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Colonial Village, ‘hands-on demos’ to highlight East Fishkill’s celebration of America’s 250th

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of East Fishkill will celebrate America 250 on Saturday, July 11. The event, which will take place at the recreation fields starting at noon, is co-hosted by members of the East Fishkill Historical Society and the Town of East Fishkill.

“The East Fishkill Historical Society will present a Colonial Village with early trades demonstrations, hands-on activities, music, a sutlery, electricity with Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Continental soldiers, militia training, cannon fire, and the Young Colonials Fife & Drum Corps,” explained Richard “Rick” Soedler, historian for the Town of East Fishkill, via email.

Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro said, “The America 250 celebration is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our nation’s remarkable history and the values that have guided us for the past 250 years. It is also a chance to recognize the people and communities who have helped shape our country, including the rich history of East Fishkill and the Hudson Valley.”

D’Alessandro noted, “We are fortunate to have such a dedicated Historical Society that works tirelessly to preserve our community’s history, and we are grateful for their partnership in making this event possible.”

Hudson Valley storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, will read the Declaration of Independence as Founding Father Thomas Jefferson, noted Soedler. He added, “July 11th is the 250th anniversary of when the Declaration was first read here in the Hudson Valley. It will be a full day of history, honor & hometown pride.”

Kruk remarked to Southern Dutchess News last week, “Reading the



Storyteller Jonathan Kruk will read the Declaration of Independence during the celebration of America 250 in East Fishkill on July 11.

-Courtesy photo

Declaration of Independence to people in East Fishkill, is truly an honor and a responsibility. I’ll feel like Jefferson moved to share the principles in this sacred document. Doing this here in my native Hudson Valley is my calling and a joy!”

Kruk added, “I hope to inspire people today, feeling dominated by division and

fear, to turn to the Declaration for guidance. It is a living document of ways to identify tyranny and claim our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And I pray all will take away the truth and beauty that found our country.”

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Storm recovery efforts ongoing across county

From County reports

Clean-up and power restoration efforts continue across Dutchess County, following the severe summer storm that ripped through much of Dutchess County on Saturday, July 4th, causing significant damage with downed power lines, trees and other damage.

The storm’s most significant impacts were in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, East Fishkill, Hyde Park, LaGrange, Beekman, Union Vale and Village and Town of Pawling.

The following are updates from Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino’s conference call held Monday morning with local municipal leaders; County officials from the Public Works and Emergency Response departments; and representatives from Central Hudson and NYSEG, among others to discuss restoration efforts:

Central Hudson has restored power to approximately half of its impacted customers, with more than 19,000 customers in Dutchess County, still without power as of Monday. Anticipated global restoration (90% of customers) was expected by 10 p.m on Tuesday, July 7.

NYSEG reported over 3,400 customers still without power in Dutchess County, with most customers expected to be restored on Monday and global restoration (90% of customers) was expected by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7th.

Both utilities are working with mutual aid and contract crews to help expedite restoration efforts. Important reminders for those who are utilizing generators: Generators must be placed outside, at least 20 feet away from structures for safety, with their exhaust directed away from the structure.

Dutchess County Public Works’ highway division crews, as well as local municipal crews continue to work in coordination with Central Hudson and NYSEG to clear roadways as quickly as possible. Downed phone and cable lines are presenting challenges for highway and utility crews and creating obstruction issues on state roadways such as Route 55. Motorists are urged to use caution, as traffic lights may be without power in affected areas, and should be treated as a 4-way stop for safety.

Tall ships, flyovers mark July 4th party in NYC

By Jim Donick

The 250th birthday of the United States was marked in New York City with a party like only New York can throw. The harbor and the Hudson River provided a backdrop that showed off the largest-ever gathering of Tall Ships in the U.S., maybe in the world. There were over 400 ships from all over the world taking part.

As a comparison, the fabled Spanish Armada, a fleet previously unparalleled, was only about 130 ships. The party on the river wasn’t limited to the water. Flyovers were provided first by the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels and then followed by historic aircraft, helicopters and representatives of allied air forces, including the famed French Airfare aerobatic team, which made its flight up the river with jet exhausts blowing red, white, and blue.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter, Eagle, kicked off the parade of ships.. This 295 foot long Barque was joined by three of her four sister ships, the German Gorch Fock, the Portuguese NRP Sagres III and the Romanian Mircea. There was even a rumor circulating that this very rare reunion might be a perfect time to race them against each other. There is more than enough water outside the harbor to satisfy this dream.



The United States Coast Guard’s USS Eagle was assigned to lead the parade of Tall Ships on the Hudson River on July 4th.

-Photo by Jim Donick.

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DCC one of 18 new schools to join Metallica Scholars Initiative

Dutchess Community College (DCC) announced its selection as one of eighteen new schools to join the eighth year of the prestigious Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI). Supported by a generous \$75,000 grant, DCC's award will support 100 students over one year in advanced manufacturing and construction occupations. The award will be used to engage and support the cohort's persistence through training programs in Electrical Technology, Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) microcredentials in advanced manufacturing and HVAC/clean technology.

Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, President, DCC, said, "DCC is thrilled to be selected as a Metallica Scholars Initiative college, one of the most respected and prestigious workforce education programs among community colleges. This connection with MSI comes at a truly fortuitous time at DCC, as we are adding new and revitalizing existing workforce programs within our inventory, including advanced manufacturing and HVAC, both programs that stand to grow exponentially in the coming years. DCC continues to focus on enrolling and training our students in high-impact careers and being the conduit with industry to drive a thriving economy for all in the Hudson Valley."

All Within My Hands (AWMH), the non-profit, philanthropic organization created by the members and management of Metallica, proudly announces the eighth year of its Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI) with its largest grant to date: over \$3.3M. 18 new US schools will join the returning 75 colleges in the fall for a total

of 93 in the program. In addition, later this year the Metallica Scholars Initiative will also expand to the United Kingdom in partnership with Capital City College Group in London.

Metallica's James Hetfield said, "This thing started as a dream. Now our program is changing lives. To expand our impact on a global scale and support even more students is so rewarding. We're so proud of all the Metallica Scholars who have come through it and all the ones who will participate in it. It's humbling to know we've been part of the journey of thousands of trade professionals doing good, hard work in the world."

AWMH continues to work closely with its long-time partner, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Launched in 2019 by All Within My Hands, MSI's core focus is supporting conventional trades, including welders, plumbers, and electricians, while also adding fields that will generate the jobs of tomorrow. The workforce initiative continues to evolve, supporting diverse fields for students interested in gaining the skills and training necessary to establish meaningful careers that provide family-sustaining wages. Year 8 includes a wide range of fields, including nursing and healthcare, optical systems technology, automotive repair, maritime manufacturing, firefighting and EMT, pipefitting, and agricultural pathways.

Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President and CEO, AACC, said, "The continued growth of the Metallica Scholars Initiative is a powerful testament to what's possible when visionary philanthropy and community colleges come together around a

shared mission. Through this partnership, 13,000 community college students have already been supported across the country, earning the skills needed for in-demand careers with family-sustaining wages. This latest, generous investment by Metallica's foundation will reach more learners, while strengthening the workforce pipelines that power local economies. We are proud to partner with All Within My Hands to scale this impact, ensuring even more students have access to life-changing opportunities in the skilled trades and beyond."

The initiative's eighth iteration also marks the renewal of AWMH's partnerships with Carhartt, Wolverine, CNH Construction, and Upstaging, Inc., as well as the addition of the Foundation's newest partner, ServiceTitan. These corporate partners complement the Foundation's Executive and Advisory Board Members and the broader Metallica Family, all of whom have played a role in advancing AWMH's mission and driving its success.

Peter Delgrosso, Executive Director, AWMH, said, "Metallica Scholars Year 8 will see our largest-scale growth yet, as we anticipate supporting close to 4,000 new students in the United States and more than 1,000 learners in the UK. This represents an approximate 40% increase in our student body, something we are incredibly excited about. Supporting people of all ages entering and ascending through trades is the right thing to do, not just domestically, but also abroad. Our Metallica Scholars have demonstrated resilience and a strong determination to succeed, which in turn motivates us to match their ambition."

Newly Added Metallica Scholar Colleges:

- Barton Community College - Great Bend, KS
- Berkshire Community College - Pittsfield, MA
- Central Maine Community College - Auburn, ME
- Delaware County Community College - Media, PA
- Dutchess Community College - Poughkeepsie, NY
- Fletcher Technical Community College - Terrebonne Parish, LA
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- Riverside City College - Riverside, CA
- South Texas College - McAllen, TX
- Trident Technical College - North Charleston, SC
- William Rainey Harper College - Palatine, IL

For a complete list of all 93 colleges currently supported by AWMH, visit their Metallica Scholars page.

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There will also be a salute to our veterans, food trucks, and local vendors, Soedler said. A "spectacular fireworks display," which he described as "the largest that the town has ever put on to date," will culminate the event.

"The East Fishkill town recreation department and the East Fishkill Historical Society have been planning this event since December 2025. We were able to get most of our presenters early before they were booked elsewhere. We feel very blessed with our line-up and look forward to the public enjoying the day," Soedler said.

Soedler shared, "Some of our older residents will remember the Bicentennial back in 1976, some of us weren't born yet or were too young to remember or participate. We are incorporating the best of what the town of East Fishkill does and what the East Fishkill Historical Society does. We feel we have created a unique event that will not only teach history and

show pride in our community but also present what life was like here locally in our area 250 years ago during the American Revolution. This was an important area during the American Revolution and not many residents know the extent of our local involvement. We hope that our visitors leave the event with a better understanding of how important our area was to the success of our independence from Great Britain."

D'Alessandro remarked, "To me, America's 250th anniversary is a reminder that while our nation has faced many challenges throughout its history, we have always moved forward through perseverance, service, and a commitment to the principles upon which our country was founded. It is a time to celebrate not only our past, but also to look ahead with optimism and continue building strong communities for generations to come."

He added, "We hope residents of all ages will join us on July 11th as we celebrate this historic milestone together."



Storyteller Jonathan Kruk will take part in the America 250 celebration in East Fishkill on July 11.

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Local PT shares injury prevention tips as World Cup soccer excitement grows



Vinny Colantuono of the Center for Physical Therapy remembers his days of playing soccer. Now, as World Cup soccer excitement grows, he is helping local performers stay safe and prevent injuries.

-Courtesy photos

By Matthew Fetzer

The FIFA World Cup has come to the United States and interest in soccer has continued to grow. However, as more Americans take up the sport, the risk of injury also increases.

According to a study by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, “In January 2023 [the month following the 2022 World Cup], roughly 6.7% of Americans reported participating in soccer. By May 2026, that figure has grown to nearly 8%, representing approximately 24.9 million Americans playing indoor or outdoor soccer.”

The study also showed that 34.4% of the U.S. population planned to follow the tournament.

With millions of people expected to play soccer this year, including a heavy turnout in the Hudson Valley, local physical therapist Vinny Colantuono of the Center for Physical Therapy is sharing his

advice on how participants can reduce their risk of injury and stay on the field.

"Meet your body where you're at," Colantuono said. "Try to understand that you're watching World Cup games where they're playing at such a high level. Make sure that you do what you can do in the time being. Don't push yourself too much in the short term and then slowly, but surely kind of build up that intensity."

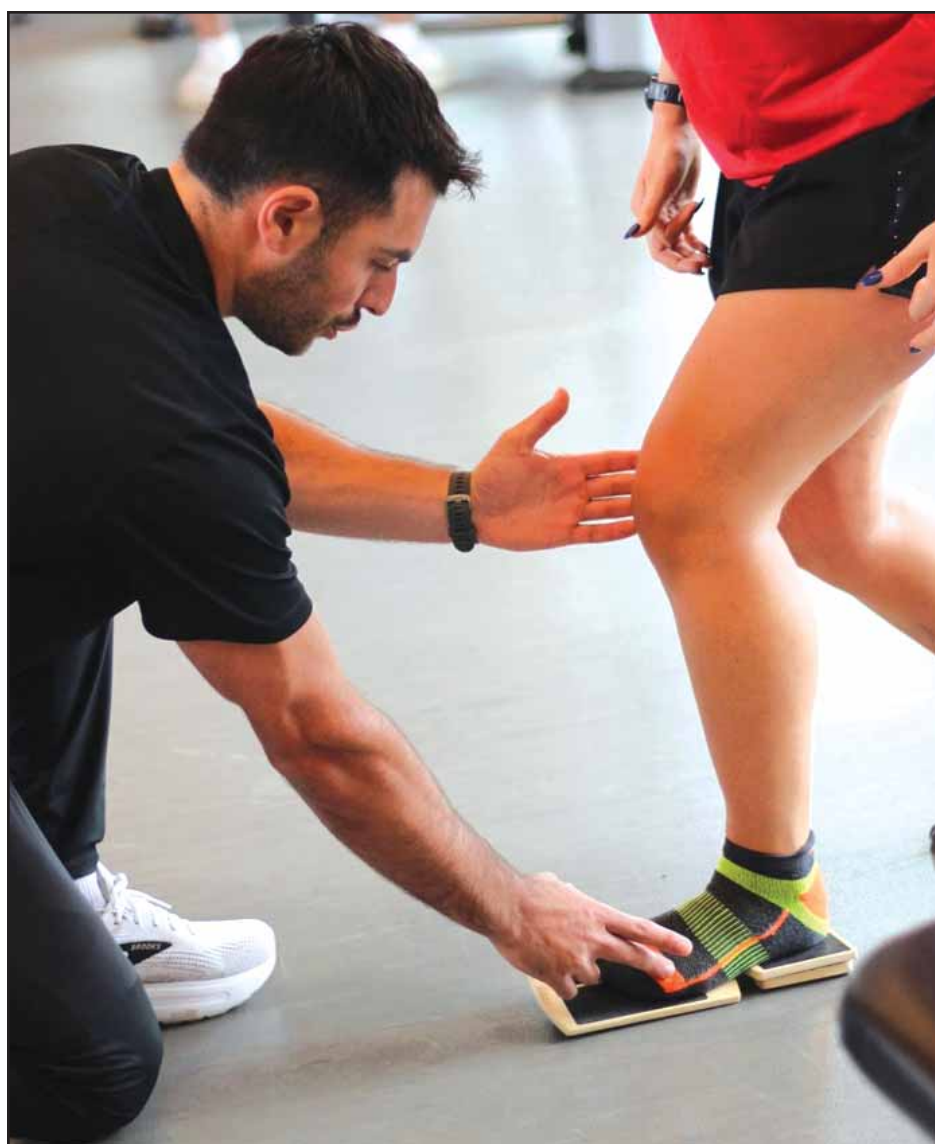
Colantuono works at the Center for Physical Therapy in Wappingers Falls. He is also Director for the Center for Physical Therapy at Marist University. A Dutchess County native, Colantuono played soccer for Arlington High School. The sport also brought him close to Wappinger's very own Tyler Adams, who is currently playing for the United States national team.

"I have great memories as I played with Tyler growing up for many years for our youth clubs and in New York Red Bulls camps," he said.

"Guys like Tyler stay healthy, take care of their bodies, and play at a high level due to that care. He is a great example of an elite-level player," he added.

Colantuono's soccer career didn't just end in high school, as he went on to play Division I at the University of Rhode Island, and then moving on to the semi-professional club, Kingston Stockade FC. He knows all too well the importance of preparation before playing.

"I think through those ranks there's so many of my teammates that might've gotten injured because they hadn't played in a while and then just started to play some pickup," he said. "I think a huge misconception is that when you're in the gym



and you're training for just strength, it might not prepare you enough for a high-level sport that works on a lot of different qualities like change of direction, sprinting mechanics, etcetera. To the general public I would say do movements that are seen in the sport you want to play."

Colantuono noted, "It's not injury prevention, but more so injury mitigation," as nobody can ever truly prevent an injury while on the field, but there are ways that players can get themselves ready to play. In addition to avoiding overexertion and incorporating movement exercises before

taking the field, hydration is key for both adult and youth players; especially during the summer.

"You might be coming from work and going straight to a league game. If you're not hydrated, or if there's a lack of nutrition, it's easy to pull up with some cramps or strain a muscle," he said.

As the World Cup continues to showcase some of the world's greatest players, Colantuono hopes people of all ages will use the tournament as motivation to get on the field while also making safe play a priority.

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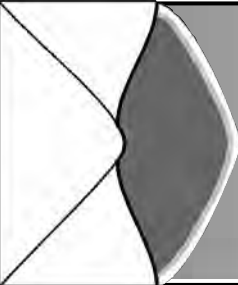




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Our Country We Pray For Thee

To the Editor:

Our stars and stripes are being disgraced,
The morals of our country have been displaced.
They have violated our laws and burned Old Glory,
They are trying to rewrite the American story.

Our country was formed as a country of laws,
We should band together and further this cause.
Or we will allow what's happening to get even worse,
We will be a nation that will become perverse.

Let's protect our country, these United States,
We must protect ourselves from these blatant mistakes.
Dear Lord in heaven, protect us all,
Don't let our country crash and fall.

I really believe in our nation that we will stay strong,
We will come together and will all get along.
Prayers are needed, and we must continue to fight,
We must reject the dark and come back to the light.

Leslie Pisaturo
Town of Poughkeepsie

The safety of our kids on Liss Rd.

To the Editor:

Just before my term ended as Third Ward Trustee and Deputy Mayor in the Village of Wappingers Falls, I brought up legislation that was unanimously voted upon to purchase and place Electronic Speed signs throughout the Village.

The purpose for this originated on Liss Road when my neighbors were extremely concerned about cars racing up and down the street especially when the traffic on Rt. 9 backed up, during busy times and drivers were racing up the street to beat the red lights or take a shortcut through the village.

The sign worked, curbed the traffic and when route nine backed up and things actually calmed the street down. I know because I live very close to the sign.

A few weeks ago the Village Board had the sign removed and reassigned it to South Avenue because a resident was complaining about the traffic on South Avenue.

Why the Village Board would remove the sign and jeopardize the safety of our kids and create a traffic problem all over again to appease someone else is just plain irresponsible.

We actually have kids that play very close to that spot where the sign is located and several other kids play up and down Liss Road all the time.

I've contacted the Village Trustees and was told that it would be placed back in the same spot and up to this point nothing has been done. Robbing Peter to pay Paul is poor management and removing the sign put our kids in jeopardy once again.

Please purchase another sign or move it back to where it originated. Do not put our families safety in jeopardy for removing a sign that actually worked at protecting our kids.

Scott Davis
Wappingers Falls

Hose

Editor's note: The following poem is in remembrance of a special friend.

To the Editor:

People knew him as “The Hose.”
The Hose was also known as Jim.
His song was sweetly high and clear,
It had depth and goodness, quite like a hymn.
His voice dripped with gentleness; He had no foes.
But he forgot to love himself.
We'd gather round to greet him;
We'd ask about his health.
His attitude was casual.
Didn't see vitality as wealth.
He didn't see.
He couldn't see.
“Go get checked out!” exclaimed his coterie.
He chose to keep himself so blind.
Running away from his condition, Putting a padlock on his mind.
Hose had a quiet way about him.
Music was his luminous alter.
Following his innermost whim,
Strumming softly his guitar,
This minstrel couldn't falter.
A teddy bear with the gift of serenade,
He crooned so enticingly,
We were blissfully enveloped
In his musical escapade.
Friends say that in his steamy youth,
He was sturdy and athletic, a demigod of the sun.
Like Tarzan, he'd swing into a pool
And emerge the laughing one.
A former firefighter, the epitome of bravery.
In shielding another, he fell through a floor.
This act so-oozing courage,
Rendered Tarzan moments long-ago lore.
When he fell down, his health fell too.
The fear of losing him engulfed his crew.
We seemed to sense, his crowd who knew him as the Hose.
On Christmas Eve, he bade good-bye to all his earthly woes.
He is so very deeply missed.
We shower on his sacred path
Our terrestrial blessings and an angel's kiss.

Carmel H. Forte
Astoria, Queens

‘Unique opportunity’ to reflect on nation’s history through ‘the written word’

By Kristine Coulter

Poetry Night will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 10 in Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St., in the Village of Fishkill. This will be the second Poetry Night that has been held in the village. Raphael Kosek and Ken Holland are two of the local poets that take part in the event. According to organizers, the program is part of the Village's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and will explore the people, events, ideals, and stories that have shaped our nation.

“As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, Poetry Night offers a unique opportunity to reflect on our nation's history through the power of the written word,” said Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin.

Kosek is a former Dutchess County Poet Laureate.

“As a poet, I have done many readings locally as we have a very vibrant poetry community here in the Hudson Valley, and sharing my poems is a way to connect with others and reach out to the community. No poet writes strictly for themselves, but hopes to strike a chord with others in language that lasts,” Kosek said in an email to Southern Dutchess News.

Asked if any of her poems have a common theme, Kosek replied, “The common theme is generally American history and the figures that populate it, but also, more broadly, the “American ethos”—Americana, and what are some of our American “myths” or stories through the ages, including the present, since this is our 250th anniversary. And even more broadly, who are Americans?”

All, poets and community members, are encouraged to share their original works



Raphael Kosek

-Courtesy photo

during the open mic portion of the night. The event is free and open to the public. Martin said it is “an evening of creativity, reflection and community.”

“I hope people hear work that resonates with them and their stories and also have some surprises along the way about some well-known American figures, and yes, some little known figures. Poetry's greatest strength is connecting seemingly unrelated things in a way that makes them reveal striking truths and light up unknown spaces,” said Kosek.

Martin shared, “Through poetry, we can honor our past while inspiring conversations about our shared future.”

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D.A.: Grand jury returns indictment charging 4 local residents with one count murder in second degree in shooting near Stitzel Field in Poughkeepsie



Peter Green



Paul Green



Shanardo Green



Tyrese Hall
-Photos from Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on July 1 that Peter Green, 31, Shanardo Green, 29, Paul Green, 35, and Tyrese Hall, 21 were arraigned last week on an Indictment returned by a Dutchess County Grand Jury charging them each with one count of Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-1 Felony.

Parisi said in a statement, “The allegations contained in this indictment describe an extraordinary level of violence and a complete disregard for human life and public safety. According to the investigation, this attack unfolded in a public area where community members had gathered for a soccer game, placing

countless innocent people at risk. No one should have to fear that an afternoon at a neighborhood park could become the scene of deadly violence.”

According to the D.A.’s Office: “The incident charged in the Indictment occurred on the evening of April 19, 2026, in the City of Poughkeepsie, in the area of Stitzel Field. It is alleged that the defendants aiding, abetting, and acting in concert with each other, with intent to cause the death of Carl Chambers, caused the death of Carl Chambers. It is alleged that Peter Green and Tyrese Hall drove a Mitsubishi to the area Stitzel Field where a soccer game was being played and Paul Green and Shanardo Green followed

behind them in a Nissan. Peter Green and Tyrese Hall allegedly exited their vehicle near Mr. Chambers and an altercation ensued. Peter Green then allegedly stabbed Mr. Chambers on the right side of his torso. It is further alleged that Shanardo Green exited Paul Green’s Nissan carrying an AR style rifle that he then fired at Mr. Chambers, striking him multiple times. It is alleged that Tyrese Hall then stood over Mr. Chambers and shot him again with a pistol. Allegedly, Paul Green then drove all of the defendants from the scene in the Nissan. Mr. Chambers died as a result of the defendants’ actions.”

The case was investigated by the City

of Poughkeepsie Police and is being prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Andrea Long and Unit Chief Brittney Kessel. Judge Karen Edelman-Reyes presided over the cases. Peter Green, Shanardo Green and Tyrese Hall were all remanded without bail. Bail was set at \$1million cash, \$3 million bond and \$7.5 million partially secured bond for Paul Green. The next court date is scheduled for October 16 for all.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely accusations, and all those mentioned are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

NYS A.G.’s Office of Special Investigation opens investigation into 17-year-old’s death in Wappingers Falls

The New York Attorney General’s Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of Oscar Granados Colindres, the 17-year-old who died on June 27, after following an encounter with members of the New York State Police (NYSP), Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO), and the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department (VWFPD) in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County.

During the early morning hours of June 27, officers from NYSP, DCSO, and VWFPD responded to a 911 call reporting a suicidal person in Wappingers Falls. Upon arrival, officers encountered Colindres standing on the ledge of an overpass bridge with a knife in his hand, according to the A.G.’s Office. “Officers attempted to speak to Mr. Colindres for about 50 minutes. Mr. Colindres then allegedly ran toward at least one officer while holding the

knife. Multiple officers fired their service weapons, striking Mr. Colindres. Mr. Colindres was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Officers recovered a knife at the scene,” reads a press release from Attorney General Letitia James’ office.

According to James’ office: “Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI’s assessment indicates an officer may have caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.”

These are preliminary facts and subject to change, it was stated.

Serino directs \$35,000 toward cooling assistance for seniors and medically vulnerable residents

With New York State’s Cooling Assistance Program (CAP) already depleted, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is again making sure help is available for older adults and medically vulnerable residents to stay safe and cool during the summer heat. The County Executive has dedicated \$35,000 in County funding to provide free window air conditioning units to eligible residents in need.

The initiative is being coordinated through the County’s Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) and Office for the Aging (OFA), with distribution and installation provided through the County’s partnership with Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC).

- Are 65 or older OR have a medical condition that is made worse by heat;
- Meet income eligibility requirements; and
- Do not currently have a working air conditioner in their home.

Applications are available online at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/Docs/REVISED-COOLING-Application-Fillable-Online-Form.pdf> and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Priority will be given to older adults with medical conditions that may be worsened by extreme heat.

Those who have received an air conditioner within the past five years either through HEAP or the County’s cooling assistance program, are not eligible.

Those who have the New York State of Health Essential Plan must apply through the Essential Plan Cooling Program: <https://share.google/8JGikbG3ghhL1No0Y>.

Applications should NOT be mailed. Completed applications and required documentation may be submitted by email to Zoe.Levy-Serrano@dfa.state.ny.us or Donna.Parker2@dfa.state.ny.us; by faxing them to 845-486-3232; or presented in person at one of the following locations:

- Dutchess County DCFS
60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
- Dutchess County DCFS
223 Main Street, Beacon
- Dutchess County DCFS
131 County House Road, Millbrook
- Dutchess County OFA
114 Delafield Street, Poughkeepsie

Once approved, CAPDC staff will conduct an in-person visit to assess needs and determine the most appropriate cooling solution, followed by installation of the air conditioner.

Eligible older adults with questions, including requests for an application, can call DCFS at 845-486-2578 or OFA at 845-486-2555.

Jury convicts Poughkeepsie man of criminal possession of a controlled substance

Acquitted on charges on attempting to take firearm from officer

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announces that on the afternoon of Monday, June 29 following two days of testimony and several hours of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 49-year-old Angel Lebron, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony and acquitted on a count of Attempted Criminal Possession in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

Parisi said, “We respect the jury’s service and appreciate the time and attention they devoted to this case. While we are pleased that the jury held Mr. Lebron accountable for possessing a significant quantity of cocaine, we respectfully disagree with its decision to acquit on the charge stemming from the defendant’s attempt to take a firearm from a police officer. Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, and any attempt to disarm an officer presents an immediate and extraordinary danger to that officer, fellow officers, and the public. We believed the evidence established that charge beyond a reasonable doubt. Nevertheless, the jury’s conviction on the narcotics offense ensures that the defendant will be held accountable and face a substantial state prison sentence. I commend the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and the prosecutors who handled this case for their professionalism and dedication throughout this investigation and trial.”

The jury concluded that on November 25, 2025, in the City of Poughkeepsie in the area of North Clinton Street and Thompson Street, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully possessed one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances containing cocaine with a weight of one-half ounce or more, according to a press release from the District Attorney’s Office. The jury did not



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

agree that Lebron attempted to possess a Glock 22 which was secured in a Task Force Agent’s holster when he grabbed the holster and pulled the weapon towards himself, it was stated.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force handled the investigation and were assisted by the New York State Police and the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department during the arrest. The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant Joseph Russo and Unit Chief Griffin Kenyon. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes, who has scheduled sentencing for August 31. Mr. Lebron faces a determinate sentence of between 6 and 15 years in prison.

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Former Renegades Lombard, LaGrange set to play in annual MLB Futures game

Major League Baseball (MLB) has announced the rosters for the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures game presented by Nike. The Futures game is set Sunday, July 12 at noon and will be broadcast on NBC.

Former Renegades players Carlos Lagrange and George Lombard, Jr. have been selected to represent the Yankees on the American League team managed by Larry Bowa.

Lombard Jr., 21, is the consensus #1 prospect in the Yankees system and currently plays with the Yankees' Triple-A affiliate, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. He played for the Renegades across the 2024 and 2025 seasons, batting .269/.401/.376 in 53 games.

This will be Lombard, Jr.'s second Futures Game appearance, having also been selected in 2025. MLB Pipeline rates Lombard, Jr. as the #20 prospect in baseball.

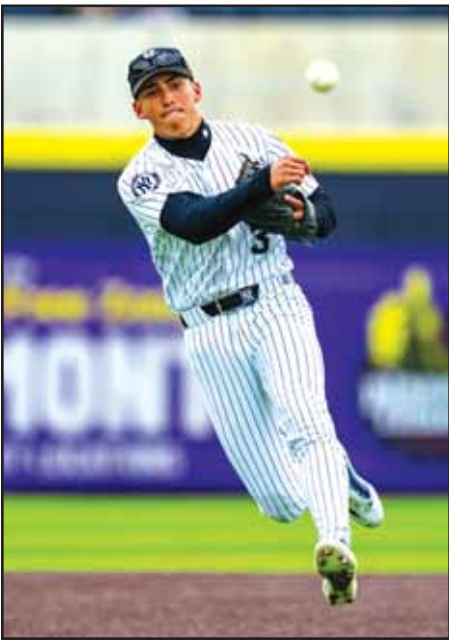
Lagrange, 23, is rated as the #4 prospect in the Yankees system and also currently plays for

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He pitched for the Renegades in 2025 and went 4-2 with a 4.10 ERA and 64 strikeouts in 41.2 innings across eight starts. This is his first Futures Game selection. MLB Pipeline rates Lagrange as the #85 prospect in the sport.

Additionally, 2025 Renegades manager James Cooper has been announced as the Third Base Coach for the American League squad. Cooper led the Renegades to a franchise-record 79 wins in 2025 and is currently managing the Double-A Somerset Patriots.

Since the Futures Game began in 1999, 26 former Renegades players have been named to a Futures Game roster, including 2001 Futures Game MVP Toby Hall, Evan Longoria (2007), Jeremy Hellickson (2010), Anthony Volpe (2022) and Spencer Jones (2023, '24). The full Futures Game rosters can be found on MLB's website.

Sunday, July 12 at Noon and will be broadcast on NBC.



George Lombard, Jr., left, currently plays with the Yankees' Triple-A affiliate, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. He played for the Renegades across the 2024 and 2025 seasons, batting .269/.401/.376 in 53 games. Carlos LaGrange also currently plays for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He pitched for the Renegades in 2025 and went 4-2 with a 4.10 ERA.

-Photos by Dave Janosz



SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greensboro PIT	11	4	.733	-	8-2	L1
	Wilmington WSH	9	6	.600	2.0	6-4	L2
	Frederick BAL *	8	6	.571	2.5	5-5	W3
	Brooklyn NYM	7	7	.500	3.5	6-4	L3
	Hudson Valley NYV	7	8	.467	4.0	5-5	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI	2	12	.143	8.5	1-9	L8

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Asheville HOU	10	5	.667	-	9-1	W1
	Winston-Salem CWS	9	6	.600	1.0	7-3	W1
	Bowling Green TB *	8	7	.533	2.0	4-6	W1
	Rome ATL	7	7	.500	2.5	5-5	W5
	Hub City TEX	5	10	.333	5.0	3-7	L1
	Greenville BOS	5	10	.333	5.0	1-9	L1



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07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/10/26	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Renegades: The Musical! WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/11/26	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Christmas In July WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/12/26	vs. Rome	01:05 PM	Princes & Princesses Day WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/28/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Italian Heritage Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades salvage split in home series vs. Blue Rocks



Infielder Kaeden Kent, left, and pitcher Franyer Herrera starred for the Renegades as they split a home series against the Wilmington Blue Rocks. -Photos by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier
The Hudson Valley Renegades couldn't beat the heat against the Wilmington Blue Rocks this week. After being held scoreless in the series opener, Hudson Valley salvaged the split, celebrated America, and came out on the right side of a few one-run decisions in the process.
The Renegades are now 35-42 on the season and in fourth place of the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League.

(Not) Caught Stealing - The Renegades clung to a 5-4 win on a rainy Fourth of July. It was a bursting defensive display to rival the fireworks, as Josue Gonzalez threw out four Blue Rocks on the basepaths. He even caught infielder Eli Willits twice, as Franyer Herrera picked off another at first.
Core Jackson, Cam Troyer and Wilson Rodriguez all reached second base with ease on the Wilmington catcher. But

Jackson was racing fire this week, racing to three stolen bases in the Renegades' loss on July 2.
777 - Either side scored seven runs in three games of the six, but neither could hit the straight. The Renegades were 2-1 in those contests, matching their highest-scoring inning of the series in the last at-bats of the finale. Kyle West matched Wilmington's three-run top of the ninth in one swing. One mash, three runs, and a big jackpot for the home team to salvage the sweep. Roderick Arias capped another impactful series with a 3-4 day.
The Renegades stay home to host the Rome Emperors for the last series before the All-Star Break. Promotions feature some whacky wizardry; dashing princes and princesses; and the Renegades' second-ever musical!

RENEGADES FEATURE

Arias turns into 'hitting machine' as Renegades 'Player of the Month'

By Morgan E. Maier
On July 1, the Hudson Valley Renegades named Roderick Arias the team's Player of the Month. It is no secret why.
The switch-hitting Arias has the speed to score from any base, power to hit 'em past the wall, and a proclivity for knocking in runs.
Arias played in all but one of Hudson Valley's June matchups. He amassed 7 stolen bases, 17 runs batted in, and a .416 on-base percentage (1.049 OPS) over 22 games.
Arias opened July with a 2-RBI performance, a bright spot of the Renegades 5-3 loss to the Wilmington Blue Rocks. A single to score Eric Genther got the Renegades score of the

second inning, cutting a 4-1 deficit. A later sacrifice fly put the Renegades within one, but Wilmington resisted the comeback effort to complete the wire-to-wire win.
A two-hit, 3-RBI night on July 2 helped Hudson Valley outlast Wilmington, 9-7. Arias drove the second pitch he saw behind the right field fence. A groundout and RBI single rounded out Roderick's night, as he did his job in extending a 9-1 Renegades lead. The Blue Rocks battled back, but fell just short in the ninth inning.
Arias finished the series 7-for-21 with one home run and 7 RBI. The infielder exploded for another multi-hit masterpiece in the July 5 series finale. He offered a 3-4 night, plus an RBI.



Switch-hitting Roderick Arias amassed 7 stolen bases, 17 runs batted in, and a .416 on-base percentage over 22 games for the Renegades during June. -Photo by Dave Janosz

Tall ships, flyovers mark July 4th party in NYC



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Sloops and schooners from all over the world were in evidence as well, having come from Sweden, Netherlands, Monaco and many other countries. Others were from as far away as India, and much of South America. The tall ships sailing by often had their yards manned by their crew, sometimes hundreds of feet in the air.

The USA, a country founded on access

to the sea, provided a fair number of ships from up and down the coast. New York's South Street Seaport came out with their 1885 schooner, Pioneer. Baltimore's Pride of Baltimore II came up from the Chesapeake. There were so many more that space would never permit listing them.

Ships, aircraft, and thousands of happy and enthusiastic people - what more could one ask for on a birthday party for the ages?



Clockwise from top left, Our oldest ally, the French, sent along their famous Air Force Aerobatic team to join in the flyovers during the parade. They are called "The Patrouille de France (PAF)." The French Patrol performs all over the world. The Pioneer is a resident of New York harbor, calling the South Street Seaport her home. The Peruvian Vessel BAP Union, the Polish ship Dar Młodzieży and the Dutch topsail schooner "Oosterschelde."

-Photos by Jim Donick

14 HVCU employees across six counties graduate from area leadership programs

Demonstrating its commitment to developing talent from within and creating opportunities for long-term career advancement, Hudson Valley Credit Union (HVCU) announced that 14 team members across six counties have recently completed leadership programs. These comprehensive courses – ranging in length from five days to 10 months – aim to educate and motivate professionals to expand leadership capabilities, enhance community participation and respond effectively to changing conditions.

"Our members, employees and the communities we serve are at the heart of everything we do," said Desiree Wolfe, executive vice president, chief experience officer. "One of the ways we put people first is by investing in our employees — supporting their growth and ensuring our members are served by knowledgeable, engaged professionals."

The credit union's 2026 graduates included the following individuals, by program:

Columbia and Greene County Chambers of Commerce's Leadership Columbia-Greene

- Melissa O'Shea, Branch Supervisor, Hudson

Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Dutchess

- Dawn McFadden, branch manager, Beacon

- Ashley Simoni, manager, consumer loan underwriting, Dutchess County

Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Executive Leadership

Program

- Jijo Koshy, assistant vice president, IT service delivery, Dutchess County
- Leann O'Brien, director of consumer lending operations, Dutchess County

Leadership Orange

- Yoselyne Nava, branch supervisor, New Windsor

Leadership Orange E.D.G.E.

- Edward Eliassen, branch supervisor, Montgomery
- Destiny Quinonez, branch supervisor, Middletown
- Alex Quintana, branch supervisor, Chester

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Sullivan

- Kaylee Wagner, branch manager, Grahamsville

Ulster Chamber Foundation's Leadership Ulster

- Cynthia Bruno, assistant branch manager, Rhinebeck
- Alycia Cates, branch supervisor, Highland
- Stacie Schoonmaker, contact center team leader, Ulster County

Volunteer New York's Leadership Westchester

- Swati Sharma, assistant branch manager, Cortlandt

"It's a privilege to work alongside so



Jijo Koshy, left, assistant vice president, IT service delivery, and Leann O'Brien, director of consumer lending operations, are both graduates of The Chamber Foundation's Executive Leadership Program in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo

many talented, dedicated individuals, and I look forward to seeing each one of them utilize these new skills to expand their leadership capabilities," added Wolfe.

To learn more about HVCU and its commitment to members, employees and the areas it serves, visit www.hvcu.org.

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‘Special flavor of busy’ describes 4-H’ers in the summer

If you know 4-H, you know that summer is a “special flavor of busy” that 4-H members are excited to engage in. Summer vacations are packed full of tasks such as finishing touches for a woodworking piece or adjusting the diet on a prize show lamb. Many of these tasks can stand in as full-time occupations that take time each summer day to complete. In between feedings, sewings, and hammerings, many Dutchess 4-H members are spotted “out in the wild” and among community members bringing about the better change for their world.

Community events such as Zoe’s Ice Cream Barn’s 10th anniversary, are amazing opportunities for 4-H youth to represent their 4-H clubs and the Dutchess County program to the public at large. This year, Zoe’s provided an amazing partnership with Dutchess 4-H, hosting a Sundae design contest. 4-H youth mixed, schemed, and created sundae recipes for Zoe’s staff to test and judge, with the winner being promoted throughout the month of June (Dairy Month!). “Emily’s Moo-licious Mudslide,” tastefully created by Emily Burlingame, with the Northern Dutchess Dairy 4-H Club, and will be sold and featured until July 19th.

4-H members were again spotted at the Blessing of the Animals, held on May 30th in Rhinebeck. Dutchess 4-H youth from the Little Paws 4-H Club came out to represent and have their animals blessed for the year ahead. Rhinebeck community members were able to speak with Dutchess 4-H youth about their animals and even got to pet the 4-legged 4-H members!

The fun won’t stop for our members this summer! Upcoming events that you can see 4-H youth at include the 4-H Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic scheduled for July 12th at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Also scheduled for the fairgrounds is the Eastern New York Black & White Holstein Show on July 17th-18th where many 4-H youth will attend with their Holstein dairy cattle. Keep your eyes peeled and be sure to ask a 4-H member in the wild about their club, their community, their country, and their world!

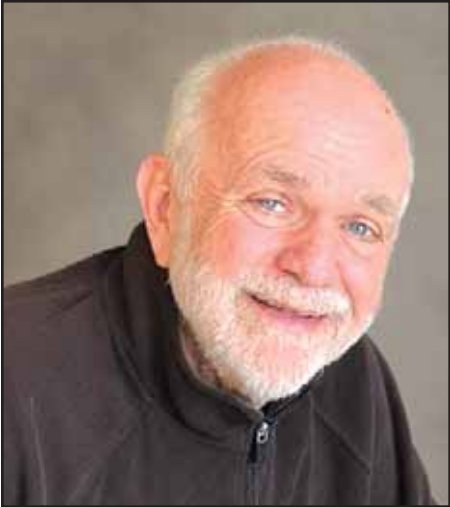
DUTCHESS 4-H YOUTH SPOTTED IN THE SUMMER WILDS



“Emily’s Moo-licious Mudslide,” tastefully created by Emily Burlingame, with the Northern Dutchess Dairy 4-H Club, and will be sold and featured until July 19 at Zoe’s Ice Cream Barn in LaGrange. Courtesy photo

Obituaries

George E. Burke



George E. Burke peacefully entered into eternal rest with his Lord on Saturday, June 27, 2026 while at home with family and under the compassionate care of Hospice.

Born on April 29, 1947 in New York City, he was the son of the late George J. and Rosella M. Burke, and brother of the late Rosemary K. Burke. On September 5, 1971, in the chapel at Mercy College, he married the former Carol Itri. Their loving marriage spanned 51 years until Carol's passing on March 6, 2023.

A graduate of Westlake High School in Thornwood, NY, he continued his education earning a Bachelor's Degree from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, and a Master's Degree from Western Connecticut State College in Danbury, CT.

In his early work years, he was a Visual

Merchandiser creating imaginative display windows at Macy's and Lord & Taylor. After completing his education, he dedicated his professional life to educating others and the formation of young minds. He taught at St. Joachim - St. John School in Beacon and following its closure, continued his vocation as an educator at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. He also shared his knowledge and passion for learning as an adjunct professor at Mount Saint Mary College.

During the summers for many years, senior citizens enjoyed the Road Scholar bus tours led by George, based out of Mount Saint Mary College. Each session was a full week and had a different Hudson Valley theme. As a lover of history, he enjoyed every one.

In his retirement and until recently, he embraced his love of teaching and classic films by conducting a highly popular credit free film class for senior citizens at The Desmond Center in Newburgh, NY. He was an avid lover of films and extremely knowledgeable.

In the late 60's, he belonged to a folk group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Valhalla, NY. It was known as BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) and produced lasting cherished friendships. He also belonged to the Saint Denis Parish Men's Group, meeting Saturday at 7 AM in Hopewell Junction.

George loved being part of his spiritual communities. He was part of Cursillo first, serving as Rector (leader) three times. When Tres Dias began, he was instrumental in getting it started, serving as a member of Team #1. He remained involved in both for many years.

George is survived by his son, Jonathan Burke of Hillsborough, NJ, as well as his cousins and many members of his extended family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, July 2, at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Entombment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

George's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to his devoted friends, Petrina and Kevin, for their kindness, support and loving care. Appreciation is expressed to the dedicated staff at Hudson Valley Hospice for their compassionate care.

George will be remembered for his loving outreach to family and friends, brilliant blue eyes, and infectious laugh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, St. Mary Mother of the Church, Fishkill, the Town of Newburgh Animal Shelter, or to a charity of one's choosing.

To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Gary Stafford



Gary Stafford, a resident of Hyde Park, NY and formerly of Mamaroneck, NY; passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 30, 2026; at the age of 84. He was born in New York, NY on February 20, 1942, son of the late Michael & Frances (Cornell) Stafford.

Gary served in the United States Army from 1964 and until 1966, when he received an honorable discharge for his service from the Vietnam Era.

On September 14, 1969 at St. Vito Church in Mamaroneck, NY, he married Rossana Baglioni, who survives him at home.

Gary owned and operated a driving school, the Halstead School of Driving in Mamaroneck, NY; until he retired.

He was an avid collector of knives, coins and various war memorabilia. Gary also was a an animal lover & enjoyed boating.

Along with his beloved wife of 56-years, Rossana; Gary is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Diana and Joseph Petrocca, and his grandson Joseph Petrocca Jr..

His Family will gather to remember and honor his life on Saturday, July 11, 2026 in the Ferncliff Cemetery Chapel, 280 Secor Road, Hartsdale, NY at 1:00PM where a prayer service will be offered and military honors will be conducted by the United States Army Honor Guard.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Dilys Clark



Dilys Clark (née Hunt), born July 31, 1932 in Cambridge, England, passed away on July 1, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones. For those who knew her, there is no doubt that the few paragraphs in an obituary will never be able to capture who she was as a family matriarch, friend, and person.

She attended St. Katherine's College in London, England to become an educator, a role that she carried with her throughout her life, both in and out of the classroom. After moving to Wappingers Falls, NY in 1963 she joined the Poughkeepsie Sports Car Club, the New Hamburg Yacht Club, and County Players Community Theater, where she was the costumer for over 30 years and an honorary lifetime member. Dilys was quick witted,

loved to share stories, and was passionate about family history, spending many hours researching connections and sharing what she found with others.

She was the Head Nursery School Teacher at New Hackensack Nursery School starting in 1967, worked at IBM starting in 1978, and resumed her role as a teacher at The Little Angels in 1992.

Dilys is survived by her children, Nick Clark (Peri Pomposello), Jill Clark, (Dan Wisneski, 2023), her grandchildren, Lauren Clark, Chrissy Rivers (Seth Rivers), Hunter Wisneski, and her great grandchildren, Liam and Theo Rivers.

Services will not be held due to her threat of haunting us if anyone tried to make a fuss. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to County Players Community Theater; 2681 West Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or online at <https://countyplayers.org/donate/>

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James 'Jim' Smith



James "Jim" Smith, of Wappingers Falls, New York, passed away after a brief illness on July 4, 2026. He was 69 years old. Jim was born in 1957 in Greenpoint Brooklyn, New York, to James Smith and Helen Smith (née Ensmenger). An only child, Jim was predeceased by both of his parents.

From an early age, Jim learned the value of working with his hands from his father, who had a talent for construction and fixing just about anything. Those skills stayed with Jim throughout his life. As a young man, he enjoyed working on cars, a lifelong passion that eventually led to a career with the New York State Department of Transportation, where he proudly served as a State School Bus Safety Inspector. He had a special love for classic cars, especially his prized 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS.

Jim met the love of his life, Maria Smith (née Galeotafiore), in their

Brooklyn neighborhood. They married and shared 42 wonderful years together, building a life filled with love, laughter, and devotion. Together they welcomed their son, Jimmy, whom Jim adored. Some of his happiest memories were the many fishing trips and father-and-son adventures they shared. Jim was heartbroken by Jimmy's passing only 10 months prior and carried his love for him always.

In 2007, Jim and Maria moved their family from Brooklyn to Wappingers Falls, New York, where they made their home.

Jim had a sharp wit and an unforgettable sense of humor that brought smiles to those around him. He enjoyed watching car restoration shows, listening to rock music (especially Ozzy Osbourne) and even named one of his dogs Ozzy.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Maria; his father-in-law, John Galeotafiore; his brothers-in-law, Michael Galeotafiore (Jennifer) and John Galeotafiore (Elizabeth); and his five nieces and nephews, all of whom will cherish his memory.

Jim will be remembered for his love of family, his mechanical skills, and his quick humor. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8 at St. Mary's Church, Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Entombment will follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Route 9 in Fishkill.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Creative Living

New York Stage & Film returns to Marist University for an exciting summer season



New York Stage and Film opens its 2026 season at Marist University this weekend. From left, Sandra Okuboyejo, Mia Gerachis, Jasmine Amy Rogers rehearse "Shelter," from New York Stage and Film's 2025 Summer Season at Marist.

-Photos by Deborah Lopez



From left, Dave Harris, Kassi Wilson, Genesis Oliver, Alex Garcia, Brittany Bradford, Toney Goins, Amara Granderson, David Shih, Julyana Soelistyo, Barzin Akhavan and Lizan Mitchell in "Manakin."

By Francesca Oliva

New York Stage & Film will return to Marist University this summer with a lineup of new creative works, giving Hudson Valley audiences the opportunity to experience theater while it is still being developed. Beginning July 10, the season will feature eight new plays and three musicals, bringing together artists, performers and audiences for a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process.

"When you think about going to a big theater-loving city like New York City or London, you go to see an end result ... here, you're seeing it begin in its raw form and that can be really thrilling," said Ian Belknap, Artistic Director for New York Stage & Film.

Founded in 1985, New York Stage & Film has spent decades supporting playwrights, performers and directors as they develop new work. The summer season is a place where artists can experiment, collaborate and refine their storytelling abilities before they reach larger audiences.

"There will literally be a copy machine down the hall that'll kick out new pages that are warm, and we'll run that upstairs into the theater, where an actor will read them out loud, and the audience will hear them for the first time ever," said Belknap.

"Sometimes even at the same time as the playwright," added Isabelle Fereshteh Sanatdar Stevens, Associate Artistic Director.

New York Stage & Film has traveled to the Hudson Valley each summer for over 40 years for their summer season, where many of the works showcased have gone on to Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, such as "Hamilton" and "Hadestown."

"A founding idea of the organization was to be in an environment where you could take artistic risks and be away from any type of critical pressure," said Belknap. Artists-in-residence and creative professionals live in community on Marist University's campus, preparing for play readings and musical workshops

throughout the summer.

Unlike a traditional theater performance where you are seeing a final product, New York Stage & Film allows audiences to be a part of the process. Their responses to a piece help artists understand how a story connects with viewers and what changes could be made moving forward.

"Every audience has a different sensibility and imagination, so for an audience to come in and hear pieces, it is kind of a huge part of the developmental process," said Belknap, "seeing what they respond to and what they are interested in can be really informative in a play's journey."

This year's season also expands New York Stage & Film's presence throughout Dutchess County with a new collaboration at The Bardavon, located in the heart of Poughkeepsie. This partnership will allow select productions to be seen in a larger venue while providing "enhanced and stronger production values to support these projects," according to Belknap.

"We are excited to be in the city of Poughkeepsie," said Belknap, explaining that the collaboration connects the organization with the surrounding community outside of Marist's campus.

The 2026 summer season features many diverse perspectives and stories, with adaptations of classic works to new musicals exploring identity and human connection.

Among the works being developed this summer is a new stage adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's "The Maltese Falcon," directed by Belknap and adapted by Betty Shamieh. This reading brings the famous noir story of crime and desperation set in the backdrop of Great Depression-era San Francisco to the stage.

This season will also feature a reimagined production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Whistle Down the Wind," in collaboration with Tony Award-winning Deaf West Theatre and directed by Bill Rauch ("CATS: The Jellicle Ball"). Set in the southern United States in the late Fifties, this production will incorporate

the unique perspectives of both deaf and hearing children.

"There will be a multimodal version of "Whistle Down the Wind," both in ASL [American Sign Language] and English, and there will also be live captioning happening," said Belknap. "That alone, even in pre-production work, has been one of the more satisfying things I've ever worked on."

Belknap described the production as "a really unique" project and a must-see event of the season.

Another featured work is "Paper Menagerie," a musical adaptation based on the short story by Ken Liu, with music by Thao Nguyen. This piece explores themes of family and memories, as a young man reflects on his relationship with his mother and his cultural identity.

Belknap described the musical as "a beautiful retelling of finding oneself through losing your parent."

Beyond the individual productions, Sanatdar Stevens said what makes this year's season exciting is the variety of stories being brought to the stage. From new adaptations to original works, each project approaches storytelling differently and gives audiences the opportunity to be immersed in the theatrical process.

"At the end of the day, theater is really just a way to connect and see the world through a new perspective," said Sanatdar Stevens.

Musical workshops and play readings will take place at Marist University's Symphonic Hall and at The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie. Tickets can be purchased by calling The Bardavon's Box Office directly at 845-473-2072 or visiting in person at 35 Market Street. Additional information is available through New York Stage & Film's website, newyorkstageandfilm.org.

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City of Beacon celebrates 250 years of America



Clockwise from top left: The City of Beacon celebrated America’s 250th anniversary on July 4th in the Veterans Memorial Building on Main St. Col. Seanegan Sculley, Associate Professor Department of History and War Studies at the U.S. Military Academy West Point, makes remarks. NYS Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson offers words about the significance of this anniversary. John MacEnroe, Retired Army officer and Beacon REV250 Committee member, welcomes those in attendance.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



Wappinger honors America 250



Wappinger festivities celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary at Brexel-Schlathaus Park on July 4. A reading of the Declaratio of Independence was held, along with a fireworks show. Brian Sohan sang the National Anthem.

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The Focaccia Fire & The Biscotti Apocalypse

A two-act Italian kitchen disaster saga

Darren walks into the restaurant like a man carrying emotional baggage — not the heavy kind, the *my mother tried to cook again* kind. I’m at the front desk talking to my brother John when he spots me, and his whole face lights up with that unmistakable expression customers get when they know they’re about to deliver premium-grade chaos.

He doesn’t order. He doesn’t say hello. He just looks at me like he’s delivering a message from the Vatican and says: “Luigi... my mother Joanne tried making your focaccia recipe.”

Right away, you know this isn’t going to end with “and it came out beautiful.”

He takes a deep, dramatic breath — the kind people take before confessing to a priest — and continues: “She set her oven on fire.”

Now he’s fully committed. Hands flying. Eyes wide. He’s reliving the trauma in real time.

He explains how Joanne followed the recipe *exactly* — except for the part where she poured olive oil like she was blessing the oven. The focaccia goes in, the oil drips down, hits the heating element, and suddenly the oven lights up like Times Square on New Year’s Eve.

Darren says the smoke alarm started screaming. The dog started barking. Joanne started yelling, “LUIGI SAID OLIVE OIL!” like I personally instructed her to ignite the appliance. OK maybe I’m exaggerating a little bit. But in my mind, that’s what I’m picturing

He’s waving his arms, reenacting the flames, the panic, the chaos — again, maybe a little exaggerated — and John and I are standing there thinking:

This is nothing. This is a warmup act. This is the appetizer before the real disaster.

Because my family? We don’t do “small fires.” We do cinematic catastrophes.

And that’s when the memory hits — the one John told me — the one that makes Joanne’s focaccia fire look like a scented candle.

John and I look at Darren and say:

“This is amateur hour. Let me tell you about Pop.”

Act II - Pop and the Biscotti Apocalypse

Pop makes biscotti every week. Not for company. Not for holidays. For himself. He brings them home like contraband and toasts them in his popup toaster — a toaster so old it probably remembers when bread was invented. One day, the biscotti gets stuck.

Not “stuck.” Welded.

Pop tries everything — and I mean everything:

Slams the lever down like he’s trying to launch a rocket.

Smacks the side of the toaster with the confidence of a man who believes all appliances respond to physical intimidation.

Tilts it back and forth like he’s burping a colicky baby who owes him money.

Gives it the full Italian “COME ON!” hand wave, the kind that has solved absolutely nothing in the history of electricity but somehow feels mandatory.

Pokes at it with a butter knife, muttering, “Stupida biscotti... she no listen,” as if the biscotti is being defiant on purpose.

Blows into the toaster slots, like he’s giving CPR to a dying accordion.

And of course — none of this works. Because Pop isn’t troubleshooting. Pop is performing.

Then the toaster decides it’s had enough of this life and bursts into flames. Most people would unplug it. Some would smother it. A few would call the fire department. Pop? Pop goes full Rambo: Kitchen Edition.

He grabs the nearest liquid — a gallon of milk. And he doesn’t pour it. He deploys it. Milk everywhere. Toaster drowning. Counter flooded. Cabinets dripping like a dairy waterfall. The smoke hits the ceiling. The steam rises. The kitchen soundtrack is sizzling wires and Pop yelling, “I FIX IT!”

John walks in and freezes. The kitchen looks like the final scene of Apocalypse Now — but with biscotti shrapnel and the smell of burnt milk. Pop turns around, holding the empty milk jug like a war trophy, and calmly says: “John... the biscotti, she got stuck.”

As if that explains the smoldering toaster graveyard. Soooooo enjoy my recipe for chocolate hazelnut biscotti. And please DO NOT PUT THESE IN THE TOASTER.

Chocolate Hazelnut Biscotti Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups toasted, chopped hazelnuts
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- ¾ cup butter

Whisk ½ cup melted butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Add the eggs and vanilla extract, mixing until fully combined.

Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt in a separate bowl.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stirring just until incorporated.

Fold in the ½ cup chocolate chips and ½ cup hazelnuts until evenly distributed.

Shape the dough into a 12inch log on a lightly floured surface.

Bake the log at 300 degrees for about 30 minutes until golden brown and firm.

Cool slightly, then using a serrated knife, slice into 1inch pieces.

Bake the slices, at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, again until crisp and crunchy.

Cool completely.

Melt the chocolate and ¼ cup of chocolate chips. Drizzle mixture over the flat biscotti. Sprinkle chopped Hazelnuts. Let cool again.

Serve with espresso

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

‘Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike’ to open at County Players on July 10



The cast of “Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike.” Performances start Friday, July 10 at County Players in the village of Wappingers Falls.

-Photo courtesy of Louisa Vilardi Photography

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, launches their 69th Season with the Offbeat Adult Comedy by Christopher Durang: “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike.” This Main Stage production, directed by Matt Andrews opens Friday, July 10 with additional performances scheduled for Fridays & Saturdays July 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday July 19, and Saturday, July 25 at 2 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

A delightfully off-kilter romp, Vanya and his adopted sister, Sonia, live a quiet life in a Pennsylvania farmhouse, while their movie star sister Masha travels the world. When Masha appears for an unannounced visit with her 20-something boy toy in tow, the weekend builds to a fever pitch. Will Vanya and Sonia ever find happiness? Will Masha sell the Bucks County farmhouse out from under them? And will Spike ever put his pants on?

This production features the local talents of Aiden Breneman-Pennas, Deborah Coconis, Michael Frohnhoefer, Ana Hein,

Leigh Katz, and Rebecca Nagle. Of this production, Andrews says, “This play is incredibly funny and yet strikingly meaningful. One moment you’re laughing out loud and the next you’re examining your own familial ties.”

Tickets are \$29 Adults: \$26; Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door) and Children Under 12. Individual tickets are available online in advance of performance dates at countyplayers.org and the Box Office is open for in-person sales one hour before each performance. For more info: countyplayers.org/show/vasamas/.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DiMarco Digital, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1639 Route 9G, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of MARIA'S TEAM CLEANING SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Maria's Team Cleaning Service LLC, 13 North Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF COOPER HALL ARCHITECTURE, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 11, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: to engage in the profession of architecture.

Bentley Lane LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/27/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 6030 Rte 82, Ste D, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

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42 ROKEBY ROAD LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/12/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Eastview Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful.

540 Bainbridge Street LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 5/26/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

PEAR FARM, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/22/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 52 Broadway, Tivoli, NY 12583. Reg Agent: Susan G Baer, 1475 County Route 21, Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

ROMBOUT RD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/27/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12561 SW Sunrise Lake Terr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 167 Rombout Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

STEPHEN GRUNBOK PHYSICAL THERAPY PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 1 Molly's Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Physical Therapy. NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GS VISION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any

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process served upon him/her to the LLC at: 465 Field Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 62 SOUTH WHITE ROCK LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Nick Carinci, 33 Lockwood Ln., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of RK Cattle LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Legalzoom USCA, Inc, 45 Main St-Suite 238, Brooklyn NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Courier Shmouriier LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 5/9/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Courier Shmouriier LLC, 41 Raymond Ave, P.O. Box 2701, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

HVR MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Christopher Acuti, 2 Locust Court, Apartment B, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Eagles Cliff LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/29/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 14 Wynclyffe Ct, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of a Confield Associates LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of

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State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/01/26: The County in which the office is to be located: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at 4 Fox Run, Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

FORTILLI PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 LaGrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Fire Tower LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 1, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at: 19 Kent Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

M&F Landscapes LLC Filed 3/01/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 104 Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General

Notice of Form. of Vanguard Ventilations LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 NASSAU ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RITA RYAN TRAVEL LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/19/2024. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of SHEARBURN GST LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/16/20. 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: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of WOOD DUCK HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/04/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Michael Hirschberg, 378 West End Ave., Apt. 8C, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LEWIS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 5/26/26. OFFICE LOCATION: DUTCHESS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO KELLY LAW PRACTICE, PLLC, 75 S BROADWAY, SUITE 400, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601. PURPOSE, ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

AUREA OLJE, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/2/26 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Tanglewood Ln. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION NEXTGEN WORX, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the

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New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 04/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: NEXTGEN WORX, LLC, P.O. Box 101, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Odico LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Odico LLC PO Box 64, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of HOLMES FARM DEVELOPMENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 134 South White Rock Rd., Holmes, NY 12531. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LARK CONSTRUCTION ADVISORS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/18/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 17 Crosswinds Lane, Union Vale, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of HVN Hamilton, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Crescent Drive, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

MAIN STREET 595 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

VINSAM PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

VSD PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Audrey Lewis of Beacon - Study Abroad Student-OtherSUNY
William Peru of Wappingers Falls - Exercise Science
Michael Rescigno of Poughkeepsie - Physical Education K-12
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James Townsend of Poughkeepsie - Adolescence Education: Social Studies
Brianna Valentine of East Fishkill - Communication Studies

BRISTOL, RI - The following students received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2026. The students are Kiely Irwin of East Fishkill, Joseph Mallozzi of Fishkill, Sean O'Brien of Wappingers Falls and Avery Williams of Poughkeepsie.

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Notice of Formation of Helio Aesthetics Hudson LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 4/14/26. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Dutchess. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process to the limited liability company is 932 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Company is organized for Aesthetics Business.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MELAS KITCHEN HV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to the LLC at: 1413 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

113 N CLINTON ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/05/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: XAVIER MARINE L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2026 OFFICE LOCATION: DUTCHESS COUNTY SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whomever process against it may be served. The

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post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is: 199 High View Rd Dover Plains NY 12522. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE

Notice of Formation of Almighty Sewer & Drains LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 8th, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 70 Van Scoy Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

LINKED BY CAS & CO. LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/11/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 ROCKLEDGE DR. PLEASANT VALLEY NY, 12569 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

STAR RANGER LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/22/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Coratti Professional Services, 126 East Market St., Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Clove House, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 SHORTROAD, MILLBROOK, NY 12545. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Empire Valley

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Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 42 TRENTON ROAD, FISHKILL, NY 12525. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Great Danes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/03/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Lorene Drive, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 237 BROADWAY VERPLANCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 25 Kim Lane, Storyville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

XoXo by Laurie, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/1/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: XoXo by Laurie, LLC, 16 Friendship Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Four Corners CNC & Millwork LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on June 12, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy

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of any process against the Company is 29 Tamarac Road, Copake, NY 12516. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of MCCHEEF LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1075 Drewville Rd., Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of RGB Enterprises Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/15/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6541 Spring Brook Ave, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Willow Valley Counseling, PLLC Willow Valley Counseling, PLLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State (NYSDOS) on 6-11-2026. Office location: Dutchess County. NYSDOS is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSDOS shall mail a copy of any process to: 3700 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: To regulate the practice of licensed clinical social work.

Notice of Formation of 6 AUTUMN LANE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Real estate holding.

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Notice of Formation of 22-24 MAIN STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Real estate holding.

Notice of Formation of Roam & Renew LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/9/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 77 North Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WAPPINGERS FALLS WAREHOUSE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 6/15/2026. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 72 Airport Drive, Unit 1-3, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

ROUTE 9G FRONT LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/9/2026. Office : Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 116, RED HOOK, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of Karen Cashin Hair Artistry LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21 Prospect Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Formation of LIMITLESS PERSONAL FITNESS COACHING LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2026. Office loc.:

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Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The registered agent and address SSNY shall mail process to Anthony Santomassimo, 80 Gabriels Path, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Greene County notice of formation of limited liability company Notice of formation of Ms Kathy STEM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 6-22-2026. Office of Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kathryn Jackson, 8 Market St, Athens, NY 12015. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NOURISH FEEDING AND SWALLOWING SPEECH THERAPY, PLLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 06/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nourish Feeding and Swallowing Speech Therapy, PLLC, 59 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: To practice the profession of Speech-Language Pathology.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Knovellus Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/30/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1849 South Road #1076, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Phone: 1 (833) 566-8355. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Dawid Mludzik Studio LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 4, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 23 Stoutenburgh Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Americana Holiday LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/05/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail to 782 Huntington Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Plan Chart LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/06/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 166 Academy Street Apt C3 / Poughkeepsie NY, 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Pair Water LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/25/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Tyson Brazell, 484 Schultzsville Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of Hudson Properties 96-98, LLC, 55 Quaker Avenue, Suite 201, Cornwall, NY 12518, for the granting of a subdivision and minor site plan amendments shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located and described as being: at 1557-1559 Route 82 in the Town of East Fishkill, NY identified as Tax Parcel # 132800-6559-03-211252. All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time.

**By: John Eickman, Chairman
Town of East Fishkill Planning Board
June 23, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of Alpine Industries, LLC, 1343 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, for the granting of an amended site plan shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located and described as being: at 1374 Route 82, in the Town of East Fishkill, NY identified as Tax Parcel # 132800-6558-01-029784. All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time.

By: John Eickman, Chairman

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**Town of East Fishkill Planning Board
June 23, 2026**

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Dutchess Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 2025-55698 Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs Public Administrator Of Westchester County, As Administrator Of The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Nicole Denise Allen As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Stephaine Richelle Allen AKA Stephanie Richelle Allen As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Yasmin Jennings As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Brittney Jennings As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Atréyu Davonte Allen As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Nathaniel Cornell Allen As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Unknown Heirs Of Daniel Mccarthy If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Unknown Heirs Of Louis Rappaport If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, Dutchess County Clerk, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators,

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Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Unknown Heirs Of Louis Rappaport If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, Dutchess County Clerk, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators,

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trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 4 Fun Place Fishkill, NY 12508 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs, Unknown Heirs, Unknown Heirs Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Thomas R. Davis of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Second day of June, 2026 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below dated March 14, 2018, executed by Victor L. Allen (who died on September 17, 2019, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$361,611.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 01-2018-1991 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on March 22, 2018. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 31, 2022 and recorded on March 31, 2022, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2022-50501A. The

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property in question is described as follows: 4 Fun Place, Fishkill, NY 12508 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 SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: June 23, 2026 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 90647

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-76-26 21 Ton Equipment Trailer Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 21st day of July 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Please be advised that on June 25, 2026 the Town Board

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Of the Town of East Fishkill adopted Local Law No 3 of 2026 Entitled, "A LOCAL LAW EXTEND, CONSOLIDATING AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL" Full copies of the Local Laws are available at the Town Clerk's Office or on the website. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**
PETER J CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE EAST FISHKILL FIRE DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025 HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY THEODORE J. EGLIT, JR., CPA, AND THAT THE REPORT OF EXAMINATION PERFORMED BY EXTERNAL AUDIT BY THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT HAS BEEN FILED IN MY OFFICE WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS. PURSUANT TO SECTION 35 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE EAST FISHKILL FIRE DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL MAY IN ITS DISCRETION, PREPARE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDIT BY INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT AND FILE ANY SUCH RESPONSE IN MY OFFICE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 WHICH IS 90 DAYS AFTER PRESENTATION OF SUCH REPORT TO THE BOARD."

JULIE J. BEYER
SECRETARY/TREASURER
EAST FISHKILL FIRE DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing to con-

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sider the "Community Character Preservation Act" Law on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK
DATED: JULY 8, 2026
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, NY

TOWN OF FISHKILL FISHKILL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT RFP ADDENDUM No. 1

1. Cambridge Paving Stones
Three (3) piece LedgeStone Cambridge Stone Harbour Standard Border - Cambridge Onyx/Natural - 6" x 9" Placement example below - install 6" stone LONG WAY

Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee Public Notice

Please take notice that the Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee will hold a caucus:

Monday, July 20, 2026
at 5:30pm
Hyde Park Town Hall
4383 Route 9
Hyde Park, NY 12538

To nominate for the following offices to be voted on at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, and to conduct any other business that may come before the caucus:

Town Supervisor
1st Ward Councilperson
2nd Ward Councilperson
3rd Ward Councilperson
4th Ward Councilperson

Sign in will be from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. All residents of the Town of Hyde Park, who are enrolled in the Republican Party, are eligible to vote.

The Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee
Leigh Wager, Chairwoman

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THEME: THE 4TH OF JULY

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1. Dagger's partner
6. Elephant party, acr.
9. Do like volcano
13. Fire (2 words)
14. Pro football org.
15. Jonas Salk's conquest
16. Like a Harvard building?
17. ET carrier
18. Bedeck
19. *Tasty Fourth of July outings
21. *Float processions
23. Black gunk
24. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
25. The Jackson 5's 1970 hit
28. Caffeine source
30. TV classic "_____ Heroes"
35. Folio page
37. Abel's big brother
39. Fortune teller's card
40. Rank in British peerage
41. Archipelago parts
43. Head for (2 words)
44. Beseech
46. Impermanent employee
47. Prayer's end
48. Gardener's trimmer
50. Part of speech
52. Am is to I as _____ is to we
53. Calista Flockhart's husband
55. Likewise
57. *Salad tuber
60. *_____ Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest
64. Nonsense
65. Female gametes
67. "A Doll's House" playwright
68. Cuckoo
69. Opposite of guzzle
70. Cuckoo for what puffs?
71. Eyelid affliction
72. Driver's aid
73. Giving a once-over

DOWN

1. Hair holder
2. First name in jeans
3. Auricular
4. _____ provocateur
5. Island off Alaskan coast
6. Wildebeests
7. *For most, the 4th is a day _____
8. Onomatopoeia for splash
9. *Drink at a barbecue
10. Weary walk
11. Ireland, once
12. *Patriots _____ over Loyalists
15. Long John Silver's pet
20. Crocus, pl.
22. Ooh partner
24. Last part (2 words)
25. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
26. Famous Memphis street
27. Felt concern
29. *"...twilight's _____ gleaming"
31. Lady of "A Star is Born"
32. Smell
33. Post-it user
34. *"Born on the Fourth of July" director
36. *Popular July 4th decoration
38. Captain of Nautilus
42. Phlegms
45. Sully one's reputation
49. Go bad
51. Public announcement
54. Fowl perch
56. Exclamation of delight or dismay (2 words)
57. Bridge, in Paris
58. Colloquial approval
59. Ditty
60. Back of neck
61. Ascus, pl.
62. Ne
63. Glitch
64. Part of O.H.M.S.
66. Strive

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 12B.

hudson valley naturalist

by francine wizner



The intrigue of fizzy drinks & fuzzy trees

Famed film director Alfred Hitchcock famously popularized the mimosa cocktail in the United States, enjoying the libation so thoroughly that his biography, “It’s Only a Movie,” lists it as his “top drink.” The Master of Suspense allegedly touted mimosas as a “morning-after” hangover cure. Today it’s a staple at bridal showers, celebratory brunches, sunrise jubilees, and other such a.m. soirées. But the cocktail’s history began in the 1920s.

The precursor, “Buck’s Fizz,” was invented in 1921 at London’s historic Buck’s Club. It featured a 2:1 ratio of champagne to orange juice, famously giving members an excuse to drink before lunchtime. A few years later, at the Ritz Hotel in Paris, a more daytime-friendly alternative with a 1:1 ratio was dubbed the “mimosa.” It was this version Hitchcock preferred, offering greater hydration, sugar, vitamin C, and the classic “hair of the dog.”

France in the 1920s: The Golden Age of Mimosistes

Hitchcock may have first encountered his favorite drink’s floral namesake while shooting on location along the sun-drenched coastline of the French Riviera. In winter, a multitude of Mimosa trees bloom in a sea of brilliant yellow that contrasts with the blue of the Mediterranean.

Mimosa (*Acacia dealbata*) was discovered in Australia in the early 1800s during a French scientific voyage. By the 1860s, wealthy aristocrats were planting them in the south of France, where they escaped into the wild. Local horticulturists soon realized the acidic soil of the Tanneron Hills was an ideal growth medium.

By the 1920s, the *mimosiste* industry exploded. Thanks to bud-forcing greenhouses and the expanding European rail-

way network, local cultivators transitioned to a global enterprise. At its peak, they shipped up to 30 tons of fresh yellow blossoms daily to cold northern cities like Paris and London, cementing a traditional craft that survives today.

Hey, mate, that’s called Silver Wattle back home

When *Acacia dealbata* arrived in France, botanists misidentified it because its foliage resembled the true *Mimosa* genus. They christened it “mimosa” in error. Back in Australia, it is known as silver or blue wattle, named for the glaucous sheen on its fern-like leaves and bark. Similarly, the latter part of its scientific name originates from the Latin *dealbare*, meaning “covered in a white powder.”

British settlers in the late 1700s called it “wattle”—meaning woven twigs—because they used the flexible branches to weave frameworks for mud huts. Silver wattle was a utilitarian pioneer in the Southern Hemisphere; mimosa became a sun-drenched symbol of European high society in the North. The tree is practically a botanical double agent—Hitchcock would love the intrigue!

Mimosa trees in Dutchess County

I have seen a couple of mimosa trees in Poughkeepsie—and I am hunting for more! We have a type of true mimosa tree: *Albizia julibrissin*. Though completely different genera, *Acacia dealbata* and our Dutchess County mimosa are cousins within the legume family.

The evergreen *Acacia dealbata* thrives in USDA Hardiness Zones 8 to 10 and blooms fuzzy yellow pom-poms in late winter. Meanwhile, our green-leaved, deciduous mimosas grow in Zones 6 to 9 and bloom



Mimosa tree.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

silky, pink powder-puffs in late summer.

Both cousins share the unique behavior of folding their fern-like leaves at night or in response to darkness. Our Dutchess mimosas are even more sensitive, slowly closing their fronds during rain, heavy cloud cover, or when gently held.

The Greeks said it first

Long before it was a plant or a drink, the name originated from the Ancient Greek ‘mimos’ (mime or act) combined with the suffix ‘-osa’ (to resemble). In the 17th century, the term was adapted into Modern Latin as a botanical genus name. Scientists named plants like the *Mimosa pudica*, the “sensitive plant,” because its sudden movements made it look like the plant was mimicking animal behavior.

Leaflets drop, glasses raise: Sip happens

If a cocktail containing orange juice and champagne is a Mimosa, a cocktail with pink grapefruit juice should be called an Albizia.

The Albizia Cocktail

1 part pink grapefruit juice
1 part Sparkling wine (or sparkling apple juice/water for a mocktail)
1 dash Elderflower liqueur (or syrup)
Garnish: Sugar rim and a pink grapefruit twist

Enjoy it while watching one of Hitchcock’s films — like the one where Norman Bates remarked that Marion Crane “ate like a bird.” The line reminds me that the director once told Dick Cavett that puns are the highest form of literature. (I think so, too.)

Raise a glass to the Master of Suspense. Sip a fizzy cocktail, admire a fuzzy tree, drop your leaflets and unwind. Cheers!

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com>.



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