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



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

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.'"

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### RENEGADES ROUNDUP

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

By Morgan E. Maier

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.

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Corey Jackson has been one of the hitting leaders for the Renegades in the early part of the season.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

## Legislature passes resolution to cap County sales tax on gasoline, diesel

Legislature reports

The Dutchess County Legislature voted unanimously on Monday, April 12, to cap the County's sales tax on gasoline and highway diesel at \$3 per gallon starting June 1st. The resolution is expected to take effect June 1, 2026, pending approval from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Chair Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill) said, "The hardworking people of Dutchess County are hurting. The leadership of the Republican federal administration has been a disaster for everyone who's not a millionaire or a billionaire. Whether it's tariffs driving up the cost of goods, disastrous energy and environmental policies skyrocketing our energy and utility bills, or irresponsible and downright dangerous foreign policy like the War in Iran, which has caused our gas prices to go up more than a dollar in barely a month. This Legislature cannot allow the County to profit off of the people's pain."

"As the economy heads toward possible recession and inflation rises, this reduction is both necessary and prudent to help the working people of Dutchess County. It provides relief now while preserving the county's ability to deliver the services we will need in these troubling times," said Assistant Majority Leader Kristofer Munn (D-Red Hook).

Minority Leader Michael Polasek (R-LaGrange) gave the response from the Republican caucus stating "We're glad to see this resolution move forward with unanimous support. It reflects an approach our caucus advanced years ago when gas prices were at their peak in 2022, and we know even modest relief matters to families. With families still feeling the pressure of high costs, we need to stay focused on delivering more meaningful solutions to address the affordability crisis facing Dutchess County residents."

Majority Leader Barrington Atkins (D-Poughkeepsie) added, "This resolution passing in committee is more than a step forward; it is a statement. We are not going to sit back while working families continue to get squeezed. People are doing everything right and still falling behind, and that demands action. Government should not be in the business of benefiting from rising gas prices while our residents struggle to keep up. This is about fairness, accountability, and standing firmly with the people we serve. Today, we made it clear that we are choosing relief over inaction."

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

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"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 quilt that was presented to the Shumway family.

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



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino makes remarks during the "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony held on April 16 in Fishkill.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche speaks during the ceremony.

said during his remarks that he "loves to hire veterans."

Numerous proclamations were read in honor of Shumway by federal, state and 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 Masterson, 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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### April is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month

## 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, solidarity, 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? Or that 1 in 2 transgender, nonbinary and gender non-conforming people 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, 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 .

## Municipalities promote officers



Members of the Fishkill Town Board and Town of Fishkill Police Department with newly promoted officers.

-Courtesy photo

Members of the City of Beacon Police Department and the Town of Fishkill Police Department recently were promoted in their departments by approval of the Beacon City Council and the Fishkill Town Board.

The Town of Fishkill Town Board, during its recent meeting, approved the promotion appointments of three new sergeants. Police Chief Christopher Strattnr and Police Commissioner Scott Bierce were on hand for the ceremony. Police Officers Thomas Nacke, Jesse Taylor and Russell Tompkins were promoted to the positions of Sergeant. Additionally, three new patrol officers were hired for the

Town's patrol staff, according to officials.

According to a social media post on the Town's Facebook page, "These new hires bring over eighty-one years of police experience and a wealth of knowledge to our Police Department. Thank you to all the men and women of the Town of Fishkill Police Department for all you do for our community."

The Beacon City Council approved the promotions of Thomas Durkin to Police Lieutenant; Alyssa Rudden to Police Lieutenant; Ryan Sambells to Police Sergeant and Jonathan Underwood to Detective.

## 33-year-old officer dies from injuries sustained in motorcycle accident in Beacon

Services are scheduled for NYS Corrections Officer Justin Brown. A viewing will be held on Friday, April 24 from 1-6 p.m. at Copeland-Hammerl Funeral Home in New Paltz. The service will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Officer Brown died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on April 13 near Fishkill Correctional Facility in Beacon. He was 33 years old, according to officials.

According to the City of Beacon Police Department around 2:42 p.m. the Department responded to Matteawan Road in the area of Deer Run for a call for a single vehicle auto accident involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival the driver, from Gardiner, was deceased. Our thoughts are with him and his loved ones., stated the social media post. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office was thanked for their assistance with accident reconstruction and the staff of Fishkill Correctional Facility for their assistance with securing the scene.

The officer leaves behind his wife, 7-year-old son, friends and other family members.

A GoFundMe has been set up at: <https://gofund.me/20917c189>

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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. 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



**Brother and sister, Gabe and Rei Saki, will take part in the annual Hudson Valley Heart Walk on April 25 in Orange County**

*-Courtesy photos American Heart Association.*

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).

## 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.

## Viewpoints

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## 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.

*Jeffery Fox, Ph.D. is President & CEO of Abilities First, Inc., which serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the Hudson Valley. Visit [AbilitiesFirstNY.org](http://AbilitiesFirstNY.org).*

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## What Jane Bolin Day can teach us



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.

### 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 convention 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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**HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUBS TO PRESENT MUSICALS**

**John Jay's Proscenium to present 'Shrek' this weekend**

**By Kristine Coulter**

"Shrek: The Musical" opens on Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Wappingers Central School District's John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52, in East Fishkill. Performances will also be held on Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

John Jay High School Proscenium Production Advisor Emilio Giordano said via email, "Rehearsals have been going great. It's always special when all the moving parts come together. We have a group of 8 elementary school kids in the show. We are so incredibly amazed by them."

Finnley Sullivan is the fundraising treasurer for the club. Finnley and the other members sent their comments via email.

"Shrek" is a super fun, high-energy show, about an ogre overcoming his biases against the world, making friends, and finding his true love," said Finnley.

"My favorite part of working on this show is that I get to be onstage in the cast, but I also have the amazing opportunities to help assistant music direct, and take pictures of the show, both on and off stage," remarked Finnley.

Gabriel Toplanaj is one of two actors playing Shrek - Robert Nicoletti is also playing

him - for this year's spring musical.

"I would explain it as a realistic fairy tale that shows the struggles of the life of an Ogre!" said Gabriel.

Gabriel noted, "My favorite part about the production so far is the hair and makeup in this show! It is so intricate and interesting, which just highlights how capable and amazing our hair and makeup crew really is!"

Giordano was asked about having a favorite scene? "That's not a fair question. You're asking me to say who's my favorite child," replied Giordano.

"Our show has a great message, that needs to be heard by the world today, and it's a great show to share with families and friends of any age," said Finnley.

Gabriel said people should come to the show because "[a]ll of the hard work and time the crew and cast has spent on this show to make this experience amazing! It's a great way to connect to the community, and support a club that only wants to provide good shows and a memorable experience!"

Tickets are available now online. Student and senior tickets are \$12 and adult tickets are \$15.

Email [proscenium@wcsdny.org](mailto:proscenium@wcsdny.org) with any questions.



The cast of "Shrek: The Musical" rehearses at John Jay High School in East Fishkill. Performances are April 24-26.

-Photo courtesy of Finnley Sullivan

**Beacon Players to perform 'Jekyll & Hyde'**

**By Kristine Coulter**

The Beacon Players, the Beacon High School drama club in the Beacon City School District, will be performing "Jekyll & Hyde The Musical" on April 24-26. Shows are set for 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Theater at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Rd. in Beacon.

Parental guidance is suggested for this show.

Costume Crew Chief and Treasurer of the Beacon Players is Johnathan Trentacosta. Johnathan and the other Beacon Players in the show sent their responses via email.

"Jekyll & Hyde" is about the duality of man-how there is black and white in all of us, and it's what you do with each that shapes who you are and how you affect others. It shows the entanglement of outside affairs as well as internal in a beautifully artistic way," explained Johnathan.

Januario Stageman is on the publicity team (with Molly Lyons) and a member of the cast.

Januario explains the show like this: "Jekyll & Hyde" follows the story of Henry Jekyll, who is a brilliant scientist that becomes obsessed with separating good from evil, he uses himself as a test subject for his experiment and then must face the consequences that come along with the separation."

What is Johnathan's favorite part of

working on the show? "My favorite part of working on "Jekyll and Hyde" has been getting to work with the director and advisors closely to ensure my crew and I are getting all our work done efficiently. I want to make sure I contribute everything I've got to the show, so it runs as smoothly as possible."

"My favorite part about this show is its depth, doing a show that explores emotional and developed topics like "Jekyll & Hyde" is something that's really important to me. It allows me to really develop my skills as an actor and I think it's really important to the cast as a whole, it helps prepare us for future shows and allows us to go into them with more familiarity and experience with deep subjects," said Januario.

Lighting crew member Lilly Pendley said people should see the show because "it has what a person would definitely consider seeing with all the music, love, drama, and brings in so much work from the students with all of the incredible sets, art, and costumes, and lights."

Beacon Players Director Anthony Scarrone noted the dedication of those on the stage and behind the scenes. "These kids are demonstrating an incredible level of focus and determination, pouring their hearts and souls into perfecting what promises to be their most spectacular performance yet. Honestly, words cannot fully capture how proud I feel of these young performers," he remarked.



Beacon Players will perform "Jekyll & Hyde The Musical" at Beacon High School from April 24-26.

-Courtesy photo

"Among all the incredible moments in this production, one scene stands out to me above the rest. It features Jonah Espinosa, who has been with us ever since he played "Chip" in "Beauty and the Beast," years ago. Jonah takes center stage, performing a deeply moving piece titled "The Way Back." This particular song has the kind of emotional depth that lingers with you long after it's over - its haunting melody and heartfelt lyrics pull at your emotions and refuse to let go," said Scarrone. He added, "The perform-

ance resonates with a raw beauty, leaving an unforgettable impact that defines the essence of this incredible show."

Riley Peterson, who is performing as The Bishop of Basingstoke, said, "You should come see our production of "Jekyll and Hyde" because it will be different than any other show this high school has put on, it's scary, suspenseful, funny, and even emotional at times! You will not want to miss this show."

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**RENEGADES ROUNDUP**

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

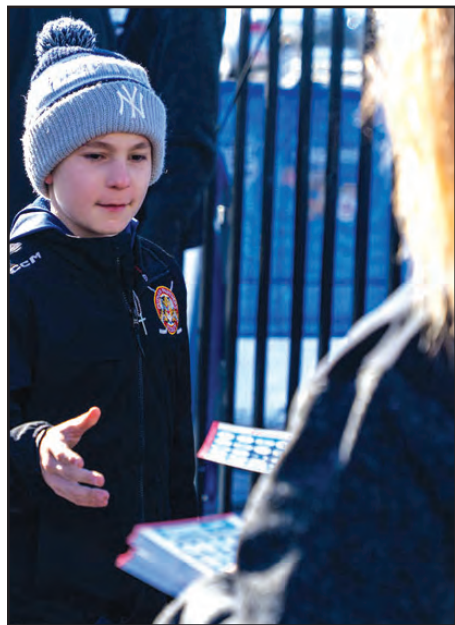
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Brady Kirtner and Chris Veach closed out a successful bullpen showing for the 10-2 win. Jack Cebert got the Renegades a third straight victory on April 16, with a second consecutive start of 7+ innings. Cebert was again a strikeout machine, getting 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



*The Hudson Valley Renegades are back at Heritage Financial Park this week. Above left, a young fan enters the park at the home-opening game. Above right, fans stay warm on a cool night enjoying roasted marshmallows and other snacks.*

*-Photos by Dave Janosz*

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.

## Central Hudson names Chris McConnachie CFO

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation has announced that Chris McConnachie has joined the company's executive team as Chief Financial Officer (CFO, bringing extensive regulated utility and financial leadership experience to the company.

"Strong financial leadership is essential as we modernize our systems, strengthen operations, and improve our customer experience," said Steph Raymond, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "Chris is a proven utility finance leader with a deep understanding of regulated operations, capital planning, and operational discipline. I am excited to welcome him to Central Hudson."

Chris most recently served as Chief Financial Officer for National Grid's New York businesses, where he oversaw the Finance function for the electric and gas operating companies across the state. During his tenure, he held a series of senior leadership roles across the US and UK spanning finance, treasury, shared services, and operations, supporting large-scale capital investment and enterprise initiatives.

Prior to joining National Grid, Chris held finance and treasury roles with PricewaterhouseCoopers and Northern Rock Plc in the United Kingdom. He



*Chris McConnachie* -Courtesy photo

holds a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Edinburgh and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Politics.

As Chief Financial Officer, Chris will oversee Central Hudson's financial strategy, including budgeting, forecasting, capital planning, treasury, risk management, and regulatory financial support, playing a key role in supporting safe, affordable, reliable service and sustainable growth.

## 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! NYS-DEC will provide poles and bait, and the Federation will offer complimentary food and drinks.

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# Agriculture 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 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 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.



Gary Veeder rides the float as Grand Marshal of the Pleasant Valley Days parade.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

## County, local officials remember former Town of Fishkill councilman and police commissioner Dennis Zack



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino posted a photo of herself with Dennis Zack, a former Town of Fishkill police commissioner and councilman, with comments, after it was announced Zack died on April 12 at the age of 76.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

Local resident Dennis Zack, a former Councilman for the Town of Fishkill and former police commissioner for the town, has died. Zack died on April 12th at the age of 76.

On the Town of Fishkill Police Department Facebook page, the following was posted, "The Town of Fishkill Police Department is sad to announce the passing of former police commissioner, Dennis Zack. Dennis was an asset to this department and community. From all of us here we wish his family solace in the difficult time."

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra said, "I will miss Dennis very much."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino stated in a social media post, "Dutchess County lost a dedicated public servant and a truly wonderful man with the passing of Dennis Zack."

"Dennis wore many hats throughout his life—from his decades in law enforcement to his time as a Town of Fishkill Board

Member and Police Commissioner. As the longtime Chairman of the Dutchess County Independence Party, he was a fixture in our local political community and a passionate advocate for our neighbors."

Serino continued, "On a personal note, I always looked forward to seeing Dennis. He was someone I truly liked and respected. He had a fantastic sense of humor and a way of making everyone around him smile, even during the busiest of times."

"My heart goes out to his family, his friends, and all those who knew him. He will be greatly missed," she stated.

In a social media post by Dutchess Sheriff Kirk Imperati, he said he mourns "the loss of my close friend, Dennis Zack."

The sheriff called Zack "a dedicated law-enforcement officer and community leader."

Imperati concluded the post, "Personally and professionally, he touched the lives of so many. He will be sorely missed."

## 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



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.

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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 millbrookwine.com.

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



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 John Jay High School FFA in East Fishkill.

Fred Battenfeld, second from left above, and Dr. Isaac Angell, second from left right, 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

### 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 Stanfordsville 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 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 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.

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# Obituaries

## Dennis Zack



Dennis R. Zack, a resident of Fishkill since 1981 and formerly of Yonkers, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Montefiore St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh. He was 76.

Son of the late Robert and Fay Zack, he was born in Bayonne, NJ on October 10, 1949. Dennis served in the Westchester County Police Department for 20 years. He retired as Detective in 1998.

He was an active member of the community, having served as a Town of Fishkill Board Member and later as Police Commissioner. Dennis had a great passion for politics and was the chairman of the Dutchess County Independence Party for many years.

He was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, member of the Knights of Columbus Council #4065, and Past President of the Westchester County Police Retired Officers Association.

As a lifelong bowler, he participated in leagues throughout the region and competed in countless tournaments throughout his lifetime. Dennis was an avid Hudson Valley Renegades fan and season ticket holder since the team's 1994 inaugural season. He also loved to attend Army Football games at West Point.

More than anything else, he cherished his family and was especially proud of his grandchildren. Dennis loved his daily FaceTime calls with his "NC Jecks." He especially loved his calls with his "little honey" Bella and their game of "being done" first.

Survivors include his daughter, Christine Thorbjornsen & her husband Anthony of Poughkeepsie; his son, Robert Porco of NJ; his daughter, Marilyn Knapp of Fishkill; his daughter, Denise Marcio & her husband Frank of NC; his grandchildren: Marisa Thorbjornsen & her partner Kayleigh, Michael Thorbjornsen, Angelina Porco, Abraham Knapp, Chase Marcio, Logan Marcio, and Bella Marcio; his sister, Linda Barnaby; as well as his niece Kelli Little and many other family members.

Calling hours were held on Friday, April 17 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, April 18 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Town of Fishkill Police Cadets, 801 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 or Gary Stymiloski Scholarship Fund c/o Westchester County PB, 1 Saw Kill River Parkway, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

For online tributes, visit [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Timothy N. Laffin



Timothy Neil Laffin, a life-long Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2026 at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla; at the age of 60. He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on June 14, 1965, son of the late Thomas J. Laffin, Sr. & Jean Marie (Kelly) Laffin. Tim attended Wappinger Central Schools and graduated from Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School.

At the young age of 14, Tim joined the W.T. Garner Engine Company #1 of Wappingers Falls, through the local Boy Scouts. From there his love for the firehouses flourished, he would climb the ranks of officer positions. He was a Life-Member and served Chief.

After he served as Chief of W.T. Garner, he went onto the Hughsonville Fire Department,

where he also served as Chief; from there he became a member of the Chelsea Fire Company, when he lived in Chelsea then later came back with his membership at W.T. Garner, where it all started.

Tim worked as a truck driver for many years, and for various construction companies, particularly Trap Rock Quarry (Tilcon Inc) of Wappingers Falls, NY; for over 30 years until he retired.

Along with the firehouse, Tim's hobbies included his love for NASCAR, New York Yankees and the New York Giants; all of which he was an avid fan.

Timothy is survived by his sisters and brother: Mary Jo Laffin, Thomas J. Laffin Jr., Sue (Mark) Simmons and Michelle Laffin. He is also survived by a nephew Jesse Laffin-Aviles, and several other nieces, nephews & dear friends.

Along with his beloved parents, Tim was predeceased by his loving dog 'Semi' who awaits being reunited.

His Family will receive Friends on Wednesday, April 22nd from 4 – 8 p.m. at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York, where a firematic prayer service will be offered. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 10AM, Thursday, April 23rd at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, followed by interment in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Center, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a local charity of one's choice. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: [www.DelehantyFuneral.com](http://www.DelehantyFuneral.com).

## Joseph H. Rodosky



Joseph H. Rodosky, a longtime resident of the local area, passed away on April 2, 2026, at the age of 79.

Born in Westchester on March 18, 1947, Joseph was the son of the late Harold and Corinne Rodosky. He is survived by his siblings, Nora, Whitey, Michael and Thomas. Also several Cousins, Nieces and Nephews.

On March 21, 1970, Joseph married Roxanne Hoffman, and together they had a family that was the center of his life. He is survived by his two children, His daughter Roxane Rodosky Orapello and his son Joseph Rodosky.

He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren, Gary Mankes Jr. and Heather Rodosky, as well as his great grandchildren, Jace, Steven and Troy, and his extended family, Johnna, RayneBow and EverLy.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no calling hours.

A portion of his ashes will be spread along I-95 South by his daughter-- a final journey. Safe travels, Dad.

## Charlotte Fay Johnson



Charlotte Fay Johnson passed away peacefully on April 12, 2026 at the age of 91. Charlotte was born on January 17, 1935 in Poughkeepsie, NY to the late William and Mildred (Denney) Mathews. On September 18, 1955, she married her beloved husband Mark Johnson. They spent many happy years together until his death in 2012.

Charlotte attended Krissler Business Institute, and earned an Associates in Applied Science Degree from Dutchess Community College. She spent over 30 years working in the Registrar's Office at Dutchess Community College.

Charlotte had a sharp sense of humor and was very witty. She was a master seamstress, and an excellent crafter and

quilter. Her creations won multiple awards at the Dutchess County Fair. Charlotte loved to learn new crafting skills and would take all sorts of art classes including pottery, painting, calligraphy, basket making, flower arranging and photography. She made all sorts of gifts for her loved ones, which they truly cherish. Charlotte also loved to garden, cook, and bake.

She is survived by her children: Wendy Stimpson and her husband Bruce, Mark Johnson and his wife Maryanne, and Sheri DeGroot; her grandchildren: Curtis Stimpson, Eric Stimpson and his wife Katy, Mark Johnson and his wife Róisín, Sarah Jung and her husband Bo, Karissa Johnson, and Danielle Johnson; and her great-grandchildren: Zoraya, Syllas, Caleb and Mia.

In addition to her husband Mark Johnson, Charlotte was also predeceased by her daughter Lori Johnson.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday April 17, 2026 at Hopewell Reformed Church, 143 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, followed by interment in Hopewell Cemetery.

Please consider a donation in Charlotte's memory to the Dutchess County SPCA. [www.dcsPCA.org](http://www.dcsPCA.org).

## Laurie Lee Scott



Laurie Lee Scott, gentle warrior, advocate, mother, anchor, and sister passed away peacefully as the New Moon slipped beneath the clouds and her family held her on April 18, 2026, at the age of 72. Laurie was born in Yonkers, NY on March 24, 1954, daughter of the late Robert & Eleanor (Slater) Scott.

Laurie was a lover of all things nature related. She felt deeply connected to rivers and the way they cut a path through landscapes, changing course in order to thrive.

Laurie's father imbued in her a love of baseball that led her to become a "baseball fanatic." A sentiment now felt by her children and grandchildren.

Laurie held a BS in Criminal Justice from Pace University. She was a CASAC with time spent in outpatient and residential

drug treatment wherein she taught strength and resolve. Laurie innately understood the struggle people can incur around drugs and alcohol, she herself chose unwavering sobriety in October, 1987. She knew and paid forward the idea that one must accept themselves before they can accept others.

She was a tireless aid and essential counselor to those who knew her. Laurie began her career guiding incarcerated people as a correctional counselor at DFY Harlem Valley, Green Haven, Fishkill and Sullivan prisons. She was a prison program coordinator for Dutchess Community College. In the 2000's she began work outside the facility in order to bring support and direction to those released as a volunteer with the Alternatives to Violence Project.

Laurie spent her time before retirement as the executive director for a non-profit organization built to meet the needs of people leaving incarceration, Re-Entry Columbia in Hudson, NY. As such she shaped the direction, developed programs and outreach, worked with and represented the agency in all matters. Laurie had a keen sense of what was critical and necessary in order to propel the agenda for justice forward. Her passion for those left behind rang loud and clear in packed standing room only meetings.

For Laurie, meaning lay in modeling what love and friendship could look like. She soared above and beyond expectations to tirelessly champion and lift, not only the people she loved, but also anyone whom she felt needed it. She had a magical ability to see past the surface of a person. This sight gifted her the talent to bring solace and peace to those lacking it.

Laurie is survived by her three children: Dara D'Ascoli and her partner Joseph Padron; Benson Morosco and his wife Nicole; Eliza Lenore Sukanick and her husband Peter. Her longtime life and travel partner Michael Losee. She is also survived by her six grandchildren: Matthew, Anthony, Elias, Levi, Dylan, and Leona Mae. Outside her family she leaves an enormous circle of friends and admirers.

Along with her beloved parents, Laurie was predeceased by her three sisters; Sandra, Valerie, and Marcia, with whom she danced, sang, and played in the Saw Mill River during their youth.

A gathering to Remember & Celebrate her Life will come later along the Hudson River. Interment will be private at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery Mausoleum, Fishkill, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations as per Laurie's wish, to keep on keeping on, can be made to RAPP-<https://rappcampaign.com/donate/>

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

## Robert Warren

Robert Warren died peacefully in Rhinebeck on 13 April. Bob was born in Poughkeepsie to Robert and Joan Casey Warren on 24 March, 1957. He lived the majority of his life in Fishkill with some years in Colorado.

Bob enjoyed life through his friends at magical Delhi cabin retreats, Adirondack and Catskill adventures camping and canoeing, and with a love for music and reading.

Bob was predeceased by his parents and younger brother, Kevin. He is survived by his sisters Kathryn Poitras and Laura Weiss.

"May the four winds blow you home again."

# Creative Living

## County Players to present 'Something Rotten!'

### Musical comedy opens May 1

County Players will present "Something Rotten!," which opens Friday, May 1, and runs through Sunday, May 17. With Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell, Music & Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick, this exciting production is directed by Jeff Wilson, with musical direction by Karen Dalmer-Sheehy and choreography by Denise Wornell with Carlos Gomez. Performances are at at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls, and scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, & 16 at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 10 & 17 and Saturday May 16.

In this musical twist on the Bard, the Bottom brothers, two struggling playwrights in Renaissance London, need a hit. Easier said than done when your chief competition is local rock star, William Shakespeare. The Bottom brothers' plan: write the world's first musical! This rollicking song-and-dance extravaganza, (nominated for ten Tony Awards during its smash Broadway run,) sends up the Bard

and Broadway and everything in between. Best of all, it can be enjoyed without CliffsNotes!

This production features a large community cast of talented performers from across the region featuring Stephanie Bieder, Eric Michael Bond, Hunter D. Booth, Aiden Breneman-Pennas, Chelsea Camp, Danielle Cintron, Kerry D'Angelo, Josie Dell'Olio, Carlos Gomez, J. Alan Hanna, Karen Hoben, Jonah Jaramillo, Jim Kirk, Brian Kuchcicki, Aileen Lanni, Megan Longwell, Declan McCarthy, Asia McGough, Mary Mechalakos, Glen Morrice, Izzy Ricks, Elan Riggs, Venessa Taylor-Mishra, Sophia Vessecchia, Brianna Vivace, Kelsey Wertheim, Scott Woolley, & Irving Zuniga. Of this production director Wilson says "'Something Rotten!' is part musical theatre, part Shakespeare, part Ren Faire, and all fun!"

Tickets available online at countyplayers.org/tickets: \$30 for Adults; \$28 for Seniors 60+, Military, Students (with ID), and Children under 12.

For complete info visit: [https://county-](https://county-players.org/show/something-rotten-a-very-new-musical/)



"Something Rotten!" opens May 1 at County Players in Wappingers Falls.

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## Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith  
Recreation Director

Come to Community Day on Sunday, May 3 at Greenvale Park from 1 - 5 p.m. This is a FREE event with something for everyone. We will have a magician, facepainting, Touch-a-Truck, dozens of Community organizations, two stages with four different musical performances including the WORLD FAMOUS West Point Benny Havens Band headlining the show. We hope to see you there! ([poughkeepsieny.myrec.com](http://poughkeepsieny.myrec.com))

Senior Center News  
By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

Trees and spring flowers are in bloom and we are beginning to go out more as the days grow warmer. Our Senior Center offers those 55+ lots of opportunities to socialize and participate in various activities both outside and inside. Our full Senior Center calendar can be viewed at [poughkeepsieny.myrec.com](http://poughkeepsieny.myrec.com). Better yet, just come on over to 14 Abe's Way (just off Rt 9) Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. -

2:30 p.m. and on Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We will be creating masks on April 23 at 1 p.m. for our upcoming Murder Mystery event on April 28. The SC Advisory Group will meet with Lorraine on April 30 at 11 a.m. All members are invited to participate.

Flip your calendar to May and jot down these highlighted specials:

Tuesday, May 5 at 2 p.m.: Drum Circle  
Thursday, May 7 at noon: K-9 Unit Police Demonstration and May birthday celebration

Wednesday, May 13: Trip: Sailing the Hudson River on The Pride of the Hudson (fee, pre-registration)

Thursday, May 14 at noon: Lunch & Learn: Information about the planned move of Town Hall/Town Police/Town Court

Tuesday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m.: Arm Chair Travels to Antarctica with Ben and Carol

We do request that you sign up for activities and presentations in advance as space may be limited. We can be reached at 845-462-0265.

## East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green  
Recreation Director

Our 2026 Adult Golf Program classes in May and June at Beekman Golf are now both filled. The fee is \$100 residents and \$125 non-residents. Checks should be made out to Lisa Monaco. Payment is due before classes start. We have a waiting list.

If you are going this Saturday, April 25 to the Paramount Theatre in Peekskill for the Doo Wop Project, please be at the Community Center by 5 p.m. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$100 for non-residents and at this time we have a few seats available.

We still have openings for our Wednesday June 17 trip to Resorts Catskill Casino for an afternoon of gambling fun, food and a great show Summer Nights -a tribute to Grease. In

addition to the show, you'll get a big buffet lunch and \$25 free slots play. The fee is \$100 and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation.

There are still a few openings for our Resorts Casino trip on Sunday, May 17. The fee is \$50 and includes round trip Coach Tours Transportation, \$15 food voucher and \$25 free slots play.

This Saturday, April 25 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) is our combined Egg Hunt, Spring Fling and Arbor Day celebration at the Community Center. There will music with Bob Martinson, a tree planting, games, snacks, prizes and fun for all ages! Don't miss it!

If you have any recreation questions or concerns please call 845-226-8395 or go to [Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov](mailto:Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov).

love to cook

by vicki frank day



# Turtle Toffee 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,



Turtle Toffee Bars are a special treat in spring.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

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).

**For the toffee/caramel 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!

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

## Putnam Chorale to hold 'From Darkness to Dawn' concerts April 24-25

Professional soloists will accompany the Putnam Chorale in their two concerts, "From Darkness to Dawn." Selected by Music Director Jason C. Tramm, Conductor/Music Director, the soloists are extraordinary for their vocal color and outstanding artistry.

Victoria McGrath, Soprano, has been praised for her "clear, fluid soprano," and her performances convey both emotional depth and vocal control. Recent engagements include the world premiere of Dan Asia's The Tin Angel with Teatro Grattaciolo, her house debut with Sarasota Opera, Pergolesi's Stabat Mater with Garden State Opera, and a recital of French art songs entitled "The Life of Spring" with L'Opera Comique de Washington.

John Burke, Tenor - A talented and classically trained tenor, John Burke is a pas-

sionate performer and dedicated music professional with over a decade of vocal experience. A proud graduate of Westminster Choir College, John has performed many operatic works with well-known companies and programs, he has made many chorus appearances with the likes of Teatro Lirico D'Europa, Light Opera of New Jersey, and Boheme Opera of New Jersey.

The Putnam Chorale performances will take place at two venues:

- Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brewster HS Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 50 Foggintown Road, Brewster, Putnam County and

- Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelist Church at 221 E Lake Blvd, in Mahopac, Putnam County.

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# get growing!

by mark adams

# 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 1/2 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 1/2 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



Grow your own lettuce.

-Photo by Mark Adams

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

Can you really beat inflation by grow-

ing 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.

## Rachael Sage to play Towne Crier on April 25



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.

The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. Reservations suggested; call 845-855-1300 to book one's table.

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

The Town of LaGrange's first annual Spring Expo & Kite Festival is planned for Sunday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Freedom Park. 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 Petrocitto 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.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Basstechsonar North LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 3/7/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 119 Simone Dr Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Form. of 255 KIDD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 241 KIDD LN, TIVOLI, NY 12583. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of NORLAND SQUARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 26 CHELSEA STREET, APT 1, BOSTON, MA 02128. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of VARINDER RATHORE MEDICINE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/01/2024. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 70 MELANIE LANE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Stellen Practice Partners LLLC filed with SSNY on 02/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stellen Practice Partners, 9 Vassar Street, Ste 32, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Options Universe LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Nichris Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: any lawful

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activity. White Lake Retreats LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 19 Karen Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Precision Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 61 Sycamore Drive, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

B&E Media LLC filed w/ SSNY 3/10/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy to 130 Wilson St, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Higgins Window & Door LLC Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/12/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Manor Rd Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

HHL GLOBAL, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/21/2017. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 10/5/2015. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2RE HOLDINGS 7, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 8/7/2018. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 5/25/2016. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd,

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Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Purpose: any lawful act.

M-M2RE HOLDINGS 23, LLC, filed App. for Auth. with the SSNY on 10/16/2020. Office: Dutchess County. LLC formed in FL on 9/17/2019. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 131 Allen Rd, Salt Point, NY 12578. Address required to be maintained in FL: 450 E Las Olas Blvd, 9th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Cert of Formation filed with FL Sec. of State, Florida Department of State, The Centre of Tallahassee, 2415 N. Monroe St, Ste 810, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Form. Of Eli Sloves Photography LLC. Arts of Org. filed 03/04/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 6 Drum Ct., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MX Elite Cleaning & Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/5/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2706 West Main Street, Apt #3, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ADA'S HOUSE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ADA'S HOUSE LLC, 25 West Main St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of JNG Designs, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 1/22/26. Office location:

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Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2604 Mulberry Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation of 333 Hibernia Road LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/7/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 333 Hibernia Road LLC, 60 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any and all lawful business activities.

One Man Cold LLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 1117, Millbrook NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company. Studio Elks LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: Jan 16th 2026. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. Studio Elks LLC is doing business in Dutchess County. Address is 29 Mason Cir, Beacon, NY 12508. Studio Elks LLC provides design services for textiles and soft goods for the home. Managed by Katherine Elks. www.studioelks.com

Notice of formation of Pawsitive Care LLC filed with SSNY on 3/7/26 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall mail process to 50521 Annie Ave, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

H E R M A N RADIOLOGY, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 122 Hudson Pointe Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Medicine.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Allisonia Properties, LLC. The

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LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 17, 2026. Office location: Allisonia Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102 Pawling, NY 12564, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Allisonia Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 102, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

RIDGE + RIVER HOSPITALITY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

50 ALBANY ST. LLC. Filed 3/11/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Harjot Singh, 41 St Andrews Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

D U S I INTELLIFORGE CONSULTING LLC. Filed 1/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jagannadharao V Dusi, 3 Marie Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

DEVELOPMENT BY 3JS LLC. Filed 3/2/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 59 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

OM LAKSHMI NARAYAN LLC. Filed 2/19/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1206 Hudson Harbour, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

B R I G H T P A T H H O S P I T A L I T Y SOLUTIONS LLC. Filed 2/9/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Harsh Patel, 45 Pitcher Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Bayhorse Holdings LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2026. Office

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Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Academy Hill Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of INTUITIVELY WILD APOTHECARY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

100 SOUTH AVENUE LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 100 South Avenue, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of limited liability company. Name: Titan Property Care, LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Duchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC, 45 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, 12590. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.

AA&C PAYROLL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Suni Sands Curated Home LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/18/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to

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Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Dajas Bloom Boutique, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO BOX 406, Miller-ton, New York 12546. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Paul Seymour LLC. Art. of Orig. filed 3/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess Cty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 77 Paggi Terrace Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Style & Go, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 01/01/2026. Office location Dutchess SSNY desg as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 15 Legere Court, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qual. of GRASMERE HOUSE, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 6/25/2018. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MAMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Everwell Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 65 Dawson Ct. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of BM Metal Fabrication LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on February 11, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: BM Metal Fabrication, 215 Freedom Rd, Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Filing for Application of Authority in New York for Shani Event Rentals, LLC. Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 11/05/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2522 South Road #1167, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Qual. of SH GRASMER ACQUISITION, LLC. Auth. filed with SSNY on 3/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in DE on 3/25/2026. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: 600 MARMARONECK AVENUE #400, HARRISON, NY 10528. Arts. of Org. filed with DE SOS. 401 Federal St., Suite 3 Dover, DE 19901. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SOUND BOARD STRATEGIES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on March 18, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Soundboard Strategies LLC, 242 Main Street, #338, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation Of LORICK ENTERPRISE, LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/2020. Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Pappas Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation Of GROOM HAVEN AND LOUNGE LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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03/28/2025 . Office location :Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1177 US9, SUITE 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Queens Is The Future, LLC filed w/ SSNY 2/18/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 315 Old Rt. 22, Wassaic, NY 12592. Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST BEACON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

16 WEST HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 46 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Sandoya Tax Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/2024. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 Nicole Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

POUGHKEEPSIE AUTOCENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Sergio Jimenez Chavez & Hammad Abid Butt, 516 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of House Mom Vending LLC Articles of Org. Filed With SSNY on 02/09/2026. Office located in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 115 Verplank Ave, Beacon NY

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Notice of formation of BEACON STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 6th, 2026, Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 36 Crescent Drive, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

22-6746TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 100 Longview Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Panoramic Vistas LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Getler Gomes & Sutton, PC, 2 Executive Boulevard; Suite 410, Suffern, New York 10901, also the Registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Professional Liability Limited Company: THRIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICE LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on September 3, 2024. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of PLLC upon whom process against it can be served. SSNY should mail process to: Adahiah Lassalle, 27 Red Oaks Mill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

BAGALA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Hiview Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of LNS UNLIMITED SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 9 Jordyn Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Luciana Bennett at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

22 Burgess LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 413, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Besel Interiors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 4/6/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 17 Wilkenson Hollow Rd. Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MJ DUTCHESS REALTY, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 7, 2026. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Continental Standard Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/3/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jesse Brukman, 104 Woods Drive, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Sweetest Little Cottage Bakery LLC Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 3/30/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 43 S Cross Rd, Staatsburg NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MomMade Goods LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 03/24/2026. Office: Dutchess County. Alexandra Rossiter designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Alexandra Rossiter at 184 Carpenter Rd Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Barnard Gold Property Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on March 19, 2026. Office location: DUTCHESS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Barnard Gold Property Group, LLC. PO Box 411, Stormville NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ROYALTY AUTO GROUP, LLC Articles Of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/18/2021. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45 Pappas lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose : any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of JESSE BOEHM AUTOMATIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 9, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jesse Boehm, 27 Reggie Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Isben Hospitality LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on February 16, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1973 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Medical Practice, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on March 31, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at 3979 Albany Post Road #626, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: any lawful activity.

VALIANT RE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 32 Kimlin Ct, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Unsalted Sailor, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 4/10/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 38 Susie Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Blue Banner Bookkeeping LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/2/2026. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 144 Cannon St., Ste. 2, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Mary Yegoryan LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: [9 Quail Ridge Road, Hyde Park, NY, 12538]. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

D Y N A M I C S P E E C H - L A N G U A G E PATHOLOGY, PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/11/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 17 Temby Dr, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of JK Machining LLC (hereinafter the Company) filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/17/2026. Office location of the Company is Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the SSNY as its agent upon which process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC at 30 Quarry Hill Rd, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful purpose as permitted by applicable law.

Brewer's Mobile Auto Repair LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on April 14, 2026. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 57 Old Westbrookeville Rd., Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose of LLC: Fully insured, mobile auto repair services for Sullivan, Orange and Ulster counties.

SMOLIAN II LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Jonathan Kossar, 11 Marist Dr, Ste 2, Mailbox 4, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of NEW PALTZ DONUTS, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 17, 2026. The office location is in Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 2265 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose for all lawful activities.

Notice of Formation of Gabriele Technology Solutions, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/19/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Paul Gabriele 298 NY-292 #95, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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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 ANTONY 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 ANTONY 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 ANTONY 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 SUM-

MONED 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 COMPANY) 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 regular annual meeting of the Wappingers Falls plot owners will be held on May 4, at 6:30 pm at 5 Water St., New Hamburg, NY.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against- CHARMAIN E CARTER, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the

County of Dutchess on March 2, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHARMAIN E CARTER, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on May 06, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1519 EAST NOXON ROAD, LAGRANGE, NY 12540; and the following tax map identification, 6560-04-969228.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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

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.

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 28th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come onto be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Linda Castells, 199 E. Hook Rd., Hopewell Junction, requesting a 20' side line variance for an existing 17'x20' (340sf) deck and a 20' side line variance for an existing 12'x12' (144sf) gazebo, Pursuant to Section 194-95 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations.

2. Christine Otero, 12 Jay Lane, Hopewell Junction, requesting a 11' side line variance for an existing 16'x28' (448sf) detached garage, Pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations.

Norma Drummond Chairperson East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, BUDGET VOTE AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

**WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the annual budget hearing will be held for the residents of the Wappingers Central School District on Monday, May 11, 2026 at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, New York at 5:00 p.m. for the 2026-2027 school district budget.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that applications for early mail ballots and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk, 25 Corporate Park Drive, P.O. Box 396, Hopewell Junction, New York or on the district's website ([www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org)), and must be submitted to the Office of the District Clerk no earlier than April 20, 2026, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter or their designated agent. Qualified military voters may request a military absentee ballot application from the District Clerk between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and may indicate their preference to receive a military absentee ballot application via mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Absentee ballots for military voters shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Early mail ballots and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on May 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots are issued will be available for public inspection by any qualified voter of the District starting May 14, 2026 by appointment with the District Clerk, weekdays, between 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16, 2026, by appointment.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that a vote upon the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, a vote upon any other proposition legally proposed, and the vote for candidates for members of the Board of Education will be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth on the 19th day of May 2026, on which day the polls will be kept open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that the following terms are to be filled on the Board of Education:

<b>TERM</b>	<b>NAME OF PRESENT INCUMBENT</b>
Three (3) years	Peggy Kelland
Three (3) years	John C. Lumia
Three (3) years	Keith Odums

Pursuant to proposition previously adopted by the voters of this District, the vacancies are not considered separate specific offices; however, a petition is required to nominate a candidate for election. The petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least fifty-eight (58) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed not later than the 20th day of April 2026 with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., except that petitions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the polling places for qualified voters of the six (6) School Election Districts are as follows:

- School Election District No. 1 - Vassar Road Elementary School
- School Election District No. 2 - Wappinger Junior High School
- School Election District No. 3 - Fishkill Elementary School
- School Election District No. 4 - Fishkill Plains Elementary School
- School Election District No. 5 - Gayhead Elementary School
- School Election District No. 6 - Myers Corners Elementary School

The boundaries of the Election Districts are as follows:

**DISTRICT NO. 1**

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road), thence in a general southerly direction along the center line of Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road, thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of said tracks to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northeasterly with the Town line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Central School District, thence with the northerly line of the Central School District as it winds and turns in a northerly and westerly direction to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise election District #1.

**DISTRICT #2**

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the northerly boundary of the school district and the center line of Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also the southwest corner of Election District No. 1, thence with the southerly boundary of Election District No. 1 in a general southerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the intersection of such center line with the center line of Spring Road thence leaving the southerly line of District No. 1 and continuing in a general southerly direction along the center line of now existing Route 9 to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly boundary of the Central School District, thence with the westerly and northerly boundaries of the Central School District as the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #2.

**DISTRICT #3**

BEGINNING at a point, said point being the intersection of the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election District #2 above described, said point lying in the westerly line of the present Central School District, thence in a general easterly direction along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill and the southerly line of the Election Districts #2 and #6 to the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence with the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill in a general southerly direction to the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill and the northerly line of the County of Putnam with point is also the southeasterly corner of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly with the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the westerly line of the present district, thence in a general northerly direction along the westerly line of said district at the same winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #3.

**DISTRICT #4**

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction along the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly boundary of the present Central School District, thence along the northerly boundary of the present School District and generally in an easterly and southerly direction to the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence southwest along the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #4.

**DISTRICT #5**

BEGINNING at the point in the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill, said point being at the intersection thereof with the center line of the Fishkill Creek, thence in a general northerly direction with the center line of the Fishkill Creek as it winds and turns to the easterly boundary of the present School District, thence with the easterly boundary of said present School District, thence with the southerly line of said District and extending into the County of Putnam in a general westerly direction to the westerly line of said School District, thence northerly with the westerly line of said School District to the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill again in Dutchess County, thence easterly along the southerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the easterly line of the Town of East Fishkill, thence northerly along the southerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #5.

**DISTRICT #6**

BEGINNING at a point being the intersection of the center line of Spring Road and Route 9 (Albany Post Road as it now exits), said point being also in the easterly line of District #2, and the southerly line of Election District #1, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Spring Road to the center line of Vassar Road thence in a general northerly direction along the center line of Vassar Road to the center line of Jackson Road, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Jackson Road to the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road, thence still easterly and with the southerly line of District #1 along the center line of the Wappingers Falls - New Hackensack Road to the center line of Route 376, thence in a general easterly direction along the center line of Route 376 to the center line of Diddell Road, thence along the center line of Diddell Road in a general northeasterly direction to the center line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. tracks, thence generally southeasterly along the center line of District #1 and proceeding in a general southerly direction along the westerly line of the Town of East Fishkill to the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill, thence westerly along the northerly line of the Town of Fishkill to the intersection thereof with the center line of the existing Albany Post Road, said point being the southeasterly corner of District #2, thence with the easterly line of District #2 in a general northerly direction along the center line of existing Route 9 to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The territory lying within the above described boundary lines shall constitute and comprise Election District #6.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, of the State of New York, as amended, and resolutions of the Board of Education duly adopted, registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at said Special Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of said School District, or who does not register. Registration pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, as amended, shall not apply to any person registered to vote pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law of the State of New York.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that qualified voters of the Wappingers Central School District may register at the office of the District Clerk of the Wappingers Central School District at 25 Corporate Park Drive, Hopewell Junction, New York, on any school day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. prevailing time up until Thursday, May 14, 2026. At this time any person shall have their name placed on the election register, provided that at such time the person has proven to the satisfaction of the Clerk that he/she shall be entitled to vote. A qualified military voter who is not currently registered can request a military personal registration form during the same times and at the same locations as listed above. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a personal registration application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. A list of registered voters will be available for public inspection by any qualified voter of the District starting May 14, 2026, weekdays, by appointment with the District Clerk during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16, 2026, by appointment.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that a statement of the amount of money which will be required for school district purposes during the 2026-2027 school year exclusive of public money (the school district budget) will be complete, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, and a copy available upon request to each resident of the District and at each school building in the District in which school is maintained and at the District Office during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning on May 5, 2026.

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

Rebid Reconstruction of PA-01 Culvert, Town of Pawling. Project Description: Replacement existing culvert with pre-cast 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, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids 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

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16. Popular ursine meme star
17. Public health org.
18. Mountaineer's tool (2 words)
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21. \*World's noisiest insect
23. Comic book shriek
24. Like some excuses
25. Food safety org.
28. Man Ray's genre
30. Temporarily, legally speaking (2 words)
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37. 4th down kick
39. Quarter-round molding
40. Computer operating system
41. Metal bar
43. Mine passage
44. Antonym of exhume
46. Expert
47. Strip of wood
48. Throws
50. It will
52. Concurrence word
53. Silo contents
55. Romanian money
57. \*Bee's bounty
60. \*Boll weevil, e.g.
63. Aquarium scum
64. \*Lightning bug trap?
66. Brandish
68. Part of a flower
69. Bonanza find
70. Courtroom excuse
71. Whiskey grain, pl.
72. Coniferous tree
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3. Wintour of "Vogue" fame
4. Marsh plant
5. Not impromptu
6. Diplomat's asset
7. Antediluvian
8. Hajj destination
9. Cocaine plant
10. Got an A
11. March Madness org.
12. \*Number of legs on an insect
15. Famous Roman orator
20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
22. Mischief-maker
24. Opposite of energetic
25. \* \_\_\_\_ fly, first living creature sent to space
26. "I don't know," casually
27. #43 Across, pl.
29. \* \_\_\_\_ beetle, world's strongest insect
31. \*Shape of a ladybug or carpet beetle
32. Not tomorrow, not yesterday
33. Like basketball's final eight
34. \*Lepidoptera members, not butterflies
36. Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, e.g.
38. Reason for suit
42. Tutu fabric
45. Duran Duran's 1984 hit, with The
49. "Monkey \_\_\_\_, monkey do"
51. Wiggle room
54. "Have a great time!"
56. Useful
57. Performance with acts
58. Lecherous look
59. "Betcha Can't Eat Just One" brand
60. Tea or beer
61. Hawaiian flower garlands
62. Major European river
63. Acronym, abbr.
65. "Roses \_\_\_\_ red"
67. Bad-mouth, slangily

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# Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for new Herring Sanitation facility in Fishkill



A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Herring Sanitation's new facility, at 146 Old Route 9 in Fishkill, took place on Friday, April 3. The event was sponsored by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and saw attendance from members of our community.

At the ceremony, the Herring family was honored to accept certificates acknowledging their protracted service to the Hudson Valley. The Herrings wish to express their profound gratitude to

County Executive Sue Serino, Assemblyman Anil Beephan, and Senator Rob Rolison for presenting these distinguished commendations.

Established by Jimmy and Sharon Herring in 1973, the business is currently managed by Jason Herring and Amy Herring. The Herrings are honored to have both second and third-generation family members collaborating to serve their clientele, with Jimmy and Sharon maintaining their foundational guidance.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Herring Sanitation facility in Fishkill on April 3.

-Courtesy photos

## 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.

## Learn how to become a volunteer at the Hopewell Depot Museum



One can volunteer at the Hopewell Depot Museum in Hopewell Junction.

-Courtesy photo

The Hopewell Depot Museum is located in Hopewell Junction, at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and the Dutchess County Rail Trail, now part of the Empire State Trail.

The museum includes three buildings and a caboose. They are: the restored Hopewell Junction Depot built in 1873, which is now on the National Registry of Historical Buildings; the replica of the 1892 two-story Interlocking Signal Tower; the Bernard L. Rudberg Pavilion; and, the recently acquired 1916 Delaware & Hudson Caboose.

Volunteers are needed at the museum to greet and guide visitors through the depot, the signal tower, and the caboose. The museum is open every Saturday from April 25 through the end of October from 10 a.m. – 2

p.m. Volunteers can also help with completing the restoration of the caboose, building maintenance and preservation, fundraising, publicizing, and developing future projects at the museum.

If you think you might enjoy helping to preserve our railroad and community history, sharing that history with others, and communicating with diverse and interesting people, you will not be disappointed in joining our friendly, knowledgeable, all-volunteer staff. No special skills are needed to become a volunteer. We are happy to train you in your area of interest.

Please contact Linda Heitmann lheitma@optonline.net or Joyce Pfirman joycepfirman@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

## Spring Tag Sale at Mt. Alvernia April 25

A Spring Tag Sale will be held at Mt. Alvernia, 158 Delavergne Ave. in Wappingers Falls, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 25. There is something for

everyone. Sale benefits Mt. Alvernia. Among the items for sale will be household items, small appliances, toys, jewelry and more.

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## this week's puzzle solutions

This week's answer

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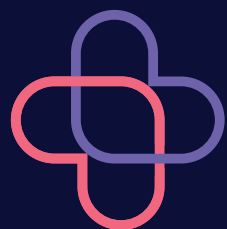
## Rotary Club to host Touch a Truck April 26

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls postponed its Touch A Truck until Sunday, April 26 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park from noon to 4 p.m. The original date for the annual event was April 19, but due to the forecast, the festivities were postponed.

For more information, please visit the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls Facebook page.

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