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DCAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

They're up to the challenge at Stormfield Swiss Farm

By Curtis Schmidt

"Farming is not a job, it's a passion. The cows have to be milked and fed every day of the year. It can be very challenging."

That's straight from the inaugural winners of the Farm Family of the Year Award from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS) – the DeForest Lawrence Family of East Fishkill.

In his presentation of the award at the DCAS Summer Dinner last week, Dutchess County Fair CEO Andy Imperati commented, "To be chosen for this award, the farm family exemplifies farm values derived from generation to generation, hard work and a love for farming. They must show dedication to agriculture in their daily lives, in the lives of their family members, their community and, of course, their love for the Dutchess County Fair."

"Jim, Jennifer, Jenna, Justin, Jason and John of Stormfield Swiss Farm, represent everything that a family farm is."

Here are some key facts on the Stormfield Swiss Farm.

- A 3rd generation farm and it's been in the family for over 100 years.
- Active in FFA, Holstein Club and 4-H as a leader and serving on committees for 4-H through Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.
- They welcome farm tour groups of all ages from all areas of the state and host various events at their farm.
- Milk suppliers for Hudson Valley Fresh including providing the milk for the Dutchess County Dairy Promotion milkshake booth and take an active role with the company.



Members of the Stormfield Swiss Farm are pictured with their Farm Family of the Year banner. From left are Jim, Justin, Jason and Jenna Lawrence, Jennifer DeForest and her father John DeForest.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

- Promote agriculture throughout the year by taking animals to various events throughout the Hudson Valley, including the Culinary Institute of America and NYC.
- Active participants in the Ag Society's Ag Education program for Ag Presentation Days by taking calves to schools, talking to the children and fielding their "wild" questions.

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Retired Beacon police officer charged with 2nd-degree murder

By Kristine Coulter

A retired City of Beacon Police officer was taken into custody and charged with the second-degree murder of his roommate. According to New York State Police, a 911 call by the retired officer, Edison Irizarry, was placed and law enforcement responded to a residence on Rombout Ave. in Beacon on July 21.

According to state police, as a result of the investigation, Irizarry, 52, was charged with

- Murder in the Second Degree (Class A -1 Felony)
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree (Class C felony)
- Criminal Possession of a Firearm (Class E Felony)

State police identified the deceased as Casey Cuddy, 58, of Beacon, who was found "inside the residence from an apparent gunshot wound."

According to court information, Irizarry pled not guilty to all the charges. Irizarry was arraigned in the City of Beacon Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail, according to state police.

"Mr. Cuddy was also known as Wilbur. We will not be releasing any details related to prior arrest history," stated Trooper Krystal P. Paolicelli, Public Information Officer for Troop K, stated in an email to Southern Dutchess News.

"All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," Susan Mraz Mungavin, Esq., Sr. Assistant Public Defender with the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, stated in an email to Southern Dutchess News. Mungavin represents Irizarry and stated she does not comment on her past or present cases.

The City of Beacon Police Department issued a press release on July 22. In the release, it stated: "On July 21, 2025 the City of Beacon Police Department received a call from an individual reporting that he had shot his roommate on Rombout Ave. Upon arrival it was determined that one of the individuals involved was a retired Beacon Police Officer."

Noted in the release was "[that] individual was immediately detained and, in order to maintain the highest integrity, the entire investigation was turned over to the New York State Police."

According to the release, the City of Beacon Police Department "will continue to cooperate, fully and completely with the State Police"

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Municipalities host summer concerts in the parks

By Kristine Coulter

Music is in the air at local municipal parks – as long as one stops by on performance days. Local towns and villages are offering summer concerts for area residents.

East Fishkill concerts held on Fridays

East Fishkill offers concerts on Fridays at the Hopewell Rec grounds, off Route 376.

How have this year's summer concerts been going? East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green replied, "They have all been a great success starting with the Hudson Valley Council Band on June 13..."

Earlier this month, Green noted, "Luckily, we've had great weather for the 10 concerts (as of press time) we've already run and have had no cancellations. We've had three concerts at Red Wing Park and the beachgoers there enjoy the music while they swim or sunbathe."

What has attendance been like? "Because we've had

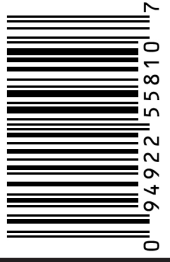
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Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini takes to the new stage at Brexel-Schlathaus Park to make remarks earlier this summer in Wappinger.

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DCAS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lenny Miller: Cultivating and sharing a love of agriculture

By Curtis Schmidt

Lenny Miller loves to teach. But, even more important, he understands the value of listening and learning. Those skills all intertwine in his calm and caring approach. His love of farming and farm animals, horses in particular, has led this process. He notes that some of his happiest moments have come in “teaching kids and answering questions in a group.” He gets plenty of opportunities like that each year at the Dutchess County Fair and he’s been doing that for over 35 years as a member of the DC Agricultural Society (DCAS) and as a 4-H Club leader. In recognition of his efforts over the years, the DCAS presented Lenny with its Lifetime Achievement Award at the Summer meeting held July 23 at the Thomas Odak Horticulture Building at the Fairgrounds. In the award presentation, Fair CEO Andy Imperati made the following observations. “Lenny began his involvement with the Fair in 1987. On the Sunday of the Fair, Lenny always made sure he was seated in the judges stand beside the big ring by 7 a.m. for the draft horse show. He quickly volunteered to help (event coordinator) Frank Castella with anything he needed just so he could be by the horses. “His retirement from the state (as a Building Restoration Specialist) in 1996 gave him the opportunity to buy his first draft horses and he never looked back. In 1998 he worked with Castella, who had been asked to put together an exhibition tent of Percheron draft horses and in 1999 he began showing in the Sunday draft horse show. “In 2000, (Fair manager) Tom Odak asked Lenny if he would help to set up and manage the “Salute to Agriculture” tent. This year marks the 25th year that Lenny has been in that tent - sourcing the animals, overseeing the volunteers and sharing his love of all animals with young and old alike. In 2005, after six years of experimenting with what was included in the tent, Odak realized his dream of making the tent the ‘Miracle of Life Birthing Center.’

“Lenny’s love of horses has only been exceeded by his love of working with and teaching children, and very shortly after acquiring his own horses, he began to talk about forming a 4-H club, which he did in 2003. The “Gentle Giants” continued for nearly 20 years with dozens of girls and boys learning how to care for and show draft horses. “If that wasn’t enough, Lenny was also instrumental in building all the displays for the AgriVenture Tent, creating selfie-stations, and constructing a mock greenhouse for the display on violets in the horticulture building. If something needed to be done, Lenny has always been willing to pitch in.” Imperati added, “Lenny is a very valuable part of our family here at the Fairgrounds. His dedication to the fair & Ag Society and his community did not go unnoticed. Lenny is so deserving of being chosen to receive this acknowledgment.” Lenny’s work ethic and love of farm animals can be traced to his childhood. He was one of 13 children. “I think I was number eight,” said Lenny. The family moved from farm to farm in southern Columbia County and was always in high demand because hiring Lenny’s father came with the benefit of 13 additional farm workers. “My dad always had a team of draft horses, even after tractors came upon the scene,” said Lenny. “One night after dinner I asked him ‘Why do we keep these horses? There’s so much work involved with them.’ He said, ‘Son, let me tell you something. Horses follow you back to the barn, tractors don’t.’ I didn’t really understand what he was trying to tell me till much later in life. Animals get to know you and you kinda become attached.” And that special attachment between animals and farmers is a key part of what Lenny tries to teach. “I inherited a love of farm animals. As a kid, I usually had to care for about 13 heifers every morning before I went off to school,” he said. “Now, I just want to share the



Dutchess County Fair CEO and manager Andy Imperati presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lenny Miller at the Dutchess County Agricultural Society’s Summer Dinner on July 23.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

knowledge I’ve gained over the years.” His talks with groups of children “usually start with a question and I just take off from there,” said Lenny. He uses agriculture and care of farm animals as teaching tools. “With the 4-H club, a lot of the teaching involved things like responsibility, trust and a calm approach,” he said. With children at the fair, he tries to teach children where their food comes from on farms and the impor-

tance of caring for animals. “Farm animals have a way of teaching us important life skills, such as responsibility, communication, problem-solving, and decision-making, and it all happens while you’re learning to take care of them,” said Lenny. He added, “It’s all about hopefully making a difference in the lives of kids, the next generation. And working at the Fair gives me more opportunities to do just that.”

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Jennifer DeForest said the farm was started in 1927 by her great grandparents Ethel and Thomas Knapp. “Thomas lived to be 97 and when he passed, Marie and Glen Metzger purchased the farm from the family and made renovations,” she said. “Jim and I had been working on another farm and had built up our herd enough to start milking cows on our own and the Metzgers have allowed us to farm here since 2007. Both of our families

have been farmers for many generations - Jim’s in the northern part of Dutchess County and mine in the southern part.” Jennifer said the family has around 80 head of animals on the dairy farm from newborns to adult milking cows and all of the corn and hay consumed by the animals is grown on the farm, located off Hillside Lake Road. “We work with a nutritionist from Lutz Feed in Oneonta,” she said. “He tests our feed and balances out the rations so that we are optimizing our costs and the pro-

duction of the cows.” Stormfield Swiss Farn is connected with Agri-Mark, a cooperative that owns Cabot Cheese. Jennifer noted, “One of our greatest business investments and opportunities is being a farmer/owner of Hudson Valley Fresh. HVF was started so that small farms could survive by getting paid what we need to for the quality milk we produce. If we had not had this opportunity to join HVF, I truly believe we would not be milking cows right now.” She said the day-to-day chores on the farm are handled by “all of us together. During the summer, the kids help all the time and the rest of the year they help after school. Jim does all of the field work like planting crops and harvesting them. He also feeds the cows and does all other tractor work. “I milk the cows twice a day and help with barn chores and do the bookwork. The kids help with calf barn chores like cleaning calf pens and feeding the calves and heifers and now that they are getting older, they also help with doing field work.” When it comes to raising children,

Jennifer says she firmly believes that a farm is the best place of all. “They learn so many life lessons at a young age and that helps them to develop into genuine, honest and responsible youth, she said. “They have many farm community organizations like FFA (Future Farmers of America), 4-H and Holstein clubs where they can share their love of agriculture and mingle with other youth with the same passions.” She added, “Would we love to see our kids want to farm? Absolutely, but we also want them to chase their dreams, and if that leads them to a different career, then we will certainly support their decisions and be proud of whatever they become.” The Farm Family of the Year award includes the following: a \$250 cash award, free camping for the week of the Fair, a \$100 gift certificate for Foster’s at the Fair, entry fees to participate in the Fair this year will be waived, food vouchers, plus Ride All Day Wristbands for the children. Additionally, a banner signifying their award will be hung in the barn during the week of the Fair.

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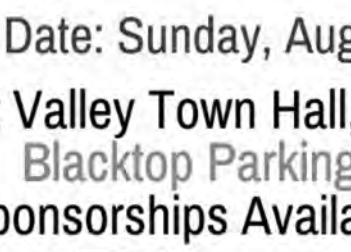
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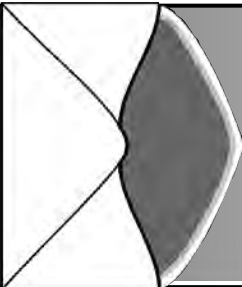
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Writer approves of ‘limited reduction of government spending’

To the Editor:

A letter was published in the Southern Dutchess News, “The Big Beautiful Bill,” appearing in the July 16, 2025 issue that was critical of the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB). The writer criticized a reduction in government spending on social programs among other things.

Such criticism has occurred a lot over the course of almost 250 years since the founding of the American Constitutional Republic. The concept of the Declaration of Independence was used in the formation of the Constitutional Republic. America’s Founders created a form of government that was based on Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness so that the people are free to prosper. The US Constitution henceforth enumerates basic human Rights that are not given by man or government --- but by God. This is what makes America an Exceptionable Country on this planet.

However, since the founding of America, many complaints and criticisms about the state of daily life have been lodged to the people’s representatives in the government. All these complaints/criticisms have resulted in the creation of government involvement in all aspects of our life. As a result, the federal government has increased in size and expense way beyond the specified functions in the U.S. Constitution. The high level of taxation and loss of liberty is therefore caused by the unwelcome encroachment of government.

While the OBBB will not reduce the size and expense of the federal government to the size and scope enumerated in the U.S. Constitution, I still approve of the limited reduction of government spending.

Helmut Gartner
East Fishkill

Thought it was a lesson learned

To the Editor:

What kind of country sends people to Alligator Alcatraz, to foreign country gulags, potentially forever, and builds detention camps across the country? Not a democracy. This is the act of a cruel dictatorship. We saw what this looked like during World War II, with concentration camps in Germany and internment camps in the U.S. We thought this was a lesson learned, never to be repeated, especially not by our country.

And why? What heinous acts did these people commit to cause such treatment? The vast majority of the disappeared have not committed any crime, despite what the administration would like you to believe. They have been living in our communities, contributing to society. Some have been here for decades, and many came here under special protected status programs which the administration arbitrarily terminated abruptly.

Where is the outrage? Where are our elected officials who know better or should? And ultimately where do we, the people, stand? This is not the country I know and love. This is not the values we learned at home, in school, or in our places of worship. We can no longer look away.

As a democratic country, all people are entitled to due process. No one deserves to be dragged off the streets indiscriminately by masked unidentified people with guns or detained as they leave the courthouse for following the law and showing up for their asylum hearings.

The administration tries to dehumanize immigrants, so you won’t care, so that you will look away, but we cannot continue to look away. We cannot let our elected officials, the administration, and the rest of the world think this is okay. Now is the time for all of us to let the people in power know this is not who we are, and it must stop.

Mindy Daynes
Fishkill

Matthew White joins USB Kingston headquarters

Ulster Savings Bank recently named Matthew White Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at their Kingston headquarters.

“We’re very excited to welcome Matt to the Ulster Savings Bank family,” said Bill Calderara, President and CEO of Ulster Savings Bank. “He brings vast experience in the financial sector, including an impressive progression in leadership roles, and will be of great value to us as we continue to grow as a community banking leader in the Hudson Valley.”

“I’m incredibly honored and excited to join Ulster Savings Bank, a trusted institution known not only for its financial strength but also for its deep community roots and culture of giving back. It’s a privilege to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team, united by a shared commitment to making a meaningful impact across the Hudson Valley,” Matthew White added.

In his new role, White will oversee the bank’s financial planning, budgeting, cash flow, investment priorities, and policy matters. He previously served as Treasurer at Quorum Federal Credit Union and held numerous management positions there.



Matthew White

-Photo by USB

White holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from SUNY New Paltz. He looks forward to building relationships and contributing in ways that matter to the community.

Multiple vehicles involved in accident in Fishkill

New York State Police from the Wappinger barracks, along with the Town of Fishkill Police Department, Rombout Fire Department, and Empress EMS, responded to a serious motor vehicle crash involving multiple vehicles near 107 State Route 9 in the town of Fishkill at 9:23 p.m. on July 23.

According to state police, an investigation determined that a white 2000 Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck operated by Timothy C. Henion, 33, of Beacon, was traveling southbound on State Route 9 when it crossed into the northbound lane and struck three vehicles before coming to rest in the roadway.

According to the state police, the second vehicle, a 2011 Chevrolet operated by Christopher L. Weston, 37, of Wappinger Falls, was traveling northbound when the offending vehicle entered his lane and struck the front driver’s side. Weston was uninjured, it was stated.

The third vehicle, a 2013 Mini Cooper operated by a 61-year-old woman from South Salem, sustained significant damage. The driver was found entrapped in the vehicle with serious injuries and was airlifted to Westchester Medical Center for treatment.

The fourth vehicle, a 2023 Volkswagen occupied by three juveniles, sustained minor damage. All three occupants were transported to Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Westchester Medical Center for evaluation of minor injuries.

Henion was also transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to law enforcement officials.

Following the investigation, according to law enforcement officials, Henion was charged with the following offenses:

- Vehicular Assault in the 2nd Degree (Class E Felony)
- Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the 1st Degree (Class E Felony)
- Driving While Intoxicated – 1st Offense (Unclassified Misdemeanor)
- Multiple Vehicle and Traffic Law violations

Officials said, Henion was arraigned in the Town of Fishkill Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail on \$50,000 cash bail, \$100,000 secured bond, or a \$499,000 partially secured bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 30.

This investigation is ongoing, according to state police.

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J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po'keepsie' and it's goal of fostering unity among laborers



Image of John Osborn Whitehouse. Commemorative biographical record of Dutchess County, New York by J. H. Beers and Co.

By Aidan Chisamore

As July comes to a close, we are reminded of the anniversary of a somber event in Poughkeepsie history. One hundred forty-six years ago, tragedy struck the once prominent J.O. Whitehouse's Boot and Shoe Factory.

On the evening of July 22, 1879, a bolt of lightning hit the factory building, almost immediately starting a fire. The conflagration burned into the night, quickly consuming the building. While most of the employees escaped, one of the company's engineers sadly lost his life.

This brief and somber account would quickly come to dominate the historical memory of the company, even today. This is not without reason. In terms of primary sources, even newsprint, very little survives about the day-to-day operations of the business. However, recent work to increase collections access at the Dutchess County Historical Society Archives and Special Collections has revealed a new piece of the story: the three-page Constitution of the "J. O.

Whitehouse Guard of Po'keepsie" and a single page from the organization's minute book. This article will attempt to understand how this recent work might deepen our understanding of what was one of the largest employers in the city.

Specifically, these documents speak to the experience of the factory's employees and their relationship with the company. The J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po'keepsie was an association of employees with a shared goal to foster unity amongst the laborers of the factory. As they state in the opening lines of the constitution, "by a united effort on the part of those wishing to promote the welfare of co-workers and thus establish a fraternal feeling, by social intercourse among its members." Members of the organization elected representative officers, held frequent meetings, and paid regular dues.

To best understand the role of this organization, however, it is important to situate it within the context of the Boot and Shoe Factory. John Osborn Whitehouse (1817-1881) (fig. 1) founded the Poughkeepsie company in the early



Image of the J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory on the corner of Main and Cherry Streets.

-Image courtesy of the Library of Congress

1870s after selling his successful business in Brooklyn. The move to Dutchess County allowed Whitehouse to expand his operation to a larger, more productive facility.

Local architect J. I. Vail won the contract for the construction of the Poughkeepsie Factory in the winter of 1870 (fig. 2). As announcements in the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News during its construction anticipated, the building was set to tower over the intersection of Main and Cherry Streets. In the fall of the following year, 1871, operations formally began, and Whitehouse's industry found immediate success. At its height, the company employed around 500 people, both men and women. An exact date for the founding of the J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po'keepsie is impossible to ascertain, but the single surviving page of the minute book demonstrates that membership was active prior to the fall of 1872.

The most significant recorded focus on the company's workers centered around the calamitous factory fire. On the day following the disaster, citizens and officials from the Board of Trade meet at the Y.M.C.A. hall in Poughkeepsie to address the unexpected hardship. Contemporary reports note nearly every seat was filled, many of which by Whitehouse factory employees. At the meeting, city officials claimed that over 1000 people—workers and their families—were directly affected by the fire.

They resolved to help remedy the situation, immediately organizing a committee to draft resolutions to "obtain relief for the Whitehouse employees." Despite their hopes, the committee was only able to help a handful of laborers who were able to find new work in the city. Many eventually left town to find employment elsewhere.

This was not the only assistance offered to the distraught workers. The morning after the fire, the company's founder J.O. Whitehouse, announced he would pay at least a week's salary to all of his employees to help as he could no longer offer them work—this equated to \$2 to \$10 a person. The committee to obtain relief for the workers looked towards this act as they called upon other Poughkeepsie manufacturers to assist by providing jobs. Contemporary accounts of this philanthropic endeavor certainly amplified the

benevolence of the Poughkeepsie magnate. Despite this issue, articles in the Poughkeepsie Journal illustrate an immediate positive reaction by the employees. Many of these accounts expressly noted appreciation at the gesture especially given Whitehouse's substantial personal loss.

It is also in the wake of the fire that we find more evidence of the continued presence of a union of employees. An open letter, published in the Poughkeepsie Journal following the fire in 1879, the organization The letter, addressed to Whitehouse, thanked the business owner for "sympathizing with us in such a tangible manner as not only to express it by words, but to show it by his action in paying all of us a week's wages." The letter was signed by the officers of the association. While this is only a small record of the activities of the organization, its publication is crucial. Not only does the distinct lack of sources concerning the labor history of J.O. Whitehouse's factory makes every piece of information important, but this particular letter demonstrates the consistency and importance of the organization's leadership within the company as it related to the workers' livelihoods.

After the fire, the remaining structure was pulled down, and reconstruction of the factory began only a couple months later. By the 1880s J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory was operational again. It neither reclaimed the same status it once had, nor is there any evidence of any labor association reforming after the building's reconstruction.

While there is still considerable work to be done to better understand labor relationships in the J.O. Whitehouse factory. The rediscovery of these documents sheds new light on an often forgotten part of Poughkeepsie's past. More broadly, the Constitution and bylaws also allow us to think about the history of labor in the city, and the influence of major businesses in the city's history.



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Retired Beacon police officer charged with 2nd-degree murder

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Investigation." The release concludes, further details and all additional information should be made to state police because it is their investigation.

In 2021, when Irizarry retired, the Beacon PBA posted to Facebook, "The PBA would like to congratulate Officer

Edison Irizarry on his recent retirement from the Beacon Police Department. Officer Irizarry served the City of Beacon for 17 years, and prior to that served his country as a United States Marine."

It was noted in the post, Irizarry "held many roles during his time with the Beacon Police, including a Field Training Officer and Detective."

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Power-hitting prowess propels Renegades' Romero

By Morgan E. Maier

The Renegades have hit the fewest home runs in the South Atlantic League this season. It took one resounding crack on July 11. Kiko Romero was faced with three pitches, and the Renegades saw who they had been missing. His pitch came along, then was long gone.

Romero rejoined the Renegades for the first time since April 18, blasting a solo home run to right field to cut the Asheville Tourists' lead in half. In last September's debut with AA-Somerset Patriots, Romero's massive three-run, 10th inning home run propelled the Patriots past Binghamton. The loss eliminated the Rumble Ponies from playoff contention. From high school to junior college and the NCAA's Pac-12 Conference, Romero has plenty of experience dashing postseason hopes.

Arizona native Romero is a versatile defender, a utility player, skilled in both the outfield and infield. Offensively, he is certified to make some postseason magic, and the Four Corners region fondly remembers him for it. Earlier this July, amid the high school sports lull, the Arizona Daily Star named him to its All-Quarter Century High School Baseball Team. Romero, a 2019 alum of Canyon del Oro High



In addition to his hitting power, Arizona native Kiko Romero is a versatile defender, a utility player, skilled in both the outfield and infield.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

School (CDO), received honorable mention for his achievements. Romero attended the University of Arizona, located an hour and change from his native Chandler, AZ. In 2023, his final collegiate season, Romero secured honors

from the American Baseball Coaches Association and an All-Conference nod from the Pac-12. In six postseason games, he hit .333 with four home runs and nine RBI, including a walk-off single to clinch the Wildcats' semifinal appearance.

He was named a finalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, awarded to eventual first overall draft pick Paul Skenes. Considered the Heisman Trophy of collegiate baseball, the recognition is given to college baseball's player of the year.

Before reaching Wildcat esteem, Romero was a Division I junior college standout. Powered by Romero's offensive master-class in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series, Central Arizona College (CAC) captured the national championship title in 2022. A multi-year standout for CAC, Romero batted .467 through the postseason run, blasting 12 home runs. Six of them came on the national stage, in the championship series.

The Renegades missed Kiko in their race to the 2024 SAL title, but if his resume is any indicator, he'll make more postseason history when his time comes. The former 22nd pick notched his first playoff hit against the Erie SeaWolves. With the milestone came Somerset's elimination from their own league title.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	22	8	.733	-	8-2	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	19	10	.655	2.5	6-4	W4
Jersey Shore PHI	14	15	.483	7.5	7-3	W1
Aberdeen BAL	13	16	.448	8.5	5-5	L1
Brooklyn NYM *	13	17	.433	9.0	2-8	W1
Wilmington WSH	13	17	.433	9.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	17	13	.567	-	6-4	L2
Hub City TEX	17	13	.567	-	5-5	L1
Greenville BOS	14	14	.500	2.0	5-5	W1
Asheville HOU	12	17	.414	4.5	4-6	W2
Winston-Salem CWS	11	17	.393	5.0	5-5	W1
Rome ATL	10	18	.357	6.0	3-7	L4



Home Schedule

August			
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/08/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night Presented By Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday
08/09/25	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Veterans Night HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/10/25	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	Halloween In August Kids Eat Free Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
08/12/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:35 PM	Autism Acceptance Night Presented By Greystone Programs Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/13/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:35 PM	Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmart Winery We Care Wednesday Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network
08/14/25	vs. Aberdeen	01:35 PM	Newburgh Gorhams Night Newburgh Gorhams Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
08/15/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Hudson Valley Big Apples Country Night
08/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Bhutan Night George Lombard Jr. Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By K104
08/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	Internet Culture Day Sunday Family Funday





Renegades Extra!





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Entertaining alternate identities are a great part of minor leagues

By Morgan E. Maier

A Renegade by any other name would swing as sweet. Like Clark Kent and Superman, the Hudson Valley players are hardly recognizable as Retrievers and Cider Donuts. As fans attending such games can be heard telling their kids, “I don’t think the Renegades are playing today, honey,” one may admit such a campaign causes confusion.

Revealed on July 26, the Renegades’ newest identity, the Big Apples, are merely at the core of entertaining High-A alternate jerseys. Warning: Not all are delightfully crunchy or edible...as proven by the Eugene Emeralds out in Oregon.

1. The Hudson Valley Big Apples - Just over 100 miles from NYC, the valley’s favorite farm team celebrated 237 years of New York’s statehood with a crisp rebrand. Thoughtfully designed in the color palette of the state flag, the Big Apples identity may be Hudson Valley’s best yet. With a chic, Manhattan-worthy vibe, the mascot, Empire, is hardly a country apple. With the Hudson Valley Big Apples in town, Excelsior meets excellence. It’s a bonus for those who like their fruits liquid: Hudson North Cider Co. launched it’s Big Apple Hard Cider for the occasion - made from New Paltz apples and best enjoyed at a ball game.



While the Renegades have alternate identities of Cider Donuts, Retrievers and Big Apples, other teams have (among others) Exploding Whales and Hippies.

-Courtesy photos



2. Asheville Tourists a.k.a. Hippies - This identity of the Renegades’ league rival Asheville Tourists is far out, man. With a peace sign in place of the “V” in AVE, Asheville proves that while there’s no crying in baseball, there’s absolutely tie-dyeing. Even Asheville mascot Mr. Moon donned groovy star-

shaped glasses and long hair for the occasion. As with all MiLB alternate and theme night jerseys, the team auctioned off game-worn Hippies jerseys to benefit a local organization. The proceeds went to Asheville Greenworks, a nonprofit community environmental conservation group.

3. Eugene Emeralds a.k.a Exploding Whales - Entwining baseball and local history is a beautiful, albeit messy partnership. A favorite of Minor League Baseball enthusiast and comedian Jon Oliver, is the Eugene Emeralds’ Exploding Whales identity. In 1970, when the Pacific Ocean gifted Oregonian beachgoers with a dead whale, authorities had to think fast. The decision proved to be a bit hasty, as the solution was blowing the whale to smithereens with dynamite. Everyone in the beach town needed car washes for weeks. Since 2023, the San Francisco Giants affiliate pays homage to the bizarre event, complete with a whale outfitted with its own stick of TNT as the hat decal. Talk about a blowup on the mound!

4. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers’ Bratoberfest - What else could be expected of the team named for lumberjacks? They’ll be ringing in Bratoberfest during the last weekend of August. Likely the midwest’s favorite portmanteau, this one bratwurst and Oktoberfest is one wild, lederhosen-saturated weekend at the end of August. With “Brats” emblazoned across the printed vest, the players’ checkered green tops and brown pants getup is described as “infamous” by Wisconsin’s team page. Go figure

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Wins, trades, top performances highlight crazy week

By Morgan E. Maier

Retrievers, Apples, Romans, Oh my! In a week that featured two alternate identities and the first farm system shakeup of trade season, the Hudson Valley Renegades hosted the Rome Emperors.

As three pairs of former college teammates faced off against each other in the Valley, pitchers Josh Grosz and Griffin Herring were shipped to the Colorado Rockies in exchange for desperately needed infield defense. Third baseman Ryan McMahon debuted for the Yankees on July 26, and rumors fly over which outfield prospect will replace the currently injured Aaron Judge.

Cam Schlittler had another great start on July 22, matching up against three-time Cy Young winner Max Scherzer. Scherzer debuted in 2008 when Schlitter was in Little League, and took the loss in

their first head-to-head matchup. New York remains undefeated in Schlittler’s starts. Now, back to the Renegades.

Josh Moylan’s batting average continues its uptick, as the Renegades took five of six from the Emperors. Hudson Valley outscored its southern rivals 27-14 in the series.

First-year pitcher Gage Ziehl was impressive in his Renegades debut on July 26. Jackson Castillo and Kiko Romero each launched a two run shot, and Ben Hess — marvelous though not eligible for the win – struck out six in 4.2 innings.

Bryce Warrecker threw 100% strikes that night. Okay, fine. He threw a single pitch in the fifth. When Ben Hess reached his pitch limit on an 0-2 count, Warrecker came through with the one-pitch punchout. Ziehl went the rest of the distance. The 22-year-old righthander secured his

first High-A win with a three-hit performance. The defense was perfect, too. No errors were charged to either team.

What a relief - After Rome’s Jake Steels tied the game in the eighth inning on July 22, Hudson Valley took to the late innings for offensive heroism. Manuel Palencia bailed out the bullpen with a two-out RBI single to score Alex Vargas in the bottom of the eighth inning. Not a walkoff, but a gritty, will-not-give-up win to open the series. Cue the cowbells, 4-3 Renegades.

K’s for days - Kyle Carr continued his dominant streak, coming into the week with seven straight outings of one earned run or fewer. The Emperors could not figure out his slider. Or fastball. Carr threw a career-high 98 pitches in the opening game, and the all-time strikeouts leader added seven more to his total over 6.2 innings. James Cooper gave Carr the ball

in the series finale. He continued the streak. Carr allowed just one run, striking out four in 4.2 innings.

Early bird gets the loss - The Renegades had little more than 12 hours following the opening win before it was game time once more. The July 23 matinee saw a 12:05 first pitch, and the Renegades took their only loss of the series in front of thousands of summer campers and counselors. After July 30, Hudson Valley will be happy to have regular game times for the remainder of the season; they are currently 1-2 in games that start before one p.m.

Hudson Valley (57-36) will head to Wilmington, home of the Blue Rocks (43-52), on a four-game winning streak. The team has won 15 of its last 20 games, and is still in second place for the second-half SAL title, two and a half games behind Greensboro (67-28).

Municipalities host summer concerts in the parks

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great weather, we’ve had great attendance at all of our concerts with the biggest crowd on July 5 with Adam & the Jersey Four and the fireworks show,” said Green.

There has been “nothing but positive feedback from both the band members and the attendees. Each band has received positive comments from all,” Green mentioned.

Bands play at 6:30 p.m. One can still catch the performances of The Blend on Aug. 1; Youth Band on Aug. 2 (location TBA); Chain Gang on Aug. 8; Noise in the Basement on Aug. 15 and Pretty Little Things on Aug. 29.

One more note Green shared, “When the weatherman predicted rain we’ve had great weather. Please don’t predict GOOD WEATHER!”

Fishkill performances held at Geering Park

The free Concerts in the Park are held by the Town of Fishkill. Concerts take place at Maurer Geering Park, off Geering Way, in the town from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Taking the stage on July 30 will be Almost Floyd, where attendees can hear the Music of Pink Floyd. Everything Else, who will perform music from the British Invasion, will headline on Aug. 6. To continue the concert series on Aug. 13 will be The Saints. There one can hear R&B, Oldies, Reggae, and Motown music. Pat O’Shea and The Big Band Sound will play on Aug. 20 and Aug. 27 respectively Rain dates are Thursdays.

Poughkeepsie has ‘toes tapping’

For Poughkeepsie, town residents have had one show so far, and one show was rained out, Nate Smith, recreation director, explained earlier this month.

“We had about 125 people. That is more or less the same as last summer,” said Smith.

He noted, “People seemed to enjoy the event. Older kids danced with their parents. A couple of toddlers were spinning around on the dance floor. Toes were tapped and heads were bobbed among the older crowd.”

He added, “We’re bringing in acts from a little further afield to get

more variety.”

The free concerts take place at Greenvale Park and are 90 minutes.

Catawampus will perform on Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Then on Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m., Harvest Band will be at the park. Almost Floyd takes the stage on Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. A rain date will be held on Aug. 26 in necessary.

Wappingers Falls concerts to run through August 22

Concerts in the Village of Wappingers Falls are on Friday nights from 7-9 p.m. Concerts take place in Mesier Park.

The schedule is on August 1, The Mighty Flynn will perform. Ginger’s Revenge will take to the stage on August 8. The Jason Gisser Band will entertain the crowd on August 15. Then on August 22, to finish the concerts, Bianca and the Cover Boys will sing and perform.

This year’s concerts are sponsored by the Regan Family, Donors of The John Regan Memorial Fund and the Village of Wappingers Falls Recreation Committee, it is stated on the Village’s website calendar.

Inaugural season for new stage in Wappinger

Concerts in the town of Wappinger are being held at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, All Angels Hill Rd., at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Concerts began on June 19, with the last one scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21. The new stage at the park is having its inaugural season, it was stated.

Still set to perform this summer season are: Tim Haufe on July 31, The Crew on Aug. 7, Carrie Zazz Band on Aug. 14 and to finish off the season, Tilly Foster on Aug. 21.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini said in an email to residents, “I’m excited to announce the incredibly talented lineup for our Wappinger Town Summer Concerts in the Park series at Brexel-Schlathaus Park, with special thanks to our Parks and Recreation Department, who have carefully curated a list of musicians that will ensure that the Park is filled with good music, dancing, and community spirit—it’s sure to be a highlight of the year!”

New this year at each of the concerts, there are handcrafted beverages with New



The Carrie Zazz Band will be performing in different municipalities this summer.
-Courtesy photo The Carrie Zazz Band

York Soda Jerks, a full mobile soda shop. The menu includes soda floats, egg cremes, slushies and more.

The bands bring ‘the community together’

Carrie Zazz, of The Carrie Zazz Band, has been performing all over the county this summer at different municipalities’ summer concert events with her band-mates. Zazz said, “The weather has cooperated for the majority of the summer so far, allowing the summer concert series to start out strong. The turnout at each event has been amazing and the live music really brings the community together.”

Zazz explained, “The people that come out to these events vary in age from families with small children to seniors, but their reactions all seem to be the same; happy, relaxed and there to enjoy each other’s company while enjoying their favorite tunes.”

As for requests, “I can’t speak for everyone, but our band tends to get requests for particular artists or genres. The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac and Prince top our list of requests, and many people request country music for line dancing,” said Zazz.

The Crew has also been performing in

areas around Dutchess County.

Bob Hauver, with The Crew band, said, “Attendance has been good at The Crew’s summer 2025 town concerts - I think people are relishing the chance to be outdoors and enjoy live music.”

Hauver commented, “We play many classic rock and soul hits that span 7 decades, so there’s something for everyone to enjoy, either by dancing or just singing along.”

According to Hauver, The Crew’s audiences “really like hearing our big harmonies (we have 5 singers).”

“Papa Was A Rolling Stone” and “Long Train Runnin” receive “great reactions,” said Hauver.

“We feel a responsibility to keep this music alive, and it’s marvelous to hear comments like, ‘I haven’t heard that song in decades - you brought back wonderful memories,’” Hauver remarked.

The Crew will be playing “many more town concerts in the Hudson Valley this summer, including Wappingers Falls, Poughkeepsie, LaGrange and more,” said Hauver.

For more information, please visit <https://crew-band.com/shows> and/or go to carriezazz.com.

Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc. to distribute \$27,000 in grants at October outing

The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc., a nonprofit comprised of local real estate professionals that donates 100% of its proceeds to charities in the Dutchess County area, has announced its 26th golf outing will take place at The Powelton Club in Newburgh on October 6.

The proceeds of the 25th annual outing – which totaled \$27,000 – were distributed to nonprofit recipients including Angels of Light, Astor Services, the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the Dutchess County SPCA, Dutchess County Special Olympics, the Fishkill Food Pantry, Grace Smith House, Sparrow’s Nest, the Bardavon, The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie and Vet 2 Vet Services.

“The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc.’s annual outing enables

both individuals and companies to give back to the community,” said Jessica Glass, partner at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP and board member of The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc. “Together we can help our community and support the many charities that make a tangible difference in Dutchess County.”

The 25th annual outing’s sponsors included Daniel O’Connell’s Sons, Patrick Moore Esq., R.L. Baxter Building Corp., Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, TEG Federal Credit Union and Terra Ridge Farm. Companies interested in sponsoring this year’s tournament, or persons wishing to sign up as an individual or foursome are invited to contact Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf, Inc. at dutchessgc@gmail.com.

Community Foundations’ Annual Garden Party to celebrate changemakers, fuel local philanthropy

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) will host its annual Garden Party on Sunday, September 14 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison.

This year, CFHV’s Garden Party will honor five exemplary individuals whose unwavering commitment to the region has made a lasting impact: Michael Fleischer and Michael Dupree, Garry and Diane Kvistad, and George C. Whipple III.

A cherished tradition since 1994, the party brings together friends and supporters for an afternoon of celebration and purpose. As CFHV’s signature fundraising event, it supports the organization’s mission of inspiring and celebrating philanthropy across Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties.

“The Garden Party showcases the values at the heart of our mission,” said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. “The event not only helps fuel our philanthropy for the year but also connects nonprofits and grantees with donors who can help make their goals a reality. Our honorees, Michael, Michael, Garry, Diane, and George, are unwavering supporters of Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam counties, uplifting those in need, creating opportunities and inspiring others to lead with compassion and purpose. We are proud to spotlight and celebrate them this year.”

Since moving to Hyde Park in 1993, Michael Fleischer and Michael Dupree have been tireless advocates for Dutchess County’s historic preservation, economic development and civic engagement. Both Fleischer’s and Dupree’s commitments to public service is exemplified through their involvement on multiple Dutchess County boards, such as Dutchess Community College, the Walkway Over

the Hudson and many more throughout their tenure.

As longtime Ulster County residents and the founders of Woodstock Chimes, Garry and Diane Kvistad have blended entrepreneurial success with a deep and lasting philanthropic impact. Through the Kvistad Foundation and two charitable funds managed by CFHV, they have provided vital support to local arts organizations and nonprofits. Their giving continues to uplift Ulster County and beyond with a focus on sustainability, creativity and well-being.

A dedicated philanthropist and civic leader, George C. Whipple III has made significant contributions to historic preservation and environmental causes in Putnam County, where he resides. Known professionally as a prominent attorney and an Emmy-winning entertainment and lifestyle reporter with NY 1 News for his work on On Stage Presents Broadway’s Revival in 2022, Whipple brings a passion for history, the arts and public service to everything he does.

Proceeds from the Garden Party benefit CFHV’s Community Grants Program, which has distributed more than \$2 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the Hudson Valley since 2000. This year’s funding priorities in the Community Grants Program are guided by insights from CFHV’s recently released “Voices of the Hudson Valley,” a report identifying the most pressing issues in the region as shared in community conversations with residents, nonprofit leaders and civic partners. The Garden Party helps ensure that vital resources reach those working on the front lines of change.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to learn more about the Garden Party, please visit communityfoundationshv.org/events/the-garden-party.

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Enthusiasts set for PV Lions Car Show

By Jim Donick

As the annual Hudson Valley Car Show season comes into full swing each year, the Lions Club of Pleasant Valley turns much of the village into a car enthusiast’s dream.

This year is expected to be no different and, maybe, bigger and better than before. Local enthusiasts look forward to this gathering as a lower key event than some of the bigger shows. Pleasant Valley’s Johnny Morris points out, “This show is great because it give me a chance to get together will all the local boys and enjoy each other’s cars.”

Morris, fresh off winning an award at the Locust Grove show two weeks ago, is preparing his customized 1976 Triumph TR6. This vehicle stands out from many collectable British Sports Cars.

“Most Triumphs are shown completely stock,” he notes. “Mine is still being developed and I may never finish playing

with its appearance. I’m having too much fun making it even better.”

This 16th annual iteration of the event is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall. (The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 10.) The parking area for display cars is paved. The Town Hall rest rooms are available for the show. The organizers promise awards for the top 35 cars. Any collectible car is welcome. The organizers expect Hot Rods, Trucks, Customs, Classical American Sedans from the fifties and later, as well as Sports Cars and even some Prewar Vehicles.

There will food and refreshments available on site. Being in the center of town, there is also easy walking access to all the local restaurants and shops.

Registration for the event begins at the Town Hall at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Spectators are free. There will be a 50/50 raffle going on during the day. The award presentation takes place at 2 p.m.



Having won an award at Locust Grove two weeks ago, Johnny Morris has prepared his unique Triumph TR6 Custom for the Pleasant Valley Lions Club Car Show set for Sunday, Aug. 3.

-Photo by Jim Donick

Dutchess County earns a top spot in national ranking for technology use

Dutchess County is again in the nation’s top ten for the best technology practices. The 2025 Digital Counties Survey, conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), ranked Dutchess County 4th in the nation among mid-size county governments for efforts to enhance cybersecurity, streamline delivery of services and best practices for applying innovative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). This work is led by the County’s Office of Central and Information Services’ (OCIS).

County Executive Sue Serino said, “Congratulations to our OCIS team on again being recognized for their tireless work to help ensure County technology resources remain secure, efficient and innovative. They continue to find and implement smart, user-friendly and cost-saving technology solutions for County employees, residents, and businesses, helping ensure we maintain the trust of our residents.”

Dutchess County continues to prioritize improving service delivery, accessibility,

and efficiency for residents and businesses through innovative technology solutions, for example:

- The Drinking Water Regulation Information Portal (DRIP), which streamlines the workflow involving the submission of documents from public water supply operators and improves communication between the County’s Dept. of Health (DCDOH) staff and the operators;

- The Electronic Health Permits application, which allows various permits regulated by DCDOH to be applied for online, and for staff to review the applications, correspond with applicants, and issue the permits;

- The Electronic Payments for Home Health Services application, which allows Office for the Aging home health services clients to make payments more efficiently;

OCIS Commissioner Stephen Oscarlece said, “Dutchess County OCIS continues to implement and update a wide array of technology services to be as secure, accessible and effective as possible. We are grateful for the continued recognition of our commitment and hard work.”

OCIS continues to focus on cybersecurity to ensure the security of County data as well as the continuity of operations. OCIS also works to help increase the preparedness and knowledge of local organizations and municipalities by partnering with Marist University to host its annual technology-focused summits. This year’s event, the Hudson Valley AI Summit, held in June, highlighted best practices for implementing artificial intelligence (AI) into business practices and policies, how cybercriminals are using the technology, the ethical use of generative AI, and workforce development to better support

other agencies exploring AI options.

“The National Association of Counties (NACo) is honored to support and highlight the outstanding efforts of counties across the nation in advancing digital government and enhancing constituent engagement,” said Rita Reynolds, CIO and Managing Director of Technology Programs, National Association of Counties. “By showcasing this innovative work, counties can learn from one another, adopt leading practices, and explore the transformative potential of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and generative AI.”

Cancer support groups set for August

Below is a list of Support Connection’s Support Groups this August for those impacted by breast, ovarian, and any gynecological cancer.

August 4: Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group, 7 – 8 p.m., via Zoom

August 6: Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Post Treatment Support Group, 7 – 8 p.m. via Zoom

August 13: NOW Offered Via Zoom – Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group, 7 – 8 p.m. via Zoom

August 18: Breast Cancer Support Group (Hybrid Format- In-person and Zoom video-conference option) 7 – 8 p.m. at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

August 27: Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group - (Hybrid Format- In-Person and Zoom videoconference

option) Soul Ryders Office

There are many other support groups for women with breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. For details, please visit the calendar.

Pre-registration is required for all groups. To register or to learn more, please call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Support Group meeting location for in-person groups and/or Zoom login info will be provided to anyone who registers.

In addition to support groups, there are professional Peer Counselors available to provide unlimited one-on-one, individual support. Anyone dealing with breast, ovarian, or any other gynecological cancer can learn more by visiting the website: www.supportconnection.org or by calling, toll-free at 800-532-4290.

National Night Out in Fishkill on Aug. 5

The Town of Fishkill Police Department will be hosting their fourth annual National Night Out on August 5, from 5-8 p.m. at Geering Park, 1

Geering Way.

There will be music by the Carrie Zazz Band and food available for purchase.

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Obituaries

Lawrence Grella



In Loving Memory of Lawrence Grella
November 25, 1964 – July 21, 2025
It is with heavy hearts and deep love that we share the passing of Lawrence Grella, who departed this life on July 21, 2025, at the age of 60. He passed leaving behind a legacy of selflessness, love, and kindness.
Born on November 25, 1964, Larry was the beloved son of Diana Frank. He grew up in Beacon, NY, attending St. Joachim’s School and Beacon High School. Larry remained in Beacon, where he and his wife, Teresa, raised their two sons, Vincent and Andrew.
Nothing in this world brought Larry as much pride and joy as being a husband and a father. Larry was the epitome of a devoted family man placing his children at the center of his universe while still

spreading love to others in need. Larry prioritized the dreams of his boys and sacrificed anything to enable his sons’ pursuits. Aside from husband and father, there was no term more endearing to Larry’s ears than “Coach”. When Larry wasn’t encouraging take-downs from the corner of a wrestling mat for the Bulldogs, you could find him perched on his bike along the outfield fence at Memorial Park.
Family time was always filled with his favorite activities— hiking Mount Beacon, walking along the Hudson, bike rides, golf, chess, swimming, yard games, and countless hours of playing sports with his sons. As his sons grew from children into his closest friends, Larry embraced a new chapter, channeling his energy into a life rooted in health, mindfulness, and inner peace. A devoted yogi, he spent the last decade deepening his spiritual practice and finding joy in the quiet rhythm of breath and movement. Whether he was perfecting his swing on the back nine or cruising through Beacon on his bike, he was always in motion and always at peace.
Larry attributed his life successes to the love and support of his beautiful wife, Teresa. Throughout their 34 years of marriage, together they enjoyed the little things that life offers - family dinners, beach vacations, pool parties, morning coffee on the porch, games, and puzzles.
Larry retired from Metro-North Railroad in 2020, after 32 years, time which he reflected proudly on.
He is survived by his loving wife, Teresa Grella, his two sons and their wives, Vincent and Cori-Bianca, and Andrew and Margot. He is also survived by his mother, Diana Frank, his sisters Linda Goff (Edward), Phyllis Grella, Karen McGannon (Dennis), Melissa Murray, Amanda Frank, his mother-in-law Helen White, and in-laws Michael White (Ginny), Patrick White (Karen), Robert White, Sandra Torregrossa (Ed), Daniel White (Catherine), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his stepfather, Lionel Frank Jr.
A celebration of Larry’s life was held on Monday, July 28 at the Southern Dutchess Golf Course in Beacon, NY, one of his favorite places. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Beacon High School Varsity Wrestling Team. Donations can be made by check to Beacon City School District, with a memo to the wrestling account.
Though our hearts are broken, we are comforted by the thought that death can’t take the best of us, and that Larry’s spirit lives on through us all – he will soar high above the hills serving as an eternal Beacon, always guiding us home.
“Thank You”

Carol Ann Burnette



Carol Ann Burnette, a resident of Fishkill, NY since 1997 and formerly of Yonkers, NY, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY surrounded by her loved ones. She was 71.
Carol’s heart was always open, and her arms were never far from a hug. She fiercely loved her family and made every sacrifice without hesitation, always putting others before herself. Whether it was a quiet moment of advice or a meal made with love, her presence made people feel safe and cherished.
Daughter of the late John C. and Doris M. (Heinz) Dmytryszyn, she was born in Yonkers on December 14, 1953. She attended St. Peter’s Grade School and in 1971 graduated from Sacred Heart High School. In

1977, she graduated with top honors from the Yonkers Public School of Nursing.
Her nursing career began at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in the Bronx, where she was employed from 1977 to 1997. She then accepted a position with the Elant Care Center in Wappingers Falls, NY, where she served for 15 years, retiring as Nurse Manager in 2012.
Carol was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill.
On December 10, 2005, she married Coy H. Burnette, Jr. at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie. Coy survives at home in Fishkill.
Additional survivors include her daughter, Melissa A. Mercay & her husband Damon of Pleasant Valley, NY; her son, Keith M. Cerone & his wife Theresa of Hopewell Junction, NY; her son, Joseph W. Cerone of Fishkill, NY; her grandchildren: Brionna Mercay, Damon Mercay, Jr., Sierra Mercay, Aubrey Cerone, Braelynn Cerone, Chloe Cerone, Adrianna Cerone, and Joseph Cerone; her stepdaughter, Dawn Zambrana; her stepson, Robert Burnette; her stepdaughter, Joy Burnette; her step-grandchildren: Marisol Torres, Cabrina Burnette, Alana Burnette, Ariyanna Zambrana, Jonathan Burnette, Dyami Coy Massey, and Anthony Zambrana; seven great-grandchildren; her brother, John T. Dmytryszyn & his wife Theresa of Newburgh, NY; her goddaughters, Doris Marie Dmytryszyn-Anderson and Kirsten Mitchell; her life long friends Donna and Frank Andrade and many nieces, nephews, and countless other loving relatives & friends.
In addition to her parents, Carol was also predeceased by her grandparents, Margaret & Conrad Heinz and Mary & Joseph Dmytryszyn; as well as her godparents, Margaret Baker Mitchell & Benton Mitchell.
Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm on Wednesday, July 30 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10am on Thursday, July 31 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Entombment will follow in the Community Mausoleum at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; www.stjude.org.
For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Patrick Fitzgerald Jr.



Thomas Patrick Fitzgerald Jr.
“Tommy”
June 23, 1944 - July 21, 2025
On July 21st, 2025, after being lovingly cared for at home, Thomas Patrick Fitzgerald Jr. was welcomed into the Loving Arms of Jesus...
Thomas P. Fitzgerald (Tommy) of Beacon, N.Y. was the son of the late Tom Sr. and Lois (Green) Fitzgerald.
He was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on June 23rd, 1944.
As a young boy the family moved to Kingston, N.Y.
Tommy graduated from Kingston High School in 1962 and he attended both Orange County and Ulster County colleges.

He proudly served in The United States Army during the Vietnam War era. Tommy loved this Country and later in life (along with his wife) he performed for many Veteran ceremonies and events.
Throughout his lifetime he had several jobs beginning with ceramic tile, and years later at The Home Depot. Although his work was a way of providing, MUSIC was where he could forget the trials of life and where he found true Joy.
You cannot think of Tommy without hearing his rhythmic drumbeats, his heartfelt melodies, and his distinctive, soulful singing voice. While still in high school he and his buddies formed the band, The Monzels....He was the band’s drummer (he played while standing up) and also their lead singer. They played for proms and parties and after graduation continued making music playing in local clubs, weddings and also going “on the road.” The Monzels made several recordings including their original, "Sharkskin," featuring Tommy on drums.
After The Monzels, he continued playing in many area bands on both sides of the Hudson River. Through every chapter of his life music and performing were his place of peace.
In the late 1980s into the 1990s, Tommy found himself (as he described) needing to become “clear.” He found the strength to move forward and, in his words, “breathe free.”
In 1991 he met the love of his life, Joanne (Sorci.) They were married on September 28th, 1997. Inside their wedding rings he had inscribed E.I. T. (everything, in time.) Finally, both passions were combined...Music and his “Princess.”
Together they performed as a duo until his health struggles made it impossible.
No one’s life is perfect, and many of us regret poor choices made in the past, but Tommy was wise enough to summon the strength (with God’s grace) to begin again and start anew.
Tommy and Joanne shared One heart and always managed to grow even stronger, just by simply being together.
Tommy always said that they were God’s gift to one another and that he’d forever remain at her side...
Not even death can end their love story... His song has Not ended, for his melody lingers on!
“No more of this life’s struggles, no more burdens to bear.
Your spirit fills my heart and soul, I hear your sweet words within my ear . . .
You wake me up each morning, and you continue to walk each step with me,
you’re beside me throughout the night, I feel you (Always) near.
I Thank God for Eternal Life, and for The Gift of My Tommy’s Love -
Per Sempre Mio!”

Following Tommy’s wishes, there were no calling hours and his burial was private. Any donations in his memory may be made to either -
Castle Point Food Pantry
41 Castle Point Rd.
Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590
or
ARF- Animal Rescue Foundation
54 Simmons Lane
Beacon, N.Y. 12508.

Interactive Vacation Bible School set at St. Nicholas in New Hamburg

Come join St. Nicholas on-the-Hudson Church the week of August 11-15 from 9 a.m. – noon each day, for the Welcome to Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus! The church is at 37 Point Street in New Hamburg.
This is an interactive Vacation Bible School where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus. Geo-caching activities will challenge children to dig into the Bible to find the way to Jesus. This journey of discovery has many twists

and turns, so children will learn to ask questions, work with others, shine their light in the world, follow Jesus’ example of serving others, and trust Jesus when things go wrong.
All children ages 5 through 11 are welcome. We encourage students 12+ may come to serve as special helpers. Reserve a spot today:
Visit the following link for more information: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNC9qMsdRcRvjLU5e8OkfC>.

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Creative Living

WKZE, Rose Hill Farm team up for a frolicking good time

‘Frolic at the Farm’ set Aug. 2 in Red Hook

By Kate Goldsmith

Red Hook’s celebrated radio station, WKZE 98.1, has teamed up with Rose Hill Farm, a popular local pick-your-own orchard, for an all-ages musical event on Saturday, Aug. 2. Rose Hill in Red Hook is the site for “Frolic at the Farm,” featuring live music beginning at 6 p.m. and a late-night DJ set with WKZE’s DJ MK Ultramatic. Performers include Leo Lovechild, Carlin and the Gents, and headliners The Hayley Jane Band.

Tickets are available at wkze.com. Children under 12 are admitted free.

WKZE, whose tagline is “Celebrating Musical Diversity,” advises one and all to “Get ready to dance, vibe, and frolic under the summer sky.” Bring the family, lawn chairs and/or blankets and a picnic for an enjoyable evening in a bucolic setting. Food will also be available to purchase on site, along with Rose Hill’s drink selections (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

According to DJ MK, the Frolic is the first full-scale concert event presented by the station and hosted by Rose Hill.

“We’re both well versed in putting on smaller shows, so it felt really appropriate to partner with them for our first foray into the real deal,” said MK. “Radio and live music have always gone hand in hand, and we’re excited to share this evening of great music in a beautiful setting with our listeners.”

MK credits WKZE salesperson Tari with the “frolic” concept.

“I think we all felt the click immediately,” she said. “We’re hoping folks will come and literally frolic with us - dance, mingle, and celebrate however feels right to you! This event is all about joy!”

She added, “Rose Hill is already a place where people gather to soak in the beauty of the Hudson Valley. It’s particularly popular with families because parents can enjoy their amazing housemade wine and cider while their kids run around the grounds, so we wanted to make sure this show felt welcoming to all ages.”

Although picnics are welcome, attendees are asked not to bring alcoholic beverages, as Rose Hill’s taproom will be open. MK said there will be two or three food vendors at the event, and snacks are also available to purchase at the taproom.

A variety of music on tap, as well

Opening the show is singer-songwriter and guitarist Leo Lovechild.

“Leo Lovechild is one of my absolute favorite up-and-coming independent artists from the NYC/Hudson Valley scene,” said MK. “I’ve been a supporter of his music for years, so if you’ve ever listened to me on the radio you’ve definitely heard his songs. He’s got incredible integrity and vision as an artist. I’m not surprised that he’s building up such a strong following and I’m excited to



WKZE presents “Frolic at the Farm” on Aug. 2 at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook. Musical acts include The Hayley Jane Band.

-Courtesy photo

see it happening for him. I’m also excited to expose a new audience to his live show, because to see Leo live is to become a fan.”

When asked about the kind of music he plays, Lovechild said, “I’m a songwriter and a singer first and foremost, and I don’t feel the need to stick to any one genre, so my music has ranged from rock to folk to indie to country and beyond over the years. However, my upcoming album, ‘Skyscraper Country’ [out on Aug. 1], is more or less a country rock album. Some things on the record lean more toward folk-rock or Americana, others are really just straight country tunes ... beside the fact that I don’t have a Southern accent.”

Lovechild has been performing for most of his life.

“I started off doing solo singer-songwriter style shows around lower Manhattan when I was in tenth grade, and I was in school jazz bands and ensembles and stuff like that throughout my childhood,” he said. “There have been a lot of awesome moments over the years. Most recently, I was lucky to be tapped back in December to go on the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon as part of their ‘Instant Songwriter Series,’ which was a pretty wild experience and one that has gotten a lot of attention from people. But for me what’s most rewarding is the con-

versations I have at shows with people from all walks of life, when I’m able to relate to someone human to human, regardless of where we come from in life or what politics we were taught, because of my lyrics and my songs.”

Next up on stage will be Carlin and The Gents.

DJ MK said, “Carlin & The Gents are a talented young band currently making waves in the New Paltz music scene. I know our audience will be blown away by their style and charisma!”

“Our style is a blend of funk and pop with some roots embedded in there,” said Carlin Feck. “The Gents come from funky, jazzy backgrounds, but my influences are more Americana ... it makes for a fusion that feels uniquely our own.”

The band plays the “standard” instruments: guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboards, but Feck said “it’s also so much more than that.”

He said, “Lucas on the drums is blending styles like a virtuoso. Sawyer on the bass is holding it down on a freakin’ fretless. Roan is a master of the keys, giving us synth and grand alike. We have the talents ‘hom land,’ which features John on the trumpet and Rocco on the trombone, and together they bring us into a whole new genre. Justin is

playing electric like a pro, but he’s also playing slide, which brings out those roots. And I’m playing an acoustic sometimes.”

The Gents formed at the beginning of 2023, “which means our band is a toddler and can finally walk,” said Feck. A Mother’s Day gig at Angry Orchard in Walden (Orange County) “was a dream,” he said, “and we’ve had the pleasure of being a recurring act over at The Lemon Squeeze in New Paltz.”

Headlining the ‘Frolic’ is The Hayley Jane Band.

“Hayley is such a great representative of the East Coast jam music scene,” said MK. “Her songs are fun, positive and easy to dance and groove to, and she always puts on a lively and engaging show. She was the perfect choice to headline the ‘Frolic’ and we’re super grateful and excited to have her on board!”

Hayley Jane describes the band’s music as “high-energy, rock ‘n’ roll, funk, soul, Americana with theatrical storytelling and wild moments of free exploration. Emotionally charged and courageously honest lyrics over playful and infectious melodies.”

With Hayley Jane on vocals, the band consists of Jackson Bower on guitar, Sam Lyons on drums, Tom Gladstone on bass and Parker McQueeney on keys.

“We played our first shows in January of 2024,” she said. “So this is a relatively new project, but it feels more seasoned due to the fact that we’re playing a number of songs that I co-wrote with my previous band, Hayley Jane and the Primates, and other collaborators: The Van Burens, Dogs in a Pile, Ben ‘Smiley’ Silverstein, to name a few. So a good portion of the songs have been around for years. What I’m most excited about with this group is the music we have created together. We’re currently in the process of recording a few new songs and can’t wait to get them out to you!”

Last, but certainly not least, is DJ MK Ultramatic herself.

“I’ll be spinning an after-hours DJ set in the taproom for attendees who don’t want the party to stop after the live music ends!” she said. “My sets are focused primarily on the Nudisco genre - it’s upbeat, fun and extremely danceable. You’ll usually hear some classic disco and great pop remixes in the mix as well.”

Visit <https://www.pickrosehillfarm.com/> for more information about the concert site.

MK adds: “Rose Hill is a dog-friendly venue, and the show is outdoors, so pups are allowed; but we ask guests to use their discretion and leave furry friends at home if they are uncomfortable in crowds or if the weather that day is too hot for their comfort.”

Delve into film history

on Aug. 7 in East Fishkill

Join the East Fishkill Community on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun and entertaining night!

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin delves deeply into film history then travels forward to show videos of the most iconic scenes ever seen on the silver screen. He will highlight scenes from such classics as “Gone With the Wind,” “The Wizard of Oz,” “Casablanca,” “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “The Graduate,” “Jaws,”

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” “Rocky,” “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” “E.T.,” “Saving Private Ryan,” “Dances with Wolves” and other legendary movies while playing classic film trivia with attendees. Gitlin will also talk about what made these film scenes so iconic in this highly entertaining presentation.

Please call the library at 845-221-9943 or use the online calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> to register

Guitar Club to meet Aug. 16 in East Fishkill

The Guitar Club at the East Fishkill Community Library will meet on Saturday, August 16. The group gathers monthly on Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and meets monthly on Saturdays for the summer months June-August. Check the calendar for select dates.

This is an adult group meant for guitar

hobbyists to meet up and share their music and guitar geekiness together. Local resident Carol Morin will lead this group; all levels of experience are welcome. Familiarity with basic chords is helpful but not required.

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

Gentle chair yoga set for Aug. 11

Join yoga instructor Sally Delmerico on Monday, August 11, at 10:30 a.m., at the East Fishkill Library, 348 Route 376, to practice gentle chair yoga. Participation is limited to 16 and registra-

tion is required.

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Summer sipping

Refreshing cocktails using fresh herbs

If you know me, you know I love a good cocktail. One of my joys this time of year is to sip something cool on the porch with friends, soaking up the balmy breeze and late-day sun. It refreshes my soul to savor such moments, and as summer winds down they're even more precious. Another of my summer pleasures is stepping outside my back door to pick fresh herbs from my garden to use for cooking; and so I thought, why not combine the two and see what happens?!

Now, I have done this before to some extent. Mint is the obvious herb of choice and I've made the most of it for years in juleps, mojitos and iced tea; but I was feeling inspired to expand my repertoire and wanted to share my results, so here we go!

The best place to start, I think, is to explore the flavor profiles of different herbs in much the same way as you would for cooking. Knowing what goes together or enhances other flavors is key and helps when experimenting, which is fun for me. Sometimes you can be pleasantly surprised, so don't be afraid to play with different combinations.

Here's a guide to get you started.

A quick note: When using in any cocktail, you want to muddle the herbs to release their fragrant, flavorful oils. You can do this in a shaker or right in the glass. Use a muddler or a wooden spoon to gently press and twist the leaves before adding other ingredients. (Don't overdo it: bruising the leaves too much can give you bitter results). And, of course, garnish your creation with fresh sprigs.

Essential Recipe - Simple Syrup

This is a key ingredient in many a cocktail, for iced tea and coffee, so it's a good one to keep on hand all summer long. Simply combine equal parts sugar and water in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves. You can enhance it by adding herbs, berries, fresh citrus juice,

honey, ginger, even slices of jalapeno. If you do so, let the mixture sit off the heat for at least an hour to absorb the flavor. Cool completely and transfer to a container. It will keep 2-4 weeks in the fridge.

Basil

Who doesn't love basil? As a member of the mint family, it's perfect for cocktails with its slightly sweet, spicy and licorice notes. It pairs well with tomatoes for sure, but also with citrus, peaches and berries. You can experiment with different varieties, like Thai or Lemon, too.

Basil Cooler

An easy and versatile drink to start with since you can use your liquor of choice. Vodka, gin and tequila work especially well. Muddle your basil in a glass and add fresh lime juice, simple syrup and an ounce or two of your spirit of choice. Stir with ice and garnish with fresh basil. I like topping it off with some club soda to make it extra refreshing.

Basil Paloma

Muddle basil in a high ball glass. Add 2 ounces tequila (preferably Blanco), 1/2 ounce fresh lime juice, 3 ounces fresh red grapefruit juice and 1/2 ounce simple syrup. Stir, fill glass with ice and top with club soda. Garnish with Basil and a lime wedge.

Berry Bubbles

Muddle basil with fresh strawberries in a large glass. Add simple syrup and strain into a measuring cup (amounts are up to you and how many servings you want). Divide between champagne flutes and top with bubbly of your choice. Garnish with a fresh berry and sprig of basil.

Cilantro

This bright, spicy herb isn't for everyone - it seems you either love it or hate it. There's no denying its affinity for more savory cock-



A basil paloma.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

tails, but a splash of simple syrup can do wonders to bring out its sweeter side.

Cool as a Cucumber

Muddle a good handful of cilantro with slices of cucumber in a shaker. Add some fresh lime juice, 2 ounces of vodka or tequila, a little simple syrup and lots of ice. Shake well and strain into high ball glasses filled with ice. Garnish with cilantro and a cucumber slice.

Mucho Macho Margarita

For this you'll want to add jalapeno slices and about 1/2 cup of cilantro to your simple

syrup (refer to syrup recipe). Combine 1/2 ounce of syrup, juice from one lime, 2 ounces tequila (I like an ounce each of Blanco and Reposado and a few slices of jalapeno in an ice-filled shaker. Shake well and strain into a glass with ice. Garnish with cilantro and a slice of lime.

One of my greatest pleasures this time of year is to sit outside with something cool to sip, and some nibbles to accompany it. When it's beastly hot that isn't so appealing, but otherwise my backyard affords a lovely breeze most of the time; and when I can make the most of it it's the perfect and decadent way to spend a few hours. Doing so with friends is even better, and serving up some herbaceous cocktails ups the fun factor. Added bonus: fresh herbs are good for you and loaded with antioxidants, so you can skip feeling bad about imbibing. You likely won't overdo it, since hand-crafted cocktails are meant to be sipped and savored; and with summer evenings dwindling, that seems like the perfect thing to do. Cheers!

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.

La Guelaguetza set Aug. 3 at Waryas Park

The annual La Guelaguetza celebration returns to the heart of Poughkeepsie with music, dance, Oaxacan flavors and community spirit. This free, family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 3, at Waryas Park, on the banks of the Hudson River in the city of Poughkeepsie. Rain or shine, La Guelaguetza will go on.

This year, more than 200 participants, including dancers, musicians and singers, will bring the festival to life. It is expected to welcome more than 8,000 people, according to Felipe Santos, director of the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie (GFP). The 18th edition in 2025 will feature familiar groups such as the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie and the Ballet Folklórico Guadalupano, along with new additions like the band Maquis Music, composed of young musicians traveling from Los Angeles.

"Guelaguetza is a form of resistance. Celebrating our roots is also a way of affirming who we are and what we contribute," said Santos. For him, La Guelaguetza not only represents cultural heritage for Oaxacans but is also a direct contribution to the cultural enrichment of the entire Hudson Valley.

La Guelaguetza originates in the traditions of the Indigenous peoples of the state of Oaxaca, dedicated to the Goddess of Young Corn, Centeotl, goddess of abundance. Guelaguetza is a word from the Zapotec language that means "to share" and it represents a way of life. The spirit of mutual gift-giving is at the heart of this festival, which showcases the cul-

ture and traditions of the eight regions of Oaxaca, Mexico, highlighting traditional dances, village music, flavors, and the majestic colors of Oaxacan attire.

Since thousands of attendees are expected, guests are encouraged to arrive early to find parking near the park, wear hats and light clothing, and bring water to stay hydrated. Attendees are also encouraged to bring folding chairs or blankets, and to support local businesses through the food and beverage vendors.

La Guelaguetza is, above all, a family event. "We want it to be a space for dancing, joy, and celebration. Alcohol is not permitted," emphasized Santos. The call is to respect the peaceful and cultural spirit of the festival.

For Ernestina Martínez, secretary of the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie and a La Guelaguetza dancer, the main goal of the event, for both herself and GFP, is culture: "The most important thing is preserving the culture for the children. That they know where they come from and that they can share the culture of the eight regions of Oaxaca."

Martínez has attended La Guelaguetza of Poughkeepsie for over 10 years and, once her children were older, she finally had the opportunity and time to join the Grupo Folklórico as a secretary and dancer.

As in previous years, the festival will include the sale of traditional Oaxacan food, crafts, live music, children's activities, and much more.

For more information, email pokguelaguetza@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page [@pokguelaguetza](https://www.facebook.com/pokguelaguetza).

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

If you are going on our trip to Saratoga Raceway next Wednesday, August 7, please be at the Community Center by 8:30 a.m. Tickets will be handed out on the bus. This trip is filled.

We are now signing up residents and nonresidents for our Wednesday, August 20 trip to the fun Forestburgh Playhouse to see "Head Over Heels," a hit musical comedy featuring music from the Go-Go's. The fee is \$95 and includes a buffet lunch, tickets to the show, Coach Tours transportation and tip for driver. Great Broadway entertainment in the Catskills.

Our concert this Friday night, August 1, features The Blend, who will entertain all ages with their wide variety of musical treats. Make note - show time is 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, August 3, the always entertaining Matt Jordan Band will be playing and singing all the great hits from the 50's to the present from 1-3 p.m. at Red Wing Park, 11 Old Farm Rd.

Red Wing Park is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fishing at Red Wing is every Wednesday evening (7 p.m.) and Sunday morning (8 a.m.) through August 31.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

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Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director

Concerts in the Park: Concerts are held at Maurer-Geering Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. (Rain date: Thursdays) All concerts are free to the public.

July 30 - Almost Floyd, The Music of Pink Floyd

August 6 - Everything Else, Music from the British Invasion years, 1964 to 1969

August 13- The Saints, R&B, Oldies, Reggae, Motown

August 20 - Pat O'Shea, Blues & Roots

In-School Recreation: Registration for the first session of the 2025-2026 school year has begun! The session begins September 8th. Don't wait to sign up!

Little Explorers: Dive into a morning filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands-on exploration. Open to ages 0-5 years.

Class Times: 9:30-10:30 a.m. 2 & under
11 a.m.-noon ages 2 & up

July 30th: We are the Dinosaurs- Join us as our little explorers become paleontologists and discover dinosaur bones and immerse themselves in exploring play mud, experimenting with exca-

vation tools to discover fossils and learn about the colorful world of dinosaurs.

August 6th: Surf Shop- Come join us as we set up shop for our little explorers to learn about the beach and ocean.

Multi-sport Camp: Multi-sport programs are designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport, along with vital life lessons such as sportsmanship, inclusion and teamwork. Enjoy the benefits of exploring multiple sports while building lifelong skills with Skyhawks! The camp will be held at Geering Park August 18-22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for kids ages 7-12.

Golf Camp: Swing into Skyhawks Beginning Golf, powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. This beginning program focuses on fun and repetition with a games-based approach that can be played on any surface. Specialized equipment is used to ensure early success for young players. Key skills like putting and chipping are taught through engaging activities. Ideal for beginners and those improving, join Skyhawks for rewarding progress with every shot! The camp will be held at Geering Park August 4-8 from 9 a.m.-noon for kids ages 5-12.

Visit our website to register, www.fishkillrecreation.com.

Job sessions set for Aug. 4 at the East Fishkill Community Library

The East Fishkill Community Library announces that there will be a DC Works on Monday, August 4, for One-on-One Job Ready Sessions from 10 a.m. to noon in the Cross Room.

DC Works (formerly Dutchess One Stop Career Center) professionals are experts in their field, although they are

not head-hunters and cannot guarantee employment. One-on-one sessions with DC Works professionals will help you develop your job search direction.

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Classically trained, Alex employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic "wah-wah" guitar pedals symbolic of 1960s Rock and Roll bands—all in conjunction with a looping station. Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Alex is able to craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000-watt amp. Accompanied with a narration that reveals some of the back stories of baroque, jazz, folk, and Rock and Roll classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

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Ozzy and lavender

Present ‘scents’ and past tense

What does Ozzy Osbourne have to do with lavender? Nothing! But more about that later.

First: Last week., Sue and I visited Farmstead 1868 in Cazenovia, N.Y. As president of New York State Flower Industries, Sue set up the annual meeting at the Farmstead’s two-acre lavender farm. 1868 refers to the farm’s founding as a producer of hops for Albany and New York City breweries. When a fungus and Prohibition wiped out the hops industry, the farm pivoted to dairy. The COVID pandemic upended the dairy industry for a few years, so owner Monica Cody decided to start a lavender farm.

Even though Monica is a bio engineer and worked (before marriage brought her to the dairy farm) as a product development manager at Bristol Myers Squibb, she knew next to nothing about growing lavender. She must be a fast learner, because during our tour of the fields and oil distillery, I learned more about lavender than even I wanted to know.

“English” lavender is native to dry, sunny southern France. The two acres devoted to lavender at Farmstead 1868 are home to five varieties, with varying degrees of success in upstate NY’s frigid winters and sometimes soggy summers. Lavender hates wet feet, and is sensitive to the soil-borne fungus phytophthora, the same scourge that wiped out Ireland’s potato crop in 1847. Monica says the variety “Phenomenal” is hardiest in her environment, although it is the latest to bloom, and I have found it to be a slow grower. “Munstead” is the first to bloom, with gorgeous blue panicles on upright stems, with a strong fragrance, making it the top choice for garden beds and borders.

Monica uses “Royal Velvet” and “Phenomenal” for making dried bouquets, which are for sale in the gift shop, along with cookbooks and distilled oils. “Grosso” and “Sensational” are best for oils, which are produced on site in a copper still. Lavender oil is used for aromatherapy or, when diluted, to improve skin health. It is also, according to Monica, a natural mosquito repellent, but I think her upstate mosquitoes must be wimpier than the ones we have in the



Monica Cody at her lavender farm.
-Photo by Mark Adams

Hudson Valley.

The lavender farm is in peak bloom during July, when it’s open for U-pick operations and tours. Make a plan to visit next year, maybe after a stop at the Fenimore Farm and Country Village in Cooperstown.

On July 23, 1985, my friend Craig Domonkus and I left a party around midnight, and, on a whim, decided to drive to the Live Aid concert in Philadelphia. That turned out to be the only time I saw Black Sabbath in concert. Ozzy Osbourne had reunited with his seminal band just for Live Aid, which was organized to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. Back in those days, people were allowed to bring coolers to concerts – in fact, Live Aid might be the reason that coolers aren’t allowed at rock concerts. It seems that every one of the 90,000 attendees dragged in a cooler full of booze. By the time Ozzy took the stage at 10 in the morning, the entire audience (except me and Craig) was passed out, drunk. Security guards turned fire hoses on the crowd to keep people



Mark at Live Aid.
-Photo by Craig Domonkus

from cooking in the blistering sunshine.

Ozzy himself was in top form, although his bandmates were a bit hung over. During his third and last song, “Paranoid,” you can see on the YouTube video Ozzy trying his best to rouse the audience, raising his arms and shouting, “Come on!” In the photo on

this page, that’s me and Craig down front with about a dozen other people who had just woken up.

Yep. Those were the days. R.I.P. Ozzy.

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

Stanza Books to host Children’s Book Fest on Aug. 2

Stanza Books and the Howland Cultural Center, on Main St. in Beacon, will introduce its first inaugural Children’s Book Fest. The festival will host authors, activities, storytimes, prizes,

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Stanza is on a mission to help kids keep

their love of reading alive. They’re putting this mission into action through the ritual Saturday morning storytime, the monthly Stanza Campers program with the Howland.

Stanza will launch two new huge children’s books at the fest with the authors in attendance for readings and signings:

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Stanza will announce the publication of its first children’s book at the festival. This will be one of several books Stanza Publishing will release this year, along with two novellas, and an anthology of Beacon writers.

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

Giftly Ampadu Psychological Services PLLC. Filed 5/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Usacorp Inc, 266 Broadway Ste 401, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Psychology.

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

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

18 MANSION ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NEVER BETTER HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 72 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

R H I N E B E C K W E A L T H ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/20/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6811 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BIDDRINA SH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on JUNE 24, 2025 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, PO Box 518, Bangall, NY 12506-0518. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 322 Noxon LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/10/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Aaron Kleiner, 5 Roberts Road, Wapping-

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ers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

CGRIM WORKS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/2/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 15 Poplar Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Formation of PEAK AIR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on May 14, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process against the LLC to: 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: 1305 River St LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against is may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal road Hyde Park, NY 12538. Any Lawful purpose.

STORY BEAUTY LINE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/30/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brooke Christie, 21 Hoyt Rd, Wingdale, NY 12594. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

S T I S S I N G ENVIRONMENTAL LLC. Filed Arts. of Org. with SSNY on 5/8/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stissing Environmental, LLC, PO Box 555, Bangall, NY 12506. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Twenty 3 Uniforms LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 180 David Drive,

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of CPG Ventures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 180 David Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

FAN ENTERPRISES 5 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 236 Ketchamtown Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Power Up Detailing LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/30/2025. Office: Dutchess County. Michael Joseph Yazurlo designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Michael Joseph Yazurlo at 32 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BARBARA'S CAFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 101A S. Hamilton Street, Apartment 6A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PH FOODS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/03/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 101A S. Hamilton Street, Apartment 6A, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hangar Hawk LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the

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Secretary of State (SSNY) on 05/02/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hangar Hawk LLC, 378 Waterbury Hill Road, Lagrangeville, New York, 12540. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

189 JOHNNY CAKE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 189 Johnny Cake Hollow Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of qualification of TRIMMR LLC. Authority filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/23. Office in Dutchess County. Formed in DE on 10/25/22. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 6565 SPRING BROOK AVE UNIT 8311 RHINEBECK, NY, 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of Nikolas Ray Studios LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 1, 2025. 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: Nikolas Ray Studios LLC 7 Kretch Circle Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Purpose: To engage in photography services and any other lawful act or activity.

Haven Empire LLC Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/8/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1639 Route 376 A4 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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‘Beyond the Rainbow’ at Arts Mid-Hudson through Sept. 7

Arts Mid-Hudson, in partnership with Big Gay Hudson Valley, will present “Beyond the Rainbow: Highlighting LGBTQIA+ Stories,” on view through September 7, at the Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery in Poughkeepsie. This group exhibition showcases visual works across a variety of mediums that explore the diverse, complex, and deeply personal experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies.

“Beyond the Rainbow” highlights themes of identity, love, resilience, and community while honoring the ongoing contributions of queer voices in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The exhibition invites visitors to reflect, connect, and celebrate through the lens of artists who are actively shaping inclusive cultural narratives.

Participating artists include: Gülnar Babayeva, Beanie Bienish, Sean Bowen,

Theresa-Xuan Bui, Joseph Caserto, Randi Chalfin, Ariel Coffman, Camille Fischer, Avalon Gardner, Isabella Gemmati, Stephen Honicki, Perry A. Iannaconi Jr., Riley Johndonnell, Pam Krinsky, Elinor Levy, Elijah Marlborough, Alex Marsh, Cari Marvelli, Zelda aka Judith Z. Miller, Steven Rushefsky, Shirley Tuttle, and Sarah Wymer.

Gallery Hours are Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery,

696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie.

Closing Reception, Artist Talk & Performance will take place on Sunday, September 7, 1 – 3 p.m. It will feature a 10-minute Live True Queer Story performance by storyteller Zelda aka Judith Z. Miller.

RSVP at: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=525>. ‘Beyond the Rainbow.

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QRZ PROPERTIES LLC.Arts.of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/12/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Ghasan Zughayar, 10 Sabra Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HORSE CHESTNUT FARM LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/07/25. 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: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SUN AND SHOWER FARM, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 391 Mcghee Hill Rd., Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: ALL COUNTY WS GROUP, LLC, hereinafter “LLC”. Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was April 29, 2025. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Cristian Sanchez, 135 Davis Road, Salt Point, New York

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12578. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Glow-burst LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/9/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 11486768

Notice of Formation of Drunk By Noon LLC.Arts.of Org. filed with SSNY on June 23, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Drunk By Noon LLC at 11 Mark Vincent Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of MARLBORO HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC.Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 300 WESTAGE CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 305, FISHKILL, NY, 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Good Like It Should Sugar LLC. Filed 6/11/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 29 Taft Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

DEERAY REPAIR MECHANICAL/HVAC LLC. Filed 2/14/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 61 Trestle Ln, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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EVELANICO LLC. Filed 4/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 497 Freedom Plains Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

A J M CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC. Filed 7/1/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1425 E Noxon Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

R O A D W A Y S T R A N S P O R T SOLUTIONS LLC. Filed 6/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 9 Ballymeade Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

C E N T U R I O N MODULAR REAL ESTATE - ENDICOTT LLC. Filed 4/14/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Pedro C Velazquez, 787 Huntington Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

S H E P A R D VENTURES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/19/2021. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda Miller-McGrath, 329 Wurtemburg Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Kristie's Custom Arts LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 07/11/2025. Office location: Dutchess

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County. SSNY has been designated as agent for service of process against the LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 81 Velie Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 97 S Cherry Street, LLC.Arts.of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/9/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 97 S. Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Trugo16 Athletics, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/15/2025. 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: 35 Downey Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful activity

Family Roots Land Services LLC. filed with SSNY on 7/9/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Whispering Pine Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

33 HERITAGE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/14/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Amanda Steward 28 Klein Dr Clinton Corners NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Petal & Bloom Spa, LLC.Arts. of Org. filed

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with SSNY on 6/12/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4 Galle Lane Lagrangeville NY 12540 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Family Pool Clean LLC filed articles of organization on 7/5/2025. Office: Dutchess CO SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 1820 NY 376 STE 5, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any legal purpose.

SARI NEAVE, LCSW, PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/17/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 80 Airport Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: To practice Licensed Clinical Social Work.

Notice of Formation of Hand Over Hand Occupational Therapy PLLC filed with SSNY on 7/18/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Tameka Santiago, 3 Heather Way Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful professional activity

Notice of Formation of JL Wilkinson Real Estate LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 3, 2014. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: JL Wilkinson Real Estate LLC, 153 Diddell

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Road, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

886 Route 199 LLC. Filed with SSNY on June 17, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 867 Route 199, Red Hook, New York 12571. Purpose: any lawful

BRIDGE STREET LAUNDROMAT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/24/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Lue, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

494-498 MAIN STREET LLC.Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 37 Sprain Valley Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Kinari & Company, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/4/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 16 Probst Terr, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful act.

271 CHURCH STREET, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 299 Windsor Hwy, c/o Arciero & AMP, Burgess, P.C., New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of KC BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/27/2025. Office location: Dutchess York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: KC BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS LLC, 3 EDGEWOOD ROAD, BEACON, NY, UNITED STATES, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

MIGHTY VACZ LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/23/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Kimball Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

17POND LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of formation of Appalachian Southern Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 23 Mar 25. Office location, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Hawkins St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BB-PLC1, Plaintiff, - against UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE BRINKERHOFF; MICHAEL T. GOLDSMITH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE BRINKERHOFF; RICHARD L. GOLDSMITH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE BRINKERHOFF; THE GABLES, INC.; WINGATE AT ULSTER; PCA ACQUISITIONSVLLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 2024-55890. Mortgaged Premises: 5 Naples Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Section: 6262 Block: 01 Lot: 054998 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure \$300,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on April 28, 2009, in Document Number 0120093675, covering the premises known as 5 Naples Drive, Pough-

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keepsie, NY 12603. THIS FORECLOSURE INCLUDES A MOBILE HOME ON THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS A 2005 Mobile/Manufactured Home, 48' x 28' or 1,344 square feet. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2024-54688 Filed Date: 6/26/2025 Supplemental Summons Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 24 Shady Lane Stormville, New York 12582 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5, Plaintiff, - against- RICHARD MESSINA AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA;

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CRYSTAL STELLWAGEN AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA, if living or if dead her heirs at law or next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, G R A N T E E S , TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA, WHO WAS BORN IN 1957 AND DIED ON OCTOBER 3, 2013, A RESIDENT OF D U T C H E S S COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 24 SHADY LANE, STORMVILLE, NEW YORK 12582, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR R E S P E C T I V E HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE A F O R E S A I D CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; ANTHONY STELLWAGEN AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CHARLES P. STELLWAGEN, WHO IS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA; CSJ, A MINOR, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CHARLES P. STELL-

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WAGEN, WHO IS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, G R A N T E E S , TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES P. STELLWAGEN, WHO IS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO DARLENE MESSINA A/K/A DARLENE MARIE MESSINA, WHO WAS BORN IN 1977 AND DIED ON MARCH 1, 2010, A RESIDENT OF D U T C H E S S COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 24 SHADY LANE, STORMVILLE, NEW YORK 12582, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR R E S P E C T I V E HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE A F O R E S A I D CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; CARMEL PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES, PC; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; CAPITAL ONE BANK; HUDSON VALLEY CARDIOVASCULAR ASSOC PC; CACH, LLC; RAB PERFORMANCE RECOVERIES, LLC; ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF GE CAPITAL - WAL-MART; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this

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Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against on real property located at 24 Shady Lane, Stormville, New York 124582. McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC By: Caren Bailey, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile File # 19-300770 **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

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AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER 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 toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at 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 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 serv-

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-31-25
Crushed Road Salt and Treated Road Salt
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of August 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-29-25
Coached Visitation Services
Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., August 21, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

LEGAL NOTICE – MEETING RE-SCHEDULE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, New York. Dated: July 23, 2025 By order of the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners Carol Mackin, Secretary

Beacon High School announces honor students

The Beacon High School administration, in the Beacon City School District, announced the following students were on the honor roll for the 4th quarter of the 2024-25 school year.

9th Grade Principal’s Honor Roll
Owen Allee, Lily Berry, Breannah Brace, Gavin Bruno, Noa Buckland, Sarah Camara, Skylar Carr, Lia Cosentino, Claire Cumming, Evelyn DePalma, Maysie Doyle, Joseline Duran, Saoirse Fehilly, Christa George, Mckenna Griffin, Henry Gute, Alejandro Herrera, Drew Kelly, Maximilian Kong, Justin Mann, Louise Mauks, Desmond McGrath, Uswah Mohammed Murtada, Elise Moran, Zora Nicholls, Oscar Pages, James Reyes, Giana Rodriguez, Nathaniel Salvati, Evangeline Santise, Hazel Schein, Violet Schilling, Benjamin Seaman, Shane Signorelli, Gonzalo Soria Velecela, Caellum Tripaldi, Luna Yawman, Owen Youatt

9th Grade High Honor Roll
Kaylyn Adusei, Abigail Atkins, Kiersten Barber, Madison Beltran, Wyatt Burgos, Hawah Camara, Anthony Castano, Zahara Cone, Eleanor Culler, Zooley Dedring, Andrea Delgado, Jake DeLuise, Ryan DiNobile, Maeve Haley, Jonah Hanby, Troi Harvey Semple, Heidi Maeng, Bethlee Manzano Cabello, Josue Martell, Ruby Martin, Victoria Maruggi, Shayne Maxaner, Oliver Meyer, Gabriel Montleon, Claire Morgan, Ismael Munoz, Catherine Musorofitti, Charlotte Netboy, Emily Nivicela Jarama, Payton O’Connell, Sofia Posso Salcedo, Caleb Ramirez, Austin Ricketts, Maeve Rinaldi, Khloe Roci, Mack Roland, Isabella Ruffy, Hunter Smith, Eliza Verdichizzi, Derek Waltke, Jude Williams, Trey Zapencki, Josefina Zezza

9th Grade Honor Roll
Kendall Adnams, Kiann Allen, Jesse Apostolou, Piper Clark, Amari Clarke, Ramon Dewey-Brink, Kaileigh Edie, Kyle Fairbanks, SaRiah Faust, Tania Griffin, Zoe Hammond, Jayden Harrison, Jose Hernandez Canelo, Brianna Hunt, Leon Kaliqani, Mia Lentini, Stephen Miller,

Jessica Morocho Llivipuma, Glory Morris, Thyler Patino Albarracin, Luis Ramon, Stephanie Ramon, Thalia Rodriguez, Vardan Singh, Jaliyah Soto, Anthony Talbot, Olivia Viola, Caleb Wells-McGurk, Hayden Wilson

10th Grade Principal’s Honor Roll
Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Caroline Diaz, Elijah Epps, Fionn Fehilly, Lily Figlia, Khloe Franklin, Emilio Guerra, Elma-Taherin Hassan, Miguel Herrera, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Molly Lyons, Lily Mack, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Levi Partlow, Julian Rivers, Charlotte Rossi, Finn Simons, Elias Smith, Declan Sprague, Elliott Thorne, Isaac Tschang, Jesse Vermeulen, Julie Whittemore

10th Grade High Honor Roll
Mikayla Acevedo, Molly-Rose Archer, Emma Bellis, Charlotte Bowen, Savannah Brace, Aniyah Brown, Myasia Burch, Shannon Colandrea, Emily Coldrick, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Mateo Cruz, Travis Dickston, Naim Dika, Ka’Dera Elliott, Khordae Facey, Adriana Fazioli, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Hudson Fontaine, Kayla Gerardes, Ayham Ghazzawi, Maliah Graham, Julian Hannah, Ryan Huynh, Penelope Lipari, Yadiana Manzano Cabello, Kaycee Matos, Shyanne McNair, Ryan Mowen, Joseph Pallone, Lillian Ray, Stella Reinke, Olivia Reynolds, John Rose, Tabitha Smith-White, Januario Stageman, Harper Strang, Gavin Troiano, Nolan Varricchio, Rudolph Vergolina, Fabiola Vogrincic, Aslynn Way, Lila Welsh, Parker White

10th Grade Honor Roll
Savannah Acuti, Cecilia Allee, Tamimesh Bernstein, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Giovanni Bowley, Casey Brandstrom, Juniper Breault, Hartley Brickman, Michael Cahill, Jesus Cruz Llivipuma, Angeleah Decker, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Victoria Diaz, Daniel Espejo, Abigail Haydt, August Hayes, Elidonya Hudson, Syeira Kozlik, Ava Lassiter, Gianna Mercer, Brianne Papo, Madelyn Pellerin,

Brady Philipbar, Sarah Ramkalawon, Samuel Riquelme Jr., Sebastian Roquel, Katherine Sendelbach, Za’layni Shand, Stella Sheehy, Caeleb Smith, Romonsito Soto Jr., Kiarra Tice, Farrah VanCott, Connor Varricchio, Andrew Whittemore, Ny’el Woods

11th Grade Principal’s Honor Roll
Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Alexander Browning, Skylar Clair, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Marisah George, Gabriel Godbee, Samiha Golden, Kayla Hammond, Zenia Haris, Dylan Hetrick, Alina Joseph, Oren Kelleher, Gabrielle Khalil, Savana Kush, Alma Mart, Aril McKee, Oscar McKible, Mira Miller, Annabelle Notarthomas, Liliana Rybak, Kayla Selander, Anna Sevastianova, Jonathan Trentacosta

11th Grade High Honor Roll
Madison Abrahamson, Macy Alencastro, Ashland Assael, Emanuele Bagala, Mira Bagriyanik, Logan Blum, James Bouchard III, Serenity Bunn, Ayden Hooten, Ruby Hotchkiss, Everly Jordan, Cameron Just, Taylor Kelliher, Griffin Kitzrow, Carlos Lampon III, Aron Li, Brayden Manning, Aiden Montleon, Adrien Okoye, Caleb Pfetzing, Julian Sala, Julius Sala, Annabelle Scher, Zachary Schetter, Thomas Senior, Gannon Statini-Perez, Rihanna Taylor

11th Grade Honor Roll
Jahcier Ballard, Ella Brill, Lola Ciccone, Teo Fairbanks, Isabella Galbo, Javier Gutierrez Jr., Jeremiah Hardwell Jr., Essence Ifill, Milo Isabell, Vincent Joao Jr., Jaden Jones, Maceo Koerner, Eric Kruze, Prince Langford-Jones, Isabella Lee, Josiah Lind, Nora Marshall, Julia McGuir-Soellner, Silena Negron, Khiana Nicholson, Nolan O’Malley, Michael Ramos, Savannah Ray, Michael Santiago Jr., Wilmer Sinchi Jimbo, Katrina Skorewicz, Anibal Soto III, Aiden Spiecker, Clive Stewart, Matthew Tumidaj, Ri’Kya White, Alexander Young

12th Grade Principal’s Honor Roll
Beckett Anderson, Anabelle Arginsky, Taryn Beardsley, Isabel Bunker, Christine

Chen, Evelina Diebboll, Tayler Finley, Willa Freedman, Arianna Gowie, Jeannae’Jean-Francois, Charlie Klein, Lani Lopez, Josephine Mallon, Jada Medley, Addison Miller, Genan Mohammed Murtada, Nathan Richardson, Bethany Rudolph, Jacob Signorelli, Jax Spodek, Serena Stampleman, Ava Zeoli, Francis Zezza

12th Grade High Honor Roll
Nicholas Albra, Kendall Alston, Kekoa Baysa, Daniel Bridges, Lila Burke, Justin Gerardes, Mackenzie Harman, Bailey Hernandez, Karma Jones, Rory LaDue, Rowan Lane, Paige McCredo, Allen McKay, Emma Merola, Madison Mianti, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Ronan Moran, Evelynn-Jane Moreno, Amelia Padilla, Albion Qelaj , Daveya Rodriguez, Breanna Rudolph, Katherine Ruffy, Gabriel Salcedo, Anastasia Santise, Samiratu Sayibu, Jenna Serino, Natalia Sulsona, Mika-Gisselle Bates, Amya Thompson, Sortia Tripaldi, Sharod Tuggle, Eric Yanqui, Charles Zellinger

12th Grade Honor Roll
Riley Adnams, Matthew Apostolou Jr., Jude Betancourt, Sally Betterbid, Ahmaria Bunn, Devin Byrne, Jaidyn Caccomo, Elizabeth Carbone, Avery Davis, Sofia Diaz, Lucas Foret, Messiah Gardner, Ja’mes Gorden, Fallon Groza, Derrick Heaton, Reilly Landisi, Ryann Meyer, Annalea Miller, Rory Mowen, Lindsay Pedersen, Brianna Perez-Sample, Josue Pintado, Codie Reinoehl, Shilo Reynolds, Christine Robinson, Santiago Romero, Kayli Shand, Makhi Smith, Emma Soltish, Michael VanBuren, Sierra VanDemark, Sevana West, Holly Whittemore, Malcom Wilson

Boces CTI High Honor Roll
Serenity Bunn, Jeremiah Hardwell, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Aiden Montleon, Savannah Ray, Codie Reinoehl,Nathan Richardson, Thomas Senior, Sevana West

Boces CTI Honor Roll
Ryann Meyer, Brianna Perez-Sample, Michael Ramos, Jalani Ricketts, Pedro Rivera III, Julius Sala, Rihanna Taylor, Matthew Tumidaj, Michael VanBuren.

United Way to host ‘The Imagination Breakfast’ in September

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region their Campaign Kick-Off, The Imagination Breakfast, Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7:30 – 9 a.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. United Way’s campaign seeks to bring together Hudson Valley businesses and organizations to a common goal; to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. They are looking for businesses to encourage their employees to support the organization through payroll deductions and by vol-

unteering their time. At this special breakfast, attendees will learn about the significant contributions United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region makes to the community. Highlighting their programs, including the Essential Supply Hub, which provides a variety of products distributed at the Days of Sharing, and the Annual Diaper & School Supply Drives, as well as the crucial support extended to many local non-profits with exceptional community programs. Discover how your partnership can help them sustain these efforts. Their newest initiative is the Dolly Parton’s

Imagination Library Program. This incredible program delivers free, high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children’s homes every month from birth until they start kindergarten. UWDOR has launched the program in two areas so far, in the towns of Amenia (Dutchess County) and in Pine Bush (Orange County). Children in these areas can register to start receiving books. Jeannie Montano, President and CEO of UWDOR, emphasizes the profound impact of receiving books: “Imagine the excitement on a child’s face when their very own book arrives in the mail, addressed just to them!

These books aren’t just entertainment; they are gateways to new worlds, tools for cognitive development, and building blocks for a life-long love of reading.” The culmination of the United Way’s Kindness Champion contest will also be celebrated at the Imagination Breakfast. This event will recognize individuals from Dutchess and Orange Counties who were nominated for their empathy, compassion, and willingness to help others. To learn more about nominating and voting for these individuals, please visit uwdor.org/kindnesschampion.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on July 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this no-	tice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, July 24, 2025. ----- Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2025081 BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 14, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,525,100 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW	YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF HVAC EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. Class of objects or purposes: HVAC equipment and system replacement in County buildings Period of probable usefulness: 10 years Maximum estimated cost: \$1,525,100 Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,525,100 bonds SEQRA status: SEQRA compliance to be completed during the final design stage and prior to the financing thereof	herewith, has been adopted on July 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution	summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, July 24, 2025. ----- Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2025082 BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 14, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$767,600 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK TO PAY A PART OF THE COUNTY’S SHARE OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF BUSES FOR PUBLIC	TRANSIT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. Class of objects or purposes: Public Transit Buses Period of probable usefulness: 10 years Maximum estimated cost: \$8,300,022 Amount of bonds to be issued: \$767,600 bonds Other monies: \$829,242 State grants-in-aid; \$6,633,938 Federal grants-in aid; \$69,242 capital reserve fund monies SEQRA status: Type II Action	13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hughsonville Fire House located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District. Respectfully submitted, Kim Flower Fire District Secretary

‘What She Builds, She Must Destroy’ at Distortion Society through Aug. 10

Distortion Society presents “What She Builds, She Must Destroy,” a solo exhibition of new paintings by Gallery Director Michelle Silver. Through a mix of figurative painting and gestural abstraction, Silver explores the contradictions inherent in motherhood: the tension between creation and destruction, restriction and permission, duty and desire. She questions traditional narratives around child-rearing, societal expectations, and maternal guilt while asking: does a mother have the power, the right, to destroy what she builds?

Completed in the past year but marking specific moments from the seven years since her first child was born, Silver’s paintings present a pictorial manifesto for coming into maternal power, an ideal version of herself that she has not yet fully surrendered to. Here, we see the archetype of Mother not as a martyr, but as a free-thinking, spirited, fallible beast. She is the owner of her pleasure and her emotional and intellectual promiscuity. She acknowledges the violence of childbirth, the visceral destruction of her body and mind, and harnesses this pain as her power. The Mother gives love, holds dis-

comfort, and heals wounds. She defiantly confronts chaos and asserts herself, even when female rage makes people uncomfortable —“it is not becoming of her,” they say. To this, the Mother smiles and unleashes a guttural howl, unfurling the beast inside her.

In “What She Builds, She Must Destroy,” Silver’s brushstrokes are an extension of that archetypal Mother’s scream. She paints womanhood and motherhood in all its ugliness and glory. Frantic strokes and fiery shades engulf her figures while indiscernible forms collide on the canvas. She builds up her canvases over time, layering paint sometimes to the point of overworking, necessitating a complete act of destruction—smeared paint, violent strokes, and an element of surprise—to bring the work to completion. Silver’s paintings do not offer resolution or redemption, instead they insist on being lived in, wrestled with, and metabolized.

“What She Builds, She Must Destroy” will be on view at Distortion Society, 155 Main Street, Beacon, through August 10. The gallery is free and open to the public.



“What She Builds, She Must Destroy” will be held at the Distortion Society through Aug. 10

.-Courtesy photos artist

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‘Substitutes, Servants and Soldiers’ set for August 9 in Orange County

Matthew Thorenz will present a talk entitled: “Substitutes, Servants and Soldiers: The Black Presence at New Windsor Cantonment” on Saturday, August 9 at 2 p.m. Washington’s Headquarters in Newburgh, Orange County. The talk is free and open to the public.

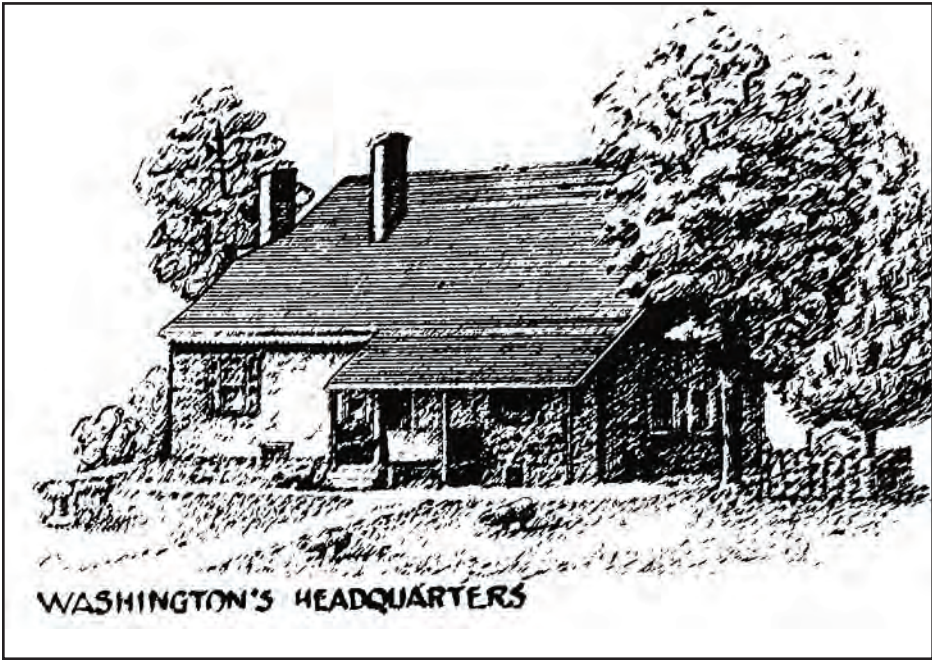
During the winter of 1782-1783, among the 7,500 Continental Army soldiers encamped at New Windsor, were soldiers of African descent. These men had joined of their own free will or as substitutes for people who claimed ownership of them. This presentation will help you learn more about these soldiers and their contributions at the last encampment of the American Revolutionary War.

Matthew Thorenz, the Local History & Government Documents Librarian at the Newburgh Free Library, is also an

independent historian who worked as a museum educator at New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site for seven years, when he conducted this research. He has published a book, “Images of America: Blooming Grove & Washingtonville,” as well as several articles on the American Revolution and World War I.

The talk event is free and open to the public. Please note: guided tours of the historic house used by Gen. Washington are available before the talk (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) with regular admission tickets. For more information email: whqshs@parks.ny.gov or call 845-562-1195.

For more information about New York State Parks, visit the website at www.parks.ny.gov or visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/washingtonshsheadquarters.



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BHS Class of 1965 to hold reunion

The Beacon High School Class of ‘65 will hold a 60th reunion in Beacon on October 4.

If one graduated with that class, reach out to Linda Salvatore Beasimer, lbeasimer@gmail.com or Barbara Conley Gosda at bgosda4765@gmail.com or Connie Perdreau at corneliaperdreau@yahoo.com.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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Wappingers CSD students use their math, science skills to benefit others



Wappingers Central School District students used math and science skills to benefit children at MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie.



-Courtesy photos Wappingers CSD

While learning about empathy and connecting with their community, Wappingers Central School District students used their math and science skills to create real-life projects that will benefit the children at MidHudson Regional Hospital.

Thanks to their work, the hospital has been gifted with a mini-golf course, golf simulator, and student-created videos and nature magazines that will entertain young patients and their families at the Maria Fareri Children’s Healthcare Services. The simulator, which will be the newest addition to the community room, is being funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

“We are so grateful to the Wappingers Central School District and its students for undertaking this wonderful project that will bring joy to children and their families,” said Elissa Chessari, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer at MidHudson Regional Hospital. “We were excited to participate in this project, which helped students from elementary through high school learn more about healthcare and use their learned skills to do so much good for our community.”

Dr. Dwight Bock, Superintendent of Wappingers Central School District said, “We greatly appreciate our partnership with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, which provides our students with the proper perspec-

tive in learning and understanding the important role that medical facilities play in our community and exposing them to the types of opportunities that are available in the careers that are vital in serving the health and wellness needs of our community.”

MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Health Network (WMCHHealth), opened the Maria Fareri Children’s Healthcare Services Emergency Services and Inpatient Pediatrics unit at the hospital in 2022, bringing the advanced healthcare of the renowned Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital in Valhalla to local families. This state-of-the-art unit features thoughtfully designed private inpatient

suites with bathrooms, vibrant child-centric therapy environments for enriched music and art therapy, and reflects WMCHHealth’s unwavering commitment to delivering world-class, family-centered pediatric care—right here in our community.

Tara Koehler and John Salmon, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Professional Development Specialists with the Wappingers Central School District, said 370 students from six schools in the district, ranging from first grade through high school, were involved in the project designed to use their STEAM skills to achieve real-world results. This is the fourth year of the partnership.

After speaking with staff from the pediatric unit, students decided to create several projects that they felt children and families would enjoy. In creating the mini-golf course, elementary students learned measuring skills to plot out the holes, and the principles of physics behind the forces applied when hitting the ball. The younger students passed their work on to the high school students, who then built the mini-golf course.

Because some hospitalized children confined to their beds might not be able to use the mini-golf course, students created videos and magazines about animals and nature topics that they could read and watch on hospital iPads.

Koehler and Salmon said they hoped to continue the partnership with MidHudson Regional Hospital so that other children can apply their studies and bring real-world relevance to science knowledge, while learning empathy and the importance of giving back to their community.

Car & Bike Show set for August 3

Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club will host a Car & Bike Show, all years welcome, on Sunday, Aug. 3 (rain date Aug. 10). Registration starts at 9 a.m. Gates open at 11 a.m.

There will be raffles, 100 trophies. Cars

and motorcycles \$10 entry fee. Spectator fee is \$5. Kids under 16 admission is free.

For more information and vendors, call 914-469-1303.

Whortlekill Rod & Gun Club is at 540 Route 376 in Hopewell Junction.

Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim held



The Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim took place on July 26. This one-mile open water swim started in Beacon. It is an annual fundraiser for the River Pool at Beacon. Swimmers are watched by kayakers as they swim their way across the river. There were also performances during the event.

-Courtesy photos by Alan Thomas

Ulster Saving’s Hyde Park Branch Community Appreciation Day planned for August 2

Community members are invited to Ulster Savings Bank’s Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 2, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Hyde Park location at 4240 Albany Post Road. Activities and entertainment include fun

games and a live broadcast remote from Q92. Enjoy free refreshments (while supplies last). They will have local businesses from the community attending plus donation collections for the Dutchess County SPCA.

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