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East Fishkill officials, Rotarians honor businesses with Milestone Awards

By Kristine Coulter

East Fishkill Town officials and the East Fishkill Rotary Club recently honored business owners in the town that have been in business for more than 20 years.

"We have several of our business owners here to kick off our [East Fishkill Business] Milestone Awards," said Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro during the board's most recent meeting. "We want to give back something to our business owners."

The supervisor noted, "It's very difficult to own a business - especially for 20-plus years."

East Fishkill Rotary Club President Suzanne DeCosta said the Town officials and members of the East Fishkill Rotary Club are "honoring the people that work so hard."

DeCosta told Southern Dutchess News last week: "The East Fishkill Rotary Club is so proud to partner with the Town on this very special project. It's a pleasure to recognize a local business and its success. The recipients' dedication, perseverance, and commitment have made a lasting impact not only to their customers but to our entire community."

She noted East Fishkill Rotarians "were thrilled to be able to present a plaque and window cling as a symbol of their success and our appreciation. We thank them for being such an important part of our community!"

Williams Lumber & Home Centers received an award. The business has had its location at 908 Route 82 for 32 years.

"I just want to say 'thank you' for being a very supportive community," said Kim Williams, Vice President of Retail Operations. She recalled the first day the



Two businesses with locations in East Fishkill, Williams Lumber & Home Centers and Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist, recently received an East Fishkill Business Milestone Award from Town of East Fishkill officials and members of the East Fishkill Rotary Club. Pictured are Kim Williams, of Williams Lumber & Home Center, left, and Matt Sabellico, of Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist.

-Courtesy photos

store opened in the town. She stated, "Traffic was backed up ... we knew it was going to be a success."

According to the williamslumber.com website, "Williams Lumber has been a friend to the community since 1946. What started out as one location selling lumber, has grown into seven in the Hudson Valley and Catskill region. We're a family-owned company with a proud history of integrity and service, and 300+ employees who are happy to call Williams Lumber "home." Today, we're

the go-to for hardware, lumber, building materials, millwork, masonry and more."

The first location was in Rhinebeck. They have stores in Rhinebeck, Hudson, Tannersville, Red Hook, Pleasant Valley, High Falls and Hopewell Junction, which opened in 1993.

Williams concluded, "It's been wonderful ever since. Thank you everyone. Always remember to 'Nail it right the first time' (the business's slogan)."

Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist, 33 Hillside Lake Road, was honored as well.

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Commemoration of 80th anniversary of end of WWII set for August 10

By Kristine Coulter

Come together for the National Spirit of '45 Day on Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Wappingers Veterans of Foreign War Post (VFW) #5913, 8 School St., in Wappingers Falls. This year is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Wappingers Falls resident Dani Masterson, of Spirit of '45, in collaboration with VFW Post #5913, is hosting the free event which will commence at 11 a.m.

"This event celebrates honors and celebrates the legacy of our World War II Veterans, who answered the call to duty and courageously served in foreign lands. From the beaches of Normandy to the jungles and islands of the Pacific, they endured intense fighting and extreme hunger, disease, harsh weather, and the constant specter of death," said Virgil Capollari, VFW Post #5913 Sr. Vice Commander. "As our World War II veterans continue to decline as each day passes, it is incumbent upon us to ensure their names, their stories and their incredible sacrifices are not forgotten."



National Spirit of '45 Day will take place on Aug. 10 at the Wappingers VFW Post #5913 in Wappingers Falls to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Pictured in front is World War II veteran Al Hubner, 100 years old, along with veterans and community members.

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-Courtesy photo

Supervisor warns Poughkeepsie residents about recent scam

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards alerted business owners and residents in an email on July 29 that a group has been impersonating "Town officials via email." Edwards stated that various messages are being sent "in an attempt to solicit funds from companies and individuals."

The supervisor noted, "In one email, payments are being requested via wire transfer under the guise of "fees necessary for permit approvals."

Edwards advises that The Town of Poughkeepsie "will never request a wire transfer payment for placement on an agenda or email someone in this manner to demand fee payments for permit approvals."

Email correspondence from Town of Poughkeepsie employees will always come from an @townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov email address, it was stated.

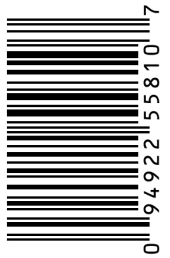
If one receives an official-looking email from a different domain or suspects for any reason an email is not legitimate, do not send money or respond. The supervisor noted that one can confirm the validity of any communication by contacting Town Hall offices directly at 845-485-3600.

"It is always best practice to follow up with a phone call to confirm, if you receive any email correspondence requesting personal information or payment," remarked Edwards.

The Town of Poughkeepsie "is doing everything possible to deter these activities," she stated. "Your cooperation and vigilance in reporting suspicious emails is paramount in our fight against frauds and scams. Your help in reporting these incidents allows us to continue protecting our township from cyberattacks like these. We especially thank business owners and residents for informing us when suspicious activity is noticed."

"Your support helps us keep our Town safe and secure in the face of rising threats," said Edwards.

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“75 years - one of the longest in Dutchess County. God bless you and your family,” said D’Alessandro. According to [sabellico.com](#), “Along with our full-service florist shop, we count our customers across Dutchess

County and beyond. Our business has humble beginnings ... selling plants and produce to our neighbors and we still focus on the same old-fashioned values of quality products and great customer service. Whether you’re an experienced gardener or just starting out, our friendly and knowledgeable staff at Sabellico



Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist was recently awarded a Milestone Award by the Town of East Fishkill and East Fishkill Rotary Club. Pictured is Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist’s location in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo

Greenhouses & Florist is happy to help customers with their gardening projects.” “My father started Sabellico’s when he returned from World War II as a side job to help support his growing family. Sabellico’s has grown over the years and has officially been in business for 75 years,” stated Ray Sabellico, Jr. in an email to Southern Dutchess News. Sabellico said he “wanted to thank” the community and customers and his staff for their loyalty and hard work. He also wanted to thank the Town of East Fishkill for receiving the town’s Business Milestone award recently.

“East Fishkill is a great place to have grown up and do business,” he said. Dutchess School of Driving, Inc., 657 Route 82, was honored for its “23 years of dedication to our community,” said the supervisor.

“I would like to thank the town of East Fishkill, the East Fishkill Rotary Club, and the entire community for giving us the opportunity to teach safety behind the wheel for the past two decades. This award is a tremendous honor and highlights the commitment to the service that we aim to provide to our students each and every day,” Isa Marinaro, with Dutchess School of Driving, Inc., told Southern Dutchess News.

Marinaro explained, “I first started this endeavor back in 1987 in Westchester County with the goal of becoming a pillar of safety for the community at large – and feel both grateful and proud of achieving that goal. Since then, we have expanded our offerings to include Commercial Vehicle training for those interested in obtaining a CDL license. I’m truly blessed to be able to work with an incredible staff and community of students – without them we couldn’t have achieved our goal and wouldn’t be here today.”

Bellizzi Jewelers, 792 Route 82, was presented with an award for 28 years of business in East Fishkill.

James Bellizzi, owner, remarked during the presentation that he “appreciates the efforts of everyone.”

Bellizzi, who is an East Fishkill

Rotarian, explained to Southern Dutchess News, East Fishkill Director of Economic Development Pat Manning and he discussed ways for the businesses to be involved with the community and the East Fishkill Business Milestone Awards seemed a way to show support.

“As a business owner of 28 years in my hometown of East Fishkill, I know the dedication and sacrifices I’ve made to continue in business,” said Bellizzi.

“I am fortunate that the community has accepted my style of customer service and branding,” he said, and noted he happily supports dozens of charities, clubs, churches, town and community events.

“I appreciate the recognition and look forward to honoring many more of the 400 businesses in my town,” remarked Bellizzi.

Brady’s Power Equipment, 231 Route 216 in Stormville, was acknowledged for its 37 years in business. Superior Signs was acknowledged for their decades in East Fishkill at 818 Main St.

East Fishkill Provisions Smokehaus & Deli, with two locations at 567 Old Hopewell Road and 2449 Route 52, was honored.

Royal Auto Parts & Custom was the final business to be honored during the meeting.

“Congratulations on 78 years and service to our community,” said the supervisor.

The business’ founder Nicholas D’Angelico started serving East Fishkill and then he passed the business on to his daughter Rosemary Mikolajczak, who then passed it on to her son Jeff Sauter. Both Jeff and Rosemary “still work seven days a week providing our community with top quality auto parts at competitive pricing,” it was stated.

“We would like to thank our community, the East Fishkill town board and the East Fishkill Rotary for the distinguished Milestone Award. And we look forward to serving new and old customers for many more years to come,” Sauter emailed Southern Dutchess News

Another round of honoring long-serving businesses will take place in September, remarked D’Alessandro.

WCSD to hold safety plan public hearing on Aug. 13

The Wappingers Central School District Board of Education notifies the public of a public hearing for Wednesday, Aug. 13 at about 7:30 p.m. at Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls. The public hearing will be live streamed at: [WCSD MEDIA on YouTube](#). A recording will also be uploaded to the video library for viewing at a later date.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to seek input/feedback on the 2025-2026

District-wide School Safety Plan.

Information about the District-wide School Safety Plan may be obtained by visiting the website: [www.wappingersschools.org](#). The public may continue to provide comments/feedback via email to: [wcscd.comments@wcscdny.org](#), prior to the anticipated adoption by the Board of Education on Aug. 25. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the Board of Education Meeting.



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179th DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Antique broom-making will be focal point of Century Museum

By Curtis Schmidt

The broom has long been a common household tool, but have you ever wondered how brooms were constructed over a hundred years ago?

Visitors to the 179th Dutchess County Fair, set Aug. 19-24, will be able to learn those facts and many more from historians at the Century Museum Village.

And this year, the art of broom-making – circa 1890-1929 – will be the central focal point at the entrance of the main museum building.

Fred Widman, his wife, Molly, Diane Steubing, and Sophie Michaelis form the knowledgeable and hard-working team that will construct, demonstrate and sell approximately 65 antique brooms during the Fair.

But it's not about selling, it's all about the history of constructing of brooms using hand (and foot) operated machinery – no electricity.

Fred says he and his team are “carrying on a valuable tradition” that was started by broom squire Bill Smith Jr., who learned the art in the Pennsylvania Dutch area.

Fred and Molly have been involved in the broom-making shop for about nine years. Diane Steubing and Sophie Michaelis have been stitching brooms for approximately six years.

"I call it life before K-Mart," Fred said of the demonstration process. "This is from the time period when people constructed most household items themselves."

The broom-making process begins with corn straw and lots of it. “You have to soak the straw in a bucket of water for about a half-hour, so it becomes malleable,” he said. “Then you gather about four layers of the wet straw and wrap it around the broom handle. The chuck of the ‘broom kick winder’ holds the handle, and feeds wire with the use of a foot pedal. The wire is fastened around the straw and keeps it in place.”

Once the straw dries, it can be placed in a broom stitching vise. The vise allows the broom to be flattened and the broom to be sewn with a large needle. Hemp threading is used to stitch and hold the straw in place.

After the stitching process, each broom gets a flat cut—or “crew cut,” as Fred calls it.

He handles the first step of the broom-making process. Molly, Diane and Sophie do the stitching. "They make my work look great," said Fred.

The team constructs about 15 brooms per day, depending on the number of volunteers.

They will be joined in the museum along with their friends - "storytellers" in costume who will take you back to a quieter, simpler time. Stroll past a printer's shop complete with a working 1900 printing press, marvel at a living room filled with Victorian furniture, view a rural kitchen and watch as repairs are done in a Model-T-era auto shop.

Take a step back in time and learn about life a hundred years ago.



Volunteer historian Fred Widman gathers corn straw around a broom stick in the first step of the antique broom-making process. This year, the art of broom-making – circa 1890-1929 – will be the central focal point at the entrance of the main building at the Century Museum Village at the Dutchess County Fair.

- Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Rooted in the Fair tradition: Every Wednesday is for fun



The “Every Wednesday night” group includes from left, Bob and Gina Beckmann, Barbara and Ed Hackett, Vicki and Andy Imperati and Andrea and Joe Kirchhoff.

-Courtesy photo

By Curtis Schmidt

They haven't missed a Wednesday night gathering in 20-plus years and chances are "awfully good" that you won't find a happier group.

They - and even previous generations of their families - have all been associated with the Dutchess County Fair in one way or another. And this friendship is all about sharing, caring - and most of all - laughing.

The group of eight includes Vicki and Andy Imperati, Andrea and Joe Kirchhoff, Barbara and Ed Hackett and Gina and Bob Beckmann.

The theme of this year's Fair "Rooted in Tradition, United by Agriculture" is also a great fit for this group.

Andy Imperati's father, Andy Sr., served as a director, had a long history with the Fair and promoting "Livestock Hill" events and was great friends with Tom Kirchhoff, Joe's dad. Andy and Joe

can trace their friendship back to their childhood days.

Vicki and Andy even met at the Fair and have been married for 32 years. "That's how many years most of these friendships go back, if not longer," said Joe.

"We've all had generations of our families' raising animals and showing them at the Fair," said Andy. "The friendships just grew from living and working together – and seeing each other at the Fair."

Andy has now been the President of Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS) and Fair CEO since 2012. Vicki has been the Administrative Operations Manager since 2011. Bob Beckmann and Ed Hackett are both members of the DCAS Board of Directors. Joe Kirchhoff also served as a member of the Ag Society.

And the “every Wednesday night” dinners – yes, you guessed it, are also rooted in a Fair connection.

Vicki relates the story. "I was Entry Superintendent at the time and Barb (Hackett) forgot to enter one of the family's Brown Swiss cows that year. She panicked, thinking she missed the entry deadline and came in-person to the Fair office. Everything worked out, but Barb and Ed decided they needed to take Andy and I out to dinner to say 'thank you.'"

That turned into a weekly dinner for the four of them and soon the other two couples joined the gatherings. They don't miss a Wednesday night – even when

someone can't make it.

Topics of conversation? “Nothing is sacred,” laughed Vicki. Ed chimed in - “We never run out of things to talk about and always end up laughing our butts off!”

The Wednesday gatherings have obviously led to many “epic parties” with their families. “Weddings, birthday parties, funerals, vacations, you name it, we do them all together,” said Andrea. “We share, we laugh, we cry.”

And like the song from the 1980s relates – “That’s what friends are for.”

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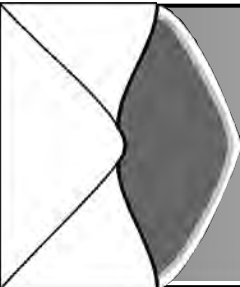
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Democrats should ‘look closer to home’

To the Editor:

The U.S. Constitution (Article IV, section 1) states, “Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State.” Apparently, Gov. Hochul and her Democrat legislature are going by a copy of the Constitution that eliminates that section.

The state of Texas has made it a felony to mail or deliver abortion-inducing drugs like mifepristone and misoprostol within the state. When New Paltz abortion doctor Margaret Carpenter had those drugs mailed and delivered to a Texas woman, the Texas attorney general sued and a Texas court ordered her to pay a fine of \$100,000. The U.S. Consitution clearly says that New York is obligated to give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the state of Texas, but Gov. Hochul believes that her abridged version allows New York to ignore them.

When you hear New York Democrats claiming that President Trump is violating the Constitution, ask them why they're not looking closer to home.

William Kriebel
East Fishkill

Bill for billionaires, not for us

To the Editor:

The recently passed “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” was made to sound promising, but beneath its glossy name lies a troubling reality: it’s a windfall for billionaires and a setback for everyday Americans.

This bill gives the ultra-wealthy with tax breaks—allowing full write-offs for yachts and private jets—while slashing programs like Medicaid and SNAP. Families earning under \$17,000 could lose nearly 15% of their income due to benefit cuts. Middle-income households will see little relief, while the top 5% of earners will reap over a third of the bill’s benefits.

Supporters claim it will boost growth and raise incomes, but those projections rely on unrealistic economic assumptions. Meanwhile, the bill adds trillions to our national debt and undermines the safety nets that help children, seniors, and working

families survive.

This is not what made America great. Our strength comes from lifting each other up—not from policies that favor yachts over kids.

We deserve legislation that reflects our values: fairness, opportunity, and care for the most vulnerable. This bill does the opposite.

John Tyliszczak
Wappingers Falls

Promises made, but not kept

To the Editor:

President Trump campaigned on mass deportation for immigrants that were violent criminals. He also promised to fix our trade deficit with other countries by imposing tariffs those countries would pay for, and when Project 2025 was publicized with a public backlash, Trump promised that he had “nothing to do with Project 2025” and had not read it. So far, Trump’s first six months in office have been marked by promises made but NOT kept for most Americans!

There aren’t over 11 million undocumented immigrants that are violent criminals. Many being detained, or have been deported, are productive members of their communities who spend their hard-earned money on US goods and services. If these targeted immigrants are detained or deported, it will cause consumers to see price increases and reduced access to goods and services.

Tariffs are never paid by the countries on which they are assessed. Instead, consumers will pay increased prices as companies pass-on part, if not most, of the increase (as WalMart already started to do).

Despite claiming he had nothing to do with Project 2025, Trump installed its author as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. This combined with the DOGE cuts and the draconian cuts in the budget bill, implement much of Project 2025.

Recent polls show 62% of American adults don’t agree with the cruelty of Trump’s immigration policy. Americans don’t like ICE terrorizing neighborhoods and using racial profiling to target non-violent immigrants. A record-high 79% of Americans now say that immigration is good for the country. Similar polls show most Americans are not in favor of the budget bill’s cuts to healthcare and food security.

Trump got elected largely on the promise that “I will immediately bring prices down, starting on day one.” Americans are seeing INCREASED prices due to immigration policies, tariffs, and legislation was NOT what they voted for.

Greg Daynes
Fishkill

Beephan, Cavaccini meet with Ambassador to India to strengthen NY-India relations



NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr., right, and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, left, recently met with Ambassador of India to the United States, H.E. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, second from right, and New York Consul General Ambassador Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, second from left. The recent diplomatic discussion was on strengthening cultural, economic, and community ties between India and New York.

-Courtesy photo Assemblyman Beephan’s office

New York State Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. and Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini met with Ambassador of India to the United States, H.E. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, and New York Consul General Ambassador Binaya Srikanta Pradhan for a private diplomatic discussion on strengthening cultural, economic, and community ties between India and New York.

Beephan invited Cavaccini to join the meeting, recognizing Wappinger’s vibrant Indian-American community and the presence of one of the region’s most prominent Hindu temples in the town.

“As the first Republican of Indian descent elected to state office in New York, I am honored to bridge relationships between New York and India,” said Beephan. “With thousands of South Asians in my district-many residing in Wappinger-it was important to have Supervisor Cavaccini join me in representing our community’s interests.”

Cavaccini echoed Beephan’s sentiments: “The Indian-American community is an important part of Wappinger’s cultural and civic life. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Assemblyman Beephan in ensuring that our residents have a voice in fostering deeper partnerships with India.”

The meeting focused on ways to enhance engagement with the Indian diaspora, strengthen local-international relationships, and promote opportunities for cultural and economic exchange.

Beephan reaffirmed his commitment to building upon these discussions to ensure that the Indian-American community remains a valued part of New York’s social, cultural, and economic fabric.

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Residents rally again to try and save Newburgh-Beacon Ferry

By Kristine Coulter

A rally was held to try and save the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry on the evening of July 29 at the Beacon dock. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) announced plans to permanently discontinue the ferry earlier this summer and said bus service will continue this year and in 2026, to save the more than \$2 million that is spent on the ferry.

“Orange County pays over \$38 million to the MTA each year with little to show for it,” said Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson (Assembly District 104). “Restoring the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry is not too much to ask.”

Jacobson said, “One of the problems we have in getting the ferry going again is having a functioning dock on both sides of the Hudson. The MTA owned the floating dock in Beacon, and when it was damaged, they decided to remove it instead of repairing it. I told Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou that we’re going to solve this problem, and the first step is to build a new dock that is owned by the City of Beacon, so it’s not subject to the whims of the MTA. The Mayor agreed and will proceed with having engineers design a new dock. I will secure the full funding to build and install a new dock at no additional cost to the city.”

Kyriacou told Southern Dutchess News, “We are closely working with Assemblyman Jacobson, who is seeking State funds to restore the floating section of the municipal dock that was damaged during the winter. The City is looking to develop service options as well.”

Jacobson noted: “This will be a win for getting the ferry back, a win for Clearwater Sloop, for Bannerman Island tours, and for the region. This is the first step in the fight to get the ferry running again. It’s important to remember that the MTA has a budget of \$20 billion, and it only costs about \$2 million to operate this ferry. Here’s what that means: \$2 million of \$20 billion is 1/100th of 1% - in other words, it’s just one penny out of \$100. That’s how small this is in their budget. So I say, ‘Give us back our penny and save our ferry.’”

During the Metro-North meeting held on July 30, one 15-year-old

Beaconite told the board members, he was “sad to see it’s being let go.” The ferry, he explained, is important to get to and from work.

Another public speaker said the schedule was in effect before the great financial crisis, the pandemic and “needs to reflect the modern era. “Congestion is a rising concern for Dutchess County residents,” added the commentator.

“Hundreds of Hudson Valley residents are making it loud and clear: the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry must be restored. This ferry is more than just a mode of transportation — its abrupt cancellation disrupts daily commutes, undercuts local businesses, harms tourism, and removes a unique regional connection that has long linked our communities to opportunity,” said State Senator Rob Rolison (39th Senate District) in a press release, sent by Congressman Pat Ryan (18th Congressional District), along with comments from Dutchess County officials. “The MTA cannot continue to ask for more from our region while delivering less to Orange County and the greater Hudson Valley. We stand with the ferry. We stand with the community. And we will not stop advocating until this essential service is not only restored but strengthened to meet the needs of our growing region.”

“The closure of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry is yet another example of our Hudson Valley community paying into a NYC-centric system and getting almost nothing in return,” said Ryan in the release. “The Hudson Valley is rightly outraged – the MTA should be adding more transit options and lowering costs, not taking away the limited options we do have. The MTA discontinuing this ferry service – and ignoring the impassioned, continuous pleas of our community – is a reckless abandonment of the people it’s supposed to serve, turning its back on the Hudson Valley yet again, while happily taking our tax dollars. Hudson Valley commuters deserve better than this betrayal



A rally was held in Beacon on July 29 to save the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry. Last month, the MTA announced plans to permanently discontinue the ferry service between Newburgh and Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

of public trust and I’ll fight like hell with leaders across our entire community to get this service restored, whatever it takes.”

County leaders also made statements in the release.

“People across the Hudson Valley rely on and deserve to trust in consistent service from the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry – but this fight is about more than just that,” said Dutchess County Legislature Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith. “Members of our community have been left behind by the MTA for far too long. I am grateful for Congressman Ryan’s leadership in bringing us together on this important issue, because we have to make it clear that we’re not going to accept this treatment any longer.”

“After the people of Dutchess County were hit with an increase in their MTA sales tax, the first act of the MTA was to cancel our ferry to Newburgh. It’s no wonder people are feeling slighted,” said Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. “I will also say, as a resident of Beacon, that taking away our beloved ferry is equivalent to taking away our other cultural treasures like the Howland Center or the Memorial Building. We thought the ferry was untouchable. Bring back the ferry, advertise it to increase ridership, and make it all-electric.”

According to the MTA website, the adult one-way ferry fare was \$1.75. Seniors (62 or older), people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients paid \$1 if they showed appropriate ID. Children 5 and under rode free, and a ticket cost for those age 6-11 was \$1.

Commemoration of 80th anniversary of the end of WWII set for August 10

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According to organizers, the event will commemorate the legacy, sacrifices and triumphs of the World War II generation. Together, attendees will celebrate that generation’s “resilience and unity” through remembrance ceremonies and special tributes, it was stated. Attendees can also bring photos of their loved ones who served in World War II.

“The Spirit of ‘45 commemorates the World War II generation--and their sense of duty, accountability, unity and hope. They grew up in the Great Depression, and endured vast hardships for the greater good. On the home front, Americans mobilized in support of the war effort, enduring rationing and shortages. Women entered the workforce, taking on critical roles in factories and shipyards--embodying the spirit of “Rosie the Riveter.” With the 80th Anniversary marking the end of World War II approaching, we want our World War II Veterans to know how much we

appreciate them,” said Masterson.

Legacy of the Spirit of ‘45 was inspired by the historic announcement of the end of the Second World War (August 14, 1945), its observance (recognized by Congress in 2010), reminds us of the values that defined the World War II veterans and homefront heroes, such as personal responsibility, integrity, humility and perseverance, it was noted.

According to organizers, the program will include:

- An interactive wreath-laying ceremony
- A Nationwide Tribute to “Taps”
- Music by the Club Swing Band
- A flyby of the historic C-47 aircraft Placid Lassie from the D-Day Normandy landings.
- There will also be a special raising of the American and military flags ceremony.

For more information, please access and follow the Event Post on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/national-spirit-of-45-day/1406727863866068/>.



Local Scouts hold photos of World War II heroes.

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Lefty Gilbert dazzles in Renegades' bullpen

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades got more Geoff Gilbert in June than they did in all of 2024. He pitched just 7.0 High-A innings before being shut down last year. Now in his third professional season, the bullpen's lone lefty is dazzling the Valley.

Ahead of the August 5-10 homestand, Gilbert held a remarkable 1.23 earned run average in 11 home appearances. He's struck out 24 in 14.2 innings of work at Heritage Financial Park, nabbing all three of his season wins on Hudson Valley home turf.

Gilbert drew the Yankees' attention in the Atlantic Coast Conference, spending three seasons at Clemson University. New York selected Gilbert with the 400th pick in 2022, one of 14 pitchers drafted that year. He and current AA-Somerset Patriot Will Brian were the class' only lefthanders.

He was twice on the watch list for the NCBWA Stopper-of-the-Year Award, awarded to the nation's best collegiate relief pitcher. In 2022, Gilbert made eight scoreless appearances, earning a 5-2 record over 19 outings. His career 10.76 strikeouts per nine innings pitched (K/9) is fifth all-time in Clemson program history.

In 2021, Gilbert's first full colle-



At the turn of August, left-handed reliever Geoff Gilbert is posting a 3-0 record with a 2.51 ERA.

giate season, he earned a team-low 2.23 ERA among qualified pitchers (40+ innings). He was the most familiar sight emerging from the bullpen, with five

saves and 28 relief appearances to lead the team. He is well-prepared for the role of Hudson Valley's sole bullpen southpaw. It fits his style, too. Geoff won't shy from

being called on for a stretch - or a start. July 6 marked his first Renegades start, setting up his fellow relievers with a hitless 3.0 innings. Allowing just one walk and one hit batter, Gilbert's strong opening led to the eventual 2-1 Renegades victory.

Gilbert rebounded in June after a rocky May. In four appearances, the 6-foot-1 slinger allowed just two hits in 7.1 innings, allowing zero runs with 13 strikeouts. Opponents hit .156 against Gilbert in July. As of August 2, it is the lowest across the entire Renegades pitching staff, who boast a collective .189 opponent batting average. At the turn of August, Gilbert has yet to earn a loss, posting a 3-0 record with a 2.51 ERA.

In 2023, Gilbert was brought up from Single-A for the decisive game against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws in the North Division series. With the bases loaded at the top of the 8th, Gilbert came on for the five-out save. He struck out two straight BlueClaws on seven pitches to dissolve the threat. With a three-up, three-down ninth, Gilbert punches the Renegades' championship ticket.

As the Renegades push through the second half, he'll be ready for the big moments. After all, Gilbert thrives when the lights are brightest.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Greensboro PIT	26	10	.722	-	7-3	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	23	12	.657	2.5	8-2	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	19	16	.543	6.5	8-2	W3
Aberdeen BAL	16	19	.457	9.5	5-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	15	21	.417	11.0	3-7	L1
Brooklyn NYM	14	22	.389	12.0	2-8	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	21	15	.583	-	6-4	W2
Bowling Green TB	20	16	.556	1.0	5-5	W1
Greenville BOS	18	17	.514	2.5	6-4	W2
Asheville HOU	14	21	.400	6.5	4-6	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	14	21	.400	6.5	4-6	L2
Rome ATL	12	22	.353	8.0	2-8	L1



Home Schedule

August			
08/06/25	vs Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth)
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 (WMCHealth)
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 (WMCHealth)
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 Benmarl 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





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Versatile Colmenares gains Player of the Week honors

By Morgan E. Maier

Before Opening Day, Jose Colmenares had appeared in just 46 games since 2019, sidelined by injury for two full seasons. Against the Rome Emperors on July 22-27, the second baseman had the best week of his career, capturing the South Atlantic League Player of the Week award.

Colmenares is the fourth Hudson Valley Renegade this year to receive a weekly award. His presence proved instrumental in the series win over Rome, as the Renegades' sole defeat came on the second baseman's rest day. Over the next four games, Colmenares showed why he was missed in mammoth fashion.

Colmenares was instrumental in the Renegades series win over Rome, including a three-run home run on July 25 that was the only scoring play of the game. Colmenares was responsible for eight of the 27 Renegades runs. With seven hits over five games, he notched 16 total bases, including an RBI double that he stretched to an inside-the-park home run on an error. With two home runs and three doubles, he posted a 1.365 on-base plus slugging percentage, the highest in the SAL during the stretch. Colmenares was perfect in stolen base attempts (2) on July 24, joining Kiko Romero as this week's



Jose Colmenares was responsible for eight of the 27 Renegades runs in the recent series victory over the Rome Emperors.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

only Renegades with multiple swipes in one game.

"Jose was very impressive this week at the plate," said Renegades hitting coach Tom DeAngelis. "He continues to improve week in and week out and his competitiveness continues to shine in big moments."

Colmenares has played second, third, and shortstop this season, spending nine games with AA-Somerset, in addition to 70 (and counting!) at the High-A level. At the plate, he's best with runners at the corners – in six games, he's hit .429 with runners at first and third, with three hits and four RBI.

Colmenares is hitting .225/.325/.387 as a Renegade this season. Early in the season's second half, his batting average is .257 from a .192 first-half average. If his strikeouts decrease as power and quality contact increase, Colmenares can stay hot as the calendar turns to August.

The Hudson Valley Renegades are one of two SAL teams to sweep the weekly awards this year. Jace Avina and Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz took the position player and pitching honors back in the fourth week of the season, then the Bowling Green Hot Rods swept the following week. Before Colmenares, shortstop Alexander Vargas was the Gades' most recent Player of the Week, earning the nod for June 23-29.

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades keep pace with series win over Blue Rocks

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades struck some streaky offense this week as they took a series win over the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Amid a roster shakeup stemming from the MLB trade deadline, Hudson Valley bookended the week's performance with two offensive masterpieces.

Overcoming shutouts on consecutive days, they scored 10 runs on Sunday to take four of six games from the Blue Rocks. Jose Colmenares continued his hot hitting, with his second consecutive series with six hits or more.

Every Hudson Valley player got a part of the action in the opener, a 13-6 rout to extend their winning streak to five. Hudson Valley scored nine straight before the Blue Rocks threatened to creep back. A three-run ninth inning all but sealed the victory with every starter contributing one hit or an RBI. Six Renegades finished with multi-hit games. Coby Morales and Dillon Lewis each connected for three hits and

three RBI apiece. Manuel Palencia finished his night 4-5 with two RBI, and the call from Somerset didn't take long to reach him. Palencia was promoted to AA before the Renegades left Wilmington.

In the series close, Josh Moylan got things started with a resounding shot to right, his fifth on the season. Colmenares reached on a seven-pitch walk, and led Moylan's trot home for the 2-0 advantage. Kiko Romero continued his production, extending the lead with a RBI single to score Alex Vargas, who had tripled in the previous at-bat. With no outs and three runs in, the Renegades were just heating up in the second inning. With a Dillon Lewis grand slam to cap the six-run sixth inning, Frawley Stadium was near silent the rest of the way. Wilmington got a run back to make it 10-1, but the solo shot hardly dented the dominant Renegades performance.

A pair of two-run shots from Morales and Lewis launched the Renegades to their sixth win in a row on July 30, the

final morning game of the season. Slotted in the second and third spots of the hitting order, respectively, the duo of Dillon and Coby adds a major spark to the front of this Renegades lineup. To complement the offensive burst, Hueston Morrill earned his sixth save of the year, lowering that minuscule earned run average to 0.24.

While the Renegades' winning streak ended at six, their scoring fizzled in the week's waning days. In three games from August 1-2, the Renegades scored just two runs. Hudson Valley split the doubleheader and faltered on Saturday's contest, twice shut out by the Blue Rocks.

Wilmington scored the first game' only run in the bottom of the first inning. In the second game, Hudson Valley also held Wilmington to just three hits and earned a 2-0 win. John Cristino hit his first home run of the season to get the seventh inning insurance run. Jackson Castillo opened the contest with a single to score Anthony Hall, his 45th RBI on the season.

Hudson Valley was victorious in the lat-

ter half of the August 1 doubleheader. In the first of two seven-inning contests, Wilmington scored the game's only run came in the opening inning, as Blue Rocks pitching allowed just three hits. In the second game, Hudson Valley also held Wilmington to just three hits, earning the 2-0 victory. Cristino

hit his first home run of the season for the insurance run. Jackson Castillo opened the contest with a single to score Anthony Hall, his 45th RBI on the season.

The Renegades (23-12) return home for two straight series at Heritage Financial, holding the second-best record in the South Atlantic League. The Renegades need to make up ground against second-half division leaders Greensboro Grasshoppers (26-10). They will host a formidable, familiar foe in the Brooklyn Cyclones (14-22), who look to snap a three-game losing skid. In the last matchup between these teams, the Renegades took five of six from Brooklyn in a split home-and-away series.

Impact PR & Communications named Agency of Record for Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Impact PR & Communications, Ltd. (IPR&C), an award-winning public relations and marketing agency, today announced the addition of an exciting new client to its roster: Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI). The team is tasked with executing a strategic public relations campaign for the nonprofit, which is the largest charitable organization in the Virgin Islands, to support its mission of connecting people and resources with community needs. The announcement marks both IPR&C’s first Caribbean-based account and its growing bench of nonprofit clients.

“We are thrilled to partner with Impact PR & Communications to share CFVI’s story more broadly, beyond the Virgin Islands,” said Dee Baecher-Brown, president of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. “We are excited to tap into their media relations acumen and creative approach to communications to highlight the meaningful impact our donors and partners have across the territory.”

For more than 30 years, CFVI has connected donors with community causes to enhance the quality of life for Virgin Islanders and protect the islands’ unique cultural heritage. The nonprofit

stewards and grows resources from a network of donors, makes grants and supports programs to improve the educational, physical, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the islands’ residents. Recognized for its excellence in nonprofit administration, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of sustainable community programs.

“We’re passionate about the importance of telling CFVI’s story through clear, consistent messaging -- and widening its media reach -- so that its incredible impact is felt far and wide,” said Filomena Fanelli, founder and CEO, Impact PR & Communications.

With more than a decade in business and a team with strong nonprofit expertise, IPR&C has proudly represented several clients within the nonprofit space over the last several years, spearheading award-winning campaigns for organizations such as: Abilities First, The Arc of Dutchess, Astor Services, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, the Dutchess County SPCA, Dutchess Tourism (now Destination Dutchess), The Edna St. Vincent Millay Society at Steepletop, The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, Greystone Programs, Hudson River Housing, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, The Poughkeepsie



The team at Impact PR & Communications of the Hudson Valley is widening its media reach by becoming the Agency of Record for Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands.

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Public Schools Foundation Think Dutchess and Vassar-Warner Home, among others.

For more information on IPR&C, including its current clients and capabilities, visit www.prwithimpact.com.

Impact PR & Communications welcomes Alli Long as account manager

Impact PR & Communications, Ltd., an award-winning strategic public relations and marketing agency, has announced the appointment of Alli Long to account manager.

Long rejoins the team after previously serving as an intern and senior account executive, during and following her time as a student at Marist College, respectively. In her new role at Impact, she will lead the development and execution of strategic campaigns for the agency’s clients across several industries, including banking, nonprofit, real estate and hospitality/tourism.

Her previous experience includes professional services marketing, where she served on the corporate communications team of a nationally ranked accounting firm. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Marist College, and two master’s degrees – a Master of Arts in English and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing – from Monmouth University.

“Welcoming Alli back to Impact PR, and in this elevated role, was a no-brainer,” said Filomena Fanelli, CEO and founder of Impact PR & Communications. “Her combination of client service skills, writing and editing



Alli Long
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expertise, media relations know-how, marketing and social media savvy, crisis management experience and undeniable embodiment of the values our agency holds dear, make her a perfect fit to help with our team’s continued growth, not just in the tri-state region, but nationally.”

Hudson Valley Hospice earns ‘Superior Performer’ Award

Michael Kaminski, President and CEO, announced that Hudson Valley Hospice has been recognized by Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) as a “Superior Performer” for achieving an overall caregiver and family experience score that ranked in the top 20% of all eligible SHP clients for the 2024 calendar year.

“The high scores given on this Medicare survey by the families of our patients is a tribute to our clinical and support staff’s dedication to the hospice mission of providing comfort and freedom from pain and anxiety during a patients’ final days,” said Kaminski.

Karen Roberts, Vice President Mission Quality and Corporate Compliance Officer added “We are honored to be recognized as a Superior Performer by Strategic Healthcare Programs (SHP) for our outstanding Hospice CAHPS scores. This award reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering compassionate, patient and family-centered care. It is a testament to the dedication and excellence of every member

of our team.”

The annual SHPBest™ award program was created to acknowledge hospice providers that consistently provide high quality service to families and caregivers of patients receiving hospice care. The 2024 award recipients were determined by reviewing and ranking the overall CAHPS Hospice caregiver experience score for more than 1,800 hospice providers. With one of the largest CAHPS Hospice benchmarks in the nation, SHP is in a unique position to identify and recognize organizations that have made the family and caregiver experience a priority and have been rewarded for their efforts with high marks on the CAHPS Hospice survey.

“SHP recognizes how much hard work is involved in providing excellent patient care, and we are proud to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our top-performing customers through our annual SHPBest award program. These organizations care deeply about the patient experience and they never stop striving to improve every single year,” said Kevin Vogel, President of SHP.

U.S. News & World Report ranks VBMC No. 1 in Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Metro Area

U.S. News & World Report has named Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC), part of Northwell Health, the No. 1 hospital in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Metro Area for the second consecutive year and the No. 19 hospital in New York State.

VBMC, a premier regional hospital serving Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange counties and beyond, was also recognized as “High Performing” in Pulmonology & Lung Surgery and in 15 Common Adult Procedures and Conditions — up from 11 last year.

This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn for U.S. News’ Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings, which are based entirely on objective measures of quality such as survival rates, patient experience and how successfully each hospital helps patients return home.

“We are proud to once again be recognized as the top hospital in our region and among the best in New York,” said Susan Browning, president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center. “This year’s expanded recognition across more specialties and procedures reflects our unwavering commitment to clinical excellence, innovation and compassionate care. It’s a tribute to

the extraordinary teamwork and dedication of our staff, who continue to raise the bar for healthcare in the Hudson Valley.”

For the 2025-2026 Best Hospitals rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,400 hospitals across 15 adult specialties and 22 procedures and conditions; only one third of them earned an award. To determine the Best Hospitals, U.S. News analyzed each hospital’s performance based on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and level of nursing care. The Best Hospitals Specialty rankings methodology and Procedures & Conditions ratings methodology measure patient outcomes using data from over 800 million records of patient care.

VBMC is a 349-bed facility that has served New York’s Mid-Hudson Valley since 1887. Located in Poughkeepsie, NY, VBMC features a Level II Trauma Center, a cardiothoracic surgery center, and the region’s only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In 2021, the hospital opened a state-of-the-art, 752,000-square-foot inpatient pavilion with 263 private medical/surgical rooms and 30 critical care rooms.

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\$100,000 secured for Green Teen

The Green Teen Poughkeepsie program, an initiative of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC), empowers local youth to grow fresh produce for nearby food pantries while learning hands-on job and life skills. Thanks to the continued advocacy of Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Poughkeepsie), the program has secured state funding to sustain and grow its community garden and greenhouse at Dutchess Community College (DCC). This investment helps ensure that the space remains a thriving hub for youth leadership, food justice, and agricultural education.

“I am proud to again secure \$100,000 in the State budget for Green Teen, which creates special opportunities for youth from the City of Poughkeepsie,” stated Jacobson. “The Poughkeepsie program builds on successes from the program in Beacon. It is more than teaching about nutrition and the local food system, or hands-on experience in farming — it shows young people the value of teamwork and exploring new experiences. The program also provides practical training in life skills like CPR and resume-writing. I look forward to seeing the progress made by these young people participating in Green Teen.”

“This kind of sustainable support from Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson doesn’t just allow us to plant vegetables, it helps us grow young leaders,” said Mary Lou Carolan, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. “When elected officials invest in grassroots, youth-led programs like Green Teen, they’re investing in the long-term health, sustainability, and equity of our communities. We’re honored to work alongside partners who believe in that mission.”

Green Teen Poughkeepsie officially launched in 2023 and marked a major milestone in July 2024 with a ribbon-cutting for its new greenhouse. This tunnel-shaped greenhouse extends the growing season and introduces youth to hydroponic gardening. The space also serves as an innovation lab for trellising and other technical approaches that boost yields and deepen learning.

“Throughout the seasons, youth employed by Green Teen engage with unique workforce development opportunities through community partnerships, civic engagement, community service and teamwork,” said Carolyn McGraw, Program Leader for Youth Development at CCEDC. “Teens learn technical skills in the garden, but also life skills like resiliency, cooperation, leadership and problem solving.”

The garden currently spans 4,800 square feet, with 2,400 square feet under cultivation and 210 square feet of raised beds. Since planting began in May, youth

have harvested over 350 lbs. of produce including cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, garlic, various herbs, tomatoes, and peppers. Additionally, the Green Teen program has pollinated a giant pumpkin that will be showcased and entered at the Dutchess County Fair this year.

“One of the most meaningful aspects of this collaboration is the opportunity it creates for high school students to connect not only with the broader community, but with DCC,” said Dr. Susan Rogers, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. “Through this program, they build practical skills, earn paid work experience and get an early, welcoming introduction to college. Forming relationships with the people and resources that define DCC- and that will be here to support them if they choose to continue their journey with us. We are particularly grateful for the support of all of the partners involved, including Cornell’s Cooperative Extension in Dutchess County, our own internal DCC staff and Board of Trustees, and Assemblymember Jacobson, whose support makes this collaboration possible.”

Lacie Reilly, DCC’s Director of The Pantry and Human Services Program Chair agreed: “The community garden is more than a source of fresh produce- it’s an incredible example of what’s possible when local partners come together to meet basic needs. At our campus food pantry, we see firsthand how this collaborative effort nourishes our students, both physically and emotionally. When we have more than we can distribute, we share it with other local agencies, deepening our commitment to being part of the larger community solution.”

All produce supports The Pantry at DCC, providing access to healthy food for students, staff, and families. Any excess is shared with Dutchess Outreach and the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church Food Pantry in Amenia.

Green Teen, a long-running initiative based in Beacon since the early 2000s grew to its collaborative Poughkeepsie location at the campus of Dutchess Community College in 2023.

At its core, Green Teen empowers urban youth to step into leadership by immersing them in the local food system. Through hands-on gardening, farming, and community engagement, participants build real-world skills in nutrition, health, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. The youth hired by the Green Teen Poughkeepsie program work in one of two sessions: the Spring Session runs from April through June on Tuesdays through Thursdays after school and consists of setting up the growing space and preparing planting. The Summer Session runs from the beginning of July to the end of August right before school starts.

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At the campus of DCC: Green Teens with Mary Lou Carolan of CCEDC, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson and Dr. Susan Rogers of DCC.
-Photo, courtesy of Dutchess Community College

In both sessions, participants work as a team with a crew leader. Each session has at least ten youth who are hired to maintain the grounds and hydroponic greenhouse. They plant, maintain and harvest all the produce generated for The Pantry at DCC and additional locations. Green Teen participants are also involved with several campus programs and classes that provide them with life skills and professional development like financial literacy, health and safety and college preparation. They contribute to field trips, career exploration and collaborative events with campus and Cornell Cooperative

Extension programs. They also secure one college credit and are matriculated while involved in the program to receive the resources provided by the campus.

To learn more about the Green Teen program, visit ccedutchess.org/youth-4h or contact Program Leader Carolyn McGraw. Follow @greenteenpoughkeepsie and @CCEDutchess on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

To learn more about The Pantry at DCC and the other various student support services, visit <https://www.suny-dutchess.edu/around-campus/student-services/support.html>.

Online registration for next Hazardous Household Waste Disposal event opens Aug. 13

The next Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. Online registration for the event will open on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at www.dutchess-ny.gov/solidwaste.

These popular events are first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location. Registration is limited to the first 400 households; pre-registration is required for this event, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Registration often reaches capacity quickly, so residents are encouraged to sign up promptly.

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Obituaries

Marie A Forbes



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marie A Forbes on July 29, 2025, at the age of 70. She was born January 31, 1955, in Mohegan Lake, the daughter of the late James Forbes and Emily Serino Forbes.

Marie grew up in Mohegan Lake and graduated from Yorktown High School and Quinnipiac College with a degree in Hospital Administration. For the past 20 years she lived in Hartsdale and prior to that White Plains.

In 1981 she began a 40+ year career as a Probation Officer in Westchester County Probation. At the time of her retirement, she held the title of Supervisor.

Marie was known for her strong will, unwavering determination and love and support for her family and community. For the past 20 years she served on the Community Association Board of her Condominium Complex. She committed herself to helping others and gave generously of herself and time.

She loved her nieces and nephews more than anything else. They were her pride and joy. She was always there to provide whatever support they needed.

Marie is survived by her brother, Scott Forbes and wife, Rosemary of South Salem; sister, Sharon Forbes and partner, Dave Simmonds of Fishkill; nieces Roseann (Amanda), Elizabeth (Matt), Margaret (Kevin), and her nephews Scotty (Michelle) and Brian (Ally); her great nephews Dietrich, Cole and great niece Fallon.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, August 1 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, August 2 at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. Cremation followed and burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering at www.mskcc.org. To send personal condolences please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

Dr. Michael A. Spitzer



Dr. Michael Aaron Spitzer, 83, passed away on July 11, 2025, in Mooresville, NC.

Born on June 23, 1942, Dr. Spitzer pursued a lifelong commitment to learning and service. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and continued his education at the City College of New York, Wagner College, and NYU College of Dentistry. A proud veteran, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves in 1968, serving aboard the L.Y. Spear in Norfolk, VA.

In 1974, he opened his dental practice in Rhinebeck, where he cared for generations of patients with compassion and skill until his retirement in 2018nearly 44 years later.

Beyond dentistry, Mike was deeply involved in his community. He was a Mason for over 50 years, a dedicated member and past president of the Rhinebeck Rotary Club, and active in the Clinton Historical Society. He also held memberships in the 9th District Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

Mike’s zest for life was contagious. Whether sailing or scuba diving, fixing up his home or riding his John Deere tractor, he embraced every moment. He loved social gatherings where he couldn’t wait to share a corny joke, his morning coffee, beach trips to his Calabash vacation home, and cruising with the top down in his convertible on warm afternoons. His gin and tonics were legendary among friends.

Above all else, Mike cherished time with his family: his beloved wife Ann; daughter Johanna Banks and her husband Cale; sons Matteo and Adam; and his adored granddaughter Paisley Banks. His four-legged "crew" includes Stevie Ray, Frankie Roundbottom, and Penny Lane were at his side constantly.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 6, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 6361 Mill St., Rhinebeck, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Glio Leo, a charitable organization aimed at Glioblastoma awareness and support for the families it affects. You can donate at?<https://glioleo.com/donate>.

Mike often said, “We’re all in this together!” May we honor him by living that truth each day.

Kenneth Henry Klauck



QUEENSBURY - Kenneth Henry Klauck, 91, passed away 26 July 2025.

Born on May 27, 1934, in Kiel, Wisconsin, he was the son of Raymond and Marie (Schwartz) Klauck.

Ken graduated from Kiel High School in 1952 and served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1956. He then went on to graduate from Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1960.

Ken married Marion Jakel in 1959 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

He worked for IBM from 1960 to 1992. He also worked part time for Rock and River in Keene, New York and Placid Boat Works in Lake Placid.

Ken enjoyed canoeing, cross-country skiing, and woodworking. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

In addition to his parents, Ken was predeceased by his daughter, Theresa Klauck, and son, Stephen Klauck.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marion Klauck of Queensbury; and children, Kathryn “Micka” (Pete Lewke) Klauck of Wisconsin, and James (Heather) Klauck of New Hampshire; and daughter-in-law, Carol Venezia of New Hampshire.

A memorial service will be held on 8 August 2025 at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 169 Hillcrest Ave, Lake Placid, NY 12946. A graveside ceremony with military honors will follow at St. Agnes Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent directly to Baker Funeral Home, 11 Lafayette St., Queensbury, NY 12804, or through www.bakerfuneralhome.com.

James Anthony Mentzer



James Anthony Mentzer, a 15-year resident of Fishkill, NY and formerly of Mahopac, NY, passed away suddenly on Monday, July 28, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was 61.

He was born in San Francisco, CA on November 15, 1963. James owned and operated his own roofing company, Christopher James Construction. An avid outdoorsman, his hobbies included hiking, fishing, and camping. He also enjoyed traveling. One of his favorite life achievements was spending three years abroad in Guyana, where he gained a deep appreciation for the country’s vibrant culture and formed lifelong relationships with family & friends.

More than anything else, James cherished spending time with those he loved. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his longtime partner, Lorna Jagroop, at home in Fishkill; his son, Christopher Mentzer; his son, Robin Jagroop & his wife Liz; his daughter, Melissa Jagroop; his grandchildren: Justin Dit, Alexander Jagroop, Elizabeth Dit, Joshua Dit, and Milani Jagroop; his mother, Lori Mentzer; his father, Leonard Mentzer; his brother, Daniel Mentzer & his wife Nicole; his sister Diane Moore & her husband Jeff; his sister, Gaby Conway & her husband Kieran; his sister, Jennifer Mentzer; his sister, Jasmin Mentzer; his nieces and nephews, Alexei Mentzer, Kobe Mentzer, Dylan Mentzer, Tom Moore, Sam Moore, William Moore, Leana Conway, Tim Conway, Jeremiah Conway, and Eli Mentzer; and his son-in-law, Rakesh Dit.

James was predeceased by his faithful dog and companion, Lucy, earlier this year.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, August 3 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

For online tributes, please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Applications for next round of Fly Car Grant Program open through Aug. 26

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is launching a second round of the County’s Fly Car Grant Program, providing up to \$100,000 to help local fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps to purchase life-saving equipment for their fly car vehicles. This initiative is part of Serino’s ongoing efforts to help address the emergency medical services (EMS) crisis.

“When you’re having a medical emergency, every second counts – and our first responders need every tool possible to save lives,” said Dutchess County

Executive Sue Serino. “Last year’s Fly Car Grant helped agencies get critical equipment out into our communities faster. By launching another round, we’re doubling down on our commitment to support our local EMS providers, improve response times, and strengthen this vital safety net for residents.”

This program is open to local fire departments, fire districts, and ambulance corps that serve Dutchess County. Agencies that received a Fly Car Grant last year are eligible to apply again, though preference will be given to those that did not receive funding in the first

round. Individual grant awards will range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and will be provided on a reimbursement basis only. Funding can be used for equipment required under state regulations for emergency ambulance service vehicles other than an ambulance as well as items like AEDs or external chest compression systems that expand or enhance a fly car’s life-saving capabilities.

As with last year’s program, participating agencies will agree to install County-supplied standardized recruitment graphics on the rear of their fly cars, encouraging more residents to

consider career and volunteer opportunities in EMS – an important step toward strengthening the local workforce of the future.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Dutchess County Grant Portal by 3 p.m. on Aug. 26. Awards are expected to be announced in October. Applicants must ensure compliance with Dutchess County’s Procurement Policies and Procedures. Full instructions and guidance are available online.

For more information, please contact the Department of Emergency Response at 845-486-2080.

Historic exhibit ‘Horseback to Horsepower’ set Aug. 10 in PV



Among the antique autos on display will be a Ford Model T, that Bill Bryant has owned for 75 years. He is a founding member of the Mid-Hudson Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (MHRAACA).

-Courtesy photos



Photos of miniature fire-fighting apparatus will be on display. They are courtesy of Sandy Williams of Williams Lumber & Home Centers.

By Morgan E. Maier

Before the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) and the ferry, transportation in Dutchess County meant using hooved and hooded carriages. Not to mention a much slower journey and transfer of information, of goods, of travelers than are seen today, in 204 years since Pleasant Valley’s establishment. Such an operation made one real form of livelihood possible: Farming. New industries, interests, and freedoms rose with the arrival of automobiles. Thus began an awakening for rural communities, as the possibility of travel became reality.

The Pleasant Valley Historical Society will unveil “The Road Through Pleasant Valley: From Horseback to Horsepower” on August 10 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Mill Site Museum at 1624 Main Street (Rt. 44).

The exhibit was born in conjunction

with the REV250 campaign, a celebration of the county’s advancement from the moment the ink first dried on the Declaration of Independence. From the spread of technology and goods to increased diversity of labor, this free exhibit will showcase the impact that transportation developments have had in the past 250 years.

Historical Society President Suzanne Horn saw an opportunity for this exhibit to impact visitors across generations. From increased transportation of farm products to the journey of traveling musicians, this exhibit tells a tale of 200 years of growth.

Travel back in time to see the signs that lined Main Street, back when business ownership first began flourishing in Pleasant Valley. From hairdressers to inns and lodging, the advent of automotive bred new modes of livelihood.

The exhibit will feature a model P&E Railroad and artifacts that can be handled by the smallest of curious palms. Parts of the story will be told through photographs and digital displays, including a presentation from David Turner, local collector of postcards. Turner’s collection displays the impact that cars had in shifting the landscape in Dutchess County.

For automobile enthusiasts, antique and model cars will be on-site as well. Horn recognized Sandy Williams of Williams Lumber & Home Centers for allowing historians to photograph his collection of miniature firefighting apparatus.

Horn said members of the Mid Hudson Region Antique Automobile Club are bringing vintage autos to display. This is possible because the PV Fire Dept. is allowing the group to use their parking lot that fronts Main Street across from the museum.

The exhibit will be open rain or shine. Admission is free for all who wish to step back time 200 years ago.

Next year commences America’s semi-quincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the consequential Revolutionary War. Pleasant Valley is just one of many communities preserving history — and our present — in Dutchess County’s REV250 campaign.

“We can open a path to a wealth of future experiences, just as we have enjoyed the path from the past,” said Horn.

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A photo of miniature firefighting apparatus from the collection of Sandy Williams.

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by luigi coppola



What does ‘commission’ mean?

Young Luigi and Vinny don’t have the appetite for financial risk.

I remember when my brother Anthony went to college to study finance. He would come home and tell us that he was going to be a great investor. My brother Vinny and I had no idea what the word “investor” meant.

He would ask us if we were satisfied with how much money we were making at the bank. We didn’t know what the heck he was talking about. He would tell us that all we were getting was 2% interest and he could get us 5%. All that we knew was, that we had our little Poughkeepsie Savings Bank passbook and we would bring our quarters to the bank when we had some. It would print up how much money we had, and it would always go up when we put money in the bank.

After a few months, Anthony finally convinced us to invest in a mutual fund called American Capitol. He said the money we were saving for college would grow faster than it would in the bank. That we understood, so we jumped in with our entire life savings.

Vinny was 10 at the time and I was 13 and we were very excited that we would be “investing.” Anthony showed us where to look for the price quote in the paper so we could track the progress of our “investment.” I made up a little chart with a column for the date and the closing price of the day so I could watch my investment grow.

I imagined getting driven to school in a limousine because I was now an official investor. In my limousine there would be a phone so I could call my brother to buy or sell, depending on what the market was doing for the day.

When we got our first statement, Anthony had to explain what everything was. He showed us that after his commission what our mutual fund was worth. I followed his finger to the column and noticed that it was worth less than what we had given him to invest.

I stopped him and asked why it was worth less? I had been tracking the prices, and from what I saw it looked like it was going up. And what did that word “commission” mean? I was very confused. He then told me that commission was what I paid him to invest my money...

WHAT?! My 13-year-old mind exploded. I told him that I didn’t know I had to pay him. Vinny said the same thing. I told him I wanted to return my investment and get my money back.

I then had to listen to him tell us that he couldn’t do that, and that we would make so much money we wouldn’t care about the commission. So, after listening to his spiel, we did what any other red-blooded Italian American boy would do. We went to Mom.

After complaining, rather whining, to Mom about how Anthony tricked us, Mom convinced us to let things stay as they were for four months, and if we still didn’t like what was going on we could sell our “stock portfolio.”

Well, we weren’t exactly excited about it, but we listened to Mom.

I continued to track our mutual fund every day; and wouldn’t you know it, American Capital decided to take a plunge. Every day I would read the Poughkeepsie Journal, and every day it

would drop. I remember at one point it was half of what we bought it for.

Anthony decided to make sure he left early for school and got home after we went to bed to avoid us. Every day, Vinny would ask me what the paper said, and every day we plotted ways to get back at our brother. We were very creative. Itching powder in his shirt, Ben-gay in his underwear, and of course Tabasco on the toilet paper were all things that Vinny and I thought of to get back at Anthony.

But you know what happened? The price started to go up. The higher it went, the more we saw Anthony until eventually it rose above the original price. By the time four months passed, we had made back our commission.

One morning over a breakfast of spaghetti frittata, Mom asked us what we wanted to do. Vinny and I looked at each other and both said in unison “sell!”

I guess tycoons need to be older than 13 and 10. We just didn’t have the stomach to risk our life savings of ... \$45.

1 cup shredded mozzarella
1½ cup diced tomato
1¼ cup cooked pancetta

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In oven-safe heavy skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil.

Add green bell pepper, onion and garlic; cook over medium heat until tender.

Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat together eggs with milk, 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, and oregano.

Add pasta to egg mixture and stir gently.

Add egg mixture to skillet.

Cook egg mixture over medium heat, lifting sides occasionally to let uncooked egg flow underneath. When egg mixture is almost set but still very moist, after about 5-8 minutes, top with diced tomatoes, pancetta, and mozzarella.

Place pan in the oven, and cook for 10-12 minutes until frittata is puffed, set, and beginning to turn golden brown. Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes.

Cut into wedges and serve.

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

Spaghetti Frittata Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1½ cup green pepper, finely chopped
- 1½ cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 6 eggs
- 1¼ cup milk
- 1¾ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1½ teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- 1¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup cooked spaghetti

Barre class set for Aug. 9 in East Fishkill

Join certified barre instructor Dena Marro on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. at the East Fishkill Library, 348 Route 376, for a barre class.

Barre relies on high reps and light resistance: an excellent way to build muscle endurance and strength without taxing one's joints. All levels welcome.

Modifications will be made if needed. Yoga mats will be provided, but attendees are welcome to bring their own.

Participation is limited to 15 and registration is required.

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

Actor Liam Neeson, Four Brothers Drive-In recognized with NYS Assembly citation



Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. presented world-renowned actor Liam Neeson and Four Brothers Drive-In owner John Stefanopoulos with an official New York State Assembly citation in celebration of Neeson’s local release of film, “The Naked Gun.”

The honor recognized Neeson’s outstanding contributions to the arts and his connection to New York’s Hudson Valley through his collaboration with Four Brothers Drive-In. It also celebrated Stefanopoulos and the Four Brothers team for their continued success in making the Amenia-based drive-in a premier cultural and entertainment destination in Dutchess County.

“Liam, congratulations on this exciting project,” said Beephan. “Your work, paired with the creativity and community spirit that John and the Four Brothers Drive-In bring to Amenia, continues to inspire and uplift our region. We’re proud to celebrate this moment together.”

“The Naked Gun” project marks another milestone in Neeson’s legendary acting career and highlights the innovative role Four Brothers Drive-In plays in the Hudson Valley’s arts and entertainment scene.

-Courtesy photo by Yannis Malevitis photography, Assemblyman Beephan’s office

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by francine wizner



Soda: A weighty, yet refreshing drink

August temperatures in the Hudson Valley can be in the eighties, which makes it the perfect time to enjoy a refreshing beverage. Of course, it’s also important to stay hydrated for nutrient transport, temperature regulation, blood pressure, and many other bodily functions. Plain water is always the healthiest option for quenching thirst, but I have a fondness for carbonated water.

My motto: Don’t be still. Sparkle! And Joseph Priestley, a Renaissance man of the Enlightenment, must’ve thought so, too. Priestley was active in the fields of chemistry, theology, education, and political philosophy. He was a grammarian who helped establish modern English. He advocated for equal rights and opportunities for all, regardless of religious beliefs. He identified oxygen, nitrous oxide, ammonia, and carbon monoxide gases.

Priestley is also credited with the creation of carbonated water. He found that water infused with carbon dioxide was a pleasant drink. In 1772, Priestley published a paper entitled “Directions for Impregnating Water with Fixed Air.”

Within a decade, innovators had arranged various apparatuses, based off of Priestley’s idea, that made large quantities of carbonated water more quickly. One inventor you may recognize was Johann Jacob Schweppe. Other soda manufacturers of note included Dr. Pepper, Shasta, Coca-Cola, and Pepsi. Each added ingredients, such as lemon and ginger, and sweeteners, to concoct various flavored soft drinks.

A myriad of fizzy flavors

“Soft” drinks, as they began to be called in the late 19th century, were not “hard” alcoholic beverages. They were sugary, with flavors of lemon-lime, orange, cola, grape, cream, ginger ale, and root beer. The chilled fizz of carbon dioxide, with its slight acidity, creates the refreshing sensation that sodas provide.

Sinking (or floating) soda

Here is a visually interesting activity that is perfect to do in the heat of summer. The exercise demonstrates the concept of density.



Both 12oz & 16oz sugar-free soda cans float. -Photo by Francine Wizner



ty. It also presents an opportunity to talk about healthy diet choices. And, the activity lends itself to future experimental variations.

You likely have all the necessary materials on hand: a large bucket or container, water, and a variety of unopened room temperature soda cans that are all the same size, volume, and shape. To start, have participants observe how the cans of soda are alike, as well as how they are different. Then have them predict which cans will sink and which will float.

Slowly place each can into the water

one at a time, tipping each on its side first to be sure that no air is trapped at the bottom. Observe the cans once they are in the water. Notice what commonalities exist among the floating cans, as well as the cans that have sunk. Typically, the cans that float will be “diet” sodas and those that sink will contain sugar. Although they may be similar, they have different densities.

Experimental variations and extensions

For older participants, this activity can be extended by using a formula to determine the density of each of the cans of soda. That will involve determining their masses with a scientific balance. The sugar in “regular” soda gives it the mass that causes the cans to sink in the container of water. The amount of artificial sweetener used in diet soda does not add much to its mass, enabling the can to float.

The over-consumption of sugar-sweet-

ened soft drinks is associated with diseases, such as diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and cardiovascular risk factors, as well as dental decay.

A sugar packet contains about 4 grams of sugar and about 15 calories. A can containing 40 grams of sugar, that’s 10 sugar packets, has 150 calories, and a greater density than “diet” soda.

Although artificial sweeteners do not add much density to soda, that does not mean that consumption of them is without risks. Artificial sweeteners have no nutritional value and have been linked to various health concerns, including weight gain, disrupted hunger signals, and potential risks to heart health.

By far, plain water is the healthiest option for quenching thirst. But it is still, and I like to sparkle. Curious folks can investigate if a bottle of fresh water will float in the container, and yes, it will likely be less dense than the surrounding water and, will therefore, be buoyant.

Exploratory learning and play

The hands-on nature of this exercise makes it engaging, regardless of the ages of the participants. It reinforces learning through direct observation and experimentation. The activity can be further enhanced by changing the temperature of the cans of soda or the water in the container, using salt water (which is denser than fresh water) in the container, or by comparing the sinking/floating behavior of other objects with varying densities. Even in the heat of summer, learning can be included as part of play. Sinking and floating soda lets everyone splash around while enjoying a fizzy, refreshing beverage. (Here is an organized version of the activity: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/SINKING-OR-FLOATING-SODA-BIOCHEMISTRY-GENERAL-SCIENCE-7520152>.)

Here is a video of the activity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cM6mkEHfTtY>.)

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

American Legion Post 1758 makes donation to Castle Point



Recently, Castle Point put out an urgent request for clothing for veterans at the facility and American Legion Post 1758 in Hopewell Junction answered the call. On Monday July 21, members of the post delivered a shipment of \$500 worth of clothing to the Castle Point campus.

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

NoticeofQualification of ZBS ACE VETERINARY, LLC. AuthorityfiledwithNY Secyof State (SSNY) on 6/13/25. Office location: Dutchess County.LLCformedin Delaware (DE) on 2/16/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to: 800WestchesterAve, SteS-504,RyeBrook, NY 10573. DE addressofLLC:1209Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secyof State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

SIRKKAS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNYon06/19/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 264 Town View Drive, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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

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

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Lagrangeville, NY 11240. Purpose: General.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 SSNYon06/10/2025. 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, Wappingers 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 it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of processto:203Cardinal road Hyde Park,

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STORY BEAUTY LINE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNYon06/30/2025. 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.filedArts.ofOrg. 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.

NoticeofFormationof Twenty 3 Uniforms LLC.Arts.ofOrg.filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process maybeserved.SSNY shall mail process to: 180 David Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

NoticeofFormationof CPG Ventures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNYon06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whomprocessmaybe 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.ofOrg.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.

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BARBARA'S CAFE LLC.Arts.ofOrg.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.

NoticeofFormationof Hangar Hawk LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the 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.ofOrg.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,PinePlains,NY 12567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of qualification of TRIMMR LLC. Authorityfiledwiththe 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

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(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.

QRZ PROPERTIES LLC.Arts.ofOrg.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 Zughayer, 10 Sabra Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NoticeofFormationof 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.

NoticeofFormationof 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

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Dutchess County, NewYork. SSNYdesignated 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, CristianSanchez,135 Davis Road, Salt Point, New York 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.ofOrg.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 VincentDrive,Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of MARLBORO H O S P I T A L I T Y GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it maybeserved.SSNY 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:29TaftAve,Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

DEERAY REPAIR M E C H A N I C A L / HVACLLC.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 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 des-

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ignated 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 Trugo 16 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 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 STE5, 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,

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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 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 & luele, 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.

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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 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

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mail process to: 11 Hawkins St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Bansara LLC. Filed 3/26/25. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 30 Dennings Ave, Beacon, NY 12508. Purp: any lawful.

R H I N E C L I F F PLUMBING & HEATING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/18/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2 Charles Street, P.O. Box 5, Rhinecliff, NY 12574. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PIETROPAOLI OF BKLYN, LLC filed articles of organization with SSNY on 07/29/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as an agent for process & shall mail to 20 Harrigan Road, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY RADI AFUERA LLC FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is RADI AFUERA LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on July 28, 2025. THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Dutchess. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is Radi Afuera LLC, 1615 Patterson Road, Austin, TX 78733. FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose. Dated: July 30, 2025 F R E E M A N HOWARD, P.C. 441 East Allen Street P.O. Box 1328 Hudson, New York 12534

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R H I N E B E C K W E A L T H ADVISORS & SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/25. 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, 6811 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of OCS METALWORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/21/2025. Office location: Dutchess SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 327 MILL STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, UNITED STATES, 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of KAHRES PHILANTHROPIC CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 33 TITUS RD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY, 12603. Any lawful purpose.

128 Route 28, LLC filed w/ SSNY 7/21/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

140 Route 28, LLC filed w/ SSNY 7/22/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

20 DEAN PLACE PK NY LLC. Filed 3/21/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 12 Hall Dr, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

S U P R E M E C O N C I E R G E SERVICES, LLC. Filed 4/24/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: G. R. M., 140 Rombout Ave, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: General.

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LLC. Filed 2/20/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 41 Manor Pl, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: General.

J&J HOLDINGS US LLC. Filed 7/7/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 59 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

MadiGo Pictures LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 13 Tamarack Circ, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act.

RADMARTINI LLC. Filed 5/15/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: C/O Yerlin Santamaria Montoya, 22 Cromwell Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

C A M E R O N G O N Z A L E Z T H E A T R I C A L S, LLC. Filed 3/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: C/O Inc Authority Ra, 42 Broadway, Fl. 12-200, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of SA & NK Enterprises LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/28/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 133 Martin Rd Hopewell Jct, NY 12533 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Formation of Play Thyme Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology PLLC. Articles of Org. filed with the State of NY Dept. of State on 11/21/24. Office location: Dutchess County. The State of NY Dept. of State shall mail the process to 982 Main Street Suite 4-187 Fishkill NY 12524. Registered agent: The State of NY Dept. of State. Purpose: Lawful activity

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S U M M O N S 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 012009 3675, 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, 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, GRANT EES, 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 DUTCHESS 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 RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID 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 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, GRANT EES, 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 DUTCHESS 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 RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID 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 HOME-OWNERS 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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ices. § 1303 NOTICE 16-12-20*

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of Shady Creek Road Subdivision, 10 Carpenter Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 for the granting of a 3 Lot Subdivision as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located and described as being: at Hillside Lake Road (near Jennifer Drive), in the Town of East Fishkill, NY identified as Tax Parcel # 132800-6458-01-364647. All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time. **By: John Eickman, Chairman Town of East Fishkill Planning Board July 25, 2025**

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-23-25 Heavy-Duty Transit Buses for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 8th 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.

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Serino announces nearly \$2 million in CDBG and HOME funding

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced \$1,986,960 to be awarded for 19 projects through the County’s 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This funding will break down accessibility barriers for older adults and individuals with disabilities, tackle essential infrastructure improvements and increase the availability of affordable housing across Dutchess County.

“These investments are about meeting people where they are and making life better for them right here in Dutchess County,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “Whether it’s fixing a sidewalk so seniors can get around safely, providing support services for our most vulnerable neighbors, or expanding affordable housing options for families, these projects truly make a difference. I’m grateful to our local partners for working with us to ensure these funds deliver real results for the people we serve.”

The CDBG and HOME programs are federally funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help meet community development and housing priorities identified at the local level. CDBG funding is used to support projects that improve neighborhoods and services for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes, while the HOME program focuses on increasing access to affordable housing for those with limited financial resources.

CDBG Municipal Projects - Totaling \$1,020,000

Infrastructure and sidewalk replacement & ADA accessibility projects

City of Beacon, \$167,677
Wolcott Avenue Sidewalk Replacement –Approximately 560 linear feet of sidewalk on Wolcott Avenue will be replaced with five-foot wide monolithic concrete, allowing for a safe, ADA compliant walk between South Avenue and the entrance to Forrestal Heights.

Town of East Fishkill, \$24,990
Julie’s Jungle Restroom Upgrades – Improvements to the restroom facilities at Julie’s Jungle Playground, creating an ADA-accessible facility in an existing building at a popular park.

Town of Pawling, \$114,418
Lakeside Park ADA Compliance Improvements – Improvements to the entrance at the Lathrop Building, including ADA-compliant automatic doors; Teen Center building will also receive ADA-accessibility upgrades, such as automatic doors, a ramp and railings.

Town of Poughkeepsie, \$199,000
North Grand Avenue Pump Station Replacement Project – Replacement of aging wastewater infrastructure to support an existing manufactured housing community and proposed expansion of the community.

Village of Millbrook, \$125,000

Replacement of Sidewalk Panels on Franklin Avenue – Approximately 220 linear feet of sidewalk along Franklin Avenue, between Front Street and Friendly Lane, will be replaced to meet ADA standards.

Village of Millerton, \$188,915
Church Street and North Center Street Sidewalk Replacement – Approximately 680 linear feet of sidewalk along Church Street, from North Center Street to John Street, will be replaced to meet ADA standards.

Village of Rhinebeck, \$200,000
Lions Mini Park Drainage Improvements – Replacement and expansion of drainage system at the intersection of North Park Road and Arnett Road to provide prevent runoff and flooding of park.

CDBG Public Service Projects – Totaling \$180,000

Senior transportation and delivery assistance, homelessness prevention and workforce development projects

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000
Homeless Prevention Case Management Program – Emergency rental assistance and limited utility assistance for low-income residents to help stabilize housing; case management assists clients in independently sustaining their household needs.

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000

Senior Medical Transportation and Support Services – Provide residents age 60 and older with basic support services, including transportation to non-emergency medical appointments, grocery shopping, visiting services, telephone reassurance, as well as respite for primary caregivers.

Fareground, Inc., \$14,250
Grocery Home Delivery for Seniors – Provide monthly delivery of groceries to food insecure and accessibility-challenged seniors in southern Dutchess County.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000
River Haven Transitional Living Community – Provide runaway, homeless and those at-risk of homelessness young adults, ages 18-24, with up to 24 months of transitional housing and support services, including 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and case management, which will aid in transitioning them towards self-sufficiency.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000
Support Services at Hillcrest House – Provide case management services, under the Housing First Program, to help high-risk, vulnerable homeless adults secure and maintain stable housing.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Inc., \$25,750

Permanent Supportive Housing Program – A comprehensive continuum of services offering affordable, permanent housing to

individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders, including counseling, case management, life skills training and vocational development services, which will assist participants in becoming self-sufficient, strengthen their recovery, reunite with their families and strive to reach their full potential.

North East Community Center, Inc., \$30,000

Youth Development Programs: CPSB and Teen Programs – Community Partnership with Schools and Business (CPSB) offers workforce development training and paid, mentored internships with local businesses and organizations for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-20; Teen Programs is a peer-driven group that provides educational, recreational and community service opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-18.

HOME Projects – Totaling \$786,960

Supporting 26 new housing units as well as home rehab assistance

Paz Management Inc., \$200,000

37 Raymond Avenue, Town of Poughkeepsie – Rehabilitation and expansion of existing mixed-use building to create a total of four residential units: two will be affordable, two will be commercial spaces.

Kearney Realty & Development, \$200,000

Locust Hill, Town of Rhinebeck – New

Advance tickets on sale now for 2025 Dutchess County Fair

Skip the line and head straight to the gate! Save time and money and start planning your trip to the 2025 Dutchess County Fair happening August 19 – 24, in Rhinebeck. Advance tickets can be purchased online now at dutchessfair.com until midnight August 18.

Pre-sale tickets including Senior (65+) & Military with ID can be purchased ahead of time at the Fairground’s Administration Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. until August 8. Concert tickets must be purchased online.

Beginning August 11-18, walk up ticket sales & kiosks will be available at the Welcome Center from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

“Senior & Military Day historically is the Wednesday of the Fair. That will not change. This year, we are offering Seniors and Military the opportunity to purchase their tickets ahead of time. These tickets bought prior to the Fair, can be used any day that they choose to come to the Fair,” Vicki

construction of 80-unit affordable housing development; HOME funding will support 10 units in the development.

Williams Assets LLC, \$134,960

38 Corlies Avenue, City of Poughkeepsie – Rehabilitation of existing three-family building to include three affordable rental housing units.

Hudson River Housing, \$200,000

Windows on Main, City of Poughkeepsie – New construction of a mixed-use building on Main Street; HOME funding will support 11 rental units in the building.

Rebuilding Together, \$52,000

Rehabilitation of single-family homes throughout Dutchess County.

The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development accepts applications annually for the CDBG Municipal and HOME programs; CDBG Public Service applications are accepted every two years. Applications are reviewed by the Community Development Advisory Committee with recommendations forwarded to the County Executive for final approval.

Applications for the 2026 CDBG Municipal, CDBG Public Service and HOME Investment grant programs are expected to be released in early 2026. More information about these grant programs can be found on the Department of Planning & Development’s Funding Opportunities webpage.

Imperati, Administrative Operations Manager stated. “We realize that not everyone is able to attend the Fair on Wednesday to take advantage of this discount, which is why we moved in this direction.”

The advanced pre-sale ticket prices are as follows:

Adults - \$16.50 (includes convenience fee); children 11yrs and under are free.

Ride All Day Wristband - \$30 (+ \$3 convenience fee). It is important to note that each wristband is valid for one day only during the duration of the fair and does not include admission. For questions regarding the rides, visit <https://dutchess-fair.com/midway-rides/> or email Contact@powersmidways.com.

Note: Only buy tickets through the official fair website dutchessfair.com. Purchases from any other sources, such as brokers or secondary market websites, are purchased at your own risk and will not be valid. There are no refunds or exchanges, no exceptions. Please order carefully.

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PUBLIC NOTICE This serves as official notice that TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL is soliciting and will receive bids for Tree Removal Services. Requirements are outlined in the following specifications. Please review them carefully. Full bid specifications and requirements are available at the Town Clerk’s office Monday - Friday 9am to 3:45 pm. (845)221-9191. All bids must be submitted by noon of September 4, 2025. The Town Clerk and such other officials of the Town will open bids on September 4, 2025 at 12 Noon at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction,	NY. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with “TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT WS2025.006” Anyone interested in bidding is requested to obtain a bid package, review the same and submit it in accordance with the directions contained therein. The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL PETER CASSIDY TOWN CLERK July 30, 2025	NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Dutchess, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS J. RUSSO A/K/A THOMAS RUSSO, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Default Judgment and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 27, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on September	9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 18 Fox Run, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, Section 6355, Block 00 and Lot 368254. Approximate amount of judgment is \$431,088.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #2023-54267. Cash will not be accepted. Ralph Amicucci, Esq., Referee Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White	Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff LOST TITLE APPLICATION NO.: 2628306 OFFICE OF TITLES NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 82 OF THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT (RTA) 13 May, 2025 WHEREAS the applicant(s) in the above stated application has/have declared that the following duplicate Certificate of Title has been lost, I HERESY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to cancel the said Certificate of Title and issue a new one in duplicate fourteen days after the last publication of this	advertisement. Volume: 1090 Folio: 689 lot: 172 Place: Part of Cockburn Gardens Parish: St. Andrew Registered proprietor(s): Veronica Green The following transactions lodged with this application will be registered: pursuant to section 81 of the RTA: Application to be Registered on Transmission 2628301 ----- L. Dunbar Deputy Registrar of Titles	Valley, Dutchess County, NY Please take note that the Planning Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: South Avenue - Michael Schroeder II - Multifamily Grid #: 6363-12-980586 Applicant would like to build a 4 unit building – 2 bedrooms in each unit. SAID Meeting will take place on August 13, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y, and begins at 6:30 p.m.

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THEME: IN THE KITCHEN

ACROSS

1. Basilica feature

5. Cameron, to friends

8. ____ and flow

11. One of the Bridges

12. Have the blues

13. Op-ed piece

15. Blondie's hit "____ Me"

16. Certain something

17. *Granny Smith

18. *Broth-making container

20. Big name in mapmaking

21. Inexperienced

22. *Group of dishes or pots

23. Deprived of ovaries

26. Medusae

30. Got an Oscar, e.g.

31. Kind of license

34. Crescent

35. Description for twins

37. "____ the season!"

38. Orthodox Judaism adherent

39. Class roster item

40. Between lights and action

42. Source of pork

43. *Shredding devices

45. Bear-like

47. Florida key

48. French farewell

50. Physicist Niels ____

52. *Kitchen hand protector (2 words)

55. Holey confection

56. Track event

57. ____ of the trade, sing.

59. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet

60. Charlie Parker's nickname

61. Shrek or Fiona, e.g.

62. Word of compliance

63. Actor Stallone

64. *Spice ____ or pot ____

DOWN

1. Beginning of the alphabet

2. *Often go with carrots

3. *NaCl

4. Speech at a funeral

5. *Flute alternative

6. *Cook's garb

7. *Veal or venison, e.g.

8. Sport spectator's TV acronym

9. Like white-headed eagle

10. "Farewell" to Birdie

12. Manage (2 words)

13. Like cornstalks

14. *Flat-edged utensil

19. *Flapjack alternative

22. Blink of an eye, abbr.

23. Swing, ____, swung

24. Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location

25. Carl Jung's inner self

26. *____ en place

27. *Seaweed-wrapped dish

28. Opposite of cation

29. Swamp plant

32. Estimated arrival times, acr.

33. Timothy, to friends

36. *Popular condiment

38. Sheik's bevy

40. Alan Paton's novel "____, The Beloved Country"

41. Broken, e.g.

44. Third planet from the sun

46. Bachelor on "The Bachelorette," e.g.

48. Be of use

49. Condemn

50. Bantu language

51. Change for a five

52. Globes and eyeballs, e.g.

53. "Animal House" garb

54. Rigid necklace

55. Calendar square

58. Albanian money

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 4B.

LaGrange church celebrates historic milestone



Exhibit through month; special service set Aug. 10

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church on Route 55 in LaGrange is celebrating the 275th anniversary of the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie. Freedom Plains Church and The First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie were united in 2010.

During the month of August, Freedom Plains Church will be displaying historical photos, memorabilia and showing an historic video, Monday

through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The display will be located in the Library and the Hallway, at the East end of the building.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, Freedom Plains Church will celebrate this historic milestone with a special Worship Service at 10 a.m., followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Freedom Plains Church invites the community to visit the display and join the Worship Service.

For further information, contact the Church Office, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 845- 452-0684.

Left: The First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photo

ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp returns to Heritage Financial Park on Aug. 16

Volunteers sought to create a meaningful event for all Nominations open to recognize local inclusion advocates

Dutchess County Government and its ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative will again sponsor the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability Dream & Do (D3Day) Baseball Camp on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Heritage Financial Park in Fishkill. This free, inclusive event offers residents with physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities an energetic morning of baseball fun and skill-building – including batting, fielding, baserunning and more – with mentorship from Hudson Valley Renegades players and coaches.

Registration is required and available online at d3day.com/hudson-valley-enroll. Early registration is strongly encouraged, as space is limited and this popular event routinely reaches capacity quickly.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “This camp at our great County park embodies everything our ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, including our exciting ‘Think Accessible’ efforts, stands for: celebrating inclusion, fostering connections, making our community accessible to all and building confidence through community support. We hope as many aspiring big-leaguers take the chance to enjoy this great event.”

In addition to on-field instruction, each participant will receive a complimentary branded camp T-shirt and lunch, as well as tickets to the Renegades’ Aug. 17 game, courtesy of the team.

The camp is a collaboration between Dutchess County Government, the Renegades and Disability Dream & Do, which empowers individuals with disabilities

through inclusive sports events, connecting them with professional athletes to foster participation and personal growth.

Renegades General Manager Tom Denlinger said, “Renegades baseball and Heritage Financial Park are all about community, and hosting this great event each summer is a highlight for our players and coaches alike. The energy and joy from participants and families are truly inspiring, and the Renegades look forward to helping make more lifelong memories for all who attend.”

This camp depends on local volunteers – whether they’re individuals, families, community groups, teams or businesses – to ensure a seamless experience and make the event a day that all participants will long cherish. Those looking to volunteer are encouraged to register at <https://d3day.com/volunteer>.

Dutchess County residents are also encouraged to nominate a Dutchess County resident, group or business to be honored at the end of each D3Day camp with the annual “Pulling Each Other Along” Award, which recognizes those who have tirelessly championed the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities. Nominations are being accepted at d3day.com/peoa-award.

D3Day Director Doug Cornfield said, “We’re thrilled to partner again with Dutchess County and Renegades to empower young people of every ability to dream big. Help us recognize the local disability champions among us by submitting award nominations online for the ‘Pulling Each Other Along’ Award.”

St. Paul’s and First Lutheran churches hold 3-day Vacation Bible School



A three-day Vacation Bible School was held July 29-31 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. It was a joint effort between St. Paul’s and First Evangelical Lutheran Church, assisted by U.C.C. Congregational Church. The theme was “The Armor of God.” The children enjoyed games, Bible stories and arts and crafts. Thanks was offered to all who participated and helped.

-Courtesy photo

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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Corn Festival set for August 10 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Sloop Club is hosting its annual Corn Festival at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, near the Metro-North Railroad station, on Sunday, Aug. 10 from noon – 5 p.m. in Beacon. Attendees can learn about the history of the Hudson River. There will be environmental displays throughout the park.

“The Sloop Club festivals were started to support and raise money for Clearwater, to help Clearwater afford to maintain the sloop. They decided on 4 festivals to sell and highlight local Hudson Valley produce, supporting the local farmers and shad fisherman and telling the story of shad fishing on the Hudson,” explained Tinya Seeger, daughter of the late activist, folk singer and local resident Pete Seeger and his wife, Toshi.

“My father had a soft spot for local farmers, he knew how hard it was to make a living as a farmer, as two of his close friends in Newburgh were farmers,” stated Seeger. “His very first job had also been to support dairy strikers in upstate New York, in fact.”

Seeger explained, “The Festivals would showcase the local harvests, bring people to the river, give people a taste of the fruit, and of grilled shad and shad roe, show some traditional skills of the shad fishermen too.” There were 4 festivals at that time, it was noted.

“My father loved fresh picked corn, the fresher the better, and strawberry shortcake and corn on the cob were two of his all-time favorite foods. I think he also wanted to share his enthusiasm and let

people see for themselves how delicious and special it was just picked rather than days old from a supermarket,” said Seeger.

Seeger, who said she was not exaggerating, stated her “father could easily put down twelve ears of corn one right after the other.” She said “he really, really loved fresh corn on the cob.”

“So, it seemed natural that if he loved the beautiful sloops so much that he built one that he would also hold a festival to honor the important crop of corn.”

Sloop Club member Rob May said, “There will be great music and delicious food, from our food tent and from our dedicated vendors. The Beacon Sloop Club’s 19th century replica river ferry sloop will be available to the public for relaxing sails up and down the river.” Sign up at the Beacon Sloop Club table starting at 11:30 a.m.

Seeger and May both mentioned the festivals (the Corn Festival, Strawberry Festival held in June and the Pumpkin Festival in October) are about bringing the community together.

“My father loved to learn and tell about history as well,” said Seeger. “He had a lot of respect for Native Americans, so honoring a traditional food that was pretty essential and historically important on this continent was another reason to celebrate corn,” said Seeger. There will also be chilled watermelon available and ice-cold lemonade, said organizers.

Organizers encourage attendees to bring blankets and/or chairs to listen and enjoy the entertainment on the two solar-powered stages. One stage will have per-



The Beacon Sloop Club will host its annual Corn Festival at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park on Sunday, Aug. 10. Pictured are volunteers from a previous year’s festival serving corn to attendees.

-Photo by Alan Thomas

formances geared towards children. The other stage will have performers singing throughout the event.

“We are expecting a large turnout. A lot of people will want a respite from the summer heat and enjoy the cool air by the river. Because the Corn Festival is such a long-standing tradition, people remember to put it on their summer calendar and look forward to participating every year. We usually draw a large number of local residents who combine with many people who come up to the park from the city by train,” explained May.

Sloop Club member Joyce Hanson said,

“Although, the Beacon Sloop Club continues to donate money to Clearwater every year, at present our festival’s focus is to support our Sloop Woody Guthrie free sailing program. There is never a charge to sail our Sloop, upkeep of our wooden sloop is expensive. We are all volunteers, admission is free and our festivals are a labor of love. We need the community to come and volunteer to help with our festivals and the community to come and purchase the sweetest prepared corn in the Hudson Valley.”

For more information, visit www.beaconsloopclub.org.



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