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Municipalities to celebrate the 4th of July with variety of events

By Kristine Coulter

Municipalities across Dutchess County will celebrate America's 249th birthday over the July 4th weekend.

'Ben Franklin' to read in Fishkill

A reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place in the Village of Fishkill. The reading will occur at 11 a.m. on July 4th at Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St.

In 1899, there was "an informal" reading of the document at Van Wyck Hall, said Antonia "Toni" Houston, local history librarian at Blodgett Memorial Library.

Henry Du Bois Van Wyck, "the President (now called Mayor) of the Village of Fishkill, stated his desire that as long as the hall stood, he hoped that there would be a public meeting and reading," explained Houston. She continued, "There is no mention in the papers of the time of a reading happening in 1900, and in 1901 it was noted that the "day was celebrated in the usual manner," a day "quietly observed by most people, though the younger residents fired all the crackers they could get" from the *Fishkill Weekly Times*. Mr. Van Wyck had died in March of 1901, and his heirs, knowing of his patriotism, thought that it would be appropriate if the Declaration could be read each year from the steps of Van Wyck Hall, which he had gifted to the Village. Such was the beginnings of our annual reading." Attendees can bring chairs. Main St. will be closed to traffic during that time.

Houston noted, "It was long thought that this was a requirement of the gift, and by the time the error of this was discovered, sometime in the 1950's, the tradition was long established."

Everyone who comes loves the tradition remarked Houston. "Some talk about how they first came as children, or how they try



Jack Sherry, a re-enactor, as Benjamin Franklin in the Van Wyck Homestead Museum in Fishkill during a previous event. Sherry will be in Fishkill on July 4th as Dr. Franklin.

-Courtesy photo by Steve Lynch, former president of Fishkill Historical Society

to come every year because it's become their own tradition." One can sign the guestbook after the ceremony and enjoy water and cupcakes courtesy of ShopRite, said Houston.

Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin said, "It is important for the Village of Fishkill to continue this tradition because it serves as a reminder of our history. Reading the Declaration aloud reinforces the principles of freedom, and also highlights the sacrifices made by our forefathers. The Fourth of July reading reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, and the importance of protecting them."

Re-enactor Jack Sherry will be the reader at the annual event, sponsored this year by the Fishkill Historical Society.

Sherry will be portraying Benjamin Franklin, one of 56 delegates who signed the founding document.

Sherry has been portraying Franklin (who was a publisher, writer, scientist, diplomat and accomplished more during his life) since 2003 (and it is Doctor Franklin, "after all, I did not spend two years of my life in formal schooling for nothing you know," remarked Sherry as Franklin).

At 2 p.m., Sherry will be portraying Franklin at the Van Wyck Homestead Museum. He will be there "to explain how the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, as written by Thomas Jefferson, was changed by the delegates

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Green Teen youth to host free farm stand in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

Look for Green Teen Beacon youth at the free farm stand at the Beacon Recreation Center, in Beacon, beginning Thursday, July 3. They will be there on Thursdays, not Wednesdays as in previous years.

Emily Murnane, Green Teen Beacon 4-H Program Manager, said, the day has been changed to accommodate scheduling conflicts with those who are partnering with Green Teen.

"The response to the farm stand has been overwhelmingly positive," said Murnane of previous experience, who explained some patrons begin lining up more than 90 minutes before the stand opens. Patrons do not only come from the local area in Dutchess County but from Newburgh in Orange County as well, she noted.

"There is a warm community of regulars who have come to the market for years now. The start of the market each summer is met by community members and the neighborhood with much enthusiasm and joy, and the end of the market each fall is met with a lot of gratitude. In 2024, we served, on average, about 30 households every week. There is a great need in our community for accessible, healthy food and our market, meeting that need, is deeply appreciated by the folks who need it most," remarked Murnane.

What can patrons expect if they go? "Patrons can expect to see the week's harvest, freshly picked and washed from Green Teen's garden, arranged at the picnic tables in baskets and crates, creating a bountiful display. The market is staffed by Green Teen summer program participants - smiling local youth dressed in iconic green shirts who will assist patrons with selecting and bagging their produce. The Green Teen garden sits just steps away from the market, and patrons are welcome to take a step inside to see where their food has come from," she said.

One community member offered Green Teen the following statement via email, which Murnane shared: "I want to express gratitude for the cost-free vegetable stand. It has helped us stretch our grocery budget and the vegetables have been delicious. Looks like the teens helping have been having fun too."

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Wappinger WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday

By Kristine Coulter

Alexander W. Hubner Jr. ("Al"), a resident of the town of Wappinger, turned 100 years old on June 29. Al was born to Alexander Sr. and Helen Hubner in Brooklyn on June 29, 1925.

Members of Wappingers Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5913 and other local veterans and community members celebrated the birthday of the World War II veteran on Friday, June 27 at their Post.

Virgil Capollari, VFW Post 5913 Sr. Vice Commander, said Al was one who "helped pave the way to save the world" during World War II.

"There is no amount of debt that can be repaid," added Capollari, who along with other veterans presented Al with a watch in honor of his momentous birthday.

Al sat at a table with numerous cards from well-wishers for his birthday. He told of how he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was 18 years old.

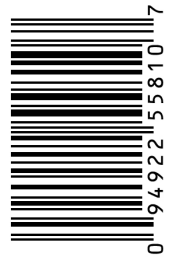
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World War II veteran Al Hubner celebrated his 100th birthday on June 29.

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Local veterans recognize Wappinger resident Al Hubner on June 27 in Wappingers Falls. Hubner turned 100 years old on June 29.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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Al recalled how he was reassigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division from the Army Specialized Training Program. He became fluent in German, however, and in 1944, he was sent to France. He was reassigned again – this time as an Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry.

According to the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Al conducted intelligence patrols and prisoner interrogations across France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. He earned three Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, the WWII Victory Medal and other decorations.

Al and his wife, Virginia (who died in 2024), were married on July 27, 1952. The couple, who were married for 72

years, have 4 children, Kurt (who was unable to make the celebration), Steven, Linda, and Andrew.

Steven told of how his grandparents moved from Wappingers Falls to Brooklyn, where his father was raised.

“An only child I was,” stated Al. Asked about a favorite memory of growing up in Brooklyn, Al replied, “There are so many.”

Al and Virginia moved to Wappingers Falls in the mid-1950s, where they raised their family. Al worked for IBM for almost 40 years. He served in IBM World Trade, which took him to Scotland, England, India, Japan, Argentina, and Brazil.

“It’s a wonderful accomplishment. All the kids are happy that he’s still here with us and we can continue to share these memories,” remarked Steven, who noted he and his siblings are “very proud” of their father’s service to the country during WWII.



Al Hubner, a Wappinger resident and WWII veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday on June 29. Local veterans and his family gathered to honor him on June 27 at the VFW Post in Wappingers Falls. Pictured with Hubner, sitting, are his children, from left, Andrew, Linda and Steven.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini announced a proclamation proclaiming it “Al Hubner Jr. Day” in Wappinger. Cavaccini noted, “Al was the Grand Marshal” for the Town’s 150th birthday celebration earlier this year. Al is also the longest-serving Odd Fellow in the community, added the supervisor.

Linda said of her father’s 100th birthday that it is “a great milestone for a wonderful father,” adding he was also a wonderful husband to her mother.

Andrew said of his dad, that he is “a wonderful father and role model.” He continued, “It’s been nothing but a pleasure to be his son.”

STOP-DWI enforcement campaign runs July 3-6

Various law enforcement agencies in Dutchess County will take part in a targeted initiative to reduce impaired driving during the Independence Day holiday weekend, part of a statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign, from Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6. Local police departments across New York State will work together and increase their presence as part of a unified campaign aimed at preventing alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities during this time.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “As we celebrate our nation’s independence, it’s important to protect the safety of those around us on our roadways. If you choose to drink this Fourth of July weekend, please plan ahead for a safe ride home. One careless decision can change lives forever.”

Across the country, the Fourth of July ranks as the second-most dangerous holiday for drivers and passengers. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that from 2019 to 2023, there were 2,653 traffic crash fatalities during the Fourth of July holiday period; in 2023 alone, 617 drivers lost their lives in traffic crashes during the

holiday period.

The July 4th Weekend enforcement campaign is part of a broader series of enforcement efforts organized by the New York State STOP-DWI Association, supported by the STOP-DWI Foundation through a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. In addition to this upcoming initiative, similar statewide campaigns are held during other high-risk times of the year, including Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the winter holiday season.

Although STOP-DWI programs throughout New York have helped decrease the number of alcohol- and drug-impaired driving deaths, too many lives are still cut short due to these preventable crashes. Public awareness campaigns like the July 4th weekend crackdown are designed to make an even greater impact by deterring impaired driving through strong visibility and outreach.

Drivers can help to make a difference by having a sober plan! Motorists can download the mobile app, “Have a Plan,” and be able to find a safe ride home www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

Poughkeepsie Social Security office in Poughkeepsie reopens

The Poughkeepsie Social Security Office was set to reopen on Monday, June 30. The newly renovated office is a modern facility aimed at better serving the public. The public entrance is now located at 4 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, around the corner from its former entrance.

In preparation for the move, the office was closed for in-person services on Friday June 27. The staff was available by

phone at 877-405-6747 during the transition, and full-in-person services resumed on Monday, June 30.

Patrons are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance to minimize wait times and ensure prompt service. It is also recommended one continues using online services at www.ssa.gov, which is the fastest and most convenient way to conduct business with Social Security.



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to the Continental Congress,” said Alexis Lynch, who is with the Fishkill Historical Society. “Thomas Jefferson kept the original document so that comparisons can be made. You will be amazed at what was removed!”

Sherry acknowledged that attendees “will discover why Ben did not write the Declaration of Independence and what changes he contributed to it.” He also mentioned, “Ben was probably the most approachable of all the Founding Fathers.”

A retired history teacher, Sherry said, “I enjoy teaching people about Franklin’s life and times, especially the little details the history books leave out.” He added, “One aspect of Ben’s life that usually surprises people is that he never patented any of his inventions. Find out why by attending the reading and program on the Fourth of July.”

The Van Wyck Homestead Museum is at 504 Route 9, in Fishkill.

“The event is free and open to all,” noted Lynch, who suggested attendees bring lawn chairs, as the event is outside (weather permitting).

Fireworks to celebrate Independence Day in East Fishkill

The Crew will be performing in East Fishkill this year for Independence Day. The performance will be at 7 p.m. at the Hopewell Recreation Park, 392 Route 376. This concert will take place on Friday, July 4.

Join Adam & the Jersey Four at 7p.m. on Saturday, July 5 at the same location, the Hopewell Recreation Park. Then there will be a fireworks show by Legion Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. (rain date is July 6).

“All ages love the fireworks and look forward to them and Adam’s band is always a great lead-in to the show,” said East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green. Fireworks night more than 1,000 people are at the field, while hundreds more fill local parking lots to watch the festivities, he added.



The annual reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on Independence Day, Friday, July 4, at Van Wyck Village Hall in the Village of Fishkill.

-File photo by Kristine Coulter

Still looking to enjoy and celebrate the holiday? Then on Saturday, July 6, go to Red Wing Park, 11 Old Farm Road, at 1 p.m. for a concert by the Bob Martinson Band.

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said there will be 100 American flags outside of the East Fishkill Town Hall beginning Independence Day.

“We have a very proud and patriotic town,” remarked D’Alessandro.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Beacon

The 15th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence will be held at Beacon City Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza, at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 4, in Beacon. The annual event was started by local resident Dennis Pavelock and a committee in the summer of 2010. In 2011, the inaugural reading took place in Beacon.

There will be fireworks at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr. off Route 52, at dusk on Saturday, July 5. Organizers said come early for food trucks and entertainment.

Green Teen youth to host free farm stand



The Green Teen youth will be offering a free farm stand on Thursdays in Beacon. Pictured are the Green Teen youth during a previous season.



One can stop by the free farm stand offered by the Green Teen youth beginning on July 3. The stand will be at the Beacon Recreation Center.

-Courtesy photos Green Teen

Poughkeepsie native serving in Navy

By Alvin Plexico

Navy Office of Community Outreach

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Ensign Jason McDonough, a native of Poughkeepsie, is serving in the U.S. Navy amongst sailors, Marines and guardsmen at Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) who are developing the skills needed to be a combat-ready aviation professional.

McDonough is a 2020 graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Wappingers Central School District.



Ensign Jason McDonough

-Courtesy photo U.S. Navy

McDonough joined the Navy five months ago. Today, McDonough is a student at NASC.

“I wanted a rewarding opportunity, and I wanted to give back to my country,” McDonough said.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Poughkeepsie.

“Growing up, I learned the importance of resilience,” McDonough said. “If you get knocked down, just get back up. If you fail at first, just keep trying.”

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In July, “[i]t is our hope to offer the first of many of our garden vegetables, including kale, collard greens, squash, zucchini, radishes, and garlic scapes. A selection of herbs will also be available. Later in the season we will also have tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and cantaloupe,” stated Murnane.

Each season, Green Teen youth offer anonymous statements during exit surveys.

Murnane sent Southern Dutchess News three of those statements from Green Teen Beacon youth.

One statement was from “J,” age 17, who commented, “Green Teen means community to me. We address the needs of the community and meet new people. We learn new things that turn out to be essential.”

Sixteen-year-old “G” said, “Working at Green Teen made me realize it’s not just about Green Teen, but for the rest

of the community.”

“Working at the free farm stand is my favorite part of the summer. I like helping the community that way and it feels fulfilling,” offered “M,” 15.

The farm stand will be at the Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center St., on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. and is first come, first served.

Murnane said the teens hope to have the stand open through Oct. 30, depending upon what is available from the harvest.

One can donate to Green Teen, by going to the following link: <https://ccdutchess.org/donate>. Make sure to select “Green Teen” from the drop-down menu, otherwise the donation will go to general operations.

“Donations to our programs allow us to buy uniforms for the youth, ingredients for cooking activities, and garden supplies,” said Murnane.

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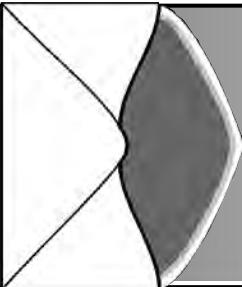
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It is up to us to save democracy

To the Editor:

Throughout my 67 years on this planet, I’ve understood that our forefathers founded a democratic republic. They fought a Revolutionary War to oppose autocratic rule. I was taught that our democracy was established and protected by our Constitution. I now realize that our founders never thought that a want-to-be king would be democratically elected. Nor did they consider that the legislative branch would abdicate their authority to provide the necessary checks as a guardrail against a would be king.

The current administration has misused the 1798 Alien Enemies Act claiming wartime authority to deport people without giving them the due process guaranteed by the constitution. They declared an “emergency” to abuse the constitution and arbitrarily declare tariffs on most countries. And now they started a war with Iran without informing or requesting authority from Congress. The Republicans in Congress have majorities in both the House and Senate and could reign in the autocrat with a simple vote. However, they are more interested in serving corporations and billionaires to stay in power rather than protecting our democracy.

Therefore, it is up to us, the citizens of the United States, to make our voices heard and fight for our democracy. We do this by contacting our elected officials and peacefully protesting to let everyone know that We the People of America want to remain in a democracy.

Gregory Daynes
Fishkill

NYS will fund Youth, Education Programs to support county fairs



From left are Ulster County Executive Jennifer Metzger, NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey, Columbia County Fair manager Eric Barnes, NYS Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball; Ulster County Agricultural Society Board member Joe Leiching, Zoey & Zarko Pipiton representing Saugerties Seekers 4-H Club and Boys & Girls Clubs, Nicky the Dutchess County Fair Calf, Ulster County Agricultural Society Board member Jenny Lang, Spruce the Border Collie, Ulster County Agricultural Society Board President Dara Kopaski, Jill Van Aken of the Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extension & the Otisville Country Fair and Ulster County Fair manager Gary Newkirk.

-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

Picture fun, music, food and family, plus lights, rides and cotton candy. Then, add the massive “Livestock Hill” plus gallons of lemonade fit for guzzling, and every food item you can think of – fried! Are you at the Dutchess County Fair?

On June 23, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets took to the Ulster County Fairgrounds to announce initiatives to fund local and youth participation for the 50 county fairs across the Empire State.

At last week’s meeting, Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball highlighted the two newest initiatives: the Transportation for Youth to Local and County Fairs Program and the Agricultural Fairgrounds Advertising, Promotion and Education Program. Both intend to increase interest and participation in local fairs, especially for younger and underserved demographics. The tradition of fairs in New York State is one that spans generations. Family summers spent, prize goldfish that miraculously live for years on end.

Said Commissioner Ball, “I’m excited to continue our support of county fairs, including a unique new program that helps bring more young people to experience the tradition of their local fair. I’m looking forward to seeing the impact that these programs have during the 2025 season.”

Continued involvement from young folks in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H initiatives across Dutchess County shows a promising future of fairs in the local region. With state officials implementing campaigns to strengthen and support the efforts of local fairs and agricultural properties, the promo-

tion of county fairs will also be evolving across platforms.

The New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs also gives out \$10,000 in scholarships per year.

The Dutchess County Fair, a representative of the Mid-Hudson region, received the Advertising and Marketing Grant.

A total of \$1 million will be dedicated to spotlighting fairs across the state, in a full marketing campaign to direct attention to fairs in local hotspot regions. In a multimedia approach, radio, television, and other modes of advertising are set to highlight the summer campaign. The “Get Offline, Get Outside” as named by Gov. Kathy Hochul, approaches fairs as a mechanism for creating memories with the entire family, no tech necessary. It’s an opportunity to learn about agriculture-based economies while spending a day within the local community.

There is an another opportunity to explore outside one’s county lines, too, while Dutchess County Fair visitors wait for our own fair, which runs August 19-24.

Included in the campaign is the NYS Fairs Passport Program, encouraging New Yorkers to stamp their way across the state’s county fairs, with an enticing promise of pins and stamps aptly named “Ag Swag.” Frequent fairgoers can be delighted by the fairs of distant and neighboring counties. All it takes is a willingness to venture outside the borders.

New York’s county fair season kicks off way north in Allegany County on July 15 and will wind down in September on Long Island.

So...which New York fairs will fill your passport pages this summer?

Mount Saint Mary College president named Distinguished Citizen of the Year



Dr. Robert Gervasi, president of Mount Saint Mary College, accepts the Distinguished Citizen of the Year from Greater Hudson Valley Council, Scouting America. Presenting the award to Dr. Gervasi is Brayden Rappa of Troop 4027.

The Greater Hudson Valley Council, Scouting America serves youth across seven counties: Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Pike. In 2024 alone, the council served 9,159 young people, supported by 3,095 adult volunteers. The council’s work focuses on instilling values and skills in young individuals through the Scouting program.

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July 4th starts celebration of local American journeys



Above left to right: Daniel Nimham (1726-1776), shown in a memorial statue in Fishkill, was a fierce advocate for Indigenous Peoples’ land rights and fought, and died, in service to the newly formed United States. The journey of equal treatment when it comes to voting took several generations. Lucretia Mott was an early advocate for women’s rights who was first a student (1806 to 1810) and then a teacher at Nine Partners Boarding School in the Town of Washington. It took until 1919 for Anna Rozelle to become the first woman candidate in a contested election as Overseer of the Poor in the town of Clinton.

-DCHS Collections

By Bill Jeffway

This July 4th marks the 249th anniversary of the founding of our country, and the run-up to the celebration of the 250th anniversary in twelve months. Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) recently revealed how it will tell this amazing story at “RevCon” at FDR Library & Museum, where local historical organizations gathered to share their plans with each other and the public. The narrative of “American Journeys” will be explored in DCHS’ 2025 Yearbook and in published articles, programs and performances. We will feature what is unique about our location, and profile local persons who journeyed to embrace and realize the American promise and dream.

Our unique location

General George Washington described the military site at West Point specifically, and the mid-Hudson area in general, as the “key to the North American continent” during the Revolutionary War. The British plan was to approach by ship from the south where they occupied New York City – and by ship from the north where Canada was a British territory. In addition to cutting the north/south supply route, New England’s six States would be separated from the other Seven.

Mountainous Putnam County was a natural, protective barrier. Strategic sites emerged just north of it on both sides of the Hudson. Poughkeepsie became the State capital and the Fishkill Supply depot was a major supply point between New England and the other States, and was just across the Hudson from where Washington set up headquarters at Newburgh.

The unique intersection of local and national

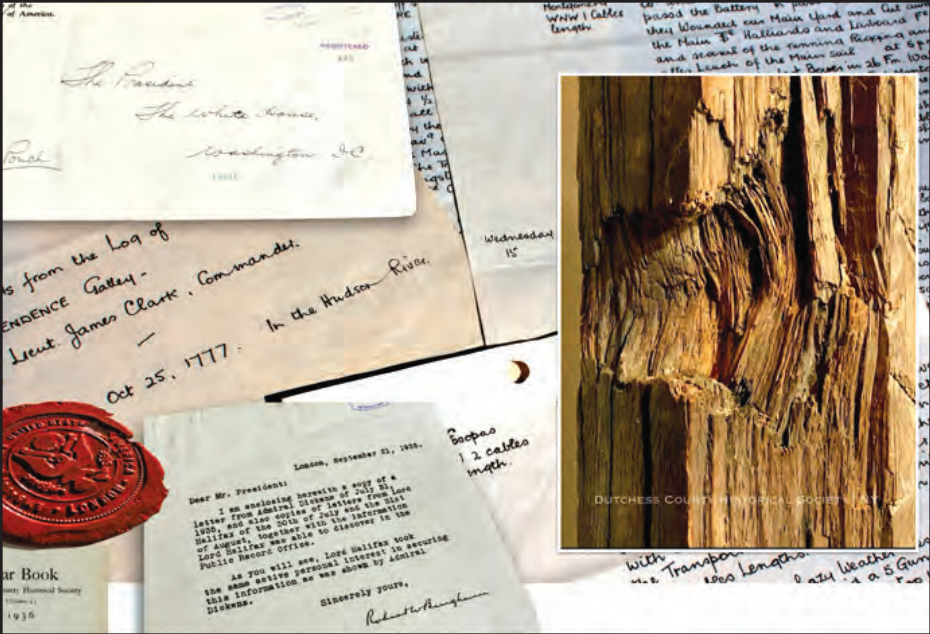
We are fortunate to have persons and events of national importance locally. As states were voting in 1788 whether to endorse the United States Constitution being proposed at the time, the New York State convention at Poughkeepsie was famously hesitant. Alexander Hamilton was arguing for its adoption, and New York State Governor George Clinton was pushing back. That pushback resulted in the creation of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, a major consequence of the Poughkeepsie convention.

Although the overall goal of the British securing the entire Hudson River was not accomplished, a raid in October of 1777 up the Hudson from New York City was very destructive. The city of Kingston was completely destroyed by fire, and the New York State capital moved to Poughkeepsie.

Among items relating to the burning of Kingston in DCHS Collections is the beam of the Poughkeepsie home of Henry Livingston that was hit by a British cannon ball, as well as a letter from him a few months earlier saying the British would never do such a thing! One of the first things Franklin Roosevelt did as US President was to ask the British Admiralty to provide the logs of the ships involved in the Kingston raid. FDR then gave them to DCHS Collections.

The journeys of Indigenous peoples

The scale and sophistication of the pre-contact Indigenous peoples is reflected in the number and variety of Indigenous names



Above: Shortly after becoming president, Franklin Roosevelt requested the October 1777 ship logs for the British ships that burned Kingston from the British Admiralty in London. Excerpts were published in the DCHS Yearbook and were given to DCHS Collections where they are kept today. Inset: Beam of the Poughkeepsie home of Henry Livingston which was hit by a British cannon ball.

-DCHS Collections

which remain in use today. “Poughkeepsie” is what European ears heard local Indigenous People refer to as a “reed covered lodge at the watering place,” and the name stuck. Halfway between the cusp of the Atlantic to the south and the intersection of the west-bound Mohawk River to the north, Dutchess was a crossroads with the great Mahican civilization to the north, the Wappinger or Delaware to the south, the Schaticoke to the east, and Munsee to the west.

Daniel Nimham (1726-1776) was from the area we refer to today as Wicopee. He became a renowned military leader in service to the British in 1755 in King George’s War, but chose to side with the patriots in the Revolutionary War. He served with distinction but was killed in a raid in 1776. Nimham was a fierce advocate for the return of lands he claimed were illegally taken, which included his traveling (albeit unsuccessfully) to England. The issue of land rights remains among the prominent issues of Indigenous People today.

The journeys of the traditional working class

As the population of the United States grew beyond anyone’s expectations in its first century, the largest population group, the White Protestant working class, fought for an equal seat at the increasingly diverse American table by arguing (successfully) for the elimination of property requirements for voting and the abolition of imprisonment for debt before the Civil War. After that, their advocacy expanded the revolutionary changes brought by manufacturing and industry to include broader economic justice.

One of the leaders of the “Mechanics Movement” (mechanic referring to any working class job) was Rhinebeck’s Nathan Darling, whose rise from abject poverty to personal financial and political success was launched through service in the military in the Florida Seminole Indian wars.

The journeys of Persons of Color

The resolution of the contradiction of

slavery in a country founded on the premise that all are created equal was resolved through what remains America’s deadliest war. The US Civil War saw the deaths of 2% of its population, the equivalent of 7 million people today. The story of Northern Dutchess’ Andrew Frazier is inspiring. He served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, earning a pension. Local descendants served in subsequent wars, including WW2.

The story of Andrew Frazier is told in schools using DCHS’s booklet on the Rhinebeck post office murals to inspire contemporary expression by students (also shown).

The journeys of women

Dutchess County had the largest Quaker population outside of Philadelphia. In spite of a rapid drop in size after an internal schism in 1848, many local Quaker women took their faith’s values that gave women an equal opportunity in education and other matters and took them to a broad national stage. Four out of five organizers of the 1848 Seneca Falls convention on women’s rights were Quakers. The fight for equal suffrage was a long one. Anna Rozell became the first woman to win a competitive election when she won for Town of Clinton Overseer of the Poor in 1919 with a majority of 157 votes (416 to 259).

The generous 2025 Dutchess County “Rev250” grant to local historical societies, including DCHS, will allow us to share these amazing journals through a variety of ways like our Yearbook, programs, and performances. Please check our website or ask to receive our monthly newsletter by emailing bill.jeffway@dchsnys.org.



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HV resident Kyle Kirshner named ‘Athlete of the Month’ for June 2025 by NY ABLE

Special Olympics New York and the New York Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (NY ABLE) congratulated Hudson Valley resident Kyle Kirshner on being named the June 2025 Athlete of the Month.

Whether it’s Floorball, Basketball, Track & Field or Softball, Kyle never misses a practice. His coaches commend him for always being there to support his teammates. In addition, Kyle was recently recognized at the West Point Spring Games for proudly demonstrating his dedication to Special Olympics.

“Kyle is the epitome of a team player,”

said Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman. “He’s the sort of teammate everyone should aspire to be. For his selflessness and dedication to his peers, we’re honored to award him this recognition.”

To earn eligibility for Athlete of the Month, athletes must exhibit leadership in one or more of the following: Achievement in Sport, Sportsmanship (respect for coaches, officials, opponents, teammates), Character (playing by the rules, honesty, integrity), and Commitment to Improvement and Perseverance.

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There's No CRYING IN Baseball

But You CAN Wine!

Great Summer reads for fans of the game

By Morgan E. Maier

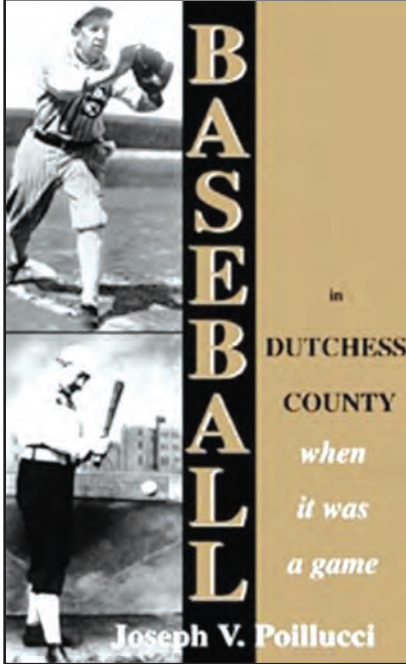
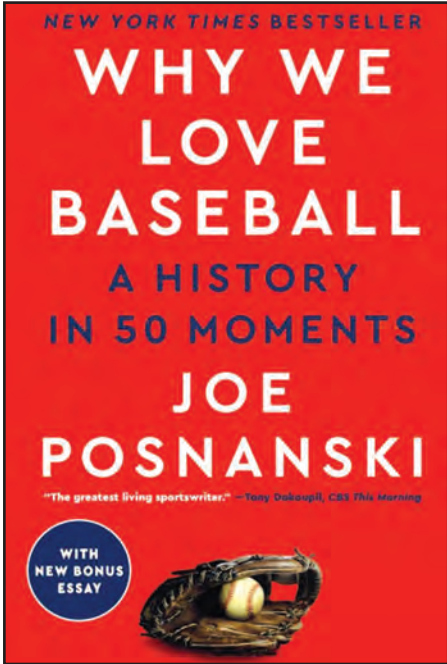
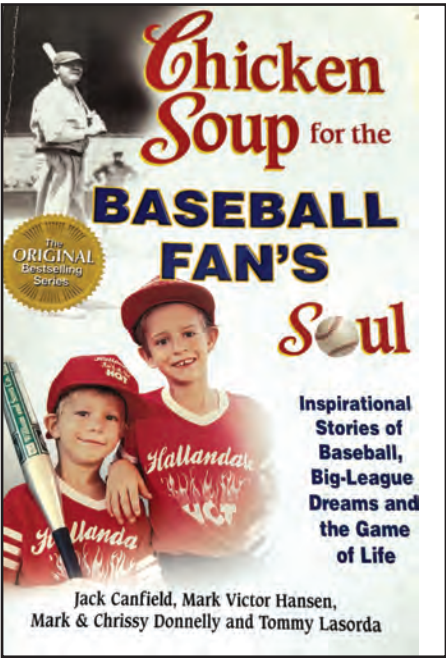
With long summer nights replacing school days, kids and adults alike need to continue working out those reading muscles. Though the Renegades didn't claim the first half league title, there are still plenty baseball titles fans can feast on this summer! These nonfiction baseball reads will steer one towards enjoying a ball game or a trip down memory lane. Sometimes, the cure to a heat wave is a cool page-turner.

1. Baseball in Dutchess County: When it was a Game (2000)

Baseball didn't begin in Dutchess County with the arrival of the Hudson Valley Renegades in 1994. Dutchess County native Joseph V. Poillucci was for decades the leading source on local history. In this work, he chronicles a century of baseball, from the players who traversed the Hudson River to compete and promoters who filled seats, to community clubs that set a competitive fire ablaze in many neighbors and fans. From 1859 - 1959, the baseball climate and conditions were mighty different than those of today's era, but the hometown love for ballplayers is still alive in Dutchess County. A century condensed in 720 pages, this book explores the roots of the county's pastime and a community's dedication to grow a game while keeping it close to the heart.

2. Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan's Soul (2001)

The famous Chicken Soup series comes with cracking tales of hope, nostalgia, and love for the game, from Little League to the majors. Humanizing stories of giants like Roger Maris and Tommy Lasorda, plus musings of t-ball parents and the fond memories of kids whose dads took the time



Some summer reading about baseball may include “Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan’s Soul,” “Why We Love Baseball - A History in 50 Moments” and “Baseball in Dutchess County: When it was a Game.”

-Courtesy images

to dust off the old glove after a day of work, still dressed in uniforms. Keep the tissues in sight for this read; the baseball-loving reader never knows when a memory will strike.

3. Why We Love Baseball - A History in 50 Moments (2025)

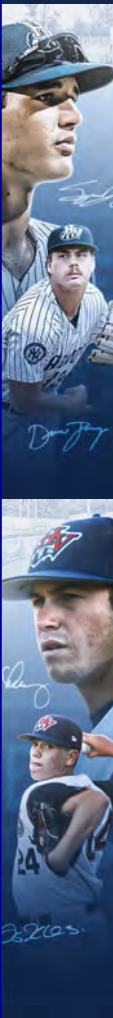
Joe Posnanski brings us the baseball book of the summer with accounts of electrifying plays and devastating defeats from the people who experienced them firsthand. Written through the eyes of fans, umpires, players, and other baseball faithful, this collection of essays hinges on the momentous feats caught not on camera, but

in memories. Written not only by the heroes but the witnesses. The defeated, and the blamed. If 50 isn't enough by the final page, pick up Posnanski's debut “The Baseball 100” for twice as many vignettes of figures in American baseball history!

4. Moneyball: The Art of Winning a Losing Game

How does a team replace a traded MVP, frankensteining a new one? No. We recreate him in the aggregate. No better time to revisit the glory days of the Oakland A's, who currently play home games in a minor league ballpark in Sacramento. Over twenty years before the great Athletics implo-

sion of '24, there was Billy Beane. The multidimensional Beane, as portrayed by Brad Pitt in the “Moneyball” film, built his game-changing baseball maneuver on statistics, budgeting, and sheer market research. Though Oakland's bunch of misfits didn't go on to hoist the World Series trophy, this account of Beane's antics captures the spirit and science of moneyball as only author Michael Lewis can. Every off-field player who contributed to Beane's idea, down to the dream draft class of 2002. Dedicated to “Coach Fitz” Billy Fitzgerald, whom Lewis “can still hear him shouting at me.



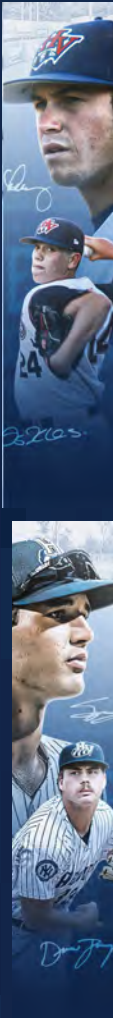
League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM *	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W3
Greensboro PIT	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W3
Hudson Valley NYY	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L3
Aberdeen BAL	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	W3
Jersey Shore PHI	2	7	.222	5.0	2-7	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	6	3	.667	-	6-3	W1
Asheville HOU	5	4	.556	1.0	5-4	L1
Greenville BOS	4	4	.500	1.5	4-4	W1
Hub City TEX	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	W1
Rome ATL	3	5	.375	2.5	3-5	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	3	6	.333	3.0	3-6	L3



Home Schedule

July		
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
07/23/25	vs.Rome	12:05 PM Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs.Rome	06:35 PM Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs.Rome	07:05 PM Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs.Rome	05:05 PM Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs.Rome	02:05 PM Princess Day Sunday Family Funday





Renegades Extra!





Jad Haddad Receives The Amee VanTassel Award





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Avina gains honors & continues to lead Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

There is one unwritten stat in Jace Avina’s stat line: Robbery. In his young minor league career, his tendency to scale walls has led to a few stolen home runs, including one that landed the number one spot on SportsCenter’s Top 10 Plays of the Week.

This season, Avina returned from injury in time for the May 17 giveaway, a bobblehead commemorating the viral grab. One thousand (and more!) approving nods for the 22-year-old, who cemented the Renegades’ comeback win with a game-tying sacrifice fly.

Along with diving plays and well-timed free climbs, Avina has made leaps in the Hudson Valley lineup this season. One of just two outfielders batting from the right side, Avina hits .311 against right-handed pitchers.

When the South Atlantic Leagues Weekly awards dropped on April 27, Avina, alongside top pitcher Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz, showcased a Hudson Valley sweep. Hitting a monstrous 545/.643/.773 with seven RBI in a series win against the Asheville Tourists. Adding back-to-back three-hit games that week in North Carolina, Avina was in familiar territory.

Milwaukee drafted Avina out of Spanish Springs High School (NV) in 2021. He was the state's sixth overall

prospect and third-ranked outfielder.

With the Brew Crew’s affiliate Carolina Mudcats, Avina hit a pair of home runs in his Single-A debut. Three launched over the fence in the first two games, and none came close to glancing into an outfield glove.

He showed Zebulon, N.C. a bit of juggling talent the following season. After Avina snagged a would-be walkoff home run, the ball threatened to drop to the left field grass upon his landing. A few bobbles, but a catch, and a Mudcats’ win. Quite the knack for defying gravity.

New York caught wind of Avina in the second half of 2023, when he dropped his strikeout rate and put up a 1.097 on base plus slugging percentage (OPS) in 38 games.

Brewers beat writers with twinkling saucers for eyes had the organization’s 28th prospect bookmarked for ‘24 when... The Yankees front office made its off-season move.

New York dealt outfielder Jake Bauers for two promising prospects in Avina and Brian Sánchez. Fans couldn’t imagine a trade more than a bag of baseballs in Bauers, and were rewarded with the acrobatic Avina, who heated up in the second half of 2024.

Since June 2, Avina was sidelined once more. Returning this week, he again was a spark that the Renegades have desperately needed. Hitting coach Tom DeAngelis



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Great performances are not enough as Renegades drop series to Wilmington

By Morgan E. Maier

The Renegades dropped another series at Wilmington despite magnificent performances from Alexander Vargas and a franchise-record-setting grand slam by Josh Moylan.

In its second consecutive away series, Hudson Valley had little rebuttal for Wilmington’s early-inning leads and late-game comebacks, dropping the series four games to two.

Hudson Valley was shut out twice in the series. In the 11-0 stomping on June 27, Hudson Valley was held to just four hits.

Moylan’s homer set the Renegades single-season record for grand slams as a team, and we’re only halfway through

the year!

In the series finale, Wilmington scored three early runs. The Hudson Valley negated two, but couldn’t fully rally. Moylan cut the deficit with an RBI in the ninth, but it couldn’t salvage the series split. The Renegades ended their extended road trip with a 4-3 loss, an overall 5-6 record, and a three-game losing streak.

Vargas recorded a hit in every game of the series, including a two-run home run in the Renegades’ 10-3 win on June 25. He finished the series with 12 hits, three RBI, and a .288 batting average. Against the Blue Claws just a series ago, Vargas’s average was .176.

In another 1-0 loss to open a series, the

Renegades weren’t able to provide a big hit to break the shutout.

Under rainy conditions and an extended delay, the June 26 matchup was tabled for the following day. With two innings to make up in a quasi-double header, the game resumed in the fifth inning with a couple of goose eggs on the scoreboard. The Renegades jumped ahead with seventh inning RBI singles from Vargas and Tomas Frick, and kept the Blue Rocks at bay for their second win in Wilmington.

On June 28, Josh Grosz went 7.1 innings, but gave up four earned runs on seven hits. Despite the longevity that has become typical of Grosz’s outings, the righthander was charged with his

sixth loss of the year. Wilmington posted a five-spot in the eighth inning en route to a 7-4 lead. Moylan’s grand slam put the Renegades ahead 4-2, but they didn’t score past the sixth. With just three outs to spare after the Blue Rocks’ big comeback, Hudson Valley couldn’t make up the lost ground.

The Renegades (42-31) return home for a home matchup with the Brooklyn Cyclones (53-22). They will play six at Heritage Financial, then ring in Independence Day with the firecracker spectacular. The Renegades need no Roman Candles or Cherry Bombs, but some rockets at the plate if they want to make up ground on the division leaders.

Jad Haddad of Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP honored by DC Bar Association

Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP announced that Jad Haddad has been honored with the Amee VanTassel Young Lawyer Award. The award is given each year to an attorney who has been practicing for less than 10 years and is recognized by their peers for their civility and professionalism, service to the Bar and community and commitment to pro bono service.

“It is an honor to receive this award,” said Haddad. “It is especially meaningful to be recognized by the Dutchess County Bar Association so early in my career.”

A 2020 graduate of Albany Law School, Haddad joined Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP in 2022. He works across the firm’s litigation, criminal and real estate teams.

“Jad has distinguished himself through his drive, work ethic and commitment to excellence,” said Kenneth Stenger, founding partner at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP. “His clients trust and value his legal acumen and ability to protect their interests. We are proud of



Jad Haddad receives the Amee VanTassel Award.

-Photo courtesy of Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP

him and look forward to seeing his continued career growth.”

Elevate, educate, integrate – Dutchess Roots brings recreational cannabis to local area



The Dutchess Roots cannabis dispensary celebrated its grand opening at 2615 South Road in Poughkeepsie on June 28.

- Photo by Mike Mazzuca

By Morgan E. Maier

“Weed like to meet you” read the signs around South Road Crossing in Poughkeepsie on June 28. The Dutchess Roots cannabis dispensary was celebrating its grand opening, but owners and Queen City natives Lisa and Scott Sweeney didn’t just introduce themselves. Their goal is to elevate and educate everyone on the industry.

The area’s first licensed dispensary to be built from the ground up, Dutchess Roots was a seedling in the Sweeneys’ minds for four years. It became a reality with the decriminalization and legalization of recreational cannabis in 2021. In recent memory, the brick-and-mortar storefront was uninhabited concrete, then a construction site. Dutchess Roots is the first dispensary of its kind to be built from the ground up.

“Scott and I wanted to build something of our own,” said Lisa. “We wanted to be in our community.”

Customers and neighboring businesses came out to celebrate the first official day of a new era. Vendors hailed from far and wide to support Dutchess Roots commitment to accelerating the industry. Some traveled two hours south from Argyle, while others crossed the Hudson River from High Falls. Per NYS law, Dutchess Roots sells products made only in New York state, with a full wall dedicated to Hudson Valley farmers and their products.

The “typical” cannabis user does not exist. They are young and old, new parents

and medical patients - from fledgling business owners to recreational users of 40 years ago. For every consumer of cannabis, there is a duty to a responsible, educated use. As is the mantra of Dutchess Roots: elevate, educate, integrate.

The middle third takes form in a sort of “Dispensary 101.” It includes informative material for all who pass through the Dutchess Roots doors that explains doses, mechanisms of cannabis, hemp, CBD and THC. A few areas are for consumers to document the products they liked, or those to avoid in the future. Thrown in - free of charge - the material teaches consumers about products as much as it allows an opportunity to learn about the people behind the Town of Poughkeepsie’s newest business.

Dutchess Roots has partnered with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to give back to the college’s Cannabis Retail Program. They will award a scholarship to a student, in hopes they continue growing and educating others within the industry.

“It goes both ways. We’re investing back in the community, the community invests in us, and it’s just this beautiful cycle,” said Lisa.

Born from a lifetime in the hospitality industry, Dutchess Roots is woman-owned, women-led and fixing to shake up the Hudson Valley cannabis industry. It’s just the beginning for a community whose dream grew from the pavement at 2615 South Road.

Dutchess Figure Skating Club to send 3 skaters to U.S. Excel National Final

Ranked among the top figure skaters in the U.S. Figure Skating National Excel Series, three athletes from the Dutchess Figure Skating Club have qualified to compete at the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Excel National Final, taking place July 9 – 13 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the headquarters of the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

Alexa Brittell (14), Kaitlyn Brittell (17) and Sadi Roloson (15), all residents of Highland, train at McCann Ice Arena in Poughkeepsie under the coaching team of Allison Constant, Heather O’Connor and Sergei Sakhnovskiy. Together, they will represent the Dutchess Figure Skating Club on the national stage at their respective levels.

“It is incredibly meaningful to see three skaters you’ve coached since their earliest days on the ice step into the national spotlight,” said coach Heather O’Connor. “Alexa, Kaitlyn and Sadi have been part of the Dutchess Figure Skating Club family for more than 10 years, and in that time, they’ve shown exceptional talent and unwavering dedication. This year, they showed up at every competition with focus, resilience and heart. This isn’t just a milestone, it’s the result of years of work and belief in themselves.”

To qualify for the Excel National Final, skaters must rank among the top six in one of U.S. Figure Skating’s three regions, East, Midwest or Pacific, or hold one of the next six highest national scores at their level earned at sanctioned Excel Series events.

Alexa Brittell, competing at the Excel Intermediate Plus level, is currently ranked first in the East and third in the nation. Her sister, Kaitlyn Brittell, will compete in the Excel Junior category, ranked fourth in the East and sixth nationally. Sadi Roloson, qualifying at the Excel Novice level, holds the third-place rank-



From left, Alexa Brittell, Sadi Roloson and Kaitlyn Brittell will represent the Dutchess Figure Skating Club on the national stage at their respective levels.

-Courtesy photo

ing in the East and sixth nationally.

The Excel Competition Series and National Final offer a prestigious platform for skaters across all levels to showcase their skill, determination and growth in a national spotlight. The Dutchess Figure Skating Club, based in Poughkeepsie, continues to build its reputation for developing passionate, high-performing athletes committed to excellence.

To learn more or register for McCann Ice Arena’s year-round learn-to-skate, figure skating or hockey programs, visit www.mccannicearena.org.

Music & wine create inspiring evening at Millbrook Winery

By Morgan E. Maier

The double rainbow at intermission’s close was a sign of good fortune. Millbrook Winery owner John Dyson predicted a bountiful harvest for the rolling hills of grapes that lay beyond the concert stage.

In front of a crowd numbering in the hundreds, with a smattering of New York Yankees hats and jerseys, Bernie Williams returned to Millbrook Winery for his annual concert to benefit the Dutchess Community College music program.

Apiently at the winery on June 28 were the sounds of summer and glasses of Bernie’s Blend, a deep red blend selected and mixed by Williams himself. Known internationally as a four-time World Series champion, Williams now lays down the sounds of jazz and his Puerto Rican upbringing as a musician. Between ticket sales and auctions, the concert raised \$11,000 for the students, while the audience enjoyed the talents of the Dutchess Community College jazz ensemble as the opening act.

Friendly chatter mixed with instrumentals, as the audience shared their own stories with neighbors and friends. Some reminisced on previous concerts, while others speculated on future events. Many uncorked Millbrook wines to share among their groups.

Led by DCC Band Director Joe North, the set was a lovely appetizer to the main event: Bernie Williams and the Band of Friends. Overlooking miles of vineyard, sizzling heat turned to a cool evening, and a double rainbow came overhead at the

close of the first intermission, foreshadowing nature’s plans for thirty minutes later. Williams performed with the DCC folks for a spell, then brought out his band of friends for a full-bodied set list to match each original blend of wine, four in total. Beginning with “African Blues”, the Band of Friends added their flair to classic music covers, and showcased original compositions from “Moving Forward”, Williams’s sophomore album.

The night turned “Ritmo de Otono” (Rhythm of the Fall) to the sound of the summer, as couples, solo patrons, and families blended into one. No gap between generations, as ‘60s kids, infant fans enjoying in first summers on earth, enjoyed the tunes offered by Williams and the Friends.

The raindrops did come, but dampened none. While some in the audience rose from the lawn to dance between raindrops, others swayed beneath winery balconies. The Band of Friends musical director Dan Orlando, with whom Williams released the song “Perpetual Motion” last year, lent his vocals in the second act for original compositions and today’s top pop tracks.

The past few concerts have gone on despite pouring rain and overcast concert conditions, the threat of thunder and lightning threatening to move the party inside. In the 2025 edition, no storms could dim the spirits raised by the community support, original melodies, and medleys.

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Nineteen municipalities awarded mini-grant funding for Rev250

As the nation prepares to recognize Rev250, the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026, Dutchess County Government is supporting local programming and events through Destination Dutchess and in partnership with local historical societies to engage residents and visitors alike with stories of how the Revolution impacted Dutchess County – during the war and in the ensuing 250 years. Nineteen local municipal historical societies have been awarded a total of \$100,000 in mini-grant funding allocated by the Dutchess County Legislature in the 2025 Dutchess County Budget.

Will Truitt, Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature said, “These projects preserve our past and inspire a deeper understanding of the values that shaped our nation and continue to guide our country today. My fellow legislators and I are proud to have supported the funding that will make these events possible.”

Each of the County’s 20 municipal historical societies were eligible for the grant, honoring their longstanding efforts to preserve local history and educate the public. A total of 23 projects, reviewed and recommended by a review committee, comprised of members from the County Executive’s Office, County Legislature, County Clerk’s Office and Dutchess BOCES funding, were awarded mini-grant funding. Projects range from lecture series and presentations to historical re-enactments and open houses at historic sites.

The 2025 Dutchess County Budget also provided funding support to Destination Dutchess for a series of experiential Rev250 community events. These events include this weekend’s RevCon250 on Saturday, June 14, a free, family-friendly event at the Franklin D. Roosevelt President Library and Museum in Hyde Park with Revolutionary War reenactors showcasing camp life, uniforms and tactics.

Other events include the County’s popular Tavern Trail which returns this summer with a focus on the American Revolution. The Tavern Trail is a unique collaboration that pairs local food and drink with engaging stories from Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III, this year spotlighting Dutchess County’s role in the 1775 Real Time Revolution. Information about the four upcoming Tavern Trail events as well as other Rev250 events is available on Destination Dutchess’ website.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “The 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, Rev250, is more than a historic milestone. It’s a powerful reminder of how everyday people with a shared hope, conviction and courage worked together to build something extraordinary: our collective American dream. It is a reminder that the values of justice, freedom and unity continue to shape who we are today – both in Dutchess County and in America – and our County is proud to support the recognition of this monumental milestone in our nation’s journey.”

2025 Dutchess County Rev250 Programming Grant-funded programs
Amenia Historical Society, Presentation on the Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr: A Tory Seeks Mercy from the Committee of Safety, \$1,350 – The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. at 2 p.m. at the **Amenia Town Hall Auditorium**.

Beacon Historical Society, Map of Fishkill Landing & Matteawan in the American Revolution, \$4,105 – Create an informative and colorful map identifying the diverse people, gathering places, military operations, artifacts and exhibitions, and other points of interest from the Revolution in the area now covered by the City of Beacon.

Clinton Historical Society, Quaker Meeting House Driving Tour, \$5,369 – In collaboration with the Hyde Park, LaGrange, Millbrook, Pawling and Stanford historical societies, the Crum Elbow, Creek, Oblong and Nine Partners meeting houses will host open house events on the first Sunday of each month through November.

Dover Historical Society, Old Upper Road Exhibit, \$4,236 – An exhibit launch event.

Dutchess County Historical Society, Rev250 Encore Edition, \$3,000 – The publication of 300 paper copies and online publication of a Dutchess County Historical Society “Encore Edition,” including articles from previous editions of the Yearbook (dating back to 1914) on the topic of the Revolutionary War and its aftermath in Dutchess County.

Dutchess County Historical Society, Rev250 Traveling Banner Exhibit, \$2,700 – This traveling exhibit of two sets of six banners will describe Dutchess County people, places and events within the themes of Rev250: Unfinished Revolution, Power of Place, We the People, American Experiment and Doing History. The banners will also have a permanent place on the DCHS website.

Dutchess County Historical Society, Lafayette’s American Journeys of Freedom performance, \$10,000 – This short play depicts the Sept. 16, 1824 visit of Marquis de Lafayette, hero of the Revolution, to Poughkeepsie, connecting Lafayette with local residents and events up to 1865. A live performance will be recorded and edited to create a 20-minute distributed to high-school history teachers and students, accompanied by a teaching aid booklet, and will be available on the DCHS website.

East Fishkill Historical Society, Rombout Colonial Days event, \$2,900 – This living history event, held Sept. 27-28 at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, is a collaboration between the communities of Beacon, East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange and Wappinger in the former Rombout Precinct explains the state of

Dutchess County in 1775 by talks and demonstrations focused on the local inhabitants and their loyalties to the patriot cause or the King of England.

Fishkill Historical Society, Cemetery Crawl brochure, \$1,450 – A booklet and a website with information describing the colonial cemeteries in Fishkill, the residents of the time and their history. The tomb stones have unique carvings and sayings. Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and leaders of the Patriots are buried in these cemeteries. The program will be launched in August at the Van Wyck Homestead in Fishkill.

Fishkill Historical Society, The Fateful Hour performance, \$6,200 – This play is a re-enactment of the debates in 1788 between Federalists and Anti-Federalists in the New York State Delegation at the Poughkeepsie Court House with live performances for 11th-grade U.S. History students, as well as a recorded version that will be available online.

Historic Red Hook, Rev250 Speakers’ Series, \$5,000 – A fall speaker series, running from September to November, at the Elmendorph Inn and available in a hybrid format with five presentations examining the Revolution’s impact on Dutchess County and the evolving cultural landscape of the Hudson Valley before, during and after the war.

Historic Red Hook, Pamphlet on 250+ Years of Engaging Citizens, \$5,500 – This pamphlet, sent to every residence in the town of Red Hook, will chart the ways Red Hook residents have organized, advocated, and adapted to claim their rights and build their community through the story of the Elmendorph Inn.

LaGrange Historical Society, Rev 250 Speakers’ Series, \$4,469 – Two lectures by Dr. Paul Lockhart highlighting the American Revolution in Dutchess County with a focus on Baron von Steuben and his headquarters at Mount Gulian historic site, free and open to the public on July 23 at 6:30 pm at Mount Gulian in Fishkill and at the LaGrange Library on July 24 at 6 p.m.; both are free and open to the public.

LaGrange Historical Society, Freedom Day event, \$4,638 – The July 5 event at Freedom Park features a reading of the Declaration of Independence by a George Washington re-enactor; the winners of the Freedom Day essay contest reading their essays and receiving their awards; the launching of Knox’s Cannonball Run, a virtual mission for fitness enthusiasts to walk along the 1775 Revolutionary War era Henry Knox trail; and a performance by the Young Colonials Fife and Drum Corps playing American Revolutionary songs.

Little Nine Partners Historical Society, Pine Plains: Spirit of the Revolution in a Small, Rural Town, \$9,475 – This free event, held at the historic Graham-Brush home on Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature several performances, as well as a re-enactment and encampment by a local history class; cooking demonstrations; tours of the host site and a blacksmith demonstration.

Millbrook Historical Society, Quaker Meeting House Exhibit Banners, \$5,470 – The creation of four exhibit banners to complement each of the aforementioned Quaker meeting house open houses, highlighting the history of the community’s Quaker population, their role

in the abolition and temperance movements, and their contributions to the economic and social life of Dutchess County.

Millbrook Historical Society, Dutchess County Quakers Speakers’ Series, \$5,000 – Two lectures on Quaker life in Dutchess County will be presented at the Nine Partners Meeting House in Millbrook: Prof. Sarah Gronningsater will speak on June 29 from 2-3 p.m. on Quakers, Manumission, and Abolition; Prof. Carl Lounsbury will speak on July 27 from 2-3 p.m. on the architecture of the Nine Partners meeting house and how it reflected the local environment.

Pawling Historical Society, Virtual Exhibit: Washington in Pawling, a Quiet yet Crucial Chapter, \$9,745 – This immersive project brings to life the history of George Washington’s stay in Pawling during the autumn of 1778. By recreating the historical context of Washington’s campgrounds, visitors experience the challenges, decisions and pivotal moments of the Revolutionary War through the lens of Dutchess County.

Pleasant Valley Historical Society, How Transportation Transformed the Growth of Pleasant Valley exhibit, \$2,349 – An exhibit, scheduled for Aug. 10 at the Mill House Museum, will feature authentic antique cars and gas pump; a working model P&E railroad; a video, “How the Automobile Changed the Hudson Valley: A View Through Postcards;” and a display on the history of Dutchess Turnpike.

Poughkeepsie Public Library District Local History Room, Preparing for Revolution Big Read Project, \$2,500 – This program will help fund the Library District’s annual Big Read program this year, which is focused on Rev250, more specifically the lead up to 1776 and the desire for American independence from Great Britain.

Rhinebeck Historical Society, Rhinebeck Walking Tour, \$2,478 – This walking tour will identify historic sites within the Village of Rhinebeck, especially those that have some bearing on Rhinebeck’s role in the Revolutionary War to educate the public and to create a permanent record of the importance of these sites.

Stanford Historical Society, Rev 250 Speakers’ Series, \$1,000 – Two free lectures by Prof. Dillon Streifeneder, held at the Stanford Free Library: The first is scheduled for July 18 and will examine how Revolutionary change occurred in relation to government institutions by looking at Northeastern Dutchess County between 1774 and 1777; the second, scheduled for Sept. 19, will look at how different Stanford looked in 1793 when it became an independent town, paying particular attention to changes in governing institutions and the relationship that inhabitants of the newly elected Town of Stanford had with county and state-level authorities.

Union Vale Historical Society, Rev250 Speaker Series, \$1,100 – A presentation at Tymor Park by Prof. Dillon Streifeneder about the revolutionary government in Dutchess and the impact of the Revolution on the home front. The talk will focus on Union Vale’s natural environment - from Clove Spring to Fishkill Creek and the surrounding forests and countryside - shaped Revolutionary War events and informed settlements, migration, economic development and innovation.

Kindergarten Signing Day held at St. Mary’s in Wappingers Falls



The administration and faculty of St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls recently welcomed their newest kindergarteners during Kindergarten Signing Day. Families of these students, who will be members of the Class of 2038 when they graduate high school, had the opportunity to meet the teachers, explore the classrooms, and mark the occasion by signing the certificate with a giant yellow pencil. For more information, call 845-297-7500.

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Adults 25 to 55 can pursue EMS careers with new Reconnect program

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino encourages adults looking for new career options to consider a career in EMS, and take advantage of State University of New York’s (SUNY) new Reconnect program at no cost. The Reconnect program covers tuition, fees, books and supplies for adults between the ages of 25 and 55 who have not yet earned a college degree enroll in one of a dozen in-demand programs, including Dutchess Community College’s (DCC) Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic field of study. The tuition-free program begins with the Fall 2025 semester. Registration information is available on DCC’s website.

The County Executive joined SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. and DCC President Peter Grant Jordan this morning to discuss the new SUNY Reconnect program at the college’s Town of Poughkeepsie campus.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Dutchess County has long championed Emergency Medical Services as a critical and in-demand career path. We are excited to see that recognition reflected in the SUNY Reconnect initiative so local students can take advantage of this amazing opportunity. While New York State doesn’t consider Emergency Medical Services (EMS) a mandated essential service, we in Dutchess County know how critical it is. We are grateful to have a local partner in DCC, which can help bolster recruitment and training for this important and vital career.”

Strengthening EMS, including workforce recruitment and retention, has been a priority for County Executive Serino. Earlier this year, she was joined by the New York State County Executives’ Association in urging Gov. Kathy Hochul to include EMT training in the new,

tuition-free program, explaining the inclusion would “remove a significant barrier to entry and help ensure that our communities have the life-saving personnel they need.” One can read the letter online.

he County has been working to address the EMS workforce shortage by recruiting new talent and supporting current responders with resiliency training and peer support. Dutchess County worked closely with DCC’s EMS Coordinator to better understand the student experience – surveying and meeting with students to learn more about their career goals and the barriers they face in completing certification or serving on an EMS squad. For many, the EMS program is a stepping-stone to careers in nursing, physician assistant programs, or medical schools, which means they often do not enter the workforce directly after completing the course.

To help reverse this trend, the County is actively promoting EMS as a career path: investing in marketing efforts like vehicle wraps and committing \$100,000 in new equipment for EMS training and education. In addition, Dutchess County is developing wrap-around services to help students overcome personal and financial obstacles and ensure they successfully complete the program and are prepared to serve.

Dutchess Community College President Peter Grant Jordan said, “Just like County Executive Serino, Dutchess Community College knows the crucial role Emergency Medical Technicians play in our community’s health, safety and well-being. We at DCC are thrilled to play an active role in training the next generation of these life-saving professionals. Partnering with Dutchess County on this important initiative, including through the



From left, County Executive Sue Serino, DCC President Peter Grant Jordan, and SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr.

-Courtesy photo by Dutchess County Gov’t

SUNY Reconnect program and other efforts, strengthens our school’s standing as a valuable community asset that has greatly impacted so many lives for decades.”

Addressing the EMS workforce shortage is just one aspect of the County’s multi-faceted effort to respond to EMS challenges. The County Executive’s 2025 Budget included a historic \$2 million investment in EMS that includes contracted supplemental ambulance coverage, fly-car grant program and a public-awareness campaign to help residents

better understand when to call 911 for an ambulance and how to use EMS resources wisely.

The Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic program is one of 12 high-demand associate degree programs offered at DCC, tuition-free, through the SUNY Reconnect program; others include Architectural Technology, Computer Science, Mental Health Assistant and Nursing. A full list of eligible degree programs, and additional SUNY Reconnect information, is available on DCC’s website.

Obituaries

Richard James Buoniconti



Richard James Buoniconti, an area resident for many years, formerly of The Villages, FL and Mount Vernon, NY, passed away at his home on June 23rd. He was 93 years old.

Son of the late Salvatore & Tessie (Dato) Buoniconti, he was born on March 14th, 1932, in Mount Vernon. Richard would go on to join the United States Army. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. Following his service, he worked for the Weights and Measures department in Westchester County. He was a part of the American legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Richard was a devout New York Yankee fan. He also cheered for the New York Jets. He loved to go golfing. He adored the many cruises and trips he

spent with his wife. They especially loved going to Italy and Hawaii. While in the service, Richard travelled all over Europe to many different countries. He would always marvel about the surreal experience of swimming in the Mediterranean Sea in the fall.

On May 15th, 1955, he married the love of his life, Theresa (Chiodo) at Our Lady of Victory Church in Mount Vernon. Theresa predeceased him on February 2nd, 2018.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Gail Rothe & her husband John; Lynn Fearon & her husband James; his grandchildren, Aubrey, Jeffrey, Erin, Michael, and Melissa; his great- grandchildren, Teigan, Kaedyn, Malachi, Jack, Camden, and Brady.

Including his parents and his wife, Richard is predeceased by his brother James.

Calling hours were on Friday, June 27th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. On the following day, June 28th, there was a graveside service at Saint Denis Cemetery, 604 Beekman Rd, Hopewell Junction.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation. 374 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now>.

David George Fontanella



David George Fontanella, a 40-year resident of Hopewell Junction and formerly of Old Mystic, Connecticut, passed away at home on Monday, June 23, 2025. He was 87.

Son of the late Lino and Rachel (Carocari) Fontanella, he was born in New London, CT on February 22, 1938. In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a radar specialist. He was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant. David earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hartford.

He dedicated his career to his greatest passion, which was aviation. As a pilot, he began flying seaplanes at a young age. He later accepted a position with the State of New York and was tasked with flying the Governor throughout the region. David

went on to work as a corporate pilot for UST Corporation in Greenwich, CT, retiring in 2007.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, trap, and skeet. A longtime member of the East Hook Sportsmen Association in Fishkill, he dedicated countless hours to the organization’s campus landscape. David had a keen interest in the utilization of tractors, specifically related to land preservation. He was also a lifelong UConn Huskies fan.

On November 21, 1975, he married Eileen M. Farrell at the First Reformed Church of Fishkill. Eileen survives at home in Hopewell Junction.

Additional survivors include his sister, Joanne Fontanella; his siblings-in-law: Barbara Fontanella, James Farrell (Sharon), Nora Moulton (Craig), and Julie Farrell; his nieces and nephews: Jonathan Fontanella, Lino Fontantella, Shannon Gruelich (Joe), James Farrell (Nicole), Michael Farrell (Tatiana), Brian Farrell (Meghan), and Julianna Zeigler (Ron); his great-nieces and great-nephews: Kelsey, Douglas, Andrea, Victoria, Camila, Braeden, and Evaleigh; in addition to many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to his parents, David was also predeceased by his brother, Everett Fontanella. Dave had a wonderful sense of humor and was deeply loved by family and friends.

Calling hours will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A memorial prayer service will follow at 3.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (www.t2t.org).

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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Creative Living

West Point Band to celebrate 250 years of Army heritage on Independence Day

The West Point Band’s annual Independence Day Celebration will take on special significance as it honors 250 years of Army heritage on Friday, July 4 at 7 p.m. Held at the iconic Trophy Point Amphitheater at West Point overlooking the majestic Hudson River, this musical performance will celebrate the roots of both the Army and our country, and the lives of the soldiers who helped shape and protect it. The evening will culminate in a spectacular fireworks display, offering a fitting tribute to this historic milestone. In the event of inclement weather, this performance will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 5.

This special celebration will feature stirring patriotic music, inspiring stories of service, and the premiere of “Hand in Hand,” a new song composed by Bill Sherman (“Hamilton,” “Sesame

Street”) and Sam Hollander (“High Hopes,” “HandClap”). In attendance will be the new cadets of the Class of 2029, representing the future of Army leadership and the continuation of a proud tradition of service.

Experience the magic of live music, breathtaking performances, and a dazzling fireworks display, all set against the historic backdrop where our Army fought for freedom. It’s a family-friendly event that honors our nation’s heroes and promises an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit westpointband.com, or follow the West Point Band on Facebook, Instagram, or X.

For West Point Band concert information, cancellations and updates, visit www.westpointband.com, or follow on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.



Right: The West Point Band will honor 250 years of the U.S. Army on Independence Day at West Point.

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by mark adams

Northeast Ag Labor Working Group

It’s no big secret that almost half of the U.S. Agricultural workforce is undocumented (42% of crop workers, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture). Since President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act in 1986, it has been illegal for an employer to “knowingly” hire an unauthorized worker. Contrary to popular belief, and as a consequence of the law’s wording, the vast majority of undocumented farm workers are “on the books” – receiving a paycheck, paying taxes and Social Security, and making at least minimum wage, in some cases much more.

I was recently recruited to be a member of an outfit called the Northeast Ag Labor Working Group, made up of stakeholders – farmers who rely on a stable supply of labor to produce locally grown food. The group brings together people from the dairy, vegetable, fruit and ornamental horticulture industries, all concerned about the current political climate as it affects the agricultural labor market.

As a member of New York Farm Bureau, I’ve spent way too much time advocating for a legal workforce, traveling to Washington to meet with legislators, going back to when Hillary Clinton was our senator. Back then, the big sticking point to granting any kind of amnesty to undocumented workers was that they “broke the law” by coming here in the first place. At one meeting with some legislators, I said I broke the law on my way to the meeting. I drove 68 miles an hour

on the New Jersey Turnpike. I was even an illegal worker myself, in London for a few months in 1970, working in a Heinz ketchup factory.

How did U.S. Agriculture get itself into this situation of relying on illegal workers? Our porous southern border is one contributing factor. These people just showed up, with credible documentation, willing to work. Employers were actually prohibited from discriminating, as long as the documents were properly filed and an I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) form filled out. And it isn’t easy to find people who are willing to pick tomatoes all day.

But what about the H-2A visa program that allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in agricultural jobs? That program was originally set up to help with seasonal harvests, where a lot of labor was needed for a short period. It worked well and still works well for the apple industry. Charles Hurd from Hurds Family Farm in Clintondale says his apple farm has employed H-2A workers since 1953, and has enjoyed a consistent and reliable legal workforce ever since. But other aspects of agriculture need workers on a more permanent basis.

On a Zoom meeting of our group, Paul Bleiberg of the National Milk Producers Federation was advocating for a three-year renewable visa, since the dairy industry works year-round. Brian Reeves, president of the N.Y. Vegetable Growers Association, points out that any “perma-

nent” H-2A workers should be allowed to go home to visit their family, not stuck on a farm for 365 days straight. One problem with H-2A is the cost. Employers must pay above minimum wage rates (currently \$18.83 per hour), provide free housing, and pay air fare.

Back when the program started in the 1950s, apples farmers in particular were flush with cash. My father remembered getting five dollars for a bushel when he paid workers 15 cents an hour. Nowadays farmers in New York State are up against the wall. I don’t know how Charles Hurd does it, but he points out that if more farmers had bought into H-2A from the get-go, the program would by now be working more efficiently, even for dairy farmers. Right now it’s a burden, especially for farmers who don’t have on-site housing.

The Northeast Ag Labor Working Group is looking for a legal workforce,

with help from our legislators. I contacted the office of my congressman, Pat Ryan. He sent me this message:

“When I speak with farmers across the Hudson Valley, labor is often their top concern. Many producers in New York are already struggling to keep their doors open and their lights on. Having to contend with a bureaucratic, outdated agriculture immigration system makes it even harder. Washington owes it to America’s farmers to deliver a reliable and legal workforce that is accessible and affordable. That’s why I’m fighting for bipartisan reform in Congress. We have to be willing to attack the issue from every angle, and I remain committed to working with anyone to deliver for Hudson Valley farmers.”

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

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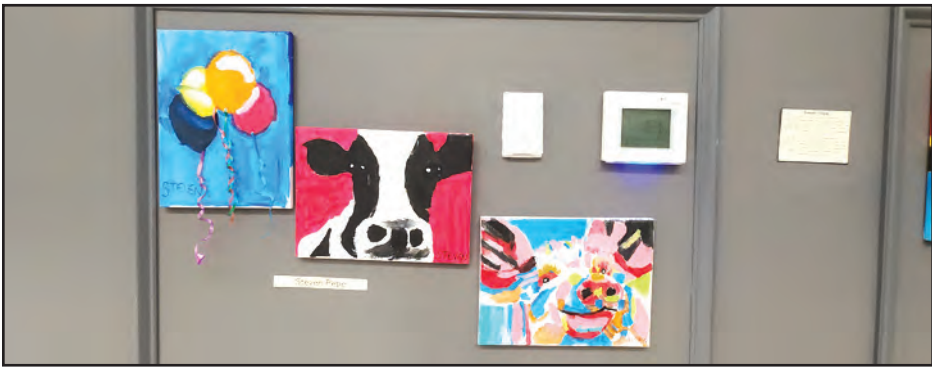
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‘Through Their Eyes’ at Wappinger Town Hall highlights artists’ abilities



Artwork by artist Steven Pepe.

By Kristine Coulter

Dominick Nasi is a 20-year-old photographer who is on the autism spectrum and hard of hearing. He recently took part in a very special art show, “Through Their Eyes,” at the Wappinger Town Hall. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony last month for the show.

The art show is for those who are “differently-abled,” explained DawnMarie Nasi, Dominick’s mother, who helped organize the show. There are 12 artists in the show, each of whom submitted approximately 4 pieces of art.

Dominick’s photography “makes him feel relaxed” and gives him a sense of pride.

“He likes to take pictures of the sky-lines and animals,” said DawnMarie.

Dominick, who participates in Special Olympics, plays basketball, softball, volleyball and track and field.

Dominick is “very proud” to have his work up and people enjoying his photos, it was stated.

Jessica Jenkins is an autistic artist who sells her art. The business is called Flappy Hands Creations.

“She was nonverbal until age 10. She feels her art helped her language to come out,” said DawnMarie.

Jessica “felt so happy” to have people see her artwork and to have her art viewed “gives her a sense of accomplishment,” it was stated.

One of the pieces of art Jessica submitted was of hydrangeas. So, for the celebration, Jessica wore a black dress with purple hydrangeas on it.

Another artist whose works will be available soon is Steven Pepe. Steven, it was noted, uses art to keep him focused and relaxed. The artwork, which is in a variety of mediums, also gives him a sense of pride, it was remarked.

“A feeling of accomplishment,” is what artist Daniel O’Brien, who is on the

autism spectrum, said art offers him. His work highlights sea mammals. One can purchase Daniel’s art.

Eric Orzell, who sometimes works alongside Daniel, draws animals he is knowledgeable about.

DawnMarie noted that Eric sells his work and donates some of the profit to organizations such as Special Olympics and The San Diego Zoo to help the animals.

Other artists whose artwork is in the show include Daniel Hagel, Uriah Riggs (Ry), Elon Walker, Robert Popolizio, Michael D’Ambrozio, Rachel Rose and Aiden Frustace.

DawnMarie thanked Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, Wappinger Recreation Director Jessica Fulton, Dutchess County Legislator Lynne Miele-Versaci, County Legislator Rob Faust and Wappinger Councilman Al Casella for all of their support.

“It is truly inspiring to showcase the incredible creativity of neurodivergent artists and those with developmental disabilities here at Town Hall. This exhibition reminds us all that art knows no boundaries—every brushstroke and sculpture proudly speaks to the power of inclusion, and it’s our privilege as a community to honor these unique voices,” remarked Cavaccini. The artwork will continue to be up in town hall for the next few days.

Miele-Versace stated, “Dawn is an amazing person and helps the special needs community a lot. This time she was highlighting the differently-abled, she was showing what they can do and focusing on that instead of looking at what they can’t do. I was honored to be a part of this event, and I am always grateful to support all of her endeavors. Having a few close friends with special needs children, some non-verbal, this is one of the things near and dear to my heart.”

“When I began putting the show together, my idea behind it was to show our community just what individuals with



Above: Dominick Nasi is one of the 12 artists who have their artwork and photographs on display at the Wappinger Town Hall.
Below: Artwork created by Jessica Jenkins, a local artist.

-Courtesy photos



disabilities CAN DO,” explained DawnMarie. “All too often, from the time these individuals are little and throughout their lives, the focus is on their weaknesses. Here we focused on what they can do! Show the community to just take a step back and enjoy the little things in life - to look at artwork ‘through their eyes.’”

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East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**

Don’t miss our big July 4th Holiday Weekend. On Friday night, July 4, The Crew make their first appearance at the Hopewell Rec with their wide variety of music. On Saturday, July 5, Adam returns to East Fishkill for the 37th straight summer with his new Jersey Four nine-piece band at 7 p.m. At 9:15 we have our annual Legion Fireworks Show. The rain date for Adam and the fireworks is Sunday, July 6. Also Sunday at Red Wing at 1 p.m. the popular Bob Martinson Band entertains all ages at the beach with his fun music.

Our August 7 trip to Saratoga is filled. We have plenty of seats available 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 ticket to the show, a lunch buffet, round trip Coach Tours transportation and the driver’s tip. Great food, Broadway entertainment in a super country setting. Non-residents may attend. Sign up now.

On Wednesday, August 20, we return to Forestburgh to see “Head Over Heels,” a musical comedy featuring music from The Go-Go’s. Details to follow.

Red Wing Park is now open every day. Season passes for Red Wing Park are still on sale.

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

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or

Art, sewing, story-telling inspire young entrepreneur



Young entrepreneur Lyla Andrick creates and cuts out drawings in her workshop in Rhinebeck. She draws all of the dinosaurs, maps, special characters and more to make the “Happy Dinosaur” world come to life.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Kaeleigh Banda

What originated as a doodle drawn in a high school economics class has grown into a thriving toy business. Rhinebeck resident Lyla Andrick has turned her classroom sketches into “Happy Dinosaur,” a brand that captures hearts and imaginations with its playful characters and creative stories.

“Happy Dinosaur” was founded in 2020 as a way to raise money for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, it has grown to include five different dinosaur characters and plushes, as well as non-dinosaur characters and a dinosaur world inspired by real places.

When Andrick was a student at Rhinebeck High School, her economics teacher, Dan Lavazzo, noticed her dinosaur doodles and encouraged her to continue drawing and to create something three-dimensional. He allotted a section of his classroom whiteboard for her to draw on and even bought her a pack of whiteboard markers that she still has today.

Andrick said Lavazzo’s small gesture made a huge impact on her journey. “It gave me this really big boost of confidence,” Andrick said. “Someone is valuing my cartoons now. I don’t feel like an illegal graffiti artist anymore.”

Lavazzo said he shares Lyla’s story with his classes every year to hopefully inspire more students to become young entrepreneurs or follow their creative passion.

“Students like Lyla remind me that my job matters,” Lavazzo said. “In many ways, it validates all the education certifications, trials and tribulations that go into every single school year. The job gets harder every year, and passions and successes like Lyla’s are necessary to fuel us.”

Andrick draws all of the dinosaurs, maps, special characters and more to make the “Happy Dinosaur” world come to life. She also handmade every dinosaur for four years until her demand allowed her to scale.

“I am at the point now where I am really starting to grow,” Andrick said. “I quit my job last summer and I’m really putting all of my effort full time into this company.”

To create the dinosaurs, Andrick sources sustainable materials made from recycled water bottles. Her anti-pill fleece and recycled polyester filling create a soft and environmentally friendly plush. However, this makes her materials more expensive and harder to source. Andrick said the current tariffs are affecting her supply chain, stuffing and fabrics.

Andrick said she doodles all kinds of characters, but dinosaurs stood out as the ideal choice for her brand because of their unique ability to spark children’s curiosity.

“When kids learn about imagination for the first time, it always connects to dinosaurs because they’re the closest real

thing to fantasy because they actually existed,” Andrick said. “Because we do not know everything about dinosaurs, kids start to wonder what dinosaurs could do. It’s when their imagination really lights up.”

While “Happy Dinosaur” can be for all ages, Andrick has worked with children to develop stories and personalities for each of her main dinosaur characters. She said she visited schools with her dinosaurs and let the kids’ imaginations run wild as they crafted narratives for her dinosaurs.

“One thing I love about the stories is that they are all based off of real kids,” Andrick said. “The kids love these stories. ... They were laughing and super collaborative.”

The personalities and names of the dinosaurs are part of why “Happy Dinosaur” stands out and is special to children. Andrick said she has received notes from families and customers about all of the places her dinosaurs have been, including a popular choice of bringing Chill Dinosaur to the dentist. On the “Happy Dinosaur” website, there is a quiz where customers can learn which dinosaur character best fits their personality. The quiz creates an initial bond between the customer and the character because they see themselves in it.

The Happy Dinosaur characters also provide a greater message. Andrick wrote on her website that dinosaurs are just like people because they make mistakes and procrastinate, but they are also constantly evolving.

“We don’t have villains in the Happy DinoStories because we don’t want to place the blame for mistakes on someone else; it’s just too easy to evade responsibility by making someone else the ‘bad-guy,’ ” Andrick wrote. “By fixing their own problems, our dinosaurs can help kids and even young adults find the heroism in themselves. Solving a problem like a dinosaur requires a little forgiveness, a little creati-

ty, and a lot of making mistakes.”

When Andrick was first growing Happy Dinosaur, she was a student at the University of Connecticut on the pre-veterinarian track. Andrick said she was constantly forced to decide between her business and her academics. Being a successful business owner and creator while handling a full course load did not go well together.

Andrick said she took a break from school and spent a semester at home taking courses at Marist College while she decided what she wanted to do with her career. Eventually, Andrick combined her passions and studied Entrepreneurship in Animal Science Technology at the University of Connecticut.

Creating a growing and successful company as a young entrepreneur is rare. Andrick said she would advise other young entrepreneurs to pay attention to successful entrepreneurs and emulate their work. She also emphasized the importance of networking and how her connections have helped her grow.

“Schools need to protect and provide individual student expression,” Lavazzo said. “Young entrepreneurs are a necessity. We like to think that they’re a luxury. They’re not. Economically speaking, young entrepreneurs are a necessity to a successful, growing, evolving economy.”

“Happy Dinosaur” has been around for five years and has already expanded in many ways. For the fifth anniversary, Andrick added mini versions of her plush dinosaurs to her website to include a cheaper option for customers. Looking into the future, Andrick said she only sees her company continuing to grow.

“I would love to build a character franchise out of ‘Happy Dinosaur,’ ” Andrick said. “Maybe four or five years from now, I want to see Happy Dinosaur become a new childhood household character.”

Local firefighters graduate



On Friday, June 26, at the East Fishkill Fire Training Center, there was a graduation of Firefighter 1 & BFO Class. After many weeks of classroom and hands-on training, these students graduated. The lead instructor was John Sirgant, and instructors were Ray Valentin and Dan Shultz.

Also on hand were 2nd Vp Michael Carter, Director Jack Schmidt and Financial Secretary Vinny Galvin from the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association who handed out Certificates, Nomex hoods and a year membership in the organization. To see additional pictures, visit to DCVFFA.com and click on galleries.

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Summer Reading Program at Grinnell Library

Join Grinnell Library this summer for a series of Summer Reading Programs! Grinnell Library will be offering children’s, teen, and adult programs throughout July and August. Reading logs are available at the library for a chance to win a weekly raffle prize. Check out some of these highlighted programs below:

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off: Rescheduled to Tuesday, July 8, 2-4 p.m. Two by Two Animal Haven will be joining us. Come visit and pet the animals - including a kangaroo!

Color Our World: Mondays, July 7 – Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m., all ages. Drop-in coloring activities for all ages. Each week will feature a different activity.

Tuesday Family Programs: July 15 – Aug. 5, 3-4 p.m., all ages. Weekly themed family programs, including Adopt-a-Plush Puppy, Backyard Beach Party, Family Bingo, and Mario Party.

Outdoor Picnic: Saturday, July 19, 12-4 p.m. Balloon artist, outdoor games, crafts, prizes, and more! Bring your own

lunch, we will supply the snacks, sweets, and fun.

Card Making with Marian Pedersen-Grover: Saturday, August 2, 1-3pm, ages 16 and up. Marian Pedersen-Grover is a popular artist and card maker. All supplies are included in the workshop to create all occasion handcrafted cards. Register in-person or by phone.

Local History Trivia Contest: Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6-7 p.m., adults of all ages. Local history trivia contest hosted by Town Supervisor, Joseph Cavaccini. Register in-person or by phone.

End of Summer Reading Ice Cream Party: Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2-3 p.m., all ages. Join us for an ice-cream party as we celebrate the end of summer reading.

Grinnell Gallery: Fiber artist, Renee Pasquale, will display her artwork throughout July and August.

To view the full calendar, visit www.grinnell-library.org.

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Bowen reflects on term with Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls

Each year, the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls raises funds to support vital youth, international and community programs including scholarships, Student of the Month, RYLA, the Dictionary Project, and more. As part of an annual tradition, the club's board allocates funds at the end of the Rotary year for the sitting president to donate to local organizations of their choosing.

As the 2023–2025 Club President, Todd Bowen has announced the following contributions:

- \$1,000 to Hudson Valley Clubhouse
- \$500 to BluePath Service Dogs
- \$250 to CAPE's Generation Hope Youth Clubhouse

- \$250 to the Ketcham Winners Circle Project

These donations reflect President Bowen's commitment to uplifting youth, families, and underserved communities across Dutchess County

In his closing message, Bowen reflected on his term: "It has been an honor to serve as Club President for two consecutive years—the first time that's happened since 1975—and to do so as the youngest Club President in Rotary District 7210 history. Our club has grown in membership, in service, and in spirit. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together."

Under Bowen's leadership, the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls has achieved

numerous milestones:

- Increased membership from 22 to 34, leading Rotary District 7210 Region 4 with the most members.
- Adopted and now maintain two Town of Wappinger gateway signs on Route 9.
- Partnered with the Town of Wappinger to restore the bricks surrounding the War Memorial statue.
- Revived the club's school supply drive, ensuring children start the year ready to learn.
- Formed a Veterans Advisory Committee, providing direct support to local veterans and shelters. Established the club's own 501(c)(3) foundation.

Increased community engagement and fundraising.

Bowen said, "We brought life and energy back to our weekly meetings, and more importantly, back to our mission." Although he concludes his presidential term, Bowen will continue serving the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls as Past President and Club Treasurer, and on a broader level as Rotary District 7210's District Governor Nominee. He was recently selected to serve as District Governor for the 2027–2028 Rotary year, making him the youngest District Governor in District 7210 history.

Incoming Club President Dick Thurston was set to take the reins on July 1.

Needlework Flea Market set for July 9

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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 & Luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

foxbhabha 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.

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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 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 act 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 desg. 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: 103 Sandhill Rd, Dover Plains, NY 12522. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Richard M. Hoag, 103 Sandhill Rd, Dover Plains, NY 12522. 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 PO Box 1309, Millbrook, New York 12545. Purpose: any lawful

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Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of RIVERBEND AT W A P P I N G E R S 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 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.

Notice of Qualification of RIVERBEND EAST 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 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.

LATA5 LLC. Filed 5/13/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Michael Betros, 5 Hubbard Ln, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. 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.

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Valley, New York. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

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

Alovang Corporation LLC. A Domestic Business Corporation Articles of Org-anization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/2025 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, 4 Linden Rd 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: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/19/25. SSNY 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

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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.SSNYshall 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 of LLC upon whom process may be served.SSNYshall mail process to 327 Sunset Hill Rd E Fishkill, NY12524. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

BCESARK LLC. 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 Wappinger NY 12590. Purpose: General.

JB Migration Solutions LLC. Filed 5/30/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY- desig. 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 filing date 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

Notice of Formation of Patterson Property Partners LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secy of State (SSNY) 5/30/25 Office location Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail copy of process to P.O.Box 38 Chelsea NY 12512 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of Aldel Property 4 LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/30/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/22/24. 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. DE address of LLC: 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Qualification of WMGSA BEACON OWNER, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/3/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/8/25. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Strack Engineering PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/28/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jordan Strack, 193 Walsh Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

R A D E L HOSPITALITY, 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, 742 E. 6th Street, Apartment 16, New York, NY 10009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

FREEMAN AUTO BEACON, LLC. Articles of Organization of Limited Liability

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Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 06/04/2025. 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 such process served to the LLC at The LLC, 420 Fishkill Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: To engage in all things that the company may legally engage in under the Laws of the State of New York. Organizer: J&G Law, LLP, 158 Orange Avenue, Walden, New York 12586.

C h e l s e a Construction Services LLC filed articles of organization on 5/1/2025. Office :Dutchess Co. SSNY Designated as agent for process & shall mail to 8 Circle Drive, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590. Purpose: any legal purpose

LEICHT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/09/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Entity Protect Reg. Agent Svcs LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, NY, NY 10013. Reg Agent: Entity Protect Reg. Agent Svcs LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of formation of Rhinebeck Tax, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 E. Market St. Suite 206, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, USA which is the business location. Purpose: any lawful act or purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The Articles of Organization of MAGCUBED LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 12, 2025. Office location: 302 Mill Street Apt A 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.

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Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

TOP CAT CHIMNEY SERVICE, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/12/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brian Fornabaio, 99 Spook Hill Rd, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

2-8 RAYMOND AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/05/25. 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, 2 Raymond Avenue, Suite 3A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Acevedo Inspections LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/10/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY Shall mail process to Acevedo Inspections LLC, 14 Briarwood Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Active Edge Nutrition LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 134 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie NY, 12603 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

44 CASCADE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 4/29/2025. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served & shall mail proc.: 44 Cascade Mountain Road, Amenia, NY 12501, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of THE CREATIVE ZU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/19/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE CREATIVE ZU LLC, 146 Guski Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Qualification of HOLLOW HAVEN

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SOLAR PARTNERS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/16/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/16/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o EDF Renewables Distributed Solutions, Inc., 5 Commerce Ave., W. Lebanon, NH 03784. DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

BUTTERFLY HILL, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/2025. 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, 485 E 17th St, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Qualification of OLYMPUS P O W E R OPERATIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/19/07. 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.

Mr Kim Enterprises LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/10/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 61 N. Parsonage St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful

Notice of Formation of Haight Hill Capital LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/20/2025 Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Haight Hill Capital LLC 89 Haight Hill Rd. Stanfordville NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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WEIGH STATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/25. 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, 7723 South Main Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TURTLE POND HOME, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/20/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 242 Main St., #272, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 870 United Nations Plaza, Apt. 8A, NY, NY 10017.

Notice of Qualification of ZBS ACE VETERINARY, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/16/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 800 Westchester Ave, Ste S-504, Rye Brook, NY 10573. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

SIRKKAS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/19/2025. 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, 264 Town View Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

MEGZ&JAE LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 06/23/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Memory Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

W E A V E R CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN LLC. Filed 5/30/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1131 State Rte 55,

July 2, 2025

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Lagrangeville, NY 11240. Purpose: General.

JUDITH DULBERG N U R S E PRACTITIONER IN PSYCHIATRY PLLC. Filed 5/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 15 Haggerty Hill Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: NP in Psychiatry.

Gifty Ampadu P s y c h o l o g i c a l Services PLLC. Filed 5/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Usacorp Inc, 266 Broadway Ste 401, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Psychology.

Fishkill Instruments, LLC Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 06/23/25. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 42 Pritchard Court, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: artisanal hand-crafted stringed musical instruments to be sold directly to consumers (made to order).

Notice of Formation of Yoda Health Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 42 Wintergreen Pl, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

18 MANSION ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/25. 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 & luele LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NEVER BETTER HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/25. 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, 72 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS -----X
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 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOIS RUSSO AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious parties intended being possible heirs, tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is the Defendants' place of residence.
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 Hackensack 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 and Personal Representatives of Lois Russo and any

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of Her Successors in Right, Title and Interest
Warning: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
INDEX NO: 2024-55682
D/O/F: 12/06/2024
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Property Address: 45 Whittier Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situate. C L E A R V I E W EQUITIES, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- Unknown heirs at law of VERONICA MCCOMBS, her next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, MICHAEL MCCOMBS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, GARY MCCOMBS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, KATHLEEN EAGLETON AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, VINCENT MCCOMBS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, GLENN BREWER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, MICHAEL BREWER AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, COLLEEN BREWER-RANONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF VERONICA MCCOMBS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOES" and

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"JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendant(s).
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, dated June 9, 2025 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.
THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on March 12, 2004 in Document #01 2004 7099, covering premises k/a 45 Whittier Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 a/k/a Section 6161, Block 65, Lot 501339.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.
Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.
Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERV-

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ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.
YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
PLEASE BE AWARE:
(1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, an unfair debt collection efforts, including, but not limited to:
i. the use or threat of violence;
ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
iii. repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.
(2) If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:
1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
2. Social security;
3. Public assistance (welfare);
4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
5. Unemployment benefits;
6. Disability benefits;
7. Workers' compensation benefits;
8. Public or private pensions;
9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.
TO THE DEFENDANTS, except: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.
TO THE DEFENDANTS: : If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment

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authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.
Dated: Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., Esq.
MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP
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516-921-3838
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DUTCHESS - INDEX NO.: 2024-50410 - SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS COUNTY as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Section 6555, Block 00, Lot 892978, STORMVILLE A/K/A HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, County of DUTCHESS - FORETHOUGHT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, -against- JOHN R. ORGEN A/K/A JOHN ORGEN, if living, and if he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through, or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, CAMILLE M. ORGEN, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR GMAC HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, MOBILE LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC., NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last

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twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered against you 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: Syosset, New York, June 3, 2025.
Roach & Lin, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, NY 11791. Tel: 516-938-3100. To the above-named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated June 2, 2025 and filed with the DUTCHESS County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by

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Plaintiff on the premises known as Section 6555, Block 00, Lot 892978, STORMVILLE A/K/A HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, County of DUTCHESS as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 370 HOSNER MOUNTAIN ROAD, STORMVILLE A/K/A HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12582.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF MILAN, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, FOR THE YEAR 2025, HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE UNDERSIGNED ASSESSOR, AND A CERTIFIED COPY IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2025, WHERE THE SAME WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.
DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2025
ELIZABETH BURNS, ASSESSOR
TOWN OF MILAN
20 WILCOX CIRCLE
MILAN, NY 12583

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess will meet in the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor Poughkeepsie, New York at 6:30 PM on the 14th day of July 2025, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of Dutchess Community College for the period of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the copies of said Budget are available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined by interested parties during regular business hours.

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEWYORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX NO.: 2023-53755 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Premises: 46 North Clinton Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -against- Unknown heirs at law and unknown next-of-kin, distributees, ex-ecutors, administra-tors, trustees, de- visees, legatees, as- signees,lienors,cred- itors, and successors ininterestofINEMIBO KALADA OPUIYO, and generally all per- sons having or claim- ing, under by or through said un- known heirs who may be deceased, by pur- chase, inheritance lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described,allofwhom and whose names and places of resi- denceareunknownto Plaintiff; SECRETARY OF U.S. DE- PARTMENT OF HOUSING AND UR- BAN DEVELOP- MENT;CAPITALONE BANK (USA), N.A.; TESLA, INC., SUC- CESSOR BY MERGER TO SO- LARCITY CORP.; ABERENI OPUIYO; BOMA OPUIYO; KARIBO OPUIYO; AMARA OPUIYO; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMER- ICA; CALVINBAILEY; WALTER MCKIN- NEY; JENNIE COONS; KATHLEEN BECKEL Defendants. TO THE ABOVE - NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUM- MONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attor- ney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is com- plete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of serv- ice hereof; and in case of your failure to ap- pear or answer, judg- ment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFEN- DANTS: The forego-

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ing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Thomas R. Davis, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, en- tered April 29, 2025 and filed with the com- plaint and other pa- pers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on April 15, 2009 under Document No. 01 2009 3082, covering premises k/a 46 North Clinton Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Section 6162, Block 71, Lot 266136. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DAN- GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclo- sure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judg- ment 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 in- formation on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage com- pany will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RE- SPOND BY SERV- ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COM- PANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: February 7, 2025 New York, New York Michael C. Manniello, Esq. HILL WALLACK LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 261 Madison Avenue 9th Floor, Suite 940 New York, NY 10016 Phone: 929-504-7005 Email: mmanniello@hillwallack.com #102399 PUBLIC NOTICE Please take notice that the Town of Milan Democratic Committee will hold a caucus on: **Saturday July 12, 2025 at 12 noon Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY to nominate candi- dates for the follow- ing town offices: Town Supervisor 2 Town Council members Town Justice Town Clerk to be voted on at the General Election to be held November 4, 2025 and to conduct**

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any business that may properly come before the caucus. All residents of the Town of Milan enrolled in the Democratic Party are eligible to vote. Town of Milan Demo- cratic Committee TOWN OF BEEKMAN BEEKMAN DEMOC- RATIC COMMITTEE PUBLIC NOTICE Please take notice that the Town of Beek- man Democratic Committee will hold a caucus on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Beekman Town Hall, 4 Main St, Poughquag, NY. 12570. The purpose of the caucus is to nomi- nate candidates for the following offices: 2 Town Board posi- tions, Highway Superintendent and Supervisor to be voted on at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, No- vember 4, 2025, and to conduct any other business that may properly come before the caucus. All residents of the Town of Beekman en- rolled in the Democra- tic Party are eligible to vote. To attend, send an email to amurj@aim.com or text 845-406-1952. Town of Beekman De- mocratic Committee Barbara Walsh, Chairman Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board, Dutchess County, on Thursday the 17th day of July, 2025 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the **Town of East Fish- kill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction**, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hear- ings on the following applications. 1. Valley Christian Church, 1072 Route 82, Hopewell Junc- tion, requesting an amended site plan. **John Eickman Chair East Fishkill Planning Board** INDEX NO.: 2019-55117 Date Filed: 06/25/2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE **M O R T G A G E D PREMISES:** 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538 SBL #: 6264-03-408225 Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW

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YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certifi- cateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alterna- tive Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, Plaintiff, vs. Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, as Adminis- trator of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Diane Wynant, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Clifford Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Patrick Wood, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Francis Hild- win, Jr., aka Frank Hildwin, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Gary Plass as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Justin Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devi- sees, grantees, trust- ees, lienors, creditors, assignees and suc- cessors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devi- sees, grantees, trust- ees, lienors, creditors, assignees and suc- cessors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their re- spective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of resi- dence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor Indenture Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for CWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-F; Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Petro, Inc. DBA Love Effron Fuel Oil; Mary Ellen McArthur; New York State Department of Finance and Taxa- tion; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue; Midland Funding LLC; Hudson Valley FCU; GE Money Bank; Hyde Park Greens LP; Vassar Brothers Medical Center; The People of the State of New York; Credit Accep- tance Corporation; Snap-On Credit LLC, TO THE ABOVE

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NAMED DEFEN- DANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUM- MONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, ex- clusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Sum- mons 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 Amended Complaint. **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RE- SPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORT- GAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE P R O C E E D I N G AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE AN- SWER 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 IN- FORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. S E N D I N G PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COM- PANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORE- CLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAIN- TIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE AN- SWER WITH THE COURT. THE OB- JECT** of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mort- gage to secure \$ 149,000.00 and in- terest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on January 19, 2005, as Docu- ment No. 01 2005 1180 covering prem- ises known as 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538, SBL #: 6264-03-408225 The relief sought in the within action is a final judg- ment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt

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secured by the Mort- gage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a defi- ciency judgment against the Defen- dants and for any debt secured by said Mort- gage which is not sat- isfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the De- fendants Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, de- visees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in in- terest of any of the aforesaid defen- dants, next of kin, dis- tributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, as- signees and succes- sors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their re- spective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of resi- dence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supple- mental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publica- tion pursuant to an Or- der of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa S.J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess dated and filed June 2, 2025. Dated: June 24, 2025 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo Deborah M. Gallo, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 420 Lexington Av- enue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certifi- cateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alterna- tive Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, **HELP FOR HOME- OWNERS IN FORE- CLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CARE- FULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

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YOU ARE IN DAN- GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDI- ATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LE- GAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF IN- FORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encour- ages you to become informed about your options in foreclo- sure. In addition to seek- ing assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agen- cies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, in- cluding trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking De- partment of Finan- cial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Depart- ment's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a home- owner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law re- quires anyone offer- ing such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully de- scribes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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THEME: FOURTH OF JULY

ACROSS

1. Croat, e.g.

5. Reverential respect mixed with wonder

8. Island near Java

12. From where to eternity?

13. *"Land of the ____"

14. Rowed

15. Diabolical

16. Mideast bigwig

17. Unleashes

18. *Star-spangled banner (2 words)

20. Type of ski lift

21. *Day before Independence Day

22. Quilting party

23. Sherlock Holmes' confidant

26. Formal dinner

30. U.N. working-conditions agency

31. Sextet plus one

34. Cancel

35. Holey confection

37. Electric swimmer

38. Frame job

39. Comparison word

40. Type of deodorant

42. Skater's field

43. *Like "America the Beautiful" skies

45. Covered with a ceiling

47. Tennis do-over

48. Surfer's stops

50. Not guilty, e.g.

52. *Yankee Doodle's feather

55. *"To Freedom!", e.g.

56. Tel ____, Israel

57. Bébé's mother

59. Pseudonym

60. *Cup at a picnic

61. Do like exhaust pipe

62. Late George Wendt on "Cheers"

63. Give it a go

64. *Betsy of #18 Across-related fame

DOWN

1. "He said, ____ said"

2. Russian left

3. Pomegranate seed

4. South African grasslands

5. Knight's protection

6. Odd and unusual

7. Like ghostly howls

8. *July 4th culinary tradition

9. ____ 51 in Nevada

10. Lecherous look

11. Dog tags

13. Felidae family member

14. As a rule

19. Casper, e.g.

22. Cricket club

23. Measurement

24. Hello, to Mr. Hand

25. Opposite of atonal

26. *Philadelphia's Liberty ____

27. "____ death do us part"

28. Draw out a conclusion

29. Drank too much

32. Lowly laborer

33. What lintel and mantel have in common

36. *Personification of the U.S. (2 words)

38. Show contempt

40. Decompose

41. In eighth, book format

44. "The Second Coming" poet

46. Chemical cousin

48. Relish

49. In an unfriendly manner

50. Horseback sport

51. Bear's hang-out

52. Sail holder

53. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" captain

54. Part of an eye

55. Sun kiss

58. "The Extra-Terrestrial"-inspired toys

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Beacon High School Class of 2025 recognized for achievements



The Beacon High School Class of 2025 celebrated their achievements on Thursday, June 26. The members of the class received their diplomas and were congratulated by their family, friends and members of the Beacon City School District staff and administration.

-Courtesy photo BCSD

Congratulations to John Jay Class of 2025



Graduation for the members of the John Jay High School Class of 2025 took place on Thursday, June 26. The commencement ceremony ended with the graduates throwing their caps in the air.

-Courtesy photo by Brynn McLean

Orchard View students celebrate gradaution



“Treating others with kindness while asking nothing in return has been the theme of your class. The world needs young adults willing to spread love and kindness, and this is the legacy of the class of 2025,” said Orchard View Principal Laura DiStefano during the commencement ceremony for this year’s graduating class at Orchard View Alternative High School Class on June 26 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo WCSD

RCK Class of 2025 earn diplomas



Diplomas were awarded to the members of the Roy C. Ketcham High School Class of 2025 on Friday, June 27 on the school grounds in Wappingers Falls.

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