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Welcome Center mural bridges roots of agriculture, community



Artist Brian Zickafoose is all smiles after his mural, "Seeds of Connection," was unveiled at the Dutchess County Fair Visitor's Center on Aug. 7.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

The inspiration grew from a desire to bridge agriculture, families and traditions handed down through generations. The result is a 6'8" x 15'6" color mural that will greet thousands of visitors to this year's Dutchess County Fair set Aug. 19-24.

Located on the upper wall of the

main entrance to the Fairgrounds in the Welcome Center, artist Brian Zickafoose's creation "Seeds of Connection" is a bright and inspirational work of art that illustrates the combination of families and agriculture.

"I wanted the mural to bridge those roots with the creativity that's shaping

our future. Agriculture feeds the body, art feeds the soul - and when you bring them together, you grow something even bigger: community," said Zickafoose, who grew up on a farm in West Virginia and now calls Wappingers Falls home.

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Butterflies and hayrides at Stony Kill Farm

By Kristine Coulter

The Stony Kill Foundation, 79 Farmstead Lane in Wappingers Falls, will hold its Butterflies & Blooms programs through Saturday, Aug. 16. The first day of the annual event this year was Aug. 9

Stacey Lynch Adnams, executive director of Stony Kill, noted most programs have a minimal fee and some are free. For the program schedule and to register, visit stonykill.org/butterflies. Among some of the programs still to take place are: Storytime and Butterfly Craft, Community Science, Evening Moth Walk and Beginner Bird Walk.

The Finale is set for the evening of Aug. 16 at the Manor House, on the front lawn.

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Enjoy Stony Kill Farm's scenic hay fields and pastures with a ride on the Butterfly Hay Wagon, that will be offered during the "Butterflies & Blooms" event. The finale is set for Aug. 16.

-Courtesy photo Stony Kill Foundation



Inside: DC Fair entertainment section

Grand jury indicts retired Beacon officer on second-degree murder charge

By Kristine Coulter

A Dutchess County Grand Jury returned a charge of Indictment on a retired City of Beacon police officer. Beacon resident, Edison Irizarry, 52, is accused of causing the death of Casey Cuddy by shooting him multiple times with a 9-millimeter semi-automatic Glock pistol, according to the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office.

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "Today (Aug. 5), the defendant was arraigned on a charge of murder. The allegations are both troubling and disappointing, particularly given the fact that the defendant is a former member of law enforcement."

The Indictment charges Irizarry with second-degree murder, a Class A-I felony, according to the DA's office.

"My thoughts are with the victim's family as they endure an incredibly painful time. While the defendant is presumed innocent under the law, we will pursue this case with the utmost diligence, fairness and integrity. Our responsibility is to the truth, to due process, and to securing justice for the victim and the community," said Parisi.

The incident charged in the Indictment occurred on July 21, at approximately 9 p.m. on Rombout Avenue in Beacon, a residence where Irizarry and Cuddy both lived, according to law enforcement.

Irizarry's attorney, Susan Mraz Mungavin, a public defender, previously told Southern Dutchess News she does not comment on her cases and "[a]ll individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law."

City of Beacon Police Department officers arrived on the scene first, but then, according to accounts, immediately handed the incident over to the New York State Police who investigated the case.

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Mural bridges roots of agriculture, community

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The mural was unveiled during a special ribbon-cutting event at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, Aug. 7, with members from the DCAS and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce attending.

The mural is the result of a collaboration between the Fair, Arts Mid-Hudson and Destination Dutchess.

“When the idea for this project came about, the Fairgrounds was the perfect partner for the theme of how agriculture unites us. Andy, Vicki, and the whole team (at the Fair) were just as excited as we were to collaborate. Brian’s work embodies not only how agriculture unites us, but also is a testament to the power of collaboration. It reminds us of the endless possibilities that arise when we unite our talents, visions and passions,” said Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, executive director of Arts Mid-Hudson.

Melaine Rottkamp, CEO and President of Destination Dutchess, said, “Brian is a wonderful new collaborator and his immense talent brought us this gorgeous mural that hundreds of thousands of people will get to

enjoy for years to come. For residents, the mural and its imagery will become something they look for year in and year out. For tourists, it will be that first great photo-op that will always remind them of the fantastic visit they had to the Fairgrounds, whether it’s for the County Fair or another big event during the year.”

To Zickafoose, the mural “celebrates community, tradition and forward thinking, all from the heart of the Fairgrounds.”

He spent roughly a hundred hours of hands-on work, which included the conceptual phase - refining ideas, researching imagery and designing compositions - through to the rendering of the painting itself. “Every choice was deliberate, from color palettes to brush textures, to make sure the mural would feel alive from across the field, but still reward close-up viewing,” said Zickafoose.

And the mural is built to last. It’s painted on Belgian linen, one of the finest and most durable surfaces in the world, according to the artist.

“With proper care, it’s the kind of materi-



A variety of dignitaries were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony following the unveiling of Brian Zickafoose’s mural at the DC Fair Visitor’s Center on Aug. 7. From left are County Executive Sue Serino, County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair, Arts Mid-Hudson Executive Director Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, Zickafoose, Fair Manager and CEO Andy Imperati and Destination Dutchess CEO Melaine Rottkamp.

Photo by Curtis Schmidt

al that can endure for a century or more without losing its vibrancy. This isn’t just art for today - it’s an investment in the future of the Fairgrounds,” he said.

On vision and legacy, Zickafoose said,

“Every mural is a seed. This one is planted right in the heart of Dutchess County, and I hope it grows into a vision of what’s possible when tradition and imagination work side by side.”

‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday’ returns to the Dutchess County Fair on Aug. 21

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Fairgrounds President Andy Imperati invite individuals and families with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” at the Dutchess County Fair on Aug. 21. Attendees can enjoy the fair before the crowds arrive, with a special early gate opening at 9 a.m. and sensory-sensitive hours on the carnival midway from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Additionally, inclusive events will be available throughout the entire week of the fair.

Serino said, “We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and support our county’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, making the Dutchess County Fair even more accessible to all, regardless of ability. Every year, ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday’ highlights our shared commitment to access and inclusion, providing a joy-filled, respect-

ful experience for attendees of all abilities. We encourage residents and visitors with disabilities to take advantage of this great opportunity to ease into the Fair day with a sensory-friendly atmosphere.”

On “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday,” individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and their families can enter the Fair an hour early, before the official 10 a.m. opening. They can explore the animal barns on Livestock Hill and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County 4-H Exhibit Hall ahead of the crowds. While not all attractions and exhibits will be open at 9 a.m., this soft opening allows families to start their day at the fair in a calm and quiet environment.

The Powers Great American Midway area will open with limited rides, at 9:30 a.m. and will be sensory-sensitive until noon. Flashing lights, music and other sounds and noises will be lowered or turned off through-

out the morning, giving guests the opportunity to enjoy rides without the distractions that lights and sounds can cause. The early midway opening means shorter wait times for rides, making it easier for those who need extra time or have difficulties with crowds.

Additional happenings on “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” include:

- ThinkDIFFERENTLY & 4-H’s Flourishing Farmers Showcase at 4-H Livestock Showing at 9 a.m.; and
- ThinkDIFFERENTLY & Hidden Hollow Farms All Abilities English Horse Showcase at the Horse Show Arena, exhibiting horses and their riders with disabilities, at noon.

All week long, fairgoers are encouraged to check out ThinkDIFFERENTLY exhibits and projects submitted by individuals of all ages with disabilities, including GrowDIFFERENTLY, a recycled garden art exhibit in the Horticulture building.

Imperati said, “Since its inception in 2016,

‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday’ has grown into a beloved tradition during Fair week, eagerly awaited by many. We are thrilled to continue our Think DIFFERENTLY partnership and make the Fair a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.”

ThinkDIFFERENTLY staff and ambassadors will also host a sensory-friendly quiet space throughout Fair week for those who may need a quiet space to get away and regroup. This space, located on Livestock Hill in the Cornell Cooperative Extension tent, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors needing sensory assistance can visit the Fair information booth, across from the Fair souvenir booth, or visit the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/4-H tent on Livestock Hill.

For more information and a full schedule of the Dutchess County Fair’s events, see dutchessfair.com/the-fair.



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Serino taps Beale to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced her selection of William H. Beale to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response (DER). Mr. Beale has served as the Department's Acting Commissioner since January, his latest role since joining the Department as County Fire Investigator in 2003.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Bill truly understands the vital role emergency response plays in keeping our residents safe. With more than two decades of experience in this field, he has shown exceptional leadership and a strong commitment to public safety. Under his guidance and leadership, Dutchess County will continue to raise the bar for preparedness, response, and recovery."

Since serving as the Acting Commissioner for DER, Beale has overseen several groundbreaking initiatives, including:

- Dutchess County's accreditation through New York State's Local Emergency Management Accreditation Program in February, making Dutchess the first county between New York City and Albany to achieve this milestone;

- Leading efforts to sustain the County's emergency medical services (EMS) capacity through its supplemental ambulance cover-

age program and regional collaboration, which responded to over 700 medical calls in early 2025; and

- Expanding the County's successful "EMS Matters" public education campaign to help residents better understand the role EMS plays and when and how to seek emergency care.

- Beale brings a wide array of skills and expertise to his new role, having gained experience in a broad range of posts in the public sector.

Following his initial role in DER, Beale was promoted to Deputy Fire Coordinator for Fire Investigation in 2012. Named Dutchess County's Emergency Management Coordinator in 2014, Mr. Beale trained more than 3,000 residents in disaster preparedness and managed countywide personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoted to Director of Emergency Management in 2022, Beale oversaw an innovated public health integrated emergency management model, the first of its kind in New York State. In January 2025, Serino appointed Beale as Acting DER Commissioner, supervising emergency management, public health preparedness, fire coordination, EMS and the County's 911 Communications Center.



William H. Beale
-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't

A former fire chief, and a member since 1992, of the Hughsonville Fire Department, most recently serving as a chief officer, he currently serves as a chief officer and emer-

gency medical technician, Beale has served as an elected councilman and former Deputy Town Supervisor in the Town of Wappinger since 2007.

Beale holds an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Dutchess Community College, a Bachelor of Science from Marist University in Organizational Leadership & Communication, and a Master of Public Administration from Marist.

Beale said, "It's a privilege to earn the County Executive's confidence to lead this team of skilled and talented public safety professionals within the Department of Emergency Response. In this new role, I remain committed to ensuring Dutchess County continues to be recognized as a leader through innovation and unique approaches to collaboration."

Serino has forwarded a resolution confirming her appointment to the Dutchess County Legislature for consideration and approval at its Sept. 8 board meeting.

Additional information about the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response is available at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Emergency-Response/Emergency-Response.htm.

Cary Institute ecologist part of collaborative responding to LA fires, air quality information

When several wildfires ignited in Los Angeles in early January of 2025, Miriam Marlier's friends and neighbors came to her with questions about how to find reliable air quality information. Marlier is a UCLA scientist and a member of the Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative (WFFRC), a program of Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies led by Cary forest ecologist Winslow Hansen. Guided by decision makers, the collaborative conducts research to inform solutions to the Western US fire crisis. During the January fires, "people were urgently trying to find out whether the air was safe to breathe, where to find information about air quality, and whether the information was comprehensive enough for them to make decisions to protect themselves and their families," explained WFFRC postdoctoral associate Claire Schollaert. In response to these urgent questions, Schollaert, Marlier, and colleagues quickly launched a

study to assess whether publicly available data sources captured an increase in air pollution during the fires, how air quality changed over space and time, and how the trends differed between data sets. The findings were published in Environmental Science and Technology Letters in July, and provide insights into how these tools can better support public health response during smoke events. "This study is the first to my knowledge that quantifies how the LA Fires affected air quality at very fine spatial and temporal resolutions," said Hansen. "It serves as a valuable baseline from an extraordinary event." The study analyzed hourly data from nearly 750 low-cost and regulatory air pollution air pollution sensors throughout LA. During large wildfires, government agencies generally recommend that residents check the Environmental Protection Agency's air quality index, which is fed by data from regulatory monitors. The AirNow Fire and Smoke Map, another commonly recommended tool, relies on data from EPA monitors, low-cost PurpleAir sensors, and satellite data. But these tools utilize different data sources and often consider different time periods, potentially leaving residents confused. "Smoke exposure is the main way that most people are impacted by fires," said Schollaert. "Providing the public with understandable and accurate air quality information is crucial to reducing risk." For the study, the researchers compared Los Angeles air quality data from EPA regulatory monitors, low-cost PurpleAir sensors, and satellites. "We wanted to understand the smoke plume dynamics from the perspective of multiple, often complementary, air quality data sources," explains Marlier. Findings confirmed that the fire events did degrade air quality in the city, particularly on January 8 and 9. But air quality varied markedly from hour to hour and day to day during the course of the fires, and "the Santa Ana winds, which played a role in spreading the fires, also did a decent job of pushing

smoke from the Palisades fire offshore pretty quickly," said Schollaert. Those same winds, however, spread smoke from the Eaton fire across the most populated parts of the county before pushing the plume out over the Pacific.

The team found that while regulatory monitors are essential, they often miss local variability due to limited spatial coverage. Integrating low-cost sensors and satellite data on public risk communication platforms can help fill critical gaps. This growing network of sensors can work with regulatory systems, to strengthen them, offering more responsive public health strategies and better community protection. Satellite observations capture broader patterns of smoke movement through the atmosphere and could help to further fill in gaps between on-the-ground monitors, but the data are not as accessible to the public. Smoke impacts were largely consistent across these different data sources, the team found, but differences in spatial distribution and averaging times could lead to discrepancies in air quality readings, which could be confusing to users. Based on their findings, the authors call for more ground-

based sensors to improve air pollution monitoring, and for the improved integration of satellite data into user-friendly air quality platforms. Preferably, these additional sensors and data sources would be integrated into the most commonly used air quality index resources, said Schollaert. "People want one number that lets them know whether it's safe to go running outside or take their kid to the playground," said Schollaert. "It's our job as researchers to try to figure out how to make that information as reliable as possible." "We live in an era of data saturation," said Hansen. "Often these datasets tell us slightly different things at different resolutions of space and time. Now more than ever, effective actionable science is about harmonizing and synthesizing these diverse datasets to provide consistent, robust, and digestible insights to the public, managers, and policy makers." Responsiveness to real-world needs is baked into the WFFRC approach, and the new study provides one example of how this strategy can lead to meaningful impacts and important scientific insights.

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Where are Lawler and fellow Republicans at this time

To the Editor:

It is lovely that Rep. Mike Lawler is working at small helpful things for your constituents and sending us emails about all your glowing accomplishments, but the elephant in the room is that we are now living in an autocratic, fascist regime. President Trump is building "camps" and detention centers for brown skinned people, and he actually said, they may also be for "homegrown" people. Yes, that was his word. Our judicial system is under attack. Our colleges and universities are under attack. Our environment is under attack. Children who need it, are not receiving food in schools. Is this America?!

Where is Rep. Lawler and his fellow Republicans? Where are their voices when we are losing our healthcare, maybe Social Security, and our vaccines? Do they want people to die more easily? Where are they when we see a fascist playbook in use? People who are here legally, awaiting the immigration or visa process, are being snatched by unknown, masked men, from their schools, or courts when they report as they are supposed to do, and there is no due process. Where are their voices? Our FEMA and tax money is going to the building of detention centers, yes, like the Nazi camps, in and around our military bases. Are we at war?! Troops are being deployed for no reason against our own people, but the Republicans are silent! Where are you?! Your silence tells me loud and clear, you are complicit in these horrors and the demise of our democracy.

I and my family, and the American people will not stand by calmly and watch as our country's whole system of government is dismantled, our Constitution ignored, you can be sure of it.

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Presentation on Gen. Montgomery leads REV250 slate for DCHS

By Morgan E. Maier

The legacy of Major General Richard Montgomery travels beyond a town in Orange County, a fort on the Vermont border, a Maryland high school, or streets of Georgia and New Jersey. All bear the name of the Rhinebeck resident who became a symbol of American liberation at his last breath.

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) and Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will present "The Brave Montgomery: Major General Richard Montgomery and the Road to Quebec: 1775" on Sunday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. The presentation will be free to the public and held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park. Registration is required. This event kicks off a multi-year programming slate for the DCHS for Dutchess County's REV250 campaign.

Military historian Dr. Michael Boden will discuss the events leading up to the Battle of Quebec, and its pivotal role early in the American Revolution. This engaging lecture by Dr. Boden, also a history professor at Dutchess Community College, will review Montgomery's role in the invasion of Canada, showcasing national history at the local level. His army met British forces in the Battle of Quebec, where the revered general lost his life in combat. After Montgomery led troops through Montreal they met British forces in the Battle of Quebec, where the revered general lost his life on December 31, 1775. As Montgomery became a

national symbol of Patriot efforts, the Rhinebeck community mourned its local hero. "People finally realized the impact of losing somebody so important within the local community," said DCHS Chair of Collections and programming committee member Melody Moore. "This gives us the opportunity to really showcase him at the very beginning."

DAR operates in the heart of Rhinebeck, meeting at the home of General Montgomery and Janet (Livingston) Montgomery. It is claimed to be the village's oldest standing building. In collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust, DAR has another treat for the Wallace Center. Titled "The American Revolution Experience," this traveling storyteller features 11 bright, informative banners to illustrate the war's key elements. This exhibit's interactive displays are sure to share new knowledge, or refresh old lessons. Those touring the Historic Site at the Roosevelt Manor can get an extra helping of history in an accessible manner. This traveling exhibit is in town Aug. 8 - Sept. 1.

Organizations must work together to provide such programming for the local community, especially those rife with learning like Dutchess County. This lecture kicks off a year of collaboration ahead for groups committed to learning and preserving history. "No organization can do everything they want to do by themselves," said Moore. "When you can form partnerships with other groups it just broadens your audience, it broadens your ability to deliver your message, and to fulfill your mission."

Comptroller completes regular audit report of jail commissary accounts

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has completed its audit report of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Jail Inmate Commissary, Commissary Profit, & Inmate Welfare Fund Bank Accounts for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Periodic auditing of these accounts is required under New York State Law 9 CRR-NY 7016.1 and is subject to review by the New York State Commission of Correction. The last audit performed by the Comptroller's Office was for the period March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and was released in December 2021.

While the recent report found that all cash and funds were handled appropriately, the Comptroller's Office continues to recommend that the DCSO implement comprehensive, written policies and procedures for each commissary-related account, with policies that clearly define roles, responsibilities, and internal controls. An administrative financial staffing shortage continues to account for an improper segregation of duties, as well as timely completions of bank account reconciliations and required submissions to the Department of Finance.

"Sheriff Kirk Imperati is building up a strong staff to manage the accounts of the

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Implementing the recommendations of our audit report will further strengthen the Sheriff's financial operations," said Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. "Our report recommends, among other things, drafting policies and procedures for handling commissary accounts and segregating duties within financial processes."

"The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is committed to transparency, sound fiscal management, and full compliance with New York State Regulations," said Sheriff Kirk Imperati. "We appreciate the audit team's work and will continue to build upon these recommendations to strengthen our operational practices and ensure accountability moving forward."

The Comptroller's Office also identified \$86,642 in unclaimed inmate funds held in the County's Jail Trust and Agency account. According to Opinion 88-14 issued by the New York State Comptroller, counties are expected to either transfer long-unclaimed funds to the General Fund or submit these funds to the OSC Office of Unclaimed Funds. Following this finding, the Department of Finance transferred \$48,375 to the County's General Fund account.

Grand jury indicts retired Beacon officer on second-degree murder charge

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Unit Chief Anthony DeFazio and Deputy Unit Chief Brittney Kessel are prosecuting the case, stated Parisi. Judge Jessica Segal is presiding over the case. The defendant was remanded without bail and his next court date is set for September 24, according to the D.A.'s office.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely accusations, and Irizarry is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, stated Parisi.



Edison Irizarry

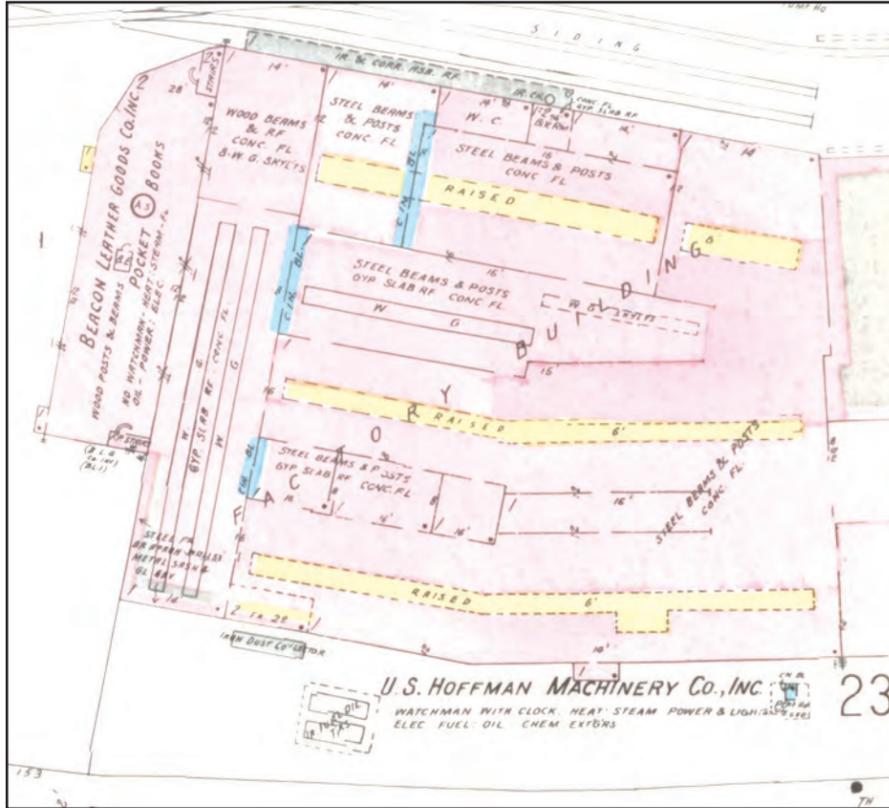
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“Let’s keep it flying” Army-Navy E Award promotional poster.

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‘The Great Arsenal of Democracy’: U.S. Hoffman Machinery Corporation



Sandbourne Map (1950) showing the “Moline Plant” on South Water St., Poughkeepsie.

-Image courtesy of DCHS Archives and Special Collections

By Miles Jenkins
DCHS Intern

“We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself,” declared President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Hyde Park native, during his December 29, 1940 fireside chat. FDR gave these national radio broadcasts, known as “Fireside Chats,” throughout his tenure as president. They were considered revolutionary as no president had been able to speak to the people so personally and widely until then. In this broadcast he made a plea to the industrial powerhouses of the United States, to forge weapons in preparation of a war which had not yet reached our shores. These war weapons would help to aid her friends across the Atlantic currently locked in the struggle against fascism and Nazism.

Poughkeepsie answered the President’s plea, with the U.S. Hoffman Machinery Corporation plant located on Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie converting to war work after receiving a contract from the Navy in August of 1942. U.S Hoffman had succeeded the former Hoffman Pressing Machine Company. As the narrative revealed in the Dutchess County Historical Society’s newspaper collection, the company went on to become an integral part of the Poughkeepsie economy during the Second World War and into the early Cold War.

The Army-Navy E Award was an

award given to individual plants which “have achieved outstanding performance on war production.” The honor combined three existing awards: the Navy E, the Army A, and the Army-Navy Star. The Army A award was created in May of 1942 to award plants for excellence fulfilling contracts. The Army Navy Star was created in May of 1942 to be awarded to plants for excellence in making machine tools and accessories. Conversely, the Navy E awarded excellence in gunnery, dates to 1906. It was then expanded to include excellence in engineering and communications, until August of 1942 when it was merged with Army A and Army Navy Star to become the Army Navy E award. This merger is important because it shows a shift in philosophy in how wars are fought.

Not only does this show how the advancement of technology changes how wars are fought, but it also brought them into the everyday life of citizens in a way previous wars had not. Prior to the world wars, conflicts were primarily fought on the battlefield. With the advent of industrialization allowing for the scale of the conflict to be proportional with the nation’s industrialization, the home front became increasingly important. It became necessary to motivate workers to continue to work to the best of their ability, as it was their work that the success of the Army, Navy, or Marines hinged on. As

well as mass communication technologies like radio, letting individuals express their displeasure with the war effort, the government needed a way to recognize the war workers of the country. Recognition ensured workers felt less like they were just cogs in a machine which would impact their effort at work, subsequently impacting the war effort abroad.

Plants were nominated by the branch of service that had the greatest interest in the plant. So dedicated to making parts for planes, it was up to the technical services of the Army Air Force to nominate them. Industrial facilities were then selected based on several criteria, primarily quality and quantity. Other criteria were overcoming production obstacles, avoiding stoppages and the maintenance of fair labor standards. Throughout the war 4,283 of the awards were given to plants across the country, comprising between 3% and 5% of all eligible plants in the country.

U.S Hoffman, which succeeded the Hoffman Pressing Machine Company in 1904, was a laundry and dry-cleaning machinery manufacturer. The corporation was primarily based in Syracuse but had plants in Louisville and Toronto alongside the Poughkeepsie plant. Before the war, the company as a whole produced laundry and dry cleaning machinery and was one of the largest producers of such equipment in the country. Prior to US entry into the war the plant, located at 18 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie, produced equipment for the industrial and garment industries while also doubling as a repair workshop.

However, during the war U.S. Hoffman switched from making laundry equipment to making ammunition. This came in the form of the 40 mm anti-aircraft shell, bullets that would be fired from the BOFORS 40 mm anti-aircraft gun, a weapon utilized by both US and British naval and land forces during the war. The BOFORS 40 mm was used throughout

WWII as it was the primary anti-aircraft weapon used by the Allies. This work brought not just national recognition for Poughkeepsie but also jobs with 220 individuals employed at the plant during its World War II contract. It was among these employees that two were chosen to speak at the award ceremony, Catherine Todd and Rocco Veronesi, alongside the plant’s “works manager” Peter H. Prenting. The two employees were given sample speeches by the government, which were heavily militaristic in nature. This is a line from the sample speech given to Rocco Veronesi. “But if we can’t fight our way to victory, we’ll work our way to it. We’ll keep those 40 mm. projectiles coming just as fast as our boys can feed ‘em.”

Along with the Violet Avenue plant, U.S. Hoffman operated a second plant at 150 South Water Street. Commonly known as the “Moline Plant,” it was owned by the City of Poughkeepsie and had sat vacant for many years until 1945. The original plan was to

lease part of the plant to U.S. Hoffman for the production of artillery shells. This plan fell through as U.S. Hoffman would have had to conduct extensive renovations on the property. Despite opening late in the war, these shells were still desperately needed to strike down a battered Nazi Germany and a lingering Imperial Japan. As the production of these shells were a matter of national security, the Government invoked the Second War Powers Act and seized the land while giving the shell contract to U.S. Hoffman.

Both the South Water Street plant and the Violet Avenue plant would continue production until the end of the war. After the war the Violet Avenue plant returned to peacetime work until 1947, when U.S. Hoffman consolidated its laundry manufacturing in Syracuse. The South Water Street plant closed at the end of the war on November 2, 1945; it was then reopened in the fall of 1950 shortly after the beginning of the Korean War, producing 5-inch shells for the Navy, before closing again in late 1954. It then briefly reopened in 1957 before shuttering its doors for the last time in 1960 due to the fact that the shells being produced were considered obsolete.

The Army-Navy E award was the highest honor an industrial plant could receive during the Second World War. While U.S Hoffman was not unique in being a prominent manufacturer in the area, it was the only one whose employees made an effort so monumental that the federal government, with all its many worries during the Second World War, made sure they were recognized for their indispensable work. Doing their part to help our fighting men in the country’s struggle, Poughkeepsie was able to play a positive role in the War.

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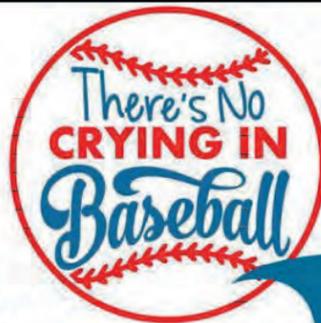
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But You CAN Wine!

Catcher Cristino shines on both offense & defense

By Morgan E. Maier

Baseball fans know this familiar sight after a milestone hit. Players along the dugout fence display in unison an imaginary baseball. For professional players, perfecting such a gesture is imperative. Not quite a shaking fist, but a half-open palm twisting to signal the field, "Toss that ball over here, please."

As was the case on July 22, when the debuting John Cristino notched his first professional hit with a line drive to left field. Cristino's Renegades tenure was in its early days then, promoted three days earlier from the Florida Complex League (FCL). The home dugout promptly scooped up the souvenir for the New Jersey native whose professional baseball path hardly began in the Hudson Valley.

The only Hudson Valley Renegade to appear with the Trenton Thunder of the MLB Draft League, Cristino played four collegiate seasons across three programs. In each stop on the way to High-A, Cristino's defensive skills and power-hitting proclivities have put him at the top of team leaderboards.

He earned National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American honors at the Division-III Rowan College of South Jersey, winning a national championship in 2021.



John Cristino had a successful series against the Wilmington Blue Rocks to begin August, becoming the first Renegade catcher to appear in both games of a doubleheader in 20 years. He recorded a hit in each game, including his first High-A home run.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

In his final collegiate season as a Towson Tiger, he received All-Coastal Athletic Association Second Team honors and led the team in home runs (14).

Cristino is known for making his pres-

ence felt at the dish, from erasing baserunners to tallying booming extra base hits. His senior campaign at Towson University put him on the Frontier League radar, following his college career with

yet another impressive season in independent ball. He was the 2024 All-Star Home Run Derby champion and the starting catcher in the All-Star Game, becoming the first such honoree in New England Knockouts (now the Brockton Rox) history. As a member of New England's inaugural team, Cristino is the team's first weekly award winner. He led the team in RBI (72) while delivering a league-best 26 home runs.

Cristino had a successful series against the Wilmington Blue Rocks to begin August, becoming the first Renegade catcher to appear in both games of a doubleheader in twenty years. He recorded a hit in each game, including his first High-A home run. As of August 5, Cristino has a 1.000 fielding percentage in 15 games, including 10 assists. In his Renegades catching debut on July 23, Cristino threw out two baserunners and even stole one, bringing his season total to seven.

Cristino is the first of Hudson Valley's two options behind the plate, the thinnest the position has been this season. While Cristino's commitment to reaching this position is clear, his dedication to his team's success is equally evident, as he has experience at first base and on the mound, if just for 0.1 innings with FCL-Yankees. And of course, the hard-swinging righty takes quality rips as designated hitter.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	31	11	.738	-	7-3	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	27	14	.659	3.5	6-4	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	24	17	.585	6.5	8-2	W1
Aberdeen BAL	20	21	.488	10.5	6-4	L1
Wilmington WSH	17	25	.405	14.0	4-6	W1
Brooklyn NYM *	16	26	.381	15.0	3-7	W1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	23	19	.548	-	5-5	W2
Greenville BOS	22	20	.524	1.0	6-4	W2
Hub City TEX	22	20	.524	1.0	3-7	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	17	24	.415	5.5	5-5	L2
Asheville HOU	15	26	.366	7.5	3-7	W1
Rome ATL	15	26	.366	7.5	4-6	L2



Home Schedule

August			
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

September			
09/02/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	First Day Of School Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
09/03/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Football Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
09/04/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Hudson Valley Big Apples Presented By Apples From New York Big Apples Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
09/05/25	vs. Greensboro	07:05 PM	Cape De La Diversión: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Presented By Cafe Con Leche Fireworks Friday Presented By D. Rohde Home Services
09/06/25	vs. Greensboro	05:05 PM	Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party Rascal & Rosie Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By WIRWD
09/07/25	vs. Greensboro	02:05 PM	Fan Appreciation Day Sunday Family Funday





Renegades Extra!



Renegades lose key performers in Yankees' deadline trades

By Morgan E. Maier

A week has passed since the Major League Baseball trade deadline, and the New York Yankees might be feeling both seller's regret and buyer's remorse down the stretch. The Yanks got a desperately-needed defensive relief and bullpen pitching, at the expense of Hudson Valley Renegades present and past. Though the Yanks filled a lot of their gaps, the team has already lost two of its deadline acquisitions.

So, let's take a look at what happened to the Renegades players who were involved in the trades.

IN: 3B Ryan McMahon

OUT: RHP Josh Grosz, LHP Griffin Herring

Grade: A-

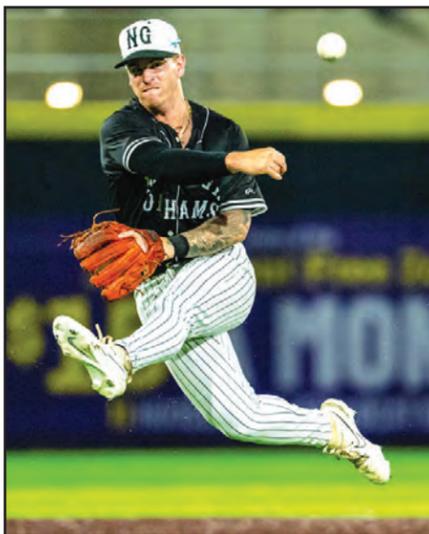
For Hudson Valley Renegades fans, this one hurt. Griffin Herring was supposed to get the start the day he was traded, along with Josh Grosz, to the Rocky Mountains. One of the strong Renegades starters, Herring pitched to a 2.22 ERA in eight appearances before joining the High-A Spokane Indians. Grosz had 94 strikeouts in 16 Hudson Valley appearances. Ryan McMahon, a four-time Gold Glove finalist, is known to be a wall at third with a respectable bat. Could this be the first sighting of a reliable pinstriped third baseman in the Bronx since Alex Rodriguez?

IN: RHP Jake Bird

OUT: INF Roc Riggio (No. 10), LHP Ben Shields (No. 18)

Grade: D

It's unfortunate for the Yankees, but the writing was all there. Jake Bird was struggling in July after a fantastic start to the season, and MLB buyers everywhere had opted to look outside the Colorado Rockies for their relief needs. On August 6, the Yankees announced that Bird would be optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. With a 27.00 ERA in just two innings as a Yankee, Bird's 26.3% strikeout rate feels hardly worth the Top-20 prospects who joined Griffin and Grosz in the Colorado organization.



Former Renegades players Roc Riggio, left and Gage Ziehl are off playing for other organizations after being involved in trades by the New York Yankees.

-Courtesy photos

IN: RHP David Bednar **OUT: C Rafael Flores (Yankees' No. 8 prospect), C/1B Edglen Perez (Yankees' No. 14)**

OF Brian Sanchez

Grade: N/A

This one remains to be seen. While the Yankees have developed a solid core of catchers – including No. 8 prospect Flores – the Pittsburgh Pirates have searched far and wide for an answer to their catcher struggles. In their quest to deal out “The Bednar Bandit”, the Pittsburgh Pirates seem to have robbed the Yankees. Perhaps these former Yankees prospects are the key to the Pirates' quest for run support.

IN: RHP Camilo Doval

OUT: C Jesus Rodriguez (No. 23 prospect), RHP Trystan Vrieling (No. 17), INF Parks Harber and LHP Carlos De La Rosa

Grade: B+

With seconds ticking on the deadline clock, the Yankees had a decision. Are four prospects worth an extra body in an already-suffering bullpen? The answer is yes,



because that man is the flame-throwing Camilo Doval, who in 2023 was tied with new teammate Bednar for the National League's most saves. When in control, Doval is dominant and versatile. He can serve an early relief, extra inning, or save opportunity. If he finds success as part of the Yankees' revolving closer platoon, the loss of the top prospects in Rodriguez and Vrieling, plus hard-hitting Parks Harber, will weigh less on the organization.

IN: SS/OF José Caballero

Out: OF Everson Pereira, Cash Consideration or PTBNL

Grade: S for the Spectacle

This trade is the most unusual, in circumstance alone, because José Caballero was already at Yankee Stadium. Clairvoyance? Taking in a game in the beautiful Bronx? No. Caballero was merely a stone's throw away from his new teammates, in the visitor's dugout with the Tampa Bay Rays. The league leader in stolen bases, Caballero adds urgency to the basepaths that this Yankees lineup was

missing. Nice pick up.

IN: INF Amed Rosario

OUT: RHP Clayton Beeter, OF Brown Martínez

Grade: A+

One of the better hauls, infielder Amed Rosario, comes from the Washington Nationals with experience at second base, third base, outfield, and infrequently, shortstop. Infield depth came for pennies here, as the addition of Rosario adds a righty bat with versatile defense. Beeter was called up a pinch, a healthy arm in a sea of downed Yankees. Washington sees Beeter's fastball/slider combination in its bullpen for the rest of the way. This one is a win for the Yankees.

IN: OF Wilberson De Peña & Int'l Money

OUT: Oswald Peraza

Grade: A

Former Renegade Oswald Peraza was the odd man out with the arrival of McMahon and Rosario. Peraza showed up defensively when the Yankees needed him early on, but his bat was too quiet to justify keeping him around. In the lone Yankee move that seemed future-forward, 18-year-old Wilberson De Peña and international cash considerations came to the Yankees. De Peña has appeared at all three outfield positions over two seasons in the Angels' minor league system.

IN: OF Austin Slater

OUT: RHP Gage Ziehl

Grade: C

Another promising pitcher was pushed from the organization. The arrival of veteran Austin Slater came in the wake of rumors that 35-year-old Giancarlo Stanton could return to the outfield in Aaron Judge's absence after a three-season hiatus. The Slater era was halted as quickly as it arose. A strained hamstring saw Slater's exit just an inning into his first Yankee start.

While the Yankees' struggles continue, top untradable prospects Cam Schlittler, Spencer Jones, and George Lombard Jr. continue to dazzle - a sign of things to come for the reigning American League champions?

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades use 4 wins to close in on Greensboro

By Morgan E. Maier

The first half of a two-week homestand brought 13 brand-new names to the Hudson Valley Renegades (65-40) 2025 lineup. A familiar foe joined them in the Hudson Valley, as the Brooklyn Cyclones (62-46) were in town.

Say hello to Xavier Rivas, Connor McGinnis, Kaeden Kent, Engelth Urena, Juan Matheus, Core Jackson, Cam Troyer, Owen Cobb, Joe Delossantos, Brandon Decker, Robbie Burnett, and Tyler Wilson. And welcome back, Owen Cobb! The jaunty show tunes of baseball's first in-game musical kept the crowd engaged on August 6. And the Renegades enjoyed the sounds of victory as they took four of six from Brooklyn.

Home run harmony - A pair of hard knocks proved to be the difference in the opening matchup. Dillon Lewis and Josh Moylan produced two runs apiece on the

long ball after Brooklyn jumped to an early 2-0 lead. Lewis drove in the sixth-inning equalizer. Moylan launched the winning blow in the following frame. Ocean Gabonia held the late lead, as Hudson Valley handed Brooklyn its first series loss.

Show must go on - On August 6, Alex Vargas traded solo home runs with Brooklyn's Colin Houck to tie the game at one. The Renegades blew it open in the fifth. Defensive blunders by Brooklyn sent the home team ahead by two, as Vargas laced in another run with an RBI single. Though they tagged newcomer Brandon Decker for 7 runs over 5.2 innings, his first High-A start was the longest of his career. The Cyclones clawed back with four runs in the fifth, and seven hits off Decker in his final two innings of work. Eli Serrano III, Brooklyn's designated hitter of the evening, finished 3-4 with an RBI and a stolen base. After the series' lone loss, the

Renegades' pitching rebounded quickly, allowing just one run over the next three games.

Hello, Dillon! - Dillon Lewis was marvelous in the leadoff slot this week, showing a one-man offensive show worthy of a curtain call. A stolen base on Sunday, extra bases on Thursday. He knocked in seven runs with eight hits, including a 3-5, 3 RBI night on August 7. His bases-clearing triple propelled Hudson Valley to a 7-1 win, their first of three consecutive victories. In the series finale, he was 3-5, elevating to a .246 batting average after starting the week hitting .234.

First act - Third round draft pick and shortstop Kaeden Kent reached a milestone on August 8, and it arrived in grand fashion. Held to just two hits all game, the Renegades were deadlocked with Brooklyn at zero in the eighth inning. A double by Tyler Wilson set up dual walks by Cam Troyer and Lewis. Kent drove in

the two lead runners with a hard line drive single. His first High-A hit and RBIs sealed the Renegades series win, as Cyclones were stagnant in the 1-2-3 ninth. Newcomer Juan Matheus notched his first High-A home run on August 10, a three-run shot to give the Renegades a 4-1 lead. Though the Renegades ultimately lost 8-4 in the finale, the third baseman finished with a three-hit day.

The new-look Renegades enter another slate at home in the rearview mirror of the second-half leading Greensboro Grasshoppers (76-31). They look to continue the hot streak - and creep toward a playoff berth - against the fourth-place Aberdeen Ironbirds (44-62), fresh off a series win over the Wilmington Blue Rocks. BTW, fans should keep

an eye on Alex Vargas, Jackson Castillo, Ben Hess, and Coby Morales, all who were promoted to AA-Somerset this week.

Butterflies and hayrides at Stony Kill Farm



A microscope was one of the pieces of equipment that was used during a previous year's Butterflies & Blooms event at Stony Kill Farm.

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"Attendees can enjoy a relaxing ride through our scenic hay fields and pastures on the Butterfly Hay Wagon from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Throughout the event, visitors can check out the migration game in our nearby perennial garden, enjoy delicious food at several food trucks, make crafts with several vendors, get their face painted like a swallowtail butterfly, visit the butterfly tent and see adult Monarch butterflies up close or visit the Monarch cage to view the life stages of our favorite fluttering insect," said Lynch Adnams.

For two hours, beginning at 5:30 p.m., attendees can set up blankets and chairs. Then, they can listen to the performance of Bees in the Barn, a bluegrass band.

"Parking is always free and a suggested donation of \$5 at the Welcome Booth is greatly appreciated and helps support our community programming and stewardship of Stony Kill Farm and our heritage livestock," she said.

Why has this become one of Stony Kill's most popular events?

Lynch Adnams replied, "Butterflies & Blooms has been a long-standing tradition as a summer festival in the Hudson Valley. Over the years, with the addition of week-long education programs, it has become an opportunity for families, out-of-town visitors and locals to enjoy and experience Stony Kill Farm. Generations of families have been coming to this event, and over the years, it has never lost its warm, hometown sense of community."

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Sports Museum of Dutchess County announces 2025 Hall of Fame inductees

By Morgan E. Maier

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) has announced the induction of its 44th Hall of Fame class to take place on Oct. 5 at The Chapel at Carnwath Farms, 72 Carnwath Farms Lane in the Town of Wappinger. The event includes a buffet-style catered meal and cocktail hour beginning at 12 noon with ceremonies to begin promptly at 1 p.m.

Reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. Contact SMDC Treasurer Barbara Ponte at 845-473-0903 to confirm a reservation.

The 2025 induction class includes nationally-recognized soccer coach Gary Montalto; dominant runner Marisa Sutera Strange, and decorated swimmer Robert Rogan.

Rogan set swimming records at John Jay High School, including a 100m Butterfly record that stood for several years. As an adult, he earned awards at the state and national levels. Robert is a dedicated advocate for swim safety, from his early days as a Sylvan Lake lifeguard to teaching community members swimming lessons.

Under Montalto's leadership for a combined 42 seasons, the Arlington boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams compiled impressive records, including a 25-0 boys' season in 2006. At the time of his induction to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame, Gary was a top-five-winningest coach in New York State soccer history.

Sutera Strange, a champion runner at Roy C. Ketcham High School, was a two-time All-American at Ithaca College for Cross Country and Track. She won 20 consecutive Dutchess

County 5K Classic races and earned 42 National Masters titles. Marisa was twice named the Masters Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Also being honored with a posthumous induction is Johnny "Long John" Cottrill, a standout Poughkeepsie High School basketball player. Drafted in his high school years, his career was continued as an active by a basketball championship in the U.S. Naval Olympics, held in occupied Tokyo during World War II. His community cheered Johnny through multiple MVP seasons at Ryder College (now Ryder University), then a career at the semi-professional level. As an adult and father of six, Johnny continued giving his time to the YMCA, teaching basketball fundamentals and discipline to the young athletes of his hometown.

Since 1977, SMDC has honored persons who have made a significant impact on athletics across all corners of Dutchess County. The upcoming class represents athletics lesser represented in the museum's exhibits. "This year, we have elected four people in sports that are usually not considered main sports: high school basketball, swimming, track and field, and soccer," said SMDC president Bill Ponte.

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County is open to the public from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, offering an immersive experience for visitors of all ages. Whether exploring the inspiring stories of female athletes, learning about the county's sports history, there is something for everyone. For more information on Hall of Fame criteria, or to nominate a legend of Dutchess County sports, visit the SMDC website.

Dutchess County earns a top spot ranking in the nation for technology use

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

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

Dutchess County continues to prioritize improving service delivery, accessibility, and efficiency for residents and businesses through innovative technology solutions, for example:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The countdown is on – 4-H clubs prepare for the Fair

Dutchess County 4-H families have had the dates circled on their calendars for months. It's the most wonderful time of the year: the Dutchess County Fair! Here's what a few 4-H clubs and members have been doing to prepare.

The Goats & Glory 4-H Club held a showmanship clinic this summer. Members got a chance to practice how to handle and present their goats for showing. 4-H club leaders and volunteers guided the youth on what to expect when they get to the fair and step into the show ring.

Members of the Here Comes the Beef 4-H Club participated in their final community service event of the year at Stonewood Farm. They picked and prepared berries for canning and completed general garden maintenance on the property.

Any 4-H member interested in poultry were able to attend a regional 4-H poultry clinic in Orange County in July. Youth learned about silkie chickens, their care, breeding and showing.

Another group preparing for the Dutchess County Fair is the Cool Critters 4-H Club. They also spent an afternoon practicing showmanship with their rabbits and cavies. Adults and older 4-H members mentored the younger 4-H members and shared expectations for fair.

The 4-H Flourishing Farmers are also preparing for fair! Youth with disabilities are paired with farms in the county to gain hands-on experience and knowledge about animals and agriculture. Both new and returning 4-Hers are looking forward to visiting the Dutchess County Fair on Thursday August 21. Stop by to cheer them on and visit the ThinkDifferently and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County tent at the front gate during the sensory-friendly morning hours that day.



Members of the Here Comes the Beef Club work at the Stonewood Farm and Cool Critters members work on showmanship skills. Courtesy photos

Obituaries

Michael J. VanVoorhis



Michael John VanVoorhis, lovingly known to many as “Mikey V,” passed away on August 7, 2025, at Hudson Valley Hospital, surrounded by those who loved him most. He was 66 years old.

Born on June 30, 1959, Michael was the son of the late John “Jack” and Virginia Hoyt VanVoorhis, and the beloved stepson of Dorothy “Dot” Hughes VanVoorhis, who held a special place in his heart. He was a cherished brother to John (Gloria), Robert (Linda), Karen, Lynn (Tom), Raymond (Janice), and Patrick (Martha).

A proud lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, Michael graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School and treas-

ured his memories of growing up in the Village—playing football, basketball, baseball, and skating on the frozen creek to play hockey with friends.

Michael began his career as a Corrections Officer with the NYS Department of Corrections, but his hands-on spirit and tireless work ethic led him into construction, eventually owning his own business as a self-employed contractor. There truly wasn't anything he couldn't fix—or at least try to—with a confident, “I got this.” Known for both his skill and his generous heart, Michael could never say “no” when someone needed help.

He was a proud and devoted member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1646, where he poured his heart into countless events—especially those involving food. Cooking for others brought him joy, and it was through the Knights that he found a true sense of community. Michael held the esteemed role of Grand Knight and also served as President of the Columbus Club—positions that reflected his leadership, generosity, and deep care for others. In 2022, he was honored at the K of C Golf Tournament for his years of dedicated service and heartfelt commitment. His brother Knights, along with the Ladies Auxiliary, became a second family to him.

Michael had a one-of-a-kind personality. A diehard Yankees and Giants fan, he was so passionate that you might've needed to duck if they were losing. He had a booming laugh, a knack for giving everyone a nickname, and a mischievous talent for making ridiculous animal sounds just to make you smile. His storytelling, off-key singing, playful jokes, and ability to light up any room made him truly unforgettable.

He was deeply loved by his daughters, Dianna VanVoorhis (partner John Battista) and Nicole Gopel (husband Corey Gopel), who will forever carry his humor, strength, and spirit with them. He was the adoring and deeply adored “Grumpa” to his grandchildren: Darion Michael Martin, Leianna Marie Martin, and Oliver Michael Gopel—who were the light of his life.

Michael also leaves behind his partner of 15 years, Patricia Costello McNamee, whose love and dedication brought him comfort and joy. He embraced her children—Ryan McNamee, Kate McNamee, and Kelly McNamee Baccomo (husband Dennis Baccomo)—as his own, and was a proud grandfather to Riana McNamee, Gwyneth, Jacob, and Natalie Baccomo, and great-grandfather to Jaxon Caetano.

Michael's absence leaves an ache in the hearts of so many, including his extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends. His legacy—of laughter, generosity, loyalty, and love—will live on in the stories we share, the jokes we retell, and the memories we hold dear.

May we always hear his voice in our laughter, see his heart in our kindness, and feel his spirit in every warm, funny, and heartfelt moment.

His Family will gather with Friends to celebrate and honor his life on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York; where a Prayer Service will be offered at 12:00 Noon. Interment will be private at the discretion of his family.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to the Knight of Columbus Wappinger Council 1646; 2660 E. Main St, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Perrino



Elizabeth “Betty” Perrino, 84, an area resident for 30 years and formerly of the Bronx, passed away on August 5, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in the Bronx on June 22, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Patsy and Mary (Rotundo) Perrino. Betty had been employed as the Cobra Coordinator for the NYC District Council Carpenters' Union.

Betty was a devoted member of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Lagrangeville where she served as a catechist and cenacle, and with the prison ministry. She was also a life member and past president of the St. Denis/

St. Columba/St. Kateri Altar Rosary Society and volunteered with Relay for Life and hospitality.

She was a caring, loving, faithful friend known for her cooking and always making everyone laugh and leaving a lasting impression on everyone's heart. Betty also loved traveling, and enjoyed Hawaii, many trips to Italy, and any cruise opportunity that came her way. As Frank Sinatra said, “she lived a life that's full, and traveled each and every highway.”

Betty is survived by her sister, Marie Lettieri; her nieces and nephews, Ralph Lettieri, Mary Rose Cleary, Sarah Williams, Beach Burlingame, Douglas Burlingame, Julianne Burlingame and Patrick Burlingame; and many other extended family members. She was predeceased by her niece, Denise Burlingame.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday from 2-6pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Monday at 10am at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Special Olympics

Jerry Novesky



Jerry Novesky, 76, died on Monday, July 28, 2025, at his home in Newburgh, NY, his wife Janet Crawshaw at his side.

He grew up in Middletown, NY, an outstanding student and athlete (swimming, soccer), earned a Master's Degree in Creative Writing at Ohio University, where he co-edited the influential poetry magazine, *Stump*, and later founded Draba Press, a letterpress print shop, in Goshen, NY. He taught writing and journalism at Orange County Community College (where he met his wife), St. Michael's College and the University of Vermont. Returning to New York, he worked for several nonprofits, including Catskill Center for Conservation & Development (Arkville, NY) and Catskill Fly Fishing Center (Livingston Manor, NY).

A man of many talents: editor, writer,

poet, photographer, book designer and typesetter, his work appeared in magazines ranging from *American Craft* to *Zahir*. He edited or designed more than two dozen books on outdoor recreation, fishing, natural history and the history of the Hudson Valley.

In 1998, after an eight-month, cross-country road trip, he and his wife founded *The Valley Table*, Beacon, the ground-breaking regional magazine at the forefront of the farm-to-table movement. As its creative director and editor, Jerry supported local writers, artists and photographers and gave voice to the region's farmers and chefs. Peppered with his signature wit, his editorials were profound and penetrating. The company launched Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, the highly successful, biannual event that amplified the region's culinary reputation. In 2018, Jerry and Janet received the Louis V. Mills Conservation Leadership Award from Orange County Land Trust in recognition of their impact on the Hudson Valley's agricultural renaissance. In 2019, the company was acquired by Today Media.

Never one to rest in retirement and despite a decades-long struggle with Parkinson's disease, he continued his creative endeavors, producing limited edition broadsides. His photographs were the focus of several solo shows, including at Grit Gallery in Newburgh and Amity Gallery in Warwick, NY.

Throughout his life, Jerry exhibited strength, resilience, curiosity and a sense of humor. A brilliant, beautiful man, he portrayed a sense of wonder in the objects of everyday existence; a tinkerer, who could repair just about anything; a self-taught boat builder, avid birder, animal lover and lifelong flyfisher, who called the Esopus Creek home. He enjoyed many road trips with his wife of 48 years, but also found beauty and peace close to home, basking by the pool, swimming and listening to music. Their care and devotion to each other were an inspiration.

Jerry is predeceased by his father and mother, Rudolph and Jane Novesky, and step mother Ruth Novesky. In addition to his wife, Jerry is survived by a brother, Neil Novesky (wife Elizabeth) of Cornwall, a sister, Christine Barnum, beloved sisters-and-brothers-in-law, 20 nieces and nephews, 22 grand nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

To honor Jerry and in keeping with his passion for nature, music, art and education, consider a contribution to The Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the care of White, Venuto and Morrill, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Kathryn Morgan



Kathryn Morgan, a longtime resident of Beacon and Fishkill, entered into rest on August 2, 2025. She was 87 years old.

Kathryn was born on August 16, 1937 in Glens Falls, NY the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Iannone Schettino. On May 4, 1957 at St. Joachim Church in Beacon, she married Raymond Morgan of Poughkeepsie.

She was a retired hairdresser from Craig House Hospital in Beacon and was the co-owner of DUSO World Travel in Poughkeepsie and Beacon. Kathryn was involved locally with the Cursillo Movement and also the Kairos Prison Ministry, where she made several lifelong friends and ministered to many women there. She was a parish-

ioner of St. Joachim-St. John, the St. Lawrence Friary, and the Carmelite Monastery at Hiddenbrook, all in Beacon. She loved traveling, golf and satisfying her sweet tooth...jelly donuts were her favorite!

Kathryn is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Morgan and his life partner, Patricia Williams; Gregory Morgan and his fiancé Jenna O'Jea; and Shawn Morgan and his wife, Lisa; her sister-in-law, Anna Schettino; several nieces and nephews and many dear friends. More than anything else, she adored her grandchildren: Lukas, Benjamin, EmmaLee and Jack, and looked forward to singing the Birthday Song for them every year. She was very grateful for the in-home helpers in her life as well, especially Alyson and Ana; and her sons who made sure everything ran smoothly as her needs increased.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond; son, Brian Morgan; her daughter-in-law, Donna (Haas) Morgan; and her brothers, Bernard M. and James Schettino.

Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, August 6 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations may be made to any of the following: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Hudson Valley Hospice, or The Alzheimer's Association of Albany County.

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

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

Creative Living

179TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

From rescue dogs to entertainers, PawStars promises lots of excitement

By Curtis Schmidt

What began as an avid search for exercise and activities for dogs has blossomed into one of the most popular attractions at the Dutchess County Fair.

Kara and Erich Steffensen started "PawStars" about 20 years ago as a canine disc performance and now they and their dogs entertain large crowds three times each day of the Fair.

If you enjoy watching and marveling at the athletic talents of dogs and fast-paced action, you don't want to miss the "PawStars." Stars of the show like "Jellybean," "Crouton" and "Tater Tot" will have you cheering during the entire performance.

Kara and Erich currently have 13 dogs and 12 are rescues. They promote adoption and fostering as much as possible and have fostered over 80 dogs!

Kara says their journey began with a search for fulfilling activities for their dogs. "Neither of us started out with 'dogs in sports' experience. We had dogs that we wanted to be well rounded and fulfilled. We started taking lots of classes and seminars," said Kara. "We started taking some sport classes with our dogs and, after trying different sports, we fell in love with the sport of canine disc."

She said training for each dog is differ-

ent. "We start very simply with rolling a disc on its edge to see how much drive the dog has for it and we go from there. Some dogs are catching within hours, some weeks or months, and some never have the drive to play and prefer doing other things for exercise."

The performances began at the Fair. "About 25 years ago, we were invited to play a sport called 'flyball' at the Fair," said Kara. "We did that for several years with a team of people and dogs. The Fair was looking for something a bit different to add and we started playing canine disc. Eventually, we started 'PawStars' about 20 years ago."

Neither of them started in jobs with dogs/animals, but they both loved it so much that their careers have both revolved around animals. Kara is the Animal Agent for All Creatures Great & Small and Erich is director of shelter operations at the Animal Farm Foundation.

Both Kara and Erich work full-time, so performing at the Fair provides a "luxury break" for them in their busy schedules.

"We also enjoy showing other people that they can get out and have fun with their dogs too," said Kara.

PawStars' performances take place near the Salute to Agriculture tent at 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every day at the Fair.



Erich Steffensen and "Crouton" practice their canine disc performance for the Dutchess County Fair.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

New sanitary upgrades added for 50th year of 'The Fair Shake'

By Curtis Schmidt

The members of the Dutchess County Dairy Committee are celebrating the 50th year of providing their famous milkshakes at the Dutchess County Fair.

Now called "The Fair Shake," everyone's favorite Fair treat has the main goal of raising funds to provide scholarships to local youngsters wanting to further their education in the field of agriculture.

This year's scholarship winners are Gretah Kilmer and Jackson Crisp.

For 2025, The Fair Shake booth has been renovated with a variety of sanitary upgrades. Fair CEO Andy Imperati noted that new ceilings and walls have been installed, which can be easily sanitized each day. New water supply lines have also been installed, along with new milkshake blenders.

Malted Milkshakes will again join the regular flavors of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry.

All members of the Dairy Committee are Dutchess County Dairy Farmers. The current members are Harry Baldwin, Stephen Van Tassel, Tim Marshall, Jim McCarthy, Sam Simon, Jennifer Deforest, Amos Coon, Brian Donovan, John Jackson and Isaac Angell.

Baldwin noted that the Dairy Committee of today and the famed milkshake booth are outgrowths of the late Dave Teter's Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Advisory Committee.

"Dave started as the Agricultural Agent in Dutchess County in 1973. Somewhere in the mid '70s, Dave came up with the idea of serving milkshakes at the Dutchess County



Dutchess County Dairy Committee member Harry Baldwin sports a shirt commemorating the 50th anniversary of "The Fair Shake" at the Dutchess County Fair.

-Courtesy photo

Fair as a way to promote the Cooperative Extension here in Dutchess County," said

Baldwin. "That first year we served them in a tent out back of the current 4-H building. Possibly the next year, it moved into the north end of the 4-H Snack Bar. In those early years, dairy farmers and family mem-

bers manned the booth."

The original directors of the Dairy Committee included Vern Jackson, Albert Soukup, Timothy Marshall, Robert Perotti, plus Baldwin, Van Tassel and Teter.

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179TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Grange exhibits, Family Snack Bar at Fair support community service and scholarships

By Alexander Tsahalis

The Dutchess County Fair has animals and displays from all sorts of individuals and groups. Many are also members of their local chapter of The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as the Grange.

The Grange movement began in 1867. The goal was to unite and help farmers after the Civil War tore them apart. The Grange was often a key part of the local agricultural community. With the increase in urbanization things have changed.

“Since farms are disappearing and most people are not employed in some sort of agricultural field, the Grange has shifted its focus from farming to community service and how we can make our communities better places to live,” says Ryan Orton, a member of the Stanford Grange #808 and the New York State Grange secretary. The Stanford Grange is active in community service, including sponsoring and hosting town Community Day, a food bank, a clothing bank and funding scholarships at Stissing Mountain High School.

One of the ways the Grange funds their programs is through their snack

bar at the Fair. “The snack bar is run by the Dutchess County Grange and all of the county Grange chapters help out” says Orton. “The money we raise goes toward the scholarships, sending our younger members to youth leadership conferences and sending delegates to the state Grange convention.”

Traditional Grange favorites will be back from juicy hamburgers and hot dogs, salads and sandwiches made fresh daily, and our famous pies and cakes for dessert.

“We’re thrilled to be at the Fair to raise money for many of the Grange’s community service projects,” said Orton. “We offer great food and great prices that are affordable for the entire family. Hence our name: The Grange FAMILY Snack Bar!”

Near the snack bar you’ll find displays from the local Granges. The tradition of Grange displays at the Fair goes all the way back to 1900, making this the 125 year anniversary of these displays.

“We just started a couple of years ago with the county Grange coming up with a theme that all the granges have to follow instead of each Grange picking whatever they want to do” says Orton. This year the theme is Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity.



Stanford Grange members are pictured at the Family Snack Bar at the Dutchess County Fair, which supports scholarships, sending our younger members to youth leadership conferences and sending delegates to the state Grange convention. The Grange also has competitive exhibits at the Fair. This year the theme is Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



A fresh take on lasagna

Cooked on the stovetop and loaded with your choice of summer vegetables

If you or someone you know has a garden, or if you just can’t help yourself at the farmers market and find you have a surplus of fresh vegetables and not enough ideas to use them all, I think I have just the recipe for you. And, no, it isn’t a salad, nor does it require firing up the oven. It’s all done on the stovetop, is satisfying yet on the lighter side and can use up whatever summer vegetables you decide to throw in. If this has you written all over it, read on!

I had been making a lot of sandwiches and salads for dinner because of the heat and was craving something different, but was still loathe to turn on the oven. I got a

little carried away at the market because I just couldn’t resist all that beautiful farm-fresh produce, so I put on my thinking cap and came up with a lighter take on lasagna that checked all the boxes AND used most of the vegetables I had in a darn tasty way. So let’s get to it, shall we?

Summer Vegetable Skillet Lasagna

OK, so it’s more lasagna-adjacent, but the name still applies because of the flavor, most notably from the ricotta. I read through a recipe years ago that was similar but didn’t save it and don’t remember where I found it, so I cannot credit the source. (It’s safe to say it I’ve taken liber-

ties and used the idea as inspiration). I used frilly campanelle pasta (not the entire box, though) but any fun-textured variety will work to hold that delicious sauce. Maybe best of all? It’s ready in just about 30 minutes.

Note: I find that one of my favorite and indispensable kitchen tools is my big, 5-quart stainless steel Cuisinart skillet. I make most of my dishes in it nowadays because I don’t need to use the oven, and this recipe is one of many I have on repeat. If you don’t have one, use the biggest skillet you have or a 6-8 quart pot.

A Note on Vegetables – part of the beauty of this is that you can use any fresh vegetables you like (or need to use up): spinach, broccoli, heirloom tomatoes, kale, whatever. Load it up! The more the healthier! (Tougher vegetables may require longer cooking time). The amounts I added here are approximate. Feel free to add more.

Ingredients

- 10-12 oz campanelle or other textured pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- White or cremini mushrooms, (about 8oz) sliced
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 yellow squash, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 bell peppers, core and seeds removed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 (28oz) can diced crushed tomatoes
- 1 (15oz) can diced tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh basil and oregano, chopped
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1-2 cups shredded mozzarella

Freshly grated Parmesan

Method

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and set aside.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook to soften, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms, squashes and peppers and cook until tender, about 5 minutes more. Stir in garlic and cook for another minute.

Add crushed and diced tomatoes and season with salt and pepper, stir and cook 5 minutes or so to warm it through. Stir in fresh herbs, ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan and sprinkle with more fresh herbs.

Makes about 6 servings.

If you want a delicious way to enjoy summer’s fresh vegetables (or get your kids to eat them), this might be the answer. Ready in no time without overheating the kitchen, it really is a great summer solution all around. This will be a great dish to bridge the seasons, too, perfect for when evenings start to cool off but there’s still a lot of fresh produce to be had. It can feed a crowd, is just as good left over and is great for picky eaters so have fun and cook with wild abandon. It’s loaded with some of the best of what summer has to offer, so don’t wait – get picking, get cooking and enjoy!

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

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Upland rice – The next big thing?

Exploring new opportunities for struggling New York farmers

Remember switchgrass? Hops? Hemp? How about Ostriches? These are all Cornell University-inspired agricultural crops that were supposed to bail out struggling New York farmers. Even marijuana is turning out to be a bust. But wait! Maybe Upland rice will be the next big thing.

Last Tuesday, Cornell’s Harvest N.Y. Program and Scenic Hudson hosted a Rice Field Day at Home Farm in Clermont, N.Y. to discuss rice production and lessons learned from this season’s

upland rice trial.

Seven hundred million tons of rice are produced annually worldwide, with seven million tons coming from the U.S., in California, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Most of the U.S. crop is grown in vast paddies, where the fields are flooded, to control weeds and support seed distribution. Here in the Hudson Valley, we can’t find fields big enough to utilize airplanes to distribute seeds; and anyway, our growing season is too short for direct sowing. We need to start the seedlings

ahead of time in greenhouses and transplant them into the fields after the last frost date, like we do with tomatoes. This makes it hard to compete on price alone.

Yet, farmers are doing it! Eric Andrus has been growing rice in Vermont for 16 years. After a visit to Hokkaido, in northern Japan, where the climate is similar to ours and rice is a staple crop, he figured we should be able to do it here. It turns out that our climate and terrain is suited to “upland” rice, which can tolerate wet conditions but will grow on dry land. Eric addressed our group, seriously trying to talk the 35 participants at the field day into starting rice farms. Eric has just begun as a Cornell adviser, participating in rice trials in Freeville, N.Y., east of Ithaca. On his farm, Eric harvests \$15,000 of rice per acre, selling it locally and through his website at Boundbrook Farm, for \$10 per pound.

Jon Kasza is the owner/operator of Home Farm, where he set out 10 varieties of upland rice, grown with a variety of planting dates, to see if this “new” 5,000-year-old crop is suitable for Hudson Valley production. The project is funded via a U.S.D.A. sustainable agriculture research and development (SARE) grant. Trial manager Molly Heit shepherded our

group through the fields, where we could check out the varieties that will hopefully lead to a new dawn for Hudson Valley agriculture. The variety “yukiakari” is Molly’s favorite, with a sweet flavor and good production. “Estrella” gave the best yield. Jon found out that 22-day-old seedlings, set out in the field on May 26, worked the best.

The trial is yielding promising results, with harvest a few weeks away. Yet challenges remain. Rice blast is a fungus that attacks the leaves, eventually almost killing the plant. Hard to control organically, and the crop must be grown “organic” if you’re going to charge \$10 a pound. Another problem is birds. (But I thought the reason people don’t throw rice at weddings anymore is because it causes birds to explode if they eat it.) Also, since rice takes a long time to mature, an early frost can ruin the harvest. Nevertheless, some of the participants at the trial are planning to try rice.

But not me. Sue and I are doing just fine growing flowers, thank you.

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



Molly Heit with Upland rice.

-Photo by Mark Adams

Junior fire academy participants congratulated



Town of Fishkill and fire officials congratulated all of the academy participants who were a part of the Junior Fire Academy and graduated on Saturday, July 26. This was a week-long program focused on several areas of basic firefighting, first aid and CPR as well as teamwork. In its third year, the Academy has more than doubled in size since its inception. This year had 43 participants.

Thanks was given to all the volunteers in the fire departments who help keep the community safe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Nikolas Ray Studios LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 1, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County.

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

Notice of Formation of HORSE CHESTNUT FARM LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/07/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: ALL COUNTY WS GROUP, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was April 29, 2025. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Cristian Sanchez, 135 Davis Road, Salt Point, New York 12578. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

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

Notice of Form. of MARLBORO HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. 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 desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 29 Taft Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: General.

DEERAY REPAIR MECHANICAL/HVAC LLC. Filed 2/14/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. 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.

EVELANICO LLC. Filed 4/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 497 Freedom Plains Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registered Agent: United States Corpo-

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ration 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 desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1425 E Noxon Rd, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: General.

ROADWAYS TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS LLC. Filed 6/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: 9 Ballymeade Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

CENTURION MODULAR REAL ESTATE - ENDICOTT LLC. Filed 4/14/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desg. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Pedro C Velazquez, 787 Huntington Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

SHEPARD 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 Wurtemberg 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 designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 97 S. Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Trugo16 Athletics, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed

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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 desg. 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 STE 5, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any legal purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Hand Over Hand Occupational Therapy PLLC filed with SSNY on 7/18/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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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, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful actor activity.

886 Route 199 LLC. Filed with SSNY on June 17, 2025. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 887 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.

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

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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 23Mar25. Office location, Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 Hawkins St., Pough-

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keepsie, 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.

RHINECLIFF 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,

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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

RHINEBECK WEAALTH 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 desig. 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 desig. 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

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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.

SUPREME CONCIERGE 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.

MARTIAN MOON 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.

CAMERON GONZALEZ THEATRICALS, 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

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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

Notice of Formation of Hitman Jack LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 14, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Hitman Jack LLC, 45 Brookside Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Name of LLC (Vinyl Shutter Rejuvenation Consulting LLC) filed Art of Org. on (July 30, 2025). Office location: (Dutchess County). SSNY has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process shall be mailed to (12 Frieda Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603). Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation Wolbarre LLC, a domestic limited liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the

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Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 3, 2025. The LLC is located in Dutchess County. The SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the office location: 12 Sycamore Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of morganmcconnellsip LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to morganmcconnellsip LLC at 18 Orchard Drive, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation Marthaz Green Haven LLC, Arts. of Org. Filed with the secretary of the state of new york (SSNY) on 07/24/2025. office location: Dutchess County. SSNY shall mail process to 5 nilde court Poughkeepsie N.Y 12603. Purpose: any lawful Purpose.

LLC Name: Weld Electric LLC Date of Filing: 08/08/2025 County of Office: Dutchess County Registered Agent: The New York Secretary of State (SSNY) has been designated as the agent for service of process. SSNY Mail Address: 22 Salisbury Turnpike, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Business Purpose: To provide residential electrical installation, repair, and maintenance services.

Riverina Properties, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/2025. 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

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LLC, 42 Longview Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Bay 3 Productions LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 05/13/2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County, New York. 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: Mark Bongiovanni, 44 Fox Run Rd Bay 3, Salt Point, NY, 12578. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VINEXPRESS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 4, 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 process to: 2522 South Road #1127, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Script 304, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/11/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 291 Main St. Ste. 102 Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Crown Rituals, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/05/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 12 Ludlow Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

EXIT Realty announces new sales professionals

EXIT Realty Connections has announced that Rosalee Demchak and Donna Jenkins have joined its growing

team of dedicated real estate sales professionals. EXIT Realty Connections, located at

2790 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls is a member of EXIT Realty New York Metro's rapidly expanding network of

independently owned and operated brokerages across the region.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 2025-51502 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAFACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs JAMIE ALFARO, CHRISTIE ALFARO, STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B., FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, D U T C H E S S COUNTY CLERK, UNIFUND CCR, LLC JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). M O R T G A G E D P R E M I S E S : 27 Gretna Woods Road Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the

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County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Fremont Investment & Loan Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of June, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro dated the November 3, 2006, to secure the sum of \$340,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 01 2006 18383 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on November 8, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by a assignment executed October 14, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01 2010 2331A. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro on August 26, 2017 and recorded September 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 01-2017-6459 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 4, 2025 and recorded on February 7, 2025, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2025-50123A. The property in question is described as follows: 27 Gretna Woods Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR

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HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 29, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86819

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York at a meeting held on July 21, 2025, duly adopted Local Law No. 3 of the year 2025 Amending the Sign Regulations under the Village Zoning Law. The full text of this Local Law No. 3 of the year 2025 is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk located at 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York, during normal business hours. Dated:

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Fishkill, New York August 8, 2025 Pam Ruyack Village Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York at a meeting held on July 21, 2025, duly adopted Local Law No. 4 of the year 2025 Amending the Zoning Map in Chapter 171, Zoning, of the Village Code in connection with the rezoning petition known as 1 Academy Street/18 Church Street. This Local Law shall be known and cited as "Local Law #4 of 2025, amending the Zoning Map in Chapter 171, Zoning, to change Tax Lot 6156-20-824011, also known as 1 Academy Street/18 Church Street, from the General Business-2 GB-2 Zoning District to the Three or More Family Residence R-50 Zoning District. The full text of this Local Law No. 4 of the year 2025 is available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk located at 1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York, during normal business hours. Dated: Fishkill, New York August 8, 2025 Pam Ruyack Village Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE
 The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-25 Septic Tank Pumping and Other Sanitation Services Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of August 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite

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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.

City of Beacon
 One Municipal Plaza - Suite One
 Beacon, New York 12508
 Phone (845) 838-5002
 August 7, 2025

SUBJECT:
Variance Application
 Applicant: Dean Vandemark
 Address: 4 Fowler Street
 Tax Grid No.: 30 - 5 9 5 4 - 4 4 - 951663-00
 Zoning Classification: R1-5
 Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Dean Vandemark, 4 Fowler Street, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17 D. to allow for the construction of a rear deck, which requires relief from the following:
 1. Section 223-17.D. to allow for a 6 ft 7 in side yard setback (10 ft required)
 The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>
 The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on August 19, 2025, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secre-

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tary, at mperez@beaconny.gov
 Mercedes Perez
 Zoning Board Secretary

Public Notice
 A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10:00am at the Dutchess County Board of Elections, 112 Delafield St., Ste 200, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The purpose of the public hearing is to rule on the specific objections filed against Caucus #C25-002329 - Town of Washington Republican Caucus and Caucus #C25-002330 - Village of Millbrook Republican Caucus.
ERIK J. HAIGHT
LISA JESSUP
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
112 DELAFIELD ST., STE 200
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601
845-486-2473
www.dutchesselections.com

Notice is hereby given that a license (ID number pending) for Beer, Wine & Cider, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine & Cider in a Music Listening Room under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 211 Fishkill Avenue, Studio 113, Beacon, NY 12508 for on premises consumption. Kelly Ellenwood, Member, SAINT RITA'S MUSIC ROOM, LLC

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

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction to Consider The Comprehensive Master Plan. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
PETER J. CASSIDY,
TOWN CLERK
 Dated: August 13, 2025
 East Fishkill, New York

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

Dance at the Towne Crier on August 28

Elegant, Sensuous, Exciting. A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining and music), located at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street in Beacon. Enjoy the great sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton and much more, played by DJ Rhoda. Song requests wel-

come. Full menu and bar service are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$15 which can be paid at the door. Or, for reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500. For more information, call 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

BHS Class of 1965 to hold reunion

The Beacon High School Class of '65 will hold a 60th reunion in Beacon on October 4. If one graduated with that class, reach out to Linda Salvatore

Beasimer, lbeasimer@gmail.com or Barbara Conley Gosda at bgosda4765@gmail.com or Connie Perdreau at corneliaperdreau@yahoo.com.

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RESOLUTION – 121/2025

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York on July 24, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevaling Time.

PRESENT:

Nicholas D'Alessandro

Supervisor

Tom Franco

Councilperson

Emanuele Marinaro

Councilperson

Craig Arco

Councilperson

Marianne Flores

Councilperson

In the Matter

of

The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York

ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the improvement of the facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (the "Sewer District"), being reconstruction of facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,485,000; and

WHEREAS, said capital project, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Sewer District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202b of the Town Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall, in Hopewell Junction, New York, in said Town, on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevaling Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Hopewell Hamlet Sewer District, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing. The Town Board hereby ratifies the provision of said Notice of Public Hearing to the official newspaper prior to the date hereof.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

COUNCILPERSON TOM FRANCO VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO VOTING AYE
COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D'ALESSANDRO VOTING AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK DATED: JULY 24, 2025 EAST FISHKILL, NY

'Through the Eyes of a Child' in Poughkeepsie



Local artist Jenny Sweeney presents her solo show, "Through the Eyes of a Child," in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. in Poughkeepsie, through Aug. 29. Internationally acclaimed artists Semine Hazar, Fatma Kadir and Ilhan Sayin are featured in a group art exhibition entitled "I Love New York" in the Reception and Hancock Galleries at 12 Vassar St.

Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at 845-486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org. Pictured: Jenny Sweeney at work.

-Courtesy photo Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center

ND Symphony concert to showcase timeless works

Broadway musicians Rachel Handman (violin) and Keve Wilson (oboe) join the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for "From Bach to Marsalis," a show-stopping performance featuring music that spans centuries and genres – from the timeless works of Bach to the contemporary rhythms of Wynton Marsalis. The concert will take place on Friday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, located at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains.

Handman and Wilson first met as children at The Rink in Hyde Park, and bonded over their shared dream of performing on Broadway. That dream became a reality, with the duo playing in orchestra pits for shows such as "Carousel," "Something Rotten!," "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," "Miss Saigon," "Dr. Zhivago," "West Side Story" and "Company." Beyond Broadway, their musical collaboration has taken them across the globe, with performances in Bolivia, Germany, South Korea and beyond.

In "From Bach to Marsalis," they'll interweave personal stories of their life-

long friendship with a wide-ranging program of music. The evening features Bach's "Concerto for Violin and Oboe in C Minor," Wynton Marsalis' lively "Fiddle Dance" and Alec Wilder's lyrical "Air for Oboe and Strings." Listeners will also enjoy the haunting beauty of Astor Piazzolla's "Oblivion" and the energetic Americana of Aaron Copland's "Hoe Down." Rounding out the program are cabaret highlights from the pair's acclaimed show at Feinstein's 54 Below in New York City.

Tickets are open seating and range from \$35 to \$55. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call 845- 445-9606.

Now celebrating its twentieth season, the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Under the leadership of conductor and artistic director Kathleen Beckmann, the orchestra continues its mission to present outstanding performances of classical and contemporary music at family-friendly prices.



Broadway stars Rachel Handman and Keve Wilson join Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for "From Bach to Marsalis" on Friday, Aug. 29, at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains.

-Courtesy photo

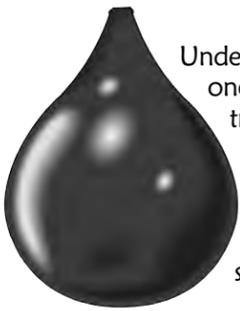
Blodgett Day set for Aug. 20



Experience 2025 Blodgett Day at Sarah Taylor Park. The annual event will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 4-7 p.m. in the village of Fishkill. Attendees can visit a petting zoo by Pied Piper Pony Rides and Petting Zoo. "We will be bringing a petting zoo of bunnies, sheep and goats," said Alani, who is with Pied Piper Pony Rides. Alani added, "We are very excited to be back again this year and helping to celebrate the Blodgett Day. We are delighted to be working with our local library and sharing the animals with our local community." There will be entertainment, including Music on the Move. DJ Chris will keep the music going. The kids can also go in the bounce houses that will be at the park. Attendees may also take part in games. For more information, visit www.blodgettmemoriallibrary.org.



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Dance set at Elks Lodge on Aug. 16

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Lose yourself to an exciting mix music played by DJ Rhoda. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available. For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

this week's puzzle solutions

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Suguru

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

THEME: AMERICAN FICTION

- ACROSS**
1. Mythical air spirit
 6. Water glider
 9. Opposite of eve
 13. Artfully shyly
 14. X
 15. Move a plant
 16. Sainly glows
 17. Industrious insect
 18. Inundated
 19. "An American Tragedy" author Theodore _____
 21. *Ignatius J. Reilly, "A Confederacy of Dunces" protagonist
 23. Neither's partner
 24. Flipside of pros
 25. What hernias do
 28. Snowman's corn cob
 30. 1970s dancing venues
 35. Home to China
 37. Biceps exercise
 39. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
 40. Clays or mucks
 41. Quetzalcoatl worshiper
 43. Viracocha worshiper
 44. Muse of love poetry
 46. The Hippocratic one
 47. High in decibels
 48. Orthopedic device
 50. Egyptian goddess of fertility
 52. Before, before
 53. Kitten's plaything
 55. Between Cancer and Virgo
 57. *Beatrice Belden's nickname
 60. *American Library Association's medal for children's literature
 64. C in CSI
 65. To boot
 67. #61 Down plus E
 68. Altar's location, pl.
 69. Fled
 70. Indian cuisine dip
 71. Give an impression
 72. Mining product
 73. See-through
- DOWN**
1. Common tropical marine fish
 2. Part of BYO
 3. Orpheus' instrument
 4. *Patricia MacLachlan's "Sarah, _____ and Tall"
 5. Medicinal herb
 6. _____ anise, chai tea spice
 7. *_____ Kesey's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
 8. Foreword
 9. Whimper
 10. Milky-white gem
 11. Like certain people's glasses
 12. Greatest possible
 15. Ex grape
 20. "Fear of Flying" author _____ Jong
 22. Finish line, e.g.
 24. Not doubting
 25. *Percival Everett's reimagining of "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"
 26. Steal a throne
 27. Type of wave
 29. "The Godfather" author Mario _____
 31. Go yachting
 32. Birch bark vessel
 33. Come to pass
 34. *Dashiell Hammett's hardboiled detective Sam _____
 36. _____ Spumante
 38. Classic game show "_____ Make a Deal"
 42. Argentina's western neighbor
 45. December birthstone, pl.
 49. "Mai" follower
 51. Paris' underground tourist attraction
 54. Yesteryear style
 56. West African religious practice
 57. Genealogical plant
 58. Winter window design
 59. Allah's cleric
 60. Opposite of all
 61. Huron's neighbor
 62. Baptism or shiva, e.g.
 63. 2025, e.g.
 64. "The Young and the Restless" network, acr.
 66. Boat propeller

CROSSWORD

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A 'corny' festival in Beacon



The Beacon Sloop Club held its annual Corn Festival on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. Corn was the highlight of the day. There were also sails on the Hudson River for attendees to enjoy. One could peruse environmental displays about the Hudson River or visit the vendors who sold their wares. There were also two solar-powered stages where one could hear live music. The final of the three festivals held by the Sloop Club in Beacon will be the Pumpkin Festival, scheduled for October.

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Historian to conduct Open House at Adriance Library on Aug. 19

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Many thanks to our outstanding Basketball Camp directors Marianne Golden and Leman Anderson for again doing a super job with the young future "hoop" stars. Thanks also to Fishkill Plains Elementary School for the use of their "air-conditioned gym."

Summer Camp ends this week. Many thanks to director Danielle Keenan and her super staff for a great job this summer under some very difficult weather conditions.

Music – Comedy Lovers! Enjoy Broadway entertainment in the Catskills. We are now signing up residents and nonresidents for our Wednesday, Aug. 20 trip to the Forestburgh Playhouse to see "Head Over Heels," a hit musical comedy featuring music from the GO-GO'S. The fee is \$95 and includes a buffet lunch, tickets to the show, Coach Tours transportation and tip for driver.

Our concert this Friday night, Aug. 15, features Noise in the Basement, who'll entertain with a wide variety of great music. Show time for this show is 6 p.m.

Our Family Fishing Derby is this Saturday, Aug. 16 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Red Wing Park. Bring the whole family and win a prize as we again honor three local super dedicated fishermen (Bob Hillman, Red Davis and Mark DiDato) who were very much responsible for the success of this great event.

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

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

Historian Shannon Butler is hosting an Open House in the Local History Room at Adriance Memorial Library on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. The Local History Room is the home to many interesting archives and objects that are available to the public. Shannon will guide visitors through the archives and objects, providing background and direction.

The Local History Room houses materials documenting the history of Poughkeepsie, as well as Dutchess County and the surrounding Mid-Hudson Valley. The collection contains both published secondary sources, as well as unique primary source materials, dating from the late 1700s to the present.

The resources that can be found in the Local History Room include maps, correspondence, and records of local civic, social, and fraternal organizations, as well as town and village histories, local government information, and information on local public and private school, including currently operating schools, as well as schools that are now closed. The items in the local history collection do not circulate or leave the Local History Room. Because many items are unique and fragile, access to this collection is restricted, and the Local



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History Room does not share hours with the library, so this is a great opportunity to see the collection without an appointment.



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