambers that causes oxygen-rich blood to leak back into the right side of the heart. When she heard that he would one day need open-heart surgery to repair it, her first thought was that Gabe would have a scar on his chest.

Instead, Gabe had transaxillary surgery, meaning that doctors could access his heart through his armpit instead of cutting his sternal bone and creating a scar on his chest. Saki remembers carrying him into the operating room for the surgery six days before his third birthday.

“After the surgery, Gabe just shot right up,” Saki said.

Not long after, Saki learned that she and her husband Christopher were expecting their daughter Rei. Because Gabe had been born with a heart defect, doctors performed a fetal echo on the baby.

“The echo showed that she had two ventricular septal defects (VSD) and when she was born, doctors were confident that they would close on their own,” Saki said. But doctors also discovered that she has an ASD like her brother.



Gabe Saki (left) and Rei Saki. *Courtesy photos*

Rei’s ASD is smaller than Gabe’s and doctors will close it in June 2026. They’ll be able to do that procedure through the groin, again avoiding surgery through the chest.

“What are the odds that both our children would need surgery?” Saki said. “My husband and I had echoes and neither of us have a detectable defect.”

Today, Gabe is 10, and into music. “He plays the viola, piano and ukelele, and wants to play the drums,” Saki said. “Gabe understands that he’s had heart surgery and is full of questions during doctor visits.”

Saki describes 6-year-old Rei as “a peanut but with the personality of a bear.”

“She’s a million miles an hour,” Saki said.

After Rei’s surgery in June, the children shouldn’t need any other operations.

The Sakis live in Cornwall. Malory is a forensic scientist with the State Police. Christopher, an Air Force veteran, is a tax attorney.

The Saki family will share their story at the Hudson Valley Heart Walk on April 25. The event will take place at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. and opening ceremonies for the walk start at 9:15 a.m. For information or to register, visit [www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk](http://www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk).

## GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

### It’s time to give direct support professionals the recognition they deserve

By Jeffery Fox, Ph.D.

Every day in New York State, tens of thousands of direct support professionals (DSPs) perform indispensable work that makes community life possible for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). They promote independence, dignity and full inclusion — supporting people at jobs, coaching communication, implementing complex clinical plans, assisting with daily living and providing steady, compassionate partnership. Their work is skilled, essential and life-changing.

Yet DSPs remain invisible in one of the nation’s most fundamental workforce

systems: the federal Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. Because “direct support professional” is not recognized as its own occupational category, DSP data is buried within broad classifications such as home health aides or personal care aides — roles with very different responsibilities and training requirements. This lack of recognition has prevented states and the nation from gathering accurate workforce data, obscuring shortages, wage stagnation and dangerously high turnover rates.

Congress must act — and New Yorkers should rally behind H.R. 6137/S. 3211, the Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act.

Introduced with bipartisan and bicameral support in November 2025, this legislation directs the Office of Management and Budget to consider creating a distinct SOC code for DSPs. The bill’s sponsors point to alarming national instability: turnover rates around 39%-40%, repeatedly documented by National Core Indicators and highlighted in both chambers of Congress.

This crisis is deeply felt in New York. Nonprofit providers across the state struggle to fill vacancies, maintain services and retain experienced staff. Without clear federal data, policymakers cannot accurately assess shortages, wages or employment trends — making it nearly impossible to design effective, long-term solutions. As Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania noted when introducing the bill: “We cannot solve a workforce crisis we cannot accurately measure.”

A distinct SOC code would allow New York and other states to:

- Accurately Track Workforce Data: Clear federal labor statistics would

finally separate DSPs from unrelated roles, giving policymakers reliable information on wages, turnover, job availability and long-term trends.

- Strengthen Recruitment and Retention: With better data, states could develop smarter training pipelines, improve Medicaid rate setting, and create career pathways that reflect the true skill and responsibility of DSP work.

- Ensure Stability for Individuals with Disabilities: Consistent staffing is essential for people with I/DD to live safely and participate fully in their communities. A national DSP shortage is not simply a workforce issue — it is a civil rights issue.

The bill has earned strong bipartisan support, including from New York’s congressional delegation, and companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate. Supporting DSPs is not a partisan matter — it is a moral one.

As a nonprofit leader in New York’s disability services sector, I see every day how DSPs transform lives — and how the lack of structural recognition harms the entire system. Our workforce crisis will not resolve itself. It requires action.

The bill is now before the House of Representatives. I urge all New Yorkers to contact their representatives and support this critical legislation.

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## Spring Expo & Kite Festival takes flight at LaGrange's Freedom Park

The first Spring Expo & Kite Festival is planned for Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Freedom Park in LaGrange. The day is a celebration of all things outdoors: play, discovery, conservation and exploration.

The afternoon features live music in the band shell from Vito Petrocchio and Four Guys in Disguise, Two by Two Animal Haven under the tent with a wildlife conservation program at 1:30 and 3:15 p.m., and Mark Rust will have interactive kid's music under the main pavilion. FlowerRoots&Stem will have an interactive tent offering bubble fun and rocket exploration. Also participating is the Dutchess County Mobile Health Unit, and LaGrange Fire District with Child ID kits.

Parks and Recreation Director, Sandy Washburn, commented on the day. "We have been working on this new event concept since last fall. It brings together our focus on the outdoors with a fun festival vibe. We continue to stress nature play, while bringing new experiences that

will make this event unique."

Adding to the day will be the Mid-Hudson ADK Club, stilt walkers and caricature artists, a hula hoop and rhythmic dance activity, fairy discovery craft station, camping display with Troop 50, planting activities with BSA Troop 182B&G at the nature discovery building, Hudson Valley Cold-pressed Oils Sunflower Farm, and the DC Soil & Water Conservation District with their interactive stream erosion table. We will have sensory play stations, decorate and take kites, hands on science activities, stream discovery, vendors, and much more! Say Grilled Cheese food truck will also be on site. Organizers remind you that smoking, vaping, alcohol, and pets are NOT permitted in town parks.

For detailed information, including event spotlight features, follow the LaGrange Parks and Recreation Facebook page. If there are any questions, call the Recreation Office at (845) 452-1972.

## Renegades rally past Keys to even record at 7-7

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Cebert got the Renegades a third straight victory on April 16, with a second consecutive start of 7+ innings. Cebert was again a strikeout machine, getting his season total to 14 (2nd on the Renegades staff as of April 18) as he evened the season record at 1-1. The Renegades returned above .500 that night, a 5-2 victory cemented with Cebert's success.

Rain spoiled the Keys' home debut, forcing a Wednesday double-header on the formerly soggy infield. The Renegades relied heavily on the long ball that day, teeing off on Keys pitchers 5 times between two games on April 15.

Josue Gonzalez broke open the first game in the eighth inning, extending the lead with a late three-run blast. Cam Troyer launched one a few innings earlier, but the center fielder further garnered looks in the bottom of the 9th inning with dugout-whooping defense. Showcasing his strong outfield arm, Troyer picked off Frederick's only hope of a baserunner, as he caught the runner stretching a single. There was revelry in the visiting dugout, as the 'Gades would go on to win 10-2.

With its 7-3 victory in the nightcap, Hudson Valley scored every run on the long ball. Kyle West hit a three-run shot in the first inning; Josh Moylan added a solo shot the next. Wilyer Rodriguez later smashed a three-run home run, representing the unanswered insurance runs. Especially deflating for the Keys, the blast came with two outs. Moylan would ream another rocket in the series finale, jumping on the first pitch he saw in the ninth inning. The Renegades mounted a 3-run rally to tie the game that inning. Hudson Valley won the series with a 7-6 win in 10 innings, as Renegades pitchers combined for 14 strikeouts.

The visitors struck first in three consecutive games, exploding for 10 first-inning runs across the longest win streak of this budding baseball season. Kaeden Kent and Core Jackson were the crux of the streak. In the four games the pair headed the lineup, one or both reached base in the first inning. Kent was 3-4 with a walk in the first inning this series, and Jackson had a pair of walks and was hit by a pitch. West's moonshot to start the second game was set up with a Kent single, and Jackson getting plunked by a pitch.

But the first inning barrage contrasted with the second half of the series, as

Hudson Valley scored just one run in consecutive games, April 17-18. Under the lights on Friday night, the 'Gades were gearing toward a shutout with two outs to spare. Troyer broke it with an RBI ground-rule double before his team went down 6-1. The Renegades could not make up a four-run deficit that Frederick built early on in the following matchup and mustered four hits against Keys starter Juaron Watts-Brown.

The Renegades return home for a full-length series against the Brooklyn Cyclones April 21-26. The Cyclones were winless in the first two games against the Renegades. Fans can expect tails wagging at the season's first Bark in the Park on Wednesday, April 22, plus free parking for first responders. The main event, the April 24 Ballpark Carnival, will feature fun fixings and postgame fireworks for all. Saturday, April 25 will see the return of the Newburgh Gorhams, featuring a free Gorhams cooler for the first 1,000 fans.

## ENTA artists help Linden Avenue Middle School honor Earth Day

RED HOOK – Linden Avenue Middle School students have been creating block print art and blackout poetry to honor this year's Earth Day. An outdoor exhibit of the art and poetry is planned, with an opening reception on Friday, April 24, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., at the Linden Avenue entrance to the school.

More than 40 nine-foot long cotton banners adorned with the block prints will hang from a circle of pine trees, creating a quiet sanctuary, where the breeze will animate the banners. The 80 poetry pieces will be woven in an out of a stand of trees along Linden Avenue, creating a walkway of poetry. Friends and families of Linden Avenue Middle School are invited to attend the opening.

ENTA teaching artists Christine Livesey and Ali Roland, with assistance from Joanna Hess and Pat Sexton, have lead the printmaking art with LAMS Art Teacher, Ana O'Keefe, and her art classes to create original block prints reflecting nature.

ENTA artist Alyssa Greenway has been working with LAMS teacher Kelly Walker and her ELA classes to write and design Blackout Poetry, a form of poetry

that artistically edits existing printed material to create a new message.

The arts-in-education program, now in its second year, was designed and implemented by the non-profit arts organization, ENTA – Education Network for Teachers & Artists, Inc. – in collaboration with the LAMS teachers. The program has been generously supported by the Red Hook Education Foundation, The Thomas Thompson Trust, the Ascienzo Family Foundation, as well as the Red Hook CSD Arts-in-Education BOCES program.

ENTA is a Rhinebeck-based, non-profit, arts-in-education organization that collaborates with our local schools to design programs that teach any subject through the Arts. For 20 years, ENTA has designed arts-based programming for science, social studies, ELA and math curricula, as well as fine and performing arts for K-12 schools throughout Dutchess County. ENTA's focus is to allow students to express their knowledge and mastery of any subject through artistic expression. For more information, visit their website at [www.enta4arts.org](http://www.enta4arts.org).

## Ag community mourns loss of Gary Veeder

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educating the visitors at both the Fair and the Sheep and Wool Festival about wool.

Gary was an avid golfer, coached crew, and followed Marist University basketball. In his later years, he discovered the forgotten Badgley Cemetery and spent years restoring the Revolutionary Era cemetery stones and grounds. He was instrumental in the placement of a historical marker honoring patriot graves at that site.

After retirement, Gary and Pamela traveled the country visiting every state, volunteered for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, and even drove to the Arctic Circle. Gary loved music and played the banjo whenever he had the chance. He supported musicians through endeavors such as the New York State Fiddle Contest, which he founded and ran for many years at the Dutchess County Fair. Gary was an avid woodworker up to the

end, and could often be found in his workshop, tinkering away. When not in his workshop, there is a good chance he was on his tractor or lawn mower, mowing anyone's grass he could convince to let him do so.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Pamela Veeder, his children, Meegan Veeder-Shave (Chris) and Dal Veeder (Wendy), his four grandchildren, Cosette, Keegan, Macey, and Dalton, four nieces and nephews, one cat named Cat, and countless friends. He is profoundly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in the Welcome Center on Monday, May 11th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. In place of flowers, the family asks that you consider volunteering with a local organization.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Vendors wanted for Freedom Plains flea market

Flea market vendors wanted for the Freedom Plains Fall Rummage Sale and Flea Market, May 9 2026, from 9am-3pm. For \$25, you can reserve a generous space on our front lawn. To fill out an application and pay the \$25 fee online, go to our website [www.fpupchurch.org](http://www.fpupchurch.org) or call the church office weekdays from 9am-3pm (845-452-0684).

## Anderson Connects Career Fair Day

Anderson Connects Career Fair Day will be held Thursday, April 23, 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. For more information, visit [andersoncenterforautism.org/careerfair](http://andersoncenterforautism.org/careerfair). This event is supported by the Barry and Holly Feirstein Endowment Fund and hosted in part by Dutchess County Works.

## Rhinebeck Historical Society program set April 24

Friday, April 24, 7 p.m., Starr Library, Local History Room (entrance in the rear), 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Dr. Mary Mistral will present "Ladies of the Valley." With names like Astor, Roosevelt and Livingston, the women featured in Ladies of the Valley were born to great privilege, and raised to be hostesses who would grace the drawing room. But they would often be called upon to take charge of the operation of their family estates. They also oversaw the welfare of the estate workers, the upbringing and education of their children, and created a tradition of women involved in the social issues of their times. As matriarchs of their families, these women played an important role in establishing the culture and society of the Hudson Valley for generations.

Anyone doing local history research can make an appointment to visit the Local History Room at Starr Library, which is available on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the year. Email [michaelfrazier@earthlink.net](mailto:michaelfrazier@earthlink.net) or call 845-464-2015 to make an appointment or to ask questions about Rhinebeck history.

For more information about the historical society, visit [www.rhinebeckhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.rhinebeckhistoricalsociety.org).

## Vendor Fair set April 25 in Pine Plains

The Second Annual Mother's Day Treasures Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Center, 2nd floor of Pine Plains Library, 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains. Sponsored by LMA Vendor Networking Group. For more information, contact Lisa Agnelli at [lisamarieagnelli@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarieagnelli@gmail.com)

## Earth Day Celebration at Phantom Gardener

The Phantom Gardener will hold an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 25, starting at 9:15 a.m. Activities include a Nursery Walk and workshops. Information booths, general gardening advice, giveaways and more. Complimentary hot dogs and beverages from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet members of the Village of Rhinebeck Parks Committee. More info at [thephantomgardener.com](http://thephantomgardener.com).

## Beatrix Farrand Garden Association offers events on April 25

Saturday, April 25, 8:30-9:30 a.m. In celebration of Earth Day, "Guided Bird Walk on the FDR Historic Site," with Bill Peterson of the Ralph Waterman Bird Club, a regional resource for information about Hudson Valley native and migratory birds. Fee \$15, BFGA Members free.

Saturday, April 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., "What to Plant in 2026: Beauty & Biodiversity for the Garden": Join Beatrix Farrand Garden Director of Horticulture

Ashley Gamell for a tantalizing dive into the most exciting plant selections for 2026--great design plants that offer beauty, but also support a dizzying array of diversity. From "chocolate cake" plants to gorgeous natives that are just hitting the commercial market, Gamell will share her favorites for a low-input, full-of-life garden in 2026. Fee \$15, BFGA Members free.

Register for these events at [www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org](http://www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org).

## Millbrook Repair Cafe set April 25

The Millbrook Library will host a Repair Cafe on Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Keep your beloved and broken stuff out of landfills and get to know your neighbors at this event - scheduled the same day as the Community-Wide Yard Sale. Bring your broken lamps and small appliances, jewelry, mending, and darning, etc. to the Millbrook Repair Cafe and local repair coaches will help you fix them or provide advice on additional repair resources. Please limit repairs to two per person. Also available: knife sharpening, bicycle maintenance demonstrations, and plastic bag and battery recycling.

## Spring Tag Sale at Mt. Alvernia April 25

Mt. Alvernia's Spring Tag Sale will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 158 Delavergne Avenue, Wappingers Falls (follow signs to the gym). Something for everyone, including household items, small appliances, toys, jewelry and more, to benefit Mt. Alvernia.

## Town of Poughkeepsie's Earth Day event set April 25

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation will hold an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stanley Still Park, 80 Jackson Road, Poughkeepsie. Activities include tree planting and other projects to help beautify the park. For more information, email [rec@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov](mailto:rec@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov) or visit [poughkeepsietownrec.org](http://poughkeepsietownrec.org) on Facebook.

## Millbrook Community Spring Sale set April 25

The Fourth Annual Millbrook Community Spring Sale is set for Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy yard and store sales throughout the Village, a Repair Café at the library, and live street music by the Millbrook Arts Group. This year's event is self-organized. Those interested in participating can email their name and sale location to [millbrookspringale@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookspringale@gmail.com) to be added to the event map.

## Earth Day Celebration set April 25 in Rhinebeck

The Town of Rhinebeck will host an Earth Day celebration at the Thompson-Mazzarella (aka Starr Park) on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There'll be a big tent and a food truck, wildlife shows, hands-on activities, a clothing swap, a "recycle-a-palooza" and more. Free and family-friendly, zero-waste (BYO water bottle).

Donations for the Red Hook Responds food pantry will be collected; and the Rotary Club will accept donations of used bikes.

The Village of Rhinebeck Tree Commission will give out seedlings, and the Village Compost Subcommittee will be giving out finished compost to registered participants.

More information is available at <https://village-of-rhinebeck.gov/> (under Announcements) or at the Village of Rhinebeck Facebook page.

## Red Hook VFW Civilian Military Ball

The Red Hook VFW Post 7765 will hold its Civilian Military Ball, commemorating 80 years of

faithful service to veterans and the community. The event will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 6 - 10 p.m. at The Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook. This special evening will bring together community members, veterans, and supporters to honor the legacy of service and sacrifice. Guests will enjoy a night of camaraderie, entertainment, and recognition of those who have served our nation. Information or sponsorship inquiries or more information, contact: Jon Conroe, Post Commander: (619) 855-6099 | [Jon@vfw7765.org](mailto:Jon@vfw7765.org) or Red Hook VFW Post 7765: (855) 758-7765 | [info@vfw7765.org](mailto:info@vfw7765.org)

## Clinton Rec seeks volunteers for playground build April 25-26

The Town of Clinton Recreation Department seeks volunteers for a Community Playground Build on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 at Friends Park, 2350 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. Start time is 9 a.m. both days. The Rec Department will provide lunch. Bring your tools. RSVP to (914) 489-0962.

## Pleasant Valley Lions to host 2nd Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser

Come join the Pleasant Valley Lions at Gold's Gym LaGrange for a fun filled afternoon of Bingo on Sunday, April 26. Guests play 10 rounds of Bingo for designer pocketbooks and door prize drawings. There will be tickets available for the raffle able and 50/50. Bring your own food and beverage. Only 100 seats will be pre-sold, ages 18+. Doors open at 1 p.m. Bingo 2 p.m. Tickets available at PV Lion Club 2026 Pocketbook BINGO - [zeffy.com](http://zeffy.com) or call Pam at (845) 453-0023 for purchase options or more information.

## Sexual violence support

Swap the Shame, Shift the Blame will be hosted by Family Services of Dutchess County and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The free event is set Wednesday April 29, from 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Community Center in Brexel - Schlathaus Park, located 127 All Angels Hill Road in Wappingers Falls. The event is part of a series of community conversations designed to educate the public on sexual violence and support services.

## Bingo in Rhinecliff April 29 & May 27

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will host Bingo on Wednesday, April 29 & May 27, at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, 17 Shatzell Avenue, Rhinecliff. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., with Bingo from 6 to 8:30 p.m. To benefit the Rhinecliff Vol. Fire Company

Eight games, top prize \$250. Single card \$5, 3 pack \$10, 8 pack \$25. Limit 75 people. No admission without purchase. Must be 18+ to play.

Concessions will be available for purchase. No outside food.

Arrive early to find parking. For more information, call (646) 537-5968.

## Hyde Park Chamber's upcoming events

The Chamber's Business Of the Year Dinner will take place on Thursday, April 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Location TBD.

The next Hyde Park Chamber Breakfast is set Thursday, May 14, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at Joseph's Steak House, 728 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park. The speaker will be the Hyde Park Superintendent of Schools. The cost is \$25 per member, \$30 per non-member.

For tickets and more information for these events, visit [www.hydeparkchamber.org](http://www.hydeparkchamber.org).

## Spring Rummage Sale set May 1-2 at Salt Point church

The Spring Rummage Sale at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will be held on Friday May 1, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m., followed by a \$5 per bag sale from 2 to 4 p.m.

Featured will be perennial plants, spring & summer clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, luggage, linens, kitchenware, children's toys, puzzles, games, books, CD's and so much more at reasonable prices. Bake goods are available both days with lunch available on Saturday. For information or directions, call Diana at (845) 656-9959.

## Defensive Driving Course set May 2 in Stanfordville

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, May 2, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

## Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 3

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its 22nd Annual Spring Brunch on May 3, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Guests will learn about the importance of exercise for a happy and healthy life from Dr. Jessica Scott, Director of the Exercise Oncology Program and Associate Attending at Memorial Sloan Kettering. Dr. Scott will discuss how exercise plays a vital role in living a happy and healthy life. The event will also feature raffle and auction items. Purchase tickets at [www.milesofhope.org](http://www.milesofhope.org)

## LaGrange Library Book Sale set May 8-9

The LaGrange Library's Spring Book Sale will take place on Friday, May 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be thousands of books, CDs and DVDs, all priced at \$2 or less. Fill a bag sale for \$5 on Saturday, May 9, from noon to 2 p.m.

The library is at 1110 Route 55 in Lagrangeville. For more information, email [rweiss@laglib.org](mailto:rweiss@laglib.org) or call the Library at (845) 452-3141

## Fundraising dinner has '50s-'60s theme

St Paul's Church, 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie is holding a '50s-'60s dinner on Saturday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be prepared and served by Dr JJ Manley and his students from the Culinary Institute of America. The menu includes: Tomato Bruschetta, Apple, lettuce & walnut salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu with green beans almondine & Pineapple upside down cake plus coffee, tea & water. Reservations required. Please call the church at (845) 452-8440 to make yours.

## Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals theme for 2026 is "The Year of the Humane Child." This year's event will be held at the Third Lutheran Evangelical Church, 31 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck on Saturday, May 30 from noon - 4 p.m. Rain Date, Sunday May 31, 1-5 p.m. The goal of the event is to promote kindness as a habit in our homes and in our lives. Kindness costs nothing and is truly a superpower since all living things depend on each other. Come mingle with or without a pet. Enjoy this connection with nature, neighbors and numerous local animal charities.

## Brookmeade Golf Classic set June 1

The Brookmeade Community Foundation is hosting The 9th Annual Brookmeade Golf Classic. Golf Classic will be held on June 1 at the Red Hook Golf Club starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast, lunch and golf shirts provided. Raffles throughout the day, and top team awards. Hole-in-one contest and more. Player cost: \$175 per person. Proceeds to benefits the programs for senior citizens living in the Brookmeade Community. To sign up, contact us at [info@brookmeadecommunity.org](mailto:info@brookmeadecommunity.org). Sponsorship opportunities also available.

## Stanford Fire Company golf tourney set June 12

The Stanford Fire Company will hold its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday June 12, at James Baird State Park. There will be a Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.). The outing includes 18 holes golf with cart, hole in one prize, prizes for top three teams, long drive men and women, closest to the pin, lunch/beer on course, raffle prizes, silent auction, dinner following tournament.

## Aim for Gold Jamboree set June 13

The USA Archery Foundation will hold the Aim for Gold Jamboree, a fundraising event, on Saturday, June 13, from noon to 4 p.m., at Mashomack Preserve Club in Pine Plains. There will be a barbecue and the event includes archery lessons, 3-D targets, trick shooters, Kid Zone, and special guest coach Joel Turner.

Visit [usaarcheryfoundation.org/aimforgold](http://usaarcheryfoundation.org/aimforgold) for tickets and more information.

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# Late Fishkill combat medic Stephen Shumway recognized during 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony

By Kristine Coulter

The "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony for April paid tribute to former U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class Stephen Shumway, who was a Fishkill resident. The ceremony, the first for 2026, took place at the Knights of Columbus building on Route 82 in Fishkill. These ceremonies, held monthly from April - November, recognize the life and service of veterans who have died.

Sarah Husted, one of Shumway's four children (he was the father of two daughters and two sons), said before the event began, "We're very excited and grateful. He didn't talk much about being in the service."

Shumway's other daughter, Jennifer Marion, remarked, "We get to hear about new things [regarding his service]."

Shumway was born on Sept. 24, 1947, in Tioga County and attended a one-room schoolhouse. Shumway was drafted into the Army at the age of 19.

According to the biography of Shumway shared at the ceremony: "Becoming a medic wasn't a particular goal of Mr. Shumway's. Being a draftee he thought he was going to be handed a weapon and sent overseas to be an infantryman, but to his surprise he had the opportunity to choose from the various military occupations available. Medic was the first option he saw, and he said simply, 'I'd like to be a medic.'"

"His life is a testament to service and integrity," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino to those gathered for the ceremony.

Shumway served as a Combat Medic during one of the most critical military campaigns during the Vietnam War – the Tet Offensive.

Serino said Shumway is owed "our gratitude."

Shumway went on to serve four years with the Army Reserves.

Before moving to and settling in Fishkill, Shumway lived in Binghamton and then Westchester County.

Damon Corbin, Shumway's nephew,

said about his uncle, "He had a dry sense of humor. It's hard to describe."

Husted said her father "loved giving back to the veterans."

Shumway was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1286. It was noted that after his recovery from a stroke, Shumway would walk two miles to The Bagel Shoppe in Fishkill to meet fellow veterans.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Alba, who is also a veteran, said Shumway delivered the 2011 Memorial Day speech in the town.

In the speech, Shumway recalled two of his friends, Donnie Rummel and Tony Revak.

"Needless to say, we lost contact with one another, it was not until I got back to the States that I found out that in August of 1968 that my two classmates were both killed in Vietnam within two days of each other. The letters from home, had not included that information ... why was I here? Why did the good [L]ord spare me and why did he take my friends before they had a chance to experience life? I do not have the answers to those questions. The only thing I can do now is to honor the memory of them," reads the speech by Shumway.

Alba said Shumway was a "beloved Fishkill resident" and was honored as one of the Town's Hometown Heroes.

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi remarked Shumway was "a man who heard his nation's call." Parisi added, "To his family, we recognize his sacrifice was also your sacrifice."

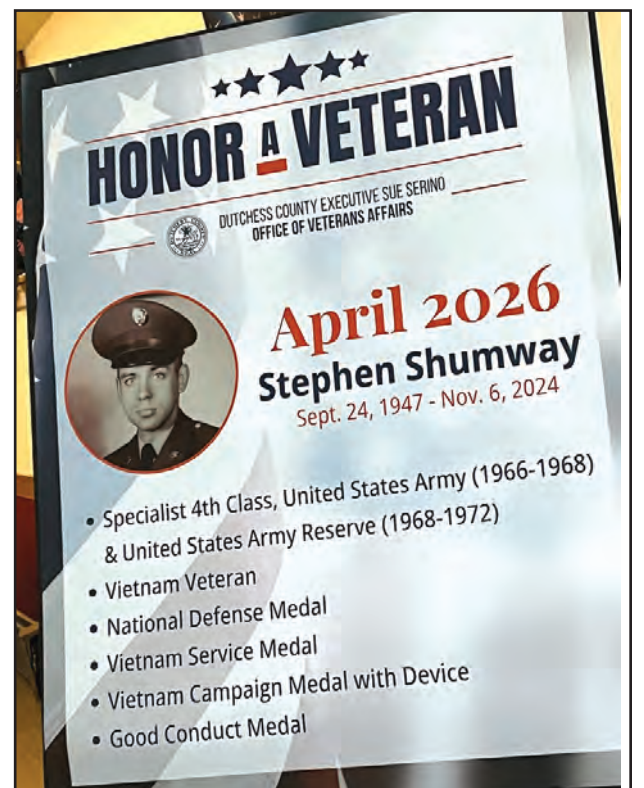
Dutchess County Legislator Doug McHoul said he goes "way back" with the Shumway family and was "happy to be there" to recognize Shumway's "impact on the community." Shumway spent years volunteering for the concession stand for East Fishkill Soccer, it was stated.

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati said during his remarks that he "loves to hire veterans."

Numerous proclamations were read in honor of Shumway by federal, state and



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche joined the family of deceased Army Specialist 4th Class Stephen Shumway at the "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony, held on April 16 at the Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #4065 in Fishkill. Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov't. Shumway (pictured, right) received numerous medals for his service during the Vietnam War. Photo by Kristine Coulter



local representatives of government officials.

Among the medals awarded to Shumway for his service were:

- National Defense Medal;
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device;
- Vietnam Service Medal;
- Good Conduct Medal.

A quilt was presented to the Shumway family by Quilts2Honor of Mental Health America of Dutchess County.

Nate Grant, Commander of the American Legion Post 37, presented the family with a Veterans Challenge Coin.

A memory box was presented to Shumway's family by Victor Zamaloff, of Mental Health America Vet2Vet. The Invocation and closing prayer were offered by Mike Goebel of American

Legion Post 1302.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Color Guard did the presentation of colors and retiring of colors.

Ray Relyea, Commander of American Legion Post 1302, said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Local resident Dani Masteron, Buglers Across America, played "Taps."

Shumway died on Nov. 6, 2024, in Fishkill. He left behind his four children, six grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

"His heart was filled with compassion," said Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche. He added, "Stephen, I know you're with us here today. Know this: your sacrifices cannot be forgotten."

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SCAN ME

# Millbrook Vineyards names Ian Bearup GM, and continuing in role as Head Wine Maker

The next chapter at Millbrook Vineyards & Winery is taking shape, as the Hudson Valley's flagship winery announces that Head Winemaker, Ian Bearup has been appointed general manager. In his dual role, Bearup will oversee all day-to-day operations of the winery, including strategy, team leadership, hospitality, sales and the guest experience, while continuing to direct the winery's acclaimed wine production. From vineyard coordination and harvest decisions to fermentation, blending and bottling, he will ensure the quality and character that define Millbrook's award-winning portfolio.

"Millbrook has always been a special place," said Bearup. "My goal is to honor what's been built here while continuing to elevate both the wines and the experience. I'm excited to showcase not only what we do, but what Hudson Valley wine is truly capable of."

This transition follows the retirement of David Bova, whose leadership helped grow Millbrook Winery over its 40-year history into one of the most respected wineries in the Hudson Valley. His contributions have been instrumental in establishing the winery's reputation for quality, consistency and community connection. On the transition, Bova commented, "It has been an honor to help build Millbrook into what it is today. I could not be more confident in the team and the direction, and I look forward to watching the next chapter unfold."

Prior to his role at Millbrook Winery, Bearup led the production at vineyards across the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast in California, the

Willamette Valley in Oregon, and in New Zealand. His background also includes managing large-scale production, leading cellar teams, coordinating with clients and overseeing all aspects of lab analysis, fermentation and quality control – experience that positions him well to lead both the business and winemaking operations in his newly expanded position.

Supporting this next phase is Millbrook Winery's owner, John Dyson, a Millbrook native, whose influence spans the American wine industry coast to coast. With deep pride in the region's grapes, Dyson is returning to help guide a renewed vision, one that honors the winery's heritage while embracing a more refined, Old World-inspired approach to both winemaking and the guest experience.

"As someone who has spent a lifetime in the winemaking industry, I've always known the Hudson Valley is capable of great things," said Dyson. "Ian brings an extraordinary depth of winemaking experience to Millbrook and a fresh, young perspective to help us showcase that in an even more meaningful way."

Looking ahead, Bearup's appointment signals a thoughtful evolution. Rooted in tradition, yet forward-thinking, the winery is set to elevate its offerings through immersive tastings and heightened focus on craftsmanship. Under his leadership, Millbrook Winery will enter its next chapter, defined by expertise and a renewed commitment to excellence.

For more information about Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, visit [millbrook-wine.com](http://millbrook-wine.com).



In his dual role as General Manager and Head Winemaker, Ian Bearup will oversee all day-to-day operations at Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, including strategy, team leadership, hospitality, sales and the guest experience, while continuing to direct the winery's acclaimed wine production. *Courtesy photo*

## SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

Camp Free to Be Me enrollment for the 2026 season (July 20-25) is now officially open and looking for campers. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for children ages 9 through 17 who are navigating life with Tourette Syndrome.

Located at the beautiful Camp Kinder Ring in Hopewell Junction, the summer program provides a specialized, safe space where "tics are normal" and the focus shifts from deficits to strengths. It's a transformative week filled with traditional camp fun—from Sylvan Lake water sports to talent shows—all designed to build confidence and lifelong friendships. Campers come to the camp from across the United States to be part of the specialized programming.

The camp is committed to making this experience accessible. Free tuition options and financial assistance are available for those who qualify. For more details on registration and scholarships, please reach out to Tonya Pulver at [tonya.pulver@gmail.com](mailto:tonya.pulver@gmail.com).

## Town of Hyde Park update

*Editor's note: The following is an update on items of concern in the Town of Hyde Park by Ward 3 Councilman Paul Donnelly. It is not part of a requested and/or planned report on items in towns in the Northern Dutchess News coverage area.*

Last November I asked the voters of Ward 3 to give me the opportunity to serve as a member of the Hyde Park Town Board. As part of my promise to be transparent as an elected official, I'd like to share some of what I have learned and been working on since I took office in January.

One of the most significant issues that our community faces is the flooding from the Fall Kill watershed. I've been meeting with town officials, engineers, and neighbors to explore solutions that will protect homes and neighborhoods. We will have a community meeting soon to gather stakeholder inputs to continue finding solutions to mitigate the flooding. The next stage will then be to secure a grant to fund the mitigation plans.

Another issue that has been plaguing our community is the lack of a sewer system along the Route 9 corridor. As part of the town's effort to bring lasting infrastructure improvements, I am happy to share that thanks to Congressman Pat Ryan's support, our request for \$2 million for the Route 9 Central Sewer District Project is now before the House

Appropriations Committee. This represents a critical step toward bringing sewer infrastructure to the corridor and encouraging business development in the town. If these funds are secured, this grant will go a long way to finally bringing a sewer line to the town center.

Lastly, I understand how important safety is to our town's residents. When I took a ride along with Sargent Stallone, I witnessed first-hand what a typical shift looks like for the men and women serving our community. Thanks to many in the community and our police officers, Hyde Park was recently ranked as one of the safest communities in the state and I am committed to working to preserve that. In March, after years of effort, the town speed limit on East Dorsey was lowered to 35 mph and patrols are active. The town plans to hire an additional officer dedicated to road safety, demonstrating a commitment to keeping our residents safe.

While we've made some early progress there's much more to do. I look forward to continuing these efforts, listening to residents, and working toward solutions that make Hyde Park a safer, stronger community. Town residents are welcome to contact me with suggestions and concerns.

Paul Donnelly  
Ward 3 Councilman  
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## Olana Partnership sets virtual volunteer information session April 30

The Olana Partnership will hold a virtual Volunteer Information Session on Thursday, April 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for anyone who is interested in learning about 2026 volunteer opportunities at Olana State Historic Site. If you love nature, art, history, and Frederic Church's Olana, volunteering is the perfect way to give back to our community, spend time on-site and get involved.

There are many opportunities to volunteer depending on interest and availability. The virtual information session will give perspective volunteers an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Volunteers welcome visitors and provide basic information, answer questions about Olana and the local community, assist with public educational programs, special events, administrative

tasks, and share the history of the rich collections and exhibitions.

Olana volunteers enjoy free landscape tours, discounts in the Olana Shop, invitations to lectures, volunteer appreciation events, field-trips and more. All volunteers will participate in a training program to familiarize themselves with Olana State Historic Site, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, The Olana Partnership, and the history of Frederic Church and his family.

Registration is required by visiting the programs and events page on [OLANA.org](http://OLANA.org) or by contacting Hannah Diamond, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, The Olana Partnership, at (518) 751-6857 or email [hdiamond@olana.org](mailto:hdiamond@olana.org).

## Riverkeeper Sweep set May 2 at Rhinecliff waterfront

Join Morton Memorial Library, Rhinebeck Grange 896, Dirty Gaia, The Pollinator Patrol, Climate Smart Rhinebeck, and Riverkeeper for a river cleanup, site maintenance, and pollinator planting event for the 15th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson River and its tributaries. The Sweep is set Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Rhinecliff Dock.

Organizers recommend that Sweep volunteers wear sturdy shoes or boots; clothing that they can get dirty; and to bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, and work gloves. This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with proper adult supervision.

Advance registration is requested at <https://engage.riverkeeper.org/component/events/event/27>

## Speaker to tout benefits of humor at OFA event

Research has consistently shown laughter can play a meaningful role in overall health by reducing stress, relaxing muscles, lowering blood pressure and increasing oxygen flow throughout the body. Studies also suggest humor can support heart health, enhance learning and improve short-term memory.

That's why the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is bringing humorous motivational speaker Charles

Marshall to Dutchess County for "Spring Into Happiness – Laughter Edition," on Wednesday, April 29, at 1 p.m., at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park (entrance at 4079 US 9). It's a free event for Dutchess County adults over 60.

Seating is limited, so registration is required. Sign up by calling OFA during business hours at (845) 486-2555. OFA cannot accept registration requests made by voice mail, email or text.

## Poughkeepsie couple to celebrate 70 years of marriage



Local couple Constance and Duane Henry will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 5. While in the Navy, Duane met Connie. The couple married in Woonsocket, RI in 1956. After his honorable discharge, Duane's 35-year career with IBM brought him to Poughkeepsie, where he retired in 1991 as an Advisory Engineer. Duane and Connie are blessed with five children and ten grandchildren. *Courtesy photo*



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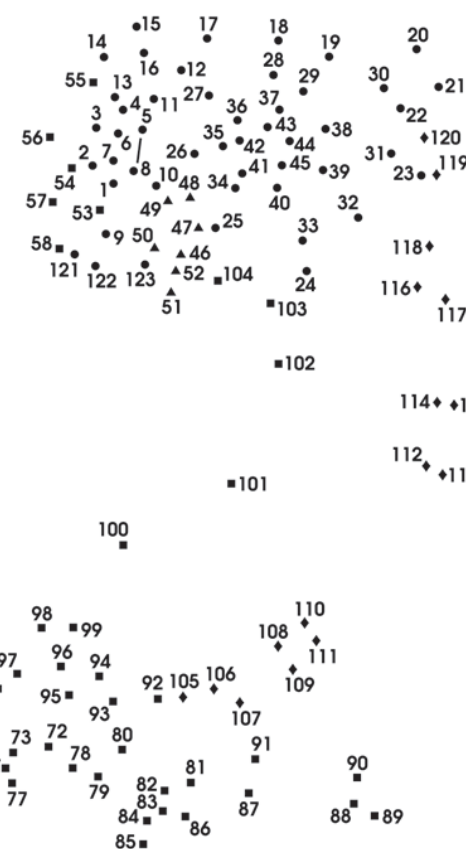
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# Creative Living

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## Parker Quartet to perform with mezzo-soprano in Beacon

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) will continue its 2025-2026 Chamber Series with the Parker Quartet and mezzo-soprano Fleur Barron. The quartet and vocalist will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org). The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

The Parker Quartet, now in its third decade as an ensemble, will be joined by 2025 Grammy Award-winning vocalist Fleur Barron. Heralded as “fearless, yet probingly beautiful” (The Strad), the Parker has also won a Grammy. The quartet is renowned for their fresh and unique approach to the great classics while being passionate ambassadors for contemporary music. Both the quartet and the vocalist — together and on their own — have performed in many of the world’s great halls of music. The Parker Quartet currently serves as Professors of

Music at Harvard University, where Fleur Barron has also taught.

As innovators, the Parker Quartet have commissioned new works, and have included cross-disciplines. At HCMC, they will perform one piece they commissioned for themselves and Fleur Barron that includes poetry, centering on nature and heritage. As part of their intensive study of Franz Schubert, the Parker Quartet has arranged a song (originally composed for voice and piano) for string quartet and vocalist. They will also include a string quartet composed in 2017 by Philip Glass, and another, Schubert’s

last string quartet.

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

Since 1993, the Howland Chamber Music Circle has been bringing extraordinary musicians to perform for Hudson Valley audiences in Beacon, New York. Come hear chamber music as it is meant to be heard.

## Rachael Sage, Vanna Pacella to perform Salon Show at Towne Crier

Rachael Sage & Vanna Pacella will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Friday, April 25, starting at 6 p.m. The show will take place on the Salon Stage and is complimentary for Towne Crier dinner guests.

Hudson Valley-based favorites Rachael Sage & The Sequins are equal parts consummate musicianship, poetic lyricism and infectious high energy. With a vocal style No Depression has described as “epically romantic”, lead singer Sage & her longtime band enliven material spanning folk-pop, Americana and alternative genres. Making a splash in recent years at festivals including SXSW, Poughkeepsie Pride and The Great Escape, Rachael Sage & The Sequins bridge the earthy, retro-sensibilities of ’70s-era folk-rock with the ability to connect meaningfully with audiences

of all ilks, always bringing the positive vibes and musical reminder that we’re all on this planet to lift each other up.

Vanna Pacella is a rapidly rising multi-instrumentalist from Falmouth, MA, whose contemporary pop/rock sound, defined by haunting layered vocals, cinematic keyboard solos, and profound lyricism, has earned her the title of “modern Fleetwood Mac” from fans. Recognized as the 2025 New England Music Awards’ “New Act of the Year,” Vanna crafts an emotionally raw sound that blends the sonic architecture of Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac with the soulful grit of Bonnie Raitt and the pop sensibilities of Sara Bareilles, allowing her to fluidly move between intimate songwriter showcases and full-throttle rock bills. Backed by a fiercely loyal fan base across New England and significant industry recogni-



Pictured, from left, are Rachael Sage and Vanna Pacella. *Courtesy photos*

tion, including multiple songwriting awards and performances at prominent venues like City Winery Boston, Vanna delivers a massive sound with her expertly tight trio, continuing to make

impressive strides as New England’s hometown rising star.

The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. Reservations suggested; call (845) 855-1300 to book your table.

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# The price of lettuce

Growing your own takes more effort, but the savings add up.

Would you pay \$15 for a pound of lettuce? Some people do. Customers at a local supermarket were tossing plastic clam shells of lettuce into their shopping carts, at \$15 a pound. I assume these same people would be outraged if ground beef cost that much.

I asked one shopper why they were buying that lettuce. It sure looks pretty, fresh and healthy (pesticide free, but not certified organic). “It’s only \$3.79,” was the reply. For four ounces. A head of iceberg lettuce that weighs 1 ½ pounds cost \$1.79. Even if you only get one usable pound from a head, that boils down to 29 cents for four ounces. It’s only lettuce, folks.

Although grocery price inflation has eased slightly this year, prices remain almost 20% higher than in 2022. And lettuce is leading the way, especially romaine, which is up 7% this year.

Ironically, lettuce is one of the easiest

foods to produce. That’s why all these hydroponic greenhouse operations start out with lettuce (even though they have to sell it for \$15 a pound). California grows 1 ½ billion heads of lettuce every year, and Arizona’s not far behind. Iceberg lettuce was developed by W. Atlee Burpee in 1894 specifically to be shipped long distances packed in ice. There’s a memorable scene in the movie “East of Eden” about the first trial run of a cross country lettuce shipment – 6 boxcars took 21 days by train – in the summer of 1915. It didn’t work out.

Lettuce is easy to grow in the home garden or in pots and window boxes. Rich soil and lots of sunshine is all you need. Lettuce plants will tolerate a heavy frost like we had last Monday night. It comes up quickly from seed sown in trays or directly into the garden soil. I prefer to start the transplants indoors ahead of time. You can buy transplants at

a garden center for something like 75 cents each, but that’s not saving yourself much money, unless you let them get really big before the harvest. With a bit of fertilizer, they grow fast. In a container or garden with limited space, plant the seedlings close together and harvest every other one, leaving the rest to grow bigger. Or pick off random leaves for your sandwich. I buy my lettuce seed from Johnny’s (johnnyseeds.com). “Cherokee” is a deep red loose leaf type. “Flashy Trout Back” is an heirloom romaine, surprisingly resistant to the bottom rot (rhizoctonia) that occasionally attacks lettuce during wet weather.

Lettuce isn’t the only crop subjected to ultra-high value-added costs. Look at potato chips, for example. An 8-ounce bag typically costs \$4.29. You can buy a half pound of potatoes for 45 cents. Invest in a deep fryer (if you don’t already have one for your Thanksgiving turkey), fill it with vegetable oil and make your own potato chips. I found out that French Fries are easier to make – the potato chips tended to stick together in the fryer. And I re-use the oil, I won’t tell you how many times.

You can buy “seed potatoes” to plant in the garden or in pots or bags. Varieties specifically bred for potato chips include



Pre-packaged lettuce is \$15 per pound. Left: Growing your own lettuce yields savings. Photos by Mark Adams

Russett Burbank, Atlantic and Lady Rosetta, although they’re hard to find. Try gurneys.com.

Can you really beat inflation by growing your own? Save your clam shells and pack up your own gourmet lettuce assortment. And fry your own potato chips. It adds up.

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



## PKX FESTIVAL TO FEATURE YOUTH ARTS, COMMUNITY FESTIVITIES

The PKX Festival, set April 24-25, celebrates the creativity of young artists in Poughkeepsie and beyond. Produced by more than 20 local teens through The Art Effect’s Youth Workforce Development Programs, this free, two-day festival invites the community to experience and create art.

Attendees will enjoy family-friendly art activities hosted by The Art Effect and 30 partners, view artwork by 33 teen artists, and attend an international youth film showcase featuring seven short films, with guests encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. The festival also includes live performances, music, food trucks, and connections with local organizations. All events and activities are free and open to the public.

Highlights on Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. include Teen Art Exhibit & International Film Showcase. Highlights on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. include Art-making activities, hip hop performances, food trucks, and resources. (Rain Date: Sunday, April 26, 1-5 p.m.)

The PKX festival will be held at The Art Effect, 45 Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Learn more at PKXFestival.org.

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- Famous Roman orator
- Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
- Mischief-maker
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- "Have a great time!"
- Useful
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# Toffee Turtle Bars

A classic confection gets a baker's touch, with delicious results.

Today, my friends, we are making turtle bars though, to be honest, they're more toffee than turtle, which, as it turns out, is a very good thing. This recipe is the result of trial and error (as so many recipes are) and took two tries to get it right. The first time I took inspiration from a recipe saved years ago from a magazine but never tried. I don't even know the source. I followed parts of it and found out too late that I had used ALL the butter for the crust and the results were equally laughable and fascinating. So. Much. Butter! The problem was twofold: I was tired and didn't read through the recipe first; and whoever penned it neglected to specify dividing the amount of butter. At a glance, then, I added it all to the first step, which was the crust, and the resulting oil slick (even after blotting multiple times to soak up the extra), while buttery decadent, was never going to be something I could serve, so I had to start over. Worth it!

Starting over, though, left me shorter on time than I had budgeted for, so a few shortcuts were employed (using chocolate chips on top rather than making ganache) and I left said shortcuts in, because sometimes the unexpected hands you things you didn't know you need, and you and I need these bars just as they are. Not everything will come out perfectly the first time, whether you have a recipe to follow or not, and I want you to know that's just fine. A fair few of my best recipes took several tries before I was happy to serve them and are now among my favorites. This just might be one!

Let it be said that I hate wasting food, which makes the trial-and-error part a bit stressful. But in this case, I did crumble up some of the overly buttery crust to use as a topping for ice cream, coffee cake and to sprinkle on a chocolate cake I made. When life hands you WAY too much butter, make creative choices!

## TURTLE TOFFEE BARS

Following the recipe that inspired this had me questioning if baking the bars a second time after the caramel was added was really necessary. While it baked, I thought about it and decided to take it out of the oven before the original recipe's recommended time. I will tell you that was the way to go because, while baking the caramel was key to making the toffee-esque layer as well as making the chocolate chips melt on top, cutting the time in the oven down made for bars that weren't too hard (literally) to eat. Dark brown sugar is definitely required for the best caramel/toffee layer ever, so don't be tempted to use light brown. I've also made the all-important notes to divide ingredients where necessary, so you avoid my ridiculous mistake!

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 1 3/4 cups dark brown sugar, packed, divided (1 cup is for the crust)
- 1 1/2 cups butter (3 sticks), room temperature, divided (3/4 cup each for the crust and the caramel)
- 3 tablespoons heavy cream
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans (toasted if you prefer)
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

### METHOD

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13x2 (preferably metal) baking pan with parchment cut to fit the width with several inches of overhang on the ends (for easy removal later). Set aside.

### FOR THE CRUST

In a medium bowl, mix flour, 1 cup of the dark brown sugar and 3/4 cup (6 oz) of the butter with a fork until blended and crumbly. (once crumbs start to form I use my hands to break them into smaller crumbs). Press evenly into prepared baking pan. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. (Keep the oven on).



Toffee Turtle Bars. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

### FOR THE CARAMEL/TOFFEE LAYER

In a small saucepan, bring remaining 3/4 cup brown sugar, remaining 3/4 cup (6oz) butter and heavy cream just to a boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Boil for 1 minute more, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.

### FINISH 'ER UP

Sprinkle pecans evenly over the baked crust. Pour the caramel over the pecans, not quite to the edges. Bake until just bubbling and darkened slightly in color, 10-15 minutes. Remove from the oven.

Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly on top of the hot caramel. Let stand until the chocolate starts to melt, 5 minutes or so, then carefully spread the chocolate evenly. An offset spatula is perfect for this. Chill to set, about 30 minutes. Lift out of the pan using the parchment overhang, cut into 1-2 inch squares and serve.

These keep beautifully for several days, making them great for packing in lunches or bringing on a picnic.

It's amazing the difference good instructions in a recipe can make, and hopefully I've done my job well enough for you to get the best results. These were a big hit – my father really liked them – and I'll definitely be making them again and again. I hope you will, too. Enjoy!

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# What Jane Bolin Day can teach us

By Bill Jeffway

The City of Poughkeepsie has formally established Jane Bolin Day, to be observed each year on her birthday, April 11. Bolin was born in 1908 on North Clinton Street in a modest house that has just been marked with a Pomeroy historical marker. Bolin rose to national prominence in 1939 when she became the first Black woman judge in the United States. She was also the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School and the first Black woman to join the New York City Bar Association.

Jane Bolin Day invites us to absorb both inspiration and practical lessons relevant to anyone wanting to achieve their own firsts. Her professional accomplishments, values, and character are well studied and deserve a broader audience, which the “day” helps to accomplish. What is lesser known is the degree to which the four generations of Bolins in Dutchess County helped shape her—and how, in return, she and her family shaped Dutchess County. That is the focus of this article.

The earliest documented evidence of the family, so far, is the 1820 Federal Census of Pawling (which included Dover at the time) showing Thomas Bolin as head of household. Later documents show that he was born in New Jersey perhaps ca. 1790–1800.

The timing coincides with the 1799 passage of New York State’s Gradual Emancipation Act—eventually culminating in the formal abolition of slavery in 1827. New Jersey’s slower path toward emancipation likely made relocation to a Quaker-influenced area of New York a strategic and hopeful move. Slavery was not abolished in New Jersey until after the Civil War and the adoption of the 13th U.S. Constitutional Amendment in 1865.

Pawling (which then included Dover), with its “Quaker Hill” and important Oblong meeting house which still stands, was the first settlement, and later launch-

ing pad, of what became the largest Quaker population outside of Philadelphia after the 1728 arrival of Nathan Birdsall. Quaker beliefs encouraged education for women and fostered early antislavery efforts. In 1766, the Oblong meeting in Pawling took a leading role in opposing slaveholding among its members. That abolitionist leadership took on a more aggressive and outward-directed action in the 1820s, when many national voices for abolition were local, such as father and daughter James and Lizzie DeGarmo.

The late Black academic A.J. Williams-Myers argued that many of the racially tolerant free Black communities in Dutchess County, and mixed race communities in the 19th century, created an environment of tolerance for mixed race couples. Jane Bolin was proud to mention the Indigenous heritage of her paternal grandmother. The area that is today Dutchess County was a crossroads and intersection of major civilizations: Mohican to the north, Munsee to the west, Wappinger or Delaware Lenape to the south, and Schaghticoke to the east. Among these civilizations was a practice of matrilineal inheritance of influence and leadership. Jane’s mother, Matilda (Jane Bolin’s middle name), was a White Irish Protestant. She died when Jane was eight years old.

Quakers were also progressive in their attitude toward the roles of women. The co-educational Nine Partners Boarding School in the town of Washington (present-day Millbrook) stands as a powerful example of these values. Among its students and teachers was Lucretia Coffin Mott, a central figure in the early women’s rights movement. Four of the five women organizers of the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, considered to be the launch of the women’s rights movement, were raised in Quaker communities. These influences created an environment where progressive ideas about education, gender, and reform



From top left clockwise: Portraits of Jane Bolin’s grandparents, Abram and Alice Ann Lawrence Bolin. Their son, Jane Bolin’s father, Gaius Bolin, showed as he appeared in the publication of the 1901 Pan American Exposition at Buffalo, New York. Gaius Bolin agreed to a request by then New York Governor Theodore Roosevelt to serve on the New York Commission. It was at that event that President McKinley was shot and Roosevelt became President. Jane Bolin, as she appeared in the 1924 Poughkeepsie High School Yearbook. *Courtesy of DCHS Collections.*

could take root.

## Abram Bolin’s influence

If the role of Thomas Bolin’s generation was to create the most profound change, to live in a more secure, safe environment free of enslavement, his son, Abram Bolin (born just as slavery was about to be abolished locally, ca. 1826), dramatically shifted gears to take advantage of that freedom. Abram Bolin moved to Poughkeepsie in the 1850s and married Ann Alice Lawrence in 1854. They had thirteen children, seven of whom lived into adulthood, at a house that still stands on North Clinton Street and was in the family for a century.

Here Abram and Ann Bolin engaged on every front they could consider in ways not available in rural Pawling or Dover. For work, Abram Bolin was variously a grocery store owner, a gardener, a “missionary agent,” and for several of the later decades of his life the superintendent of College Hill Park, and more specifically, the City Reservoir that had been built with leading technology at the time, the outdoor reservoir that remains today. He was very active in Republican politics, then the “party of Lincoln.” In 1872 he became the first Black man to be on a jury locally. His most visible achievement was his leadership in getting the New York State Legislature to formally create a Black college of higher education, what we today call ‘HBCU.’ It was called the Toussaint L’Ouverture College in honor of the Haitian revolutionary and would be based in Poughkeepsie, increasingly known as the “City of Schools.” The 1865 opening of Vassar College (originally Vassar Female College) was controversial and highly progressive for the time. In part over disagreements even within the Black community on whether an insistence on the integration of white colleges was preferable, Toussaint L’Ouverture never attracted any funding.

During Abram and Ann Bolin’s generation, the region was also shaped by the presence of nationally significant Black leaders. Frederick Douglass spoke to thousands at College Hill in 1858. J. W. Pennington convened a statewide con-

vention of Black leaders in Poughkeepsie in 1863, gathering thousands of Black men’s signatures to petition President Lincoln for the right to serve in combat roles in the Union Army.

The family focus on education had an effect. Their son Gaius, father of Jane Bolin, attended private school in Poughkeepsie after high school, and was successfully admitted to, and graduated from Williams College, the first Black man to do so. He became Dutchess County’s first Black lawyer (later joined in practice with his son, Gaius Jr.) and the first Black head of the county bar association.

Jane Bolin graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1924. She did not apply to Vassar College, which at the time would not accept Black women. She attended Wellesley College.

Well into her career, she returned to Poughkeepsie in 1944 to give a talk to a meeting of the American Brotherhood during United Americans Week, which had been launched in 1934 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to promote tolerance, unity, and mutual understanding among Americans of different religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds.

When asked if she felt Poughkeepsie was free from racism, instead of sharing her personal view, she suggested the audience decide for themselves. She suggested that the audience consider how many racial minorities serve “on the bench ... on the staff of the District Attorney, the Fire and Police Departments, the city council, and every city department.” She went on to add hospital staff, nurses, and teachers, among other roles, suggesting that the question is best answered not by her, but through each person’s personal judgment.

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From top left clockwise: The home on Grand Avenue that Jane Bolin grew up in with siblings and her widowed father, Gaius Bolin. The City of Poughkeepsie recently marked roads at College Hill to both honor the 1858 visit of Frederick Douglass, and the three generations of Bolins tied to college hill. The modest home at the entrance to College Hill where Jane Bolin was born. Also on North Clinton Street, the home of Abram and Alice Ann Bolin where they raised their children with a focus on education and Abram Bolin served as College Hill superintendent. *DCHS Image Collection.*

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# A & E CALENDAR

**April 24: Comedian Ali Siddiq**, The Bardavon 1869 Opera House, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Ali Siddiq brings his national standup tour to Poughkeepsie, 7 p.m. Tickets \$58.50, \$45.50, \$35.50. [www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org)

**April 24: Jo Koy**, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Comedian Jo Koy brings his "Just Being Koy" Tour, 8 p.m. [www.MJNCenter.org](http://www.MJNCenter.org)

**April 24: Open Mic Night**, The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Welcoming evening for music, spoken word, comedy, and every kind of self-expression, 7:30 p.m. Artists of all ages and experience levels are invited to share. Hosted by local duo Roger & Lenny p.m. Tickets \$10. [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)

**April 24 & 26: Staged Reading of "The Merry Wives of Windsor,"** The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. By William Shakespeare. Adapted by Kelly Barrett-Gibson. Falstaff decides to fix his financial woe by seducing the wives of two wealthy merchants. The wives find he sent them identical letters and take revenge by playing tricks on Falstaff when he comes calling. With the help of their husbands and friends, the wives play one last trick in the woods to put Falstaff's mischief to an end. Performances: Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$15

**April 24-26: Catskill Ballet Theatre's "Alice in Wonderland,"** Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Full-length ballet bringing Lewis Carroll's fantastical world to life through classical dance. Performances: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 4 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$40 adults, \$25 children/students/seniors. (845) 473-2072 or (845) 339-6088

**April 25: The Bard's Birthday Bash**, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. A fundraiser for The Center and lively celebration of William Shakespeare, with classic party antics, Shakespeare-themed games and prizes, plus snacks, a cash bar, music, and dancing, 7 p.m. It's meant to be social, fun, and welcoming whether you're a Shakespeare fan, a theater regular, or just looking for a night out. Admission \$15. Advance purchase requested. Ages 18+. (845) 875-3080 or [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org)

**April 25: Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase**, Clermont Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Annual celebration of fiber arts, a family-friendly event that features shearing demonstrations, farm animals & historic reenactments, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. Artisan craft market with brilliant yarns, fleeces, soaps, candles, flowers & handicraft treasures. Admission \$15 per vehicle at the gate. Cash only. [www.friendsofclermont.org](http://www.friendsofclermont.org)

**April 25: Flashback Fever**, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza,

Poughkeepsie. K104 Presents the first Flashback Fever, 7:30 p.m. A dance music journey back in time. Performances by TKA, George Lamond, Judy Torres, C&C Music Factory, Lisette Melendez, Black Sheep, Planet Patrol and Strafe. Hosted by Sal Abbatiello Music by Paulie Feva & Tommy Napi. [www.MJNCenter.org](http://www.MJNCenter.org)

**April 25: Hudson Valley Puppet Slam**, Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. From handmade shadow puppets and object theater to large-scale figures, experimental forms, and narrative-driven work, local puppeteers draw from theater, visual art, music, folklore, and contemporary performance. The Puppet Slam brings these artists together on one stage, creating space for experimentation, collaboration, and discovery, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30-\$40 advance, \$40-\$50 door. [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)

**April 25: Independent Bookstore Day**, Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook. All day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Merritt will have all the Indie Bookstore Day exclusives, give-aways and other fun surprises. [www.merrittbooks.com](http://www.merrittbooks.com)

**April 25: Jazz Concert**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Traver Road, Pleasant Valley. Live jazz fundraiser for Pleasant Valley Community Gardens, 7 p.m., featuring Bob Arthurs and guitarist Steve LaMattina performing an entertaining evening of jazz standards. Tickets \$15 each or \$25 per couple for music and light snacks. BYOB. To reserve seats, email [pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com](mailto:pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com) and pay at the door.

**April 25: Millbrook Arts Group Concert Series**, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Musicians of Ma'alwyck, professional chamber music ensemble widely recognized for bringing history to life. The ensemble began with a specialization in pieces that may have been heard in New York State during the 18th & 19th centuries and has expanded their repertoire into 20th century works, contemporaries, and commissions from emerging composers. Pre-show reception, 4:30 p.m. Concert, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

**April 25: Roger Phillips Concert Series**, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Prof. Raman Ramakrishnan & Three Bard Conservatory students, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. (845) 876-2903

**April 25: Scenes from the Titanic: A Writing Workshop at the Mansion**, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Mark the 114th anniversary of the sinking with a creative writing workshop at the home of Titanic ticket holders, Ruth and Ogden Mills, 1 p.m. This three-hour workshop begins with a tour led by a costumed guide and seasoned author and editor Alisa Kwitney. Participants will be piloted through the process of writing their own historical scene using written and visual prompts inspired by tales of survival and

## World-class flamenco ensemble to perform at Stissing Center May 9



Tablao Flamenco. *Courtesy photo*

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture will present Tablao Flamenco on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. Tablao Flamenco transforms the theater into a warm, intimate Andalusian-style nightclub, where audiences experience flamenco as it's meant to be felt – up close and alive. World-class singers deliver voices filled with joy, longing, and grit, while virtuosic guitarists lay down intricate rhythms that drive the music forward. Award-winning dancers speak through movement, each step and turn carrying generations of tradition, and percussionists ground it all with powerful, responsive beats.

The performance blends structure and improvisation, creating a shared energy between artists and audience that builds throughout the night. Featuring leading flamenco artists from the U.S. and Europe, this evening offers a rare chance to experience an art form rooted in history yet thrilling in the moment – honest, expressive, and unforgettable.

Tickets for the performance are \$30-\$40 in advance and \$40-\$50 at the door. The Stissing Center is at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains. Visit [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org) to purchase tickets and for more information.

courage and the mansion's setting, which is remarkably similar to first-class on the Titanic. Light refreshments of Staatsburgh blend tea and cookies will be served. Appropriate for adults & teens. Reservations required at <https://TitanicWriting.eventbrite.com>. Cost: \$25 plus Eventbrite fee.

**April 25: Staatsburgh Village Walking Tour**. Two-hour walk in the village of Staatsburgh will explore the estate's close relationship with the nearby village and its connection to the Mills family, 10 a.m. A guide from Staatsburgh State Historic Site will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburgh's vibrant past and the legacy of Ruth and Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. Free. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

**April 25: Talk on the Local History of the Lenape**, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. The talk, given by Harv Hilowitz, Contributing Scholar for the Maritime Museum in Kingston, will focus on Lenape life-ways before the contact period and delve into the Lenape diaspora, and the current renaissance and return to the area. 1 p.m. For over 12,000 years, the ancestors of the Lenape culture lived and thrived in Lenapehoking, the land of the Lenape, which included the Hudson Valley. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated if space allows. Admission: \$18/adults; \$15/seniors; \$12/children (5-15 years). (845) 831-8172 or [info@mountgulian.org](mailto:info@mountgulian.org)

**April 26: Author Event**, Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook. Neil LaBute presents a reading of new work, 4 p.m., upstairs at the shop. RSVP requested. [www.merrittbooks.com](http://www.merrittbooks.com)

**April 26: Jazz Series**, Reason & Ruckus, 305 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Joe McPhee will perform a set featuring Michael Bisio on bass, Jay Rosen on drums and James Keepnews on electric guitar, 7:30 p.m. Opening set by guitarist/vocalist Ava Mendoza. Admission \$20 at the door.

**April 26: The Howland Chamber Music Circle**, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The Parker Quartet, now in its third decade as an ensemble, will be joined by 2025 Grammy Award-winning vocalist Fleur Barron, 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception.

Tickets at [www.howlandmusic.org](http://www.howlandmusic.org)

**April 26: Tea & Talk Series: "French Flavors of the Gilded Age,"** Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history, 1 p.m. During the Gilded Age, American high society embraced all things French—especially when it came to food and entertaining. Join Becky Libourel Diamond, food historian and author of *The Gilded Age Cookbook*, for an engaging talk exploring the fascination with French food during this glamorous era. Tickets required: <https://TeaAndTalk2026.eventbrite.com>

**April 27: Highlights from the PBS Series "The American Revolution,"** on Zoom and in person at Bard College's Fisher Center, Annandale-on-Hudson. This highly acclaimed series sheds new light to the American Revolution as we mark its 250th anniversary, 5 p.m. The event will begin with film clips from the series, followed by a panel discussion with Sarah Botstein, a director and producer of the PBS series; Christopher Brown, Columbia University professor of history; and Christian Anyne Crouch, Bard professor of history and American and Indigenous studies. Register below for the in-person event or to receive the Zoom link. Presented as part of Bard LLI's Distinguished Speaker Series. (845) 876-2903

**April 28: Local Author Event**, Oblong Books, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Robert K. Brigham, "This is a True War Story: My Improbable History With Vietnam," 6 p.m. Free. Registration requested. (845) 876-0500 or <https://oblongbooks.com/>

**April 29: "Sara Delano Roosevelt: Her Story Revisited,"** Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Library & Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Special presentation with Dr. Shelby Landmark, 2 p.m. Sara "Sallie" Ann Delano Roosevelt (1854-1941) is best known for being the mother of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), but she was an interesting and charismatic person in her own right. However, her persona is often reduced to archetypal characterizations that do not fully match the primary source evidence. The event will be held in-person & streamed live on the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. Free, but registration is required to attend in-person via [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org).

### Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 9)

**Sets**  
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

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# OBITUARIES

Frank J. Bauer Jr.

**RED HOOK** – Frank J. Bauer Jr., 78, of Red Hook, NY, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Born on April 8, 1948, in Poughkeepsie, NY, he was the son of the late Frank J. Bauer Sr. and Dorothy Fitzpatrick Bauer.

Frank was a proud graduate of Arlington High School, Class of 1967. He went on to build a long and accomplished career in engineering and technical work. He began his career at IBM in East Fishkill, where he worked from 1968 to 1990, becoming a member of the IBM Quarter Century Club. He later continued his professional journey with E-Magin Corporation from 1990 until his retirement in 2010, contributing to development processes and fabrication of innovative OLED technologies. Following his retirement Frank went on to work as a school bus driver for the Rhinebeck Central School District.

On September 20th 1969 at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie, He married the former Nancy Best, together they shared over 57 years together, Mrs. Bauer survives at home.

Together, Frank and Nancy enjoyed R.V. traveling, especially to Cape Cod, where they spent time canoe sailing on the bay. Frank also enjoyed golfing.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister Janice M. Farley and husband Charles, his brother-in-law Dale A. Best, sister-in-law Doris Hummel and husband Ronald; nieces Sharon Farley, Yvonne Best and Sharon Fenwick and husband Dave and , nephews, Jason Farley, Daniel Best, and Darren Hummel and wife Alexa, along with many great nieces and nephews.

He was also predeceased by a brother in law William Best.

Calling hours will be from 10 AM to 11 AM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY.

A service will take place at 11AM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

**Richard S. Ernise**

**HYDE PARK** – Richard S. Ernise, 81, a longtime Hyde Park resident, died peacefully on April 13, 2026, at home with family by his side.

Born on June 15, 1944, in Rochester, he was the son of the late Milton and Anne Kapcha Ernise.

Rick devoted much of his life to service within his community. He was a Past Chief and proud twenty-seven year member of the Roosevelt Fire Department in Hyde Park. He was also a Life Member and Past Commodore of the Rogers Point Boat Club, where he formed many lasting friendships and spent countless hours on the Hudson River.

Rick worked for Nichols Fire Apparatus in Hyde Park for many years, retiring in 2012.

On December 26, 1964, in Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park, he married the former Lillian Farrell. She predeceased him on April 14, 2024, after 59 years of marriage.

Survivors include his daughters, Anne Hommel of Hyde Park and Kelly F. Ernise of Cohoes; his granddaughter, Corey Hommel of Hyde Park; his grandson, Kody Hommel of Brooklyn; and his great granddaughter, Kelsey Ferris.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Butch Ernise.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM, Thursday, April 23rd, at Regina Coeli Church, 2 Harvey Street, Hyde Park. Burial of his ashes will follow in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Rick's family respectfully requests memorial donations to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 ([www.hvhospice.org](http://www.hvhospice.org)).

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

To send an online condolence or for directions, please visit Rick's obituary page at [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

**James M. Fedorchak**

James M. Fedorchak, a son of Beacon who most recently lived in Poughkeepsie, died at Vassar Brothers Hospital early on the morning of Friday, April 10, 2026. Family was with him.

To those who knew Jim over the years, he

was a municipal attorney of state wide stature, an avid fly fisher, a busboy and waiter for the Coris family at The Dutchess Manor, a persuasive trial attorney who frequented the law library, a laborer under Beacon DPW Commissioner Red Flynn, a non pareil raconteur, a college admissions officer, a man of quiet but deep faith, a skier who launched on to his favorite run proclaiming "Tally-ho", and a lifelong student of history who searched the past for solutions to the issues of today and tomorrow.

At his core, Jim was a 52-year husband who was focused on his wife Nancy, an admiring and proud father to his son Mark, a fellow who was just plain smitten by his granddaughter, Chiara Fedorchak, and an attentive brother to his sister Judy Vance.

Outside of the house, Jim was a County Department Head who always looked out for his people, a County Attorney who made sure that three Dutchess County Executives knew what the law was, and a loyal friend to many.

Beacon was still a small town in 1973, but even Jim didn't know everyone. A friend of his, who happened to be a phone repairman, suggested that he meet Nancy Gromkowski. Jim made the call, and he and Nancy were married on August 11, 1974 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon.

By that time Jim had graduated Dutchess Community College, to which he developed a deep and lifelong allegiance, completed his BA in History at Hartwick College, graduated the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, and worked briefly for an Orange County trial lawyer.

In 1974 he was appointed as an Assistant County Attorney for Dutchess County, working as part of a small office that represented the County, its Executive, its Legislature, and all of the County Departments.

Having risen to the office of Chief Assistant County Attorney, in 1979 Jim's County service was interrupted when he headed to the private sector to practice as a trial attorney who also handled appeals. Working in both the New York State and Federal courts, his trial abilities were the product of precise preparation, the development of a total case theme, and then delivering his client's position to judges and juries in an affable, "I'm Jim from Beacon" way.

The circle turned again in 2010, when Jim returned to the County as Dutchess County Attorney, having been appointed by County Executive Bill Steinhilber. Steinhilber and Jim had worked together in the 1970's – Steinhilber was then an Assistant to the County Executive and Jim an Assistant County Attorney. When Marc Molinaro succeeded to the County Executive's office, he found in Jim a well-known commodity, a discrete, capable and trusted advisor, and Jim continued as the County Attorney. In fact, Jim continued on until his retirement in October of 2020, while then serving a third County Executive, William F.X. O'Neill.

Jim was well educated, well spoken, loyal, possessed of a backbone, and had a life and world view which was the product of his upbringing. His father, Andy, a man not given to unnecessary conversation, was one of twenty-one children from a Watervliet family. Andy ventured from home as a young man, and found work as part of President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps. He then served as a Naval Seabee during WWII, and on his return found his way to the Carpenter's Union Hall, from which he worked for his entire career. Jim's mother, Jessie Ayrd, was as gregarious as Andy was reserved, and she worked in Beacon as a

Public Health Nurse, going from home to home providing needed care and advice.

Basically, Jim was a very successful professional who appreciated the breadth of our society. People recognized Jim's abilities, they asked him to take on big jobs, and the community often recognized his service. He taught at both Dutchess Community College and Marist College, was a member of the Poughkeepsie City Charter Review Commission, President of the Beacon Cultural Association's Board, served on the Vestry at St. Luke's Church in Beacon, was the President of the Dutchess County SPCA, sat on the Stewart Airport Commission, was appointed a Trustee of Dutchess Community College (as had his Father-in-Law, John Gromkowski), and later a member of the College Foundation's Board of Directors. He was proud to give the college's commencement address in 2012, chaired its 2010 President's Breakfast was honored at the College Gala in 2013 and is a member of its Hall of Fame.

Jim served as President of the County Attorney's Association of New York for several years, was a representative to the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates, was an active member of Trout Unlimited, and was recognized as Sportsman of the Year by the Federation of Dutchess County Fish and Game Clubs.

It was an incredible run, but too soon ended.

Jim is survived by his wife Nancy, his son Mark, his granddaughter Chiara, sister Judith Vance (William) of Silver Spring, MD, his nephews William (Aja) Vance of Bronx, NY and Scott (Cindy) Vance of Buda, TX, and his niece Nancy (John) Porter of Onley, MD.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1 o'clock PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that friends consider a contribution to the Dutchess Community College Foundation, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, noted for the James and Nancy Fedorchak Scholarship, which supports Beacon High School graduates.

**William Haubert**

**POUGHQUAG** – William John Haubert, 78, of Poughquag, died on April 14, 2026 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He previously lived in Montgomery and Parkchester (Bronx).

Born in the Bronx on September 11, 1947, William was the son of the late William and Agnes (McGill) Haubert. He spent a care free childhood in Parkchester where he made lifelong friends. He attended St. Raymond's School, St. Helena's High School and later graduated from Adelphi University with honors. He was a Vietnam Veteran proudly serving in the US Army from 1967-1970 in the First Calvary Division earning a Purple Heart and receiving an honorable discharge as a sergeant. Throughout his life, William volunteered his time in helping fellow veterans and he was a member of the VFW.

For over 20 years, William continued his life of service working as Police Officer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey until his retirement in 1993. Immediately after the attacks of September 11th, William joined several of his fellow retired officers to form "Team Romeo" to assist in the search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center. He later went on to work with the Red Cross, helping families affected by 9/11.

William was devoted to his faith and was a

parishioner at St. Raymond's in the Bronx, Holy Name of Mary in Montgomery and most recently St. Kateri in Lagrangeville. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Aquinas Council. Above all, William deeply loved his wife of 55 years, and the family they created together. He especially cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren, spending many happy hours poolside and on the sidelines of soccer, baseball, and lacrosse fields cheering them on. He was a die hard New York Yankee and New York Giants Fan. He loved his classic Mustang and Irish music.

He is survived by his loving wife, K. Jane (Brennan) Haubert at home; his children and their spouses, Sean and Mary Haubert of Hewlett and Sara Jane and Patrick Carr of Poughquag, his grandchildren, Timothy, Daniel, and Kathryn "Katie" Carr and Patrick and Sean Haubert; as well as his nieces and nephews, Amy Gardner (Tim), Beth Eagan (Patrick), Meg Wernau (Jason) and James Haubert, Katherine Huring (Kevin) and William Haubert (Noreen).

In addition to his parents, William was also predeceased by his siblings, Robert (and wife Veronica), Peggyann and Susan and his sister in law Barbara Ann (Brennan) Limberg (and husband Joseph).

Calling hours will be held on Friday, April 24th from 4 – 8 pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial is being offered on Saturday, April 25th at 11:30 am at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery with military honors.

In honor of William, welcome home a veteran and thank them for their service. Donations may be made in memory of William to Tunnel to Towers or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please visit his Book of Memories at [www.mchoufuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoufuneralhome.com).

**Louise Ann Odak**

**FORMERLY OF MILAN** – Mrs. Louise Ann Odak passed away peacefully on April 9, 2026.

Born on September 8, 1929, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Louise dedicated her early career to serving others as a nurse anesthetist and later as a volunteer at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

After marrying Thomas Odak in 1966, she moved to his farm in Milan, NY, where he raised cattle and horses.

Louise was a steadfast supporter of her husband during his tenure as the manager of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, where she also volunteered at the information booth.

In her personal time, she enjoyed traveling, dining out, and visiting the casino with her granddaughter, Wendy.

Louise is predeceased by her parents, Max and Anna Micolajczyk, her brother Irvin Michaels and her husband, Thomas Odak.

She is survived by her nephews Micheal (Marie) Michaels, Alan (Donna) Michaels, stepsons Perry Odak, Thomas (Sharon) Odak Jr., Stephen (Kathy) Odak, her step-grandchildren Dina Odak, James (Gilma) Odak, Stephanie (Dan) Harris, Jamie (Eric) Colon, her step-great grandchildren Brandon Juran, Justin Juran, James A. Odak, Ricky Colon.

As per Louise's request there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

## Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 12)

### Suguru solution

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### SUDOKU

This week's answer

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 9, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, March 9, 2026.

/s/Julie Shiroishi  
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2026025

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 9, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,086,360 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY CALL RESPONSE SYSTEM, FOR SAID COUNTY, AND ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR SAID CALL RESPONSE SYSTEM.

**Specific object or purpose:** Purchase/installation of a 911 Emergency Call Response System

**Period of probable usefulness:** 10 years

**Maximum estimated cost:** \$2,725,756

**Amount of bonds to be issued:** \$1,086,360 bonds

**Other monies:** \$1,639,396 State aid

**SEQRA status:** Type II Action

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

INDEX NO. 2025-51087 Date Filed: 03/12/2026

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property.

Subject Property: 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against BEVERLY BROWN A/K/A BEVERLY L. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN PAUL A/K/A MICHELLE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; REGINALD BROWN A/K/A REGGIE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MARGARET WILLIAM BROWN A/K/A MARGARET W. BROWN A/K/A MARGARET BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTHONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; CHELSAY BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTHONY BROWN, WHO WAS

HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; DARIA S. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A ANTHONY BROWN, WHO WAS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ERNESTINE BROWN and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY BROWN A/K/A TONY BROWN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE

HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COM-

PANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 10th day of March, 2026, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a consolidated mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ERNESTINE BROWN to SMI HOME MORTGAGE, bearing date January 26, 2006 and recorded in Document Number: 01 2006 2950 in the County of Dutchess on February 23, 2006, which was modified a loan modification agreement dated January 27, 2017, which was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1 by instrument executed February 7, 2020 and recorded March 13, 2020, in Document Number: 01-2020-50421A. Said premises being known as and by 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514, bearing tax map designation Section: 6566, Block: 02, Lot: 627814, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4175B

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00AM at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1857 Clove Valley Rd., Lagrangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. Further information, contact Elfriede Tillman (845)724-5840.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2026 tentative assessment roll which will be available online

at: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Real-Property-Tax/assessment-rolls.htm> An Assessor will be in attendance with such tentative roll located at 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY during the following dates and times: Monday, May 11th, Wednesday, May 13th & Monday, May 18th, between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00PM - Wednesday, May 13th Night hours 6:00PM to 8:00PM Saturday, May 16th, between the hours of 9:00AM and 1:00PM Please call the office at 845-758-5133 ext.4, to schedule an appointment. Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day, May 26th, 2026, and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day. All Grievance forms must be originals only. We cannot accept scanned or emailed applications. Information on contesting an assessment is available from the Assessor or online at <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm>

**ELIZABETH BURNS, ASSESSOR**

Pursuant to Section 508 & 525 of the Real Property Tax Law: GRIEVANCE DAY - Fourth Tuesday in May:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Milan, Dutchess County, will meet at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 to hear and examine all properly filed complaints in relation to assessments of Real Property on May 26th 2026 between 10AM - 12 NOON; 1:00PM - 4:00PM; 6PM - 8PM. Contact the Town Assessor's Office prior to May 26th for details and to schedule an appointment. ALL COMPLAINT FORMS MUST BE ORIGINALS (NO SCANNED OR EMAILED COPIES) AND BE FILED BY 8PM ON MAY 26th, 2026. (Property owners wishing to appear before the Board of Assessment Review must have their grievance application, RP-524, and supporting documentation received by the Town Assessor by May 26th, 2026 by mailing to: Board of Assessment Review, C/O Town of Milan Assessor, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan,

NY 12571. You may also drop off the application during regular business hours of the Assessor's office, which are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9AM and 3PM.

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER, BOARD CHAIRMAN

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2026-11**

Rebid Reconstruction of PA-01 Culvert, Town of Pawling. Project Description: Replacement existing culvert with precast concrete box culvert and wing walls in the Town of Pawling. 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](http://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](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess) or by using the link provided at [www.dutchessny.gov](http://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](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov), or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm: 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 for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before **11:00am Friday, May 15, 2026**, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name

and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 662 418 540#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 11, 2026 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) and [dmckenna@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dmckenna@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is July 6, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is October 2, 2026. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2026010363. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE**

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-52-26

Vehicle Wash Services

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication\* \*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

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#### DIMARCO PLACE I, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY

One (1) bedroom apartment AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, rent is \$1,768.00 per month and a one month security deposit. Rent includes electric for lights, cooking, air conditioning (wall-thru air conditioners provided), heat, hot water, water, sewer and trash collection. Tenant is responsible for cable, phone and internet service. All household members must be 55 years or older or disabled. Credit/Criminal Background Check is required. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Income restrictions apply. Please call (845) 297-2004 for an application.

#### MEADOW RIDGE FAMILY COMPLEX, Beacon, NY

THREE (3) bedroom apartment AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, rent is \$1,764.00 per month or join SHORT WAIT LIST for Two (2) bedroom apartment, current rent is \$1,540.00. One month security deposit is required. Tenant is responsible for electric for lights, cooking air conditioning (wall-thru air conditioners provided) as well as cable, phone and internet service. Included in rent is heat, hot water, water, sewer and trash collection. Credit/Criminal Background Check is required. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Income restrictions apply. Please call (845) 297-2004 for an application.

#### MEADOW RIDGE II SENIOR RESIDENCE, Beacon, NY

One (1) bedroom apartment AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, rent is \$1,507.00 per month or join SHORT WAIT LIST for Two (2) bedroom apartment, current rent is \$1,575.00. One month security deposit is required. Tenant is responsible for electric for lights, cooking and air conditioning (wall-thru air conditioners provided) as well as cable, phone and internet service. Included in rent is heat, hot water, water, sewer and trash collection. All household members must be 62 years or older. Credit/Criminal Background Check is required. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Income restrictions apply. Please call (845) 297-2004 for an application.

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AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, One (1) bedroom apartment, rent is \$1,247.00 per month and Two (2) bedroom apartment, rent is \$1,561.00. One month security deposit required. Tenant is responsible for cable, phone and internet service. Included in rent is electric, heat, hot water, water, sewer and trash collection. All household members must be 62 years or older. Credit/Criminal Background Check is required. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Income restrictions apply. Please call (845) 297-2004 for an application.

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# GOLDEN LIVING

*“How do you even spot a scam anymore?”*

That’s a great question we received from an Office for the Aging client. The obvious “tells” of a scam, like poor spelling, implausible stories, and sketchy graphics, don’t pop up in scam attempts as much as they used to.

Modern scams look like messages from friends and family, from your bank, from places you shop ... and that makes them more likely to work against you, because they look more real.

## ‘Don’t get cocky, kid’

If you’ve seen the first “Star Wars” movie, you recognize the line: a warning about overconfidence from Han Solo to young Luke Skywalker, who was boasting about his shooting skills against Imperial fighters. It works as a warning for us, as well, to stay humble about our ability to spot and avoid scams. What makes us scam-savvy today can easily be outdated information tomorrow.

Scammers are like mosquitoes. You can spray yourself head-to-toe with repellent, you can wear protective gear and stay away from areas that mosquitoes frequent; and at the end of the day, while you’re getting ready for bed, there’s that telltale itchy bump on your skin. You did everything right, and it got you anyway. How?

## It’s a numbers game

Like mosquitoes, the sheer number of scammers probing our weaknesses from around the world means that eventually they can find a target. Scammers adapt to change as just as any successful business does - because that’s what they are: businesses. Their business happens to be theft, and they are consummate professionals. Their scams can be crafted with artificial intelligence. What that means

for us is that the artificially synthesized voice trying to trick us on the other end of the phone can speak standard American English, right down to regional accents.

Or, more unsettlingly, the fake voice can sound exactly like one of our loved ones.

## But remember your training

Scammers still rely on urgency and panic to lower your guard. The single most effective scam prevention habit remains the same: Stop. Think. Verify.

The urgency the scammer is trying to create is fake. It’s not a reason to act. They’re hoping you fall back on your instincts. But no matter how slick the message is, if any message makes you feel rushed or stressed ... STOP.

Don’t engage. Don’t click any links in emails or text messages. Don’t scan any unexpected QR codes or answer surprise phone calls. It’s like our moms said all those years ago, and maybe you said it to your own kids: Don’t touch that, you don’t know where it’s been!

## Report the scam, even if you spotted it

Reporting scams even when you weren’t victimized helps authorities track fraud patterns, identify criminal networks, and take down fraudulent websites faster. In the US, you can report to the Federal Trade Commission at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov), and to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov). Each report directly contributes to protecting your friends and neighbors - and once in a while, it really helps catch criminals.

## NY HEAP Cooling Application

### Assistance now open

It did feel a little like summer for a few days this past week ... no better time to ask about New York State’s Cooling Assistance Benefit. The benefit helps income-eligible households buy and

install an air conditioner or fan to cool their home.

**How does it work?** If you are eligible, you may receive one cooling benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or fan. In circumstances where an air conditioner cannot be safely installed, a fan will be provided.

**How much can I receive in cooling benefits?** The price cannot be more than \$800 with installation for a portable air conditioner, or fan, and not to exceed \$1,000 for an existing wall sleeve unit. Like heating assistance funding, cooling assistance funds are limited and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details on applications and eligibility, call (845) 486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov).

## OFA SilverShield scam prevention event (Monday 4/27)

We know many of the basic tools to avoid scams, like not engaging with communication attempts from those we do not know and have not verified. But how do we get past avoiding scammers, and move forward to reporting them?

That’s where “SilverShield” ([www.silvershield.ai](http://www.silvershield.ai)) comes in. SilverShield and the New York State Office for the Aging have made 300 free SilverShield subscriptions available to Dutchess County older adults. You can register for our next SilverShield sign-up event, coming up Monday, April 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Office for the Aging Poughkeepsie Friendship Center at 114 Delafield Street.

Register by calling OFA during business hours at (845) 486-2555. We cannot accept registration requests made by email or voice mail.

## 2026 Dutchess Honor-a-Veteran gets under way

The 2026 Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran series kicked off on Thursday, April 16, with honors for the late Stephen Shumway (1947-2024), a Vietnam Veteran and Fishkill resident. If you know a deceased veteran who should be honored for their service to our country, and to learn more about past honorees, visit [dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran](http://dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran).

For more information contact the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs at (845) 486-2060. The office is located at 1335 US 44, Suite 2 in Pleasant Valley, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

## Medication Drop-Off Day (Saturday 4/25)

What are we supposed to do with medications that are expired or otherwise no longer needed?

Flushing them risks endangering the water supply. Disposing of medications in regular trash, especially if they’re controlled substances, runs the risk of people with addiction looking through your garbage for a fix. And doing nothing with them isn’t a feasible solution either, seeing as a pet could get into them or somebody could take them by mistake.

All those reasons are why a National Medication Take Back Day happens twice a year, in April and October. The next take back day is Saturday, April 25; and there are four take-back events that day in Dutchess County, all taking place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Amenia Town Hall – 4988 US 44, Amenia

Town of East Fishkill Police – 2468 NY 52, Hopewell Junction

Vassar Brothers Medical Center – 9 Livingston St., Poughkeepsie (Building A, Main Lobby Entrance)

Wappinger Town Hall – 20 Middlebush Rd., Wappinger

Near northern Dutchess County, there is also a takeback event taking place at the Kingston Police Department (1 Garraghan Dr.).

Can’t make it on the 25th? Dutchess County also has 12 medication drop boxes at law enforcement agencies across the county, providing a safe way to anonymously dispose of your medications. Safe disposal helps prevent drug misuse, accidental ingestion, and protects our environment.

## OFA At Annual Conference on Caregiving in Hyde Park (Thursday, 5/7)

The annual Conference on Caregiving takes place on Thursday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Wallace Center on the grounds of the FDR Historic Site on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

This year’s theme is “20/20 Vision – Planning for a Bright Future.” Topics in support of caregivers will include estate and financial planning; caregiving and grief support; end-of-life doula services; and Tai Chi/wellness. OFA staff will be at the conference to answer guests’ questions about aging services in Dutchess County.

Registration takes place through the Alzheimer’s Association. Call their helpline to save yourself a seat: (800) 272-3900. You can also use this link.

Breakfast and lunch are provided.

The Caregiver Conference is organized by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging with the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter, Parkinson’s Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Hospice, and community members Cathy Regan, RN; Falisia Cotten-Swain, LCSW-R; and Eileen Hendriksen, LMSW.

## AARP Shredder Events in April

One of the tricks used by identity thieves involves rummaging through our recycling for personally identifiable information. Protect yourself at an AARP Fraud Watch document-shredding event; there are two coming up in Dutchess County. Click the relevant links for registration info, including details on what sort of materials are and aren’t accepted for shredding.

Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie

Thursday, April 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hopewell Recreation Park, 392 NY 376, Hopewell Junction

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