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Jim Crifo of East Fishkill at 100: POW and World War II hero



Jim Crifo of East Fishkill, pictured at right in his military uniform during World War II, participated in the D-Day operation and additional combat missions. One of those missions involved taking part in "glider assaults" and landing with men and equipment behind enemy lines. Crifo was captured and spent time as a Prisoner of War and was liberated in May of 1945.

-Courtesy photos

Editor's note: As we prepare to honor our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, we present the following - an account of one soldier's days during World War II.

By Jim Donick

James (Jim) Crifo of East Fishkill is no longer a young man. He's a hundred years old and no longer likely to be able to jump out of an airplane into a hostile land as he did over 80 years ago just after midnight on D-Day.

Crifo had been training as an electrician when he was drafted. The skills he had been learning were in great demand by the military as they were the key to establishing and maintaining communications

among units throughout the world and particularly in the heat of combat. Crifo ended up in the 101st Airborne Division as a communications specialist. First, though, he had to learn the dangerous skills of being a parachutist.

The story of D-Day has been told in these pages before. This massive effort included parachutists landing behind the beaches in the middle of the night to secure the exits from the beaches and to keep the enemy from being able to mount a counter attack. The 101st dropped behind Utah Beach just after midnight and they secured the town of Saint-Mere Eglise, France and the roads passing through it. Being a communications spe-

cialist, Crifo was in the first echelon, the first guys to land. He jumped into the dark that night and, once on the ground, went to work. One of his colleagues ended up hanging from the top of the church in the center of the village, others ended up in trees or flooded fields where a number drowned. It was a long night for the men of the 101st - fighting for their lives, waiting for the dawn and trusting that the landings on the beach would soon bring them relief. Their actions that night are the stuff of legends. Jim Crifo played his part bravely.

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'Roots of Liberty' garden project honors America's 250th



This AI-generated image depicts the gardens at Mount Gulian Historic Site as they will appear by mid-summer. The red, white and blue combination will be repeated at all the gardens, albeit using different flower types.

-Courtesy image

The Verplanck Garden Club (VGC) of Fishkill will honor the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by creating seven new gardens at important historic locations in Fishkill and Beacon. Featuring red, white and blue flowers, the seven gardens will be anchored by a 5-foot-tall colonial soldier silhouette, crafted of metal. Each soldier is uniquely designed to hold a flag, a musket, or a drum.

The "Roots of Liberty" garden project, is partially funded by the Verplanck Garden Club and by the Town of Fishkill, who will later place the statues in their Garden of Heroes at the Town Hall complex. The soldier silhouettes were manufactured and installed by Robert Van Winkle, a master metal-worker and restorer of important statues such as Sybil Luddington, another famous Revolutionary-era heroine.

Mr. Van Winkle is world-renowned for his work on refurbishment of statues at many locations, both in the US and internationally. His careful work of restoration has been deployed at Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon in England with statues of MacBeth, The Tempest and Caesar. Seventeen statues created by the Art Students League that were originally installed and displayed in NYC, were later donated by the Florida Arts Council to be installed by Mr. Van Winkle in Key West, Florida. Locally, he installed the Daniel Nimham statue in Fishkill. "It was our delight to find out that Bob lives and works in Fishkill and we are honored to have his talent and keen knowledge of history deployed on this project," said Katherine Gambino, Chair of the Roots of Liberty project.

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Spring Antiques at Fairgrounds on May 23-24

Barn Star Productions and Frank Gaglio are thrilled to announce the return of the Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck Show, opening to the public on the Memorial Day Weekend - Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24 - at the historic Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

Recognized as one of the Hudson Valley's premier antiques events, the show will once again fill three spacious and well-ventilated buildings with an exceptional collection of antiques, vintage finds, art, collectibles, and design from across the globe and throughout the centuries.

This spring's show promises one of Rhinebeck's most exciting lineups yet, welcoming several outstanding new exhibitors alongside many longtime favorites, creating a vibrant and visually inspiring shopping experience for collectors, designers, historians, decorators, and treasure hunters alike.

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Unique and interesting pieces of furniture will be among the attractions at the annual Antiques at Rhinebeck at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds this weekend.

-Courtesy photo

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France never forgot. In 2015 on July 3rd, Crifo was taken to New York City to be honored by the French Government with that country's highest military or civilian honor, the "Légion d'honneur."

After D-Day, the war was hardly over for Crifo or the men of the 101st. He transferred to glider assault. Though still in the 101st, he would arrive at the scene of the battle in a glider that also carried equipment, sometimes a jeep, sometimes a trailer of equipment or other material. The gliders that were used were built by Waco aviation of mostly wood and fabric. They were towed behind a C-47 or other transport plane and cut loose near to the target area. The glider pilot then flew the craft to the ground and more or less crash landed it in what they hoped would be a big enough farmer's field to keep the landing survivable. The gliders were nicknamed "flying coffins" for just this reason. It was one-way ticket to the battle and the pilot only had one chance to land it safely. With no engine, there was no chance to go around again and look for a better spot.

In September of 1944, Crifo and his division were assigned to take part in a major offensive to capture a large part of occupied Netherlands and to secure a significant bridge across the Rhine River and open a route for the invasion of Germany. It was called "Operation Market Garden." The operation was later immortalized in the movie "A Bridge Too Far." That bridge was a British goal and it was not taken.

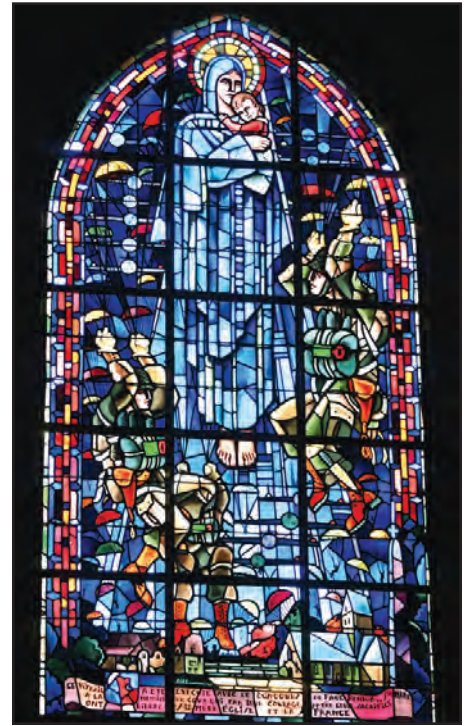
Crifo's glider carried a pilot, six soldiers, and a trailer of communications equipment. When they made their crash landing, there were Germans nearby. Crifo and his colleagues exited the glider and quickly came under fire. He and two others returned fire while the other four managed to escape into the woods. Crifo



was captured and the two with him were killed. The Germans might have killed him on the spot, but took him prisoner, "likely for information. I was the only one left. They interviewed me. I didn't tell them anything," he recalls.

During his period as a prisoner, he was moved a couple of times, ending up in a work camp. When asked what he thought about in that period, he says, "It took a lot out of me ... the way you think changes. You feel a little hope that you'll get home someday." Late in his captivity, Crifo got sick and was transferred to a German hospital. It was there he was liberated in May of 1945. His biggest regret? "I put my mom through so much. First she heard I was missing in action and then, later, that I was a POW. That's my only regret, that I put my mom through so much."

Crifo was honored by the Town of East Fishkill this spring. The whole town celebrated this local hero. Asked what advice he might offer, he noted "Just be grateful that you're alive and able to do the things you want ... and to do them well ... and be good to people when you can."



During the D-Day operation, Jim Crifo and his colleagues parachuted behind Utah Beach. One of Crifo's fellow soldiers ended up hanging from the top of the church in the center of the village of Sainte-Mere Eglise, France. The mannequin above and other displays pictured are in Sainte-Mere Eglise, a reminder of when soldiers in the 101st Airborne dropped in after midnight on D-Day.

-Photos by Jim Donick

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Each garden is chaired by club members who will draw upon the larger membership of the VGC to do the planting of the more than 970 flowers including blue Salvias, white Vincas, red Impatiens, and other selections optimal for the sun/shade conditions of any given site.

Donna Shelley-Baumler, a VGC member, has deployed her drafting and horticultural skills to plan each garden and derive estimate plant counts. She is working with our local nursery provider, Sunny Gardens, to source the plants. "It was a pleasure to design the seven patriotic gardens and select the appropriate colorful flowers. I am honored to have been part of this project celebrating the Town of Fishkill and its contribution to our nation's birth," said Donna Shelley-Baumler.

The other planning committee members - Amy Mackenzie, Diane Gil, Cecilia Schnackenberg, Patricia Quiana, Mary Ann Martinez, Bonnie Detweiler, and JoAnn Norris -- positioned and marked the garden locations with the input of the historical site boards of directors.

Gil remarked, "With the cooperation of the historical site owners, we have located the gardens in the most optimal and visible locations possible, and we are grateful for the sites stewardship of these properties."

Detweiler said, a VGC member and garden chair, "There will be gardens at the Van Wyck Homestead Museum, the First Reformed Church, Trinity Church, the Brinkerhoff Inn, the Rombout Rural Cemetery, the Daniel Nimham Statue, the Madam Brett homestead and at Mount Gulian. Not all will be full-scale gardens; some will be potted displays due to the location's size constraints."

Gambino added, "All the gardens will be highly visible and distinctive, with their red/white/blue color scheme and soldiers heralding to the community and to tourists that this is a location worth visiting during this anniversary year."

Not all the required funds to implement the Roots of Liberty project have been raised. The garden club provided a portion of the initial funds, but the group is seeking additional donations from fraternal and civic organizations, and the public to complete the funding required. "While a large donation from one of these groups will help immensely, it's the \$5 and \$10 donations from our Fishkill and Beacon community members that will mean the most to our fundraising efforts, as it means that our citizens become part of the historical celebration," said Gambino. "Citizens may contribute online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-the-roots-of-liberty-project-by-the-verplanck-garden-club>. Donations to our non-profit organization for this project are tax deductible."

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Problem-solver Bob Balkind prepares for his next challenge

County Public Works Commissioner set to leave role on May 22

By Curtis Schmidt

In his 20-plus years with the Dutchess County Department of Public Works – 13 as Commissioner - Bob Balkind has never fixed a pothole or driven a snow-plow truck. He hasn't driven a bus or repaired a Sheriff's Office vehicle. He hasn't flown or repaired a plane at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport. He hasn't handled tools and equipment in building maintenance or the construction of road and bridge projects on county roads. And though he loves to spend time in County parks, he hasn't taught courses or maintained property at the parks.

However, what Balkind has done has affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of Dutchess County residents everyday and empowered the directors of all of the eight divisions of the Department of Public Works to continually improve and make a positive difference in the community.

And after 20-plus years of coordinating and problem-solving on the county level, Balkind is retiring – with his last day being this Friday, May 22.

"I'm very proud of the work we do and I've been blessed to be able to work with people who are so committed to helping others," he said. "I have always realized true satisfaction in knowing that we make a positive difference in our communities every day."

And that hasn't always been easy. When you lead a department that is tasked with overseeing the design, construction and maintenance of 1.2M sq ft of office space, 181 county bridges and is responsible for maintaining the county's 395 centerline miles of roads, including during all kinds of storms, opportunities for failure always exist. And, to be clear, buildings and highways encompass only two of the divisions of the Public Works Department. Others include Public Transit, Parks, Aviation, Engineering, an Auto Service Center and Finance.

Balkind said his goal has always been "to create opportunities to make our leadership team – and everyone under them – feel value, to give them the responsibility and authority they deserve. My primary job is to facilitate the success of everyone and to give them the (mental) tools to make better decisions."

That's called "empowering others, leading by example and putting your ego aside." Balkind further breaks it down into coordination, collaboration and, most importantly, listening.

"I try to see every person I encounter as an opportunity to learn from," he said. "I learned a long time ago that I don't learn when I speak. So, I try to do a lot of listening."

Balkind, who has a bachelors degree in civil engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer in NY, MA and NJ, and has been working at the trade he loves for 38-plus years, notes that he used to run engineering and highway divisions.

"Those two I could handle, but not the others," he said of his overall role. "My managers are much better at what they do. I don't try to pretend and they know that. I trust them and am here to help. I'm not a 'my way or the highway' guy."

He said he and his directors "use mistakes as teaching moments, and luckily, we make a lot of mistakes and learn from them. The public depends on us to 'get it right' every time and we try to do our absolute best every day."

And, to be clear again, the job of the Public Works Department is 24/7/365. Storms and ensuing crises know no boundaries.

"I always tell people - this is not a job where you show up in the morning and go home in the afternoon," said Balkind. "Whether it's a 2 a.m. fire at one of our facilities, a tree in the road or a huge snowstorm – when the need arises – we have to be there. These situations can't wait til the morning after. There have been



Dutchess County Department of Public Works Commissioner Bob Balkind is pictured with a tracked excavator in the Public Works garage.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

many days when we spend every minute of every hour handling all aspects of a difficult situation" – and everything else takes a temporary back seat.

The department has emergency plans, along with a full set of emergency procedures and processes in place to follow. But then, no two situations are totally the same. After each emergency, Balkind said, "We always go back and revisit each situation with questions like 'How did we react? What did we do wrong? What did we get right? What could we have done better?' We depend on our feedback and the feedback of everyone – including residents – to always get better at what we do."

As he looks back over his "very gratifying career," Balkind said he chose civil engineering because he has always enjoyed the role of a problem-solver. Even as a child he said he liked solving jigsaw puzzles, Sudoku and others. "Finding solutions is what drives me and my career has been a natural outgrowth of problem-solving. I like to be challenged," he said.

And his next challenge? Finding his next career. "Initially, I want to see what it's like to not go to work every day," he said. "But after that, I have a lot of choices."

We can safely imagine Bob Balkind will stay quite active.

24-Hour 'Taps' Tribute – Memorial Day 2026

In observance of this 80th Anniversary of Wappingers VFW Post 5913, local resident Dani Masterson will lead a 24-hour Sounding of Taps to honor the World War II servicemembers, who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the veterans of that era



Attendees during the Sounding of Taps by Dani Masterson at the Wappingers VFW Post 5913. Masterson is still sounding the 24 notes every night as part of a 365-day tribute (Tuesday, May 26th will be Night 365).

-Courtesy photo

who have since passed away. The tribute is scheduled to commence at 3 p.m. on May 24th and will conclude at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 25th.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on May 24th, the 24 notes of Taps will be sounded every hour on the hour. Each sounding will serve as a tribute to the young servicemembers who lost their lives on distant battlefields and high seas during World

War II, as well as to the veterans whose enduring service has shaped the local community.

The first 19 hours of this commemoration will take place at Mesier Park in the Village of Wappingers, Dutchess County. Throughout the night and into the morning, these notes will echo across the Park, standing as a quiet assurance that the sacrifices of these individuals are not forgotten.

The final 5 hours, from 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Memorial Day, will be held at VFW Post 5913, located at 8 School St.

This Post was established 80 years ago by returning World War II veterans who bore the burdens of war and created a space for remembrance and continued service. Concluding this observance on their grounds is a fitting honor to their legacy.

Masterson is still sounding the 24 notes every night as part of a 365-day tribute (Tuesday, May 26th will be Night 365).


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East Fishkill residents urged to question proposed data center

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the proposal by a New Jersey developer for a 1-Gigawatt (1GW) data center project in East Fishkill. This issue is important not only to residents living in District 21, but to all East Fishkill residents.

No formal amendment reflecting a data center project has been submitted to the Town Planning Board. The original application, submitted in 2023, proposed a 700,000-square-foot warehouse and a second 200,000-square-foot warehouse. In 2024, the proposal was slightly reduced to approximately 665,000 and 100,000 square feet. The unchanged project appears on Planning Board agendas only under "Projects that have applications before the Planning Board not on the agenda."

What residents have now learned is that the developer mentioned plans for a data center on the site, in a brief conversation with the Town without mentioning the size. One would think that a 100+ acre site would not house a small data center.

Although no formal local application has been publicly presented, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), the nonprofit corporation that manages New York's power grid, has already published a scoping document for the "1 Gig Data Center East Fishkill," Queue #1738. The document states that the purpose of the study is to evaluate the impact of the proposed interconnection of the project, "being developed by Donovan Drive Holdings LLC."

This raises an important question: how can a project already be described as "being developed" while many East Fishkill residents remain unaware of its scale and impact?

Data centers are increasingly important, but residents deserve to understand the full implications of a project that could consume an enormous amount of electricity — often compared to the energy needs of a small city or more than 750,000 homes. Current reports indicate the existing electrical grid lacks the capacity to support a facility of this magnitude without major infrastructure expansion.

Residents also deserve discussion about potential noise pollution, diesel backup generators, environmental impacts, and whether the project would create meaningful long-term local jobs.

Now is the time for East Fishkill residents to ask questions, become informed, and make their voices heard before decisions with lasting consequences are made.

Fran Caracappa

Candidate for Dutchess County Legislature District 21 East Fishkill

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In Remembrance of the Hamilton Family in Hughsonville

To the Editor:

A recently listed home in Hughsonville carries far more than a home in need of repair and the beauty of the acreage overlooking the creek.

The previous owner Catherine "Cathy" Hamilton who passed away in 2024, entrusted the property to the SPCA, honoring her deep love for animals and her lifelong commitment to giving back.

The connection between Cathy's family and the home spans decades, rooted in a legacy of service and community dedication.

Robert William Hamilton, Cathy's father, served as a volunteer firefighter in Hughsonville, while Cathy carried that commitment forward as a life member and past President of the Hughsonville Fire Company. Cathy also served as a US Army Reservist, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Together, the Hamilton Family maintained a long standing and meaningful presence within the local community, leaving behind a legacy defined by service and leadership.

Jennifer Ciofalo
Wappingers Falls

'Thank you' to Fishkill Town Board for honoring Revolutionary War soldiers

To the Editor:

Thank you to the Town of Fishkill Town Board for passing this week's resolution honoring the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in our community.

Thanks to Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra for his leadership, and the rest of the town board for passing this on a unanimous bipartisan basis!

These sacred historic grounds deserve respect and protection, not inappropriate development.

Fishkill's history matters, especially as we celebrate our country's 250th founding. Thank you to everyone continuing to speak up and fight to preserve this history for future generations.

Mike Schade
Candidate for Dutchess County Legislature District 17 Fishkill

My Mother

To the Editor:

She is a short little woman who gave me her love,
Who taught me of God and the angels above.
She is the spirit of Christmas, and what a delight,
Like opening presents in the middle of the night.

A joy to have in this cruel world,
Like a dove in flight with its wings unfurled.
A little woman with long black hair,
Always near, always there.

Oh my mother, I love you so,
Whenever you are near, my heart is aglow.
If ever you left, oh how I would cry,
I know the best part of me would lie down and die.

Dear mother of mine, you will have to stay,
So we can be together and enjoy each day.
To live a life that is full of fun,
Just me and my mother, who is five feet one.

Leslie Pisaturo
Town of Poughkeepsie

Senator Rolison urges energy committee to advance Utility Tax Holiday Bill to Senate Floor

NYS Senator Rob Rolison's bill, S.8463, was moved forward on Tuesday, May 12 by the Senate Investigations and Government Operations Committee and referred to the Senate Energy Committee for further consideration. The legislation would establish a one-year utility bill tax and surcharge holiday and a two-year green energy tax holiday to help lower costs for homeowners, families and small businesses across New York State.

Rolison is calling on the Senate Energy Committee to quickly advance his utility tax holiday legislation to the Senate floor for a full vote, saying New Yorkers need immediate relief from skyrocketing utility costs now, not five

to ten years from now.

"This legislation needs to move through the Energy Committee as quickly as possible and be brought to the Senate floor for a vote and passed," said Senator Rolison. "Hardworking families and small businesses are being crushed by skyrocketing utility costs, and they need immediate relief, not in five to ten years. This is a common-sense proposal and right now, this is the only bill on the table that would provide direct, immediate relief, and the Senate should act to pass it."

Residential electricity rates in New York are now approximately 50% higher than the national average, according to Rolison's office.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 27 issue of Southern Dutchess News will have early deadlines for all departments.

Editorial and calendar submissions must be received by Thursday, May 21, at noon.

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Caboose dedicated at Rich Taylor Depot Park in East Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

There are new features at the Rich Taylor Depot Park in East Fishkill. A new Delaware & Hudson Railroad built Caboose #35845 in on site and renovated. There is also a new water fountain, for those accessing the Empire Trail from Westchester County to Walkway Over the Hudson Historic Park, as well as this portion of the Dutchess County Rail Trail.

“It makes it a whole park-like area,” said Dave Pfirman, president of the Hopewell Depot Museum.

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said the location shows what can be accomplished “when we call come together with one common goal.” He said the Depot stands as “a deep respect” for its history in the community.

The Hopewell Depot Museum took decades to get to this point. The volunteers have spent countless hours updating and renovating the site. It was three decades ago that local resident Rich Taylor came across the Hopewell Junction building. It was falling apart, and sustained damage from a fire.

Taylor became devoted to restoring this community asset, it was stated. The restoration was completed in 2012.

“[Taylor] saw the potential here when no one else did,” remarked D’Alessandro. He added, “This Depot Park is the star of our Rail Trail.”

Taylor thanked all the people who gathered there and the volunteers. He said the park and caboose “look really great.”

It was in 2019, said D’Alessandro, that there was need for a caboose or steam engine on the site.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad built Caboose #35845 at the Rich Taylor Depot Park in East Fishkill on May 6.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

The D&H #35845, it was stated, was in service from 1916 until 1980. The D&H, known as the Bridge Line, ran from Pennsylvania to Canada. It carried coal and freight, it was noted.

A local resident, who is a railroad enthusiast, purchased the caboose in the 1980s. The local owner was not ready at first to part with the caboose, it was shared, but in 2022, the caboose was sold and moved to the Museum.

Pfirman noted “a lot of fun” was had moving the caboose from its location in Wappingers Falls to East Fishkill. It is now “99 percent restored on the inside,” he said.

The restoration was completed, with the help of rails & ties from Metropolitan Transportation Authority, it was stated.

There are now restrooms – available

year-round, located at the park. There was another acquisition, this time of the NYNH&H #196 Signal Tower.

A pavilion was dedicated almost seven years ago to Bernie Rudberg, who was one of Depot volunteers and affectionately known as “Mr. Conductor.”

Board member Sabrina Oestrich, who was with her 91-year-old father Maurice E. “Bud” Parsons Jr., said, “It’s a little bit of history.” Bud used to paint when he volunteered, it was stated. Oestrich said all of the new attractions have “brought more people” to the Depot.

The Depot was restored without access to running water, it was stated. During the ceremony, it was shared that approximately eight years ago, a water main was installed to access the site.

Last year, after a grant was received



The Delaware & Hudson Caboose #35845 in East Fishkill.



Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro makes remarks during the ceremony.

from the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the design for the water fountain, bottle filler and pet fountain was approved, and completed. Dutchess County approved the project, and it was completed late in 2025. Due to freezing weather, it was noted by the Supervisor, the fountain was closed.

Thanks was offered to all of the partners and volunteers who have assisted in the effort of the Depot over the years.

Hopewell Reformed Church recognizes first responders

By Kristine Coulter

The Hopewell Reformed Church community honored first responders earlier this month with First Responders Appreciation Sunday.

Doug Leonard is the senior pastor the church.

“We have many first responders in this congregation and my wife and I personally understand the importance of what our police officers, firefighters and EMS workers do. On the evening of July 4, 2020, we experienced a devastating house fire in Wallkill, New York, that took the life of my wife’s son, my stepson, Joseph, while our daughter was rescued that night. We will never forget the courage, professionalism, and compassion of the police officers, firefighters, and EMS staff and volunteers who cared for our family, and we remain deeply grateful,” explained Leonard in via email.

The service featured distinguished guests and speakers, including Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, New York State Police Troop K Commander Major Dan Smith, East Fishkill Police Chief Derrick Cuccia, East Fishkill Fire District Chief John Jackson, East Fishkill Rescue Squad Rescue Captain Chief Gary Saltzberg.

Chief Cuccia told Southern Dutchess News days before the event, “None of our officers sign up for this career for the recognition. We don’t expect to see our names in headlines after a brutal shift handling the worst tragedies life has to offer. A pat on the back from a boss or a hug from a family member after you go home, is the acknowledgment we have



Local first responders were recognized for their service on May 17 at Hopewell Reformed Church in East Fishkill.

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grown accustomed to.” He continued, “We are beyond grateful to the community we serve for putting an event together to pay recognition to our dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to protecting and serving each and every day. The East Fishkill Police Department is truly the finest and I am extremely proud of all our department members.”

Asked what he hopes the first responders being honored take away from the event, Leonard said, “We know how difficult it can be to serve as a first responder and how important this work is for our community. Often people are unaware of the compassion and sacrifice of these officers and their teams. We want them to know how grateful we all are for their dedication and service.”

Leonard explained, “We chose this date

because Sunday, May 17 is National EMS Day, and it also falls at the close of National Police Week. In moments of crisis, whether after an accident or during a house fire, our local agencies work seamlessly together to rescue and protect everyone in our community. We hope this service will be an encouragement to all

first responders and a clear expression of our deep gratitude for their service.”

NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan posted to social media, in part, “It was an honor to present citations to each agency in recognition of their dedication and service. Thank you to Pastor Doug, the congregation, and Rob Faust for organizing such a meaningful event.

Our first responders are the backbone of our communities — and today was a reminder of how appreciated they truly are.”

Memorial Day program set at Fishkill Rural Cemetery

Fishkill Rural Cemetery will be hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 25, at 11a.m. at the Hugh J. Maurer Mausoleum on cemetery grounds, 801 Rt. 9 Fishkill.

Keynote speaker will be Captain Travis Salley, Professor of Military History West Point

Light refreshments will be served. The rain or shine event is free of charge.

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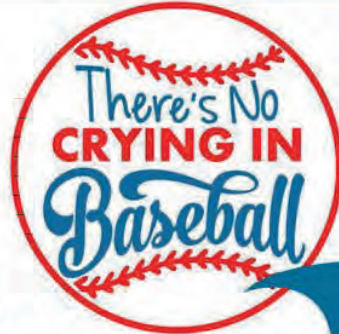
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Sad sweep as Renegades drop six straight to Frederick Keys

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades hosted the Frederick Keys for the first time in team history on May 12-17. It was a week most forgettable, as the hosts dropped six straight games, swept for the first time this season and stand at 18-20 on the season. One of four teams with a 3-7 record in their last 10 games (as of May 17), the slumping Renegades suffered a range of wire-to-wire and long-stinging losses against Frederick.

K, bye - The Renegades entered the week with a 50/50 home record and fell below .500 at the close of the weekend. As of May 17, Hudson Valley holds the second-highest home strikeout count in the South Atlantic League (215), as Frederick fanned 10 or more Renegades in 5 of 6 games this series. Though the Keys struck out a series-high 17 times on May 17, they completed the sweep with a second straight 6-3 victory.

Bullpen Bulletin - Plenty of Renegades relievers did their job this week, particularly in the finale. After Frederick scored six runs over the first three innings, Hudson Valley held them scoreless the rest of the

way. It took five guys to go the distance, and though the Renegades offense strung together half of the needed runs, the rallying hit never came. Hudson Valley had another 6-3 loss the night before, though 4/5 relievers taking the mound offered a scoreless outing.

One-run bums - The Renegades lost twice to Frederick on a one-run decision. The May 13 mid-day matinee saw a ninth-inning visitors' comeback, as the Keys scored three times before Hudson Valley could record its final three outs. The Renegades would drop the contest 5-4 after leading from the first through the ninth innings. On May 14, Wilson Rodriguez drove in a first-inning RBI to get the 'Reegades started, but the Keys quickly equalized on a home run before taking a third-inning lead. Both teams were held scoreless past the fifth, as Frederick would hang on for the 4-3 lead. Starter Rory Fox went six innings, as Brandon Decker, Hansel Rincon, and Andrew Landry each contributed a scoreless frame.

The surging Keys hold a half-game lead of the South Atlantic League, while the sub-.500 Renegades look to



Kyle West of the Renegades rounds the bases after hitting a homerun during Veterans Appreciation Day at Heritage Financial Park.

-Photo by Dave Janosz.

right their woes on the road against the last-place Brooklyn Cyclones.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Frederick BAL	25	13	.658	-	9-1	W7
	Greensboro PIT	25	14	.641	0.5	7-3	W1
	Wilmington WSH	19	19	.500	6.0	3-7	L4
	Hudson Valley NYN	18	20	.474	7.0	3-7	L6
	Jersey Shore PHI	17	21	.447	8.0	3-7	L1
	Brooklyn NYM	10	28	.263	15.0	3-7	L2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	27	12	.692	-	8-2	L1
	Winston-Salem CWS	23	16	.590	4.0	6-4	W4
	Rome ATL	22	17	.564	5.0	7-3	W2
	Hub City TEX	21	17	.553	5.5	7-3	W2
	Greenville BOS	15	24	.385	12.0	2-8	W1
	Asheville HOU	9	30	.231	18.0	2-8	L2



May			
05/26/26	vs. Bowling Green	06:05 PM	Women in Sports Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
			Education Day presented by Heritage Financial Credit
05/27/26	vs. Bowling Green	11:05 AM	Union WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
05/28/26	vs. Bowling Green	06:35 PM	Beach Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
05/29/26	vs. Bowling Green	07:05 PM	Star Wars Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
			2026 Renegades Team Card Set presented by Dutchess Tire
05/30/26	vs. Bowling Green	05:05 PM	Center WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
05/31/26	vs. Bowling Green	02:05 PM	Halloween in May WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
June			
06/09/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Petting Zoo Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
06/10/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Pride Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
06/11/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Soccer Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
06/12/26	vs. Jersey Shore	07:05 PM	Superhero & Villains Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
06/13/26	vs. Jersey Shore	05:05 PM	Seinfeld Night: A Game About Nothing WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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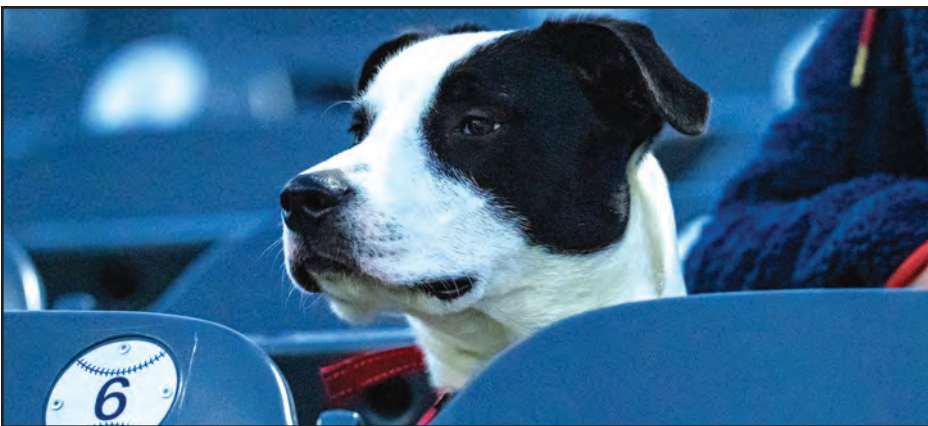
Carol Schmitz



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Fun with fans at the ballpark



Fan participation is a key element in the fun at Hudson Valley Renegades games at Heritage Financial Park. Above, children interact with the Renegades mascots. A young fan runs around the bases between innings. And a canine fan watches from the bleachers during "Retriever Night" at the ballpark.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

Renegades' Liñan named SAL Pitcher of the Week

By Morgan E. Maier

Minor League Baseball (MiLB) has announced that Hudson Valley Renegades RHP Sean Paul Liñan has been named the South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week for the week of May 4-10. Liñan is ranked by MLB Pipeline as the Yankees' #22 prospect.

Liñan, 21, threw 6.0 hitless innings on Saturday, May 9, against the Winston-Salem Dash, allowing just one walk while striking out seven batters. The right-hander set down the first 13 batters he faced in the start before a one-out walk in the fifth inning to Boston Smith.

In addition to his season-high 6.0 innings, Liñan needed only 69 pitches to tie his season-high in strikeouts. All seven

strikeouts came on Liñan's changeup, which is called one of the best in Minor League Baseball by MLB Pipeline.

He is the second Renegades player to win a weekly award in 2026, joining Luis Serna, who was named SAL Pitcher of the Week on April 13. Liñan was acquired by the Yankees in a trade with the Washington Nationals on March 22, 2026 in exchange for INF Jorbit Vivas.

This is the second weekly award in Liñan's career, as he was previously named California League Pitcher of the Week on 4/20/2025 while pitching for Rancho Cucamonga in the Dodgers organization. He was also named California League Pitcher of the Month for April 2025.



Right: Sean Paul Liñan of the Renegades threw 6.0 hitless innings on Saturday, May 9, against the Winston-Salem Dash, allowing just one walk while striking out seven batters.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Spring Antiques at Fairgrounds on May 23-24



Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck features furniture, jewelry and much more - all to the delight of shoppers from all parts of the Hudson Valley and beyond.

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- Military and nautical antiques
- Fine art and folk art
- Textiles, samplers, and quilts
- Stoneware and redware pottery
- Native American jewelry and artifacts
- Shaker furniture and accessories
- Art pottery and art glass
- Silver and watches
- Graphic posters and advertising
- Folk signs and early toys
- Vintage décor and much more

In addition to world-class shopping, guests can enjoy free parking, a specialty food vendor offering a delicious variety of menu options, and the charm of nearby Historic Rhinebeck Village, making the weekend a perfect destination for collectors and families alike.

Show Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. No pets please.

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-Visitors can expect an extraordinary range of offerings including:

- Oriental rugs
- Fine, designer, and costume jewelry
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- Fine and decorative prints
- Mid-century and modern design
- Books and ephemera
- Asian arts

Tompkins Community Bank announces Banking Division leadership transition

Marking a leadership transition within its community banking division in the Hudson Valley, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has announced that Carol Schmitz, senior vice president and community banking manager, will retire after 24 years of service to the company. In anticipation of Schmitz's retirement, Tompkins also announced that Kristen O'Keeffe, currently community banking operations manager, will be stepping into the role of community banking division manager for the Hudson Valley market.

Schmitz joined Tompkins in 2002 as a manager at the Lagrange branch and held roles at the Brewster and Wappingers branches before ascending into her role as community banking manager. Throughout her two decades with Tompkins, Schmitz exemplified deep community involvement both through her leadership on the bank's contribution committee and through her own volunteer work as a board member for the American Heart Association, a dedicated volunteer with Dutchess Outreach and Habitat for Humanity and a member of the 2012 Leadership Dutchess class.

"It is difficult to overstate the incredible role Carol has played in the growth and continued excellence of the Hudson Valley. She has brought leadership, expertise, and deep commitment to our customers, communities, and colleagues," said Dave DeMilia, president of Tompkins' Hudson Valley market. "Her impact on our organization and the people she has mentored along the way will be felt for years to come. We are grateful for her decades of dedicated service and wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement."

Schmitz will be succeeded by Kristen O'Keeffe, who will step into the role of community banking division manager for the Hudson Valley market. O'Keeffe joined Tompkins in 2003 and has held several roles throughout her 23-year tenure, most recently serving as community banking operations manager under Schmitz, where she oversaw the sales and operations of twelve Tompkins branches throughout the Hudson Valley.

"Throughout her Tompkins career,



Carol Schmitz, above, and Kristen O'Keeffe

-Courtesy photos



Kristen has demonstrated not only exceptional leadership and expertise, but a continued dedication to strengthening our communities," said DeMilia. "I can think of no one better to step into this role, as Kristen is an integral part of our team's efforts to grow and expand our services in the Hudson Valley."

Through a personal commitment to community service and ongoing professional development, O'Keeffe frequently donates her time to a variety of local non-profits including Dutchess Outreach, United for the Troops and Habitat for Humanity, has served on the Planning Committee for the Mahopac Relay for Life and is a 2022 graduate of Leadership Dutchess. She resides in Carmel with her husband and two children.

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Fishkill Town Board unanimously passes commemorative resolution recognizing American Revolutionary War burial ground

By Kristine Coulter

The Fishkill Town Board held a special meeting last week concerning a commemorative Town Board resolution to recognize an American Revolutionary War burial ground in the town. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The owners of a property at the corner of Van Wyck Lake Road and State Route 9, which is for the Continental Commons project, in the town filed an application on May 11 in the federal court seeking to stop the Town from holding a special meeting on May 13. According to town officials, on May 13, attorneys for the Town and the property owner appeared before Judge Vincent L. Briccetti in federal court in White Plains, Westchester County.

Briccetti denied the motion by the property owner's lawyer for an application for an injunction.

Domenic Broccoli, developer of the Continental Commons project, stated in a press release about the judge's decision, "There may be legal remedies for damages to our project, but there are no remedies for damages to history once misinformation becomes accepted as fact. You cannot put a price tag on the integrity of the historical record. Supervisor [Ozzy] Albra and Town Board members should have handled this 'commemorative' act through a transparent process led by professional archaeologists and historians — not politics, public pressure, and predetermined conclusions."

Broccoli stated, "Tonight's (May 13) resolution does not change the archaeological record. It does not create new evidence. And it does not erase the years of scientific review, public hearings, environmental analysis, and court proceedings

that already took place."

The special meeting was held in the Fishkill Town Hall.

Albra made a presentation over more than 30 minutes using historical sources spanning centuries.

Albra said "countless hours" were spent "putting this together, research[ing], getting this done."

Sources cited were works by Benson J. Lossing (1860), James E. Dean and John W. Spaight (1866), J.J. Monell (1872), Henry D.B. Bailey (1874), Philip H. Smith (1877), James H. Smith (1882). Albra read from pages in historical works, such as by Monell's "Historical Sketches Washington's Head-Quarters Newburgh, N.Y.," "General History Dutchess County, 1609 to 1870, Inclusive," "Commemorative Biographical Record Dutchess County, New York," and "The History of Dutchess County New York," edited by Frank Hasbrouck.

"Continental Commons has always believed that the history of the Fishkill Supply Depot deserves to be preserved, studied, and shared accurately with future generations. The project's preservation efforts, interpretive education, historic architecture, walking trails, and living museum concepts are intended to help tell the true story of the Fishkill Supply Depot and honor the American Revolutionary War patriots connected to this region — including those buried within the Village of Fishkill, at Rombout Rural Cemetery, and at Clove Valley. We believe history should be preserved through facts, education, and respect for all those who contributed to our nation's founding," said Broccoli in a statement via his spokesperson, Greg Lane, on Friday, May 15.

Before the roll call vote, each of the

members of the Town Board made a statement.

Council member Jackie Bardini remarked the Town's comprehensive plans noted "the historical significance of the Fishkill Supply Depot."

Council member Donald Przytula said he has done research, which corroborates with Albra's. He noted he has taught research methods at United States Military Academy West Point. In research, he said there's rarely an absolute.

"If there is one soldier buried in that property that we're not respecting for what they have given, so that we, in 2026 cannot understand what they went through." He noted, "We can't... possibly understand what it was like to be in a barracks in Fishkill in 1776 and living with the disease around them everywhere."

Council member Greg Totino said he was in a production of "1776" 15 years ago where the character of Benjamin Franklin states, "Choose carefully, every mapmaker in the world is waiting for your answer." Totino continued, "I suppose that as we cast our votes here tonight, everyone here and everyone here in our community, regardless of their opinions or beliefs about a matter that has been up for debate for some years now, will reach their own conclusions about our decision."

He added that the Verplancks, a prominent family in the area at the time, were "the Elon Musk of their time" and that it "was not uncommon" for people to bury family in a small family plot "but that's not what you do when you had money."

Council member Brian Wrye said, "I recognize there's still disputes by many regarding whether there's definitive archeological proof about Revolutionary

soldiers are buried at the site. At the same time, it's also undisputed that the area was part of a larger Fishkill Supply Depot during the Revolutionary War era, one of the most significant military logistical areas during that time."

He later added, "For me this vote is not about politics, publicity, or the upcoming 250th anniversary celebration. It's about exercising caution and respect for human remains and historically sensitive grounds may exist."

Wrye said his vote is not based on emotion, but that local government has to side on the part of dignity and preservation.

"The burial area is already protected from disturbance and recognizing the historical [sensitivity] of the site does not necessarily prevent the surrounding property from becoming an economically productive and even educational asset to the town," said Wrye, in part.

The Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot, in a press release on May 18, called it "a landmark decision for historic preservation."

"The resolution adopted by the Town makes clear that it was commemorative only and that it was not a finding by the Town Board that the burials were actually Revolutionary War Soldiers. This was echoed by the Town's lawyers at the hearing before the federal court on Wednesday morning. To hear the Supervisor and other Town Board members state that the burials are Revolutionary War soldiers during the Special Meeting was disappointing, but not surprising. This is just another example of the Town Supervisor and other representatives making false statement for political gain, while trampling on the property rights of its residents," said Lane.

East Fishkill board expected to formally set public hearing to expand moratorium to include data centers

The East Fishkill Town Board will consider scheduling a public hearing to discuss extending the Town's existing industrial moratorium and expanding it to include data centers, it was announced in a press release on social media on May 13. The resolution would formally set a public hearing for the Town Board meeting in June.

"I believe it is important that we take a thoughtful and transparent approach to reviewing our zoning regulations and land use policies before any such projects could even be considered," said D'Alessandro in the May 13th release. He noted many residents expressed concern about the possibility of future data center development in the Town during an Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, May 11.

D'Alessandro responded to recent reports and social media posts about a possible proposed large-scale AI data center project in East Fishkill in a

release posted to social media on May 11, D'Alessandro wrote: "First and foremost, there is currently no formal application before the Town of East Fishkill for a data center project of the scale being discussed publicly. No site plan, special permit application, zoning request, or other development application has been submitted to the Town for review or consideration."

In the later press release, D'Alessandro reiterated there is no formal application before the Town for a large-scale data center project.

"Residents will have the opportunity to provide public input during the formal hearing process should the Town Board move forward with scheduling the hearing."

He concluded, "The Town of East Fishkill remains committed to transparent, responsible planning and meaningful public participation in all development and zoning matters."

Legislature Chair announces launch of AI Oversight Committee

Dutchess County Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill) has announced the launch of a standing committee on Artificial Intelligence and Technology Oversight. This month, Assistant Majority Leader Kris Munn (D-Red Hook) introduced a resolution to create the new committee, citing the speed with which AI is disrupting every aspect of society, including government.

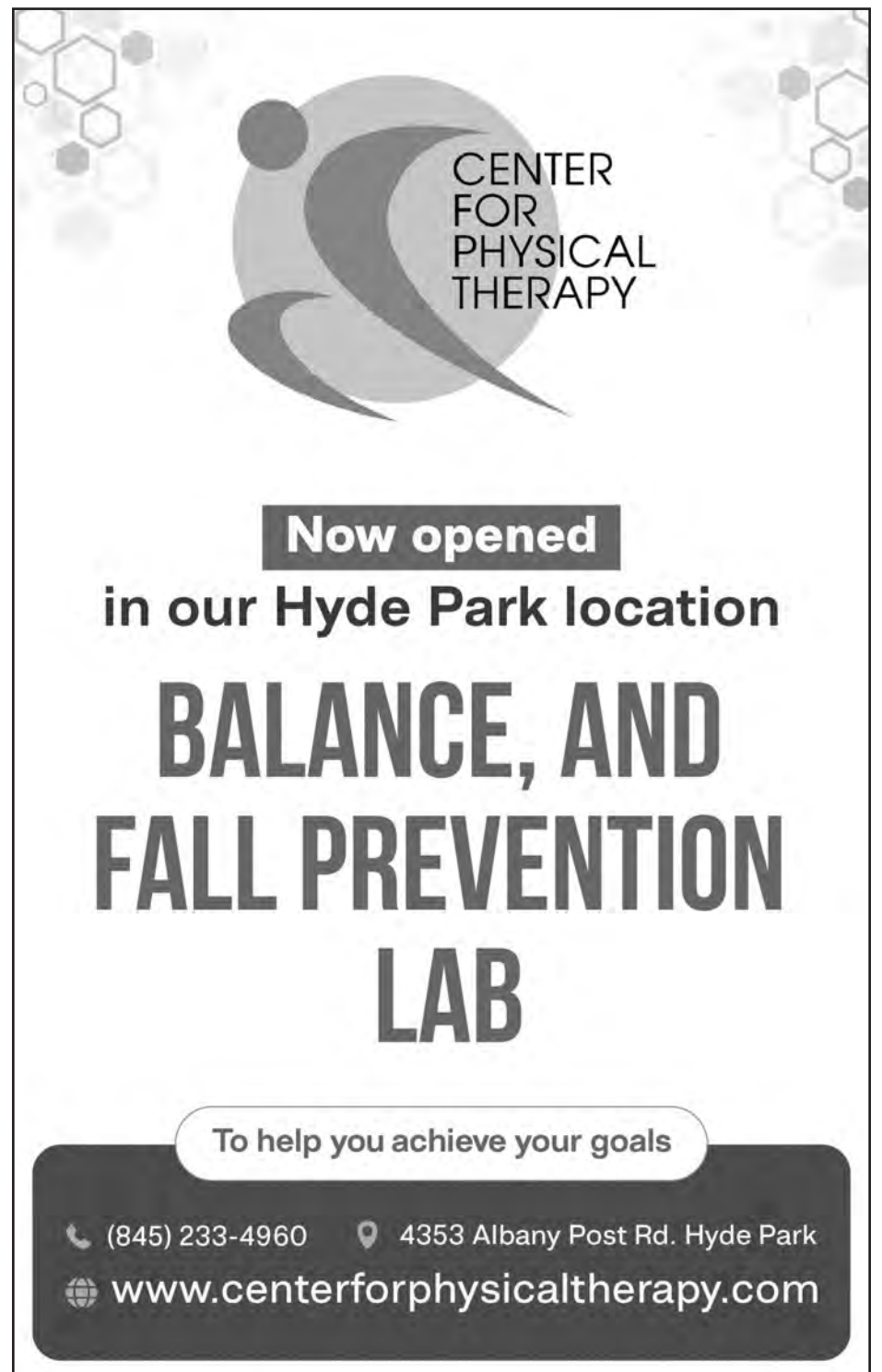
The resolution passed the Government Services and Administration Committee (10-1) on the same day news broke of a planned AI Data Center in East Fishkill, and advanced to pass (16-8) the full legislature Monday night. The AI Data Center in East Fishkill would consume an estimated 1 gigawatt of power per day, roughly equal to the entire energy output of the Cricket Valley power plant in Dover.

"When government adopts powerful new technologies, the public has a right to know what those technologies are, what they do, and who is responsible for them," said Munn. "Whether it is artificial intelligence or surveillance tools, this new committee is how the Dutchess County Legislature makes good on

that obligation."

Legislator Brendan Lawler (D-Hyde Park), Chair of the Legislature's Budget Committee, added, "County workers are too important to functional government to be replaced by AI for the sake of claimed efficiency. When it comes to using County services, residents want to interact with people, not chatbots. Forming this committee will protect our workforce and keep County government accessible to residents."

"I applaud Legislator Munn for moving swiftly to address this urgent issue," said Chair Valdés Smith. "AI isn't coming; it's already here, and the government needs to know the right questions to ask and how to distinguish facts from fear-mongering. The diversity of our caucus means each of us brings different experiences and expertise to the Chamber. As someone who has spent his career working in tech, Legislator Munn and the legislature's new oversight committee will ensure that AI usage serves the best interests of Dutchess County residents—and not the other way around."



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250 years of local voices diverge on US relationship with Britain



Above: DCHS Collections is full of items with Royal insignia and references in documents prior to 1776. To what degree was the new United States of America an extension of, or a rebuttal to, the United Kingdom?

By Bill Jeffway

As part of our country's celebration of 250 years of independence from Britain, King Charles, III, recently addressed the U.S. Congress. His comments reflect the challenge of describing the 250-year-old US/British relationship. Was the US "born of" Britain such that we can directly trace back our values and laws? Or was the US born in opposition to, and distinct from British foundational values? Do we have more in common with France, for example, a country that also topped a King, that has a constitution inspired by ours, and was essential to our independence 250 years ago?

On April 26, 2026 King Charles mentioned the most frequently cited evidence in support of the case of a close evolution from England. The June 15, 1215 Magna Carta was signed by King John. It recognized that the King and government were not above laws, and went further, defining specific rights that sound familiar today, including due process, and separation of powers.

King Charles referred to the "Great Charter" this way, "[Your founding fathers] carried with them, and carried forward, the great inheritance of the British Enlightenment – as well as the ideals which had an even deeper history in English common law and Magna Carta. The U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society has calculated that Magna Carta is cited in at least 160 Supreme Court cases since 1789."

A century ago in the 1920s, the once mighty British Empire was finding it increasingly difficult to keep a grip on countries that sought their own independence. At the same time, the United States was expanding as a global power.

How we describe our historic ties to Britain became a subject of debate in the public sphere, in particular public holidays and public school teachings.

The free public school movement gained traction in the 1820s and 1830s.

There were calls for American public education to be distinct and free from British traditions. Nowhere was this more clearly articulated than through the voice of a Poughkeepsie author and publisher, Jesse Torrey. Torrey argued in the 1830s and 1840s that American children were still being educated with British textbooks that carried pernicious British assumptions and values.

He announced in 1849 that Poughkeepsie would be the base for publishing "Torrey's American School Library," a national resource to make more American books accessible to all through public schools. In the launch of a series of such books in 1828, his "Mental Museum for the Rising Generation" established the principle of including in the appendix the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and bylaws that could be used to create local free libraries. He felt it was imperative to lay out this "through-line" to create a uniquely American education.

The idea of a strong and independent country grew as the United States expanded its global footprint (and role) through the 1898 Spanish American War. The emergence of World War One in 1914 was putting unprecedented pressure on the British Empire. Britain was feeling a need to flex its muscles on the world stage in terms of "soft power," the idea that it was the source of values and laws. On June 15, 1915, with the war raging, proposals for a celebration of Magna Carta Day emerged in England and "all English speaking countries" as they claimed the document had forever remained "the greatest and noblest declaration of popular rights."

That same day, June 15, 1915, New York State school commissioner Albert Finley ordered all schools to mark the day with ceremonies. At the Memorial Day crowd of 1916 at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie School Superintendent Sylvester Shear said, "I feel that the time is



Above left: Poughkeepsie School Superintendent Sylvester Shear was an advocate for the annual celebration of Magna Carta day in public schools. On Memorial Day of 1916 he promised, "Magna Carta shall be written larger and broader and in better terms as a guide for all civilizations." Above right: DCHS founder, and Irish Catholic political leader John Mylod (shown with Eleanor Roosevelt) was a leader in the Knights of Columbus, a group that actively pushed back on what it saw as the growing "pro-British" orientation of history through Magna Carta Day and new schoolbooks.

-Courtesy photos

not far distant when the Magna Carta shall be written larger and broader and in better terms as a guide for all civilizations." In 1918 he said, "In all our six wars we have fought for the extension of the principles of Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence."

The International Magna Carta Day Association argued, "Whatever the race or origin of the people of the United States today they acknowledge fully and freely that their history is a continuation of British history, and that the principles of Magna Carta and other great instruments of British Freedom have come directly down the stream of time as the common Heritage of the Anglo-Saxon race."

But by 1923, a growing revolt against not only the celebration of Magna Carta Day, but an accusation that there had been a pernicious corruption of school textbooks, got headlines. The accusations were reminiscent of those of Joseph Torrey a century earlier.

The June 4, 1923 New York Times reported that New York City's Commissioner of Accounts, David Hirschfield, recommended that eight American History schoolbooks be banned from public schools as too "pro-British and anti-American."

Other leading dissenting voices were Catholic organizations like the Knights of Columbus. Irish Catholics, in particular, would have had a hard time endorsing the

idea that Britain was the source of world freedom, given Britain's treatment of what eventually became the Irish Republic.

A highly regarded local leader of Catholics and Irish Catholics was John Mylod, who helped found the local Knights of Columbus. As a founder of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Mylod may have been influential in the only instance of its kind I can find, where the board of the Dutchess County Historical Society in 1923 endorsed a resolution urging that history be taught "with fairness, open-mindedness, and resistance to political interference" – an obvious pushback on what was seen as emerging pro-British advocates.

Although there were some scattered and lesser attempts to create a Magna Carta Day annual celebration after the 1920s, the idea never took hold in the U.S. or British Commonwealth. Debates about schoolbook content obviously remain, but are less likely to be about foreign influence and more about what part of American history to emphasize.



Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or 845-293-7711.

Obituaries

Jeannine McGuire-Guerra



Jeannine Mary McGuire-Guerra, 59, of Pleasant Valley and formerly of Jupiter, Florida, passed away on May 8, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Peekskill on August 25, 1966, she was the daughter of the late William McGuire and Nora Vetter. Jeannine dedicated many years of service to Dutchess County as the Assistant Director of Medicaid for the Department of Community and Family Services and was a proud member of the CSEA Union. Jeannine was a devoted member of the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, where she generously shared her time and talents through Sunday school, fundraising efforts, Dinner with Santa, Operation Christmas Child, the food pantry, and the CROP Walk. She also served as recording secretary for the

Northeastern Cooperative Parish and Chair of the church Administrative Board. Her strong faith, compassion, and commitment to helping others touched many lives.

Above all, Jeannine cherished her family. She was a loving mother, Sister and grandmother who found her greatest joy in the time spent with her children and grandson, Nastacio. She also had a deep love for animals and was actively involved in animal rescue work while pursuing her dream of becoming an animal rehabilitator. Her beloved dogs, Tucker and Meredith, were a special part of her life.

Jeannine is survived by her husband, Jose Guerra; her children, Catey Catalan and her husband Nastacio, Nora Guerra, and Adrian Guerra; John Pillsbury And her grandson, Nastacio Ortiz; her siblings, James, Ronnie, Michael, Maureen, Colleen and Patrick; along with many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Stanley.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was held at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Out of the Pits in Jeannine's memory. Out of the Pits address is P.O. Box 2311, Albany, NY 1220. A link to their donation page can be found at, <https://outofthepits.org/donate/>

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Creative Living

Sergeant Chirp's Campaign brings history to Dutchess County historic sites



The Pawling Society has launched an augmented reality history program called Sergeant Chirp's Campaign.

-Courtesy photos

The Pawling Historical Society has launched Sergeant Chirp's Campaign, a first-of-its-kind augmented reality history program that brings the Revolutionary War era to life at nine historic sites across Dutchess County. Using a free smartphone app, visitors scan special markers at each site to trigger animated AR encounters with Sergeant Chirp, a spirited cricket character who served as a witness to the events of 1776 and beyond.

The program made its public debut at the Kane House Museum in Pawling on April 26th, drawing approximately 40 to 45 visitors on opening day — one of the strongest attendance days in the museum's recent history. Sergeant Chirp's Campaign expanded to its second site: Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon earlier this month.

The Dutchess County rollout continues throughout 2025, with a total of nine historic sites participating in the program. Each site features a unique AR encounter with Sergeant Chirp, tailored to the specific history of that location. Visitors who collect encounters across multiple sites can participate in the program's activity passport challenge.

Sergeant Chirp's Campaign is funded in part through the Dutchess County REV

250 program, which supports commemorations of the 250th anniversary of American independence.

"Sergeant Chirp gives visitors of all ages a reason to look up from their phones and look at history in a completely new way. We're thrilled to be bringing this experience to sites across Dutchess County," said Trench Brady, Marketing Director, Pawling Historical Society.

"Mount Gulian is proud to join Sergeant Chirp's Campaign and welcome this innovative program to Beacon. Bringing augmented reality to one of the Hudson Valley's most significant Revolutionary War sites is exactly the kind of experience that connects new audiences with our history," said a spokesperson for Mount Gulian Historic Site.

Visitors to participating sites download the Sergeant Chirp app or scan a QR code at the site. When they point their smartphone at a specially marked location, Sergeant Chirp appears in augmented reality — animated, voiced, and ready to share stories from the Revolutionary War era. The experience is designed to be family-friendly, educational, and free of charge.

For more information, visit SergeantChirp.com.



Trench Brady, Marketing Director, Pawling Historical Society, right, with Will Tatuam in front of the Sergeant Chirp QR code.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith
Recreation Director

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Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center
Start your Memorial Day weekend with a "Mini Masterpiece" (painting) Session with Loretta on May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Senior Center will be closed on May 25 and will reopen on May 26 with Brain Games (10:30 a.m.), Bocce (10:45 a.m.), and "Wrinkle Warriors" (1 p.m.) - a member led group chat for sharing insights and info about the ups and downs of aging. The SC Advisory Group will be meeting with Lorraine, SC Director at noon. All members are invited to participate.

The Town Police will be doing a "Car Fit: AAA Check For Comfort and Safety" on

May 27 at 11 a.m. to help make sure your seat and mirrors are at their best positions. Then, on May 28 our free all day "Hello Summer Celebration" begins at 9:30 a.m. with bagels, coffee, and tea. The Bocce Court awaits players, along with a lot of other games including the return of Beach Ball Chair Volleyball! Relax and enjoy the musician's tunes and partake in an Ice Cream Social later in the day.

We do request that you please sign up in advance for the above special happenings, as well as for our regularly scheduled activities. Our complete SC calendar can be viewed at our SC at 14 Abe's Way and online at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com. We are open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. You can reach us at 845-462-0265.

Glancing ahead to June:
June 2 - "SilverShield Scam Prevention"
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June 11 - Lunch and Learn: "Personal Safety" presented by Town Police Officer Veronica.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day

Road trip!

A new twist on a treasured tradition



I don't know how it can be May already, but here we are and it's the start of a season made for living outdoors and taking trips. One of my favorite things to do is going to flea markets, and for many years that's just what my mother, sister and I did for our annual girls' weekend this time of year. We'd journey to Brimfield, Massachusetts for the oldest and largest flea in the country, stay in a hotel and go to a lovely dinner. We'd hit the market again in the morning for a few hours before heading back home. Lots of fun, lots of treasures and lots of treasured memories to count among my many blessings.

But while the thrill of the hunt was the focus of the trip, it was always our time together that was the most priceless treasure of all. It may sound trite, but it's so true. We would set out early in the morning and stop for coffee to drink on the way. Once there we would get right to shopping, walking the many, many fields full of vendors and their wares, sometimes with something specific in mind, other times just knowing it when we saw it, but always having the best time. If you've never been, you can't understand the enormity of Brimfield. Antiques, collectables, old and new, acre after acre of everything and anything you could imagine or ever want. There's so incredibly much to see.

But our trips weren't just a feast for the eyes. Food played a big part, as well. We would usually get lunch at one of the many vendors (the last year we went I made sandwiches for us), not just welcome because we were hungry, but

because by then we needed to sit a spell. Our tradition was to end our first flea market day by late afternoon, head back to the hotel and relax with charcuterie and martinis on the balcony of our room. We might go for a swim before getting dressed for dinner at a nice restaurant in town. Blissful.

This was just what we did our very first trip there together, but it has become legendary. The hotel where we were staying had an adjacent restaurant on the same property. We walked to it and stood on line a long while before being seated. A really long while. We later found out the restaurant had just been taken over by new management a week or so before, and they clearly hadn't worked the bugs out yet. They certainly hadn't prepared themselves for the onslaught of people in town for the flea market. It didn't help that it was also prom weekend and teens in their finest were everywhere getting their pictures taken by the lake that backed the hotel. It was pretty chaotic.

We were finally led to our table, making our way through the crowded dining room to a screened-in porch area in back, which gave us a great view of the posing prom goers and their paparazzi parents. We were pretty hungry at this point, a tad frustrated, though we were amused and understanding in equal measure, and very much wanting cocktails. We ordered a round of dirty martinis and a running joke was born.

A quick note here as an ex-server. The staff, while a bit blind-sided, was clearly doing their best, and I appreciate the stress they had to have felt at being over-



Memories from 2014-2015 road trips, clockwise from top left: From left, Vicki, her Mom Elaine and sister Robin, enjoying one of their first road trips to the renowned flea market in Brimfield, Mass.

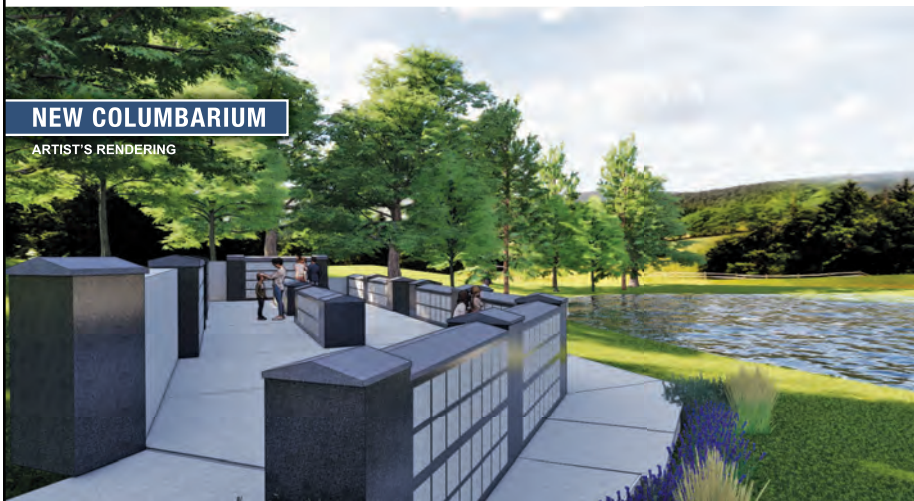
Vicki whips up a charcuterie board, above, and cocktails, below right, before heading out to dinner.

Martinis in plastic cups are a tradition born from a chaotic restaurant visit.

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whelmed. I think that's why, instead of getting angry, we chose to find the humor in the situation. Remember how I said they weren't prepared? They had run out of clean glasses. And, apparently, also olives. Our martinis finally came after a really long time. In clear plastic Solo cups. With mismatched olives they'd scrounged from the neighboring hotel bar. How do we know all this? They told us! We were hysterical, picturing the servers desperately looking under bar mats for any stray olives that may have escaped their containers (not what happened, but a funny visual). (At least I don't THINK that happened...) They actually had someone literally run next door for our olives. Priceless!

With that memory firmly planted in our hearts and minds, there was only one thing to do: find clear glass "Solo" cups to take on subsequent trips to carry on the tradition. And find them I did, although the only ones available looked like cups crushed in the middle, which was even better! They became our official girls' trip martini glasses, a fun reminder of our first time at our beloved Brimfield, like a postcard commemorating the first of many special trips to come.

Those trips also helped me hone my charcuterie skills. There's nothing like traveling to make you really plan ahead. The first year I may have packed too much and was too fussy for having to set everything up in a hotel room. By the time I finished setting up it was almost time to go to dinner! After that I narrowed it down to a just a few things – the right amount to complement the cocktails while whetting our appetites for the din-

ners to come. And what lovely dinners they were! After that first year we sought the area's best seafood restaurants, which were a real treat for us and seemed perfect for a short New England holiday. I will never tire of or fail to appreciate going out to dinner. It's a decadence I savor, especially with my girls! For me at least, food is a huge part of any vacation and everything I have, from food I pack for the trip to dining out, adds to the experience and the memories.

This week my sister and I will be in Brimfield for the whole run of the market, but this time as vendors. Mama will be with us in spirit – a week is just too long for her to be away. We're not sure what to expect, but we know we'll have a great time and that it will be an adventure. That is why I wasn't able to share a recipe with you this time - I've been prepping and packing and organizing - but when I get back, I'll be heading to the kitchen. Who knows? Maybe I'll be inspired by something I'll order when we go to one of those seafood restaurants to treat ourselves, which we certainly will! And along with the food, I'll be savoring quality time and many happy memories. I hope you have some adventures too.

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

Patriotic concert at East Fishkill Community Library on May 29

On Friday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, there will be a patriotic and classical concert presented by the Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians. The Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians, formed during the pandemic in 2020, plays a variety of classical music. The woodwind quartet consists

of Norman Dee (flute), Leigh Myers (clarinet), Terry Watson (horn) and Donald Venezia (bassoon). Drop-in - all ages welcome! This program was created in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

The library is only open for the concert - no other library services are available that day.

America 250 theme of day as Wappinger celebrates community



Community and America's 250th was the theme of the annual Town of Wappinger Community Day. Festivities included community vendors and organization at Brexel-Schlathaus Park. The annual parade, along with reenactors and local officials dressing in Colonial-style period dress. The event ended with a fireworks show. -Photos by Kristine Coulter and Courtesy photos

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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 Wilkenson Hollow Rd. Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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lawful purpose as permitted by applicable law.

Brewer's Mobile Auto Repair LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on April 14, 2026. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 57 Old 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 BUILDING 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 process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 6030 Rte 82, Ste

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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 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 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

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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.

Notice of Form. of Nlr Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/16/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. 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.

Allied Recovery and Mental Health Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed SSNY 01/02/2026. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 11 Peter Cooper Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of MJ LLOYD REALTY, LLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 24, 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.

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FAN ENTERPRISES 6 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/26. 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, 236 Ketchamtown Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

J I M E N E Z PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/26. 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, 2594 South Avenue, Apartment 1F, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of K-Merit Corp LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/10/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 824 N Hillside Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Blu-Hazel Therapy, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/24/26. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Blu-Hazel Therapy, 517 Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC): Nancy's Helping Hands, LLC Articles of Organization filed With the New York State Secretary of State On April 29, 2026. Office located Dutchess County. NYS shall mail Copy of any process to c/o the LLC 242 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508 There is no specific date set for dissolution. Purpose to engage in any lawful activity or act. Filer is Accutax Accounting Services, LLC 242 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Obsidian Bloom, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 1/28/26.

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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 process to PO BOX 146 Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any Lawful.

FAIRVIEW 1 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/28/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 2812, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 21 Fairview Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Notice of Formation of Haddad Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 9/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 179 Fulton St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: to engage in the practice of law

CARMEL HEIGHTS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/2026. 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, 10 Alladin Ct, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Five Dimension Art Studio LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with SSNY on 4/6/2026. Office location: Dutchess SSNY desig. as an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY mail process to 3 Patricia Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CKCH Advisors and Accountants, PLLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 1, 2025. Office location: Dutchess, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 2522 South Road, #1083, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Mir Property Group LLC. Filed 3/4/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY desig.

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as agent for process & shall mail to MPG, 30 Thornwood Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: General.

FRX BROOKFIELD LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/30/26. LLC was organized in CT on 11/15/21. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to 43 Sabrina Ct., Holmes NY 12531. Required off: 540 Federal RD., Brookfield, CT 06804. Cert. Of Org. filed with SSCT, 165 Capitol Ave., Ste. 1000, Hartford, CT 06115. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 730 South Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Notice of Formation of UPSTATE POOL SERVICES LLC The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is UPSTATE POOL SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the NYS Dept. of State on 4/17/26. The office of the LLC is in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it is c/o the Company, 98 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Obercreek Food Service LLC. Filed with SSNY on 4/21/2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 230, Hughsonville, New York 12537. Purpose: any lawful

AQUARIUS BAND, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/29/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 362 Rhinecliff Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The Articles of Organization of Pauliekidd Enterprises LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to Pauliekidd Enterprises LLC, 7 Lucas Ln, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

Notice of formation of JCDC Associates LLC. Art. Of Orig. filed

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with SSNY on 4/20/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 22 Terwilliger Rd, Hyde Park, New York 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6 Colonial 44, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on April 29, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 49 Lamplight Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of UPSTATE POOL SERVICES LLC The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is UPSTATE POOL SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the NYS Dept. of State on 4/17/26. The office of the LLC is in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it is c/o the Company, 98 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

HOME PRIDE LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/31/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 94 Bangall Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful act.

SIX DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/08/25. 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, P.O. Box 8273, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

45 MILLBROOK LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/20/25. 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, 249 Cream

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 1027, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

464 MILL HOOK LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/02/26. 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, P.O. Box 1027, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

2044 GLASCO TURNPIKE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/26. 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 Joseph DeAngelis, 7 Brescia Boulevard, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of RED RUBY DIGITALS LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 04/06/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 55 MANSION ST #27, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of THE ODOBO HOME CARE AGENCY LLC filed with SSNY on 04/10/26 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall mail process to: 53 Forbus St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

M A V E R C A L CONSULTING LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3 Hemlock Circle, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

CRUMB & CASK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/26. 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, 249 Cream

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Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF O P E R A D O R A INTRADING NY, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 04/26/26 Office location: Dutchess County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Address required to be maintained in DE: 8 The Green, Ste B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 88 Market Street Holding LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/7/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is 845 Properties LLC, 406 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose of LLC: To engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company — Name: FAIR PLAY HOSPITALITY, LLC. Date of Formation: 04/22/2026. County: DUTCHESS. Secretary of State of New York designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against LLC may be served with copies then mailed to: FAIR PLAY HOSPITALITY, LLC 67 KENT RD, WASSAIC, NY 12592. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Alliance Exteriors, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/14/26. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 620 Eder Rd. Stormville, New York 12582. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of Make Night Moves LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/16/2025. Principal business address: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Address required to be maintained in DE: 8 The Green, Ste B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

B I R C H E R HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/04/26. 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.

WALTER PARKER MD PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 123 Daisy Lane, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

Notice of Formation of Continuity Dance LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Robin Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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World War II veteran celebrates 100 years, and 75 years of marriage



Family and friends gather around Pauline and Raymond Beck during the recent celebration. World War II veteran Raymond Beck celebrated turning 100 years old. -Courtesy photos VA Hudson Valley Healthcare Systems Castle Point

World War II veteran Raymond Beck celebrates his 100th birthday and 75th wedding anniversary with his wife, Pauline.

Raymond Beck has reached a remarkable milestone—celebrating 100 vibrant years of life! “I’m happy to see this day,” he expressed with a heartfelt smile during his recent birthday celebration at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System in Castle Point, surrounded by fellow Veterans, family members, and dedicated staff. The highlight of the event was the presentation of a Centennial certificate by VA Secretary Doug Collins, honoring

Raymond’s incredible journey. Born in the Bronx in March 1926, Raymond Beck is a proud World War II Navy veteran, specifically a Seabee. His passion for the military was inspired by a legacy of service in his family. He enlisted alongside his two brothers—one in the Navy and the other in the U.S. Marine Corps. His dedication to duty runs deep; his great-grandfather, Captain John Heybourne, served as a NY firefighter and

was later called up to fight in the Civil War, while his grandfather, Louie Schwartz, was a Rough Rider under Theodore Roosevelt and later became General Pershing’s interpreter, as stated by Pauline, his wife, with a lot of pride. These stories of valor propelled the brothers to follow in their family’s footsteps.

Raymond’s military journey took him to various bases across the globe, including the South Pacific, the Philippines, Okinawa, and Saipan.

But the celebrations didn’t end there. Alongside the festivities for his centennial birthday, Raymond and his beloved wife, Pauline, also marked their 75th wedding anniversary. The occasion, filled with love and joy, was beautifully organized by VA Hudson Valley recreation staff member Gretchen Smith and Center for Development and Civic Engagement

Director Nicole Embry, allowing the couple to renew their vows amid family and friends. Though they had originally planned a grand celebration for their 70th anniversary, the pandemic put those plans on hold. Reflecting on their journey, Pauline shared, “Though life wasn’t the same after his return from military service and combat experience, our love grew more and more, and we were always by each other’s side.” Their love story continues to blossom, with three children, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren adding to their joyful family tapestry.

A touching moment unfolded when Marguerite DeVenuto, Raymond’s daughter, gifted toy cars to the unit’s veterans, a nod to her dad’s favorite pastime. It’s these small gestures that keep the spirit alive, reminding everyone of the bonds forged in service and love.

this week’s puzzle solutions

10x10 grid puzzle solution with numbers 1-9. Below the grid, the word 'SUDOKU' is written upside down.

10x10 grid puzzle solution with words filled in. Words include: GEEZ, SPAM, ARCS, INDIE, FILE, COAT, BLUNT, ROAR, ESPY, BACCA, LAUREATE, OCTOBER, INS, NAWAB, NESTEGG, SEALOFF, GAH, BUG, OGA, MORTARBOARD, TOOT, ERA, TRY, ANTWERP, LITERAL, MOIRE, HES, ALE, VALLEDICTORIAN, ALASKANTPALMS, MATS, ERGO, SCENE, KRIS, DEER.

5x5 grid puzzle solution with numbers 1-5. Below the grid, the word 'Sugnrn solution' is written upside down.

One-on-one job session assistance set for June 1

The East Fishkill Community Library will be hosting DC Works on Monday, June 1, for One-on-One Job Ready Sessions from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cross Room.

DC Works (formerly Dutchess One Stop Career Center) professionals are experts in their field, and cannot guarantee employment. One-on-one sessions with DC Works professionals will help you develop your job search direction.

One may reserve a half hour session at <http://EFLibrary.org>, click on the calendar and register for the time slot you prefer or call 845-221-9943 ext. 225 for more information.

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A N A G N O S RESIDENTIAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/26. 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, 4 Albie Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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1604 ROUTE 9, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/26. 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, 1604 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Business name: Bejazaly LLC Date of formation: 11/7/25 did not operate until 5/1/26 County: Dutchess The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of Bejazaly LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Address: 54 E Market St, Rhinebeck NY 12572 Business purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

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WILD ROSE SIMMER CO. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/26. 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, 3979 Albany Post Road, #149, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of C-Legacy LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Justin Clark, 2 Barnes Drive Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

450 Route 9 Land LLC filed Arts. of Org.

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with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/17/2026. 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, 448 Rte 9, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act.

Studios Services LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the

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Dept of State on 04/17/2026. Location: Dutchess County. Inc Authority RA has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Address is 2822 NY-82 Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Mold Assessments/ Inspections.

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

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The boundaries of the Election Districts are as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1

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

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

DISTRICT #2

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

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

DISTRICT #3

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

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

DISTRICT #4

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

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

DISTRICT #5

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

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

DISTRICT #6

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT

APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT

In a Loan Security Agreement dated **February 4, 2021** executed by **Alexis S. Becker**, debtor to **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**, secured party via assignment, will cause a public sale of the security consisting of **425** shares of stock plus Parking Space and/or Garage, if applicable, of **Wappingers Falls Owners Corp.** all right title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said Corporation and debtor for Unit **10A** in the building known as **1548 ROUTE 9, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590** together with all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said apartment on **May 29, 2026 at 1:00pm** outside the front entrance of Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, in satisfaction of an indebtedness. Apartment is sold "AS IS" AND POSSESSION TO BE OBTAINED BY THE PURCHASER. Said sale is subject to payment of all sums due, if any, to **Wappingers Falls Owners Corp.** and the consent if necessary, of said corporation; any existing tenancy; payment of all expenses and fees of the secured party with respect thereto; terms of sale and auctioneers fees; flip tax; State, City and County transfer tax. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Terms: an official bank or certified check made payable to **Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC.**, for ten (10%) percent of the price bid. No cash accepted. **Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC.** 900 MERCHANTS CONCOURSE WESTBURY, NEW YORK 11590 (516) 280-7675

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by mark adams



High-tech bird feeders

A newfangled way to enjoy a perennial pastime

Melissa Schlichting saw eleven different species of birds the day she installed her bird buddy solar-powered bird feeder, equipped with a camera, AI-assisted identification and a free two-week video trial, plus a tabulator that keeps track of how many times each bird visits:

- House Finch 41 visits
- Rose Breasted Grosbeak 29
- Chipping Sparrow 47
- Black Capped Chickadee 6
- White Breasted Nuthatch 9
- House Sparrow 92
- Tufted Titmouse 10
- Brown Headed Cowbird 15
- Red Bellied Woodpecker 13
- Blue Jay 3
- Carolina Chickadee 3

All on the first day.

I stopped by after Jesse Eldrid installed the high-tech feeder on a five foot pole and filled it with Kaytee Wild Bird Food Paradise Blend, a mixture of sunflower, peanut, corn and other seeds. Melissa's son Dylan hap-

pened to be back from a visit to his great grandmother near Lake George, and we all sat on the patio staring at the phone as birds came and went.

Hey, wait a minute! Staring at the phone instead of watching the actual birds? Seems bizarre, to say the least. Reminds me of watching MTV back in the day instead of going out to concerts. But those photos and videos on the phone are pretty cool. You can see for yourself by accessing r/birds on Reddit.

And the I.D. feature is not guaranteed to be correct, of course. The Carolina Chickadee rarely visits north of New Jersey. Is it extending its range, or was it misidentified?

I wonder what "real" birders – members of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, for example – would say about these newfangled bird feeders? For that matter, what would they say about any bird feeders? (Because of the deadline for this article, I couldn't get a hold of them). After a little online investigation, I see that hard-core birders who keep life lists, vis-

iting remote corners of the earth to observe a Stresemann's Bristlefoot, wouldn't be caught dead looking at a screen shot. I ran into a few of these people in Tortuguero, Costa Rica, along with Roger Tory Peterson. They were in search of a Harpy Eagle. We all had a rousing evening at Tortuga Lodge, even though Sue, Becky and I weren't on the tour. They were a fun group. They had cameras, of course, but only to take photos of birds they actually encountered. Some birders keep a separate list of birds they "saw" on their trail cameras, or, now, on their bird feeder cameras.

And bird feeders themselves can be controversial (along with everything else in the world). Birds clustered at feeders can spread disease. Birds become dependent, losing their ability to forage in the wild. They become sitting ducks (or sitting sparrows) for stray cats. They get in fights with squirrels. Cats kill around two million birds every year – squirrels around zero.

Sue's sister Margaret Minard has seven bird feeders in her yard, which has been des-

igned as a National Wildlife Federation Habitat. She has no cats, and a dog that chases away any stray cats. Margaret tells me that different types of feeders attract different species of birds. For example, her dozens of goldfinches swarm around the thistle feeder with its tiny openings, suited to the finch's pointed beak. This could explain why Melissa saw no goldfinches among the 268 visits to her feeder, which sports an open tray filled with bird food.

Melissa also bought a bird house with a camera inside that will monitor the nest construction and baby birds. Jesse hasn't put it up yet, so I'll have to let you know how that works out. Meanwhile, I'm monitoring three nests that have been built in various locations around my greenhouse, including one on the ground amidst a bed of hostas. Good thing I don't have any cats. I wonder if woodchucks kill birds.

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

Retrace the Underground Railroad with 'FreedomWalk2026'

Between Wednesday, May 27 and Sunday, May 31, there will be a series of events in Poughkeepsie in conjunction with a historic walk. #FreedomWalk2026 is a modern-day retracing of the Underground Railroad to Canada, on the 250th anniversary of America's independence. The 750-mile pilgrimage, following 19th-century routes to freedom, will commemorate the brave self-liberators, the abolitionists, and their secret networks. More information can be found at <https://www.menare.org/freedomwalk2026-about>.

The group's leader is Anthony Michael Cohen, a historian, author, and founder and president of The Menare Foundation, Inc., a national nonprofit organization dedicated to

"Preserving the Legacy of the Underground Railroad." The group arrives in Poughkeepsie on Tuesday, May 26 and will stay at the Oakwood Friends School. The events taking place during the group's sojourn in Poughkeepsie include:

May 27, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Local Walk #1: The Role of Local Churches in the Anti-Slavery Movement

Gather at the Family Partnership Center parking lot, 29 North Hamilton St. This walk will highlight the places of worship and people that were influential in the anti-slavery movement, including Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Church, First Congregational Church, and Second Baptist Church.

May 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Oakwood Friends School, 22 Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie

A Bonfire Gathering with Historian Anthony Michael Cohen

Please join us for moments of silence, song, and a sharing from Tony Cohen about his journey - what it was like in the past, what it is like today, and what it stands for now, in this particular day and time.

May 29, gather at 3:45 p.m., program starts promptly at 4 p.m.

Local Walk #2: River Trail to Freedom and Walkway Over the Hudson

Please join us at the Celebrating the African Spirit memorial in Waryas Park, then walk to Upper Landing Park, across the

Walkway Over the Hudson, and end at the Sojourner Truth statue to highlight the history of the anti-slavery movement and influential leaders in our area.

May 31, noon to 3 p.m.

Community Celebration
Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie

The community is invited to celebrate this historic journey with Tony Cohen and his team. This event will honor the courage, hope, faith and unity that shaped this pivotal chapter in American history with a blessing, music, reflections, remarks from Tony Cohen, and refreshments.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:

Rock Cut Lane, Pleasant Valley/Route 44, Pleasant Valley Appeal #1088 Grid# 6363-04-606341

Area Variances Request: The applicant is requesting area variances in regards to a proposed single-family residence on a vacant lot on the corner of Rock Cut Lane and Route 44, with the driveway coming off of Rock Cut Lane. The required side yard setback for HDR zoning is 15' and their proposed residence is only 10' from the property line, so they are requesting a 5' variance from the left side property line. They also require a 20' rear setback in HDR zoning, but have proposed a 15' rear set-

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back. Thus, they also require a 5' variance from the rear property line.

SAID Meeting will take place on May 27, 2026 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1903 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the East Clinton Fire District, County of Dutchess, New York on June 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire District Offices located at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, New York 12514 for building of a new firehouse to be located adjacent to the existing firehouse with the access point being on the Salt Point Turnpike. Specifications and drawing may be obtained by contacting Keith Scofield at Liscum, McCormack & VanVoorhis, 845-452-2268 or kscfield@lmvarchitects.com beginning on May 20, 2026. Proposals must

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be sealed in an envelope on which it is clearly stated "Bid for New Firehouse Build" and shall be addressed to Carol Mackin, Secretary, East Clinton Fire District, and received by her by mail at P.O. Box 181, Clinton Corners, New York 12514, prior to 4:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026. Bids will be publicly opened and read on June 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire District Offices located 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, New York 12514.

The award of bid pursuant to this notice is subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Municipal Law. All bids must meet the requirements of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and all other applicable statutes and have attached a statement of non-collusion. All documents submitted in connection with this bid will become the property of the Fire District and the Fire District will not re-

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turn bids or bid documents. The most qualified bidder, as defined by the General Municipal Law and the Purchasing Policy of the East Clinton Fire District meeting the specifications will be awarded the bid. The Board of Fire Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to readvertise for same.

CAROL MACKIN, SECRETARY EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT

Legal Notice

Resolution 2026086 May 15, 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 27th day of May 2026 at 10:00 a.m. on the following Local Law: A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE

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AND CONDIMENT PACKETS ONLY UPON REQUEST. At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard. Dated: May 15, 2026 Poughkeepsie, NY Susan Serino Dutchess County Executive

Legal Notice

Resolution 2026088 May 15, 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 27th day of May 2026 at 10:30 a.m. on the following Local Law: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024 REGULATING HAZARDOUS POLLUTION SOURCES IN PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY S O U R C E S , AQUIFERS AND WETLANDS. At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard. Dated: May 13, 2026

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Poughkeepsie, NY Susan Serino Dutchess County Executive

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-53-26

Independent Accountants Report (CFR-iiA) for NYS Consolidated Fiscal Reports

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., June 11, 2026. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 26th day of May, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Christopher Scotto, 9 Barrett Dr., Hopewell Junction, requesting a Special Use Permit for a professional in-home office, Pursuant to Section 194-90.
2. Curtis Winchester, 123 Lomala Lane, Hopewell Junction, requesting 27' front line variance for an existing 20'X18" car port in the front yard, Pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Norma Drummond Chairperson East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

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THEME: GRADUATION

ACROSS

1. "___ Louise"
5. Unsolicited email
9. Parentheses, e.g.
13. Not mainstream, as in art
15. Heap
16. Chesterfield, e.g.
17. Not sharp
18. Katy Perry's hit
19. Grammy of sports
20. *Bachelor of Arts, e.g.
23. Autumn mo.
24. Opposite of outs
25. Muslim ruler, respectfully
28. Retirement safety net (2 words)
31. Completely isolate (2 words)
33. "That feels good!" exclamation
34. Programmer's bane
35. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"
36. *Same as #11 Down
40. #me___
42. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.
43. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no ___"
44. River port in Belgium
47. Not figurative
51. Wavelike patterned silk
52. "For ___ a jolly..."
53. Bass product
54. *Student speaker at graduation, usually
59. Regrettably, exclamation
61. Immanuel ___, German philosopher
62. Fortune teller's props
63. Welcome ___, pl.
64. "Cogito ___ sum"
65. Subdivision of an act
66. Olden day "you"
67. Whitetail, e.g.
68. Late actor Kristofferson

DOWN

1. Type of ape
2. Twist together
3. Not products, in chemistry
4. Dietary mineral
5. Spring, ___, sprung
6. Devoutly religious
7. Winglike
8. F te des M res honoree
9. Industrial plastic
10. Luxury furniture wood
11. *Part of graduation regalia
12. Slovenly abode
14. Pilot's estimate, acr.
21. Fire starter
22. Santa ___ winds
26. Half of NFL
27. *BA alternative
29. Same as Dao
30. "Friends, Romans..., lend me your ___," sing.
31. *Stand-in teacher
32. Self-centered one
34. Undergarment
36. *What guest graduation speaker is supposed to do
37. Dadaist Jean ___
38. *A in #27 Down
39. Marbled toast
40. *#36 Across for PhD recipient
41. Lennon's widow
45. Fish family
46. Sushi restaurant staple
47. *Professor, technically
48. Faultfinder and scoffer
49. *Former students
50. Part of eyeglasses, pl.
52. Door holder
55. Barely got by
56. Foolhardy challenge
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58. Nordstorm's outlet
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The 76th annual Festival of the Arts was held by the Wappingers Central School District in Mesier Park on Saturday, May 16 in Wappingers Falls. The annual festival highlights thousands of students' artwork in different genres of art.

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