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Central Hudson invests \$200,000 in DCC green tech programming



Representatives from Dutchess Community College (DCC), Central Hudson, the Dutchess County Legislature and government officials gathered at the DCC site in Fishkill on Earth Day, April 22. Central Hudson invested \$200,000 into the college's Green Tech Programming.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess Community College (DCC) and Central Hudson announced the expansion of clean energy and advanced manufacturing workforce training programs on Wednesday, April 22 – Earth Day. The announcement was made at the DCC site on Route 9 in Fishkill where an investment of \$200,000 to DCC from Central Hudson was made for the Green Tech Program.

During his remarks, DCC President Dr.

Peter Grant Jordan shared that he talks with alumni and members of the community. “It was clear to me that DCC had a powerful impact.” He continued, “It’s my honor to make sure I am perpetuating that legacy.”

According to officials, the development of a new, state-of-the-art HVAC and building trades laboratory within DCC’s Center of Excellence for Business, Industry and Innovation will be used with the funds by Central

Hudson. The lab will provide hands-on training in modern, energy-efficient technologies, including heat pumps, mini-split systems, and high-efficiency electric equipment central to New York State’s clean energy transition, it was stated. The new 9,200 square-foot instructional space, it was remarked, “will replicate real-world working environments.”

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Focus on each shot leads young Vilardi to golf's dream courses



Hopewell Junction resident Mario Vilardi during the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals in Georgia.

-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

For generations of golfers, even stepping onto Augusta National’s grounds is a dream. At just 10 years old, Hopewell Junction’s Mario Vilardi did just that recently - competing in the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals on national television, in front of large crowds, and finishing just one point shy of the title. Now, just weeks later, Mario is already setting his sights on international competition.

The Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals bring together the top junior golfers from across the country during Masters week at Augusta National. Mario scored 28 out of a possible 33 points in the competition. Strong driving earned him valuable points, and a first-place finish in the chipping discipline kept him in contention heading into the final putting discipline, where he ultimately finished just one point behind Texas’ Stephen Sanders, who won the national title in the Boys 10–11 division.

“I was just thinking that I always had a chance to win, and I had to focus on this next shot,” said Mario.

Beyond its pristine appearance, Mario quickly learned that Augusta is even more challenging than it looks on television. Its dramatic slopes are difficult to see on screen, and the greens play far faster than they appear.

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Car show excitement builds as vintage autos head for Rhinebeck

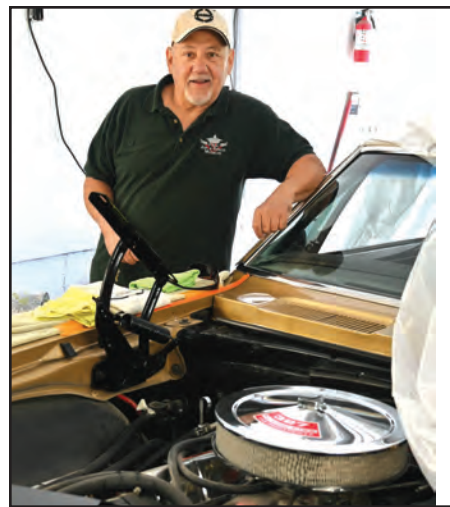
By Jim Donick

Once again the annual Rhinebeck Car Show kicks off the Hudson Valley’s vintage car calendar as the first big show of the season. It will be at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds from May 1 to 3.

“We expect a great turnout this year, if the weather cooperates,” says Mike Butler, the president of the event. “There could be as many as 600 cars on both days. We have some very special cars coming, as well, including the General Lee from the ‘Dukes of Hazzard’ and the Ford Grand Torino that was featured in the TV program ‘Starsky and Hutch.’ Additionally, we’ll be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the iconic Ford Bronco.”

The annual Rhinebeck Auto Show promises three days of automotive activity with something for any automotive taste, lots of food and vendors who attract even those not bringing a car. Owners displaying a vehicle will be vying for First, Second and Third Place awards in 56 classes.

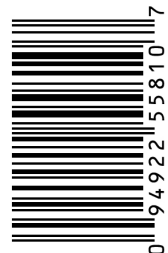
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Car restoration specialist Johnny Morris has been working all winter to prepare autos for this weekend's Rhinebeck Car Show at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

-Photo by Jim Donick

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Car show excitement builds as vintage autos head for Rhinebeck



More than 600 antique, classic and hot rod and custom autos are planned to be on display at the Rhinebeck Car Show at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday. The Swap Meet is set on Friday.



Students at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park work to finish their Winner's Circle auto for the Rhinebeck Show. Student teams from Arlington, John Jay and Pine Plains also plan to bring their Winner's Circle cars to the show.

-Courtesy photos

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The first of the three days is Friday. It is the opening of the weekend-long swap meet. People in search of a particular part will be there for the opening. With well over 200 vendors expected, one can likely find nearly any needed part for any automobile. There will also be vendors with tires, garage equipment, tool storage solutions, automobilia, and even just the latest style of sweatshirt or jacket to display one's enthusiasm. There will also be a car corral where one might find a special car to drive home.

Saturday is for Hot Rods, Customs and Race Cars. One can expect to see wild custom paint jobs in colors the factory never dreamed of. Some will have engines putting out well over 500 horsepower. Hot Rods and Customs are the domain of owners who want their cars to

be unique and to reflect their own tastes and imagination.

Sunday brings the vintage and classic cars. These are generally unmodified from new and are often shown with an eye to original details that may rival the efforts of the people who actually built them. These cars will represent everything from the car your grandparents or parents drove to the one that you could only dream of as a youth.

Being the first big show of the season, preparation for the Rhinebeck event has the midnight oil burning in garages all through the area. Enthusiasts are anxious to begin a new season. Noted local vintage car restorer Johnny Morris said, "We sit around all winter without an event and then the spring comes and we get to go to Rhinebeck. We're waiting all winter without driving our cars. When

this show comes up, it's like a big-time automobile concert with all the right sounds and sights."

Morris will be going with half a dozen of his buddies, several of whom will be bringing cars that Morris restored for them.

"I'm finishing up this '68 Camaro RS. It's almost ready to go and will be when I get the hood mounted," he says. "The paint came out beautifully and the guys who did the mechanicals are geniuses."

Many of Morris' customers think of him as a bit of a magician when it comes to the aesthetic restorations he turns out.

Shawn Christensen, who is the advisor to the FDR High School Winners Circle team creating a racing car in competition with a number of other high schools around the state, remarks that he and his team of students are "super excited"

about showing their car in Rhinebeck this year.

"We're working pretty hard right now to finish up some details, but we will be ready in time. This year, we're even more excited that several other local high schools will be bringing their cars, too. People will be able to see and admire the work of the FDR team as well as those from John Jay, Pine Plains and Arlington high schools."

The schedule for the event reflects a very full and exciting weekend.

Friday, May 1: Swap Meet setup and opening (Noon-5 p.m.)

Saturday, May 2: Rod & Custom Show (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Sunday, May 3: Antique & Classic Car Show (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

For registration and specific vendor inquiries, visit the official Rhinebeck Car Show website, <https://rhinebeckcarshow.net>

Wappinger Town Highway Department to repave, reconstruct 20 town-owned roads

The Town of Wappinger Highway Department began its annual paving program this month, with work expected to continue through the spring season.

Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, the Wappinger Town Board, and Superintendent of Highways Michael J. Sheehan are proud to announce the repaving and improvement of 20 town-owned roadways, totaling approximately 4.64 miles.

It was stated that the Town of Wappinger remains committed to investing in its infrastructure and enhancing roadway conditions throughout the community. According to Town officials, this

year's paving schedule reflects ongoing efforts to improve safety, extend the life of local roadways, and ensure a smoother travel experience for residents.

The Highway Department will notify residents on impacted roadways prior to the start of work. Notifications will include posted signage along affected streets to alert motorists and residents of upcoming paving operations.

Residents on impacted roadways are advised to avoid parking on the street during paving operations and are encouraged to use caution when traveling through active work zones. Every effort will be made to minimize interrup-

tions; however, temporary delays may occur, it was stated.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Wappinger Town Highway Department at 845-297-9451.

Roadwork Projects:

- Ardmore Drive – Ward 3 – 0.40 miles
- Aspen Court – Ward 3 – 0.05 miles
- Aster Hill Road – Ward 4 – 0.14 miles
- Baker Court – Ward 4 – 0.10 miles
- Blackthorn Loop – Ward 3 – 0.35 miles
- Cooper Road – Ward 2 – 0.45 miles
- Eck Road – Ward 2 – 0.30 miles
- Glenbrook Court – Ward 4 – 0.09 miles
- Granger Place – Ward 3 – 0.10 miles

Hearthstone Road – Ward 4 – 0.05 miles

Lane Gate Road – Ward 4 – 0.40 miles

Marlyn Drive – Ward 2 – 0.15 miles

Namoth Road – Ward 4 – 0.25 miles

Pattie Place – Ward 3 – 0.20 miles

Primrose Court – Ward 3 – 0.05 miles

Rosewood Court – Ward 3 – 0.05 miles

Russ Place – Ward 3 – 0.11 miles

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Milling and paving work on Fishkill Ave. in Beacon

The City of Beacon will have milling and paving operations on Fishkill Ave. from Blackburn Ave. to Prospect St. Work is expected through April 29 for milling and May 4 through May 7 for repaving.

It was recommended by officials to check the City website for more updates.

All work is weather-dependent and subject to change, it was noted.

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Focus on each shot leads young Vilardi to golf's dream courses

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Mario's father, David Vilardi, walked alongside Mario on the lush Augusta grassgrounds, prepared as it would be for the 90th Masters Tournament. Large crowds lining the paths stunned the pair moving through the grounds. Fans' applause enveloped father and son's every step – Augusta's treatment for all golfers, 7 years old or 70. Personnel gave the juniors their spotlight, from the welcome dinner, interviews, and live broadcast coverage. Mario played in front of the masses in Georgia and the Golf Channel audience at home. With thousands watching, he delivered the timely, clutch shots that he has become known for making.

"It's great what the Drive, Chip and Putt program is doing, giving these kids an opportunity to compete at Augusta, which is incredibly difficult to experience otherwise. Every detail was so precise. It was an incredible experience for both the kids and the families," said Dave, noting the 'unbelievable' welcome that the 80 junior golfers and their families received.

At 18 years old, U.S. Amateur champion Mason Howell was the youngest competitor in the Masters field. A high school senior, Mason is closer in age to the oldest Drive, Chip, and Putt competitors than the bulk of his competitors, and a shining example of the possibilities for hard-working young golfers.

There were many sweet spots beyond the staple peach-laden menu and the ice cream sundae Mario enjoyed from his trophy. He met his favorite golfer, Bryson DeChambeau, preparing for a sixth Masters appearance. As anyone who has met their sports hero knows,

Mario's experience was exhilarating, fun, and mostly indescribable. Over dinner, Mario clicked quickly with Idaho native and fellow competitor Owen, over sports they enjoy and just being boys. After watching a Masters practice round, Mario's brush with the quick greens and green jackets came to a close.

Each moment—from the competition to the friendships he formed—was the result of a year of preparation and belief. For Mario, it was never a question of whether he would make it to Augusta, but when.

"A part of our brain is like, 'Okay, yes, we want that too, but gosh, we have to also keep realistic expectations,'" said David. "And then he was just a point away [from winning]. He knows how difficult it is to get back there and what it takes, but that's his goal for next year."

"Who wouldn't want to go back to Augusta, right?" said Mario's mother, Louisa Vilardi.

And it was there on the world's biggest golf stage that Mario's mindset shifted. He visualized winning it all.

The family journeys next to the Golf Coast of Scotland, where Mario will join other top juniors at the 17th annual U.S. Kids Golf European Championship. This invitational promises unfamiliar terrain and the signature windy, winding Scottish fairways. Neither fazes this young golfer.

"I never really know the course [where I play]. So I just think about playing my best," said Mario.

The Vilardis will continue to support Mario's dream at every turn. To take the flights, carry the bag, and witness each milestone alongside him. Especially if that means a return to next year's Drive, Chip, and Putt National Finals, where Mario plans to take the title.

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Dutchess Community College President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan makes remarks on Central Hudson's \$200,000 investment in the college on April 22 in Fishkill.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Assistant County Executive Ron Hicks remarked during the presentation, "We're competing against the world." He said this is a significant investment and shared when the Dutchess County Legislature years ago approved of the funds for the program at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport.

He said the students knowing they "can walk out of here with a job" is "phenomenal."

"This work is my calling. The idea of getting students together with employers – the idea of living in this community ... we are about access to everyone," said Jordan. He later stated that DCC is also ensuring students' success and "that they leave [DCC] with skills" that are going to get them that job.

Wappingers Central School District Superintendent of School Dr. Dwight Bonk was in attendance for the announcement. "We're ecstatic for this partnership. It's going to provide many opportunities for our students. We're very fortunate to have this facility right here in our backyard," said the superintendent.

Bonk noted the Wappingers CSD is "beginning this whole career awareness

piece at the elementary level," adding, "it's not that early."

Wappingers Falls resident and DCC student Jonathan Nuñez said during the presentation that DCC courses are "absolutely amazing."

"I thank DCC for everything they've done for me," said Nuñez, who attended Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Wappingers CSD.

Anthony S. Campagiorni, Central Hudson Electric & Gas Corporation Executive Vice President, Strategic Development, stated, "It's about the people and good clean jobs."

"We're deeply rooted in this community. We've been here for 126 years," remarked Campagiorni.

"There's so much going on and there will be more innovation going on" at DCC, said County Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith, who noted enrollment at this DCC site has been growing.

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra remarked, "This is positive for the Town of Fishkill. It's another tangible asset that makes the community great." He added this will assist in getting people to continue investing in Fishkill.

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Held in Grace: Reflection on Life, Death & Grief set for May and June

Held in Grace: Reflection on Life, Death & Grief will be held May 5 - June 2. The supportive gathering will meet for five weeks at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 60 Union St. in Beacon.

All are welcome. Organizers said one does not need to be experiencing a recent loss to attend.

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Albra comments on historic burial site

To the Editor:

In 2021, the Town adopted a Historic Preservation Law (Town Code §150-139). Following its adoption, the Continental Commons project initiated litigation challenging the law. In response, the Town Board amended the code to include a grandfathering provision for that application (Section L). The Town ultimately prevailed in that case.

Since the law's enactment, three major projects along Route 9 have complied fully with its requirements:

The Century Aggregates cement mixing plant near the Putnam County border, in the vicinity of the Battery Monument, where no graves were identified.

The Snook Road office building project, located just east of the Van Wyck Homestead, where no graves were found.

The Dutchess Mall redevelopment project, which also complied with the law and yielded no evidence of graves. Notably, this site had previously been excavated in 1971-1972, at which time no graves were discovered.

Additionally, during the construction of the I-84 southbound off-ramp in the early 1990s, no graves were identified.

With respect to the Revolutionary War burial ground, the historical record is clear: the burial site is located south of the Village, specifically south of Route 52 along Route 9. Historically, Route 9 did not extend north of Route 52; it followed the Albany Post Road west along present-day Route 52, then turned north along Jackson Street toward Osborne and points beyond.

To date, the only confirmed location where graves have been found is at the intersection of Route 9 and Van Wyck Lake Road. The remaining question is the nature of this burial ground. The developer has stated at multiple public meetings that it is a Van Wyck family burial site, while others maintain that it is a Revolutionary War burial ground.

As a retired police officer and U.S. Army veteran, serving in a military tradition that traces directly back to the Continental Army, I take our nation's history seriously and with great pride. During my tenure as Supervisor, this administration has made historic preservation a priority. Our efforts include the adoption of historic preservation laws, the installation of the Chief Nimham statue, and the restoration of more than 20 New York State historical markers, including the Battery Monument near the Putnam border, where a Betsy Ross flag has been installed.

We have also honored our veterans by naming six roads after service members who

lost their lives in combat, adding a Spanish-American War dedication to the Town's War Memorial Garden, and developing one of the region's most robust Veteran Banner programs. In recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, we have introduced a well-received historical "passport" program, complete with commemorative pins. The Historical Society recently hosted a record-breaking gala, reflecting the community's strong engagement with our shared heritage.

Looking ahead, on Friday, June 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Town will host a free community celebration at Heritage Financial Park. The event will feature student readings of the Declaration of Independence and a fireworks display made possible through generous contributions from Thalle and Century Aggregates.

In the near future, I will complete a comprehensive study for presentation to the Town Board regarding the burial ground at Route 9 and Van Wyck Lake Road. As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation, it is important that we determine the nature and significance of this site.

In closing, no prior administration has done more in such a short period to preserve, promote, and advocate for our history. Whether this site is ultimately determined to be a family burial ground or a Revolutionary War burial ground, our community can take pride in the meaningful progress we have made in honoring and protecting our past.

Ozzy Albra
Town of Fishkill Supervisor

Rolison keeps fighting for lower utility bills

To the Editor:

Across our communities, I continue to hear the same concern from families and small businesses: utility bills are simply too high, and the cost of taxes, fees, and surcharges exceeds the cost of the energy itself.

For the second time, in Albany, I introduced an amendment that would temporarily suspend utility bill taxes and surcharges, mirroring my legislation, Senate Bill 8463, and is designed to provide meaningful, immediate savings to New Yorkers during a time when affordability is a growing crisis, not relief in 5 - 10 years.

Unfortunately, the Senate majority voted against this amendment again, but this is not the end of the fight.

I brought this proposal forward because it is a practical, commonsense solution that meets people where they are right now. And while it was not adopted this time, I remain committed to pushing for policies that ease the burden on ratepayers and put money back in your pockets.

To the residents of our district: I hear you, I see the challenges you're facing, and I will not stop fighting for you. I will continue to advocate for real solutions that make everyday life more affordable and ensure your voices are heard in Albany.

Senator Rob Rolison
New York State Senate, District 39

Mid-Hudson libraries bring joy to all

To the Editor

The staff of the Mid-Hudson Library System just completed their celebration of National Library Week (April 19-25). Our theme this year is "Find Your Library Joy!" to highlight how libraries strengthen communities and support lifelong learning.

When I think about how I find my "Library Joy," I just have to read a member library newsletter or scan their social media feeds. Our member libraries bring joy to so many, in so many creative, unexpected, and meaningful ways.

Recently I found joy in seeing the Pawling Library host "Anything Can Happen Day!" for students at Pawling Elementary School; watching the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel bring back the legendary local history walk with several beloved, retired 4th grade teachers in their community; receiving invitations to ribbon cuttings at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library for their new pavilion and the Woodstock Library to celebrate the completion of their new facility - all of these things bring me joy.

But what I am most joyous about is the everyday success I see exhibited by library directors, library workers, library trustees and Library Friends groups. From getting the right book into someone's hands; to teaching someone how to get an email address or decipher an online form; to creating programs that bring neighbors together to learn and be a community together - our library people are what makes me most joyous of all. Please thank your local library workers, trustees, and Friends Group members for all they do to bring Library Joy to their communities.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System

Non-response from Senator Rolison on ICE issues

To the Editor:

I've been involved in group calls with our Senator Rob Rolison which I can only describe as 'defensive,' uninformative, non-collaborative. I know many others with similar experiences, especially as we press passing legislation like NY4ALL to protect immigrant neighbors and all of us from ICE's depredations.

Due to such evasion, I recently joined a group of Vassar students from the "For the Many" chapter to visit Senator Rolison's Poughkeepsie office. The students made 150+ calls, sent a 1/2 dozen emails to him requesting a meeting; no response.

We didn't expect to see him, but when we arrived, there he was. Our group started an impromptu meeting, desperate to get answers or support on the issues we feel must be resolved by these pending bills.

Several students and I spoke with Senator Rolison, looking for common ground, but it was no better than it had ever been. We know he was a cop for 26 years, we know he dealt with immigrant issues and communities many, many times. So, we asked him a simple question: politics aside, how does he feel in his heart about our immigrant neighbors, and what outcome does he want for them?

Based on his non-response, I can only assume Senator Rolison has no sympathy for their plight, and a thick skin and casual contempt for his constituent's well-being. My final request was simple, "Set a date to meet to get updates on these issues?" Providing these Albany updates to constituents is part of his elected role.

He failed us again, same answer: "I don't know, not sure." His secretary was there, so of course he could know a date/time to meet with us?

Well, I can say we will be back, invited or not. Our votes (some of our votes, anyway) put him in office, and all of our tax dollars pay for him. He KNOWS he hasn't much time left in office and will just run out the clock, do nothing, enjoying salary and benefits. He showed his contempt for the plight of our immigrant neighbors, and all who suffer from ICE's outrages.

What I took from this meeting is that Senator Rolison simply does not care, so I had to share what I know with my Hudson Valley neighbors. I hope you'll join me at the ballot box in November, vote for a State Senator who will respond to our needs and concerns.

Brian McElroy
Poughkeepsie

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Area 4-H Clubs to be featured May 3 at Hackett Farm Supply



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. Everyone is invited to attend. 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. In the photos (clockwise from top left) are members of the following 4-H Clubs - Homespun Hangout, Legen – Dairy Moo Crew and Crafty Quilters.

-Courtesy photos

Anderson Center for Autism to receive over \$1M through support of Senator Gillibrand

The executive leadership team of Anderson Center for Autism has announced that Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has helped secure \$1,064,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for the organization's Dellinwood Institute Facilities Enhancement project. The funds will be utilized to fulfill a required step toward Anderson's construction of a healthcare training and workforce development center: addressing wastewater needs on its Staatsburg campus through the purchase and installation of a new septic system.

Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said, "We are incredibly grateful to Senator Gillibrand for her tireless advocacy on behalf of our mission and vision. Our plans to construct the Dellinwood Institute for Global Advances in ASD Care have been contingent on the installation of a new septic system, which comes at a substantial cost. By providing access to funding for this purpose, Senator Gillibrand has paved the way for us to complete that step and then build our highly-anticipated training facility, which will ultimately provide the professional development opportunities that can transform care for autistic individuals locally, regionally, throughout New York State, and all over the world."

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said, "Once complete, the Dellinwood Institute will be home to indoor and outdoor multipurpose training and conference spaces, trainee clinical, medical, and dental skills practice rooms, and a 'living classroom' for visitors who wish to see what an autism supportive environment incorporates - an ideal atmosphere for colleagues in healthcare, education, and behavioral health to come learn all about the evidence-based practices that will improve their service delivery outcomes. Our hope is to address the worldwide workforce shortage of properly-trained autism professionals, thus empowering us to further our mission

near and far. But the project can only move forward with infrastructure development, namely this septic system - and Senator Gillibrand's work to secure these funds will make that possible! We admire her dedication to our cause, and deeply appreciate all that she has done and continues to do for the many people impacted by autism."

Gillibrand said, "I'm proud to have secured \$1.06 million in federal funding for Anderson Center for Autism to make critical infrastructure upgrades for their new health care and training facility. The Dellinwood Institute for Global Advances in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Care will address the increasing demand for professional autism care at both the regional and national levels through robust workforce development programs. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I'll continue to fight for federal resources that will empower and advance the field of science and strengthen the health and wellbeing of our communities for generations to come."

According to Paul and Covington, the training facility at Anderson is also expected to help reduce the cost of autism care, which is projected to be \$1.36 trillion by 2040.

"By empowering professionals who are working with this population with expert training, they will be better-positioned to protect the health and well-being of autistic individuals. This will likely decrease medical and dental expenses for these patients over the course of their lifespans, as various health-related issues might be identified and resolved more quickly if a provider knows how to successfully navigate challenges that sometimes come with caring for autistic patients," explained Covington.

"In addition," noted Paul, "The Dellinwood Institute will be our region's very first autism-focused behavioral health training facility, which has obvious benefits to our local economy and to the many people who will be able to easily access the expertise of our team. We are excited about the many ways we can contribute to our field

County comptroller releases Department of Mental Health audit report 'with no major discrepancies'

County reports

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has completed its audit of the Dutchess County Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024. DMH provides prevention, treatment, recovery, and support services for Dutchess County residents living with mental health issues, intellectual or developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorders.

The primary objectives of the Comptroller's Office were to assess, evaluate, and verify the Department's receipt of state aid funding, contract adherence, and the health of their fiscal procedures. While the Comptroller's Office did not identify any major discrepancies during the period reviewed, it was recommended that the Department of Mental Health make efforts to complete their reconciliations annually and to produce written

policies and procedures for all processes related to the receipt and use of state aid.

"Our Office recognizes the significant challenges faced by the newly created Department of Mental Health, and we appreciate the time and effort they've made to review and improve their operations," said Comptroller Aymar-Blair. "Their meaningful engagement with our audit process should give taxpayers confidence that the Department of Mental Health will continue to strive for operational excellence in the years ahead."

The Comptroller's Office would like to thank Commissioner of Mental Health, Jean-Marie Niebuhr, and her team at the Department of Mental Health for their assistance in the preparation of this audit.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) Audit Report for January 1, 2022-December 31, 2024 can be found on the Comptroller's website.

Sports Museum of Dutchess County sets 2026 Opening Day celebration

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County has announced its 2026 Opening Day, taking place on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Carnwath Farm Historic site, 81 Carnwath Farm Lane in Wappingers Falls.

This year's theme, "Come See What's New," invites visitors of all ages to explore the latest exhibits and discover fresh additions celebrating the rich history of sports in Dutchess County and beyond.

Guests will have the opportunity to

experience newly curated displays, revisit fan-favorite exhibits, and engage with the stories and achievements of local athletes and sports figures who have made a lasting impact on the community. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

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D.A.: Brother sentenced to 25 years, 5 years of post-release supervision for causing death of sister

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on April 21 that Mark Dedaj, 34, was sentenced to 25 years in state prison and five years of post-release supervision in Dutchess County Court after his plea in January to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, in violation of Penal Law Section 125.20, subdivision (1), for causing the death of his sister, Maureen Nelson-Lanzi.

Parisi commented in a press release, "This was a brutal and deeply tragic act of violence within a family that resulted in the loss of a precious young life. For too long, this case went without action, and today's sentence makes clear that justice will not be denied simply because time has passed. Our Office made the deliberate decision to move this case forward because the facts demanded accountability. While no sentence can undo this loss, this outcome ensures the defendant is held responsible and provides a measure of justice for the victim and her loved ones. We remain committed to pursuing justice in every case, no matter how difficult, and no matter how long it takes."

The incident occurred on September 4, 2021, at 58 Harts Village Road, in the Village of Millbrook. The defendant admitted that he caused the death of his



Mark Dedaj

-Photo courtesy Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

17-year-old sister, Maureen Nelson-Lanzi, by smothering her to death in their residence, according to the district attorney's office.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Anthony DeFazio and Unit Chief Angela LoPane. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case.

Dutchess County Health Fair returns to Dutchess Community College on May 2

The Dutchess County Department of Health will host its fifth annual Y.O.U.R. (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Fair on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dutchess Community College's Falcon Hall. This free, family friendly event brings together dozens of local organizations, health professionals and county agencies to promote wellness, prevention, and community connection. The event is free to the public, and there will be free shuttle service from the City of Poughkeepsie.

In its fifth year, the Dutchess County Health Fair has become a signature event for Dutchess County, offering residents an opportunity to explore a wide range of health resources in one accessible location. More than 70 exhibitors will be on hand to share information on physical and mental health, preventive care, nutrition, fitness, and community support services. Attendees can speak directly with healthcare providers, learn about insurance options, and discover programs available throughout the county.

Dutchess County Health Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado said, "The Health Fair offers residents a valuable opportunity to engage directly with the many health services and supports available in our area. By bringing together community partners, health care professionals, and families in one accessible setting, we aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions about their well being. This event reflects our continued commitment to fostering a healthier, more connected community."

Attendees can meet a wide range of service providers on topic areas, such as:

- Public health, tick-borne illness and lead prevention;
- General health from childhood to senior care;
- Mental health and recovery services;
- Veterans Services;
- Environmental health;
- Nutrition; and
- Heart health.

This year's fair will feature interactive demonstrations and hands-on learning opportunities, along with wellness activities for all ages. Food trucks, giveaways, and family friendly entertainment will make the

event both informative and enjoyable. Dutchess County's "Fit Dutchess" initiative will host an interactive photo booth, provide play mats for children, and share fresh local apples from a nearby orchard.

Throughout the event, there will be a variety of interactive opportunities at the exhibitor booths and on the performance stage. Some of these offerings include:

- Performances by Roy C. Ketcham High School Step Team;
- Taekwondo demonstration from Kwon Martial Arts;
- Hands-only CPR and Narcan trainings;
- Blood pressure screenings;
- Emergency Preparedness techniques;
- Karate demonstration from Traditional Okinawan Karate of Pleasant Valley;
- Pet CPR; and
- Much more!

As part of Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, the Department of Health's Early Intervention and Preschool Division will host a beach themed, sensory friendly area designed to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities. This thoughtfully curated space will feature engaging games and activities tailored for children of all abilities.

For even more fun, attendees can take part in exciting outdoor attractions, including food trucks and car seat checks provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.

Health Fair attendees will be able to take home many free health-related items, such as tick removal kits, hot/cold packs, emergency preparedness gear, bento boxes, food thermometers, lifesaving Narcan kits and much more. Attendees can also enter to win a variety of raffle prizes including gift baskets and gift cards from local eateries and experiences, by completing the Health Fair's "passport," which encourages visitors to explore and engage with vendors throughout the event.

Dutchess County Public Transit will provide free shuttles from the Transit Hub on Market Street in Poughkeepsie to Falcon Hall, running in continuous loops from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Jury convicts Hyde Park man of criminal contempt, stalking, hate crime

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced that on April 13, following two days of testimony and just over three hours of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 32-year-old Jacob Bender, of Hyde Park, of the crimes of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree and Stalking in the Fourth Degree as a Hate Crime, both Class A Misdemeanors.

Parisi said in a statement, "This defendant engaged in a deliberate and escalating course of conduct, ignoring the authority of the court, targeting a member of the clergy, and instilling fear through repeated, threatening communications and physical proximity to her home. That conduct is not only unlawful, but also an attack on the fundamental right of every person to feel safe in their home and to practice their faith without fear of intimidation or harassment."

Parisi added, "This case underscores exactly why our Office has established a dedicated Hate Crimes Unit, supported through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. We are strengthening our ability to identify, investigate, and prosecute crimes driven by bias, intolerance, and hate. When individuals are targeted because of who they are, what they believe, or the communities they serve, the impact extends far beyond a single victim, it strikes at the core of our shared values. Let me be clear, behavior driven by hate or intolerance will not be tolerated in Dutchess County. Everyone in this community has the right to live, worship, and serve free from fear, and this Office will stand unwavering in defense of that right. I thank the jury for their careful attention to the evidence and for delivering a just verdict."

According to the D.A.'s Office: The jury concluded that on December 6, 2024, in the Town of Hyde Park, the defendant violated a duly served order of protection and placed Rector Meredith Sanderson in reasonable fear of physical injury, serious physical injury or death by sending an email indicating, in sum and substance, that Ms. Sanderson had no authority to preach the



Jacob Bender

-Photo courtesy Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

gospel and that she and her flock would burn in hell. Additionally, the jury concluded that the defendant violated a duly served order of protection on December 11, 2024, by walking by her residence. Lastly, the jury concluded that the defendant engaged in a course of conduct predicated on his dissatisfaction with her church's acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community when, between November 10, 2024 and November 13, 2024, he emailed Ms. Sanderson using the subject line "repent," causing her to reasonably fear harm to her physical health, safety or property. Ms. Sanderson is the Rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park. Mr. Bender's grandparents are congregants of the church.

The Town of Hyde Police Department handled the investigation with the assistance of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chief Brittney Kessel and Senior Assistant District Attorney Victoria Roessling. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes, who has scheduled sentencing for May 11, according to the officials.

20-year-old sentenced to 10 years in prison for September 2025 shooting incident in Poughkeepsie

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on April 16 that Malachi Cornwall, 20, was sentenced to 10 years in prison followed by 5 years post-release supervision following his March 4, guilty plea to one count of Assault in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said in a press release on April 16, "This was a calculated act of violence that could easily have resulted in a loss of life. The defendant chose to use a loaded firearm in a public setting, causing serious physical injury and putting others at grave risk. That kind of conduct demands a strong and decisive response. This sentence reflects the seriousness of the offense and our commitment to holding violent offenders fully accountable while prioritizing the safety of our community."

According to the district attorney's office, the charge stems from an incident that occurred in the early morning of September 27, 2025, in front of 313 Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. During that incident, Cornwall fired a loaded firearm at another individual, striking them in the back, requiring the victim to undergo surgery and stay in the hospital for several days.

The case was investigated by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, including the department's Neighborhood



Malachi Cornwall

-Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

Recovery Unit (NRU). The prosecution was led by Senior Assistant District Attorneys Griffin Kenyon and Liz Kurtz. The matter was presided over by the Honorable Jessica Z. Segal in Dutchess County Court.



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Abilities First and Foundation for Abilities First NY announce 2026 Recognition Reception Honorees

Abilities First and the Foundation for Abilities First NY celebrate the announcement of the 2026 Honorees for the 2026 Recognition Reception, taking place on Wednesday, June 3, at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. This evening is dedicated to honoring those who make a difference in the lives of the people we serve, whose generosity, vision, and commitment help transform our mission of empowerment and inclusion into everyday reality.

Distinguished 2026 honorees include:

Business Partner of the Year - The Culinary Institute of America

Few partnerships reflect the spirit of inclusion as beautifully as the one we share with the Culinary Institute of America. The CIA has opened its doors, and its kitchens to the people we serve, creating real pathways to skill-building, dignity, and belonging. What makes this partnership truly extraordinary is the CIA's commitment not only to providing hands-on learning experiences in the culinary and hospitality trades, but to actively hiring the individuals we support offering meaningful employment and real careers in a world-class environment. Their belief that everyone deserves both a seat at the table and the opportunity to help set it is a testament to what inclusive partnership can look like at its finest.

Volunteer of the Year - Michelle Smith

True volunteerism is born from the heart, and Michelle Smith's heart has always been with Abilities First. As a dedicated volunteer, a generous philanthropic contributor, and a trusted leader serving as both a board member and Treasurer of the Foundation for Abilities First NY, Michelle gives herself in every sense — her time, her resources, and her strategic vision. Her financial stewardship has helped ensure the long-term sustainability of programs that change lives every

day, while her hands-on presence reminds the people, we serve that they are valued, seen, and celebrated. We are deeply grateful for everything Michelle brings to this mission.

Community Partner of the Year - Paul Lloyd

Paul Lloyd exemplifies what it means to be a true community partner — someone who doesn't just support a cause from a distance, but actively works to build a more inclusive, welcoming world. His steadfast advocacy for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and his dedication to removing barriers wherever he finds them, embodies the kind of change that transforms lives. We are proud to recognize Paul for the extraordinary difference he continues to make.

Friend of Abilities First Award - Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge 275

For the young people we serve, a prom is more than a party. It is a milestone, a memory, and a powerful reminder that they deserve every joy that life has to offer. Year after year, the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge No. 275 has made that moment possible, opening their doors and their hearts to host an annual prom that is nothing short of magical for our students. At the center of it all is member Jane Anderson, whose dedication, creativity, and extraordinary attention to detail transforms this event into a truly one-of-a-kind celebration. Jane goes above and beyond, every single year, to ensure that every student feels seen, celebrated, and cherished. The Elks' continued commitment to our youth is a gift beyond measure, and we are so honored to call them friends.

Abilities First Person of the Year - Staci Diliberto

Staci Diliberto is extraordinary. Every day, with grace, determination, and an inspiring



Volunteer of the Year Michelle Smith and Paul Lloyd will be honored during Abilities First and Foundation for Abilities First NY 2026 Recognition Reception in June.

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spirit, Staci demonstrates what is possible when a person is supported, believed in, and given the opportunity to thrive. Nominated by the dedicated staff who have had the privilege of working alongside her, Staci's journey is a testament to the power of resilience and the remarkable things that happen when we refuse to let any barrier define what someone can achieve. Her story does not just inspire those around her — it elevates our entire mission. We are so proud and so honored to celebrate Staci.

Accessibility Innovation Partner of the Year - Adaptive Design Hudson Valley

What sets Adaptive Design Hudson Valley apart is not just their ingenuity — it is their heart. Every adaptive piece they create is handmade and thoughtfully personalized to the unique needs of each individual child, with meticulous attention to fit, comfort, and function. They take the time to truly know each child, ensuring that every design solution is as individual as the person it

serves. That level of care, the kind that cannot be rushed or replicated — is what transforms a piece of equipment into a tool for independence and a source of dignity. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and proud to honor an organization whose commitment to every child they touch is nothing short of extraordinary.

"It is humbling to look at this year's honorees and see the depth of dedication that surrounds our mission. Paul Lloyd, Michelle Smith, Staci Diliberto, the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge 275, Adaptive Design and the Culinary Institute of America — these are the people and organizations who make Abilities First's work not just possible, but extraordinary," Jeffery Fox, Ph.D., President & CEO, Abilities First, Inc.

For information about event sponsorship, tickets, and congratulatory digital journal ad opportunities, please contact JoAnn Parker, Director of Development, at joannparker@abilitiesfirstny.org.

Hudson Valley landowners awarded over \$1.3 million in case over Empire State Trail expansion

Landowners across the Hudson Valley have secured more than \$1.3 million in compensation after successfully challenging a federal taking of private property tied to the extension of the Empire State Trail, and planned Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail.

The claims involve a 41-mile former railroad corridor running through Beacon, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Stormville, past Brewster, to the New York-Connecticut state line — impacting hundreds of Hudson Valley families whose properties border the planned or current trail.

The case was brought by landowners represented by Stewart, Wald & Smith, a firm that focuses on representation of landowners' property rights in rail-trail conversions against the federal government.

When former railroad lines are converted into public trails, disputes often arise over whether the government has taken private property without paying for it. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that private property shall not be taken for public use, without just compensation.

In the case, *Zanzarella, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 24-239*, after two years of litigation, much has happened. Some landowners have secured payouts amounting to over \$1.3 million in recovery and yet others proceeded to trial.

Just earlier this month, in a recent trial held in Manhattan, New York for a portion of the claims in *Zanzarella, et. al. v. United States*, attorneys Steven M. Wald, Michael J. Smith, & Allison P. Bettlach

presented evidence for the Court to determine monetary damages for additional landowners.

The firm represents more than 200 landowners in multiple related cases involving this corridor and the planned extension of the Empire State Trail: *Snee, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 24-1991, Active Dog, LLC, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 25-1540, Almenas, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 24-199, Sherman, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 24-2010, and Durk, et. al. v. United States, Case No. 24-2391*, all filed in the United States Court of Federal Claims. While some claims have already resulted in settlement payments to landowners, and some have won on proving the government is liable, additional cases remain pending, with further compensation expected as litigation continues.

Attorney Steven Wald stated: "There is an opportunity for hundreds more landowners to seek compensation at this time. We hope landowners will consider bringing a claim before the statute of limitations forever bars their opportunity for a recovery."

Rail-to-trail conversions—where former railroad corridors are transformed into public trails—often raise complex legal issues involving property ownership. Under the Fifth Amendment, the government must pay landowners when private property is taken for public use. Cases like this are becoming more common as rail lines are converted into public trails nationwide.

Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP announces addition of Jordan M. Gwynn

Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S), a leading personal injury and medical malpractice law firm in the Hudson Valley, has announced that Jordan M. Gwynn of Fishkill has joined the team as an associate attorney. For more than 40 years, FKC&S has represented clients in complex matters in state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital Region.

"Jordan brings a strong litigation background and a thoughtful, disciplined approach to his work," said Jeffrey M. Feldman, founding partner of FKC&S. "His courtroom experience and commitment to public service make him a valuable addition to our team and to the clients we serve."

Gwynn earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Albany Law School, where he was a Dean's Scholarship recipient and served as an associate editor of the Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology. During law school, he gained experience through internships with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York, the Queens County District Attorney's Office, the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office and the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office.

Prior to joining FKC&S, Gwynn served as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. In that role, he managed a substantial caseload of felony and misdemeanor matters, handling cases from investigation through resolution. He regularly appeared in court for arraignments and hearings, presented numerous cases to the grand jury and has meaningful trial experience. His work included prosecuting violent crimes, including assaults and weapons



Jordan M. Gwynn

-Courtesy photo

offenses, as well as domestic violence, sex offenses, child abuse and financial crimes. He worked closely with law enforcement on investigations and charging decisions.

A Hudson Valley native, Gwynn was born in Kingston and earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from The College of Saint Rose, where he served as assistant director of undergraduate admissions for more than a year following his graduation. He is admitted to the New York State Bar and enjoys running, boxing, volunteering with his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and occasionally performing stand-up comedy.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Yankees hurlers draw crowds as Renegades top Brooklyn

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades find themselves on the winning side of a polarizing series this week. Not particularly scandalous, unless you count the appearance of two top Yankees hurlers, but the 5-of-6 series win propelled the Renegades to the top division spot (.5 game lead), while the Brooklyn Cyclones (5-15) sank to the bottom in one fell swoop, which would have been a series sweep if not for a Sunday doubleheader split.

Who's (in) First? - While the Renegades are used to winning of late, this homestand marked many a first: The first walk-off home run, then the second. Kaeden Kent and Kyle West opened the series by taking Cyclone pitchers deep into the Dutchess night in back-to-back ninth innings. Next up, the star-powered sellout(s). Hudson Valley hosted an uncharacteristically large weeknight crowd - 4,712, as reported by Renegades' own Joe Vasile - as the Yankees' Gerrit Cole took the mound on April 23. Yankee hurler Carlos Rodón commenced his own High-A rehabilitation the next night, offering 4.1 scoreless innings to the subsequent 10-2 Renegades victory. The Renegade bats showed out for the new pitching staff, as Hudson Valley went on to win the next two, outscoring Brooklyn 16-6.

Brooklyn got one back on April 26, the first of a doubleheader slate after Saturday's washout. Franyer Herrera put an end to the Cyclones' longest winning streak of the season with a quality start (5.0 IP, 1ER, 2 H, 3 BB, 5 K). The only earned run came off Corey Collins' second home run of the season. Collins' first left the yard three days earlier, launched off 2023 Cy Young Award winner Cole.

There it goes, Cebert! - Jack Cebert continues to impress, lowering his earned run average (ERA) to a sub-1.00 mark. The scheduled starter on April 23, Cebert took over for Gerrit Cole after a 10-pitch, .2 inning appearance by Ben Grable. Zeroes across the board for another strong outing lowered Cebert's earned run average to .098. Minimal runs, maximum strikeouts. All efficiency. Cebert has thrown 69.8% of pitches for strikes across his first three outings.

Stop Your Pitchin' - The Renegades are bottom-three in a plethora of offensive categories. Hits, runs, RBIs, and batting average are a few of the most glaring. Enter the best pitching staff in the South Atlantic League. Hudson Valley allows the fewest baserunners per inning (WHIP), while notching the second-most strikeouts. As a staff, they have allowed just 13 home runs - one for every long ball launched by the 'Gades hitters!

The Renegades (12-8) will go on a weeklong getaway to the Jersey Shore to face the BlueClaws (10-10) for the first time this year. It projects to be a battle of top pitching, as the two teams boast the division's lowest batting average against. Jersey Shore staved off its own series sweep with a Sunday win over the South Division-leading Bowling Green Hot Rods (14-7), and holds a third-place tie with the Wilmington Blue Rocks. The Atlantic Ocean will likely be too chilly for a dip during Hudson Valley's delayed spring break, but the first-place Renegades look to stay hot on the shore.



Pitcher Jack Cebert continues to impress for the Renegades, lowering his ERA to under 1.00 and throwing 69.8% of pitches for strikes across his first three outings.
-Photo by Dave Janosz

Andrew Paino achieves Small Business Coverage Specialist (SBCS) Designation

Ulster Insurance Services, a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, has announced that Andrew "Drew" Paino has successfully earned the Small Business Coverage Specialist designation through the Hartford School of Insurance.



Andrew Paino

-Courtesy photo

This achievement marks a significant milestone in his career, certifying an advanced mastery of the complex risks and protection needs facing today's small business owners. By completing this designation, Drew has demonstrated a deep understanding of policy nuances, specific industry exposures, and critical coverage gaps. He has refined the ability to identify hidden risks before they become liabilities and can provide tailored guidance that protects the longevity and stability of small enterprises.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and they deserve an advisor who understands the intricacies of their unique exposures," said Steve Gadaletto-Rosario, VP/Ulster Insurance Services. "Obtaining the SBCS designation is a commitment to providing the highest level of service to our clients, and he is now uniquely positioned to help business owners navigate the evolving insurance landscape with confidence and precision.

It was stated the SBCS designation is awarded to insurance professionals who demonstrate expertise in delivering small business insurance solutions. It ensures that holders are equipped with the technical

knowledge and practical skills necessary to serve as trusted advisors.

Paino of New Paltz, is also a Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA). This designation, conferred by the American Insurance Marketing and Sales Society, focuses on professionalism, sales training and results, and technical knowledge. Drew is committed to helping clients in all aspects of insurance. He currently serves as a Personal Lines & Small Business Account Manager in the Kingston office.

Church hosting Spring Rummage Sale on May 9

The Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Spring Rummage Sale and Flea Market will take place on May 9, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville. The Flea Market will be on the front lawn with more than 45 vendors. Inside there will be a huge Rummage Sale. Breakfast, lunch and a bake sale, will also be inside.

The Rummage Sale items will be gently

used clothes, furniture, toys, books, household items, garage and attic finds. We accept cash or Venmo. There will be a \$5 Bag Sale at 1:30 for all Rummage items. The "Church Boutique" will feature New Items, jewelry and treasured antiques. At 1:30 p.m., the Boutique will have a Buy One/Get One Free sale. This is a rain or shine event.

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Obituaries

James M. Fedorchak



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was an incredible run, but too soon ended.

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

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

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

Denise Marie Lukavic



Denise Marie Lukavic, 52, resident of Bristol, CT for 25 years and formerly of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT, after a long battle with lung cancer. She was born October 9, 1973, in Sleepy Hollow, NY, daughter of John and Lynn Lukavic of Wappingers Falls, NY.

Denise graduated from Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School in Wappingers Falls, NY, class of '91. She played softball for the town of Wappinger and RCK High School. She then went on to graduate from Dutchess Community College with an Associate's Degree. Denise had worked her entire career in the footwear industry. Recently Denise

had become a TikTok content creator, where she developed a loving and supportive community which was about sharing landscape videos with a focus on water. She was also an active member of Terryville Fish and Game Club in Connecticut, where she served on the board.

Denise is survived by her partner, Thomas Markwica; her parents John and Lynn Lukavic; her brother John P. Lukavic (Jennifer); her nieces Nora and Mary Grace Lukavic; her uncle Robert Lukavic; her aunts Joanne Trotter (Pete) and Dianne Lyles; her cousins James Lyles, Dawn Suter, Lisa Ruiz, Jeanine Suter and Angela Johnson. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Rodrick E. Suter, Helen B. Suter, Joseph F. Lukavic, and Anna C. Lukavic; her uncles, John T. Suter and Roy E. Suter, and her cousin Peter Michael Trotter.

Her family will gather with friends to celebrate her life on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 5-7pm at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY, where a prayer service will be offered at 7PM. Interment will follow on Tuesday, May 12th at 1PM in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, 540 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made in Denise's memory to the American Lung Association - Hudson Valley Chapter, 35 Orchard Street, White Plains, NY 10603. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Theresa Morgan



Theresa Morgan, a lifelong Village of Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2026; at the age of 100. She was born at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY on January 17, 1926, daughter of the late Santo and Marianna (Brescia) Ruggiero.

Theresa grew up in the City of Poughkeepsie where her father had a floral business with two greenhouses.

Theresa was awarded a scholarship to the Colorado Springs Art Academy, where she pursued her passion in art, and while out west she met the love of her life, Cecil Morgan. On September 10, 1946, in New Mexico, she married Cecil, who predeceased her on December 11, 1976 after 30-years of marriage.

Theresa and Cecil moved back to New York and opened a flower shop in the Village

of Wappingers Falls in 1949, which the family has continued to this day.

Theresa was an accomplished artist and floral designer. She was an avid cat lover. Having adopted and saved scores of cats. She brought much happiness to this world through flowers and art.

Theresa is survived by her son, Stephen Morgan and his partner JoAnn Sifo; her daughter, Rosemary La Susa and her husband Ronald. She is also survived by her two grandsons Jay Canez and Jacob Morgan; her three great-grandchildren, Michael Kenney, Jack and Matthew Canez; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Along with her husband and parents, Theresa was predeceased by a granddaughter Theresa Rose Kenney in 2007. She is also predeceased by her two brothers Samuel and John Ruggiero.

Her Family received Friends on Tuesday, April 28th at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 10am, Wednesday, April 29th at St. Mary Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, followed by interment in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

Her Family wishes for memorial donations be made to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Past chief of 2 local fire departments remembered

Local resident Timothy Laffin died at the age 60 on April 16. Laffin was a lifelong Village of Wappingers Falls resident.

"It is with profound sadness that the Hughsonville Fire Department announces the passing of our Past Chief of Department, Timothy Laffin.

Past Chief Laffin joined the Hughsonville Fire Department in 2001. He quickly advanced through the ranks, being elected Assistant Chief in 2008, a position he held with distinction for six years. In 2014, he was elected by the membership to serve as Chief of Department. He became a Life Member of the Hughsonville Fire Company in 2017," the Hughsonville Fire Department posted in part to social media.

W.T. Garner Engine Co. #1 in

Wappingers Falls, where Laffin was also a past chief, posted on Facebook, "Chief Laffin was a dedicated leader, a respected mentor, and a true brother to all who had the privilege of serving alongside him. His commitment to the department and the community will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends and also the Hughsonville Fire Department."

Late last week the department posted, "Chief, your mentorship and leadership will be dearly missed. We know you'll be watching over us every time the fire whistle blows.

Rest easy, Chief. We'll take it from here."

Laffin is survived by his sisters, brother, nieces, nephews and friends.



A funeral procession made its way down Route 9D past W.T. Garner Engine Co. #1 on April 23 in honor of late fire chief Timothy Laffin, a Wappingers Falls resident, who died at the age of 60 on April 16. The procession began at Delehanty Funeral Home and ended at St. Mary's Church.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

Creative Living

East Fishkill Civil War Weekend set for May 2 - 3

By Kristine Coulter

The East Fishkill Civil War Weekend will be held May 2 – May 3 at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, 68 Kensington Dr., Hopewell Junction. Each day it will be open from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person to be admitted. Admission for children 13 & under is free.

“This event will highlight the soldiers of the New York 150th Volunteers which was mustered in at the City of Poughkeepsie on October 10th, 1862. The 150th will present several demonstrations throughout the weekend, which will include issuing a soldier’s daily rations, Civil War medicine, maneuvers and musket firing, signal corps demos, and a soldiers’ camp life,” explained Rick Soedler, the site director for the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site and with the East Fishkill Historical Society.

Soedler noted Long Island Balladeer Max “Lumpy” Rowland will be taking part in the event. Lumpy will regale those in attendance with songs of the Civil War on banjo and squeeze box, he said.

“Although our annual Civil War Weekend is not officially part of our America 250 celebrations this year, we

still recognize these events as part of the continuing struggles of our great nation 250 years later,” Soedler remarked.

Brand new this year, and a premiere event, will be a performance by History At Play LLC, “unCivil Spies,” announced Soedler.

“This monodrama performed by actor/living historian Judith Kalaora will tell the story of Elizabeth Van Lew who was the mastermind of a Union underground intelligence network operating in the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia,” explained Soedler. He said the performance will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Soedler added, “On Sunday morning at 11 a.m. there will be an 1860s church service conducted by the chaplain of the NY 150th presented in our one-room schoolhouse. On Sunday we will also be joined by our friends from the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring, Putnam County. They will bring some of their Civil War era artifacts and give a talk on the West Point Foundry at 1 p.m.”

The Hopewell Depot Museum will also be on hand with an ongoing display of early railroads, said Soedler. The Brinckerhoff House volunteers will present blacksmithing, wood cutting, house



The East Fishkill Civil War Weekend will be held May 2 – May 3 at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, 68 Kensington Dr., Hopewell Junction. Pictured is from a previous year’s event.

-Courtesy photo

tours and other activities.

“While there weren’t any battles fought in the Hudson Valley or the North East during the war, there were many contributions made, which included manufacturing, local industry, and men who volunteered to serve. One in particular was Richard T. Van Wyck of Wiccopee who volunteered with the NY 150th. Van Wyck who was a farmer, sent a total of 197 letters home to his family here in the town of East Fishkill describing his daily experiences and horrors of the war he wit-

nessed around him. As their first deployment Van Wyck and the 150th were sent to support the fighting at Gettysburg, which he lived to write about. His letters which were donated by the Van Wyck family to the East Fishkill Historical Society back in the early 1990’s were transcribed into the book “A War to Petrify the Heart: The Civil War Letters of a Dutchess County, NY Volunteer” 1997. This publication is available for sale through the East Fishkill Historical Society,” said Soedler.

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BY FRANCINE WIZNER



A little neighing and braying about mules



Snookie, a mini mule, will greet humans from a distance. It lives in a herd with other mules, donkeys and miniature horses.



Abby lives with Snookie in a mixed herd. She is quiet and curious, and will engage if you approach slowly, with patience.



Chicklet is a young mini mule who is settling into herd life.



Bailey, a standard mule (and a timid soul), with Zeus the donkey. They live in a small equine herd.

-Photos courtesy of 13 Hands Equine Rescue

Wild populations of horses and donkeys don't typically occupy the same territory. If they are in contact, behavioral differences usually prevent them from mating. Therefore, the product of their mixed parentage, a mule, is rare in nature. But, they are created through human intervention, since they are valued for being both strong and hardy.

Mules are built for packing. Their situational hesitation, mistaken for stubbornness, is actually caution. Mules are favored for their sure-footedness and calm demeanor on steep, narrow trails. Their genetic combination endows them with dense, resilient muscles, boxy hooves, and efficient metabolisms. They have high stamina for sustained work.

Math and Science

Mules are sterile because they have 63 chromosomes. Reproductive cell division in mammals can't be achieved with an odd number of chromosomes. Mules are offspring of female horses, with 32 pairs of chromosomes (64 total), and male donkeys, with 31 pairs of chromosomes (62 total). Mules inherit half from each parent—32 from the horse and 31 from the donkey. They have 31 pairs, and one extra.

Even if mules had an even number of chromosomes, their "donkey chromosomes" and "horse chromosomes" are genetically incompatible for making eggs and sperm. That is what defines horses and donkeys as separate species from each other.

In fact, a species is a group of individuals that can breed with each other to produce fertile offspring. Mules are not a species. They are an equine hybrid resulting from a mare (female) and a jack (male). A hinny is another kind of equine hybrid resulting from a stallion (male horse) and a jenny (female donkey).

Horsing around

If two different chefs were to bake "hybrid bread" from a horse and a donkey, there would be two very different results. A "mare-chef" would bake a "mule-loaf," with her DNA as the "base" and a jack's DNA as the "mix-in." The result would have a sturdy crust and bold seasoning. A "jenny-chef" would bake a "hinny-brioche," with her DNA as the "base" and a stallion's DNA as the "mix-in." The result would be a finer crumb and mellow flavor.

A mother's womb and mitochondrial DNA have a massive influence on the offspring. A mare is larger and produces a more robust mule; a jenny, with a smaller uterus, will produce a diminutive hinny. (Important point: Hinnies are rare because of the size mismatch between stallions and jennies).

History

The first mules were bred in what is now Northern Turkey in c. 3000 BCE. Ancient Egyptian carvings show mules being commonly used as pack animals (c. 1350 BCE). Other cultures viewed mules as luxury items. The Hittites (c. 1700 BCE-1180 BCE) valued mules at three times the worth of a chariot horse. In Sumeria (c. 3000 BCE -2000 BCE), a mule cost seven times as much as a donkey!

Cloning mules advanced cancer research

Cloning occurs in nature. It is how bac-

teria and yeasts reproduce. Plant clones include runners, tubers, and bulbs. Some lizards and bees are clones. Less frequently, mammals have identical twins.

Artificial cloning is used to replicate agricultural crops and livestock to satisfy global food demand. Genes and stem cells are cloned to produce insulin, develop vaccines, and study disease. While human reproductive cloning is legally restricted, animal cloning is managed through food safety and welfare standards that vary by country.

The first cloned mule, named Idaho Gem, was delivered May 4, 2003. His creation was driven by the fact that mules are sterile hybrids. While seeking to replicate an elite racing mule, researchers discovered that manipulating calcium levels was the secret to successful embryo division. This breakthrough offered major benefits for cancer research, as equine resistance to tumors may be linked to how they regulate calcium during cell growth. Consequently, a project born from the desire for a faster racing mule provided a path for potentially suppressing human cancer.

Mules of Dutchess County

13 Hands Equine Rescue cares for more than 150 miniature horses, draft horses, donkeys, and mules. They specialize in slaughter-bound, abused, or abandoned horses, including many wild Mustangs. The non-profit is dedicated to rehabilitating and rehoming horses in need. Check out their upcoming events: <https://13handsequine.org/upcoming-events/>

There is a common thread among mules, says Volunteer Adoption Liaison Angela Zappavigna: "They are tough. They require extra patience and time, as well as gentle and consistent handling."

One event the organization is hosting is Help a Horse Day 2026. Scheduled for June 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., guests of all ages and levels of horse experience are welcome to come meet the farm animals. It will be a day packed with fun, including live music, delicious food and drinks, local artisans and vendors, educational demonstrations, and of course: MULES!

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

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Miracle worker?

Luigi amazes Pop with his TV-fixing ability.

I had to go to my father's house and reset his cable box. It reminded me of something that happened a few years ago.

A while back, Pop called me in a full-scale, five-alarm panic — the kind of panic where he skips hello and goes straight into screaming like the house is sliding into the Atlantic.

Pop (on the phone): *LUIGI! THE TV — SHE'S DEAD! DEAD! COME QUICK!*

I didn't hear him say TV. I'm thinking: stroke, fall, chimney collapse; Momma threw a shoe at him — something serious. I race over like I'm responding to a hostage situation.

I walk in ... and Pop is standing over the cable box like it owes him money.

The thing has no lights, no power, no nothing. It's not even pretending to be alive.

Pop is pacing the living room like he's waiting for Maury to reveal whether he IS or IS NOT the father. The second I kneel down, he's hovering over me like I'm performing open-heart surgery on the rug.

Pop: Maybe you gotta smack it. Maybe the electricity shes a stuck. Maybe the wire is ascared. Maybe the cable company isa closed. Maybe the Russians did something. Maybe the Pope shut it off.

I finally turn around and say, "Pop ... go to your bedroom. I need privacy." Like I'm about to crack a safe.

He stomps off, muttering about how "in my day, we fix-a everything with pliers and a prayer."

Mom is sitting in her chair, arms crossed, smirking, watching this circus like it's her favorite show.

Mom: *He's gonna give YOU a heart attack someday, Luigi. The box shes a dead, HE'S the one having the funeral.*

Pop yells from the bedroom: *LUIGI! YOU NEED ANYTHING? A FLASH-LIGHT? A PRAYER? A SANDWICH?*

Momma rolls her eyes so hard she almost sprains something. What Pop

doesn't know is ... I've got an ace up my sleeve. I go to the spare bedroom, grab the backup cable box — the secret emergency unit — and swap it in. Two minutes. Done. No drama. No CPR. No séance. Just plug-and-play.

I call out: Pop, it's fixed.

He comes marching back in like a general returning from war. Sees the TV working. His whole face lights up like I just resurrected Julius Caesar.

Pop: *You're a genius!*

Mom doesn't miss a beat.

Mom: *Genius? He plugged in a box, Anthony. Relax.*

Pop ignores her, pats me on the back like I saved his life, gives me a loaf of bread and sits down triumphantly. But here's where it gets good. Ten minutes later, BOTH my brothers call me — separately — because Pop has already phoned each of them with his version of events

My phone rings. It's Brother #1.

Brother #1: "What did you do now? Pop said you performed surgery on the TV."

Before I can answer, my other brother calls on the other line.

Brother #2: "Luigi, Pop said you brought the cable box back from the dead. What the hell happened?"

I'm juggling calls like a customer service rep.

Me: "I swapped the box."

Brother #1: "That's it?"

Brother #2: "He made it sound like you rebuilt the Pentagon."

Meanwhile, in the background, Pop is yelling loud enough for BOTH of them to hear through the phone:

Pop (yelling): *HE'S-A GENIUS! HE*

FIX-A EVERYTHING! LIKE Marconi!

Momma shouts from her chair:

Momma: *Marconi? He plugged in a box, Anthony. Calm down before your topee falls off.*

And that's how, in one night, I became:

**The Michelangelo of Cable Boxes
The Marconi of the Hudson Valley
And the family tech support hotline**

All because Pop's cable box took a nap. Enjoy this recipe for a special loaf of bread.

Rustic Italian Bread

Ingredients

- 4 cups Italian Type 0 flour or bread flour
- 1 3/4 cups lukewarm water, added gradually
- 2 tsp fine sea salt
- 2 tsp dry yeast
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tbspx extra virgin olive oil

Instructions

In a small bowl, dissolve the yeast in about 1/2 cup lukewarm water with the sugar. Let it sit 5-10 minutes until slightly foamy.

Place the flour in a large bowl. Add the yeast mixture and begin adding the remaining water gradually, mixing as you go. Add olive oil if using.

Stir until a shaggy dough forms, then

add the salt. Continue mixing, adding small amounts of water as needed, until the dough is soft and slightly tacky.

Transfer to a lightly floured surface and knead 8-10 minutes until smooth and elastic. Adjust with tiny amounts of water or flour only if necessary.

Shape into a ball and place in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover and let rise in a warm spot for about 2 hours, or until doubled.

Gently deflate the dough. Shape into one large rustic loaf or divide into two smaller loaves. Place on a parchment-lined sheet or in a floured proofing basket.

Cover and let rise again for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Score the top of the loaf. For a crisp crust, place a small pan of hot water on the bottom rack. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden and hollow-sounding when tapped.

Transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely before slicing.

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

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Red Wing Park season passes go on sale Monday, May 4 at the Rec Office at 4 Anne Avenue.

All of our 2026 Adult Golf Program classes are now filled. If you have not paid, the fee is \$100 residents and \$125 non-residents and payment is due before the classes begin. Checks should be made out to Lisa Monaco. Bring or send checks to the Rec Office.

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 and driver's tip.

There are 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.

Our two very popular Fishing Camps start signups Monday, May 4. The first Red Wing Park fishing day is Sunday, May 24 at 8 a.m.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

'The Secret Life of Sunflowers' reading material of the month for EFCL Afternoon Book Club

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet to discuss this month's selection, "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the East Fishkill Community Library,

348 Route 376.

Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

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"Westford Split" by Joel Mason.

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The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center will showcase three new art exhibitions in its galleries starting on May 1, continuing through June 30. Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, NY will be photographer Joel Mason. At 12 Vassar Street, Julian Allen will present his paintings in the Reception Gallery and Monika Kalra will display her multi-media work in the Hancock Gallery. Free Public Art Opening Receptions will be held in all three Art Galleries on Friday, May 8, from 5-7 p.m.

Joel Mason, who earned a BFA from Cooper Union and an MFA from Hunter College/CUNY, is Professor Emeritus in the department of Communication Design at New York City College of Technology/CUNY. Prior to his career as a design educator, he served as Director of Graphic Design for New York's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Administration (PRCA). He later maintained a graphic design practice for clients including Citicorp, the New York State Department of Law, and the Alliance for the Public Schools. Mason's current work explores a range of ideas and interests from photography to lens-based digital photo prints and vector-based geometric systems.

"Looking through the viewfinder the first time I ever took a picture, I was immediately drawn to subjects resembling those I'd been composing with pencil, paint and paper," he remarks. "My understanding of subject matter deepened as I saw photogra-

phy become a bridge between the physical world of things and those same things transformed into flat juxtaposed shapes." Mason has exhibited his work at the Grace Gallery (Brooklyn, NY), Leubsdorf Gallery (Hunter College), Woodstock Artists Association and Museum, and at the Art Society of Kingston. He moved to the Hudson Valley in 2016 and currently resides in Kingston.

Julian Allen is a multidisciplinary artist working across illustration, painting, animation and music. He graduated from the Hartford Art School with a BFA and his creative journey is rooted in a deep passion for storytelling and expression through diverse mediums mainly using oil paint, graphite, charcoal and ink. "In my recent work, I explore themes of individuality and leadership, delving into the resilience of the human spirit and its ability to transcend limitations," he recants.

"Through vivid imagery, dynamic compositions, and emotionally resonant narratives, I aim to challenge viewers to reflect on what it means to break free and achieve the extraordinary...whether through the delicate interplay of color and form in my paintings or the precise detail of my illustrations, my art seeks to inspire action as much as reflection." Allen's work has been featured in exhibitions throughout the lower Hudson Valley, and is held in both private and public collections.

Monika Kalra is a multidisciplinary artist whose work explores consciousness and inner transformation through a reflec-



"Just a Humble Servant of You, The People" by Julian Allen.

tive journey within oneself. Born in Delhi and now based in New York, early in her career she founded the artistic fashion brand Monaara in London after working with major fashion houses. Through her art, she invites viewers on a journey of inner transformation, self-discovery, and an authentic reflective experience she calls "The Eternal Expression."

She shares, "My purpose is to offer healing vibrations in a chaotic world, helping souls navigate challenges, rebuild inner strength, and emerge renewed." She continues, "Since 2001 and at a young age, I have practiced meditation with the Brahma Kumaris. Each composition is informed by extended periods of silence and inner observation allowing metaphysical insight to be translated into a refined visual language." She explains, "I attempt to create in a blissful and meditative state to manifest the impressions of spiritual vibrations and metaphysical experiences through art."

Kalra's work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions across London, New York City, the Adirondacks, and Florida, reflecting a practice that moves between urban and contemplative environments. Her recent exhibitions include the Spirituality and the Arts conference at the Harvard University Divinity School, the LABRC Sacred Arts program at Oxford University, UK, View Arts Center, and the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. She is currently a resident artist at Peace Village Learning and Retreat Center in NYS. With "Rosary of

Victory," her recent body of work being exhibited at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, she explores the spiritual perspective on the journey of gaining victory over the self.

She reflects, "Success is External, whereas Victory is Internal. True victory is when one is able to conquer the faculties of mind, intellect and impressions and become their master." The series traces the soul's progression through successive states of consciousness and transformation, inviting viewers to pause, center themselves, and reconnect with inner strength.

The Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but visitors should stop by 9 Vassar Street first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. Visit the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center website at cunneen-hackett.org for more information on the artists exhibiting their work in the Visual Art Galleries.

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center is a non-profit organization whose mission for over four decades has been to meet the artistic and cultural needs of the Hudson Valley by showcasing professional and community artists in theatre, music, dance, and the visual arts, and to provide a variety of performance, exhibition, and office spaces.

I Love My Park Day returns for 15th year

By Kate Goldsmith

Volunteers are key to maintaining New York's state parks and historic sites. I Love My Park Day, set this Saturday, May 2, celebrates the invaluable work they do to help park staff beautify trails, plant native flora, and prepare outdoor recreation spaces for the summer season.

I Love My Park Day is presented by Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with New York State Parks and Department of Environmental Conservation. Beautification events will be held at more than 100 state parks, historic sites and public lands in all of New York's regions.

In the Mid-Hudson region, the following sites are participating:

- **Bannerman Island:** Join the Bannerman Island spring-cleaning trail and garden maintenance team for a day of fun, camaraderie and environmental volunteerism. Sign up is requested at bannermancastle.org, or call the Bannerman Castle Trust office at 845-831-1001 for more information.

- **Lake Taghkanic State Park:** Help clean up the park's pollinator garden, plant some flowers around the park or assist with some shoreline cleanup. The event starts at 10 a.m. Call 518-851-3631 for more information.

- **Staatsburgh State Historic Site:** From 9:30 a.m. to noon, volunteers will assist the site with some landscaping and grounds tasks, including weeding and mulching around the mansion and gathering branches and debris in areas of the park. Up to 25 volunteers are sought. Registration required at <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>. Volunteers receive event T shirts (while supplies last); a pizza lunch; and complimentary mansion tour is offered by the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh.

- **Taconic State Park:** Starting at 11 a.m., volunteers are invited to participate in landscaping, gardening, cleanup projects and more. Sites with projects may include Copake Falls Campground, Copake Iron Works, Roe Jan Park, and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Registration is not required but highly encouraged. Meet at the Copake Falls Park Office.



Volunteers participate in beautification projects at last year's I Love My Park Day at Walkway Over the Hudson State Park.

-Photo courtesy of NY State Parks & Historic Sites

Bring work gloves, appropriate clothing for working outdoors, and water bottles. Register at www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day/ and search for Taconic State Park; or call 518-329-3993.

- **Walkway Over the Hudson:** From noon to 2 p.m., participants will weed, prune, mulch and water beautification areas on either side of the Walkway. Additional projects including trash cleanup and painting may be offered as needed. Attendees young and old are welcome.

Volunteers should bring closed-toe shoes, layers, water and a snack. Bring gloves and small garden tools, as well, if possible. All participants will receive a special I Love My Park Day tote bag and sticker.

Sign up to volunteer on Walkway's East (Poughkeepsie) Approach: walkway.org/ILMPDEast.

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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, NY12508. 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

HERMAN 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 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.

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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 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

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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: Dutchess 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 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 2522 South Road #1167, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. 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 Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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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 MARONECK 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. filled 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.

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 GRASMERE 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 MA-

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MARONECK 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 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

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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 12508. Purpose: General

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:

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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 Limited Liability 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: Adah 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.

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.

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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 Wilken-son 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 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

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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.

Notice of Formation of Claridge-Weisse 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

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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.

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.

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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 Westbrookville 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.

Notice of Formation of Sherwood Forest Press, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 3/3/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process; copies to be mailed to 827 State Route 82, Ste 10-146, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 43 Oakwood Lane LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 4/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 347, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

THE ANNO B U I L D I N G COMPANY LLC. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/09/2026. 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 Anthony Margilaj 792 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of D U T C H E S S 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 Lorenz and Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 130 Sleight Plass Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Oakline Ventures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/10/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21 Susie Boulevard, Arlington, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Northfield Asset Management LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 6030 Rte 82, Ste D, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of MARCTEO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/21/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Matthew Gaglio, 125 Harmony Rd., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of TEMMEL PHYSICAL THERAPY, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/21/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of PLLC: 242 Main St., #370, Beacon, NY 12508. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PLLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of Formation of Cayuga Sunset Bluff LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 04/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 Barrett Place, Beacon, NY 12508 Purpose: any lawful activities

Notice of Formation of Mir Property Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Mir Property Group LLC, 30 Thornwood Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Tutters Transport, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was 04/02/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of

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process to Christopher LoGiudice 55 Glenwood Avenue Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of Formation of LLC Hudson Valley Bio-Clean, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/06/2016. Office location: Dutchess 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: 10 Maple Ln. Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Yaode Design LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/09/26. 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: 99 College Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

73 SUNSET HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/26. 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, 86-23 76th Street, Woodhaven, NY 11421. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Moonblossom Design, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Downey Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/16/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 203 ROUTE 82, FISHKILL, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Sections 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law: Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year 2026, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Town Assessor, or their designee, will be in attendance with such Tentative Roll at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY on the following days and times:

Wednesday, May 6 between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 13 between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 14 between the hours of 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Saturday, May 16 between the hours of 12:00pm and 4:00pm.

Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's office or online www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf

ASSESSOR — Kathleen Martin

GRIEVANCE DAY

May 26, 2026 (508 RPTL) (525 RPTL)

NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of East Fishkill, in Dutchess County, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at: East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, with a telephone number of (845) 226-6353.

The Board of Assessment Review will be in attendance on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm. The Board of Assessment Review will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

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

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DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against- CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL.

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 CHARMAINE CARTER, ETAL. 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.**

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.dutches>

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sny.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 appli-

cation 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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-53557

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgage d Premises:

11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538

Section: 6164, Block: 4, Lot: 752458

NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELL POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs. NANCY HOOPER A/K/A NANCY E. REED, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; R A N D A L L WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; JACOB WISHART, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; SHANDY SECOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE; ROBERT A. METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; EMILY LOU MCNEIL, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; DANIEL METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; D.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, CYNTHIA MCNEIL-METCALF, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE; S.M., MINOR CHILD BY AND THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN, MEGAN NEIDERKORN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ES-

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TATE OF SHARON MCCUE; UNKNWON HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA L. HAASE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON MCCUE any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMER-

ICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$153,038.00 and interest, recorded on September 10, 2013, in Document Number 01 2013 9380, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 11 ROOSEVELT ROAD, HYDE PARK, NY 12538.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is design-

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nated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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.

Dated: March 30th, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWN OF FISHKILL TOWN BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING on Friday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room at Town of Fishkill Town Hall, which is located at 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. The Supervisor will be giving a presentation regarding a burial ground at the corner of Route 9 & Van Wyck Lake Rd. The Supervisor after the presentation. Will be asking the Town Board to vote on a resolution to recognize the site as either a family burial ground or a Revolutionary War burial ground. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD Dated: April 23, 2026

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Lit Lit to celebrate 5 years in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

Lit Lit, Beacon's open reading event for writers, will be celebrating its five-year anniversary on May 1. To celebrate this occasion, it was stated, there will be an extra-special version of Lit Lit, with food and drink, the usual 5-minute time limit will be extended to 7 minutes, and attendees will be invited to perform any sort of art they like, not just limited to writing, it was stated. The event will go from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lit Lit occurs monthly, on the first Friday of every month at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon.

"I decided to hold the first Lit Lit during the pandemic, in May 2021, because Beacon's writers hadn't had a chance to share their work with others in a long time, and also because people were lonely, and I could see we needed to have a community event. The first couple of Lit Lits were held on Zoom. After that, we met for a few months in the backyard garden of Homespun Restaurant. Finally, I believe in October 2021, we moved to our current space at the Howland," recalled Donna Minkowitz, founder of Lit Lit founder, in an email.

"When people attend these days, they can expect a welcoming, friendly crowd, whether they're coming to read their writing, or just to be in the audience and listen. We have around 15 to 20 writers read their work each time, in all genres — poetry, fiction, essays, memoir, even plays. And we have around 35-40 people in the audience," said Minkowitz.

According to the founder, "Many writers tell us they are reading their



Lit Lit, an open reading event, will celebrate 5 years in Beacon on May 1. The above photo was taken in 2021.

-Photo courtesy of Tania Steele

work for the first time at Lit Lit. Both audience members and writers tell us they find the event warm, open, and receptive, and they find the writing surprising and often poignant."

It was noted that many of Lit Lit's regular attendees are published authors, but the non-published writers are also very talented!

"We have regular attendees not just

from Beacon, but also from Kingston, New Paltz, Peekskill, Cold Spring, Garrison, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, Wappingers Falls, and New York City," said Minkowitz.

Ribbon cutting for 'The Gardens at Mesier Park' set for May 2 in Wappingers Falls

The Wappingers Historical Society will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally dedicate "The Gardens at Mesier Park" on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m., rain or shine. The gardens are located adjacent to the Mesier Homestead in the center of Mesier Park. They are generously donated by WHS Lifetime member John DiDomizio to enhance the beauty of Mesier Park and to be enjoyed by both

village residents and visitors to the area. The public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony.

John DiDomizio's family has been part of Wappingers Falls since 1897, and his connection to the village inspired this garden project. After joining the Wappingers Historical Society in 2009, Mr. DiDomizio became acquainted with the Society's vintage postcard collection of Mesier Park.

"Those postcards depicted beautiful rhododendron along the road to the Homestead, and I wanted to restore some of that historic beauty," said Mr. DiDomizio. Phase I of this project includes roughly 500 daffodils and 1000 tulips, followed by nearly 20 rhododendrons and dozens of other flowering perennials. "We are so grateful to John for his generosity and vision to beautify the park, and we are beginning

the planning of Phase II of the gardens, which will introduce a colonial kitchen garden and other plantings to the rear of the Mesier Homestead," remarked Beth Devine, President of the Wappingers Historical Society.

For more information about the Wappingers Historical Society and this garden dedication ceremony, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

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- THEME: LEGENDARY ATHLETES**
- ACROSS**

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 6. Templeton of "Charlotte's Web"
 9. Maisie Williams on "Game of Thrones"
 13. Poisonous plant
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 15. George Orwell to Eric Arthur Blair
 16. Movie genre
 17. Shark part
 18. Ax mark
 19. *First Native American to win Olympic Gold
 21. *The Great One of hockey
 23. Be indisposed
 24. Disfigure
 25. Du Bois' initials
 28. Hoodwink
 30. Baking soda
 35. Bypass
 37. "Breaking Bad" product
 39. Spelunker
 40. Orchestra member
 41. Charles Dickens' "____ House"
 43. Family room staple
 44. Like United States Capitol
 46. "Cogito ____ sum"
 47. Tongue-____
 48. Stockholm dwellers
 50. *Tiger Woods has won this award the most times
 52. On the wagon
 53. Silage
 55. Almond-induced state?
 57. *Jordan or Phelps
 61. *Female player with most Open Era Grand Slams
 64. Infant's woe
 65. Seafood selection
 67. Practical
 69. Stopped sleeping
 70. Pigeon sound
 71. *Most decorated gymnast
 72. Red, or excessively bureaucratic, one
 73. End of a fuse?
 74. Balance sheet entry

DOWN

 1. Drug in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"
 2. John Mellencamp's "____ So Good"
 3. Nanny in East Asia
 4. Polynesian island country
 5. Tick or mite
 6. Abundant
 7. *Boxer a.k.a. The People's Champion
 8. Kingdom in South Pacific
 9. Loads (2 words)
 10. Nabisco cracker
 11. Noisy talk
 12. Like Zombie's skin color
 15. Low on hemoglobin
 20. Perfectly vertical
 22. Adam's body part
 24. Measured, like electricity on utility bill
 25. *Tied for most PGA Tour wins
 26. Curve like a bow
 27. Biotic community
 29. *O Rei of soccer
 31. Throw a line
 32. Steer clear of
 33. Send to a specialist, e.g.
 34. *NFL's 7-time Super Bowl champion
 36. Got ready to drive
 38. Old witches, usually
 42. Small steep-sided hill, in Africa
 45. Vandalize
 49. Johnny Nash's "I Can ____ See Clearly Now"
 51. West African people
 54. Choose by vote
 56. Abominable snowmen
 57. Med. sch. requirement
 58. *Hall of Famer Bob Feller's home state
 59. Hoofbeat sound
 60. Nature walk
 61. Narrow aperture
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World-class flamenco ensemble to perform at Stissing Center May 9



Tablao Flamenco.

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

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

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

Cappella Festiva to mark 50th anniversary with concert on May 9

Cappella Festiva marks its 50th anniversary with a joyful and powerful concert, "How Can We Keep From Singing?," on Saturday, May 9, at 4 p.m. at the Vassar College Chapel.

This milestone performance brings together generations of singers and audiences in a program that celebrates the enduring spirit of choral music. The concert will feature a newly commissioned work by acclaimed composer Shawn Kirchner, created especially for this anniversary season.

The program also includes a selection of masterworks spanning centuries, including Johann Sebastian Bach's exuberant "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden" (BWV 230), Jan Dismas Zelenka's dramatic Dixit Dominus (ZWV 68), Morten Lauridsen's luminous "Sure on this Shining Night," and Daniel H. Graves' arrangement of the beloved Quaker hymn "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Performing forces will include Cappella Festiva's Chamber Choir under the baton of Dr. Christine Howlett; the

Cor Capriccio Children's Choir, directed by Elizabeth Clifton; and the Poughkeepsie Boys and Girls Chorus under the direction of Melinda Aaron. They will be joined by a professional orchestra, bringing depth, brilliance, and expressive power to this vibrant program. Together, these ensembles create a rich, multigenerational musical experience that reflects Cappella Festiva's deep roots in the community.

This concert is both a celebration of our past and a joyful expression of what continues to inspire us. For fifty years, Cappella Festiva has brought people together through the power of music—and this program embodies that spirit.

Premium Reserved Seating tickets are \$40.

The General Admission ticket price is \$27 in advance / \$30 at the door.

Senior tickets are \$22 in advance / \$25 at the door.

Student tickets are \$10.

Tickets are available by going to www.cappellafestiva.org.

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamini
Assistant Recreation Director

First Aid & CPR Course: Come get certified in CPR and Basic First Aid. The course will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 9-11 a.m. Limited space available!

Mother's Day Paint Event: Come paint with us for our Mother's Day tea-and-paint at Geering Park! Light refreshments will be served. Standard seating is for pairs. Accommodation can be made for parties of 3. All ages and abilities are invited to come paint and celebrate together. The event will be held on May 3 for ages 3+. Seats fill up quickly so don't wait to register!

Fishkill Hoops Alumni Game: This league is open to former players who have aged out of the program, coaches, volunteers, and staff. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow coaches, former players, and friends, stay active, and once again be part of the community you helped build.

Whether you're still playing regularly or just looking to get back on the court for some fun, once a Fishkill Hooper, always a Fishkill Hooper and we would love to have you back! And if you're interested, this could also be a great way to reconnect with some of the players you once coached.

To register online, go to FishkillRecreation.com.

Yoga: Fishkill Recreation is pleased to announce its Gentle Yoga program, a weekly class that supports both physical and mental well-being through slow, mindful movement and breathing techniques.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m., and participants can choose a monthly pass or pay per class. Students should bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle.

It was noted, Gentle Yoga improves flexibility, balance, and strength while promoting stress reduction and focus in a non-competitive environment.

'Highlights of Dutchess County Sports' set for April 30

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County, in partnership with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, will host "Highlights of Dutchess County Sports" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 at the Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road, in

Poughkeepsie. The Sports Museum of Dutchess County President Bill Ponte and Board member Morgan E. Maier will offer the presentation.

Registration is required. Visit poklib.org for more information.

Verplanck Garden Club to host annual plant sale on May 9

The Verplanck Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 9 on the lower level of the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, in Fishkill.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to noon. It is suggested one comes early for the best selection.

Dutchess Roots to host 'A Day for John' on May 1

Dutchess Roots, a locally owned recreational cannabis dispensary, will host "A Day for John: Honoring John O'Shea" on Friday, May 1 — a date that would have marked O'Shea's 96th birthday. In tribute to his lifelong dedication to the Hudson Valley, the dispensary will donate 50% of all sales from that day to Hudson Valley Hospice, which provided care and support to O'Shea and his family and continues to serve patients across Dutchess and

Ulster counties. O'Shea, who passed away in 2025, devoted more than seven decades to shaping the civic and business fabric of the Hudson Valley. A U.S. Navy veteran who retired with the rank of Commander, he began his career with Marshall+Sterling Insurance in 1955 and went on to serve as its CEO and Chairman of the Board.

His influence extended far beyond the business community. Mr. O'Shea was a founding trustee of Health Quest Systems, chaired the Board of Trustees at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, and served as chairman of the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce. His commitment to the region also included leadership roles with the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, and Marist College, where the John and Nancy O'Shea Residence Hall stands as a lasting tribute to him and his wife. A longtime member of the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club since 1966, he and his wife, Nancy, were honored with the United Way of Dutchess County's Alexis de Tocqueville Community Service Award.

To learn more about Dutchess Roots, please visit www.dutchessroots.com.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Suguru solution

Poughkeepsie couple to celebrate 70 years of marriage



Local couple Duane and Constance Henry will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 5. While in the Navy, Duane met Connie. The couple married in Woonsocket, R.I. in 1956.

After his honorable discharge, Duane's 35-year career with IBM brought him to Poughkeepsie, where he retired in 1991 as an Advisory Engineer.

Duane and Connie are blessed with five children and ten grandchildren.

-Courtesy photo

2026 Dutchess Handmade Spring Pop-Up Shop in Poughkeepsie from April 30 - June 12

Arts Mid-Hudson will present the 2026 Dutchess Handmade Spring Pop-Up Shop, returning from April 30 through June 12. This seasonal marketplace showcases the work of over 60 talented artists and makers from across the Hudson Valley, offering a vibrant and thoughtfully curated shopping experience for the community.

Visitors can explore a wide range of handcrafted goods, including glass, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, woodwork, prints, paintings, home décor, and more. The Pop-Up Shop is the perfect destination to find meaningful, locally made gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, birthdays, and all of life's special occasions or to discover something unique for yourself.

Shop Hours are Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, May 2, 9 & 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arts Mid-Hudson's Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie.

The Grand Opening Reception is on Thursday, April 30, from 5-7 p.m. Guests are invited to celebrate the opening, meet participating artists, and be among the first to shop.

Participating Artists include Amelia Acerra, Maryam Ali, Lucy Aponte, Carlise Azmitia, Roy Bartels, Janet Baskerville, Deborah Bein, Suzanne

Bonser, Susan Bores, Patricia Broun, Peter Brown, Celia Calvo, Donna Castelluccio, Beth Creighton, Helen Crohn, Madeleine Cutrona, Jamila Dawkins, Daisy De Puthod, Carolyn Dickey, Susan DiGilio, Melissa Earle, Jennifer Edwards, Marie Elliott, Angela Engongoro, Erica Everett, peggy farrington, Alice Fogarty, Isabella Gemmati, Ilene Goldman, Nereida Gonzalez-Bridges, Theresa Gooby, Eileen Hendriksen, Karen Heusel, Heaven Hudson, Nicole Hughes, Nikki Hung, Heather Iori, Lynne James, Vanessa Joy, Mike Jurkovic, David King, Paul Kmiolek, Linda Lau, Linda Lavin, Gillian Leslie, Rachel Lockett, Alexis Lynch, Diane-Ellen McCarron, Doreen Miller, Peggy Milone, Renee Pasquale, David Press, Marilyn Price, Nicole Puckette, Susannah Pugsley, Sonia Reynoso, Tammy Scotti, Veronica Spaziante, Elizabeth St. Leger, Kim Steinard, Ann Trocchia, Shirley Tuttle, Maureen Van Ackooy, Daniela Velez, Catalina Vilato, Cass Vincent, Ellen Weinstock, June Weldon, Phyllis West, Barbara Willmer, and Elizabeth Young.

For more information, please visit <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/dutchess-handmade> or follow along on social media for updates and artist features.

Gayhead Elementary School students, staff raise \$45,277 for American Heart Association



Gayhead Elementary School students and staff participated in the Kids Heart Challenge. This year was their highest fundraising year yet. Students and staff, raised more than \$45,250 to support the American Heart Association.

-Courtesy photo

Gayhead Elementary School students and staff have participated in the Kids Heart Challenge for 35 years, and 2026 was their highest fundraising year yet. Students and staff, 389 of them, participated in the program this year, raising more than \$45,250 to support the American Heart Association's mission of being a relentless force changing the future of health for everyone everywhere.

Since they began participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, Gayhead, in Hopewell Junction, has raised \$871,655 to support heart disease research and education.

Physical education teacher Bridget

Boccini has been a driving force of the campaign and is preparing to retire after 31 years of teaching. She taught at Gayhead for 20 years. In that time, Gayhead has raised more than \$631,718. The Kids Heart Challenge has been a personal issue for Boccini, since both her parents had numerous heart procedures, and her brother and son live with atrial fibrillation.

When the weather warms, the school will celebrate with a dunk tank. Students who raised more than \$200 will have a chance to dunk some of the 10 staff members who have volunteered to be in the tank, including the principal and assistant principal.

Heart Walk raises 'critical funds'

According to the American Heart Association, a relentless force changing the future of health for everyone everywhere, approximately 436,000 Americans die from cardiac arrest each year — most often outside a hospital. Bystander CPR can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival, yet fewer than half receive it, highlighting a critical gap in community preparedness. To support the Association's efforts to enhance CPR readiness and build a community of lifesavers in the Hudson Valley, more than 300 people gathered at the Hudson Valley Heart Walk™ on Saturday, April 25, at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, raising critical funds and learning lifesaving CPR skills.

This year's Heart Walk brought together heart disease and stroke survivors, participants from local companies and other community members to learn the lifesaving skills of Hands-Only CPR, celebrate local survivors and support the mission of

the Association.

Paul Craft, retired Ellenville Police Officer, shared his story about surviving sudden cardiac arrest. His future son-in-law, John Paulsen, started CPR while first responders were on their way. Craft received a Lifestyle Change Award for improving his health after his sudden cardiac arrest, and Paulsen received a Heart Saver Hero Award at the Walk.

Gabe and Rei Saki, 10 and 6 years old, and born with congenital heart defects, were the Heart Heroes of the Walk.

Craft and the Saki children beat the Heart Walk drum on stage. Survivors also beat the drum at the end of the Walk, reminding everyone of the importance of keeping heartbeats strong.

This year's top fundraising companies included Ellenville Regional Hospital, Laerdal Medical and Medline. The newly introduced Torch Torphy will live at Ellenville Regional Hospital until next year's Heart Walk season.

Distortion Society presents solo exhibition by Josué Morales Urbina

In May and June, Distortion Society presents "Larrupin," a solo exhibition by installation artist Josué Morales Urbina. Born in Guatemala and now based in New York, his practice centers on the experience of not fully belonging to either place—what he calls *transcultural displacement* or *dépaysement*, a longing for home within a foreign environment.

In "Larrupin," Morales Urbina works with materials ranging from the utilitarian

to the organic to explore ideas of home, ephemerality, and connection through language, taste, and sensory experience. Curated by Gallery Director Michelle Silver, the exhibition opens Saturday, May 9.

"Larrupin" will be on view at Distortion Society, 155 Main Street, Beacon, through July 2. The gallery is free and open to the public. There will be an opening reception on May 9, from 7-9 p.m.