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The Village of Fishkill election is set for June 17. Above: Mayor Kathy Martin is seeking another four-year term. Right: Tricia Rice is running for a trustee position on the Village of Fishkill Board of Trustees.

-Courtesy photos

## Village of Fishkill voters to choose mayor, trustee, judge

### Election set for June 17

By Kristine Coulter

Voters in the Village of Fishkill will vote from noon to 9 p.m. at Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St., on Tuesday, June 17. Voters will vote for mayor, trustee and judge. Each of the positions is a four-year term.

#### Martin seeking another four years

Kathleen "Kathy" Martin, the current mayor, is seeking reelection. She is running on the line of the Fishkill Village First Party.

"My biggest accomplishment has been continuing good governance by lowering property taxes, reducing the

overall budget, supporting our veterans and senior citizens, and investing in what matters - our safety, our parks, and our people," said Martin via email to Southern Dutchess News. Martin was first elected to the position four years ago.

"I am very proud to be a recipient of Safe Streets grant funding so we can have our traffic and safety issues studied and addressed. I plan to continue working with, and adding to, our team of professionals so that the Village maintains healthy growth, smart planning, and sustainability," she stated.

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## Fishkill Plains Elementary to host Flag Day, time capsule event

Ceremony, content reveal set for June 14



Steve O'Loughlin, a former teacher at Fishkill Plains Elementary School, will be remembered during a Flag Day ceremony at the school on June 14. O'Loughlin buried a time capsule on Flag Day in 2000 that will be dug up and the contents revealed 25 years later.

O'Loughlin, who died in 2022, is pictured during the Veterans Day Ceremony held in 1999.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

Fishkill Plains Elementary School will be celebrating Flag Day, June 14, in a very special way this year. During a ceremony from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., a time capsule that was buried in 2000, on the first Flag Day of the new millennium, will be dug up and the contents revealed at the school, 17 Lake Walton Rd., Wappingers Falls. There will also be a commemoration of the Fishkill Plains flagpole.

Amy Fazio is the principal at Fishkill Plains Elementary School, in the Wappingers Central School District.

"Beloved teacher, Mr. [Steve] O'Loughlin was the catalyst of the time

capsule," said Fazio. O'Loughlin passed away in 2022.

Committee member Kathy Fulton, who is with the Fishkill Plains Computer/Technology Department, described O'Loughlin as "a true patriot," who "loved our country, our Veterans and our flag."

Fulton explained, O'Loughlin, "Led school-wide Veterans and Flag Day celebrations as a way to show honor and respect and to spread the patriotic spirit to our students and community." O'Loughlin would invite veterans and local town officials to take part in these celebrations, said Fulton.

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## Stony Kill Farm hosts accessible outdoor activities for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

By Kaeleigh Banda

New York's annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day will be celebrated across the state from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. In Dutchess County, Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center is hosting local activities including a bird walk, hikes, seed planting, open barn tours and orienteering as part of the day's festivities.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day is organized by the Department of Environmental Conservation and State Parks along with their partners at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, NYS Department of Veterans' Services, Office of the Chief Disability Officer, Office of Mental Health and the NYS Justice Center. Stony Kill is partnered with the Department of Environmental Conservation to create accessible features for its activities.

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A cow grazes in a field at Stony Kill Farm.

-Archive photo by Kristine Coulter

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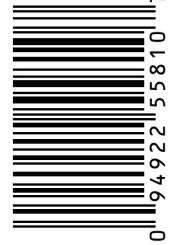
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# RevCon 250 event set June 14 on lawn of FDR Library



American Revolution re-enactors will be on hand June 14 at FDR Library & Museum in Hyde Park as part of an event commemorating the 250th anniversary of America's independence, known as RevCon 2025.

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Dutchess County continues its multi-year commemoration of America's semi-quicentennial (250th anniversary) with RevCon 2025 – the second-annual Revolutionary War Re-enactment and History Fair – hosted by Destination Dutchess and the Dutchess County Department of History on June 14, on the lawn at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

Re-enactors from the Brigade of the American Revolution will be on hand for weapons demonstrations and tactics, exhibitions of military camp life and uniforms, and question-and-answer sessions about life in Revolutionary America. Historians will be on hand at the accompanying history fair to talk about the Hudson Valley's role in the Revolutionary War.

Visitors can also pose for photos with Destination Dutchess' very own "Commander in Cheers" and listen to stories of Dutchess County's revolutionary heroics as told by a pint-sized, augmented reality version of George Washington – also known as "Tiny George."

Here is a timeline for the day's events:

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. History Fair & Re-enactment, Wallace Center & Library Lawn.
- 11 a.m. Uniform talk and firing demos.
- 12:30 p.m. A presentation by historian and author Todd Braisted, titled "They Absolutely Did Not Murmur: The Hudson Valley Takes Up Arms for King George."
- 2 p.m. Uniform talk and firing demos.

Visit [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org) or [www.destinationdutchess.com](http://www.destinationdutchess.com) for more information.

# Fishkill Plains Elementary to host Flag Day, time capsule event

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"Every year he would take his class to Castle Point VA (Veterans Administration) Medical Center to sing songs, put on skits and share cards and goodies with the residents," explained Fulton.

"The new flagpole/time capsule project was Steve's way to celebrate the first Flag Day of the new millennium with his students, Fishkill Plains Elementary and the community," remarked Fulton.

Fulton emailed copies of essays written by O'Loughlin's students from 25 years ago, when they were preparing for that time capsule ceremony.

One student, Chris, wrote, in part: "*The flag is a promise to us that our future will happen.*"

Kaitlin wrote, in part of her essay, "*The flag reminds me that I have friends, family and teachers that I love.*"

Brian stated in his writing, "*All that comes to my mind when I think about America is how lucky I am to live here.*"

"*We can stand up and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We honor the flag of our country when we do this,*" wrote Robyn 25 years ago.

Dontae submitted these words more than two decades ago: "*When I look at the flag, it reminds me that I live in a free country. The flag is beautiful to look at. Many people have fought to protect our flag.*"

Joey contributed to the celebration 25 years ago with these sentences: "*In the fields, my dad and his men sacrificed themselves to fight for our country. When Vietnam was over, my dad came home crying. He was crying because he was happy to be a veteran.*"

Fazio said she hopes the students currently attending Fishkill Plains "appreciate and learn from the past to grow their appreciation for their school community." She also wants them to enjoy fun traditions.

Your presence is  
requested on  
June 14, 2025  
for the  
25th Anniversary  
Commemoration of  
The Fishkill Plains Flag Pole  
and  
Time Capsule Opening  
Installed on the 1st Flag Day  
of the  
New Millennium

Shown is the invitation to the upcoming time capsule opening at Fishkill Plains Elementary School on June 14.

-Courtesy image

Fazio said she would like people to know O'Loughlin was "student centered, compassionate, [and an] enthusiastic educator! The type of teacher we wish we all had!"

Fulton emailed Southern Dutchess News the following from O'Loughlin's longtime teaching assistant Laura B.

"Steve was a unique teacher who was always looking for something interesting for his students to do, always tying it into learning! He always put the kids first, that's for sure, and at times had to climb some barriers to do what he thought was right for the kids. His students were always working towards a goal as a class to earn parties and field trips. He held his students accountable for their hard work and emotional behavior, as he encouraged them to work together towards the goal."

The event will be held rain or shine.

## Stony Kill Farm hosts accessible outdoor activities for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

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sible restrooms.

"We want everybody who comes to the farm to be able to enjoy it and to access all parts of the farm," Lynch Adnams said. "Our most popular areas are our trails, our gardens and our barn. And so those areas are all made accessible, because that's what the public needs. We are serving the public at Stony Hill. So we strive to make sure everything is inclusive at the farm, and that anybody can come and enjoy."

Stony Kill will have tours of its heritage livestock from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the barn. Lynch Adnams said heritage livestock are the equivalent of an endangered animal in the wild.

"These are animals that have a long history and aren't necessarily raised throughout the United States," Lynch Adnams said. "So, we cultivate a lot of



Visitors to Stony Kill can visit the animals in the red barn during New York's annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on June 14.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

these heritage animals at the farm to not only preserve their history but also preserve the genetics which can help further preserve other future species of livestock."

Three of the main activities of Stony Kill's Get Outdoors & Get Together Day are "Birding for Beginners," the "Naturalist Walk" and "Intro to Orienteering." Registration for those events is free and can be found under "Public Programs" on the Stony Kill website: <https://stonykilf.org/>.

Lynch Adnams said it is a full day of outdoor activities which provides a space for visitors to appreciate their public spaces.

"This event is really nice for the public because it gives people a chance to try something they haven't tried before," Lynch Adnams said. "If you've never gone birding, it's actually quite fun. Since we have so many species of birds at the farm, you're going to definitely see something. And it gets people outside and off of their phones. ... We offer different public programs on the weekends and events throughout the year, so it gives people a chance to see the kind of things that we offer."



Stony Kill Farm will host Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on June 14.

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# 'Way to Work' program offers transportation to six families



"Way to Work" participant Charity, right, receives keys from Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino to a vehicle she's earned by completing the "Way to Work" program.

*-Courtesy photos Dutchess County Gov't*

Charity works tirelessly as an overnight security officer, dedicated to protecting others while also raising her son on her own. Each day and night, she juggles the demands of her job with the responsibility of getting her child to and from school. Without reliable transportation, this balancing act is even harder.

On June 4th, Charity received help to meet both important tasks and build a bright future for herself and her son.

Following months of dedication, attending classes and workshops as part of Dutchess County's "Way to Work" program, Charity and five other low-income County residents who are eligible for temporary assistance earned gently used vehicles, presented to them today by County Executive Sue Serino, to help them obtain and retain employment; acquire jobs with more hours or higher pay or gain access to higher education.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "To raise healthy, successful families, parents need dependable transportation to ensure they can get to work. Today's six recipients have truly earned the vehicles they're receiving by dedicating time and energy toward building a better future for themselves and their families. Dutchess County is proud to support them with the opportunity, training and resources to thrive."

The "Way to Work" employment empowerment program is a partnership between the County's Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) that assists residents who are receiving, or are eligible to receive, public assistance address

their transportation barriers and support them on their path to self-reliance. Qualified participants must come from a family that receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or whose family income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level.

The program is committed to helping participants access transportation solutions that support their employment goals. Residents are selected for the program based on their limited income and a work-related need for transportation. Participants are also expected to demonstrate dedication and perseverance in working toward financial self-sufficiency.

"Way to Work" includes a range of services, such as financial and vehicle care literacy seminars, a financial bootcamp, a credit score improvement workshop and assistance with vehicle registration and insurance, as well as job readiness tools, budgeting skills training and career development resources necessary to secure and retain employment. As the culmination of their months of hard work, each "Way to Work" recipient was presented today with a pre-owned vehicle they've earned during a ceremony held at the DCWIB in Poughkeepsie; vehicles are inspected and prepared for use by local automotive partners.

Other vehicle recipients include:

Amirah, a Direct Support Professional who spends her days caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities while returning home to take care of her young son;

Mary, a committed mother of two young children who works full-time – both weekdays and weekends – to support her family;



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and staff from the County's Department of Community and Family Services congratulate the "Way to Work" program participants who earned vehicles on June 4. The presentation took place in Poughkeepsie.

families it has supported, as they exemplify the meaningful impact DCFS strives to make every day."

For more than 25 years, the "Way to Work" program has benefited more than 3600 families, providing 939 cars, along with registration and car insurance deposits. Additionally, 323 County residents have gained their New York State learner's permit; (1,902) people participated in driving experience classes; 526 individuals completed the five-hour, pre-licensing class; 505 passed their state road test and earned a driver's license; and 779 vehicle repairs were approved on behalf of program participants.

DCWIB Executive Director Louise McLoughlin said, "The 'Way to Work' program remains dedicated to helping participants who are ready to commit and take the steps needed to achieve success. The Workforce Investment Board values our strong partnership with Dutchess County, which helps provide dependable transportation for residents working toward self-sufficiency. We look forward to seeing the program continue to positively impact so many lives."

The "Way to Work" program is one of a multitude of programs and initiatives that DCFS has to help people achieve independence.

Each time a family earns a car from "Way to Work" and no longer relies on temporary assistance, Dutchess County saves \$1,614 per month; that amount, over a year, equals the price of a used vehicle. Since the program began, 90 percent of recipients have continued to stay off temporary assistance.

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DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said, "Dutchess County residents who have been devoted to making a better life for themselves and their families, and who have worked to achieve it, have found success through the 'Way to Work' program. Every person has unique needs, and at DCFS we help them reach their full potential. Our department is incredibly proud of this initiative and the

"Way to Work" is solely for low-income and TANF-eligible residents. Qualified residents who are interested in applying for the months-long "Way to Work" program can contact Taylor O'Donnell, Associate Director at the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, at [taylor@dcwib.org](mailto:taylor@dcwib.org) or 845-249-4642. Additional information about the "Way to Work" program, including income eligibility requirements and an application, are available on the DCWIB's website: [dutchessonestop.org/Way%20to%20Work%20Dutchess](http://dutchessonestop.org/Way%20to%20Work%20Dutchess).

# Village of Fishkill election set for June 17

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Martin added: "[S]erving the residents of the Village of Fishkill has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am really proud of the work my administration has accomplished so far. I am excited to continue this journey."

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## Rice running for trustee position

Tricia Rice, who is running on the United We Stand Party line, is seeking a term as a trustee on the Fishkill Village Board.

"I am running for the Village of Fishkill Trustee position because I want to give back to the Community that I live, work

and play in," Rice told Southern Dutchess News in an email.

"Currently I am on the Planning Board for the Village and a Trustee for the Blodgett Memorial Library. When a seat opened for Village Trustee, I knew I had to run for it. I think the Village is a FANTASTIC place to live and I want everyone to feel this way who lives here," said Rice.

Rice stated, "I want to maintain low taxes, improve infrastructures, traffic and parking while still prioritizing the public's safety."

She added: "I have a proven track record in business so I will continue building strong relationships with the Business Community." Rice added that she believes "healthy and sustainable business growth, with less commercial vacancies, will allow our Village to maintain its strong fiscal management."

Rice said looks forward to playing "a big role" in the Village of Fishkill's future.

## One running for judge

Michael Martin, who is running on the Fishkill Freedom Party line, will be on the ballot for Village of Fishkill Judge.

## Community Services Board to meet June 16

The Dutchess County Community Services Board (formerly the Mental Hygiene Board) will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 16, at noon, at the Community Mental Health Center, 230 North Road, in Poughkeepsie.

One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 130 029 923#.

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## New dispensary opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony in Beacon



The Grand Opening of Hudson Valley Jane, Farm-to-Main-Street, a cannabis dispensary, opened its doors Saturday, June 7 at 544 Main Street in Beacon.

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The rain may have been falling, but it didn't stop the Beacon community from showing up to celebrate the Grand Opening of Hudson Valley Jane, Farm-to-Main-Street cannabis dispensary that officially opened its doors Saturday in the heart of downtown at 544 Main Street.

Nestled in a red brick storefront styled like a cozy country farmstand, Hudson Valley Jane brings a fresh, hyper-local take on cannabis retail—offering small-batch flower and products grown on its nearby farm in Ancram. As one of the first 50 cannabis micro-licensees in New York State, Hudson Valley Jane controls its entire seed-to-sale process, with cultivation, processing, and retail all under one business.

Despite the rainy weather, Beacon residents and visitors gathered to explore the new boutique shop, meet founders Stacey Shurgin and Ben Weiner, and take part in the

festivities—including official Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Green Goddess giveaways that added an extra dose of fun and community celebration.

The shop's opening marks a significant milestone for New York's emerging cannabis market—especially for small, independently owned businesses rooted in local agriculture and sustainability. Hudson Valley Jane's state-of-the-art greenhouse uses geothermal climate control and rainwater-capture systems. The business also offers hands-on opportunities for students in local cannabis programs and plans to donate fresh produce from its farm to nearby food pantries through its soil-reuse initiative.

"We're proud to be part of this community and to show people exactly where their cannabis comes from," said co-founder Stacey Shurgin. "It's about connection, education, and offering something that's both high-quality and homegrown."

## DC Fair seeks nominations for Farm Family of the Year

The Dutchess County Fairgrounds owned and operated by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc., is seeking nominations from the public for an annual Farm Family of the Year Award.

"The mission of the Agricultural Society is to promote and educate the public about agriculture," stated Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. "These families are the backbone of our communities. This award was created to honor a farm family that epitomizes the spirit of the agricultural industry. This is our way to show appreciation for farming families who embody hard-working farm values and a love for farming."

The winning family will be presented with the award at the annual Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc.'s July membership meeting. Examples of the prize package can

include a \$250 Visa Card, free camping for the week of the Fair, Fair admission, waived entry fees, and ride wristbands.

Eligible nominees must be Dutchess County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture. Nominations should include details about the family and how they fulfill the following:

- Unique or special production; type of crop and/or livestock production, focus of the farm.
- Is the farm multi-generational and who is involved in the family farming operation?
- Why does the family love the Dutchess County Fair?
- Why does this farm family deserve this award?

Nominations are due by June 15, via the following link [dutchessfair.com/get-involved/](http://dutchessfair.com/get-involved/); in person or by email to: [viperati@dutchessfair.com](mailto:viperati@dutchessfair.com).

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## Mid-Hudson Libraries launches new mobile app

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) has just launched a new Mid-Hudson Libraries mobile app designed to streamline library services from your mobile device, making it easier for library users to access resources, manage their accounts, and stay updated about library events. With user-friendly features and seamless integration, the MHLS Mobile App is set to transform the way communities connect with their libraries in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster counties.

"We are thrilled to offer this new service which makes life easier," said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS Executive Director, "This new app puts millions of library items at your fingertips and helps you interact with your library public library and connect with the collections of all 66 member libraries."

Features of the new app include:

- Store your library card barcode digitally and use the app to scan your barcode at a participating library
- Push notifications for library news and alerts
- In-app (and soon push) notifications

for holds, items due soon, overdue, and account expiration

- Scan any book to see if the libraries have a copy
- Search the catalog and place holds
- Make lists (separate from the lists in Discover catalog)
- Reading tracker feature
- Quick links to digital library services like Libby, Transparent Language, and JobNow
- Find nearby libraries and their hours with links to navigation

Use the app to navigate the Mid-Hudson Library System Road Trip around all 66 libraries – souvenirs available this summer!

The new Mid-Hudson Libraries mobile app creates an experience that highlights the individuality and resources of our "66 member libraries", while celebrating and exposing the benefits of the Mid-Hudson Library System's "1 great community"! It is available now in both Apple and Android app stores – search for "Mid-Hudson Libraries."

For more information, visit [www.midhudson.org](http://www.midhudson.org) or follow the library system on Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky.

## Haldane students honored by Beacon Elks



**Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recognized the Haldane Middle School Students of the Month (April 2025) during a certificate ceremony on May 14.**

Pictured from left, Jeanine McAuley, Exalted Ruler, Beacon Elks Lodge; Maura Tomann, 8th grade recipient; Kaya Grahm, 7th grade recipient; Brynn Cavanaugh 6th grade recipient and Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair.

Students who are recognized as Elks Student(s) of the Month are nominated by their teacher(s) and were chosen for their kindness, helpfulness, and offering support to classmates.

"Our Student of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication by the student, with the overall goal of encouraging students to continue their great work," said McAuley. "We hope these students – and all students – continue to excel in their studies."

Students of the Month receive a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to a local business. The Elks thank Cold Spring Pizza for supporting this month's students.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Tompkins Community Bank welcomes Todd Lake as business development officer

Demonstrating its commitment to growing its business and expanding its offerings in the Hudson Valley, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has welcomed Todd Lake as its newest business development officer.

Before joining Tompkins, Lake, who has worked in the financial industry for nearly two decades, oversaw the business development of Brightbox Capital. He will be responsible for generating new business, focused on Tompkins' footprint in Dutchess County.

"Todd has an expansive background in business development and commercial lending," said Carol Schmitz, senior vice president and community banking division manager. "We are confident that Todd will bring a new perspective to our team and enable the growth of not only Tompkins, but of businesses throughout the Hudson Valley."

"Having recently moved to the Hudson Valley, I am looking forward to establishing roots in my new community," said Lake. "Tompkins' emphasis on giving back to the people it serves has already inspired me to get involved in the place I



**Todd Lake**

-Courtesy photo Tompkins Bank

now call home."

Lake resides in Pawling with his wife and daughter.

## Fortnightly Club completes 131st year



The Fortnightly Club of Fishkill-On-Hudson has just completed its 131st year. It is a women's study group which functions much as it did when it was founded in 1894. Each year, a topic is chosen by the group and its members each write a short paper on that topic. The topic for the next year is "The American Revolution" in honor of the country's 250th anniversary.

The Fortnightly Club meets every two weeks from mid-September through mid-May. In addition to presenting papers, the club takes two field trips to places related to an annual topic. Members recently celebrated the conclusion of the 131st year with a luncheon.

For further information about the Fortnightly Club call or text 845-206-8528.

-Courtesy photo Fortnightly Club

## Ulster Financial announces addition of Devin McGill at Kingston location

Ulster Financial Services, located at Ulster Savings Bank, recently announced the addition of Devin McGill as a Registered Representative/Financial Advisor at the Bank's 280 Wall Street, Kingston location.

McGill, a Saugerties resident, will help Ulster County clients achieve their financial goals through planning and investment management, with an active commitment to their economic well-being. Before joining the bank, Devin was Vice President/Financial Advisor at a local investment management company.

When not giving advice on finances, he is also a musician and a martial arts instructor in Kingston.

For more information about financial products and services and investment services available through Cetera Investment Services, LLC, please call Devin at 845-338-6322, ext. 3243, or e-mail him at dmccgill@ulstersavings.com.

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**Devin McGill**

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## Jury convicts Gloversville man of manslaughter, criminal possession of a weapon

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that following three days of testimony and one day of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 39-year-old Jan Deere, of Gloversville, of the crimes of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class 'B' Violent Felony and two Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Class 'C' Armed Violent Felonies.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "After a previous jury was unable to reach a unanimous decision, we remained steadfast in our pursuit of justice. Today's conviction is the result of our unwavering commitment to holding violent offenders accountable. Gun violence continues to plague our community, and we will not back down. This verdict stands as a powerful reminder that we will keep fighting for victims."

According to the D.A.'s office, the jury concluded that on March 30, 2024, at approximately 4:23 a.m. at 446 Main Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie, the defendant knowingly possessed a loaded firearm and pointed the gun at the victim, Jaquan Fryar, and fired a shot striking him in the head. The victim was taken to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department handled the investigation. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chiefs



**Jan Deere**

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

Anthony DeFazio and Andrea Long. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin, who has scheduled sentencing for August 8. The Defendant faces a determinate term of state prison of up to 25 years on the Manslaughter charge and up to 15 years on each of the weapon's charges.

## Beacon's Spring City-Wide Yard Sale set for June 14

City of Beacon's annual Spring City-Wide Yard Sale is set for Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

One can list a yard sale for \$10 or talk to your neighbors and list 3 for \$20. One's sale is by street address and cross street. This list will be available to shoppers on the morning of the sale as well as online

for the weeks leading up to the sale. One will also receive a yard sale sign to mark your house on the day of the sale. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 11.

Note: Any signs posted by sellers are the seller's responsibility for removal and proper disposal after the City-Wide Yard Sale has concluded.

## Annual Juneteenth Riverfront Festival set for June 19

Beacon's Juneteenth Riverfront Festival will be held on Thursday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pete & Toshi

Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.

The annual event is presented by Bosco & The Storm and Beacon4BlackLives.

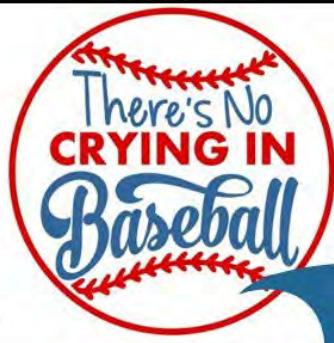


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## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Strong pitching helps Renegades to series split

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades needed to bounce back this week. Following another series split with the Ironbirds, the Renegades hold a 4.5 game lead on the third position in the South Atlantic League (SAL). Some early-inning heroics for the slow-starting squad and a spot start from Somerset's Bailey Dees offered what Hudson Valley was hunting on this road trip. Five straight 7:05 p.m. start times helped the visitors a bit, as the Renegades move best under the brightest lights.

### Pitching prowess

Renegades pitchers have allowed the fewest hits in the SAL with 344. This week, Hudson Valley allowed just 12 hits in its three wins. The Renegades held Aberdeen scoreless for 24 straight innings before a late-inning push on June 7 broke the streak.

Seven strong innings from Dees held Aberdeen to one hit on June 6, and put a third straight in the Renegades' win column. Hudson Valley pitching also has the league's lowest WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) with 1.08. Baserunners' chances of getting on base are significantly lower with Renegades on the mound.

### Omar, Jackson, Tomas, and Coby

Renegades earned the series edge with back-to-back offensive showcases, scoring 19 runs on 23 hits after dropping the opening game by one run. Hudson Valley soared in 8-1 and 11-2 victories. Omar Martinez and Jackson Castillo are leading the Renegades with 32 and 31 runs batted in, respectively, placing them in the SAL's top 10. Tomas Frick and Coby Morales led the charge on June 4,

combining for five hits and three home runs. Frick had a five RBI night, while Morales was 3-5 with a home run and a triple.

The next night, Martinez drew early blood, a sharp line drive to give the Renegades a lead in the opening frame. Aberdeen pulled away 2-1 on a bottom-first sacrifice fly, then Castillo scored Dillon Lewis the same way in the top of the fifth. Frick added the insurance run in the sixth, his RBI single sandwiched between two two-run home runs to blow the game open. Castillo finished 2-4 on the night, one of five Renegades (Lewis, Parks Harber, Brenny Escanio, and Frick) with two or more hits.

### Wild ending

The Renegades lost the final two games of the series to settle for the split. On June 7, a walk-off wild pitch secured a Saturday win for

Aberdeen. In the series finale, the Renegades' late push wasn't enough, twice. MLB rehabber Jake Cousins allowed the game-tying run on one that sailed to the backboard, then Aberdeen went on, despite a 2-1 Renegades lead on a Parks Harber single. The Ironbirds didn't get a hit in the bottom of the tenth, yet came out with an extra-inning win on Saturday.

The Renegades (34-22) will head down I-95 to host league RBI leader Miguel Bleis and the fifth-place Greenville Drive (30-27) this week. The Hudson Valley has not faced its South Carolinian rivals since 2023, but the Drive are on a hot streak, winning four in a row against the Rome Emperors. With a 9-5 record (.653) in all-time matchups, the Renegades will host these unfamiliar foes for another week of fun at Heritage Financial Park.

## League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM		39	18	.684	-	7-3	L1
Greensboro PIT		37	19	.661	1.5	5-5	W1
Hudson Valley NYY		34	22	.607	4.5	4-6	L2
Wilmington WSH		24	33	.421	15.0	6-4	W1
Aberdeen BAL		22	35	.386	17.0	3-7	W2
Jersey Shore PHI		21	35	.375	17.5	4-6	W3

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB		30	26	.536	-	5-5	L3
Greenville BOS		30	27	.526	0.5	8-2	W4
Hub City TEX		30	27	.526	0.5	5-5	L1
Rome ATL		27	30	.474	3.5	3-7	L4
Asheville HOU		25	32	.439	5.5	5-5	L3
Winston-Salem CWS		21	36	.368	9.5	5-5	W3



## Home Schedule

June			
06/11/25	vs.Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs.Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs.Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs.Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs.Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday
07/01/25	vs.Brooklyn	06:35 PM	2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/02/25	vs.Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs.Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America!! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!
07/08/25	vs.Asheville	06:35 PM	Cider Donuts: Dusty's Revenge, Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/09/25	vs.Asheville	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/10/25	vs.Asheville	06:35 PM	Union Night Blue Renegades Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/11/25	vs.Asheville	07:05 PM	Italian Heritage Night Fireworks Friday
07/12/25	vs.Asheville	05:05 PM	Beach Night Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/13/25	vs.Asheville	02:05 PM	Gades 5K Star Wars Day





# Renegades Extra!



## Lewis, Vargas bring hitting, speed to Renegades' lineup

**By Morgan E. Maier**

In two ways, minor league baseball is a game of promotions. From April to September, fans receive a nightly schedule of entertainment and weekly shakeups of rosters. As they close out the opening half of the season, the Hudson Valley Renegades have added two names to the list, a first-year player in outfielder Dillon Lewis and a familiar face in two-season alum Alexander Vargas.

OF Dillon Lewis is a 2024 Draft, Round 13, Pick 391.

Before his promotion from the Single-A Tampa Tarpons, Lewis was hitting .250 with 29 RBI and 9 home runs. With 13 stolen bases with Tampa, Lewis could fill the gap left by the team's leader in stolen bases, Brendan Jones (23).

Lewis was born in Columbia, Maryland, just an hour southwest of Aberdeen, where he debuted for the Renegades on June 3. He notched his first High-A hit that night, one bright note of a 3-2 Renegades loss, and the first of a four-game hit streak.

Figures. Lewis likes to get things started from day one. In his professional debut down in Single-A, Lewis recorded his first hit, stolen base, and first home run – in that order!

Lewis recorded three home runs in his last Single-A series, facing the Dunedin Blue Jays from May 20-25. In his Tampa sendoff, Lewis went off for 3 RBI in a 9-

5 Tarpons finale win.

Drafted in the 13th round out of Queens University of Charlotte, Lewis had a record-shattering junior season that impressed the Yankees' scouts. Breaking the program's single-season records in home runs, runs, RBIs, and hits, Lewis was named a 2024 First Team All-Conference selection in the Atlantic Sun Conference. As the Royals' everyday left fielder, he recorded a 1.000 fielding percentage in 107 putouts for his final collegiate season.

With an offense that has improved steadily since his professional debut, Lewis adds a much-needed spark to the front of the Renegades lineup. He picked up his first multihit performance in Aberdeen on June 5, with his first High-A home run, a triple, and 2 RBI.

INF Alexander Vargas is a switch-hitter and versatile infielder and he returns to the Renegades after 39 games at AA Somerset.

Vargas came out hot to start 2024, with five RBIs in as many games. Finishing the season in Somerset, Vargas ended the season with half as many strikeouts as he did in 2023. A season prior, he was third on the Renegades with 116 punchouts.

Over 39 games with Somerset this season, Vargas had 29 hits and 13 RBIs. The speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base.



Alexander Vargas' speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Just 23 years old, Vargas has moved through the Yankees organization since being signed in 2018. Vargas's most magical moment came on a late, muggy August night in 2023, as his 12th-inning walk-off home run finally put the Jersey Shore BlueClaws to bed. He finished 4-6 with four RBI on the night.

Like Lewis, Vargas launched a home run on June 5, his first hit since re-joining the Renegades. An eighth-inning sacrifice fly on June 3 put the Renegades in reach of Aberdeen's wire-to-wire lead. Though the late-game rally ultimately fell short, Vargas notched his first RBI since his return to Hudson Valley.

## Retired jerseys hold special spots in memories for everyone

**By Morgan E. Maier**

As the Seattle Mariners announced plans to retire the #51 jersey for both Randy Johnson and Ichiro Suzuki, baseball fans are reminded that every team's retired jersey holds a spot in the memories of franchises, spectators and front offices alike. The Hudson Valley Renegades have their own set of numbers that will never again take the field at Heritage Financial Park.

**Rookie & Rene, #94**

Flagship Renegades mascots Rookie and Rene served for decades as the faces of the organization. Number 94 is retired in their honor as a nod to the inaugural Renegades season, 1994. After two decades of morale-boosting feats in summer baseball, including an on-field wedding and the coming of their successor Rascal, Rookie and Rene now enjoy their retirement in Florida like any old snowbirds. They're immortalized on the first base concourse with statues, always ready for a photo opportunity with fans. But Rookie and Rene are just two mascots to hold the honor of jersey retirement, as such love translates across professional sports. In the soccer world, Europe's Premier League has reserved numbers for mascots in the Bournemouth and Leicester City clubs.

**Kevin Brown, #45**

As the first Renegades alum to reach the majors, Kevin Brown is written in Hudson Valley history. Brown was the starting catcher in the inaugural Hudson Valley team and later became the first



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Renegade honored with a jersey retirement. In the summer of 1994, Brown was top-five on the roster in hits, doubles, triples, home runs, and RBIs. After debuting with the Texas Rangers in '96, Brown also spent seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, Milwaukee Brewers, and Boston Red Sox over a seven-year MLB career.

**Wade Davis, #33**

Once a difference maker for the Short-A Hudson Valley Renegades, World Series champion Wade Davis is, above all, a community leader. Beginning his career with the Tampa Bay Rays, Davis took root in the Hudson Valley and settled in the town of Marlboro. Davis, whose #33 jersey was retired by the Renegades in 2024,

makes an impact that transcends the scorebook. As a figure in community baseball leagues at the Little League and intermediate levels, Davis continues to impress on players at the earliest levels of the game. Now retired, the three-time All-Star runs Full Kount, a nonprofit organization that benefits children involved in sports.

### Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame

Few successful baseball careers hinge on a single moment or individual performance. For professional baseball scouts, one decision can make or break careers. Scouts could be boast or bust from choices seen beyond highlight tapes

and box scores. It's a labor of love, worthy of a hall of fame.

Take Mike Radcliff, who drafted catcher Joe Mauer to the Minnesota Twins. He made an iffy decision in the eyes of many fans and baseball media. Radcliff was, for a time, the Twin Cities' laughingstock for passing on presumed 2001 number one pick Mark Prior. Mauer became a beloved name in the franchise, the fans' favorite face and jersey, and Radcliff earned his spot in the Hall of Fame in 2021. Since being established by the Goldklang Group, 1500 Route 9-D in Fishkill has housed the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, one of three active sites honoring off-field achievers in the sport's history.

# 24 new citizens take oath in ceremony at DC Fairgrounds



A young mother, holding her new American Citizen certificate, and her son are pictured at the Naturalization Ceremony on June 6 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center.

-Courtesy photo

## By Curtis Schmidt

Congratulations to the 24 new American citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance on Friday, June 6 at a Naturalization Ceremony hosted by Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall and presided over by the Honorable Judge Tracy MacKenzie at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Coming from 21 different countries, County Executive Sue Serino and other county officials and community members welcomed these individuals to our country and the Dutchess County community.

The 21 countries included Albania, Antigua-Barbuda, Argentina, China, Colombia, Dominica, Egypt, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine and Vietnam.

In her opening remarks, Hon. MacKenzie told the candidates for citizenship, "I can safely say that today is a

day that you will remember for the rest of your lives. Not because of what is said here by the distinguished speakers but by what you say when you take the Oath of Allegiance.

"Politicians will come and go. Stocks will rise and fall and rise again. As surely as day follows night, fall will follow summer to be followed by winter and spring again. But the decisions that have brought you to this moment will change your lives ... the lives of your daughters and sons and grandsons and granddaughters forever.

"In 1787, the Congress of the United States adopted a new Constitution. This new Constitution, in Article 1, enumerated the powers of the Congress. The fourth clause of Article one grants to Congress the power 'To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization.' 'That the power of naturalization is enumerated ahead of the power to coin money, to declare war and to raise an Army and a



Pictured, from left, are County Clerk Brad Kendall, Honorable Judge Tracy MacKenzie, County Historian Will Tatum and Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. In front is Nicky the Fair Calf, the #agfluencer for the Agriculture Society.

-Photo by Jenny Lang

Navy is proof that the founders knew what we know: that only by providing a means for this nation to welcome new citizens with their talents and abilities could this nation grow and prosper.

"For 296 years, the oath of allegiance has been administered in Dutchess County. Today it is my pleasure to continue that long practice."

Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society stated, "The Ag Society was honored to be asked to host the Naturalization Ceremony on the Fairgrounds. We donated the facility, The Phantom Gardener

donated the flowers, and our staff donated their time to create a beautiful setting for this ceremony. Each new citizen was given two complimentary tickets to be our guest at this year's Fair, where we hope the Dutchess County Fair will become a part of their family traditions."

Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. He began by thanking the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for hosting the event in the Welcome Center at the Fairgrounds.

"Please take a moment to look around: despite being completed in 2017, this structure is not a modern build," said Tatum said. "It is timber-framed, held together with wooden pins instead of nails and screws, in the tradition of structures built 300 years ago by the first settlers of Dutchess County. This building, like the Society's work in general, is

a vital reminder that the origin, foundation and lifeblood of Dutchess County has always been rooted in agriculture. From colonial farms focused on wheat, apples, and sheep to the nineteenth century Violet flower industry and big dairy to today's agri-tourism and beverage industries, the economy and lifestyles of Dutchess County have been defined by what we can plant and reap from the soil. I encourage all of our new citizens to return here between August 19-24 to experience the wonder that is the Dutchess County Fair, now in its 179th year."

In his address, Tatum also highlighted events in American history on June 6, most notably "June 6, 1944, 73k American soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy in France to begin the liberation of Europe. Many of them were new citizens, just like you. 2,501 of those soldiers died that same day. These events, achievements, and sacrifices become part of the tapestry of your lives today, just as you now join the fabric of our American nation."

He also spoke of the history of Dutchess County, naming Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and went on to discuss the Great Depression, World War II and other important events in U.S. history.

The presentation of Colors was by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Color Guard and Loren Petrella led the singing of our National Anthem and "America the Beautiful."

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## 4-H youth make waves at 'Under the Sea' Fashion Show

Young designers made a splash on Thursday, May 29th as they took to the runway for their Annual 4-H Fashion Show, themed "Under the Sea." The event, held at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook, was a celebration of creativity, confidence, and months of hard work in 4-H sewing and fashion programs.

Decked out in aquatic hues, shimmering fabrics, and handmade accessories, the participants wowed an audience of about 30 family members, friends, and community supporters.

"Community, creativity, and confidence - that's what this event is all about. It was inspiring to watch these young women lift each other up and celebrate their hard work and talents," said a 4-H staff member.

Each participant chose their own music and confidently worked the runway, bringing personality, style, and plenty of sparkle to the show. From ocean-inspired skirts to beachy casual wear, the garments showcased both creativity and craftsmanship developed over months of hard work.

The support in the room was unmistakable: Cheers echoed for every participant! These hard-working and talented artists showed us what 4-H is all about—not just learning skills, but building friendships, sharing ideas, and lifting one another up. Many of the members worked side by side in the lead-up to the event, sharing fabric, trading tips, and encouraging each other every step of the way.

"Under the Sea" may have been the theme, but what we saw

on stage were confident, capable young women. These 4-Hers now have lifelong skills; they'll never be fazed by a ripped seam or a last-minute fix again.

Didn't catch it? Don't worry! You'll have two more chances to catch the fashion magic during the Dutchess County Fair!

For details on 4-H programs or other CCEDC initiatives, visit [ccedutchess.org](http://ccedutchess.org) or call 845-677-8223.



Local 4-H youth are pictured at their "Under the Sea" Fashion Show on May 29.  
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# Two Dutchess residents honored at 'Older New Yorkers' Day' in Albany

Gloria Chase of Beacon and Mike Manning of Pine Plains were among 100 older adults honored in Albany on May 27 for their "extraordinary volunteerism" as part of the The New York State Office for the Aging's (NYSOFA) "Older New Yorkers' Day." The event is held annually during Older Americans Month in May.

The theme of Older Americans Month 2025 was "Flip the Script on Aging" to focus on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.

Looking at the positive impact of NYSOFA's honorees, and the nearly 1 million other older volunteers helping communities across New York, it's clear to see older adults are vital to strengthening communities and local, regional, state and national economies. In fact, older adult volunteers in New York contribute 474 million hours of community service at an economic value of \$13.2 billion.

The honorees are recognized for their support of charitable causes, their work with local health care and human services organizations, grassroots civic contributions, volunteer work with emergency management corps, local fundraising activities, and so much more. This year's honorees have collectively volunteered more than 3,000 years of service, raised 243 children, 420 grandchildren, 122 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Fifteen are veterans.

#### About Dutchess County's honorees

**Gloria Chase** moved to Beacon in 2014 and soon began volunteering at the Office for the Aging Beacon Friendship Center. She brings in readings, prayers, and sits with people who are going through a difficult time, whether they are experiencing depression, are angry, or just need someone to listen and pay attention to them. Chase makes people laugh and encourages them to get up and move. She helps the new volunteers and is always welcoming and willing to help.

Chase migrated from the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean in 1981. She became a U.S. citizen in 1997. She worked as a coordinator at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, N.Y. (which is now New York Presbyterian Westchester) for 33 years.

"Volunteering is very rewarding to me," she says. "I am able to serve in the community, assisting others and forming friendships. It is my obligation to help others. I love the people and what I do. We are one world. As it says in the Old Testament: 'love your neighbor as you would want to be loved.'"

In 2018, **Mike Manning** saw a sign on the bulletin board of the Pine Plains Library about volunteer opportunities with Dutchess County Office for the Aging. This led him to serve the county's nutrition program. Manning not only delivers meals to older adults on the weekly route in Millerton, but he also delivers to older adults in Pine Plains as well. Despite a recent health setback, he



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-Courtesy photos

anxiously returned to his meal-delivery service as soon as possible.

Manning enjoys writing human interest and personal history articles for the Pine Plains Herald. He also contributes to the Friends of Stissing Landing, which formed in 1986 to preserve the Stissing Mountain Fire Tower and its surroundings for the general public to use and enjoy.

A lifelong New Yorker, Manning moved from Long Island to Dutchess County after college. He likes to drive, and he did so in his job for the New York State Department of Transportation. He founded the road called Carpenter Hill

where he now resides. He is an avid hiker and rides his bike frequently on the local rail trail. He has a close relationship with his siblings, several of whom came to his aid during a recent medical setback, as he is a widower.

"Volunteering is good for your health," he says. "I never really thought about it, but it is really good for your mental health. Doing something for someone else is a wonderful experience. When I was a senior in high school, I delivered for Meals on Wheels after school. I guess I was meant to be part of a similar program when I retired."

# AARP Tax-Aide volunteer honored for 35 Years of service

Thirty-five years ago, Kathy Sztumerski's mother noticed an article in the local newspaper calling for volunteers for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program and encouraged her to apply.

Kathy and her husband had made the difficult decision that she would leave her corporate accounting position to be available for childcare responsibilities as her husband's new job required extensive travel.

Although the tax season had started, Kathy passed the required test with flying colors and became a Tax-Aide volunteer at East Fishkill Town Hall and Blodgett Library. She had found the perfect fit. She loved doing taxes, it kept her mind in the game, and she could be available for her son.

A lot has changed since Kathy first started. "Back then it was only paper returns, we did not start with electronic filing until the early 2000s. Taxes were much easier but soon more complex financial products came into play," said Kathy. She recalls Dutchess County had seven tax sites with about thirty-five volunteers.

Kathy fondly remembers the clients she

has met through the years. "I was born and raised in Dutchess County, so I knew many of the folks," said Kathy.

The Tax-Aide program has grown these past 35 years. Low-income filers of all ages are provided assistance, not just seniors or AARP members. This year over 200 volunteers working at 33 tax sites in the Hudson Valley prepared 6,763 returns in Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties, resulting in refunds and credits totaling over \$3.2 million.

"We are honored to take this opportunity to recognize Kathy and her years of dedication to the Tax-Aide program and her community," said Charlie Milligan, NY3 State Coordinator AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. "She has a passion for the work and really enjoys her time with her fellow volunteers and the grateful clients."

"I'll be back next year, you meet the best people in the world," said Kathy.

For those interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, contact Linda Eddy, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, 845-



*AARP Tax-Aide volunteer Kathy Sztumerski of East Fishkill is honored for 35 years of service.*

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475-7500. While tax training takes place in the fall, recruitment is year-

round with different volunteer opportunities available.

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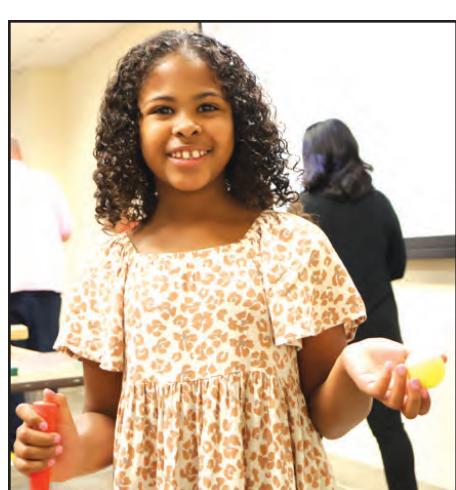
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# Wappingers Central School District students visit Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital pediatric patients



Kindness and caring were in the spotlight as Wappingers Central School District and Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital celebrated the fourth year of their partnership. This year, students created a digital National Geographic series for patients to explore, and a mini-golf putting hole with a farm theme. Students learned so much more than just science: they developed empathy and felt the joy of helping others. According to project-based learning specialists Tara Kohler and John Sammon, students never ask "why am I doing this?" when working on these projects.

The mini-golf project was a special collaboration between elementary students and their high school counterparts at Roy C. Ketcham High School. The younger students developed prototypes, which the high schoolers reviewed before fabricating the course. Elementary students also took a "field trip" to the high school, to check out the facilities and meet their partners in person.

In this four-year span, the number of participating students and schools has grown exponentially: from 80 students in three buildings in 2022 to 370 students in six buildings this year.

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*Wappingers Central School District administrators and students recently visited pediatric patients at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital.*

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# Obituaries

## Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff



Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff, 69, an area resident since 1990 and formerly of Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, died on June 3, 2025 surrounded by her immediate family.

Born in Quakertown, PA on November 1, 1955, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Mianna (Eisenhart) Geissinger. She graduated from Goshen College, taught high school math, and later studied theatre at Michigan State University. After moving east, she took on multiple roles at WMNR radio in Connecticut and subsequently became the program director at WFUV in NYC. Before retiring in 2022, Jewel was employed as the Public Information

Officer for the Poughkeepsie Public Library where she spearheaded the community wide Big Read project.

Jewel was a member of the New Beginnings Alliance Church in Poughkeepsie where she served as the choir director and was very active in church life. In 2009, she co-founded Mid-Hudson Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC), an organization that builds relationships with people in need to encourage transformation. There, she passionately served as board chair, furniture delivery coordinator, volunteer coordinator, event planner, and teacher. She directed and acted in plays with the County Players and volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America. Jewel loved playing the piano, baking, reading, playing games, and gardening. In 2023, Jewel was honored as the Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women. Most recently, she enjoyed adventures to the Pacific Northwest, Iceland, and China, as well as trips to date on her treasured grandchildren.

Jewel is survived by her husband, Eugene H. Ratzlaff; her daughter, Caitlin Harris; her son, Lucas Ratzlaff; her grandson, Oliver and granddaughter, Chandler; her siblings, Ladnor, Cordell, Glenn and Timothy Geissinger, and Tanya Shealey; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

On Saturday, June 14th, visitation will begin at 9:00 with a Memorial and Celebration of Life at 11:00 at New Beginnings Alliance Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. A lunch reception at the church will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mid-Hudson Love INC, 748 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or online.

## Diane Marie White



Diane Marie White, a 40-year resident of Beacon, New York, passed away in her home on June 4, 2025. She was 62 years old.

Diane was born on May 20, 1963 in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Eugene and Shirley Brown. She married her husband, James A. White on October 12, 1985 in Fishkill, New York. Diane worked at the Beacon City School District, being a dedicated teacher's assistant for 23 years until her retirement in June 2021. Diane enjoyed spending time with her loving family, gardening, bird watching, and collected seashells wherever she traveled. She was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the

Evangelist Church in Beacon, and an active member of the New York Road Runners.

Diane is survived by her husband James A. White, son James R. White (Meagan), daughter Lauren N. LaBarbera (Brian), sister Kathy Lane (Bill), brother Eugene Brown, and grandchildren James T. White and Elias H. White.

Family and friends will gather on Sunday, June 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon on June 9 at 10 a.m. followed by a private family entombment.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com). Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Sweet's Funeral Home in Hyde Park enters a new chapter with ownership transition

After decades of service to the Hyde Park community, Sweet's Funeral Home recently announced the sale of the business to long-time employee, Ryan Boryk. This transition marks a significant milestone for the funeral home, as the operation moves into the hands of someone who has been a vital part of its success and shares its deep commitment to care, dignity, and service.

For years, Sweet's Funeral Home has been a trusted establishment in Hyde Park, offering comfort and support during life's most challenging times. The decision to pass the torch to Ryan Boryk – a familiar and respected figure among colleagues and community members alike – ensures that the legacy of personalized and compassionate care will continue seamlessly into the future. Ryan's longstanding dedication, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the funeral home's traditions and operations, positions him ideally to honor the past while guiding the service into a promising future.

Rob Sweet shared, "Ryan has worked by my side for a number of years, and I know that he will proudly carry on the legacy that my grandfather and father established. I am also comforted knowing that Ryan believes

in the same values as I do and will continue to serve our community with compassion and dignity. Now it is time for me to work by his side."

"I am deeply honored to assume ownership of Sweet's Funeral Home," Ryan said. "For many years, I have had the privilege of contributing to a service that so many in our community rely on. I intend to build on the legacy of trust and empathy established by the Sweet family, dedicating myself even more to ensuring that every family we serve feels supported during their time of need."

The sale to a longstanding member of the Sweet's team not only underscores the company's commitment to stability and continuity but also highlights a thoughtful approach to preserving the values that have made Sweet's Funeral Home a cornerstone in the community. Current staff members expressed their confidence in this transition, knowing that Ryan's leadership will continue to provide the same level of personalized care and community engagement that the funeral home is known for.

To learn more, visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).



Longtime employee Ryan Boryk, left, has purchased Sweet's Funeral Home in Hyde Park. Former owner Rob Sweet, right, will continue working at the business.  
-Courtesy photo

## Kathleen Marie Malone



Kathleen Marie Malone passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Kathleen was born on March 8, 1945, in Cortlandt Manor to the late Edwin J. and Elizabeth B. Taylor and lived in Shrub Oak, New York. As a young woman, Kathleen was a member of the New York City Ballet and notably danced as the Black Swan in Swan Lake. With such talent, she was asked to be a part of the infamous New York City Rockettes but politely declined.

On June 11, 1966, she married the love of her life, William Malone, Jr. She would have been married to her husband, Bill,

for 59 years this year. Kathleen has often been thought of as Wonder Woman as she did it all. She lived for her family and truly loved each and every one of them so deeply. Kathleen is known for being the life of the party with her contagious laugh, sense of humor and always up for an adventure. Her sharp and witty humor has created lifetime memories for her loved ones that will be cherished forever. She loved dolphins, the beach, and the moon. Kathleen and Bill owned a home in Lake Worth, Florida for over 20 years where they hosted some of the best times for their families. Known as Nan or Nanny to her grandchildren/greatgrandchildren, Kathleen shared a special bond with each of them. She had an amazing ability to spread unconditional love and nurture the people she cared about. Kathleen's family is so grateful for the memories she has given them, and she will live on forever in their hearts.

Kathleen's loving family includes her husband, William Malone, Jr; her children, Billy Malone III (Lynne), Patrick, and Kelli-Lynn (John); her grandchildren Olivia, Ariana, Isabella (Kevin), Patrick, Bill IV, Jonathan, and Lauren; and her great grandchildren Camilla, Nicholas, and Daniella.

Calling hours were held Thursday, June 5, 2025 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill followed by interment at Ballard Barrett Cemetery, 529 Route 6N, Mahopac, NY.

## Barbara M. Hamm



Barbara M. (Straley) Hamm (93) of Wappingers Falls, passed away peacefully on May 30th, 2025, at Vassar Hospital. She was born on July 17, 1931, in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was the daughter of Joseph Straley and Veronica Fixer Straley. She attended and graduated from Wappingers Schools and worked as a telephone operator at NY Telephone Co. in Poughkeepsie. She went on to work at and eventually retire from IBM East Fishkill. She was preceded in death by her husband William F. Hamm, her siblings Richard Straley, Edward Straley and Audrey Piacente, Sister-in-law Martha Duncan and her brothers-in-law George Duncan, William Duncan and Carmine Piacente. She is survived by her children Barbara Caprara (Mark) of

Wappingers Falls and William J. Hamm (Darlene) of California, her brothers Phillip Straley and Thomas Straley and Sister-in-Laws Barbara Straley, Nancy Duncan, Michele Straley and Sandy Straley, Grandchildren; Bryan Meiswinkel (Daisy) of Wappingers Falls, William E. Hamm and Jared Hamm of California and several Nieces and Nephews. Calling hours were Friday, June 6 at the Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, NY. Entombment will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations can be sent to the Fishkill United Methodist Church, 38 Broad St., Fishkill, NY 12524.



# Creative Living

## West Point Band announces summer concert dates

The West Point Band announced the 2025 Music Under the Stars concert series at West Point's iconic Trophy Point Amphitheater and throughout the Hudson Valley. From June through September, audiences can enjoy an exciting mix of classical favorites, Broadway showstoppers, patriotic tributes, and rock, pop, and R&B hits—all performed by world-class Army musicians.

This summer's centerpiece event is our July 4th celebration, honoring the 250th birthday of the United States Army with music and fireworks at Trophy Point. In addition to these beloved Hudson Valley traditions, the West Point Band will bring its inspiring performances to communities across the region. All performances are free and open to the public. For the latest schedule and updates, visit [westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com) or follow the band on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

### Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m.

West Point Concert Band  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Friday, July 4, 7 p.m.

\*Inclement date of July 5  
U.S. Army 250th Birthday and Independence Day Celebration with Fireworks  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m.

\*Inclement date of July 17  
West Point Concert Band  
Vanderbilt Mansion  
119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park

### Saturday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.

West Point Concert Band  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Saturday, July 26, 7:30 p.m.

West Point Band's Benny Havens Band  
West Point Block Party  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.

West Point Band's Benny Havens Band  
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park  
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon

### Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.

West Point Concert Band  
Kensico Dam Plaza  
1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, Westchester County

### Saturday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

West Point Band's Concert Band and Hellcats  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Saturday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.

West Point Band's Benny Havens Band  
Dancing Under the Stars  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

### Sunday, August 31, 7:30 p.m.

\*Inclement date of September 1  
Labor Day Celebration with Fireworks  
Trophy Point Amphitheater  
117-119 Washington Road, West Point

## Pull a World War II tank on June 14 for United Way

Get ready for some serious fun and a whole lot of community spirit! United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is pumped to announce the third Annual Pull the Tank event on Saturday, June 14, at the new venue Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Route 416 in Montgomery, in Orange County. They are talking about a WWII Veteran Combat Sherman Tank (a hefty 120,000 lbs. including the flatbed!), teams battling it out to see who can pull the tank the fastest, and all for our local veterans.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, under the leadership of President & CEO Jeannie Montano, is bringing back this event for Mission United. Pull the Tank offers a unique opportunity for our community to actively show their support for veterans and military families. United Way has touched the lives of over 115,000 of our neighbors each year, and this event is a

fantastic way to shine a spotlight on over 32,000 veterans who have served our country.

Pre-registration is required. Participants can register for Pull the Tank as individuals or as part of a team. Teams are encouraged to fundraise and can compete for prizes based on their fundraising and pulling performance. The event will also feature a DJ and other activities for participants, including an ice cream truck and a children's game area for families to enjoy.

For more information and to register for Pull the Tank, please visit [www.uwdor.org/ptt25](http://www.uwdor.org/ptt25).

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region would like to thank their Annual Sponsors: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., Pratt & Whitney Advanced Coating Technologies, IBM Corporation, RBT CPAs, LLP, Resorts World, TD Bank, Ulster Savings Bank.

## Latin Dance Night at the Towne Crier set for June 26

Elegant. Sensuous. Exciting. A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining and music), at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street in Beacon. Enjoy the rhythms of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton and much more played by DJ Rhoda.

Full menu and bar service are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$15, which can be paid at the door. For reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500

For information, call Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or email [rhodaja@optonline.net](mailto:rhodaja@optonline.net).

## DCSPCA has new X-ray machine



*The Dutchess County SPCA recently installed its new digital X-ray machine, made possible with donations.*

*-Courtesy photo*

ly than ever before.'

The new equipment allows the shelter to provide timely, critical care to animals in need, exactly when they need it, whether the animal is a stray with an injury or that comes to a public clinic with an illness.

"Hundreds of animals a year will directly benefit from this technology, and it's all thanks to you," said Fitzpatrick.

Visit [www.dcsPCA.org](http://www.dcsPCA.org) to learn more.

## 'The Promised One' set for June 20-22 in Poughkeepsie

The Poughkeepsie Passion Play, entitled "The Promised One," will take the stage June 20-22. Come see and hear the greatest event in history, the life of Jesus Christ, His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to Heaven. The production will include over 150 cast, crew, pit choir, and live instrumentalists.

They will perform five shows at Living Water Church, located at 260 Mill Street,

Poughkeepsie. Purchase tickets for the event at [www.poughkeepsiepassionplay.org](http://www.poughkeepsiepassionplay.org) through Eventbrite.

The Poughkeepsie Passion Play will premiere in New York under the direction of Dr. James D. Whitmire, as Crossroads Baptist Church Memphis, Living Water Church Poughkeepsie, and Love Worth Finding Ministries join together for this presentation.

## Free Tai Chi for Beginners class on June 17 in East Fishkill

A free program Tai Chi for Beginners with Scott Grimes will take place on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376. Hopewell resident and certified Tai Chi instructor Scott Grimes will present this free hour-long demo and class of the basic principles of Tai Chi. The first half

hour class is a demo and Q&A and the second half is participation. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

The program meets the third Tuesday of the month. Limited to 10 participants. Register through our online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

## June events at Blodgett Memorial Library

The following events will be held at Blodgett Memorial Library in the village of Fishkill throughout June.

- June 13, 6:30 p.m., Movie Night, "Dogman"
- June 15, 1:30 p.m., Cookie Decorating, for all ages
- June 20, 6:30 p.m., Adult Wreathng

Making, registration required

- June 29, 1:30 p.m. Movie, "Catching Fire"

For more information, visit [blodgettmemoriallibrary.org](http://blodgettmemoriallibrary.org).

The library is at 37 Broad St. in Fishkill.

## hudson valley naturalist

by francine wizner



# Investigate local fruit and learn about plant reproduction

### Fruit classification

Fruits are broadly classified based on the number of ovaries and flowers involved in their formation. Simple fruits develop from a single ovary, such as apples and cherries. Aggregate fruits develop from multiple ovaries of one flower, such as raspberries and strawberries. Multiple fruits develop from many flowers fused together, such as pineapples and figs.

### Materials for the investigation

Plenty of fruits are grown here in Dutchess County. Gather an assortment of them, such as berries, plums, corn, fava or green beans, pea pods, red peppers, grapes, cucumbers, and peppers. Other materials you'll need are a knife, magnifying glass, cutting board, paper and pencil for diagramming and recording.

Also, obtain a flower with easily viewable structures, such as a lily, tulip, daffodil, alstroemeria, or gladiolus. Flowers to be avoided for this activity are daisies, asters, calla lilies, roses, and iris. Those blooms have more complex floral anatomies, making their structures difficult to discern.

### Observe fruit and flower

Examine your assortment of fruits and note what they have in common, both externally and internally. Draw and describe the structures you observe, any symmetry, and the number of seeds. Dissect the flower to examine its structures. (Flower dissection activity here:



*Mead Orchards in Tivoli offers a variety of pick-your-own fruit in season, including, clockwise from top, red cherries, red raspberries, and blueberries.*

-Photos by Francine Wizner



<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FLOWER-DISSECTION-REPRODUCTION-6674749>) What similarities do you notice between the structures of the flower and those of the fruit?

### Scientific snacking

Any time during this investigation is the perfect time to snack on a few of your "research subjects"!

You may have noticed that some fruits contain the remnants of flower structures. For example, tomatoes and peppers retain sepals—the leaf-like structures surrounding the flower's petals. The dried filaments on the bottom of apples and the tops of strawberries are former stamens, which carried pollen. The fibers on every raspberry bump are former stigmas, which were connected to the ovary.

Once you have observed and drawn the various structures, use them as evidence to explain how fruits are related to flowers. An organized write-up of this investigation is available at: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FRUIT-TYPES-INVESTIGATION-REPRODUCTION-DEVELOPMENT-7545068>.

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

## Dance at the Elks Lodge on June 14

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, June 14 at 7 p.m., located at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the

dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available.

For more information, call Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or email [rhodaja@optonline.net](mailto:rhodaja@optonline.net).

## Concert at Fishkill Baptist Church set for June 13

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass will appear in concert on Friday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fishkill Baptist Church, Route 82, in Fishkill.

Their new release can be found at [www.summitrecords.com](http://www.summitrecords.com).

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### EFCL Afternoon Book Club to discuss 'Someone Else's' Shoes'

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Wednesday, June 11 at 1 p.m. The group will discuss this month's selection "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes. Copies of the book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

**that's Italian!**



**by luigi coppola**

# Italian hand gestures

Another tutorial from Luigi

Italians are famous for talking with their hands; and much like the language dialects, hand gestures mean different things depending on where you're at in Italy. For example, to point up to your eye signals someone who is a cunning manipulator. Swiping the hand under the chin in a forward motion means I do not give a damn. There are easily 250 hand gestures, which are understood by most of the Italian population. Below are some of the most popular hand gestures and their meanings.

Today we will be once again teaching and translating Italian. Please imagine the following is a language video.

In a throaty whisper the female narrator begins the lesson.

"Today we will be learning to speak in Italian hand gestures. I will describe the hand gesture, then give you its meaning."

-beep- toss something behind back  
"A long time ago," "Way back when..."

-beep- index finger spins forward in circle  
"Later," "See you later"

-beep- drill finger into cheek  
"Good!" "Beautiful!" "Delicious!"

-beep- kiss fingertips and toss away  
"Wonderful!"

-beep- pinch fingers, draw straight line  
"Perfect!"

-beep- hands together in prayer (for something)

"Please," "I beg you"

-beep- straight hand taps stomach  
"I'm hungry"

-beep- make pistol with thumb/index finger, wag  
"There isn't any more"

-beep- tug lower eyelid  
"Watch out," "That guy is sneaky"

-beep- turn large imaginary knob  
"(Someone is trying) to steal"

-beep- upturned hand, pinch fingertips together  
"Full," "Crowded"

-beep- stirring imaginary bowl with fingertips  
"Something secret/illicit is going on"

-beep- thumb slices down cheek  
"That guy/gal is really sharp"

-beep- chin flick  
"I don't give a damn"

-beep- index finger/hand taps head  
"You/he/she is crazy!"

As you practice these hand gestures, remember to use them properly and in the right context. This recipe for Ciabatta bread calls for you to let part of the dough sit overnight. This will give you more time to practice. Caio!

## Ciabatta Bread

Make the biga, also called sponge today, and tomorrow you can bake two loaves of this wonderful, somewhat tart, rustic Italian bread with a hearty crust.

### For the Biga (sponge):

1/8 teaspoon active dry yeast  
2 tablespoons warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)  
1/3 cup warm water  
1 cup bread flour

### For Bread:

1/2 teaspoon active dry yeast  
2 tablespoons warm milk (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)  
2/3 cup warm water  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 cups bread flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

To make sponge: In a small bowl stir together 1/8 teaspoon of the yeast and the warm water and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In a bowl stir together yeast mixture, 1/3 cup of the water, and 1 cup of the bread flour. Stir 4 minutes, then cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let sponge stand at cool room temperature for at least 12 hours and up to 1 day.

To make bread: In a small bowl stir together yeast and milk and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In bowl of a standing electric mixer fitted with dough hook blend together milk mixture, biga (sponge), water, oil, and flour at low speed until flour is just moistened; add salt and mix until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes. Scrape dough into an oiled bowl and

cover with plastic wrap.

Let dough rise at room temperature until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. (Dough will be sticky and full of air bubbles.) Turn dough out onto a well-floured work surface and cut in half. Transfer each half to a parchment sheet and form into an irregular oval about 9 inches long. Dimple loaves with floured fingers and dust tops with flour. Cover loaves with a dampened kitchen towel. Let loaves rise at room temperature until almost doubled in bulk, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

At least 45 minutes before baking ciabatta, put a baking stone on oven rack in lowest position in oven and preheat oven to 425 F (220 degrees C).

Transfer 1 loaf on its parchment to a rimless baking sheet with a long side of loaf parallel to far edge of baking sheet. Line up far edge of baking sheet with far edge of stone or tiles, and tilt baking sheet to slide loaf with parchment onto back half of stone or tiles. Transfer remaining loaf to front half of stone in a similar manner. Bake ciabatta loaves 20 minutes, or until pale golden. Cool loaves on a wire rack.

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

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# Strawberries are 'delight' of annual festival



*Beacon Sloop Club members held the annual Strawberry Festival at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park on June 8 in Beacon. The event was the idea of late activist, singer and local resident Pete Seeger.*

*Volunteers served strawberry shortcakes to attendees. Visitors were able to take free rides on the sloop Woody Guthrie.*

*The five-hour event also had live entertainment, vendors and environmental information on the Hudson River.*

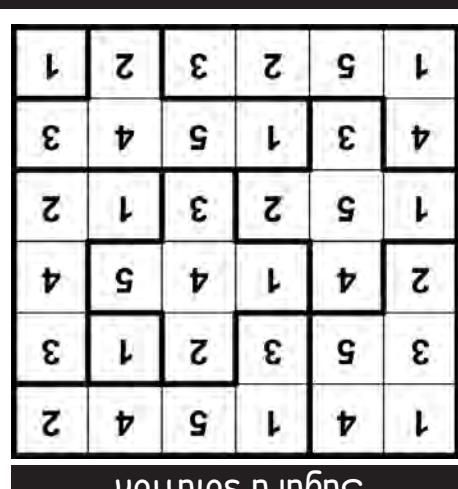
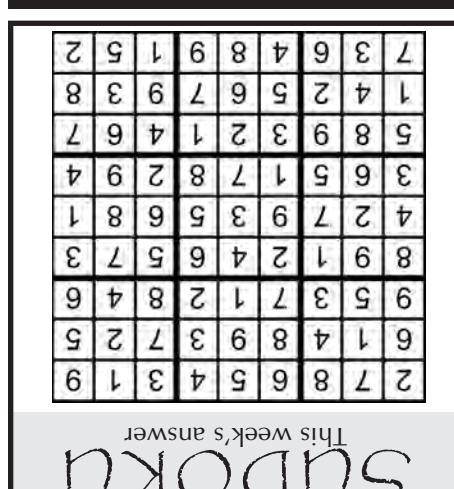
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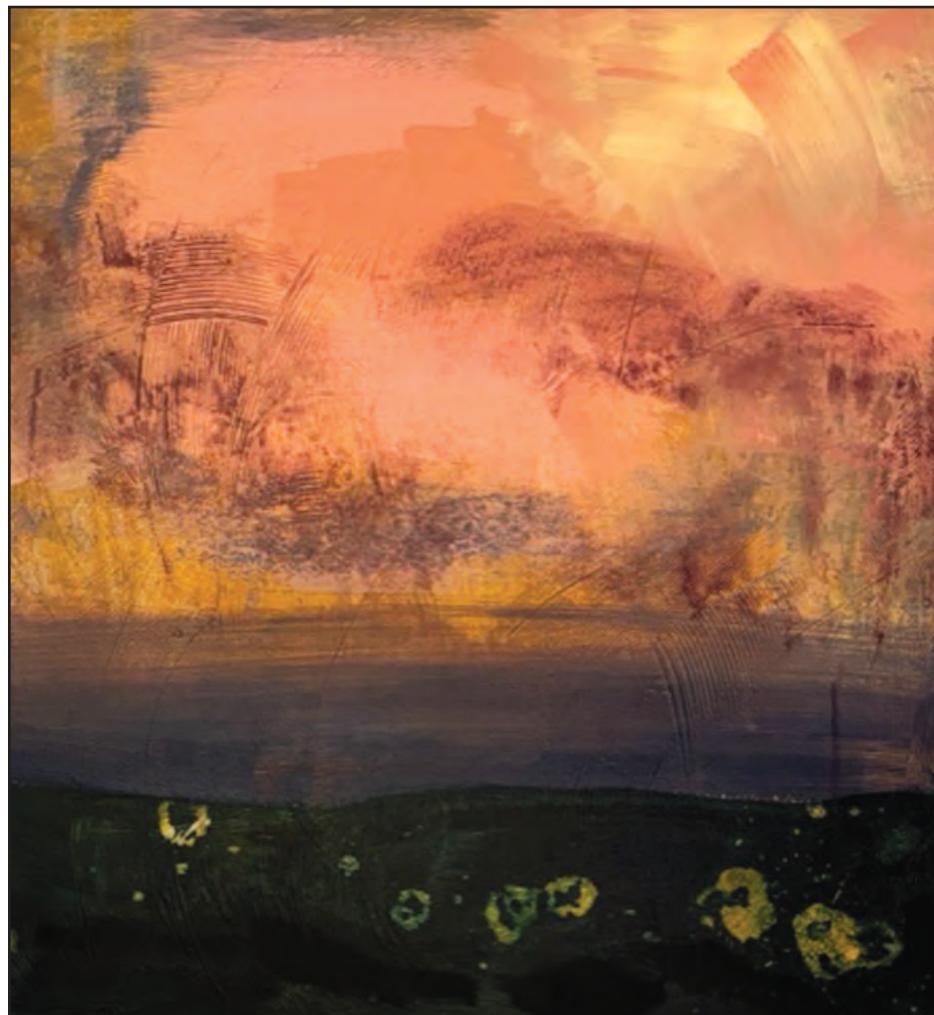
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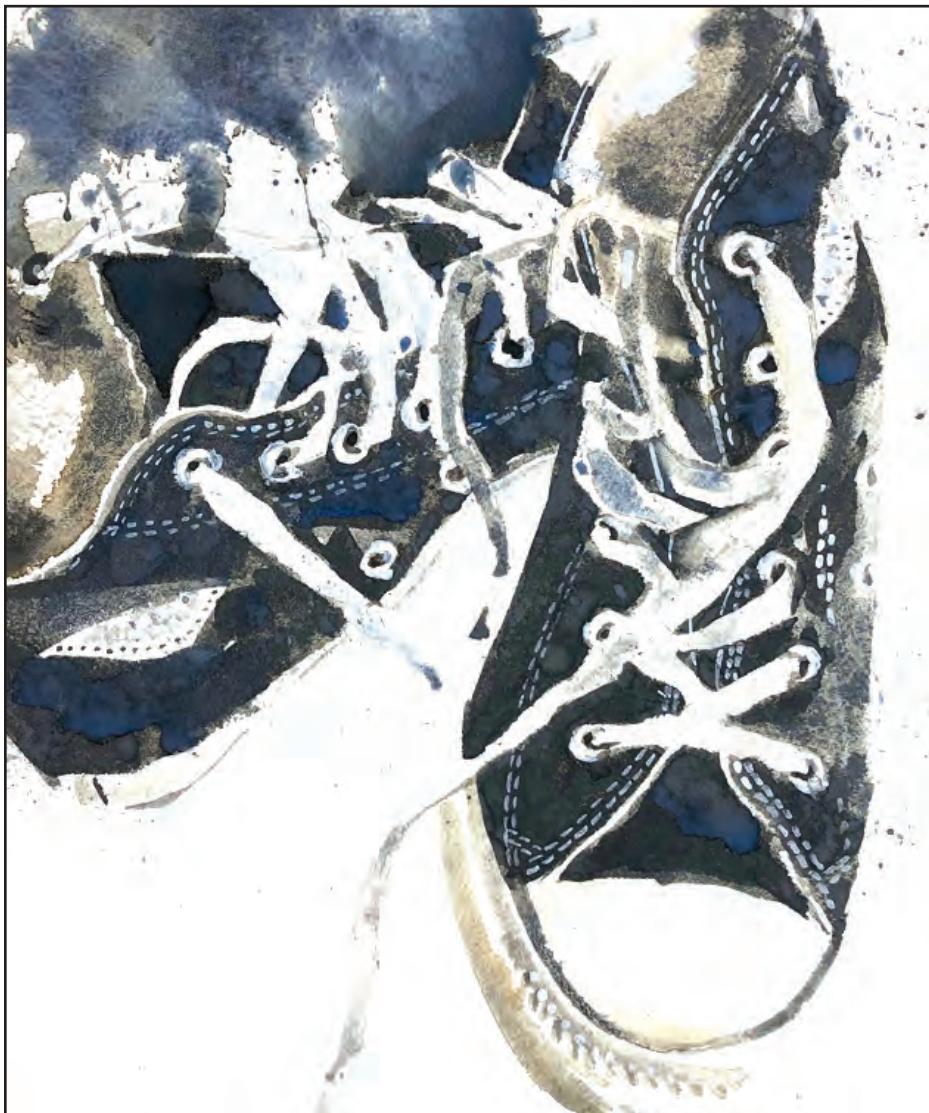
## this week's puzzle solutions



# Five new art exhibitions featured at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie



*“Aurora” by Kate Masters.*



*“The High Life” by Jacqueline Oster.*

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center is pleased to announce its NEW May/June 2025 Art Exhibition Series featuring five talented and diverse artists. Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, NY will be a photographic display by Jim Smith, Jr. At 12 Vassar Street, the works of Kate Masters, Sylvia Mueller, and Jacqueline Oster of the CIRCLE24collective will be featured in the Reception Gallery and Mari Keeler Cornwell will present her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. All exhibitions run from May 1 to June 30.

Jim Smith, Jr. was born and raised in South Africa, Pietermaritzburg, KZN and moved to Hyde Park, NY with his family during his childhood years. Upon graduating from FDR High School, he enrolled at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) where he is completing his BFA in Photography with two concentrations in commercial and documentary photography with a minor in fashion photography, a minor in Film & Television, and a minor in Art History. An avid outdoorsman, Jim enjoys photographing wildlife and landscapes along with traveling the globe exploring the frontiers of possibilities the world and nature have to offer. “Nature and the world are my inspirations along with being able to show how nature is always changing and mirrors the world,” he relays. “The unpredictability of nature has always fascinated me and how the world is never standing still...when fusing nature, the world, and photography you never know what kind of interesting, beautiful things that the world and nature will show you.” In addition to his prolific forays into the world of photography, Jim also is an Eagle Scout member, a Free Mason in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York of Free and Accepted Masons, a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of the Hudson, and an 18-year volunteer firefighter.

Kate Masters is a painter based in Saugerties, NY and founding member of CIRCLE24collective. She began painting in earnest in her late 50s with her recent work

of abstract compositions and landscapes inspired by local settings done in oil. “I am interested in the ‘vibe’ of sweeping romantic scenes, exploring how distance, weather and atmosphere impact the scene, and where land and sky merge, rather than a focus on details,” she remarks. Masters has participated in the Mohonk Preserve Plein Air Art Walk and Auction and The Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival, and her work has been shown in the ArtBar Gallery, Arts Society of Kingston, Emerge Gallery, The Muroff-Kotler Gallery, WomensWork.Art, Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, and Woodstock School of Art. She also serves on the Board of Advisors at Woodstock School of Art.

Sylvia Mueller studied photography at the School of Visual Arts and worked for several years in advertising and magazine production in NYC. Moving to the Hudson Valley from Brooklyn, she embarked on another creative journey whereby enlisting magazines and art books to create analog (hand-cut) collages reflecting her love of nature. Her collages are made up of images, often iconic or historical, and mixed with more recent imagery. “My inspiration is drawn from nature, not only in the cuts I use, but in the intricacies, you can see in any landscape - the macro down to the micro.” explains Mueller. She has exhibited her work in many juried shows that have included New York’s Upstream Gallery in Hastings on Hudson, Emerge Gallery in Saugerties, Woodstock Artists Association and Museum in Woodstock, and Muroff Kotler Gallery to name a few. She is also a founding member of CIRCLE24collective.

Jacqueline Oster is a graduate of The Fashion Institute of Technology who has worked for various advertising agencies as a Graphic Designer and Art Director in New York City. When she moved to the Hudson Valley region to raise a family, she furthered her career as a Freelance Graphic Designer crafting successful design projects from her

homebased Studio for a diversified roster of tri-state area clients. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Jacqueline revisited her love of watercolor focusing on ordinary common objects, animals, nature and people. “I believe that every object has a story to tell and I try to capture that in my watercolors,” she relays. “Even the most mundane household item has movement and flow which can be transformed into a work of art. You just need to look at the object and think of its function to actually ‘see’ the movement.” When describing her watercolor technique, Jacqueline says, “I allow the water to move the paint and I follow along guiding it with various tools and my sense of design...a hairdryer, toothbrush and magic eraser all work in unison with my assortment of brushes.” Jacqueline is an Active Member of Woodstock Artist Association and Museum, a member of Create Council on the Arts, and a member of Arts Mid-Hudson. Her work has been exhibited at local businesses, libraries and galleries including WAAM Gallery, ASK Gallery, Emerge Gallery, Jane Street Gallery, Olive Free Gallery, Create Gallery and Cornell Creative Arts Center of Kingston. She is also a founding member of CIRCLE24collective.

Mari Keeler Cornwell is a classically trained artist from Caracas, Venezuela who draws inspiration from her vibrant homeland and the remarkable women in her life.

Growing up surrounded by strong female figures, Mari was mentored by her artist aunt who helped her hone her artistic skills and the resilience of her grandmother, Venezuela’s first female aviator, who instilled in her a deep appreciation for the strength and power of womanhood. After earning her BFA from Laguna College of Art and Design in 2001, she explored a career in advertising while continuing to showcase her art in New York City exhibitions. “My journey as an artist is a constant exploration of the connection between color, pattern, and emotion with a goal to enrich the tradition of portraiture,” Mari conveys. “By infusing intensity into depictions of women, I use pigments and textures to breathe life into my subjects that celebrate their resilience, brilliance, and individuality.”

The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar Street are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. The Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center website at [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org) for more information on the artists exhibiting their work in the Visual Art Galleries.



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ASAP TRANSPORT LLC. Filed 3/13/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Raymond Nugent, 388 Mansion St,

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12602. Purpose: General.

CLINTON VALLEY FARM, LLC. Filed 5/1/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Emily Lyons, 76 Creek Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Registered Agent: Jd Cpa P.C., 3 Nancy Ct, Ste 5, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

UTOPIA UPSTATE LLC. Filed 11/7/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Lucia Cote, 8 Lagno Dr, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General.

5150 Electric LLC. Filed 4/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. 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: The Gathering Nest, LLC, 184 Creek Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 121 Walsh LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 5, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 284 Walsh Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 121 TALMADGE, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was May 6, 2025. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Besmir Cota, 5 W. Hook Road, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533. Purpose: any lawful act.

JOHNNA VICTORIA LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/2/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21 W Barret Hill Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 2 Tioronda Ave., Beacon, NY 12508.

Notice of Formation of Cornerstone Sales Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5-12-2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 308 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HANG ME NOW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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to Carmela Ravi, 79 Barmore Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RL SILO LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/25. 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, c/o 160 Leroy St., Unit 4CS, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of The Gathering Nest, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 9, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. 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: The Gathering Nest, LLC, 184 Creek Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Thomsen Properties LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 289 West Clove Mountain Rd., LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of RT 44 MILLERTON RE OWNER KEYPORT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 100 Merrick Rd., Ste. 500W, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Joyner, 169 South Ave, Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

JOHNNA VICTORIA LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/2/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21 W Barret Hill Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 2 Tioronda Ave., Beacon, NY 12508.

308 HOOKER AVENUE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/13/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr.of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Commercial real estate.

HANG ME NOW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Buchanan Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

M I D - H U D S O N E L E C T R I C A L C O N T R A C T I N G LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/02/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o 160 Leroy St., Unit 4CS, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SkyHorizon Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 14, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Miyuki McKible, 16 Depuyster Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

RICE THING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/15/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Miyuki McKible, 16 Depuyster Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Lodge on the Loop LLC Arts of Org were filed with SSNY on 1/15/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Joyner, 169 South Ave, Beacon NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Top Tier Electrical LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/25. 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, 1756 Route 52 Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Circum Housing LLC Arts of Org. filed with SSNY 07/18/2022. Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 6 Van Ness Rd., Beacon NY 12508. General purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Evoke Health and Wellness Coaching LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Susan Hamel, 66 Phillips Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

The Articles of Organization of 5 GRAND MCUBED LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 22, 2025. Office location: 302A Mill Street Poughkeepsie, NY 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 302A Mill Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

SH Road LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 1667 Saint Marks Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of DSI DUTCHES DIALYSIS I, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/22/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Beacon Psychiatry PLLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/7/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Medicine.

Notice of Form. of 66 CHESTNUT STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 55 CHESTNUT STREET, RHINEBECK, NY 12572. Any lawful purpose.

Steuben Acres LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/20/25. Office Location: 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 Zen-business Inc., 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BAY 3 PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/13/25. 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, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

foxbhahha LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 4/11/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Academy St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful.

Notice of Qualification of CRICKET POWER OPERATIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/22/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Snow Globe Movie, LLC filed 5/27/25. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 14 Mackin Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purp: any lawful.

NORTH CLINTON STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/28/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process

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SSNY on 04/25/25. 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, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

THAT CREATIVE SPACE STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/25. 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, c/o Zen-business Inc., 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

The Law Office of Colleen J. Calabro PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The PLLC, 7 Old Rte 52, PO Box 312, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: Law.

51 EAST MARKET ST., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/06. 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 John J. Finley, Esq., 360 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

43-47 EAST MARKET ST., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/06. 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 John J. Finley, Esq., 360 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Snow Globe Movie, LLC filed 5/27/25. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to: 14 Mackin Ave., Beacon, NY 12508. Purp: any lawful.

NFJ Projects, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/28/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

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against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to NFJ Projects, LLC, 56 Miller Pond Drive, Stanfordville, NY 12581. General Purposes.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Insultec Spray Foam, LLC (hereinafter the Company) filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/6/2025. 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 603 Fitzsimmons Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose as permitted by applicable law.

SHOP DIRECT SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/29/2025. 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, 1351 State Route 55, Suite 412, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

SMITH RD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/28/25. 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, 2 Vincent Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

JK Distributorship, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on May 29, 2025. Office location: Care of Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, 1733 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The Sterling Properties Group LLC, 50 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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La Fonda del Senor LLC. Filed with SSNY on 5/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 193 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

Depot Hills Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on May 21, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to PO Box 36 H, 1112 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale, New York. Purpose: any lawful

DHAmenia LLC. Filed with SSNY on May 21, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to PO Box 36 H, 1112 Wilmot Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful

Aloveng Corporation LLC. ADomesticBusiness Corporation Articles of Org-ani-zation filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/27/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the Corporation upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the Corporation 94 Ridgeline Dr LaGrange NY 12603 Purpose: for any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Quality Trades Contracting LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/15/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Quality Trades Contracting LLC, 2 Vincent Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Qualification of ER RIVERBEND APTS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/23/25. Office location: Care of Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, 1733 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The Sterling Properties Group LLC, 50 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation: Griffin Gravestone Conservation, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/22/25 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Griffin Gravestone Conservation, L.L.C. 1570 East Noxon Rd., Lagrangeville, NY 12540 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Arnold's Landscaping, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on February 28, 2025. Office Location: 9 Dakota

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Notice of Qualification of RIVERBEND AT WAPPINERS PROCEEDS LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/27/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/23/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arnold's Landscaping, LLC, 9 Dakota Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful actor or activity.

Depot Hills Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on May 21, 2025. Office: Dutchess. LLC formed in NJ on 09/28/2024. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to c/o The Sterling Properties Group LLC, 50 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qual. of BUD-ESE LLC Auth. filed with SSNY on 05/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in NJ on 09/28/2024. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: ATTN: BENJAMIN M. RAT-TNER, EWSQ., 2 WESTCHESTER PARK DR., STE. 110, WEST HARRISON, NY, 10604. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ SOS. P.O BOX 45 TRENTON, NJ 08646-0303. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hoag Plumbing Heating and Cooling LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/6/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The Sterling Properties Group LLC, 50 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ZOHAR & ADAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/25. 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, 497 Route 9D, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Always Green Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on May 29, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Michael Betros, 5 Hubbard Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful

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Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 in Dutchess County. The SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Arnold's Landscaping, LLC, 9 Dakota Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful actor or activity.

Notice of Qual. of BUD-ESE LLC Auth. filed with SSNY on 05/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess. LLC formed in NJ on 09/28/2024. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to: ATTN: BENJAMIN M. RAT-TNER, EWSQ., 2 WESTCHESTER PARK DR., STE. 110, WEST HARRISON, NY, 10604. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ SOS. P.O BOX 45 TRENTON, NJ 08646-0303. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hoag Plumbing Heating and Cooling LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/6/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o The Sterling Properties Group LLC, 50 E. Mount Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ZOHAR & ADAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/25. 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, 497 Route 9D, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Always Green Farm LLC. Filed with SSNY on May 29, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Michael Betros, 5 Hubbard Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful

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# BHS administration announces honor roll students

The administration at Beacon High School recently announced the students on the Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter. The students are:

## 9th Grade

### Principal's Honor Roll

Owen Allee, Noa Buckland, Skylar Carr, Lia Cosentino, Claire Cumming, Evelyn DePalma, Maysie Doyle, Josseline Duran, Saoirse Fehilly, Henry Gute, Alejandro Herrera, Maximilian Kong, Justin Mann, Louise Mauks, Desmond McGrath, Uswah Mohammed Murtada, Zora Nicholls, Oscar Pages, James Reyes, Nathaniel Salvati, Evangeline Santise, Hazel Schein, Violet Schilling, Shane Signorelli, Gonzalo Soria Velecela, Caellum Tripaldi, Owen Youatt

### High Honor Roll

Kaylyn Adusei, Jacqueline Albra, Loreimi Alcantara, Abigail Atkins, Kiersten Barber, Lily Berry, Brennah Brace, Gavin Bruno, Wyatt Burgos, Erica Cabrera, Sarah Camara, Zahara Cone, Andrea Delgado, Jake DeLuise, Kaileigh Edie, Abilena Eriksmoen, Christa George, McKenna Griffin, Maeve Haley, Zoe Hammond, Jayden Harrison, Jose Hernandez Caneo, Drew Kelly, Heidi Maeng, Bethlee Manzano Cabello, Josue Martell, Ruby Martin, Victoria Maruggi, Oliver Meyer, Elise Moran, Claire Morgan, Emily Nivicela Jarama, Payton O'Connell, Sofia Posso Salcedo, Austin Ricketts, Maeve Rinaldi, Khloe Roci, Giana Rodriguez, Mackinley Roland, Isabella Ruffy, Benjamin Seaman, Hunter Smith, Eliza Verdichizzi, Derek Waltke, Hayden Wilson, Luna Yawman, Trey Zapencki

### Honor Roll

Mark Aakjar III, Kiann Allen, Madison Beltran, Jayla Bunch, Hawah Camara, Anthony Castano, Henry Cerchiara, Amari Clarke, Ramon Dewey-Brink, Ryan DiNobile, Leah Fahlman, Kyle Fairbanks, SaRiah Faust, Richard Ferdinand, Jonah Hanby, Gauge Heeter, Brianna Hunt, Leon Kaliqani, Shayne Maxaner, Stephen Miller, Braelyn Milligan, Gabriel Montleon, Jessica Moroch Lliviluma, Ismael Munoz, Charlotte Netboy, Thyler Patino Albarracin, Luca Ragone, Caleb Ramirez, Luis Ramon, Thalia Rodriguez, Bowie Roy, Vardan Singh, Olivia Viola, Caleb Wells-McGurk, Cayden Williams, Jude Williams, Josefina Zezza, Nicholas Zippo

## 10th Grade

### Principal's Honor Roll

Mikayla Acevedo, Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Charlotte Bowen, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Shannon Colandrea, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Caroline Diaz, Naim Dika, Elijah Epps, Fionn Fehilly, Lily Figlia, Khloe Franklin, Emilio Guerra, Elma-Taherin Hassan, Miguel Herrera, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Lily Mack, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Levi Partlow, Julian Rivers, John Rose, Charlotte Rossi, Finn Simons, Elias Smith, Declan Sprague, Januario Stageman, Harper Strang, Elliott Thorne, Isaac Tschang, Jesse Vermeulen, Julie Whittemore

### High Honor Roll

Molly-Rose Archer, Tamirnesh Bernstein, Savannah Brace, Juniper Breault, Aniyah Brown, Myasia Burch, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Travis

Dickston, Ka'Dera Elliott, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Hudson Fontaine, Kayla Gerades, Ayham Ghazzawi, Malia Graham, Julian Hannah, August Hayes, Ryan Huynh, Molly Lyons, Kaycee Matos, Shyanne McNair, Gianna Mercer, Joseph Pallone, Sarah Ramkalawon, Lillian Ray, Stella Reinke, Olivia Reynolds, Katherine Sendelbach, Caeleb Smith, Tabitha Smith-White, Gavin Troiano, Farrah VanCott, Nolan Varricchio, Rudolph Vergolina, Fabiola Vogrincic, Aslynn Way, Lila Welsh, Parker White

### Honor Roll

Savannah Acuti, Cecilia Allee, Emma Bellis, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Giovanni Bowley, Casey Brandstrom, Hartley Brickman, Emily Coldrick, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Mateo Cruz, Angeleah Decker, Ethan Diaz, Victoria Diaz, Tyler Evans, Khordae Facey, Adriana Fazioli, Brandon Fremer, Leo Garcia, Emanuel Gomez, Cole Heath, Elidonya Hudson, Syeira Kozlik, Jayden Lassiter, Yadriana Manzano Cabello, Ryan Mowen, Madelyn Pellerin, Brady Philipbar, Amari Powell, Bella Ridore, Samuel Riquelme Jr., Sebastian Roquel, Abdul-Rahman Sayibu, Za'layni Shand, Stella Sheehy, Jamir Spence, Kiarra Tice, Connor Varricchio, Aine Woods

## 11th Grade

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Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Marisha George, Samiha Golden, Zenia Haris, Alina Joseph, Oren Kelleher, Gabrielle Khalil, Savana Kush, Alma Mart, Aril McKee, Oscar McKible, Mira Miller, Annabelle Notarthomas, Liliana Rybak, Kayla Selander, Anna Sevastianova

### High Honor Roll

Madison Abrahamson, Emanuele Bagala, Logan Blum, James Bouchard III, Ella Brill, Alexander Browning, Serenity Bunn, Skylar Clair, Gabriel Godbee, Javier Gutierrez Jr., Kayla Hammond, Dylan Hetrick, Ayden Hooten, Taylor Kelliher, Griffin Kitzrow, Kiran Kumar, Carlos Lampon III, Prince Langford-Jones, Aron Li, June Luedeman, Caleb Pfetzing, Julian Sala, Julius Sala, Zachary Schetter, Thomas Senior, Wilmer Sinchi Jimbo, Gannon Statini-Perez, Clive Stewart, Jonathan Trentacosta, Ri'Kya White

### Honor Roll

Macy Alencastro, Eduardo Arellano, Ashland Assael, Mira Bagriyanik, Amari Battle, Mackenzie Campbell, Parker Capawana, Lola Ciccone, Christine Clemons-Simmons, Diego Dickinson Case Leal, Teo Fairbanks, Jeremiah Hardwell Jr., Grace Hockler, Ruby Hotchkiss, Jaden Jones, Everly Jordan, Cameron Just, Maceo Koerner, Ryan Landisi, Isabella Lee, Josiah Lind, Tania Lindsay, Brayden Manning, Aiden Montleon, Khiana Nicholson, Brea O'Flaherty, Adrien Okoye, Richie Omira, Roman Proft, Elijah Rupp, Annabelle Scher, Desirae Smith, Anibal Soto III, Rihanna Taylor, Vinicius Trichinato, George Walker, Alexander Young

## 12th Grade

### Principal's Honor Roll

Beckett Anderson, Anabelle Arginsky, Taryn Beardsley, Isabel Bunker, Christine Chen, Tayler Finley, Willa Freedman, Mackenzie Harman, Lani Lopez, Josephine Mallon, Addison Miller, Genan

Mohammed Murtada, Nathan Richardson, Jax Spodek, Serena Stampleman, Ava Zeoli, Francis Zezza

### High Honor Roll

Kendall Alston, Isabella Baffuto, Jude Betancourt, Sally Betterbid, Daniel Bridges, Jaidyn Caccamo, Evelina Diebboll, Messiah Gardner, Justin Gerard, Fallon Groza, Sarah Jaafar, Jeannae Jean-Francois, Karma Jones, Charlie Klein, Vincent Komar, Rory LaDue, Reilly Landisi, Allen McKay, Jada Medley, Emma Merola, Madison Manti, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Evelyn Jane Moreno, Lindsay Pedersen, Josue Pintado, Shilo Reynolds, Daveya Rodriguez, Bethany Rudolph, Breanna Rudolph, Katherine Ruffy, Gabriel Salcedo, Anastasia Santise, Samiratu Sayibu, Jacob Signorelli, Emma Soltish, Amya Thompson, Sevana West, Charles Zellinger

### Honor Roll

Riley Adnams, Mason Alencastro, Kevin Beal, Ahmaria Bunn, Lila Burke, Devin Byrne, Catherine Calle-Ortiz, Avery Davis, Lucas Foret, AvaMaria Gianna, Ja'mes Gorden, Arianna Gowrie, Bailey Hernandez, Samuel Hutchison, Brady

Juhn, Luke Kozlik, Rowan Lane, Paige McCredo, Ryann Meyer, Annalea Miller, Ronan Moran, Rory Mowen, Connor Murphy, Amelia Padilla, Brianna Perez-Sample, Anjani Powell, Albion Qelaj, Matthew Reeves, Jalsysia Robinson, Jenna Serino, Kayli Shand, Makhi Smith, Natalia Sulsona, Mika-Gisselle Tates, Rayana Taylor, Sortia Tripaldi, Sharod Tuggle, Sierra VanDemark, Rayan Wandji Nzwessa, Holly Whittemore, Joseph Williams, Malcolm Wilson, Saniyah Wiltshire, Saoires Woods

### Boces CTI High Honor Roll

Serenity Bunn, Jeremiah Hardwell, Amaya Hernandez, Ryann Meyer, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Aiden Montleon, Michael Murtaugh, Savannah Ray, Nathan Richardson, Thomas Senior, Anibal Soto, Rihanna Taylor, Sevana West, Joseph Williams

### Boces CTI Honor Roll

Ahmaria Bunn, Anajah Lamb, Julia McGuire-Soellner, Brianna Perez-Sample, Michael Ramos, Codie Reinoehl, Pedro Rivera III, Julius Sala, Makhi Smith, Brayden Vlasaty.

## Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recognizes Wappingers Junior High School students



*Members of the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recognized Wappingers Junior High School Students of the Month (April 2025) during a certificate ceremony on May 21.*

*Pictured front row: Madison Arriaga, (8th grade recipient), Colin McKinney (7th grade recipient); Back row: Terrence Thompson, principal; Mrs. Perri Siena, teacher; Cathy Oken, Elks Youth Activities Chair; Jeanine McAuley, Beacon Elks Exalted Ruler; and Mrs. Heather Coelho, teacher.*

*Students who are recognized as Elks Student(s) of the Month are nominated by their teacher(s) and were chosen for their kindness, helpfulness, and offering support to classmates.*

*"Our Student of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication by the student, with the overall goal of encouraging students to continue their great work," said McAuley. "We hope these students – and all students – continue to excel in their studies."*

*Students of the Month receive a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to a local business. The Elks thank Giacomo's Pizza Cafe for supporting this month's students.*

*-Courtesy photo Elks*

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Heck Yea Toys & Knick Knacks LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/23/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany NY, 12207.

Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Sunny Buddies LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61 RIDGE RD, POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

Sunset Hill Rd E Fishkill, NY12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

BCESARKLLC. Filed with SSNY 6/6/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61 RIDGE RD, POUGHKEEPSIE NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful.

Clark's Plug LLC, filed 12/9/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Clarks Plug 37 Alpert Drive WappingerNY12590. Purpose: General.

JB Migration Solutions LLC. Filed 5/30/25. Office:

Dutchess Co. SSNY- design. as agent for process & shall mail to: JB Migration Solutions LLC, 29 Prentiss Dr, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity

Notice of formation of Core Theory LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State was

April 22, 2025 Office location: Dutchess County 24 Greenhaven Rd, Poughquag, NY 12570 Legal Zoom has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of

process to 228 Park Ave South New York, New York 10003

Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Southern Dutchess News  
Beacon Free Press  
Northern Dutchess News  
845-297-3723

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Dutchess ACTION TO CLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 2024-54132 Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs Frank Morris As Heir To The Estate Of Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr., Joseph A. Marino, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr., Daniel Marino As Heir To The Estate Of Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr., Tiffany Doyle As Heir To The Estate Of Joseph Marino, SR. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr., Jennilee Marino As Heir To The Estate Of Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr., Unknown Heirs Of Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr. If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 49 Oakwood Boulevard Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. To Unknown Heirs of Joseph Marino, SR. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Christi J. Acker of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fourteenth day of May, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated October 14, 2015, executed by Joseph Marino, Sr. AKA Joseph A. Marino, Sr. (who died on January 25, 2021, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$230,650.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 01-2015-8202 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on November 16, 2015. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 16, 2022 and recorded on January 4, 2023, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2023-50006A. The property in question is described as follows: 49 Oakwood Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company

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who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: May 19, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 85867

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY OF DUTCHES METROPOLITAN, LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. NATERRIE BRACY A/K/A NATERRIE R. NEBBLETT A/K/A NATERRIE R. NEBBLETT INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ALANNEBBLETT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 3, 2025 and a Decision and Order to Appoint Substitute Referee duly entered on April 10, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on June 27, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 49 Carriage Hill Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, Section 6261, Block 03 and Lot 153186. Approximate amount of judgment is \$381,227.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #2019-52399. Cash will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation

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Esq, Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-09-25 NAME OF PROJECT: Beekman Salt Shed Roof Replacement Project Description: construction of Asphalt shingle roof replacement, Roof drainage replacement, wood siding replacement and complete exterior repainting. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess). Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess) or by using the link provided at [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov), selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov), or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00 AM Friday, June 27, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation

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tation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 788 947 878# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday June 20, 2025 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is August 11, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 19, 2025. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC# 2025006579. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

The regular annual meeting of the Wappingers Falls plotowners will be held on June 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at 5 Water St., New Hamburg, NY

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**Notice is hereby given that FRANK VENTURELLA, JR. is to appear before the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court on June 27, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. at the Dutchess County Supreme Court-house, located at 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, as the Respondent in an Extreme Risk Protection Order application. At the hearing, the parties shall have an opportunity to be heard, give testimony, call witnesses, and offer evidence to assist the Court in determining if a final Extreme Risk Protection Order will be issued. The respondent may request a later hearing date to prepare for the hearing. To request a later hearing date, the respondent must contact the court BEFORE the scheduled hearing date above. The respondent may also seek the advice of an attorney, and the attorney should be consulted promptly. Failure to appear may result in findings against Mr. Venturella.**

**City of Beacon**  
One Municipal Plaza  
- Suite One

Beacon, New York  
12508  
Phone  
(845) 838-5002  
June 4, 2025

**SUBJECT:**  
**Variance Application**

Applicants:  
Beekman Arts Center LLC and Bay Ridge Studios LLC

Address:  
45 Beekman Street, High Street, and High Street

Tax Grid No.:  
30-5955-19-706012-00  
30-5954-26-689990-00  
30-5954-26-781983-00

Zoning Classification:  
L, R1-7.5, HDLO

Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

Beekman Arts Center LLC and Bay Ridge Studios LLC, 45 Beekman Street, High Street, and High Street, have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from City Zoning Code Section 223-41.21 F. (1) to allow for a portion of the off-street parking along High Street to be located less than 40 feet from the property line at High Street, which requires relief from the following:

1. Section 223-41.21 Regulations.  
F. Parking location and quantity.

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(1) All off-street parking shall be located behind, underneath, or to the side of a building. If on the side, it shall be located at least 40 feet from any property line that fronts on a street and be screened by a low brick or stone wall, hedge, ornamental fence, and/or other landscaping that maintains the continuity of the street and that screens parked cars from view from the street.

The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agenda-minutes/>

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on June 17, 2025, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at [mperez@beaconny.gov](mailto:mperez@beaconny.gov)

Mercedes Perez  
Zoning Board  
Secretary

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# Rooted Voyageurs to present Shakespeare comedy at parks, farmers markets and wineries

The Rooted Voyageurs will kick off their fourth season of presenting free live theater at beautiful outdoor spaces this summer at outdoor venues in the region. This season's performance will be William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by The Rooted Voyageurs Artistic Director and Co-founder, Devante Owens.

Enjoy Shakespeare's classic tale of magic, transformation, and mischief. While four lovers find themselves caught in a mystery of love and desire,

the world of the fairies is thrown into chaos by rivalry and sparking passion. Meanwhile, an ensemble of workers from Athens comes together to rehearse a play to be performed for the Duke's upcoming wedding day. With enchanted flowers, fiendish spells, and mistaken identities, the lines between what's real and fantastical blur in this joyful rendition of Shakespeare's famous play.

The Rooted Voyageurs' family-friendly bare-bones production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is abridged and will run 90 minutes. Bring

your own seating and a picnic, or pick up food from the farmers markets or food trucks at select venues.

Venues and dates are:

Hillsdale Hamlet Park: Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m.;

Marist University Poughkeepsie Campus: Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m.; Sand Lake Center for the Arts (Rensselaer County): Sunday, June 22, at 7 p.m.;

The Spencertown Park: Friday, June 27, at 2 p.m.;

Les Trois Emme Winery (New

Marlborough, Mass.): Sunday, June 29, and Saturday, July 12, at 3 p.m.;

Little Apple Cidery (Hillsdale): Saturday, July 5, at 3 p.m.;

Millbrook Winery: Sunday, July 6, at 3 p.m.;

Stable Gate Winery (Rensselaer County): Sunday, July 13, at 2 p.m.; Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market: Saturday, July 19, at 11 a.m.

All performances are donation based; you can pay as much as you want or nothing at all.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church announces auditions for 'Godspell'

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley recently announce open auditions for its upcoming production of the beloved musical "Godspell," a vibrant, soul-stirring show that blends heart, humor, and song in a celebration of community and faith.

Auditions will be held in the church hall on the following dates:

Friday, July 11, 6-8 p.m.;

Saturday, July 12, 3-6 p.m.

Sunday, July 13, 3-6 p.m.

No appointments necessary.

All are welcome to audition—whether seasoned performers or first-timers eager to share their spirit and talent!

This production will come to life March 20 and 21, 27 and 28, 2026, transforming the church hall into a stage filled with joy, movement, and timeless music. The pro-

duction is helmed by an acclaimed creative team:

Directed by Emmy Award-winner Rita Kogler Carver

Musical Direction by Josh

Set & Lighting Design by John Carver

St. Paul's invites the community to be a part of this exciting journey—onstage, backstage, or in the audience. "Godspell" is more than a musical; it's

a message of love and hope delivered through a dazzling theatrical experience.

Audition Location:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

808 Traver Road

Pleasant Valley

For more information or audition requirements, contact: EA Kafkalas at 484-358-1624.

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SUPREME COURT  
OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF  
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**SUMMONS**  
**Index No. 2024-55878**

**Filed: December 18, 2024**

ROMOWNERS, INC.  
d/b/a ROMBOUT VILLAGE,

Plaintiff,  
-against-

JASON WIXON,  
ELIZABETH COSTA,  
ALL UNKNOWN  
HEIRS, DEVISEES  
AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTA-

TIVES OF LOIS  
RUSSO AND ANY  
OF HER SUCCESS-  
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may claim, a lien

against the premises,  
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-  
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trial. The basis of the  
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Dated:  
Poughkeepsie, NY  
December 18, 2024

Yours, etc.,

**HANDEL&CARLINI,  
LLP**

/s/ Anthony C.

Carlini, Jr.

Anthony C. Carlini, Jr.,

Esq.

Attorney(s) for

Plaintiff

1984 New Hacken-  
sack Road

Poughkeepsie, New

York 12603

Tel. No.

(845) 454-2221

TO: Jason Wixon

134 S. Parliman Road

Lagrangeville, NY

12540

Elizabeth Costa

35 Palm Drive

Bunnell, FL 32110

All Heirs, Devisees

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City of Beacon

One Municipal

Plaza - Suite One

Beacon, New York

12508

Phone

(845) 838-5002

June 5, 2025

**SUBJECT:**

Variance

**Application**

Applicants:

Savage Wonder Art

Center

Address:

139 Main Street

Tax Grid No.:

53

square feet

53 (53) square feet

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# NYS awards grant to Stissing Center

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) recently awarded the Stissing Center in Pine Plains a grant of just over \$1.5 million to help progress the renovation and addition to its historic building. The funds will go to essential building stabilization, roof repair, and completion of the lower level community and performance space.

This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$86 million to 134 capital projects across New York State.

The Stissing Center was formed in 2015 to raise the cultural profile in the Town of Pine Plains. It is housed in a historic building that has undergone extensive renovations. The NYSCA grant will go to continue the building's renovation and move the Center forward along its path to becoming a hub of arts, culture and community activity that brings in jobs and visitors.

"The Stissing Center is beyond thrilled to receive this grant and is tremendously grateful to board member Eileen Yajure, supporter Jorge Yajure, and architect and board member Doug Larson, who poured hours of time into preparing the application of this all-important grant," said

Patrick Trettenero, Executive Director of the Stissing Center. "As a gathering place for the arts and community in our small town, the Stissing Center is proud to contribute to the local economy by creating jobs while at the same time supporting the unique rural character of Pine Plains and helping it grow as a welcoming destination for visitors and weekenders."

The Stissing Center provides programming for adults, children and teenagers. Its board and community of donors and supporters in neighboring towns have raised over \$300,000 in the last year alone to create strong programming that is benefiting everyone at all socio-economic levels.

"Our arts and culture sector is a powerhouse, inspiring the world with innovation and creativity," said Gov. Kathy Hochul. "By investing in our museums, our theaters and our arts centers, we enrich our communities, strengthen local economies and improve tourism all over the State."

Stissing Center Board President Gwen Greene said, "This grant is a huge boost for our organization, and will move us closer to finishing this critical renovation. It will go a long way toward



*The Stissing Center in Pine Plains received a sizable grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to help continue renovations to the historic building.*

-Courtesy photo

energizing us, our donors, and our vast community of supporters to continue to invest in the Stissing Center. We have made such great progress over the past five years and have been motivated and impacted by this grant. We will continue to succeed."

NYSCA Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "These transformative projects improve communities, drive tourism

and foster innovation in the field. Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature's dedication to arts and culture, we are building a thriving future for our world-renowned creative sector. Congratulations to the Stissing Center, NYSCA is a proud supporter of your contributions to New York's arts and culture."

Learn more about the Stissing Center at [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org).

## Free Virtual Homebuyer Seminar set for June 17

Are you looking for the home of your dreams and don't know where to start? Ulster Savings Bank invites you to a FREE homebuyer seminar on Tuesday, June 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. Ulster Savings Bank is hosting this event along with Hudson River Housing, to help you understand the critical steps to owning your own home. This seminar will be offered in-person as well as a live Zoom meeting. Seating in-person is limited and for adults only. Reserve your spot ASAP.

They will discuss:

- How to qualify for a mortgage
- Key facts about your credit score
- Low down payment options and financial assistance

• Everything you need to know about the homebuying process.

The best part is that one may be eligible for a \$750 Home Buyer Credit\* just for attending!

Sign up at: <https://www.ulstersavings.com/personal/loans/seminars/>.

\*Receive a \$750 coupon good towards borrower's choice of closing costs, down payment, or post-closing payment assistance, in accordance with the loan program selected and that program's eligibility requirements. The certificate must be presented at the time of application. Customer pays for all other fees and services. Eligible mortgages are for owner-occupied purchases. Not valid for refinances, home equity products, second homes, construction loans, or mortgage applications received prior to date of seminar on certificate. Offer may not be combined with any other offers or discounts unless otherwise noted. This offer expires December 31, 2027. Limit one (1) per loan transaction. Certain conditions apply. Ulster Savings Bank is an Equal Housing Lender & Member FDIC. NMLS# 619306

## East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green  
Recreation Director

are now signing up residents for our trip to the Forestburgh Playhouse on Wednesday, July 9, to see the fun musical "The Full Monty." The fee is \$112 and includes a ticket to the show, a lunch buffet, round trip Coach Tours transportation and the driver's tip. On Wednesday, August 20, we return to Forestburgh to see "Head Over Heels," a musical comedy featuring music from the Go-Go's.

Red Wing Park is open this weekend on June 14 and 15 and every day starting next Saturday, June 21. Season passes for Red Wing Park are still on sale. These passes cannot be purchased online. Non-residents must live in neighboring towns to attend.

This Friday night, June 13, at 7 p.m. we begin our free summer concert series with the talented Hudson Valley Council Band playing a wide range of popular music. This concert will be at the stage by the

pavilion while all other concerts starting with the Hurley Mountain Highway next Friday, June 20 will be at the field by the Davis House. Reminder: parking by the Davis House will be for the bands and handicap cars only starting this summer.

Our trip to Saratoga Raceway on Thursday, August 7 is filling fast. The fee is \$60 and includes admission, grandstand seats, bus and tip for driver. Call now if interested.

Mets fans! There are only a few openings for our Mets trip on Wednesday, July 23 to Citi Field for a game with the LA Angels. The fee is \$100 and includes Section 128 Field level seats, round trip Coach tours transportation and tip for driver.

Our Youth Golf Instruction begins July 7. There are still openings in some sessions.

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

## Wellness workshop set for July 17 in East Fishkill

Join Ann Byrne from Hudson Valley Meditation on Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. for a wellness workshop. This heart-centered workshop focuses on developing compassion for oneself and others through loving-kindness meditation, enhanced with Reiki energy healing. Participants will engage in a gentle meditation process of sending love to themselves and others, including those they may have challenges with. Reiki energy will help amplify healing and release

emotional blockages, fostering deep self-compassion and positive relationships. The workshop includes a handout on the origins and cultural impact of Loving-Kindness Meditation, along with educational instruction about meditation. We conclude with guided meditation, light Reiki touch, and sound immersion. Bring your own mat/blanket.

Registration is required. For ages 18+. Visit [eflibrary.org](http://eflibrary.org) or call 845-221-9943 to register.

## Register by July 1 for Grange Camp's 'Kids Day Out'

The New York State Grange Camp Program is sponsoring a "Kids Day Out" on Monday, July 28, at the Stanford Grange Hall; 6043 Route 82; Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Kids Day Out" is for children ages 7-17 (5- and 6-year-olds may attend if a parent/guardian attends with the child).

Attendees will enjoy a day of fun with games, crafts, community service, leadership, swimming, and rocketry. A kid-

friendly lunch will be served, and parents are welcome to stay for the day, as well.

The registration fee is \$20 per child (this includes lunch) and \$5 per parent staying for lunch. Registrations are due by July 1. To register or for more information, contact the New York State Grange Co-Camp Directors: Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869 or [rorton808@yahoo.com](mailto:rorton808@yahoo.com) or Sherri Horner at 315-380-2294 or [kids-break1@yahoo.com](mailto:kids-break1@yahoo.com).

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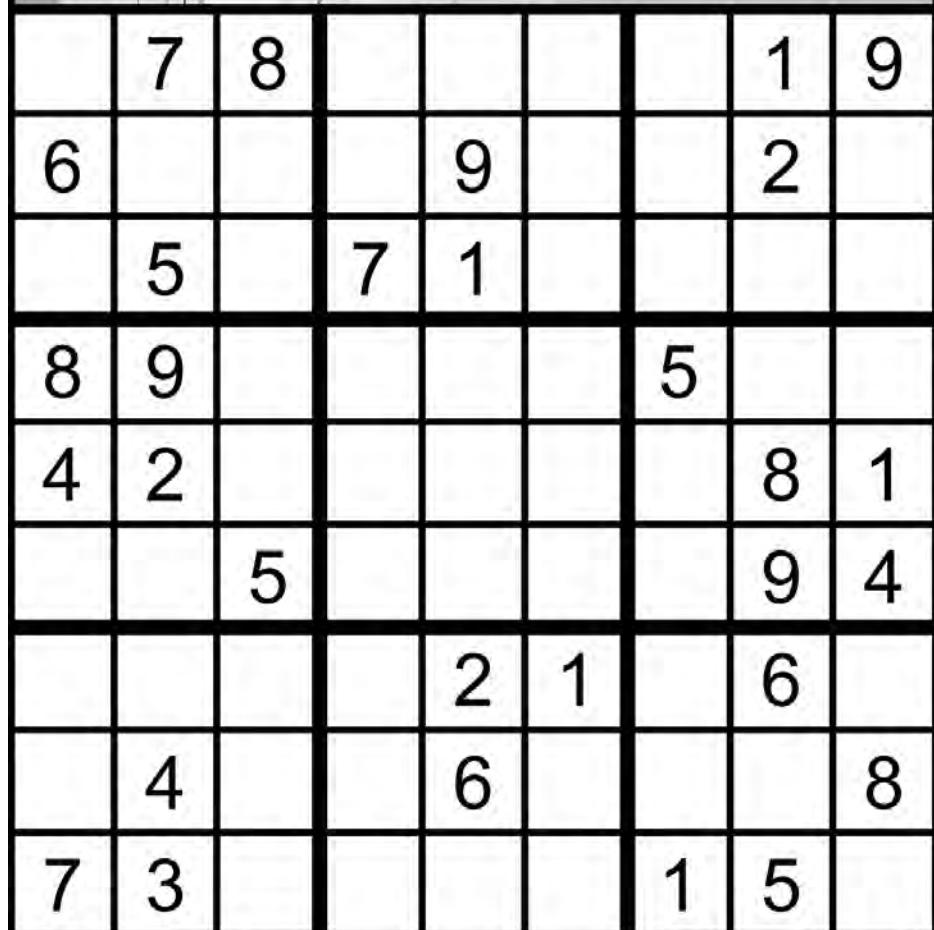
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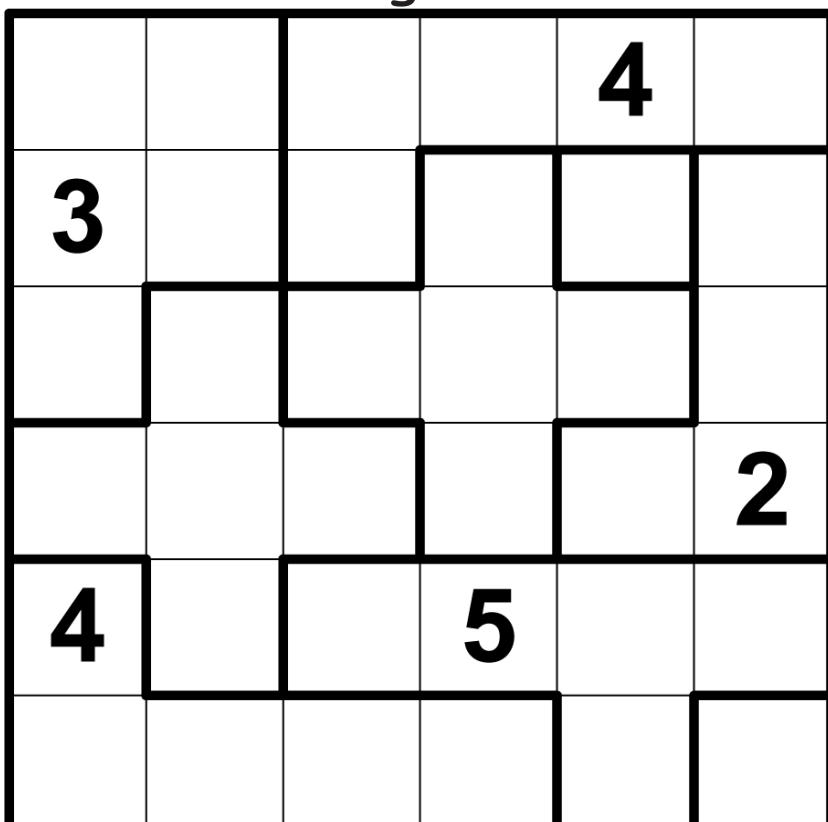
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## Suguru



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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

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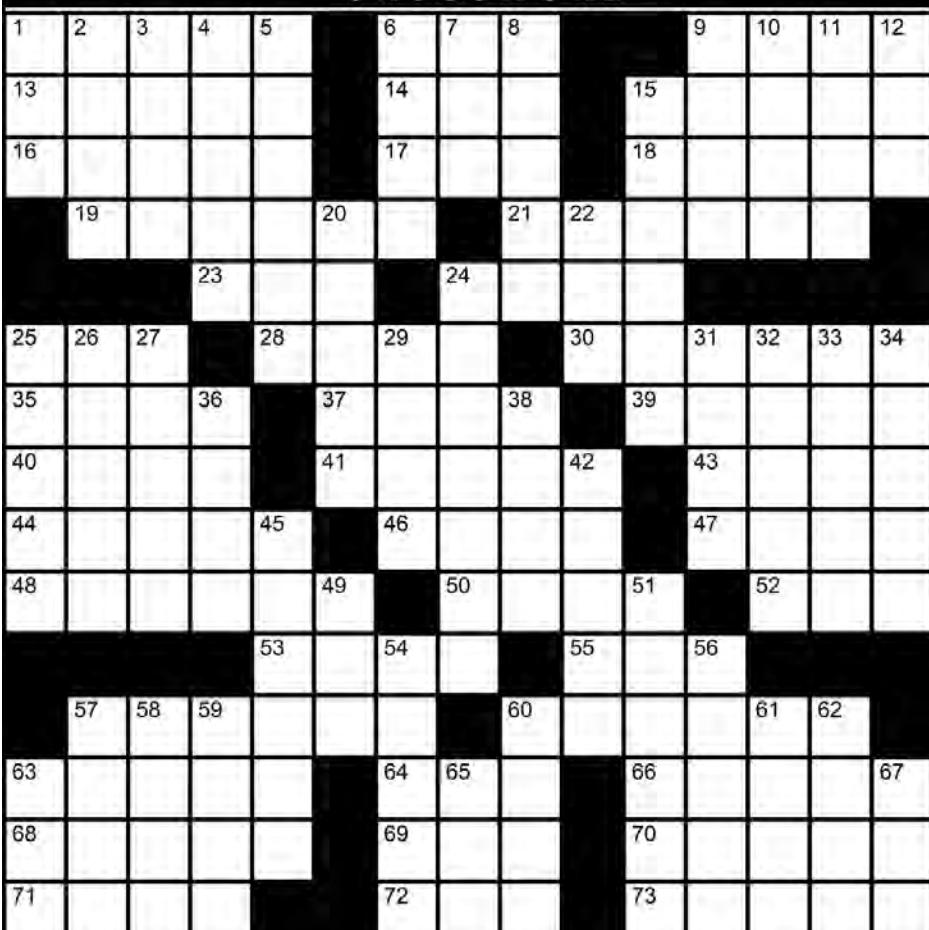
### ACROSS

- Heidi's footwear, pl.
- \* Hamm
- Humorous anecdote
- It doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles
- Like Mother Hubbard
- Popular pie nut
- Hiker's path
- Court
- Makes better
- \*Number of soccer players on field for each team
- \*Winningest FIFA World Cup country
- Common inquiries, acr.
- Carmy Berzatto's restaurant, with The
- Cul-de-\_\_
- In the buff
- Preacher's platform
- Poking instrument
- Smidge
- Sashay
- Bald eagle's nest
- \*a.k.a. soccer field
- Lice eggs
- Located within
- 3 squared
- High rocky hills
- Post-roller coaster ride state
- Captain of Nautilus
- \_\_\_ chi
- Unforeseen obstacle
- Acronym, abbr.
- \*FIFA headquarters location
- Soccer footwear
- Uninterested
- Hundred Acre Wood's wise resident
- Parkinson's drug
- Pool problem, pl.
- Romanian money
- Wooden ship caulking
- Celt
- Cotillion ball's main attraction
- \* Alexander-Arnold

### DOWN

- 100 lbs.
- Elders' teachings
- Kind of history
- Widower's feelings
- Forest spirit
- Worked over with scythe
- UN labor org.
- Sun-dried brick
- Exclamation, with Louise
- Palm tree berry
- \_\_\_ Mall, London
- Ensign, for short
- a.k.a. Lighthouse of Alexandria
- \*Provide with shin guards, socks and uniform, e.g.
- Drake's genre
- Playing roulette
- \*FIFA Women's World Cup current champion
- Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
- Singular of cornua
- Kill (2 words)
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- "The \_\_\_," Dostoyevsky's novel
- U in UV
- \*Lionel \_\_\_
- Coloring substances
- Teenager's breakout
- Relating to blood
- Dwell
- African National Congress
- Central American wildcat
- Get \_\_\_ of someone
- Highway patrolman's gun
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# Festival at the Falls celebrates local businesses



The Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association held its annual Festival at the Falls on June 8. The original date was June 7, but due to rain, the event was postponed until the rain date. Pictured, top left, is 14-year-old Brianna, right, from Brianna's Bead Boutique, with her mother, Cheryl Rizzo.

Top right, Deirdre McGrath, from Twisted Sisters soft serve ice cream, with one of the many food trucks that took part in the event.

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