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Local hearing specialist helps fit 400+ hearing aids in Panama mission trip



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson of Hopewell Junction is pictured with a young boy he has reconnected with each year since first fitting him with hearing aids.

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Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson with a young girl after her hearing aid fitting.

By Francesca Oliva
Outside an elementary school in Penonomé, Panama, a long line of people begins to form. People of all ages patiently wait for the chance to receive life-changing healthcare, with many of them having traveled long distances, some even on foot, to reach the temporary clinic. Inside one of the classrooms, Hopewell Junction hearing specialist Byron Robertson prepares patients to receive hearing aids, many

of whom have struggled with hearing loss for years.
He was one of dozens of volunteers who participated in the Northeast Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity's (NEVOSH) mission to Panama earlier this year. Over the course of four days, the audiology team fit more than 400 hearing aids for people who previously had little or no access to hearing health services.
Robertson is a Board Certified

Hearing Instrument Specialist with Cresswell Audiology, Powered By Beltone in Hopewell Junction. He has helping patients improve their hearing through evaluations and hearing aid fittings since 2010. A Marine Corps veteran originally from Louisiana, he moved to New York after meeting his wife and has spent more than a decade helping people with hearing loss reconnect to daily life.

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Soccer pro Tyler Adams gives back to Wappinger

By Kristine Coulter

Tyler Adams, a former Wappinger resident and graduate of Wappingers Central School District (Wappingers CSD), was welcomed home during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Martz Field Recreation Facility last week for "Tyler Adams Day."
"Today we welcomed Tyler Adams back home! We are so proud of what he has accomplished on the world stage," it was stated on the Town of Wappinger Facebook page. Located at the site is the Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch. Adams, a midfielder, played on the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team in the 2026 FIFA World Cup. He was captain of the team during the 2022 World Cup.
"Welcome home Tyler! Your Town is proud of you; they rooted for you every step of the way and you are a true inspiration to the next generation of soccer players right here in Wappinger," said Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.



Tyler Adams, a member of the U.S. Men's National Team in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, stopped by Martz Field to mentor some local youth during "Tyler Adams Day." They also held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Tyler Adams Pitch Field at Martz Field Recreation Facility. Adams is a graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School.

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Democratic majority of Legislature, Serino at odds over approval of plan at 26 Oakley

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The proposed settlement agreement concerning a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Street in Poughkeepsie is causing controversy between Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Democratic majority caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature.
Last Thursday, the County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street.
The next day, Serino's office issued a press release, which stated that Serino "expressed her deep concern following last night's non-vote by the Democratic Majority of the Dutchess County Legislature to ratify the agreement between the County and the City of Poughkeepsie to move forward with a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Street, to be known as the 'Homeless Outreach & Program Engagement (HOPE)' Center. The County Executive is calling on the Dutchess County Legislature to convene another special meeting to ratify the agreement to avoid further, real consequences for local taxpayers and the nearly 100 individuals who rely on this vital project."
Serino said, "Our homeless population does not have an 'R' or 'D' designation next to their names. This project is not a political issue – it is a human issue. At its core, this is an investment in the safety, stability and compassion for our neighbors who are counting on us and who are already working hard to change their situation. I am calling on the Democratic majority Legislators to keep the politics out of it and keep this project moving forward."
In an open letter to the residents of Dutchess County, the Democratic caucus of the Legislature stated, "Last Thursday, the Dutchess County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street. We want to be clear about what that means: nothing was rejected, and nothing was voted down. The agreement remains before us and will return to the agenda. What we declined to do was vote on a major, decades-long commitment of public money - an agreement that had changed just 24 hours earlier - before we had the chance to read it carefully, ask questions, and get answers."
"The reason is straightforward. The project in front of us carries a price tag of roughly \$20 million to build, and the agreement would bind the County to tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars more in taxpayer obligations stretching over the next thirty-five years. A commitment of that size and that length deserves more than a show of hands. Homelessness is a serious problem, and the people it affects deserve a solution built to last, not one assembled under deadline pressure."

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Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson (left) comforting a young boy during a hearing aid fitting.



Robertson provides hearing care to a patient in Panama.



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson (left, black shirt) is pictured with members of the Northeast VOSH and local volunteers.

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“The NEVOSH mission started with eyeglasses and over the years, they added doctors and audiologists,” said Robertson. When a spot opened on the NEVOSH audiology team, led by Sara Andreozzi, Robertson was recommended to join by his supervisor. Originally, the team would collect used hearing aids that people donated from all around the country. “We would refurbish them, clean them and make sure that they work so we could give those to the people we served in Central and South America,” Robertson explained. After his first mission trip to Panama, Robertson spoke to his supervisor Ed Ryan, president of Beltone Tri-State, about the experience and the need for hearing aids. Beltone has now donated more than 500 hearing aids in the past two years and paid travel expenses to allow Beltone employees to participate in NEVOSH. The first day of the trip involves setting up a local school to be used as a clinic throughout the course of the week. “There’s probably about 60 people all

together, a group of eye doctors, a group of dentists, a group of chiropractors, general medicine, a pharmacy, and the hearing aid clinic,” said Robertson. Each patient pays a small fee of one dollar to visit the clinic, where they will then be seen by various health professionals depending on their needs. To prepare for hearing aids, many patients will need their ears cleaned, hearing tested and hearing aid fittings. “It’s a long day, but at the end of it, it’s really rewarding,” said Robertson. “Many of them are waiting in line for hours all day ... at some point, everyone has to go home, and the hardest part is finding a cutoff point, because the need doesn’t stop.” A study by Johns Hopkins found that mild hearing loss doubled dementia risk, and moderate hearing loss tripled that risk. The hearing care provided by NEVOSH is life-changing for these patients, allowing them to live healthier and more connected lives which may not have been possible without this important service. Unlike patients in the United States, who typically return for multiple follow-up appointments, those in Panama often receive

just one opportunity for a hearing aid fitting. “In Panama, I am fitting hearing aids for someone who hasn’t heard, and I set them at a place where I think they can hear better and tolerate it, knowing that I’m not going to be there to help it,” recalls Robertson, “I would say 99% of the time, when my interpreter says, ‘How does it sound? Would you like it any louder or lower?’ they almost all say that it sounds perfect.” NEVOSH audiologists prepare a year’s worth of batteries, earpieces and maintenance supplies to ensure Panamanians can take care of their hearing aids for many years to come. Interpreters also created index cards with potential issues and care guidelines for hearing aids to distribute. “A big concern like the first year here is that we’re going to go do this for these people, and then there’s no wanting to take care of them when we leave, but when we come back and see that most of the people that we fit are still wearing their earring aids and they’re still work-

ing, that’s nice,” said Robertson. Robertson reflected on one specific moment from his first year on the NEVOSH team, where a young boy visited the clinic for hearing aids. “He couldn’t hear and he was just not very playful like a little boy should be, so when we tested his hearing and fit him with hearing aids, it almost instantly changed his personality,” recalled Robertson. Years later, the boy still remembers Robertson and continues to wear his hearing aids. “I saw him in the crowd and he remembered me, so he ran up to give me a hug,” said Robertson. “I’ve got a picture with him from every year.” While Robertson spends most of his time helping patients closer to home in Hopewell Junction, the annual trip to Panama has reinforced why he chose the profession in the first place. “It makes you realize how important what we do is, giving people the ability to communicate with their loved ones,” said Robertson.

-Courtesy photos

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Soccer pro Tyler Adams recently visited the Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch at Martz Field in Wappinger. He spent time with youth from Wappingers Central School District.

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“It was an honor to join his family, friends and our community for the official ribbon-cutting and dedication of the Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch at Martz Field in the Town of Wappinger. Tyler continues to make the Hudson Valley — and especially the 39th Senate District — proud, not only through his accomplishments on the field, but through the way he continues to give back to the community that helped shape him,” NYS Senator Rob Rolison posted on social media. It was posted on Wappingers CSD social media, “Proud to welcome Tyler Adams, United States Men’s National Soccer Team standout who represented our country in both 2022 and 2026 at the World Cup, back to our community! Mr. Adams serves as a role model for our youth and always gives back—he met with students earlier today at Martz Field

in the Town of Wappinger! Thankful for all he does for our community, and proud he is a Roy C. Ketcham grad!” Rolison added, “May every young athlete who steps onto this field be inspired to dream big, work hard, and remember where they came from. Congratulations, Tyler, and thank you for being such an incredible ambassador for our community.” Town officials extended their appreciation to Scotts for partnering with Wappinger through the Keep It Real campaign and for its investment in community recreation. The Keep It Real initiative, a partnership between ScottsMiracle-Gro and Every Kid Sports, it was stated, is helping level the playing field for youth sports while highlighting the benefits of healthy, natural grass fields and creating greater access to recreational opportunities for young athletes across the country.

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Poughkeepsie resident charged after allegedly setting fire outside NYC federal building

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), James C. Barnacle, Jr., Commissioner of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Jessica S. Tisch, and Regional Director of the U.S. Federal Protective Service (FPS), Robert D. Sooter, announced charges against Andrew Arrabaca, 43, of Poughkeepsie, after he allegedly set a fire outside of 26 Federal Plaza, sending flames and smoke up the outside of the building. Arrabaca was arrested earlier this month and presented on July 22 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robyn F. Tarnofsky.

"As alleged, the defendant caused a scene of destruction and mayhem by setting a fire at the entrance to a federal building in lower Manhattan which houses thousands of federal employees and receives hundreds of visitors daily," said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. "I am thankful for the brave, swift response of our law enforcement partners who stopped the defendant before he could cause greater harm. Once again, our bravest ran to the fire. Anyone who commits reckless acts that endanger New Yorkers and federal employees on federal property will be subject to serious federal criminal charges."

“Andrew Arrabaca allegedly attempted to disrupt and harm the individuals and infrastructure of 26 Federal Plaza,” said FBI Assistant Director in Charge James C. Barnacle, Jr. “His alleged acts appear to have been motivated by his anti-Government and anti-ICE beliefs. His unlawful conduct was immediately thwarted by the heroic response of the Federal Protective Service Officers, NYPD Officers, FBI Special Agents, and FBI Police Officers. FBI New York has zero tolerance for violence targeted at federal employees who choose to serve all Americans.”

"As alleged in the complaint, Andrew Arrabaca traveled to a government building in Lower Manhattan armed with weapons and explosive devices," said NYPD Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch.

“Because of the quick and brave actions of law enforcement, no one was seriously injured, and Arrabaca was taken into custody. This incident is a stark reminder of the dangers that law enforcement officers face and the importance of the NYPD’s work with our federal partners to keep the people of New York City safe.”

“The Federal Protective Service is dedicated to safeguarding federal property and ensuring the safety of all who work in and visit these facilities,” said FPS Regional Director Robert D. Sooter. “Our mission is to protect federal buildings, their occupants, and visitors by providing comprehensive law enforcement services. Safety is a top priority; we remain committed to maintaining secure environments that support the vital work of our nation’s government.”

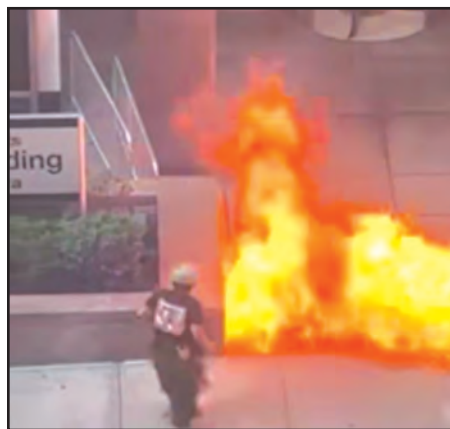
As alleged in the Complaint:(1)

On the morning of July 20, Arrabaca set off several fireworks in front of the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building at 26 Federal Plaza and shot a BB rifle in the direction of the building. Arrabaca then poured a bucket of flammable liquid onto the ground outside one of the building entrances and ignited the liquid. The liquid exploded into flames.

After setting the fire, Arrabaca retrieved a box of fireworks from a utility wagon that he had wheeled to the area and threw the box into the fire. Law enforcement agents apprehended and arrested Arrabaca just as an explosion sounded from the direction of the fire.

Arrabaca was wearing military-style camouflage pants, a belt with tactical pouches containing BB pellets and carbon dioxide cartridges, and a helmet bearing several phrases, including, "Kill yourself." A cross-body bag containing a knife and matches was concealed under Arrabaca's clothing, and a New York driver's license for Arrabaca was recovered from Arrabaca's person.

After Arrabaca's arrest, law enforcement agents searched the wagon and recovered numerous items, including a BB rifle and a pellet rifle, a machete, two hatchets, a mallet, a hammer, and what appeared to be several fireworks, includ-



According to the FBI, Andrew Arrabaca was allegedly captured on video footage shooting the BB gun, pouring and igniting the liquid, and running from the scene, as pictured in still images from surveillance videos.

-Photos from FBI

ing a cylindrical, multi-shot consumer firework with a printed label reading “Nuclear Warhead” and a black and yellow radiation symbol. A sign on the wagon bore the phrase “ICE Off Our Streets.”

During a recorded, Mirandized post-arrest interview, according to the FBI, Arrabaca stated, in substance and in part, that he was motivated to act by anti-government beliefs, including a belief that government authorities were unlawfully harming people, and that he had targeted the building entrance because he previously observed that it was a busy one.

At the time of Arrabaca's actions, it was noted by the FBI, the entrances to the Federal Building were guarded by law enforcement officers and/or government-contracted security guards and there were numerous individuals in the immediate vicinity of the Federal Building.

Multiple individuals were evaluated for injuries, including at least one victim who

appeared to have been hit with debris from the fire and/or explosion, resulting in a gash on the back of the victim's head.

The minimum and maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by a judge.

This case is being handled by the Office's National Security and International Narcotics Unit and General Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jane Chong, Samantha Fry, and Varun A. Gumaste are in charge of the prosecution, with assistance from Trial Attorney Patrick Cashman of the Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice's National Security Division.

It was stated that this is the introductory phrase and the entirety of the Complaint to date constitutes only allegations, and every fact described herein should be treated as an allegation.



EPA Invites Public Comment on the Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Hopewell Precision Superfund Site in Hopewell Junction, NY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is asking for input on its proposed cleanup plan to address groundwater contamination at the Hopewell Precision Superfund site in Hopewell Junction, New York.

EPA is taking comments from the public on the proposed cleanup plan for this site from July 29, 2026, to August 27, 2026. EPA will consider comments submitted during the comment period before making a final decision. Community members and stakeholders are encouraged to review the plan, attend the public meeting, and comment on the proposed cleanup options. Comments may be emailed to Ashley Similo, Remedial Project Manager at similo.ashley@epa.gov or via U.S. mail: Ashley Similio, 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Building 205 Bay B, Edison NJ 08837 by August 27, 2026.

EPA will hold a virtual public meeting via Zoom to discuss the proposed cleanup plan and take public comments on August 4 at 6:00 p.m. To register for the meeting, please use the following link: <http://bit.ly/4aXduHi>.

For more information, please contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Olivia Cappel, at cappel.olivia@epa.gov.

The proposed plan can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/hopewell-precision>.

Si necesita servicios de traducción o interpretación libres de costo durante la reunión virtual, por favor comuníquese con Olivia Cappel.

'Putting Your Skills Back to Work' fair for 55 and older on Aug. 13

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County's Office for the Aging announced the return of the second annual "Putting Your Skills Back to Work" Older Adults Skills Fair. This free event is designed for older adults, ages 55 and older, who are looking to stay active and are interested in meaningful volunteer opportunities or part-time employment. This year's fair will be held on Thursday, August 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at John Jay High School's gymnasium in East Fishkill.

Serino said, “Dutchess County’s older adults bring an incredible wealth of knowledge, experience, and energy to our community. Staying engaged—whether through volunteering, part-time work, or simply connecting with others—supports better health,

stronger independence, and a renewed sense of purpose. Our Older Adults Skills Fair celebrates that vitality and reinforces our commitment to helping older residents remain active, connected, and confident. Whether you're interested in sharing your talents through volunteer service or exploring part-time employment, this fair is the perfect place to start, and I hope to see you there!"

This event will include opportunities to:

- Meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions;
- Connect with nonprofit organizations;
- Socialization with fellow older adults;
- Enjoy complimentary light refreshments.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) Director Todd Tancredi said, “We’re pleased to bring this event back for a second year. This fair offers meaningful ways to stay engaged, connected, and involved. It’s a simple, but important opportunity for our older adults to share their talents and remain active in the community.”

There is no RSVP required for guest attendance. Businesses and nonprofit organizations interested in hosting a table can call the County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000 or visit dutchessny.gov/senior-skills to reserve a spot.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) provides services and advocacy to support independence, dignity and quality of life for older adults in the county. From nutrition and wellness programs to caregiver support and employment resources, the OFA is committed to enriching the lives of local older residents. More information about all the OFA offers is available at dutchessny.gov/aging.

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Silence of Wappingers Falls officials on NYS Comptroller’s Office follow-up audit ‘deafening’

To the Editor:

It has been weeks since the New York State Comptroller’s Office released its follow-up audit on the Village of Wappingers Falls, and the silence from our elected leaders is deafening. Rather than addressing the severe warnings raised by state auditors, the Board’s response has been telling residents not to “point fingers.” This deflection ignores a critical reality: the state report itself explicitly assigns blame. Titled Board Oversight, the audit makes it clear where the responsibility lies for our village's ongoing financial crisis.

The findings are alarming. State auditors revealed that 11 of 13 recommendations remain completely unimplemented. The report highlights severe deficiencies, including millions in unrecorded water and sewer revenues, unauthorized bank transfers, unperformed bank reconciliations, and delinquent financial reports. The Comptroller’s conclusion is unambiguous: the risk of financial mismanagement remains high, and officials cannot ensure taxpayers' assets are safeguarded.

Public office requires transparency, especially when millions of dollars and essential utilities are at stake. Dismissing legitimate taxpayer concerns as “finger-pointing” does nothing to fix the systemic breakdown at Village Hall. The residents of Wappingers Falls deserve an administration that takes full responsibility, implements the state's recommendations immediately, and restores financial integrity to our local government.

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Board Response: <https://wappingersfallsny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Statement-regarding-comptroller-report.pdf>

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Vassar Brothers Medical Center’s nursing excellence earns national recognition

The exceptional nursing quality and care provided every day at Vassar Brothers Medical Center has earned national recognition. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has awarded Vassar Brothers Medical Center its prestigious Pathway to Excellence® designation, recognizing the hospital’s commitment to nursing excellence, quality outcomes, professional empowerment and a supportive practice environment.

At Vassar Brothers Medical Center, nurses play a critical role in delivering safe, high-quality care to patients across the Hudson Valley. Through shared decision-making, professional development opportunities and a culture that values the voices of frontline caregivers, the hospital has built an environment where nurses are empowered to lead, innovate and continuously improve the patient experience.

The Pathway to Excellence designation is a globally recognized credential that identifies healthcare organizations where nurses are engaged, supported and positioned to provide the highest quality care. Research has shown Pathway-designated organizations benefit from higher nurse satisfaction, stronger retention, enhanced patient safety and improved clinical outcomes.

“Our nurses are the foundation of the exceptional care we provide every day,” said Susan Browning, Regional President of Northwell Health and President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center. “This designation reflects their unwavering commitment to clinical excellence, compassion and teamwork. It also affirms our commitment to fostering an environment where nurses are respected, supported and empowered to make a meaningful difference for our patients and community.”

As a Pathway to Excellence organization, Vassar Brothers Medical Center is leading efforts to advance nursing excellence, enhance quality of care, promote patient and staff safety and strengthen the future of healthcare delivery.

“Receiving the Pathway to Excellence designation is a tremendous honor because it recognizes the work and dedication of our nursing team,” said Cathy Manley Cullen, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. “Our nurses consistently demonstrate excellence at the bedside and in every aspect of patient care. This recognition validates the culture we have built together, one that encourages collaboration, professional growth, innovation and a steadfast focus on delivering the best possible outcomes for our patients.”

As a Pathway to Excellence organization, Vassar Brothers Medical Center joins a select group of healthcare institutions recognized for creating positive practice environments that support nurses and strengthen patient care.

For more information about the ANCC Pathway to Excellence program, visit the ANCC Pathway to Excellence website.

Derek Anderson named president of Putnam Hospital in expanded Northwell role

Northwell Health announced the appointment of Derek Anderson as president of Putnam Hospital. Anderson will assume the role while continuing to serve as president of Northern Westchester Hospital, further strengthening collaboration and advancing high-quality care across the region.

“Derek’s blend of strategic vision, operational expertise and commitment to patient-centered care makes him exceptionally well-positioned to lead Putnam Hospital into its next phase of growth,” said Kevin Beiner, Northwell’s EVP and Chief Operating Officer. “Derek’s expanded role will strengthen collaboration between our teams, accelerate the sharing of best practices and ensure we continue providing outstanding care for patients throughout the region.”

A respected healthcare executive, Anderson, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, has led Northern Westchester Hospital since 2019, where he has driven significant clinical and operational advancements. Under his leadership, the hospital has earned a prestigious 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for three consecutive years and achieved Magnet® recertification with distinction.

Anderson has overseen several key initiatives, including the introduction of cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology services, the launch of graduate medical education programs, and the implementation of the Epic electronic medical record system.

Anderson began his career with Northwell Health in 2009 as a financial and strategic planning analyst and later held progressive leadership roles at North Shore University Hospital, where he contributed to major capital and strategic projects.

“It is an honor to serve the Putnam Hospital community and build upon the remarkable work of Dr. Hirko and the dedicated team members, physicians and volunteers who make this hospital so special,” Anderson said. “Putnam Hospital has a strong history of serving its community with excellence and compassion. I look forward to listening, learning and working alongside our teams to strengthen services, expand access to care and ensure we continue meeting the evolving needs of the patients and communities we serve.”

Putnam Hospital is a 164-bed acute care hospital providing medical, surgical, psychiatric and 24-hour emergency services. It was established in 1964 and is the only hospital in Putnam County, serving Putnam, Northern Westchester and Southern Dutchess counties.

Honoring Dr. Mark Hirko’s leadership

Anderson succeeds Mark Hirko, MD, who recently retired following nine years of dedicated service to the organization.

A vascular surgeon and accomplished healthcare leader, Dr. Hirko joined Health Quest Medical Practice in 2017 as assistant vice president of surgical services and medical specialties.

In 2019, he was appointed president of Sharon Hospital and later expanded his responsibilities to include Putnam Hospital following the formation of Nuvance Health. In 2022, Dr. Hirko assumed full-time, onsite leadership at Putnam Hospital, where he helped drive transformative growth initiatives.

Learn more about Putnam Hospital.

Army National Guard locals receive promotions

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announced the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Geno Coppola from Wappingers Falls, and assigned to 727th Military Police Detachment, received a promotion June 10, to the rank of sergeant.

John Vicente from Arlington, and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion June 9, to the rank of private first class.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier’s overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

Tour the garden with ‘unique history’ at Mount Gulian August 1-2

By Kristine Coulter

Tour the garden at Mount Gulian Historic Site on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2, from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. learn about the unique horticultural history of the Verplanck family, who resided at Mount Gulian, and James F. Brown, a fugitive enslaved man who fled Maryland. This is part of Destination Dutchess’ “Great Estates Garden & Landscape Weekend.”

“It’s the remarkable history of Mount Gulian’s garden that makes it stand out from other area gardens,” said Elaine Hayes, Mount Gulian Historic Site Executive Director. “First, our heritage garden dates back to 1804 when it was designed by Mary Anna Verplanck, a precocious teenager who lived here. Then, its Garden Manager, James F. Brown, an enslaved man who escaped captivity, and whose freedom was purchased by the Verplanck family, tended to it for almost 40 years. He kept an extensive 7-volume journal while at Mount Gulian that lists the state of the weather, his visits with landscape designer and horticulturist Andrew Jackson Downing, who lived in Newburgh, and his many visits to flower shows in Manhattan.”

Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the 1912 map of the garden, said Hayes. They will also see a short film about Brown, who was the master gardener, “Cultivating Freedom: From Slave to Citizen.”

“Our visitors value the garden’s unique history, layout and plantings, especially the antique peonies, roses and yuccas. These plants have almost the exact same DNA as the original, ancestral plants grown here in the 1800’s,” remarked Hayes.

She added, “Guests enjoy seeing the pergola structure, the stone bench and sundial and appreciate the free 1912 garden map, and watching the short film about James F. Brown at Mount Gulian.”

Admission is \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$9 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Membership is open to the public.

Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows, said Hayes.

For reservations or more information, call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

For information on other gardens that will be highlighted, visit <https://destinationdutchess.com/spotlights/great-estates-garden-landscape-tour>.



Take a tour of the garden at Mount Gulian Historic Site on August 1 or August 2.
-Photo courtesy Mount Gulian Historic Site

NYS Comptroller releases Audit Follow-up Review for Village of Wappingers Falls

Compiled by Kristine Coulter

The New York State Comptroller’s Office last month released a review of results regarding the Village of Wappingers Falls. The Audit Follow-up Review (AFR) looked at the period of Sept. 30, 2025 through Feb. 28, 2026. The purpose of the review was to assess the progress in implementing our recommendations in the audit report Village of Wappingers Falls: Board Oversight (2023M-70), released in December 2023, according to the document.

“The audit determined that the Board of Trustees did not provide adequate oversight over financial operations and capital projects. The audit included 13 recommendations to help officials strengthen internal controls, financial reporting, oversight, and long-term planning,” according to New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli’s office.

The following were highlighted by the Comptroller’s Office:

- Develop mitigating controls where financial duties are not properly segregated – Partially Implemented
- Adopt, implement and enforce policies and procedures for daily financial operations – Not Implemented
- Ensure there is an annual audit of the

Treasurer’s records – Not Implemented.

- Ensure that Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) are submitted in a timely and accurate manner – Not Implemented.
- Treasurer to file AFR within 90 days after fiscal year-end – Not Implemented.
- Ensure AFRs are supported by the Village’s accounting records – Not Implemented.
- Provide the Board with adequate financial reports to monitor operations – Not Implemented.
- Ensure bank transfers are approved, necessary and periodically reviewed – Not Implemented.
- Ensure all bank reconciliations are prepared in a timely and accurate manner and independently reviewed – Not Implemented.
- Treasurer should prepare timely monthly bank reconciliations for all accounts – Not Implemented.
- Adopt a multiyear capital plan to properly monitor capital projects and plan for capital expenditures – Partially Implemented.
- Maintain complete capital project records, including financial history and written agreements – Not Implemented.
- Ensure bond and BAN proceeds are used only for their intended purposes and consult

counsel as needed – Not Implemented.

A statement from the board, released in June, states, “The board would like to address the recent report by the New York State Comptroller’s office. We understand and share the community’s concern over the findings in this report. Since the States (sic) most recent visit, a new treasurer has been hired. Our new treasurer has, in a few short months, been able to develop a good working relationship with the comptroller’s office and is in regular communications with them. Due to this open line of communication, the State has been receptive and helpful, which is encouraging.”

“Overall, the Board did not ensure there was an annual audit of the Treasurer’s records or that the Treasurer filed the AFR in a timely and accurate manner. Specifically, the Treasurer did not file the AFR with OSC within 90 days after the close of the Village’s fiscal year, ensure the AFR was supported by the Village’s accounting records, or provide the Board with adequate financial reports,” according to the Comptroller’s Office.

“The Board adopted a multiyear capital plan on December 11, 2024; however, the plan was generally not used or distributed

to Board members,” it is stated in the AFR.

According to the AFR, “Although the Mayor acknowledged that the Treasurer should have returned the funds during our previous audit, we released our audit report more than two years ago, and the funds remain unpaid. Additionally, the original BAN for the dam repairs was received in December 2019 and Village officials have yet to start the work. When BAN proceeds are not used for their intended purpose and then not returned, it could damage the Village’s reputation with investors and impact its ability to finance future projects.”

Mayor Kevin Huber did not immediately respond to request for comment.

The Board’s statement noted, “We would like our community to know that this board takes this report seriously. While we realize some of these issues have been years in the making, we also know that pointing fingers, assigning blame and looking backward is counter-productive. Regardless of how we got here, we know it is our job to make the changes necessary to move our village forward, and we are committed to doing so.”

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Renegades set Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser on July 30 to support DC Baseball Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame to announce Class of 2026 in special pre-game ceremony

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced that they will be holding a Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser during their game on Thursday, July 30, to benefit the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame.

There will be over 100 mystery bags filled with signed baseballs and bobbleheads for fans to purchase with proceeds benefitting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame. Among the items in the bags are autographed balls from Gerrit Cole, Carlos Rodon,

Francisco Lindor and Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs, and a robust collection of bobbleheads including likenesses of David Ortiz, Bugs Bunny and George Lombard, Jr.

The fundraiser will be part of a special night at the ballpark with the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame announcing its 2026 inductee class during a pre-game ceremony. The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame will be hosting its annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Sunday, November 8, inside the WMCHealth Club Lounge at Heritage Financial Park.

"Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame has been a huge supporter of celebrating the history and legacy of baseball in Dutchess County and we are excited for this opportunity to partner with them in 2026," said Tom Denlinger, General Manager of the Renegades. "This night will not only

feature a fun Mystery Baseball and Bobblehead fundraiser benefiting them but also the Hudson Valley's first opportunity to see the 2026 inductee class, we hope you'll join us for this special night."

"The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame is pleased to partner with the Hudson Valley Renegades in celebrating our 2026 Inductees," said Matt Veronesi, Board Member of the Hall of Fame. "The Renegades team has been amazing to work with and we are very excited to announce this year's inductees at the July 30th game, as well as to bring awareness to our organization, and to then to have our Induction Dinner on November 8th at Heritage Financial Park in the WMCHealth Club Lounge."

Mystery Bags will be available for purchase for the price of \$20 for one bag and \$35 for two, limit two bags

per person.

In addition to the Hall of Fame announcement, the July 30 game is also Video Game Night featuring a Renegades 8-bit replica jersey for the first 1,000 guests presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. It is also a Thirsty Thursday™ with \$2 Busch Light cans available until last call, 50% off Bud Light cans and Michelob Ultra drafts for two hours after gates open at the Michelob Ultra Party Patio Container bar, and 50% off Sloop Juice Bomb and Sloop Renegades Lager drafts for two hours after gates open at the Sloop Brewing Co. Beer Balcony.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, with gates opening to Summit Club Members at 5 p.m. and for all ticketholders at 5:30 p.m.

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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	18	12	.600	-	6-4	W1
Frederick BAL *	17	12	.586	0.5	6-4	L1
Wilmington WSH	17	13	.567	1.0	6-4	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	16	14	.533	2.0	5-5	L1
Brooklyn NYM	14	15	.483	3.5	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	9	20	.310	8.5	5-5	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	21	9	.700	-	9-1	L1
Asheville HOU	16	14	.533	5.0	3-7	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	15	15	.500	6.0	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	13	17	.433	8.0	4-6	W1
Rome ATL	12	17	.414	8.5	4-6	W1
Hub City TEX	10	20	.333	11.0	4-6	L1



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08/01/26	vs. Jersey Shore	05:05 PM	Faith & Family Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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08/11/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM	First Responders Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades split with Blue Rocks, welcome Chestnut for foodie event

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades started a week in Wilmington with a rain washout, a sign of deep waters to come. And although they dipped below .500 overall, the visitors kept heads above water with a series split. Three 10-plus performances, a familiar face in the opposite dugout and a resisted no-hit bid highlighted this bash with the Blue Rocks.

The Renegades return to Heritage Financial Park for a “hole” lot of fun when competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31. After Chestnut competes against a lucky foodie-turned-foe or two, the night festivities will be topped with Friday fireworks.

Fox Rocks - Final line notwithstanding, Rory Fox gave the Renegades a complete six-inning performance in the first game of the July 23 doubleheader. In a tight 2-1 loss, the Renegades gave Rory little offensive support. He struck out seven and walked none, but allowed the go-ahead RBI to Wilmington’s Kevin Bazzell in the bottom of the sixth.

0 for 9 - The Blue Rocks blew steam ahead of the weekend, far beyond the smoke-exPELLing moose living in the team’s logo – with a burst of offense beckoning a 9-1 win on July 24. No-hit and outscored by nine, the Renegades needed action in the eighth. Cam Troyer came through with a single. Hudson Valley escaped the shutout with a run scored, but the Blue Rocks came away with the decisive victory.



Rory Fox gave the Renegades a complete six-inning performance in the first game of the July 23 doubleheader.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Comeback Cam - The Renegades led a late-game charge on July 25, led by Robbie Burnett and Cam Troyer batting back-to-back three-hit nights. Troyer reached all four times he dug in the batter’s box. Burnett brought a tie-breaking blast to get Hudson Valley back ahead by two in the seventh inning. Troyer followed with a single. The only time in consecutive at-bats that both notched a hit sealed the game. Wilmington got one back in the ninth, but Brady Kirtner

completed the save to ensure at least the series tie.

Blue Baron - Former Renegade Baron Stuart, signed by the Washington Nationals in May after his release from the Yankees organization, was logged as Wilmington’s starter in the finale. The Blue Rocks boosted him with four runs before Hudson Valley battled to a 4-3 deficit in the seventh. The effort saw Troyer tie it in the ninth on a sacrifice fly



Competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31 at Heritage Financial Park.

-Courtesy photo

before the Blue Rocks earned the series tie with a 6-4 walkoff win.

Coming up

The Renegades return to New York hoping to pinch the last-place Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Jersey Shore enters the week off a series split with the Brooklyn Cyclones.

The upcoming homestand piles summer fun high like a favorite ice cream in July. Summer Splash Day on July 29 will have fans soaking in the sun (and then some!), with an early 12:05 first pitch. Local and international sports legends alike will be honored during the homestand, with a fundraiser benefiting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame on July 30.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Relief pitcher Brady Kirtner has promising outings in July

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades reliever Brady Kirtner was one pitcher the Wilmington Blue Rocks dreaded seeing in July. Four of Kirtner’s appearances in the month came against the Delaware foes, leading the Renegades to wins in three of them (all stats as of July 26).

A Georgia native, Kirtner has become a key bullpen piece in late innings and save situations. Blue Rock batters had four hits, seven walks, and two runs against Kirtner this month;

the 24-year-old righthander was 2-0 against Wilmington.

Though credited with a blown save, Kirtner captured the win on July 5. In the bottom of the ninth, “Walkoff” Kyle West backed up his closer with a three-run, game-clinching home run against Wilmington.

It was the first of Kirtner’s back-to-back wins over Wilmington, as the Renegades also called his number at Frawley Stadium on July 22. He was the pitcher of record in the 6-3 win, with three strikeouts in 1.1

innings. That’s a regular statistic for the former Virginia Tech Hokie this season, as he has struck out 39 batters in 29.1 innings. Kirtner was critical again in the Renegades’ 6-5 comeback on July 25, recording a four-out save to support the offense as they have for him.

Hudson Valley has two series remaining against Wilmington this season — and if he can allow fewer walks, expect Kirtner to come through big when called upon.



Brady Kirtner is a key bullpen piece in late innings and save situations for the Renegades.

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KDD Marketing’s Keri Jadrovski joins Ulster Chamber Foundation Board

Deepening its leadership impact in the community, KDD Marketing has announced that Vice President Keri Jadrovski has joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation Board of Directors as a full board member for a three-year term, effective this month. In this role, Jadrovski will leverage her marketing background to help expand the Foundation’s reach while strengthening and driving awareness of existing program offerings.

“The Foundation provides essential resources for emerging and established professionals, particularly for women who want to grow and connect with other professionals in Ulster County,” said Jadrovski. “Whether it’s through opportunities for leadership growth or networking events, these programs are incredibly valuable to the community, just as they have been to me personally.”

The appointment marks a full circle moment in Jadrovski’s work with the

Foundation. Her involvement began with her service on the organization’s marketing committee, where she spearheaded the design and implementation of the Foundation’s new logo and advised on social media strategy.

“Having worked with Keri professionally before she joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation, I knew the expertise and creativity she would bring to our Board, and she has exceeded every expectation,” said Amanda Ludington, board secretary and chair of the Foundation’s marketing and public relations committee. “Over the past year, she has generously shared her knowledge, helped shape our marketing strategy, strengthened our brand and consistently stepped forward wherever support was needed.”

In 2025, Jadrovski graduated from Leadership Ulster, the Foundation’s community leadership development program. As the 2025 class president, she was offered an ex

officio seat on the board, where she has served until her recent appointment to full board member in June 2026.

“Leadership Ulster was a meaningful experience that strengthened my confidence as a leader and motivated me to become more involved in the community,” said Jadrovski. “And now, joining the Board allows me to give back to an organization that helps others build that same confidence and connection.”

Jadrovski is also the vice president of KDD Marketing, where she guides and mentors the marketing and communications team, helping drive business development initiatives and representing the firm at events and conferences.

To learn more about KDD Marketing and its team, visit www.teamkdd.com or follow along on Facebook (@KDDMarketing) and Instagram (@kddmarketing).



Keri Jadrovski
-Courtesy photo

NYSPSC: Central Hudson and 4 other utilities failed to meet metrics

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced a combined \$50.1 million in penalties against five utilities that failed to meet their 2025 customer service standards. The action came as the Commission received an update from Department of Public Service staff on multiple New York electric, gas, and water utilities’ annual customer service performances for 2025.

While five utilities were found to have missed their performance standards, six others met theirs and provided adequate customer service to New Yorkers.

“Utilities provide services which are vital to public health, welfare, and New York’s economy,” said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian. “By approving incentives and enforcing consequences for utilities to meet customer service performance targets, the Commission ensures utilities uphold customer experience as a priority by design.”

NYSEG, RG&E, Central Hudson, National Grid, and Liberty Utilities failed to meet their minimum performance standards. These deficiencies result in negative revenue adjustments (NRAs), which are designed to

incentivize better customer service performance by reducing a utility’s shareholder earnings.

“Our customers have sent a clear message: they expect a better overall experience from their energy provider, and we are committed to meeting those expectations. We take this feedback very seriously and are focused on delivering more meaningful interactions every time our customers engage with us,” Joe Jenkins, spokesperson for Central Hudson, stated to Southern Dutchess News in an email on July 24. “As part of that commitment, we have enlisted an independent consultant to evaluate the end-to-end customer journey and identify opportunities to improve performance in key areas, such as customer communications, billing, digital self-service tools, and contact center interactions.” He added, “These initiatives build on the customer-focused investments proposed in our current rate plan, reflecting our commitment to delivering the level of service our customers expect and deserve.”

NRAs are either automatically credited to customers under each utility’s respective rate plan or deferred until the next rate case as regulatory liabilities

that the Commission can use to offset a portion of the utility’s revenue requirement during some future period for the benefit of customers. The Commission-adopted rate plans for each utility specify the metrics against which the utility’s performance will be assessed, the thresholds at which the utility would incur an NRA, and the accounting treatment for any incurred NRAs.

In addition to the required annual Customer Service Performance Indicator (CSPI) reports, a subset of utilities file monthly CSPI reports, which staff of the Department of Public Service uses to track and monitor a utility’s progress and performance on various metrics throughout the calendar year in order to ensure the fair and appropriate treatment of utility customers. Beyond confirming whether an NRA should be assessed, Staff’s annual audits review the accuracy of the utilities’ reported data and uncover any potential shortcomings or improvements that should be addressed in utility processes or procedures. Staff made 14 total recommendations as part of the 2025 annual audit, including suggestions related to data validation, granularity of reported data, and enhancing customer feedback channels.

Beginning in 2024, all major utilities subject to NRA mechanisms associated with their customer service performance have utilized a basis point system to determine customer service-related NRA values. Basis point values are equivalent to a change of one-hundredth of one percent of the equity portion of a utility’s rate base. Basis point values allow for the corresponding incentive dollar amounts to change year over year according to the relative size and characteristics of each utility, rather than remaining at a fixed dollar value.

Each of the following utilities failed to meet at least one of their customer service performance metrics in 2025:

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation failed its Customer Satisfaction Index, PSC Complaint Rate, and Call Answer Rate metrics, incurring NRAs totaling 34 basis points, or approximately \$4.7 million.

Jenkins noted, “In addition, we’ve initiated a national search for a new Chief Customer Services Officer who will lead our efforts to deliver a best-in-class customer experience and advance our goal of becoming a premium energy provider for homes and businesses in the Hudson Valley

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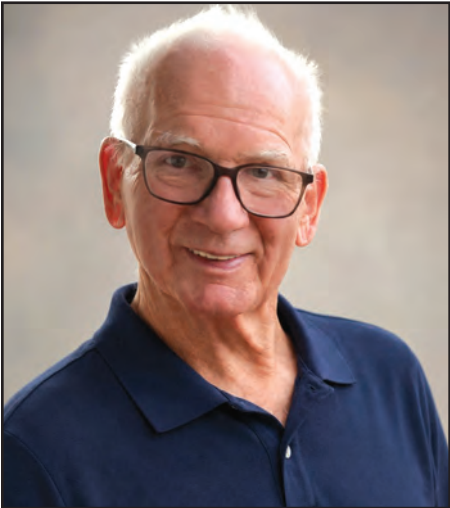


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Obituaries

Harry Waffington Hillier IV



Harry Waffington Hillier IV, known throughout Honesdale and Wayne County as “Skip,” passed away peacefully at his home on July 18, 2026, at the age of 83, surrounded by friends and family.

Harry was born September 1, 1942, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Harry Waffington Hillier III - known as “Hal” - and Mary Jane (Hartman) Hillier.

He attended Penn State University, where he earned a degree in chemical engineering and was honored with a mathematics award, and where he met Elaine Rutkosky, a history student who would become his wife. They married in 1964 and were devoted bridge partners for decades. Harry later earned an MBA

from the University of Delaware.

His early career carried him from research and development at Scott Paper Company where he was a published researcher. He later joined Merck Chemical, working first in Danville, Pennsylvania, and then in Albany, Georgia, where he served as factory manager. In 1975, Harry and Elaine returned to her hometown of Honesdale, where he purchased her father’s business, Honesdale Electric Service, and made it a fixture of the community. He ran the company until his retirement in 2000.

Harry gave generously to the place he called home. In the mid-1970s he was one of the founders of the Honesdale YMCA, serving as its president for its first three years and remaining active well into the following decade. He later served as a board member and president of the Wayne County Historical Society, helping to oversee the addition to the museum in downtown Honesdale in the early 2000s. In his later years he lent his support to the Victims Intervention Program.

An athlete all his life, Harry was both a snow skier and a water skier who never let age slow him down - he was still carving turns and setting out on his morning slalom passes into his 80s. He lived fully and forward, meeting every day with the same conviction: that life was meant to be lived all the way through.

After the death of Elaine, his wife of fifty-six years, in 2020, Harry built a permanent home at Duck Harbor Pond, designed by his daughter, Kristen, and son-in-law, Vern, where lake life, family, and old friends filled his days. The Duck Harbor Pond community became a second family to him, and the house and people surrounding him were the foundation of his happiness.

Then Harry did something he never expected to do again: he fell in love. He met Marianne Leamy, and the two were married in Poughkeepsie, New York, surrounded by a great gathering of the family and friends who had come to love them both. In the years that followed, they made the most of every one of them, seeing much of the world together - a honeymoon in Paris; a river cruise down the Danube through Budapest and Bucharest; Prague, Spain, and Morocco; the Hawaiian islands; a paddle-wheeler the Mississippi; and New Year's Eve in Key West one year and New Orleans the next. Harry embraced Marianne’s family just as wholeheartedly and became a true presence in their lives. He especially loved Marianne’s grandchildren, who delighted him endlessly and to whom he gave his whole heart. Harry and Marianne's family includes her daughter Amanda with her husband Donny Alves and their children Landon & Parker; her daughter Anne Marie Leamy with her husband Sean Rigothi and their children Michael, Christian, and AJ; and her son Kevin Leamy with his partner Rachel Bullock.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Elaine, in 2020; his parents; and his sister, Mary Jane Gentry. He is survived by his wife, Marianne Leamy, and her children and grandchildren, whom he embraced as his own; his daughter, Kristen McKissick, and her husband, Vern McKissick III; Elaine's sister, Cathy Gregory, and her husband, Pete, who remained family to him always; his sister, Beverly Knowlton, and her husband, Brad; his nephew K. Brad Knowlton and wife, Melanie; his niece Jessica and husband Rick Ortiz; and his nephews Kevin and Christopher Gentry.

Those wishing to honor Harry’s memory may consider a contribution to the Victims Intervention Program, whose work he supported in his later years.

Arrangements are under the care of Hessling Murray Funeral Home, Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 21. There was a formal service on Wednesday, July 22, both at Hessling Murray Funeral Home, 428 Main Street, Honesdale. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, July 25th at Darby O’Gills, 3969 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY. Condolences may be shared at hesslingfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. King



Dorothy M. King, a resident of Fishkill, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2026, at the Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was 82 years old.

Born on October 1, 1943, in Dublin, Georgia, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Smith and Missouri Jenkins.

On April 4, 1973, she married Richard Edward King, who predeceased her in 2008. Dorothy enjoyed a long career as a construction coordinator with Bell Atlantic and later retired from Verizon in Queens.

She is survived by her daughter, Lybbia Cabello and her husband, Jon; her grandchildren, Isaiah Cabello and Jocelynn Cabello; and her great-granddaughter,

Evangeline (Sanderlin) Cabello.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Richard, Dorothy was predeceased by her sisters, Ruby Lee Holder and Beverly Jones.

In keeping with Dorothy’s wishes, services will be held privately for her family. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

Christine Moffitt



Christine Moffitt, a 52-year resident of Beacon, entered into rest on July 17, 2026 at the age of 81.

Christine “Chris” was born on November 15, 1944 in College Point, New York, the daughter of the late John and Harriet (Smith) Reinhart. It was there that she met the love of her life George Moffitt, whom she married and spent 57 loving years with until her passing. Together, they moved to Beacon, NY and raised four boys: Edward, Brian, Thomas, and Andrew. Ed and Andrew were born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and as a homemaker, she spent much of her time advocating and taking care of all of her children’s needs. She eventually became a teacher’s aide in the Beacon City School District, and enjoyed having an active role in the classroom, helping to teach elementary school children. She had a lasting career and

retired from the district after helping children for over 20 years.

Aside from her work, Chris was a devout Catholic and a member of both St. Joachim’s church in Beacon and a lifetime member of the Altar Rosary Society of Hopewell Junction. Chris was creative by nature. She enjoyed arts and crafts and painting and later developed a love for crocheting. She would work tirelessly to crochet a winter hat for a friend, a baby blanket for an expectant mother, or something as simple as a teapot cover so your tea wouldn’t get cold. Chances are if you knew her, you probably have something she made for you with love. She enjoyed gardening and keeping house plants and she especially liked when her Christmas cactus was in bloom. She enjoyed cooking and she was very proud of having taken several cooking classes at the Culinary Institute of America.

Chris was known to be very social and outgoing, making friends and friendly conversation wherever she was, and making an impact on anyone who got to know her. She loved to travel. While doing so, she loved to know where the people she met were from and if she found out someone was also raised in College Point or Queens in general, well, they had a new best friend.

Chris is survived by her husband George Moffitt, her son Brian Moffitt and his wife Kim, her son Thomas Moffitt and his wife Susan, and her brother Robert Reinhart and his wife Maureen. She is also survived by her six grandchildren Samantha, Andrew, Garrett, Jason, Miranda, and Morgan as well as several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her parents, she is predeceased by her brother John and two sons, Edward and Andrew Moffitt.

Family and friends gathered on Monday, July 27 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A graveside service took place on Tuesday, July 28 at St. Joachim Cemetery, 523 Washington Avenue, Beacon.

Chris and family received support from two organizations during their care for Ed and Andrew and would like to continue to help other families with similar needs. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Chris to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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

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Democratic majority of Legislature, Serino at odds over approval of plan at 26 Oakley

Continued from cover

The press release from the County Executive’s office noted that “Dutchess County is mandated by New York State to house the homeless and the County is at a pivotal moment in advancing the HOPE Center at Oakley Street that will be a New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)-certified emergency housing facility, serving up to 99 individuals experiencing homelessness with structured support, case management and individualized living plans to create pathways to permanent housing. Last night, the Legislature held a special meeting specifically to address ratifying the agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie and County that was reached through mediation, and ratified by the City’s Common Council on Wednesday.”

Serino said, “I am so grateful and proud of how we have worked so hard, across the aisle, with City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and the City’s Common Council to come together and agree on a settlement to move this vital shelter project forward. The Mayor, the Council and my team were all on the same page! At this point, it is solely the Democratic majority of the Dutchess County Legislature who is irresponsibly dragging their feet, proving they are wholly unserious about solving this issue and frankly, it is shameful.”

In its’ open letter to residents, the Democratic caucus responded with the following: “The County Executive has pushed for a fast vote and a rubber stamp. But this Administration and the Republicans have a long and expensive record of moving quickly and getting it wrong: \$25 million at Dutchess Stadium, the Camp Nooteeming project, the construction of the Stabilization Center. Each began with confident assurances. Each ended with County taxpayers picking up the tab. We are not willing to add

26 Oakley Street to that list simply because we were asked to hurry.

“So we are doing the work. We are reviewing the agreement line-by-line, asking the Administration for the cost projections and the plans that have not yet been provided, and pressing for answers to the questions any responsible legislator should ask before spending public money. When those answers are in hand, we will decide. That is not obstruction - it is the job we were elected to do, and we intend to do it right.”

Mike Polasek (R-LaGrange) and minority leader of the Legislature gave the following statement on behalf of the Republican caucus:

“No one was asking legislators to rubber stamp this agreement, and no one was required to vote that night. We wanted to debate it. Members of our caucus had concerns about the Common Council’s change as well, and Thursday was the opportunity to bring those concerns into the open, ask questions of the Administration, and let legislators on both sides discuss the agreement publicly and on the record. We never got that opportunity because the motion to postpone came first.

“26 Oakley is not a new issue. It has been discussed, questioned and debated for approximately five years, and the current agreement has been available since the middle of June. Due diligence matters, but it did not begin after Thursday’s postponement. Members of our caucus have been asking questions and working through this issue for years.

“If additional information is needed, identify what is needed, get the answers and reconvene. The Republican Caucus is ready to meet and have this debate. With state funding, construction costs, taxpayer dollars and services for people experiencing homelessness at stake, there is simply too much on the line to wait until September.”

The Legislature’s Budget, Finance & Personnel Committee voted to delay their decision until September 2026.

National Night Out set for August 4

The Town of Fishkill National Night Out will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4 at Maurer-Geering Park. There will be food trucks, music and fun activities. Please note there is rain date of August 6th in the event of inclement weather.

The East Fishkill Police Department will hold National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5-8 p.m. at Hopewell Rec Park. Sponsorship opportunities at www.eastfishkillrecreation.com. For more information, call 845-221-2111.

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Creative Living

Kosher farm market in Hopewell Junction offers fresh foods, traditional favorites



A variety of fresh, locally grown foods are available at Pardess Center Kosher Farm Market in Hopewell Junction.

-Photos by Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus, rabbi@mypardess.org

By Francine Wizner

More than a dozen seasonal farmers markets operate in every corner of Dutchess County. They emphasize a face-to-face connection between shoppers and producers of fresh, nutrient-dense, locally grown foods. As an addition to the produce and artisanal goods found at those hubs, this summer you can find Pardess Center Kosher Farm Market in Hopewell Junction.

I visited the market on a recent Friday in July, finding a farm stand stocked with a variety of traditional favorites, including fresh potato kugel, rugelach, knishes and authentic deli staples. My husband and I

enjoyed their half-sours and fresh challah with our dinners over the next few days. As for the chocolate Babka I picked up, it was demolished in one evening!

Harmony between heritage and health

Kosher foods are prepared in strict accordance with traditional Jewish dietary laws, which govern how animals are processed, what ingredients can be combined, and how kitchens are supervised. In their raw, natural state, foods like fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains and eggs are inherently kosher, provided they are thoroughly checked for insects or imperfections. By contrast, meat and dairy are

subject to strict laws that dictate specific processing methods and forbid combining the two.

Centuries before microscopes existed, kosher traditions instituted practices that inadvertently aligned with modern hygiene principles. While followed for spiritual reasons, these laws frequently mirror concepts found in modern biology. Specific preparation techniques, such as salting meat to remove blood, act as a natural antimicrobial defense by dehydrating potential pathogens. Additionally, the strict separation of meat and dairy kitchen utensils fundamentally reduces risks of cross-contamination. This harmo-

ny between religious heritage and modern health science demonstrates that ancient traditions can be remarkably ahead of their time.

Nostalgic classics for a limited time

Like a curated pop-up of home-style noshes and heartwarming fare, the Pardess Chabad Farm Market has a limited duration. If you want to experience a unique destination that bridges local agriculture with Jewish heritage by pairing fresh, home-grown vegetables with kosher provisions, plan a trip soon to Pardess Center for Jewish Life at 171 Blue Hill Road, Hopewell Junction.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

We still have good seats for the NY METS August 1 Mets trip and 40th anniversary celebration this Saturday with many of the 1986 players in attendance. The pre-game will include panels, VIP brunch and on-field reunions featuring winning members of the '86 championship team. Great memories will be revisited on this fun trip. Fee is \$100 resident and \$115 non-resident. Sign up now!

Don't forget Tuesday, August 4, is our NATIONAL NIGHT OUT from 5-8 p.m. at the Hopewell Rec honoring our police. Sunday, August 9, is our annual Think

DIFFERENTLY at the Beach from noon to 3 p.m. at Red Wing Park.

Our August 6 trip to Saratoga Raceway is now filled.

Our concert this Friday Night, July 31, at 7 p.m. will feature The Blend, the talented duo who entertain with a wide variety of great music.

Red Wing Park is open daily through September 7 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Wing Park fishing takes place on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

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get growing!

by mark adams



New flowers for 2027

There’s always room for new varieties.

New flowers! Why? Don’t we have enough varieties of petunias, geraniums and especially coleus (more than 2,000)? Do we really need a yellow petunia when we already have yellow marigolds, yellow zinnias and yellow million bells? Yes, we do!

Farmers and gardeners have been improving crops for thousands of years. It started when someone noticed a stalk of wheat that had especially succulent kernels and saved the seed to plant the following season. This is called mass breeding, and it’s still utilized by breeders. For example, a trial at Cornell University planted hundreds of Phlox Paniculata, selecting the one with the least powdery mildew, and used it as the parent for a new variety, the mildew resistant Phlox “David.”

Nowadays, in addition to mass breeding, new flowers are created using cross pollination (a male and female from two different varieties), irradiating the seeds, and genetic engineering. In case genetic engineering freaks you out, you should know that flower and vegetable seeds for home gardeners are not genetically engineered, mainly because the research is too expensive for such a small market.

Sue and I visited trial gardens last week, at Lucas Greenhouse in

Monroeville, N.J., and at Penn State University, where breeders showcased hundreds of their latest developments. We also ran a trial at our greenhouse with 88 new flowers that will be released in 2027. At our trial, 70 garden professionals flagged their favorite varieties. Here are a few highlights:

- **Vinca Nirvana XDR “Cranberry Halo”** – Since vinca has been bred for extreme disease resistance (XDR) it has become the leading choice for garden color all summer long. Before the breeders at Syngenta got to work, vinca was known to collapse during wet weather.
- **Gomphrena “Spitfire Pink”** – Since the resurgence of locally grown cut flowers, especially for weddings, new colors of this long blooming favorite have been developed to match every possible hue of the bride’s dress. Spitfire Pink almost glows in the dark.
- **Heliopsis “Sole D’Amore”** – “False sunflower” is a winter hardy perennial native to New York state. The variety Sole D’Amore is known as a “native cultivar,” meaning that this gorgeous new burnt orange color was bred from the native species.



Pictured are Petunias “Cascadia Rim Merlot.”

-Courtesy photos

- **Petunias “Cascadia Rim Merlot”** – Like vinca, petunia breeding has come a long way since the days when a slight rain shower would turn the blossoms to mush.

Some of the new colors are impossible to describe. My favorite, “Rim Merlot,” didn’t get a single vote at our in-house trial, so Sue won’t be growing it next year. Oh, well, it looks good in our garden, at least.

- **Tomato “Sun Peach”** – We saw this last year at the all-new Burpee trial garden at Bard College’s Montgomery Place. All kinds of new flowers and vegetables are on display at this garden, open to the public. “Sun Peach” is a delicious new cherry type tomato, early and resistant to cracking. Sue thinks it’s more delicious than sun gold – hard to believe.

Sue and I will be showcasing new varieties at our greenhouses the week of August 10-14, 9 a.m. to 4 pm. Stop by and check it out. The display will be at our production facility, behind the Adams Poughkeepsie store. It’s hard to find, (which is intentional). To get to the production greenhouse, drive past Adams Power Equipment, go straight past Adams Landscape, turn right, and then try to figure it out from there. Hope to see you next week! And you’ll be able to enjoy a sample of my favorite petunia “Cascadia Rim Merlot.”

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

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



Fresh is best

Pesto is the star of this summer dish.

Summer is all about ease, especially when it comes to eating. In its heat, we tend to slow down, eat lighter and, when possible, spend less time in the kitchen. It's all about impromptu get-togethers, cocktails on the porch, lounging poolside and grilling anything and everything. (In my dreams, anyway. In reality, most of my friends are too far flung or too busy to get together without a plan, and the only pool I have is small and inflatable). Still, most summer evenings see me outside, often with my beloved neighbors, enjoying a nosh and something cool to sip. Nothing exotic but pretty blissful and luxurious if you ask me.

I could easily go all summer without making a "proper" meal but then Reality is there to remind me that I still have to cook. If you're a social butterfly, which I am not, you'll likely understand the feeling. After all the cookouts, parties and vacations so typical this time of year, there's still meal planning to be done. It can be challenging for sure and there are lots of hot summer days left. Thankfully there's lots of fresh local produce to help us through it.

I often turn to what's in season for inspiration when planning meals and, more often than not, it's rewarding on many levels. The other night, for example, it was getting late and I was hungrier than I'd expected to be after an earlier light nosh. In this situation any other time of year, a bowl of cereal would have sufficed, but it's summer and there were other things on hand to play with. Taking stock of what I had quickly inspired this pasta dish, which comes together in no time and is easily customizable.

A note on the star of this show: pesto. If you have a blender or food processor, it's pretty easy to make your own. Typically it's made by blending fresh

basil with pine nuts, oil, garlic and Parmesan cheese, but you can use different greens (kale, arugula, spinach) and nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios) if you prefer. I try to keep pesto in my fridge this time of year to slather on sandwiches, add to eggs or just bring more flavor where needed, like in pasta salad.

PESTO-CREAM PASTA

Feel free to make your own pesto for this since the fresher the better. If buying it, I prefer fresh brands over jarred. You'll need at least a cup of pesto for this because, even if it seems over-dressed when you make it, as it sits the pasta will absorb quite a bit. Alternatively, you could swap out the cream and butter for mayo and a squeeze of fresh lemon juice (without heating on the stove). Add any vegetables you want. Mushrooms, arugula, peas and peppers would be good. Make it more of a meal by tossing in cooked shrimp or leftover chicken. Serve it warm or cold.

NOTE: This makes quite a bit, so if you aren't feeding a small crowd (4-6) you'll have leftovers, which will keep well in the fridge for 3-4 days. The pasta will absorb quite a bit of the sauce, so you may want to make a little more or just stir in more pesto.

INGREDIENTS

1lb rigatoni or penne (the ridges really hold the sauce)
7-8oz (about 1 cup) pesto
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup heavy cream
Crumbled feta (about ¾ cup), divided
Cherry tomatoes, halved (about 2 cups)
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about ¼ cup)
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

METHOD

Add pasta to salted boiling water and cook



Pesto Cream Pasta

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving about ½ cup of the pasta water (you may want to add some to the sauce later). Transfer pasta to a large bowl.

Place cream and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat and whisk until butter is melted. Add pesto and whisk to blend. Reduce heat and simmer 2-3 minutes. Stir in Parmesan and half of the feta. Pour over pasta. If a bit dry or not coating the pasta well, add some of the reserved pasta water (start with 1 tablespoon). Add tomatoes, remaining feta, salt and pepper.

I like it best served warm, but it's also good chilled or at room temperature.

Serves 4-6.

Pesto on its own is a great staple to keep on hand or make fresh with all that fresh

basil from your garden. Added to pasta it makes for a perfect summer meal. Add whatever you like, set out a bowl at your next get together (impromptu or otherwise) or steal away and savor a little by yourself. It's an easy, delicious reminder that simple, beautiful foods and the joy they give us are a luxury we can afford and richly deserve. Enjoy!

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

Music at Greenvale Park continues this summer with free live music on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Following a weather-related cancellation, the concert series has been extended through Tuesday, August 18. Remaining concerts are scheduled for August 4, August 11, and August 18. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music at Greenvale Park. The concert schedule can be viewed at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com

Pickleball Lessons - The Recreation Department is offering pickleball lessons with instructors Ray and Debbie Hirsch. Lessons are held every other Saturday, with the next clinic scheduled for Saturday, August 8. This program is a great opportunity for participants to learn the game, improve their skills, and enjoy a fun recreational activity.

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For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at REC@TOWNOFPOUGHKEEPSIE-NY.GOV.

**Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis**

What a summer! Extreme heat, humidity, and storms that knocked out power for lots of folks. Let's hope that August will be kinder.

Councilmembers Greg Freeman (Ward 1) and Barbara Laird (Ward 2) will be at our Senior Center (SC) on Thursday July 30 at 11:30 a.m. for a Community Chat. Please feel free to join in. Then, at 1 p.m., we will be trying our luck at "Family Feud," the game show. Don't worry if you are solo because we're all "family" here at our SC. If you want to play, please sign up in advance. If nothing else, there should be a lot of laughter!

We'll be celebrating all August birthdays with cake for everyone on Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. The Poughkeepsie Library will be rolling in with Rover the Bookmobile and Computer/Tech help on Aug. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

We have quite a few regular weekly sessions, including Watercolor Open Studio (Monday), Walking Club (Monday, Wednesday), Bocce (Tuesday, Wednesday), Chair Yoga (Monday, Wednesday, Friday), Art History for Everyone (Wednesday), Open Jam Session - BYO Instrument (Friday), and much more.

If interested, check out our next two trips:

Sept. 25: Catskill Mt. RR and lunch at Cornell Restaurant in Kingston

Nov. 19: Hanover Manor for dining and dancing

Registration, with payment in full, is now open. Stop on by at 14 Abe's Way, Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our full activity calendar can be viewed at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

Trivia Night set for Aug. 2

Trivia Night will be held on Sunday, Aug. 2 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Sloop Brewing Company, 755 East Drive #106 in East Fishkill. It is \$20 per person to register, with proceeds to benefit Blodgett Memorial Library in the village of Fishkill. Food and drinks available for purchase.

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

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

Notice of Form. of Clove House, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY 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 or activity.

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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.

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 Cor-

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poration 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 : 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

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Gabriels Path, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

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

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

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 23 Stoutenburgh Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

Notice of Formation of Pair Water LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/25/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Tyson Brazell, 484 Schultzs 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 act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

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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 liability 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	beserved. 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, Clinton 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 act or 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. Notice of Formation of Gruleon Capital LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 15th, 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: 2264 Morris Avenue 7A, Bronx, N.Y. 10453. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York. 12471096 Notice of Formation of MW Collectibles, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 4/26/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process; copies to be mailed to Michelle Peterson, 23 Cosgrove Ave., West Haverstraw, NY 10993. Purpose: any lawful activity. Notice of Formation of Rhinebeck Equine Property Holdings,	LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on July 8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at 26 Losee Lane, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity. MARPRO REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/26. 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, 129-131 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: JKM Exterior Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 15, 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: 26 Old Sylvan Lake Road Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. THE APOCA-LIPS LLC Filed 06/25/2026. Office Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. As agent for process & Shall mail to: 5 Mckinley Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FINAL BREW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Dept. of State of NY on July 17, 2026. Office location: Dutchess Co. Principal business location: 17 Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Joseph Vincent Trebat III, 17 Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Registered agent: Joseph Vincent Trebat III, 17	Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of NY. Notice of Formation of Treasure Healing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on July 2, 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: 1 Colonial Road #115, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York. Notice of Formation of Velo Mechanical Solutions LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on 7/20/26. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9 Dunn Lane, Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful activity. PSJ GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/20/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 35 Boyce Street, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on July 15, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 14 Robinson Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Notice of Formation of ABMARTINO LLC	Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on April 29, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Entity Protect Registered Agent Services 447 Broadway 2nd FL. - #300, New York, NY 10013 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose 6 WILLIAM STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50 Mountain Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. M e a d o w S h o r e Productions LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/26. 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, 475 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose Notice of Formation of Sensory Pop Co., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 23 Village Park Drive, 1B Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Together We Grow Portraits LLC. 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Le Dollar Beans 7209 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/26. 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, 399 Freedom rd Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful HUDSON VALLEY TOOL SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Meadow Wood Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. PCA WAPPINGERS FALLS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 224 West 35th Street, Suite 500/#435, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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SUMMONS
Index No.:
2025-54973
D/O/F:
August 8, 2025
Mortgaged Property:
3 May Court Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
County: Dutchess
SBL: 6259-02-715922
HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION F/K/A HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

-against- JARED VAN BENSCHOTEN, JAY VAN BENSCHOTEN, SARAH VAN BENSCHOTEN, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE OF DIANE VAN BENSCHOTEN AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against

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you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dutchess County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for those defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THIS ACTION MAY BE DEEMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DAN-

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GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

THE STATE ENCOURAGES YOU TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS IN FORECLOSURE. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM AN ATTORNEY OR LEGAL AID OFFICE, THERE ARE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU MAY CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE OPTIONS, INCLUDING TRYING TO WORK WITH YOUR LENDER DURING THIS PROCESS. TO LOCATE AN ENTITY NEAR YOU, YOU MAY CALL THE T O L L - F R E E HELPLINE MAINTAINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AT 1-800-342-3736 OR VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AT <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE

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REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

BE CAREFUL OF PEOPLE WHO APPROACH YOU WITH OFFERS TO "SAVE" YOUR HOME. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO WATCH FOR NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO UNFAIRLY PROFIT FROM A HOMEOWNER'S DISTRESS. YOU SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL ABOUT ANY SUCH PROMISES AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU PAY THEM A FEE OR SIGN OVER YOUR DEED. STATE LAW REQUIRES ANYONE OFFERING SUCH SERVICES FOR PROFIT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHICH FULLY DESCRIBES THE SERVICES THEY WILL PERFORM AND FEES THEY WILL CHARGE, AND WHICH PROHIBITS THEM FROM TAKING ANY MONEY FROM YOU UNTIL THEY HAVE COMPLETED ALL SUCH PROMISED SERVICES.

§ 1303 NOTICE

The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: Hudson Valley Credit Union f/k/a Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days

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after receipt hereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the herein debt collector.

If you notify the herein debt collector in writing within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein debt collector.

Upon your written request within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the herein debt collector will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.

Note: Your time to respond to the Summons and Complaint differs from your time to dispute the validity of the debt to request the name and address of the original creditor. Although you have as few as 20 days to respond to the Summons and Complaint, depending on the manner of service, you still have 30 days from receipt of this Summons to dispute the validity of the debt and to request the name and address of the original creditor.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except THE ESTATE OF M. DIANE VAN BENSCHOTEN: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

Dated: August 25, 2025

Yours, etc.

HANDEL & CARLINI, LLP

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Dutchess County
Historical Society

Poughkeepsie’s role in the birth of the modular home

By Bill Jeffway

Glass-plate negatives being reviewed by the Dutchess County Historical Society open a window onto a mostly forgotten Poughkeepsie industry.

They are a recent gift of Michael Fitzmaurice. Each glass plate has the words, “H. Ben Pae, Designer and Builder, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.” scratched across the bottom. They are likely from around 1916, when Mr. Pae was expanding his construction business beyond “portable” (what we would call modular construction), to more permanent structures.

The New York Portable Bungalow Company moved from Manhattan to Poughkeepsie in 1910 in the newly-industrialized district of Fairview, in the city’s northern area. Pae was manager at the time and became owner in 1913. The core business was creating small buildings that would be assembled and painted, and then packed into sections and sent by train across the country to be reassembled by lesser skilled persons at low cost.

Fairview was where the Fiat automobile manufacturing plant was located, on the east side of Route 9 across from today’s Marist University. On what was likely a typical day, newspapers in March 1910 reported the arrival of four railroad cars of material for Pae, delivered to the “Fiat switch.” The bungalow company took over the former farm buildings from the Bech river estate and mansion for manufacturing, marking the time of transition of that area from “gentleman estate farming” to industry. At peak times, they employed 40 carpenters and lesser skilled laborers.

The photographs from the glass plate negatives appear to be the construction of a permanent bungalow, near their factory. A sign on the house matches the description etched into the glass, “designer and builder,” suggests Pae had moved to a third stage in the business (designer and builder of permanent homes) after being portable bungalow manager and then business owner.

Open to the public

Within months of arriving in Poughkeepsie, the plant had become a conspicuous local attraction. A July 1910 newspaper account described one to three small houses regularly standing outside the factory, where they were painted and opened for public inspection. Residents traveling through the neighborhood could watch an unusual manufacturing process take shape: houses were not simply built on scattered lots but assembled in sections at a Poughkeepsie plant, displayed near the roadway, and prepared for shipment. The newspaper account describes three cottages standing outside, including one purchased for delivery to Lake George.

Prices began at about \$350, making the smallest models attractive as seasonal cottages, camps, guest houses, automobile garages, modest residences, and even churches. The company emphasized quality as well as economy. The main construction material was California redwood siding, a durable material well suited to buildings that might face exposed rural or lakeside conditions.

The word “portable” did not mean that an entire house traveled in one piece. Walls, floors, partitions, roof sections, windows, and other standardized components were prepared at the factory. These sections were then loaded onto railroad cars to the buyer’s property, and joined together. Buildings could later be dismantled and moved.

This system differed from mail-order kit houses, which arrived primarily as numbered pieces of lumber that still had to be framed at the construction site by a professional carpenter. Poughkeepsie’s company performed more of that work before shipment.

Portable churches became a particularly visible specialty. In 1914, Pae received orders for three churches modeled on one already erected for the First Reformed Church in Arlington on Raymond Avenue. Another was intended for Garfield, New Jersey, while two were ordered by a mission board that reportedly purchased several buildings from Pae over time. Some portable churches were sent abroad.

Newspapers also reported elite local customers like the widow of James A. Roosevelt (President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s uncle) who lived at the nearby Rosedale estate, Francis G. Langdon, and Isaac Wheaton of Lithgow. Commissions connected the North Road factory to the world of Hudson Valley estates, demonstrating that sectional construction could serve all economic classes.

The firm also advertised in the Vassar Miscellany, a publication of Vassar College. The advertisements placed the company before an educated audience that included faculty, employees, students’ families, and alumni. At a time when the bungalow was gaining popularity as a practical, informal alternative to the large Victorian house, a compact prefabricated dwelling could appeal to families seeking a summer retreat or to individuals like single women interested in a manageable and comparatively affordable home.

Usually one-and-a-half stories, bungalows offered efficient rooms beneath a broad roof and often included a porch. Its modest scale allowed wall and roof sections to be standardized, assembled under factory conditions, and erected more quickly than a conventionally framed house. Factory production could also reduce waste, limit weather delays, and make costs more predictable. Surviving examples may be difficult to identify today. Once placed on permanent foundations, enlarged, resided, or altered, portable buildings could look entirely conventional.

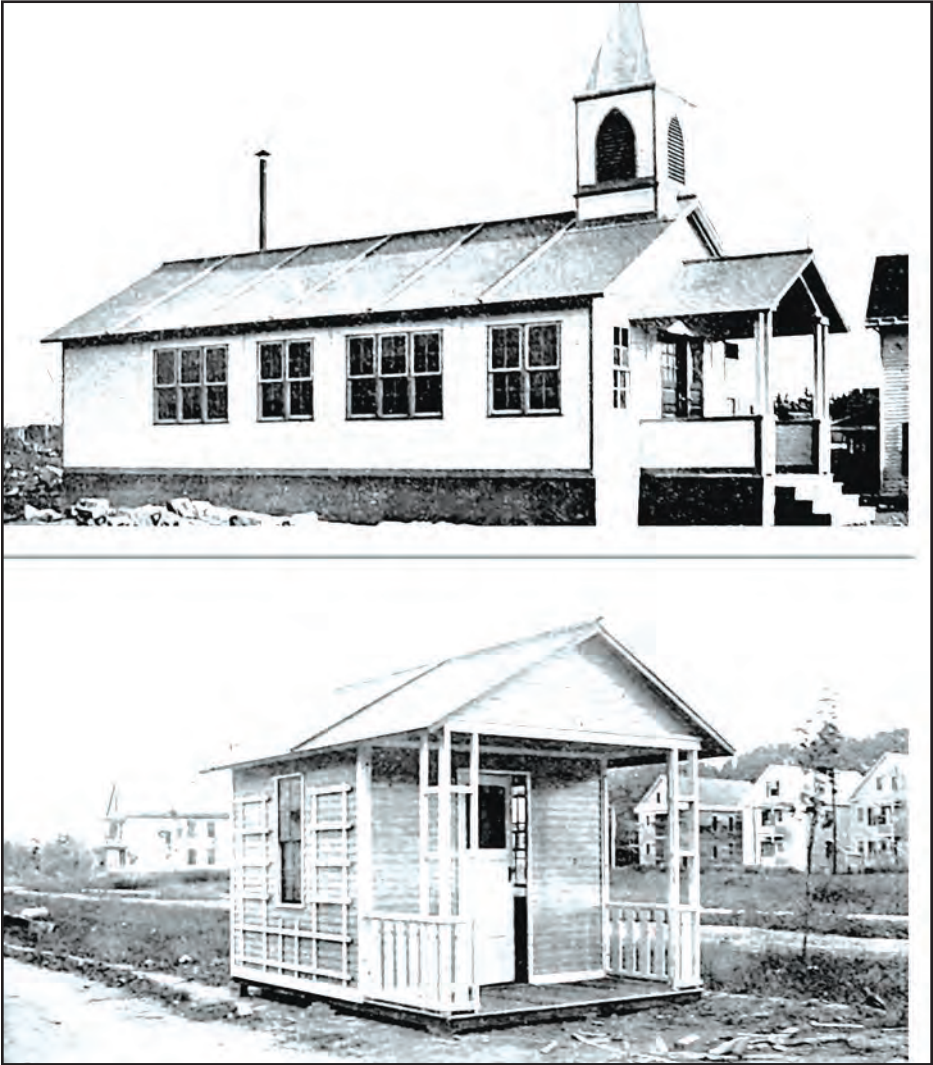
Further “decoding” work will include identifying a number of individuals in the photos which seem to be a mix of employees and family.

A detailed Pae family history gives us a broader glimpse into Herbert Benjamin (“Ben”) Pae, reporting, “He was a musician, artist and photographer, business man, repairer and refinisher of antique



These photos from glass plate negatives show construction of a more permanent home we believe was near the factory of the New York Portable Bungalow Company near today’s Marist University. Ben Pae’s wife, Elizabeth, died in February of 1914 when daughter Marion was five years old, and son Wilfred was only one. We believe this photograph is ca. 1917 showing his children with the woman he married in 1921, Josephine Masten.

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Top: The First Reformed Church in Arlington was organized in 1910 and its first building was purchased from the Poughkeepsie Portable Bungalow Company. Lower image: “Portable cottage No. 112. 9x9 [feet]. Piazza 9x4 [feet]. Prepaid \$150.” From local newspaper advertisements at the time.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections.

furniture.” Born in the industrial city of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England in 1876, he came to America with his family when he was just seven years old. He became a naturalized American citizen in September of 1917, six months after the U.S. declared war on Germany and got involved in WW1.



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this week’s puzzle solutions

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1. Capital of Ghana

6. Pilot's announcement

9. Bog deposit

13. Banned aerosol propellant

14. Lake, in France

15. ____ firma

16. Source of chocolate

17. Sensitive subject?

18. Twig of a willow tree

19. *Certain secret spot

21. *Beezus' little sister

23. Half a dozen

24. Final notice

25. CEO's deg.

28. Spew profanities

30. Swamp

35. Gateway ____

37. Boisterous play

39. *"All for one and one for all," to Musketeers

40. Steak preference

41. Flower's peak

43. *Butter ____, Hogsmeade beverage

44. Like some East Coast universities

46. Archipelago unit

47. Plaintiff

48. Loads

50. Tiny bit

52. Snoop

53. Bruce and Spike, e.g.

55. Ovine mom

57. *Pocketful

60. *Cat's ____

63. *Lemony Snicket, to Daniel Handler

64. Shel Silverstein's "A Boy Named ____"

66. The company one ____

68. *Peanut butter and jelly sandwich to a kid

69. Lt.'s subordinate

70. Snail mail replacement

71. Says "What?"

72. As opposed to yeses

73. *Mystery solver

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1. Half of NFL

2. Rugged rock

3. Cecum, pl.

4. Lion sounds

5. Relating to anode

6. Dashing style

7. *"It" game

8. Sour

9. 100 centavos, in Mexico

10. Actress Moriarty

11. Equals 1/2 b x h

12. Smoker's lung residue

15. Double drum

20. Beyond suburb

22. Heart to Cupid

24. Reverse one, in the kitchen

25. *Super Bro.

26. "Music to my ears!"

27. Like thick smoke

29. Same as solos

31. Schneider and Reiner, e.g.

32. Consumed (2 words)

33. Ranch grazer

34. *Game of apologies

36. Achilles' weakness

38. Ralph Lauren's inspiration

42. Same as metre

45. Yummy

49. *"____ Spot Run"

51. Rouse

54. Ruhr's industrial center

56. Swelling

57. Arithmetic operation

58. Piglet sound

59. Cul de ____, pl.

60. ____pool or ____pit

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4-H Goat Advisory Show results



Above: Showing goats are, from left, Logan Waz, Kelsey Bennett and Isabella Clum. Bottom right: Ellie Fell is pictured preparing her goat for judging.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

Here are the results the Dutchess County 4-H Goat Advisory's American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) sanctioned Dairy Goat and Meat Goat Show held July 18 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Best Doe in Show - Savannah Bishop Alpine

Grand Champion - Lexi Armbruster
Reserve Champion - Lexi Armbruster
Oberhasli
Grand Champion - Savannah Bishop
Reserve Champion - Savannah Bishop
Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion - Charles Groht
Reserve Champion - Patricia Groht
Recorded Grade Grand Champion - Lexi Armbruster
Toggenburg Grand Champion - Isabelle Clum
Reserve Champion - Owen Clum
Nubian Grand Champion - Kelly



Armbruster

Reserve Champion - Kelly Armbruster
AOP Grand Champion - Rayne Ryder

Firefighters graduate from training



Twenty firefighters from Dutchess County have successfully completed the Firefighter I class at the New Hackensack Training Facility. The graduates dedicated many nights and weekends to their training, spending time away from their families to reach this important milestone. The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association celebrated the achievements of the graduates by providing refreshments, which included pizza and soft drinks. Each new firefighter received a Nomex hood, a commemorative patch, and a certificate from the association in recognition of their accomplishment. The dedication and guidance of the instructors played a significant role in supporting these new firefighters throughout their training.

-Photo by Vinny Galvin

Dutchess County Agricultural Society announces 2026 scholarship winners



Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship winners for 2026 include, from left, Nathan Prezzano, Hope Miller, Faith Burfeindt, Jasmin Ixcoy, Abigail Connolly and Peyton McFarland. Second from right is Claudia Cooley of Agricultural Society, who presented the awards. Not pictured are scholarship winners Natalie Schultz and Sawyer Giles.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati has announced that seven youths have been awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 22 during the annual Agricultural Society's dinner meeting.

"The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Nathan Prezzano. Several other awards were given to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture," said Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

He continued, "In addition to the scholarships already in place, for the third year, a \$1,000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and com-

munity. Sawyer Giles is the 2026 recipient of this award."

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles. The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

In addition to the \$10,000 scholarship, Prezzano will also receive a one-time additional \$8,500 award.

The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award: Faith Burfeindt, of Stanfordville, Abigail Connolly of Rhinebeck, Jazmin Ixcoy of Red Hook, Peyton McFarland, of Hyde Park, Hope Miller of Ancramdale and Natalie Shultz of Wingdale.

The 180th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 25 - 30 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year's Fair, visit dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

Arts Mid-Hudson to host virtual development workshop on Aug. 5

Arts Mid-Hudson invites artists, non-profit leaders, and arts administrators to strengthen their organizations through Board Structures for Artist Ensembles, a virtual professional development workshop led by arts leadership consultant Piper Gunnarson. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. via Zoom.

Designed for artists, grassroots organizations, and small to mid-sized arts nonprofits, this interactive workshop explores how nonprofit boards can be structured to best support an organization's mission, programs, and long-term sustainability. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of nonprofit governance, learn how board structures have evolved over time, and engage in practical exercises to identify governance models that best fit their organizations today while preparing for future growth.

The session will also examine the unique governance needs of artist ensembles and grassroots organizations, offering strategies for creating board structures and processes that foster effective leadership, accountability, and

organizational resilience.

The workshop will be led by Piper Gunnarson, founder of Gunnarson Consulting. With nearly two decades of experience guiding arts organizations through growth, transition, and organizational change, Gunnarson specializes in helping arts and cultural nonprofits strengthen governance, diversify boards, and build sustainable leadership practices. She holds a master's in Leadership for the Arts from New York University and previously served as Executive Director of On Site Opera, where she led significant organizational growth and strategic development.

The workshop is open to adults ages 18 and older. Registration is \$5 for Arts Mid-Hudson members and \$15 for non-members.

Arts Mid-Hudson's professional development workshops provide artists and arts organizations with practical skills, resources, and connections to strengthen their work and build sustainable creative careers.

To register and learn more about this and other upcoming workshops, visit www.artsmidhudson.org/workshops.

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