

Southern Dutchess News

Local municipalities host free summer concerts

By Kristine Coulter
Local municipalities in Southern Dutchess County are offering free summer concerts. There are a variety of bands one can see perform.

Concert Series at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park
The Summer 2026 River Pool at Beacon Free Outdoor Concert Series takes place at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. On Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., Angel Lau and Friends will perform. Next will be Neil Alexander & NAIL on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Then, Jeff Koch and Friends will take to the stage on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30p.m.
It is suggested attendees bring food for a picnic and a bathing suit to take a dip. For more information, visit www.riverpool.org.

East Fishkill residents enjoy the ‘outdoor’ part of the concerts
East Fishkill Recreation is offering its 2026 Summer Concert Series at the Hopewell Recreation Field, across from the hockey rink. Admission is free, just bring your own lawn chair.
“The weatherman has not cooperated. Heat and heavy rain affected three of our concerts,” explained Town of East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green.
Asked about attendance, Green shared, “We had big crowds on good weather nights (Hurley Mountain Highway and Chain Gang) and poor turnouts at Red Wing [Park] because of the heat.”
As for the feedback Green has received about the concerts, he said, “They enjoy our OUTDOOR concerts and are not fans of moving inside.”



Members of the Carrie Zazz Band will perform at different concerts throughout various municipalities this summer.

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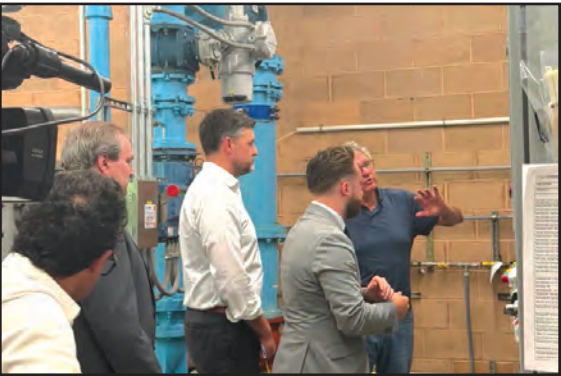
“We have a Friday Night concert scheduled through Labor Day with a wide variety of great music. We don’t have any “snow dates” scheduled,” noted Green.
Bosco & The Storm will be performing at 7 p.m. on July 17. The Carrie Zazz Band performs at 7 p.m. on July 24 and then on July 31 at 6:30 p.m., The Blend will take center stage.
August will bring Harvest at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 7. Noise in the Basement will entertain audiences on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. and then on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. it will be Roadhouse 60. There is a rain date at 6 p.m. for any week that has to be canceled

due to the weather. To close out the series on Sept. 4 will be Pretty Little Things at 6 p.m.
All concerts take place at the Hopewell Rec Park. Check the Recreation Department’s Facebook page to see what food trucks will be there on specific dates.
Organizers note parking is best at the McGrath Parking Lot. There is no entry from Anne or Church streets. Pets are allowed on a leash. Alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

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Phase II of Wappinger’s Hilltop Water Treatment Facility project receives nearly \$750,000

By Kristine Coulter
Nearly \$750,000 has been allocated for Phase II of the Filtration Improvements Project at the Hilltop Water Treatment Facility through a collaborative bipartisan effort between Congressman Pat Ryan and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. The project includes the installation of advanced water treatment and carbon filtration systems at the Hilltop Well Field. This will improve water quality, strengthen the reliability of the water supply, and ensure continued compliance with federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards, it was stated by officials.
“This is an absolute pleasure to be here. Over the several years we have worked strongly with Congressman Ryan as well as our town team to improve our infrastructure across the town of Wappinger. Over the past several years I’ve undertaken the largest capital improvement projects in this town’s history through various initiatives and projects,” remarked Cavaccini.



Elected officials listen to CAMO Pollution Control President Mike Tremper during a tour of the Hilltop Water Facility in the town of Wappinger last week.

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Dairy cattle, goat shows set at Fairgrounds Friday & Saturday

By Curtis Schmidt
The barns and livestock show arenas at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck will be teeming dairy cattle, dairy goats and meat goats for a variety of events on July 17 and 18.
The Eastern NY Holstein Club, established in 1913, will be holding its 2026 Black and White Show for all members starting at 10 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Also on Saturday, the Dutchess County 4-H Goat Advisory will be running an American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) sanctioned Dairy Goat and a Meat Goat show. This show is open to all youth aged 21 or younger. The advisory consists of leaders from all Dutchess County goat clubs.
This year, 56 junior members have entered in the Holstein Club’s Black and White Show. They will compete in showmanship, a competition where the member’s skills in showing their animals is judged. The remainder of the competition is judging the animal. To compete, everyone must be a member of ENY or another Holstein club in NY state.

Junior members showing are from three dairy 4-H clubs in Dutchess County and two in Columbia County, plus Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from John Jay, Pine Plains and Red Hook high schools, plus Housatonic High School in CT.
ENY Holstein Club President Carey Osofsky Alberg commented, “We could not put on this event without our amazing long-time volunteer committee from our club and the remarkable support from businesses and individuals in the community.”
The goat shows are open to all youth aged 21 or younger. The advisory consists of leaders from all Dutchess County goat clubs.
The goat advisory sees these shows as great opportunities for youth to practice their showing skills in a low-stress environment. Approximately 100 participants are expected.
The goal is for youth to have fun while they learn.

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Summer Concerts in the Park in Town of Fishkill

Town of Fishkill Recreation offers its free Summer Concerts in the Park on Wednesdays (with a rain date on Thursdays). Concerts take place at Maurer Geering Park, off Geering Way, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and pack food and drinks to enjoy during the show, but no alcohol. The first scheduled concert for this summer was on July 8th, but had to be canceled due to rain. The schedule follows:
July 15, Southern Dutchess Concert Band

July 22, The Christine Spero Duo
July 29, The Mighty Flynn
Aug. 5, The Harvest Band
Aug. 12, The Carrie Zazz Band
Aug. 19, The Big Band Sound
Aug. 26, The Saints
Food trucks can be a part of the series. Email lmcmnamen@fishkill-ny-gov for more information. Hooked Events will be offering a variety of food during certain weeks.

Carrie Zazz, with the Carrie Zazz Band, said, "We love participating in the summer town concerts because we get to play music from various decades and genres. The audience is filled with everyone, from young children to seniors, we enjoy playing favorites from the '60s, - The Beatles, The Byrds and the Rascals; the '70s - The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt and Doobie Brothers; and the '80s - Fleetwood Mac, Billy Joel and Tom Petty...just to name a few. We make sure everyone in the crowd hears a "favorite" song and we take request!"
Asked if the band has a favorite sum-

mer song that is requested, Zazz replied, "If we had to pick a favorite summer song that had the audience singing along, it would be "Summer of '69" by Bryan Adams. "Country Roads," by John Denver, while not exactly a summer song, always gets requested and always has the audience singing along."
Zazz shared that the band's favorite part of performing at summer concerts is meeting audience members.
"Everyone has a personal story of how music has touched their lives and I've heard over and over again how our song selection transports people back in time to cherished memories growing up and listening to the radio," she explained.

Music at Greenvale Park in Poughkeepsie

Summer 2026 brings Music at Greenvale to the town of Poughkeepsie. The concert series takes place on Tuesday nights at Greenvale Park, 249 Boardman Road, at 6:30 p.m. Performances are approximately 90 minutes.
The series' first show was rained out, said Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Director Nate Smith.
"In past year's events, we generally have about 100 people per show," said Smith. He added, "People generally have a great time. Some folks dance, many sing along to the covers. It's a lot of fun for all."
The recreation department staff does all they can "to create a venue that is accessible to all our residents," said Smith. "We recognize that there are wide and varied musical tastes in the town and do our best to have a little something for everyone; we work with musicians playing a wide variety of music that reflects the variety of residents."



Summer concerts in the town of Poughkeepsie are held at Greenvale Park. -Courtesy photo

The summer concerts can "provide a memorable experience for everyone in one of our beautiful parks," said Smith. The schedule for this summer includes:
July 28, The Crew
Aug. 4, The Hec 3oh
Aug. 11, Losing Our Faculties
Aug. 18, Rain Date

Concerts in the band shell in Town of Wappinger

The Town of Wappinger's Summer Concert Series will occur in the band shell, with a newly constructed dance floor at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, corner of Myers Coners and All Angels Hill roads. Make sure to bring a blanket or chair. Concerts take place on Thursday, from 7 - 9 p.m.
Town of Wappinger Recreation Director Jessica Fulton stated, "Things have been going great. Attendance has been strong. This is the second year of our extended schedule where we start in June instead of July. Everyone loves the new stage, bands and concertgoers alike. Our dance floor is complete this year and

folks are putting it to good use!"
The lineup includes:
July 16, Five Piece Suit
July 23, Southern Dutchess Concert Band
July 30, Ginger's Revenge
Aug. 6, Bosco & The Storm
Aug. 13, Cruise Control
Aug. 20, Hillbilly Parade
Aug. 27, Carrie Zazz Band

Wappingers Falls concerts set

Village of Wappingers Falls concerts are set for 2026. The Might Flynn performs from 7-9 p.m. at Mesier Park on Friday, July 17.
The week after, on July 24th, SAM, Unchained performs from 7-9 p.m. Chowderhead will bring the entertainment from 7- 9 p.m. on Friday, July 31. August's lineup is Ginger's Revenge on Aug. 7 and on Aug. 14th it will be The Blend. The last two Fridays of August will bring The Three Amigos with Macy McKnight on Aug. 21st and then The Chain Gang on Aug. 28th.

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Officials added that they would like to thank this opportunity to thank the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for allowing them to hold the shows at the

Fairgrounds. They would also like to thank Hackett Farm Supply for supplying shavings for the show ring, as well as the many local businesses who have made donations to support the show.

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New York is in serious trouble and no one seems to notice

To the Editor:

My wife and I recently moved from Dutchess County to North Carolina. The decision to leave the land of my parents, grandparents, and great grandparents was not easy. It was made easier however when we calculated how much more it would cost for us to remain in New York.

Let’s start with property taxes. In New York our property taxes for 2026 totaled \$15,218.29. The house we bought in North Carolina is worth about \$80,000 more than our old house. You would expect the property taxes to be more with a more expensive house but incredibly our property taxes are nearly \$10,000 less than what we paid in New York.

Car insurance also costs less in North Carolina. In New York we paid \$5,880. Here it’s \$2,500. Our Medicare drug plan is \$43.80/month less. Our total annual savings from making the move is about \$18,500/year or \$367/week. I think Duchess County is a beautiful place but I’m not going to pay an extra \$367 every week to live there.

New Yorkers by the thousands are noticing there are less expensive places to live. In the past year more than 18,000 people moved from NY to NC. From talking to our new neighbors, the high cost of living in NY is the primary reason.

Where are our elected officials as New York is hemorrhaging taxpayers? And where is the business community? They must realize that when people leave New York they take their spending money with them.

New York is in serious trouble. Tens of thousands of people are leaving the state each year, taking their talents, and money with them. There is a catastrophe heading towards New York and it won’t be pretty. Why isn’t anyone doing anything about it?

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First Amendment Culture Team conducts rally on July 4 at FDR site



The local First Amendment Culture Team (FACT) held a First Amendment Rally on July 4th at the FDR campus in Hyde Park, with approximately 100 individuals in attendance. Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway explained how New York - and Poughkeepsie - played a key role in the development of the Bill of Rights. Retired NY Court of Appeals Judge Al Rosenblatt noted that the First Amendment is our nation’s fundamental call for citizen participation in government, regardless of political affiliation. Congressman Pat Ryan led speakers from the Interfaith Council, Immigrant and Women’s Rights groups, education, the arts and local government. In the photos, clockwise from top left, Bettina “Poet Gold” Wilkerson speaks. Lucas Argow, Lily Piro and Akeliyah Fray address the audience. Walking in the Hyde Park July 4th parade are Jeff Aman, Julia Rubinic, Lily Piro and Deb Piro.

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Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum hosts World Cup Celebration Day

By Matthew Fetzter

Families gathered at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum on July 6 for its “World Cup Celebration Day,” an event featuring soccer-themed activities inspired by the FIFA World Cup.

For Samantha Schillinger, soccer could be described as “the beautiful game.” As the museum’s membership and guest experience coordinator, she was instrumental in organizing the event.

“It’s called the beautiful game for a reason,” said Schillinger. “It’s one of the most universal sports of all time. You can pick up any round object and without even knowing how to talk to another person, you know how to play together. The World Cup in general is supposed to be very unifying and can bring people together, so I wanted to bring that to us because it’s important for kids to get interested in that.”

Kids were able to choose from a variety of activities, such as decorating jerseys, cleats, balls and trophies at the arts and crafts station. For more active play, mini goals were set up where kids could challenge one another to a soccer game, or even try to take on their parents.

The museum also incorporated its STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) mission as it even had a station for learning about kinetic and potential energy within soccer.

Schillinger remarked, “Kids are very into

the technology aspect of things. I think that getting them active and getting them involved in sports is one of the main goals of this.”

The event was held in partnership with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County located in Wappingers Falls. Members of the Sports Museum staffed a booth at the celebration, answering soccer-related questions and providing information on local soccer stars, including Town of Wappinger native Tyler Adams, who is a member of the U.S. Men’s National Team.

Among those at the booth was former John Jay High School All-League soccer player Uriel Botchway, now a volunteer at the Sports Museum. He spoke with visitors about the organization and shared his own experiences while growing up playing soccer.

“Soccer is a lot more globally known compared to other sports,” said Botchway. “You can go to any other country in the world and see people playing. Looking at soccer not just as a game, but also as a global foundation really helps kids understand where we’re heading inside the sport and in life in general.”

“They can see different people from other countries representing their cultures,” Schillinger added. “It’s definitely the coolest thing about celebrating the World Cup and I think it’s so important because Poughkeepsie is such a diverse place.”

The celebration ended with a telecast of the Spain - Portugal match inside the museum for families to watch.

Dutchess to receive over \$1M for emergency dispatching

Dutchess County will receive \$1,250,992 as part of \$110 million in State funding to improve emergency communications systems and enhance public safety call-taking and dispatching capabilities through the combined SFY2025 and SFY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG) and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant Programs.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the funding last week. “Every moment counts in an emergency, and making sure our communications equipment is ready when we need it is vital to keeping New Yorkers safe,” Governor Hochul said. “Public safety is always my top priority, and this funding will go a long way to strengthen our emergency capabilities in every part of the state.”

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Emergency Services Commissioner Terry O’Leary said, “Communications is key during emergencies, and our first responders must have the most advanced equipment and technology to ensure a reliable communications system. This funding is vital to support our partners’ efforts to modernize, upgrade and maintain their emergency communications systems, and will make our communities safer by enhancing emergency response across our state.”

Through the SICG-Formula Grant Program, \$90 million is being awarded to support local governments’ efforts to bolster communications networks through Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Systems, expand access to communications-focused training and exercises and maintain communications equipment.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Generations of brave men and women have ‘preserved our American way of life’



With the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding just passed on July 4, we have the chance to look back on the countless Armed Forces members who have founded, shaped and protected the United States of America. More than simply a celebration of our country’s founding, this watershed moment is the perfect opportunity to recognize generations of brave men and women who have served our nation and preserved our American way of life.

In our country’s formative days, some two-and-a-half centuries ago, everyday people – be they blacksmiths, farmers, carpenters, shipwrights, tinsmiths – stood side-by-side to pursue a daring dream: the American experiment, a democracy that allowed these colonists to rule and govern themselves, an ocean away from the monarchy that laid claim to governing them. Despite being underdogs against one of the world’s dominant military forces, they stood firm in their pursuit of liberty.

It’s that bravery that helped found the country we now call home.

Beginning with those first battles, leading all the way to modern conflicts, the U.S. Armed Forces have been integral to writing the history of our great nation. From those formative years to the current day, coura-

geous Americans have stepped up in selfless sacrifice for their neighbors. Whether protecting our country in wartime or answering the call to respond when catastrophe strikes at home, they have remained at the ready on a moment’s notice.

The American tale has been shaped, in large part, by the service of these dedicated heroes. When others ran from peril, they ran toward danger to fight for the freedom we hold dear.

During the Civil War, they preserved the Union; they fought halfway across the globe in a pair of World Wars to defend freedom; and they have remained a beacon of hope in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and other lands far from home.

Too many of these heroes never made it back to their families. Still others returned to face the challenges that the physical and mental toll of war took on them, never to be the same. All this to defend the same liberty that united us at our nation’s founding many years ago.

More than combat, though, military service teaches the basic American tenets that are foundational to our way of life: courage, accountability, teamwork and endurance. Our veterans bring those values back home with them. They become pillars of their communities, vital neighbors, and continue

to serve – just in different ways, often not seeking the limelight.

In just the past month, for example, through our “Honor-A-Veteran” and “Veteran of Distinction” programs, Dutchess County has recognized vets who returned to their community to become a youth baseball and basketball mentor, a firefighter, a teacher and a school nurse. They continue to set an example – no longer for their military brothers and sisters, but now for their neighbors, their students, their co-workers, their community.

As Dutchess County’s Veterans Affairs Director, I’ve had the honor of listening as veterans of every era have shared tales of strength, sacrifice, friendship and resilience. Whether these stories come from battles on the frontline, from serving on a stateside base or from advancing missions across the globe, they all have a shared theme: an unselfish desire to give of themselves to their country when called upon.

While often deeply personal, these individual stories make up the fabric of our collective American history. As we continue to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution this year, let us all reflect on that shared history and how it has

shaped the great nation we still love, today.

Let us also never forget that freedom is not a given; rather, it’s a sacred gift that has been secured and passed down to us all over generations, through the valiant service of those in the Armed Forces. Just as in colonial days, those liberties have been defended by those who continue to band together and fight for their neighbors.

This historic year should serve as a reminder to commemorate the service of all those who have worn the uniform. I encourage you to thank the active-duty service members and veterans in Dutchess County; you’d be amazed how much a simple “Thank you for your service” can mean to those who have served, particularly those who came home to little or no acknowledgment or appreciation.

It should also be a reminder that the same ideals that guided those founding patriots in 1776 – principles like commitment, courage, character, service – remain the inspiration for everyone in the Armed Forces to this day.

As we mark 250 years of American history, I thank all who have served and continue to serve our nation. We in Dutchess County continue to honor the generations of service members whose courage and commitment have helped shape our country.

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Cavaccini noted, “This site here is one of great importance to the town. It is one of three water treatment facilities in the town of Wappinger. Our Hilltop Water Treatment Plant, through our partnership with Congressman Ryan, this facility, which is a beautiful very clean one thanks to Mike Tremper and his [CAMO] team, will allow us to improve our efficiently when it comes to delivering one of the most vital services government can offer its residents, and that is clean drinking water. It also builds upon our commitment to a water supply as well as cleaner infrastructure.”

Ryan said the town has taken “big leaps already” and he knows there is a lot of work to do.

“When you turn that tap, you just want to know [that] it’s clean, it’s safe and have zero doubt or worry about what’s coming into your house, business, school, family and friends,” said the congressman. “This is a great model in true cooperation,” he added.

The supervisor explained this site was the town’s first municipally owned well site. This well site is served by an aquifer that is influenced by the Sprout Creek not from the Hudson River, he stated. Cavaccini noted there has been “two significant water main breaks” over the course of his administration.

“It functions as intended but due to unique conditions as Hilltop, which includes a naturally occurring iron bacteria influenced by surrounding geology, it requires significant resources and ongoing maintenance for our town team,” said the supervisor. He noted there will be “a new filtration system that will modernize the facility even further.” He said it will “reduce the town’s annual expenses, maintenance costs, improve efficiency and help avoid larger capital infrastructure improvement in the future. Essentially, we’re protecting taxpayers for generations to come,” said Cavaccini.

Ryan said, “It’s about modernizing and having a long-term plan to invest, he said. Tremper, president of CAMO Pollution



Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini makes remarks last week regarding the Hilltop Water Treatment Facility upgrades that will be made with federal funds.

-Courtesy photo

Control, started in the town in 1974, when it was a privately owned water plant. Since 1974, the regulations and water quality demands from the government have changed for good, he said. The town purchased filters and drilled three new wells, he said “and have always taken the steps to keep up with the standards of quality and quantity.” He noted they are not going to change the amount of permitted water usage but are going to make to stay within today’s standards.

The Town recognized support from Wappinger Councilman Al Casella, Dutchess County Legislators Kevin Giles, Robert Faust, and Alix Winsby. Dutchess County Chair Yvette Valdés Smith was in attendance during the announcement as well as Legislator Lisa Kaul.

“It’s a win for Wappinger. It’s a win for the Hudson Valley. It’s a really good example of government at every level working together,” Ryan remarked.

“We are proud to continue these improvements,” said Cavaccini.

By moving forward with new infrastructure here, new filtration at the site will be able to bring wells back online that are currently too costly to operate, he stated.

Local youth qualify for AAU Track and Field National Championships

Thirteen members of the Poughkeepsie City Striders track team have seen their hard work pay off, by qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics National Championships, during the track and field portion, which will take place Aug. 3-8 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Led by coaches Damien Powell, Victoria Telesco, Nikki Telesco, Ben Scherrer, Rakim Webb, Peter Van Aken; the athletes that qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics national championships, and the events they qualified in, are as follows:

- Preston Botchway, 8-under, 800m run, 1500m run, Troy
- Prince Botchway III, age 10, 1500m run, Troy, NY
- Carmella Dancey, age 9, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Malika Dixon, age 15-16 group, Shotput, City of Poughkeepsie
- Jordyn Elem, 8 & under, 100m dash, 200m dash, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Gabriella Flanagan, age 14, Shotput, Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Ruben Flanagan, age 11, Shotput,

- Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Jeremy Fournier, 8 & under, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Noelle Gonzalez, age 14, 100m dash, Hopewell Junction
- Kaison Johnson, age 10, 200m dash, 400m dash, Pleasant Valley
- Jordan-Anthony Powell, age 14, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Asha Rashid-Scherrer, age 11, 800m run, 1500m run, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Oscar Reap-Robilotto, age 12, 1500m run, New Paltz

Poughkeepsie City Striders is a youth track club for boys and girls ages 6-18, with membership welcomed from any local community, sanctioned by both AAU and USATF national governing bodies; emphasizing proper training, hard work, and personal growth - and for some, competing at the highest level of youth competition. The program is designed to meet the needs of all participants, regardless of their performance level. Athletes attend twice a week practices during the indoor and outdoor seasons, and compete at AAU or USATF sanctioned meets.

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RENEGADES FEATURE

Former Renegades players Schlittler, Rice gain MLB All-Star recognition

By Morgan E. Maier

This year, a wealth of Hudson Valley Renegades alums have caught eyes on the big stage, and took their talents to Philadelphia for All-Star events and celebrations.

Among the league leaders in earned run average, strikeouts and average against, Cam Schlittler earns a first All-Star nod before completing a full major league season. The owner of a 1.62 earned run average through his first 17 starts, it was a no-brainer for Schlittler to join the starting rotation after a breakout debut last season.

Though the Yankees announced July 12 that Cam Schlittler would not be pitching in the game, this accolade should continue the momentum of the 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year for the Renegades.

The same could be said for Ben Rice. Arguably the Yankees' most reliable bat this season, Rice takes his talents twofold in the All-Star break. With the injured Nick Kurtz withdrawing from play, Rice is projected to be the starting first baseman for the American League.

The East's master of extra bases



Pitcher Cam Schlittler and slugger Ben Rice have earned All-Star nods for the New York Yankees. Schlittler was the 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year for the Renegades. Rice debuted for the Renegades in 2023, a year that saw him hit .324 with 20 home runs across Low-A, High-A, and Double-A.

-Photo by Dave Janosz and courtesy photo

and sheer power will also be participating in the home run derby, looking to take the crown against hometown favorites Kyle Schwarber and Bryce Harper. Rice debuted for the Renegades in 2023, a year that saw him hit .324

with 20 home runs across Low-A, High-A, and Double-A.

Splitting time in the bits between first base, catcher and designated hitter, Rice was cooking early this season, and now sits at a .279 average and 29 home runs to lead the Yankees' offense. Without the usual suspects of Aaron Judge, Pete Alonso and reigning champ Cal Raleigh, the third-year man has a chance to take the title among some of baseball's biggest power hitters.

The Futures Game highlights the best and brightest prospects across 120 minor league clubs — and the personnel committed to their success. The 2025 Hudson Valley skipper James Cooper was tabbed for the managerial job at this event, one of a few Renegades alumni featured this year. After replacing 2025 Renegade Carlos Lagrange at the top of the bill, Ben Grable stole the show with a scorching fastball clocking 96.6 miles per hour. The reliever has captured attention between High-A and Somerset this season, dealing heat and showing strong development from the bullpen.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	13	8	.619	--	4-6	W1
Frederick BAL *	11	9	.550	1.5	6-4	L2
Brooklyn NYM	11	9	.550	1.5	5-5	W4
Wilmington WSH	11	10	.524	2.0	3-7	L4
Hudson Valley NYY	11	10	.524	2.0	7-3	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	5	15	.250	7.5	3-7	W2

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	13	8	.619	--	7-3	W1
Asheville HOU	13	8	.619	--	6-4	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	12	9	.571	1.0	6-4	W1
Rome ATL	9	11	.450	3.5	6-4	W1
Greenville BOS	9	12	.429	4.0	5-5	L1
Hub City TEX	6	15	.286	7.0	2-8	L1



July		
07/28/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM Italian Heritage Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/29/26	vs. Jersey Shore	12:05 PM Super Splash Day presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/30/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM Video Game Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/31/26	vs. Jersey Shore	07:05 PM WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets Fireworks Friday
August		
08/01/26	vs. Jersey Shore	05:05 PM Faith & Family Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/02/26	vs. Jersey Shore	02:05 PM Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/11/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM First Responders Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/12/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM Strike Out Cancer Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/13/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM Agriculture Night Jersey Thursday presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union
08/14/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM Make-A-Wish Night presented by Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Five-game win streak, strong series propel Renegades as All-Star break arrives



Franyer Herrera, left, pitched five strong innings in the Renegades loss on Sunday, giving up just one hit and two runs with three strikeouts. Catcher Josue Gonzalez also had a strong series vs. Rome.



By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades clinched a series victory over the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a remarkable four-win week that displayed the best of the team’s pitching and offense. Before the All-Star Break gave the Renegades a well-earned mid-summer break, a promising win streak and strong pitching highlighted a battle between two teams scratching at the door of their respective .500 records.

The Renegades now own a 11-10 record in the second half of the season and are tied with Wilmington for fourth place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League.

Streak of five -To extend a five-game series win dating back to the bout with the Blue Rocks, the Renegades won three straight to start against Rome. The trio of victories saw the Renegades outscore the Emperors 19-6, as the pitching staff allowed just two runs in each of the games.

Rory Fox got much-needed run support in the series-clinching win on July 11, improving to 6-3 on the season as the Renegades rolled to a 7-1 victory. With Fox dealing through five innings, the Renegades scored all seven runs in five straight innings, beginning with a “blunderous” balk by the Rome pitcher, then Eric Genter home run in the third. Hudson Valley had nine hits that day, each one belonging to a different Renegade bat.

Oh, what a relief! - The bullpen showed out against Rome last week, with two relievers catching a win in the series. Brian Landry continued a strong streak of

outings with a clean one inning of work on July 7, where he also was the pitcher of record in a tight 3-2 win. Hudson Valley held on for a more demonstrative win two nights later, as Tanner Bauman saw to a 9-2 victory.

Roderick Arias had a huge night, knocking 5 runs batted in with a pair of home runs. Allen Facundo fanned 8 in his start, as Bauman improved to 2-0 on a two-hit, two-strikeout outing. Exiting the bullpen behind Bauman were Aaron Nixon, Brady Kirtner and Jack Sokol. Each contributed an inning to shut down the Emperors the rest of the way.

Finale Fumble - Late-game heroics prevailed for the Emperors in the final game before the All-Star break, as a three-run ninth held up for the visitors in the 7-4 Sunday result. Despite a strong five innings from Franyer Herrera (1 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K), Hudson Valley had little happening on the other side of the ball. With just five hits scattered across Hudson Valley’s day, the team also left 13 runners stranded in scoring position.

Luis Durango went 3-for-4 for Hudson Valley, a glimmer of winning play not just in the box, but on the basepaths. Only Arias and Josue Gonzalez notched hits alongside the nine-hitter. Durango’s three stolen bases matched a season-high, bringing his July total to nine swipes in eight games.

Hudson Valley returns to post-break play with three games against the Brooklyn Cyclones July 17-19. They will creep down to Coney Island for the final season matchup with the in-state rivals, having won seven of their last 10.

RENEGADES EXTRA



Eric Genter, above, had a homer in the Renegades’ 7-1 victory over Rome on July 11. Roderick Arias, below, had a huge night, knocking 5 runs batted in with a pair of home runs in the Renegades 9-2 win on July 9.



-Photos by Dave Janosz

From farms to families: CFHV awards over \$1 Million in Farm Fresh Food Grants

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has committed more than \$1 million over the next three years to strengthening food security across the region through its Farm Fresh Food Grant initiative. Made possible with support from the NoVo Foundation, along with contributions from other funders, the initiative will provide annual grants totaling \$350,000 to 28 organizations working to expand access to healthy food throughout the Hudson Valley.

The grants will support a wide range of efforts, including partnerships between farms and food pantries, fresh produce production and distribution, meal delivery for seniors and individuals undergoing cancer treatment, nutrition education and hands-on agricultural learning opportunities for students.

"Healthy food is essential to healthy communities," said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. "These grants invest in organizations that are addressing immediate needs while building stronger, more resilient local food systems. By supporting partnerships among farmers, food pantries, schools and community organizations, we're helping ensure more of our neighbors have reliable access to fresh, nutritious food."

The Farm Fresh Food program has grown into a comprehensive regional effort to strengthen food access and build a more resilient local food system. Since its inception in 2013, more than \$5.4 million has been distributed to 54 organizations, but its impact extends far beyond these grants. The program also supports innovative efforts that reduce food waste and strengthen the regional food systems, including FeedHV, the Chowmatch app, and the Food Systems Coalition.

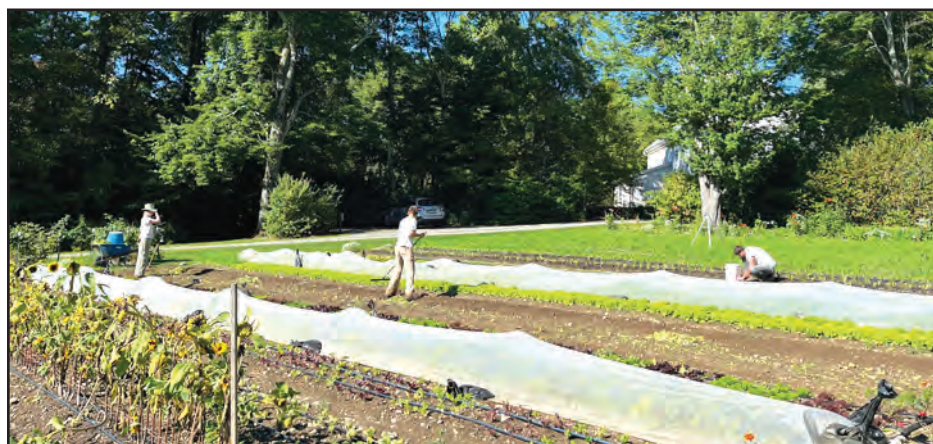
This latest round of funding builds on CFHV's long-standing commitment to food security across the Hudson Valley. That commitment was affirmed by findings from the foundation's 2025 "Voices of the Hudson Valley" report, which identified food assistance organizations as among the most valued community resources and highlighted

growing demand for the services they provide. According to the report, the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley distributed 54 million pounds of food in 2024, compared with 38.8 million pounds in 2018 — an increase of approximately 45 percent.

Grant recipients include Angel Food East; Camino al Exito Project for All; Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster; Common Ground Farm; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County; Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County; Dutchess Outreach; Family of Woodstock, Inc.; Glynwood; Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden; Hillside Food Outreach; Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative; Kingston YMCA Farm Project; Newburgh Urban Farm and Food; North East Community Center; Pawling Resource Center; Phillies Bridge Farm Project, Inc.; Poughkeepsie Farm Project; Red Hook Responds; Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; Rondout Valley Food Pantry Inc.; Scenic Hudson, Inc.; Second Chance Foods; Sky High Farm; Sparrow's Nest of the Hudson Valley; St. Thomas Episcopal Church Amenia Union NY; Stonewood Community Project Inc. and Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, Inc.

“Food security is about more than meeting immediate needs — it’s about building systems that connect people to healthy food year-round,” said Troy Ellen Dixon, program & operations consultant at Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative, who will use its grant to increase community access to farm-fresh food. “This grant will allow us to expand access to farm-fresh produce for our neighbors while deepening partnerships with local growers and community organizations. We are grateful for the opportunity to strengthen a food network that benefits both residents and the agricultural community throughout the Hudson Valley.”

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-Courtesy photo

Kristen Essig, director of culinary outreach and development, remarked: “The Market Garden at Stonewood Farm is about much more than growing vegetables—it’s about growing access, health and community. This funding will help us continue providing thousands of pounds of fresh, certified organic produce to neighbors experiencing food insecurity while supporting seniors, immigrant families, children and aspiring farmers throughout Northeast Dutchess County. We are grateful to Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for investing in local agriculture as a powerful tool to strengthen food security and improve quality of life across our region.”

Ensuring high school students won't go home hungry after the school day ends, the Rondout Valley Food Pantry will use its grant to support the High School Backpack Pantry Program. The High School Backpack Pantry Program is a student-requested creation. In years past, as

students got older, they didn't want to participate in the Backpack Program we have in place for younger students due to the stigma. The RVFP (Rondout Valley Food Pantry) has worked diligently to remove that mindset and are so excited that those efforts and the support of the Community Foundations Fresh Food Grant will allow us to provide the fun and nutritious backpacks that older students can enjoy over the weekends when access to school snacks and meals isn't available. By meeting students where they are and reducing barriers to access, we can help support their well-being, academic success and ability to thrive," thanked Sue Bruck, Rondout Valley Food Pantry board president.

For more information about Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and its efforts to strengthen food security across the region, visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.

Comment period open for Draft Transportation Plan through July 31

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) has opened its public comment period for its countywide plan: Moving Dutchess Forward, a strategic look at maintaining and improving the transportation system in Dutchess County through 2050.

Moving Dutchess County Forward, the DCTC's long-range plan, which is updated every five years, establishes a vision for the County's future transportation system to be safer and more reliable. The plan is centered around four strategic goals – Learn,

Assess, Advocate and Invest – and looks at the various ways people move about Dutchess County: driving, walking, bicycling, and riding public transit. It evaluates trends, assesses transportation barriers, advocates for best practices, and recommends priority investments to create a safer, more reliable system for all residents and visitors, while supporting access to basic needs such as jobs and housing.

Moving Dutchess Forward is designed as a digital product and includes interactive

maps and visuals to help readers understand the transportation issues facing the county. The DCTC encourages the public to visit movingdutchessforward.com to explore the draft plan. Comments on the plan and accompanying air quality statement will be accepted through July 31, and can be sent by mail, email or phone to:

Dutchess County Transportation
Council, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, Phone: (845)
486-3600, Email: dctc@dutchessny.gov

or Website: www.dutchessny.gov/dctc

A virtual information meeting on the Draft Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, at noon; please register here: [Virtual Meeting Registration](#).

All public comments will be summarized and presented to the Council prior to its next voting meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 (1:30 p.m.) at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, 4079 Albany Post Rd (Route 9), Hyde Park.

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Obituaries

Freda Rothschild



With heavy hearts and cherished memories, we announce the peaceful passing of Freda Hamill Rothschild, aged 90, on July 5, 2026, at Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, surrounded by love.

Born on March 6, 1936, in Birkenhead, England, Freda was a beacon of resilience, love, and selflessness, touching the lives of all who knew her. Freda was the beloved daughter of Lily Payne and James Hamill, who instilled in her the values of compassion and strength. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings — Jimmy, George, Lily, Iris, and Edna — and her husband, Alan Rothschild, whom she married on

February 20, 1965, in White Plains, NY, just six weeks after their first meeting. Their love story was one of spontaneity and deep connection, serving as a foundation for the family they cherished.

Freda's professional journey was diverse and fulfilling. She worked at Cadbury's Chocolate Factory, then at Littlewoods, in England, a job she truly loved and later at JCPenney, where her kindness shone through to customers and colleagues alike. She worked at several nursing homes, where she provided comfort and care to those in need. Her most treasured role was that of a Mother, Grandmother, and Matriarch. Freda had an extraordinary ability to bring her family together, orchestrating birthday celebrations and holiday gatherings with a warmth that made every moment memorable.

Freda's legacy lives on through her family, who were her pride and joy. She is survived by her loving children: Les Massey and his wife Dawn of Stanthorpe, Australia, Karen Rothschild and her fiancé Paul of Wappingers Falls, NY, Laura Kolor and her husband Paul of Wappingers Falls, NY, and Tina Rothschild of Collegeville, PA. Her grandchildren Morgan, Clayton, Samantha, Mark, Lauren, and her newly found grandchildren Rhian and Dan brought immense joy to her life, as did her six great-grandchildren.

In her spare time, Freda was known for her infectious giggle and her ability to make everyone feel cared for. Her life was a testament to resilience, she endured the challenges of World War II as a child in England, yet she emerged with a spirit that was as unyielding as it was gentle. Her journey alone to immigrate to the United States was yet another way she showed her strength.

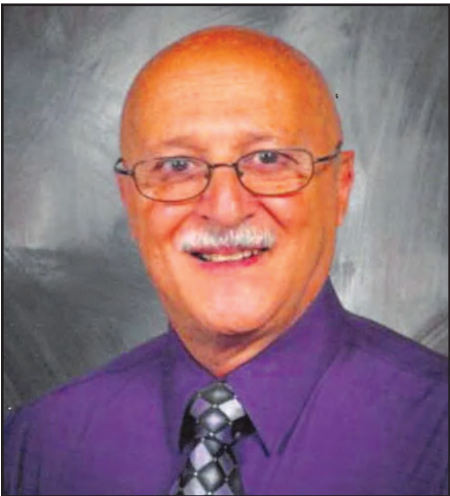
Freda's family extends their deepest gratitude to the angels on earth at Hudson Valley Hospice and Hudson Valley Hospice House, whose compassion and care brought comfort to Freda and her loved ones in her final days. A special thank you to Hospice music therapist Lauren, who touched Freda in a truly heartfelt way. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, a cause close to Freda's heart, ensuring that the kindness she received can be shared with others.

As we say goodbye to a remarkable woman, we celebrate a life lived with dignity, love, and boundless generosity. Freda's legacy is one of love and laughter, and while she may be gone from our sight, she will forever remain in our hearts.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service will be held at 5:30 p.m. during the visitation.

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

Gennaro 'Jerry' G. Landisi



Gennaro "Jerry" G. Landisi, a longtime resident of Beacon, entered into eternal rest peacefully on July 4, 2026, at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was 79 years old.

Born on December 29, 1946, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Jerry was the son of the late Joseph and Jane Lanni Landisi. He was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where he attended local schools and graduated from high school. Following graduation, Jerry enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving his country from 1965 until his honorable discharge in 1969. He later worked as a locksmith at Downstate Correctional Facility, where he remained until his retirement.

Jerry was deeply committed to his community and dedicated many years to public service.

A parishioner of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church, he was actively involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Jerry proudly served the City of Beacon as a member of the City Council and as a member of the Zoning Board. He also represented District 18 as a Dutchess County Legislator. A proud advocate of his Italian heritage, Jerry was a life member and past president of St. Rocco's Society and was also a member of Beacon Elks Lodge No. 1493.

Above all, Jerry treasured his family and the many friendships he cultivated throughout his life. He is survived by his beloved wife, Deborah Napoli; his sons, John Landisi and his wife, Tara, and Dave Landisi and his wife, Jennifer; his stepdaughters, Jessica Napoli and Amber Napoli; his grandchildren, Alex, Eric, Reilly, and Ryan; his sister, Linda, and her children, AJ, Mia, Christopher, and Lindsey; and many dear friends whose lives were enriched by his kindness, loyalty, and generosity.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his first wife, Anne Murdoch Landisi, in 2018.

Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, July 8, at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Thursday, July 9. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery in Beacon.

Memorial donations in Jerry's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Matthew Sendelbach



SENDELBACH, MATTHEW JOSEPH, 56, of Fishkill, New York died on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Matt was born on February 5, 1970, and grew up in Centerville, Ohio. He graduated first in his class in 1988 from Centerville High School. He earned a Bachelor of Physics, cum laude, from Cornell University (inspired by Carl Sagan) and a Master of Science from University of Illinois where Matt studied experimental high-energy physics and specialized in metrology and scatterometry. He was also a beloved teacher's assistant in Champaign-Urbana as he earned the award as the best TA—he was a natural-born teacher who could inspire the wonder of science in anyone! Matt married his college sweetheart, Kimberly Jane Sendelbach, in 1994.

As a child, Matt competed in soccer. However, he excelled even more as a soccer coach while each of his children participated. As a teenager, Matt served as captain of his high school Science Olympiad team and as a member of the debate team. He even skipped both his proms for the Science Olympiad competition! He was an active adult in the Boy Scouts of America and guided all three of his sons to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He loved helping them build their pinewood derby cars and teaching them skills in his workshop! He also loved assisting his five children with their annual science fair projects because he was able to share his passion and love of science with them.

Matt was known for many traits: being a loving father to five awesome children, his quirky sense of humor (including lots of "dad" jokes), one of the finest Dungeons & Dragons players east of the Mississippi, having the utmost respect for his parents and elders, and being excited to create ANY process or system (even as mundane as organizing the "correct" order to shop at the grocery store—complete with map!). Matt enjoyed witnessing his youngest daughter perform ballet recitals for thirteen years. He sharpened his dialogue skills through in-depth conversations with his eldest daughter. Furthermore, he was a soothing influence on his adored grandson, reading countless books and taking time to explain how things work.

For his entire professional career, Matt worked within the semiconductor industry for several reputable corporations as a research scientist, process engineer, and metrology consultant. He was truly a beloved science geek. Matt holds 26 U.S. patents and over 60 technical publications to his name. However, his favorite work-related role was as Committee Chair of the SPIE International Conference. For many months of each year, he thrived while collaborating with his colleagues for this conference every February and developed lifelong friendships.

Matt is preceded in death by his father Paul Joseph Sendelbach. He is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Kimberly Jane Sendelbach (Powell) of Fishkill, NY; children: Luke of Boston, MA; Anya of Albany, NY; Paul, Adam, and Katherine of Fishkill, NY; and grandson Taelen of Albany, NY. He is also survived by his mother Elaine Sendelbach-Coatney of Dayton, OH; stepfather Dr. Douglas Coatney of Dayton, OH; brother Brian Sendelbach of Boise, ID; sister Carolyn Burns (Robert) of West Chester, OH; nieces and nephews: Ellie, Noah, Albin, Rowan, Gwen (Matthew), Claire, TJ, Julia, Jane, Jack, and Katherine. Matt also had numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; all were incredibly special to him.

The name "Matthew" was chosen by his father, Paul, for its meaning "gift from God". He was indeed a gift from God to all whose lives he touched.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 9 at Riverview Funeral Home, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Matt's name to Breakthrough T1D (Juvenile Diabetes Association), 1757 Central Ave., Suite 102, Albany NY 12205.

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

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

Scott D. McGuire



Scott D. McGuire, a longtime Wappingers Falls resident passed away at his home on July 4, 2026; at the age of 57. He was born in Peekskill, NY on April 18, 1969, son of Betty Ann (Torhan) Miceli and the late Roger William McGuire. Scott graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School, class of 1987.

Scott worked various jobs and in recent years he was a sale associate at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture Store in Poughkeepsie. He loved gardening and being outside. Scott was an avid swimmer.

Along with his beloved mother Betty Ann Miceli, Scott is survived by his brother Shawn McGuire, and his two half-sisters Nicole & Renata.

Along with his father Roger McGuire, Scott was also predeceased by his beloved dog Murphy in 2006.

His Family will gather privately at the Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, to lay Scott to rest. Please keep Scott and his family in your prayers during this most difficult time.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of 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.

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SSNY desig. 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. Notice of Formation of RR CUSTOM TRAVEL LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. 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.	Legal Notices 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: D U T C H E S S 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 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	Legal Notices actor 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. L R K 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. Notice of Formation of YOROSHIQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/02/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 29 Lagrange Avenue, Apt. 1, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Notice of Formation of HUDSON VALLEY NABA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: HUDSON VALLEY NABA LLC, 37 Kendall Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Notice of Formation of HVN Hamilton, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as	Legal Notices 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. V I N S A M 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. 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	Legal Notices 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: D U T C H E S S COUNTY SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is: 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	Legal Notices (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 desig. 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 Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. 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	Legal Notices 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 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.
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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.

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 :

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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.: 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,

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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.

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.

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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 Schultsville Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of The 9th House Collective, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on June 30, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon the LLC to: The 9th House Collective, LLC 1849 South Road, #1074 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Purpose: To engage in any lawful actor activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

MJ REMEDIES, LLC.

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Art. of Org. filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 06/30/26. 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, 2703 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: medical equipment and device sales and any lawful purpose.

2617 S. AVENUE LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/2026. 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, 5 Oak Bend Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

2764 W. MAIN LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/2026. 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, 5 Oak Bend Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Basil & Bacon LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 2, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Shelton Lindsay, 123 Old Post Road North, Apt. B, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited li-

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ability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

COMICBOOKED LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of 5263 Route 44, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 7/1/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act of activity.

Notice of Formation of Tournament Supply Company, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/6/26. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3204 Chelsea Cove S, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Prastos Legacy LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) under LLC Section 203 on 06/25/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of Prastos Legacy LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Prastos Legacy LLC, 111 Longview Road, Clin-

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ton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Sara Zeoli Hair & Co LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/30/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sara Zeoli: 18 W Market St, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Captured By Cadence LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 12, 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 against the LLC to: 37 Willow Road, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful actor activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

H U D S O N RIDGE NURSE PRACTITIONER IN ADULT HEALTH, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 31 Thistle Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health.

Top 3 winners of Tioronda Garden Club's Patriotic Garden Contest awarded certificates



The winners of the Tioronda Garden Club's Patriotic Garden Contest received their certificates from Patriotic Garden Contest Chair Kathleen Pucher. From left, with Pucher and Gary Barrack, Tioronda Garden Club President, are Robert and Jean Haight, 1st place winners; Betty Wall and Steve Jaffe, 2nd place winners and Catherine Cottitta, 3rd place winner.

-Photos courtesy Tioronda Garden Club

East Fishkill celebrates America’s 250th with Colonial Village



The Town of East Fishkill and the East Fishkill Historical Society celebrated America's 250th anniversary on July 11. Clockwise from top left, Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro welcomes those in attendance to the day's event.

Benjamin Franklin, as portrayed by Jack Sherry, talks with Bruce Beard, who took part in the Colonial Village.

Young Colonials Ancient Fife & Drum play patriotic music. The group is from Carmel in Putnam County.

Linda Russell, a musical historian, plays the hammered dulcimer.

East Fishkill officials listen to remarks.

Kids had an opportunity to go in bounce houses.

A musket salute by the 2nd Dutchess Militia.

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R.I.P. 2-Bits

Mark and Sue get new goats.

Becky wanted a horse. When Sue and I, along with our 10-year-old daughter, moved into our new house, Becky, like every 10-year-old in the world, wanted a horse. After all, we had a seven-acre front yard, carved out of a piece of the old farm that was too rocky to grow crops. And like every father of a 10-year-old who wants a horse, I visualized my life slowly slipping off a steep cliff.

"A a, a horse?" I stammered. "Well, that's wonderful, but first you have to join a 4-H horse club for a year, and then we'll talk." I figured that would give me time to sell the house.

Lo and behold, after a year at the "Hoofin It" 4-H club, Becky came back and said, "Dad, I think horses are too much work. But could I have a goat?"

"You can have a thousand goats," I proclaimed. Esther Ottaway and her husband Jerry (I asked Esther if I could refer to her as the "goat lady." She said she was called that for the 40 years she ran a 4-H goat club). We ended up with two goats, "Black Goat" and "Gray Goat." They were a handful, and we learned to love them, when they weren't crashing through the roof of my Corvair convertible or eating the money out of Sue's purse. One day they walked down to the Adams store, stepped on the door opener, and walked around the grocery department, munching on popcorn and Triscuits.

Fast-forward 16 years. Becky moved

away, and the goats passed away from old age. It was a little quieter around the house. One day I found Sue crying in the kitchen as she was twisting the tops off a bunch of carrots. "I miss the goats," she sobbed. "They used to love carrot tops."

"But if we get more goats I'll be 76 years old, still taking care of them." I called the goat lady, brought 5-year-old granddaughter Ambika to pick out two new goats, Frances and 2-Bits. Frances died of cancer at age 10, but 2-Bits lived to the ripe old age of 17, a beloved member of the family. At the end, she couldn't walk and lost her appetite. We said a tearful good-bye.

"If we get more goats, I'll be 91 years old, and still taking care of them!" I exclaimed. I called the goat lady. When I stopped by, Esther and Jerry were knee deep in goats on their 58-acre farm in Pleasant Valley. And guess what? Jerry is 91 years old! Esther is 88, and they just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Esther tells me that when they bought the farm in 1969, one of their five human kids, Kathy, had read the novel "Heidi," and was crazy about goats, inspiring her parents on their new career. Jerry was from Niskayuno, N.Y., and Esther from Fort Benning, Georgia. They met when Jerry was starting his 35 years at I.B.M., after graduating from Harvard. Esther was a Vassar alum, majoring in ecology.

"We find homes for goats," Esther explained. "We don't make money, we



2-Bits.

-Photo by Sue Adams

make friends." Alas, their current crop is the last to be born on the farm, but they plan to keep 17 goats just for fun.

I called Becky, and she came over with her husband Mike and my now adult grand-kids, to pick out two new goats, for me and Sue to take care of until I'm 91 and Sue is 88, and we're celebrating our 66th wedding anniversary.

R.I.P. 2-Bits. Hello, Popcorn and Triscuit.

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



From left: Ambika with Triscuit and Becky with Popcorn on the way home.

-Photo by Mike Gallagher



Jerry & Esther.

-Photo by Mark Adams

Hayde Bluegrass Orchestra to perform in Beacon on July 26



Hayde Bluegrass Orchestra, an accomplished bluegrass/folk act from Norway, will perform in concert at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., in Beacon, on Sunday, July 26. Their debut record in 2021 reached #4 on the Billboard Bluegrass Albums chart and the act has received critical acclaim- winning an International Bluegrass Music Award and logging 18 million views on YouTube along the way. This will be the band's fourth trip to the U.S.

For tickets, go to <https://townecrier.com/events/hayde-bluegrass-orchestra>

-Courtesy photo

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Town of East Fishkill America 250 Celebration on July 11. A great and memorable time was shared by all in attendance. Happy Birthday, AMERICA!

Sign up now for our very popular East Fishkill Basketball Camp scheduled for July 20 to 24 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. at Fishkill Plains Elementary School. The camp is for boys and girls entering grades 4 - 8. The camp is run by super directors Leman Anderson and Marianna Golden and the fee is \$75 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. You may sign up online.

There are just a few tickets left for our August 6 trip to Saratoga Raceway. The fee is \$60 residents and \$75 nonresidents.

Baseball fans - YES- the Mets and

Yankees are still playing. We're going to Citi Field on August 1 and Yankee Stadium on August 12. The fee is \$100 resident/ \$115 nonresident for both games. Prayer books will be available. You may sign up online.

Our concert this Friday Night, July 17, features the dynamic Bosco and the Storm. Showtime is 7 p.m. Next Friday night, July 24, The Carrie Zazz Band return with their wide variety of musical treats at 7 p.m.

Red Wing Park is now open daily through September 7. Season passes are on sale weekdays at the Rec Office on 4 Anne Avenue.

Our two Fishing Camps (August 3-7 and August 10-14.) are filled.

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‘The Lives We Touch’ theme of Women’s Networking Event on July 30

Registration now open

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites women and all those who support women in our community to a special evening of empowerment, connection, and inspiration at her annual Women’s Networking Event on Thursday, July 30th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. This free event is a chance for Dutchess County’s women to come together in support of one another’s personal and professional growth.

Serino said, “There is nothing more powerful than women showing up for one another. When we gather, share our stories, and celebrate the lives we touch, we are reminded how our strength grows through community and connection. This event is a chance to connect, lift each other higher, and honor the incredible resilience and hope that women throughout Dutchess County demonstrate every single day.”

This year’s theme, “The Lives We Touch,” celebrates women in Dutchess County who have overcome challenges, found their life’s purpose, and help to

build up their community with dedication and hope for a better future for all.

Attendees will hear from three inspiring women whose journeys reflect this year’s theme:

Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach, Inc. and a staunch champion for food justice within our community;

Micah Smith, President and Founder of Micah Abigail LLC, a credit and financial freedom educator and supporter of new beginnings in every stage of life; and

Fallon Meneses, an Emergency Room Technician at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, a mother and passionate mental health and rare disease awareness advocate.

Several Dutchess County Government departments will also be on hand at the event sharing information about programs and services. Light refreshments will be served.

The Women’s Networking Event is free, but spots are limited. Registration is available online at dutchessny.gov/womenseven or by calling 845-486-2000.

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

Youth Tennis Lessons for children ages 7–10 began on July 13 and will run for five weeks. This program is for kids of all skill levels, whether they are learning the basics or looking to improve their game. SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.

Lessons will focus on skill development, sportsmanship, and having fun.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at REC@TOWNOFPOUGHKEEPSIE-NY.GOV or go to poughkeepsieny.myrec.com

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy free live music at Greenvale Park this summer! Concerts will begin at 6:30pm and continue every Tuesday evening through August 11.

July 21 - 6:30 p.m. - Soul City Groove
July 28 - 6:30 p.m. - The Crew
Aug. 4 - 6:30 p.m. - The Hec 3oh
Aug. 11 - 6:30 p.m. - Losing Our Faculties

**Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis
For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center**

If you're looking to get away for a

day of fun, then take a look at these trips:

Sept. 25: Leaf Peeping aboard the Catskill Mountain Railroad followed by lunch at the Cornell in Rondout. \$50pp covers everything- train ride, lunch, gratuities, and transportation from and back to our Senior Center (SC).

Nov. 19: Hanover Manor (NJ) \$70 per person for a served 4-course meal, music, dancing, a comedy show, gratuities, and coach bus transportation.

Sign up for both of these trips has already begun so don't delay. Come on over to our SC to register and pay in full. We're at 14 Abe's Way, and we're open Monday - Friday, 9am - 2:30pm.

Sign up and join forces with friends and other SC members to play:

July 16: Blank Slate, 1 p.m.
July 24: Team Trivia Challenge, 12:30 p.m.
July 30: Game Show, “Family Fued,” 1 p.m.

Every Friday: Music Jam (BYO instrument) at 1 p.m.

One may pick up our monthly calendar at our SC, or view it at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com. We can be reached at 845-462-0265.

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Guitar Club to meet on July 25

The Guitar Club will meet at the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Saturday, July 25. The group meets from 1:30-3:30 p.m. This is an adult group meant for guitar hobbyists to meet up and share their music and guitar geekiness together. Content will be group directed. Activities will include song circle, music swap, guitar care tips and general guitar geek chat.

Local resident Carol Morin will lead this group; all levels of experience are welcome. Familiarity with basic chords is helpful but not required.

Visit eflibrary.org or call 845-221-9943 for more information.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice 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, Atreyu Davonte Allen As Heir To The Estate Of Victor L. Allen, Melissa Jennings 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 Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees 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 Rose Johannsmeyer 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, Execu-

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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 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 foreclose 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 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

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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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2026-13 NAME OF PROJECT: CR-85 Slope Failure Reconstruction Town of Rhinebeck Project Description: Reconstruction of the roadway on County Route 85 in the Town of Rhinebeck, Dutchess County. The work includes the installation of 129 piles, reconstruction of 1,360' of roadway, and related ancillary work. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie,

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NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. **All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.** Bids for the above project will be received by: Lorraine Grant, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before **11:00AM Friday, July 24, 2026**, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. **Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602** United States, Hempstead (Toll) **Conference ID: 809 889 806#** Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Monday July 13, 2026 and emailed to Lorraine Grant at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is November 15, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is

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June 30, 2027. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC#: 2026018045 Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of East Fishkill is soliciting bids for the multiple petroleum tank removal and replacements at both the Highway Garage and Town Hall. The awarded contractor will be paid based on the unit price in each category. Contractors must complete all sections of the bid or they will be disqualified. Please review carefully. Full bid specifications and requirements are available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office Monday - Friday 9am to 3:45 pm. (845) 221-9191 and available for download at BIDNET. All questions **All bids must be submitted by 1 PM of AUGUST 12, 2026.** The Town Clerk and such other officials of the Town will open bids on August 12, 2026 at Noon at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY. All questions are to be emailed to Town Clerk. ccassidy@eastfishkillny.gov, by **July 31, 2026. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with "TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL PETROLEUM BULK STORAGE TANKS H2026.01"** The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL PETER CASSIDY TOWN CLERK Bid No. H2026.01 July 15, 2026**

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 29th day of July, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No. _____ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to amend various sections and subsections of Chapter 148. Water including abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners as it is currently constituted and redefine the Board of Water Commissioners to be the Village Board of Trustees; amending procedure for sending water bills and notices; and the process and penalties for annual inspections of backflow protection devices.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the enactment of the aforesaid Local Law is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and is otherwise exempt from environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: July 7, 2026 **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK**

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City of Beacon One Municipal Plaza - Suite One Beacon, New York 12508 Phone (845) 838-5002 July 6, 2026 SUBJECT: Variance Application Applicant: Steven Spaccarelli and Claire Tipley Address: 108 Liberty Street Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-31-266830-00 Zoning Classification: R1-5 Dear Neighboring Property Owner:	Steven Spaccarelli and Claire Tipley, 108 Liberty Street, have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-26.B.(2), to construct a driveway, for a newly created lot, which requires relief from the following: 1. Section 223-26 Off-street parking, loading and vehicular access. B. Location, use, design, construction and maintenance. (2) In any residence district, no designated off-street parking area or structure shall be developed in any front yard forward of the	principal building, except as approved by the Building Inspector or Planning Board for an unusual lot configuration. Nor shall any off-street parking area or structure be developed in a residence district in any minimum side or rear yard setback adjacent to a street line or in any other side or rear yard within five feet of the lot line. However, off-street parking spaces shall be permitted in residential districts as indicated in § 223-17C. The proposed driveway is located in the front yard, 2.5 feet	from the subdivided lot line between Lot 1 and Lot 2. The full application is available online at: https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agenda-minutes/ The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also	be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on July 21, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov Mercedes Perez Zoning Board Secretary	as the matter can be heard, at Town Hall, Town of Fishkill, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, for the purpose of considering the adoption of a proposed local law to amend Chapter 23 of the Town Code to establish the title of Deputy Receiver of Taxes and Assessments in the Town of Fishkill. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed local law will be available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Town Clerk on or before	July 28, 2026. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the above date, time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing at cleatherwood@fishkill-ny.gov. Dated: July 1, 2026 Fishkill, New York By Order of the Town Board Town of Fishkill Lauren T. Kalmancy – Deputy Town Clerk

County Executive Sue Serino recognizes 44 local students as ‘Serino Superstars’

Over the past several months, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has proudly partnered with middle schools across the county to recognize 44 exceptional students as “Serino Superstars.” First launched during her time in the State Senate, the Serino Superstars initiative honors the middle school students who are going above and beyond to uplift those around them through acts of kindness.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 middle school students will report being bullied. This staggering number has a profound impact on youth mental health, and its effects can last later into adulthood. The Serino Superstars initiative is just one of the many ways to combat bullying and promote kindness and inclusion throughout our school communities.

“The students nominated are truly the unsung heroes of their school communities,” said Serino, “Whether it’s helping their friends with schoolwork, speaking up against bullying or, lending a helping hand, they are making a real difference by creating spaces where everyone feels valued and included. You never know what someone is going through, and these simple acts truly go a long way. I am continuously inspired by these students and am grateful to the middle schools who partnered with us to celebrate them and champion these important values.”

Students were nominated as “Serino Superstars” by their school faculty and honored during special celebrations, including school events with teachers and parents, school assemblies, and moving up ceremonies. At each event, Serino spoke about the power of small acts of kindness, reflecting on the meaning behind this initiative, which stemmed from witnessing her brother being bullied growing up, the tragic consequences that followed later in his life, and her desire to prevent others

from experiencing the pain he endured. Students were also read why they were nominated before being presented with a special certificate and yard sign.

44 students were nominated from 11 participating schools:

Xavier Aiello
Van Wyck Middle School
Charels Ceru
Wappinger Junior High
Christopher Choc Lima
Eugene Brooks Intermediate School
Ellie Cruickshank
Bulkeley Middle School
Eleanor Devine
Stissing Mountain Junior High School
Sofia Garcia-Santiago
Bulkeley Middle School
Penni Gold
Hyde Park Middle School
Sean Gunther
Wappinger Junior High School
Giovanni Hamilton
Millbrook Middle School
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LaGrange Middle School
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Joseph Jamaitis
Hyde Park Middle School
Harleen Kaur
Van Wyck Middle School
Declan Keehner
LaGrange Middle School
Jenna Martin
Stissing Mountain Junior High School
Jameson Mayo
LaGrange Middle School
Kylie McGhee
Eugene Brooks Intermediate School
Jonathan Morales Curiel
Bulkeley Middle School
Mi Nguyen



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- Poughkeepsie Middle School
Zion Reed
Poughkeepsie Middle School
Eran Rivera Stissing
Mountain Junior High School
Lucien Rosenbloom
LaGrange Middle School
James Rutter
Bulkeley Middle School
Sydney Sims
LaGrange Middle School
Jameson Story
Bulkeley Middle School
Aislinn Wall
- LaGrange Middle School
Gules Weglinski
Millbrook Middle School
Tristen West
Poughkeepsie Middle School
Wyatt Wilkins
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Suguru

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THEME: BEVERAGES

ACROSS

1. Every which way

5. *Whole milk has about 8 grams of this per cup

8. Sound rebound

12. Not yet final, in law

13. Tibetan teacher

14. Twig of willow tree

15. Bad wishes

16. Like certain tradition

17. Separated

18. *Fermented tea

20. Trampled

21. Hermey and Buddy, e.g.

22. Pronoun

23. *Bee's favorite beverage

26. Like blabbermouth

30. Freud's concern

31. Becoming

34. Uncontrolled swerve

35. Type of heron

37. Unidentified John

38. Pocket change

39. Ding follower

40. Kenya's neighbor

42. "Five down" fighter pilot

43. Cuddle, romantically speaking

45. Eras

47. Film director's cry

48. Opinion

50. ____ Bora

52. *Blended fruit beverage

55. *Most-consumed beverage

56. Abbreviation, abbr.

57. Miniature whirlpool

59. The Brady Bunch, e.g.

60. Hanukkah gift

61. Came by horse

62. "For ____ the Bell Tolls"

63. Schiller's famous poem, e.g.

64. One-armed bandit

DOWN

1. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

2. *Most popular choice for official state beverage

3. Nobel Peace Prize capital

4. It's meant to be

5. Travesty

6. Wet nurses

7. Samoan money

8. *Caffeinated "shot"

9. Bye, in Palermo

10. *Group of bovine milk producers

11. Table scrap

13. Mona Lisa's home

14. Presidential promises, e.g.

19. Detonation

22. *Plant-based "milk" choice

23. Must-haves

24. Encourage (2 words)

25. Cornua, sing.

26. Late country singer-songwriter Campbell

27. Relating to ilium

28. *Popular party beverage

29. Affirmatives

32. Competitive advantage

33. New Zealand's bygone bird

36. *Milk+carbonated water+syrup

38. Head of a body part, anatomically speaking

40. Preceding month

41. Send back to mother country

44. Road-crossing helper

46. Not these or those

48. Implant

49. Like duchess or count

50. Johann Sebastian of music fame

51. Sgt. Snorkel's dog

52. Palm starch

53. Object of worship

54. Starchy tuber

55. "Amazing!"

58. Thus far

CROSSWORD

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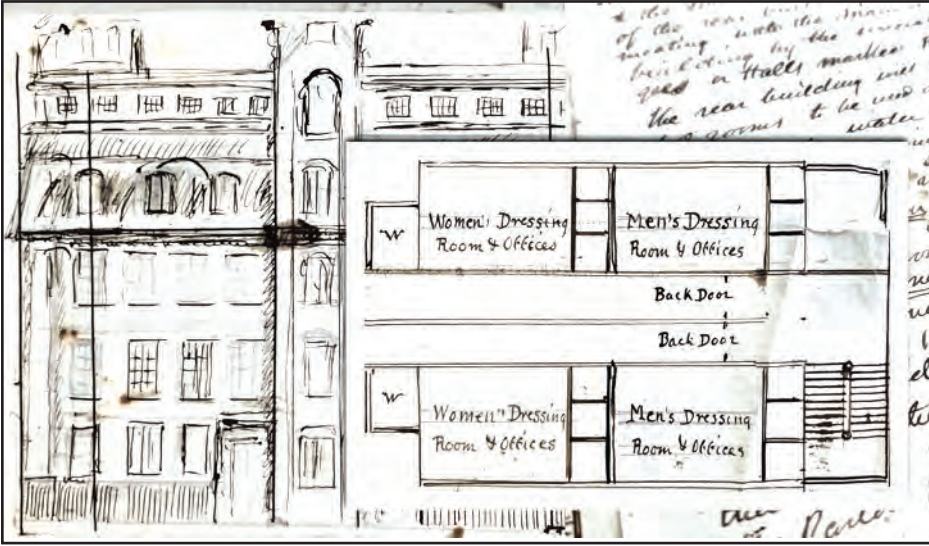
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A collection of manuscript pages relating with the “self-supporting school” model, including an illustration of the front of the school and the prospective co-educational living quarters.

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The Citizen Against the ‘Swindler’: William Clowes and his untold history of New York Equitable Education

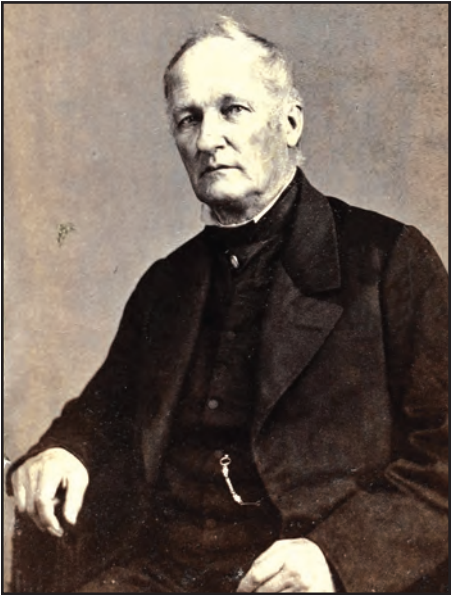
By Haley Brown

It is almost impossible to think of the history of progressive education in New York State without thinking of Vassar College. With halls wide enough to accommodate hoopskirts and an education to rival that of Harvard and Yale, the college opened as an academic utopia for educated young women in 1865.

The place of women in education was highly disputed in the mid-19th century. What little education was offered was typically concerned with artistic and domestic skills, serving as spaces where girls could be trained in etiquette over intellect. Many doctors believed that traditional education would have adverse effects on the physical and reproductive health of young women. Vassar College’s mission of providing education of the same quality as institutions for men turned away from social norms, and was not met without criticism. In order to protect the female body from her new-found collegiate education, founder Matthew Vassar adapted the curriculum to include calisthenics and athletic activity, hoping to quell anxiety in older generations sending their daughters to school.

Even with these and other provisions, Vassar’s school was met with fierce local opposition. The manuscript collection of William Clowes, part of the extensive Hart-Hubbard Collection, expresses one such local reaction of disappointment. Only two months after the college formally opened in September of 1865, Clowes stated that “there is not a greater swindle in the State of New York at least than the Vassar College.” A historian’s heart can be warmed to know that Clowes did not live long enough to see tuition prices as they are today. He goes on to describe Matthew Vassar as not only a cheat, but a knave and a scoundrel.

William Jones Clowes (1802 to 1881) was an eccentric figure locally. Frequent readers of our column may recognize him as the father of Caroline Clowes, an established female painter in the Hudson River School, who would ironically go on



William Jones Clowes from the Hart-Hubbard Collection.

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to study painting with Vassar professors. In his life, he was a lawyer in Dutchess County to some, and a landowner in Orange County to others. He was an avid writer, self-publishing multiple pamphlet and newsletter series sent out across New York State, using the publications to detail elaborate plans and suggestions for civic reformation.

At their core, Clowes’ personal papers and publications reveal a life-time goal of bettering society. He took the idea of “We, the People” literally, and based his political ideology on an inclusive definition of society, acknowledging men, women and children as equal participants in the status quo. There is no proof Clowes and Vassar had ever corresponded with each other. Perhaps if there had been, the two men could’ve realized the similarities in their values. More likely, as Clowes would’ve preferred, Vassar could’ve instead learned a thing or two about progressive education.

Clowes’ view for progressive education fell under a model he termed the “self-supporting school.”

Within his material, we found floor-plan illustrations and annotated sketches of his proposed idea, giving insight into how another local thinker was attempting to provide equal education. Even more radical than Matthew Vassar, the self-supporting school model was intended for any citizen above the age of 10, men and women alike. In his building plans, the layout of student living spaces occupies the same floor of the building regardless of gender, complete with men’s and women’s dressing rooms sharing a wall. Designed to foster curiosity rather than enforce obedience, other floors of the self-supporting school would operate as classrooms, where all pupils would be trained together in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, astronomy, politics and the sciences. Students were expected to simply become as educated as their interest would carry them.

The self-supporting school model differed from Vassar College beyond social and educational structure. William Clowes designed the school to be fully functioning without tuition payments or yearly fees, separating himself from his harsh criticism of Matthew Vassar’s tuition model. He wrote highly of tax-funded education in Europe to his subscribers, and would bring attention to how taxes in Dutchess and Orange counties were allocated. He kept a homemade journal of school boarding meeting minutes and ideas for how education could receive more money, believing that education was the utmost priority for the American civil body. Clowes wrote about the self-supporting school model for almost twenty years, constantly adapting the idea as education evolved around him.

This would be an incomplete discussion of equality in education without addressing race. In a draft publication from December 1866, Clowes sought

\$5,000 from his subscribers, to be paid back with interest in his own money, in order to renovate a 400-acre property of the deceased Dr. Samuel Fowler. The school was intended to give employment and instruction to a population of 50 Black children and adults living in Port Jervis, and was to be named “the Africamerican Institute.” It is unknown whether this draft was ever published or how widely it would have been shared, and we cannot confidently describe Clowes’ opinions on race. He was described by daughter Lydia as, “not an abolitionist,” and avoided discussion of slavery in all political writings on the Civil War. This lack of material could be telling by itself, but it is further complicated by his proposal for the Africamerican Institute.

Neither the Africamerican Institute or the self-supporting school model would be established. William Clowes’ financial struggles and lack of social standing would impede on not only his visions for education, but a multitude of other ideas for improvement. Matthew Vassar and others would receive praise for their actions, while the ideas of Clowes remained folded on single sheets of paper. His ideas for education were surprisingly contemporary, anti-capitalist and inclusive, but remained ideas. This introduction to Clowes and his beliefs on education allows us to think about his many other projects for social betterment in the Hudson Valley, even if they have never materialized. We are still working to understand the complexities of all of William Clowes’ ideas, but we encourage you to stay tuned.



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