

180TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Red carpet meet-and-greet set with ‘Sweet Treat’ the calf

By Francesca Oliva

“Sweet Treat” the calf, known for her part in the Dutchess County Agricultural Society’s Adopt-a-Calf program will be making a special appearance at the Dutchess County Fair this year in a red-carpet meet-and-greet. Visitors can stop by to meet the calf and learn more about the Adopt-a-Calf program.

“Sweet Treat” will be located in Barn 30 at the Dutchess County Fair for those looking to meet her and learn more about the Adopt-a-Calf program.

The meet-and-greet comes after the immense success of the Adopt-a-Calf program, which launched earlier this year to connect students in local classrooms with dairy farming. The DeForest/Lawrence family, the 2025 Farm Family of the Year, raised the Brown Swiss calf at their farm, Stormfield Swiss in the Town of Wappinger.

Each month, students followed Sweet Treat’s growth through videos, photos and educational activities. At the end of the year, students were able to meet Sweet Treat during classroom visits.

“For a lot of them, it was the first time they got to be that up close and personal with a live farm animal,” said Cassie Messina-Rainbolt, agricultural educator for the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

The fair will be an opportunity for many students to reunite with Sweet Treat and show their families the calf they had been learning about in school.

“They’re definitely going to be kids who make their parents come to the fair to go meet Sweet Treat again,” said Messina-Rainbolt. “Throughout the entire year, they were looking forward to the end of the year when they would meet her for the first time.”

By bringing Sweet Treat to the fair, Messina-Rainbolt hopes that more people



“Sweet Treat” will be located in Barn 30 at the Dutchess County Fair for those looking to meet her and learn more about the Adopt-a-Calf program.

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will be able to learn about the program and explore the fair’s agricultural exhibits. The program exceeded expectations this year, initially planning to reach 20 classrooms and quickly expanding to presentations in more than 100 classrooms across Dutchess County.

Due to the success of the program, the Dutchess County Agricultural Society is already planning its next chapter. Messina-Rainbolt said they are discussing expanding the program to include more species, with more details expected to be announced this fall.

Stilt Circus seeks to inspire, bring joy to all



Fair visitors can expect to see Stars & Stripes costumes, created to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Francesca Oliva

Stilt Circus will return to the Dutchess County Fair for its fifth year, bringing colorful costumes and towering performances to fairgoers of all ages. This year is especially significant for the company, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Founded in 2006, the award-winning Stilt Circus has performed across the United States, dazzling audiences with their elaborate costume designs and stilt work. Starchild, Stilt Circus’ President and Creative Director, designs each of the company’s more than 350 handcrafted costumes with the help of partner Richard Dalton.

“The Dutchess County Fair has become one of our favorite annual traditions,” Starchild said, “The fair has such a wonderful community atmosphere, and we always look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces while creating new memories with first-time visitors.”

Throughout the fair, performers stroll the grounds, interacting with guests through playful gestures and posing for photo ops. Joining the fair this year are performer Rob Crites, who combines juggling and stilt acrobatics, and

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Law enforcement investigating dangerous ‘door kick challenge’

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department are investigating multiple incidents in the Town of Beekman, Town of Poughkeepsie and Town of Lagrange involving the dangerous social-media trend commonly known as the “door kick challenge.”

District Attorney Anthony Parisi warned that violently kicking the door of an occupied home, especially while masked and during the overnight hours, is not a joke, a prank or harmless teenage behavior. To the family inside, it may appear that individuals are attempting to force their way into the home, which can be terrifying to the adults and children who are occupying the home.

Let there be no misunderstanding: this is dangerous criminal conduct that could get someone killed, it was stated in a press release from the D.A.’s Office.

Someone who violently attacks the door of an occupied home cannot know how the occupants will respond. A frightened resident may reasonably believe that a home invasion is underway and may be armed or take immediate defensive action. What participants intend to record as a few seconds of social-media content could end with someone being shot, seriously injured or killed, it was stated in the press release.

The District Attorney’s Office,

Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department are working together to identify every person involved. This includes not only those who kicked or struck the doors, but also anyone who drove them to the locations, recorded the incidents, acted as a lookout or otherwise assisted or encouraged the conduct.

Those responsible should expect to be identified, arrested and held accountable, stated the release. The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office will prosecute these matters to the fullest extent permitted by law. A claim that the conduct was “just a prank” or part of an online challenge will not excuse it.

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Barretts preserve the art of weaving

By Matthew Fetzner

While weaving may be an outdated practice in modern-day culture, Bruce and Zelma Barrett of Century Museum Village are keeping the tradition alive through their efforts to share its history with others.

The Barretts know all about weaving, as Bruce started over 60 years ago. He later taught Zelma, his wife, how to weave in the 1970s. They have been doing it together ever since. With decades of experience in weaving, the two regularly demonstrate different techniques and tools used at the turn of the 20th century.

"We use frame looms a lot," said Zelma. "We are making place mats right now. We're making table runners, fancy table runners, wool rugs. Sometimes we weave those with cotton fabric. We call that rag weaving because at the time that it was introduced you would save your clothes, mount them up in a bag, and then when you were ready to make your rug, you would take everything out of the rag bag and use that."

Bruce and Zelma have been a part of Century Museum Village for nearly 20 years. As larger looms were donated to the museum, located at the fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, the Barretts were quickly drawn to the opportunity to use them and share their knowledge with visitors.

Looms are devices used to weave threads together to make fabric. With looms on display at the museum, as

well as other accessories from the late 1800s and early 1900s, visitors have a chance to see what life was like over a century ago.

"We have a loom that people can try," she said. "If they'd like to try weaving and see what it was like, they have the opportunity to do so. Sometimes we have a line of people waiting for that loom, and it goes all the way down the aisle."

The public also has a chance to see how the Barretts "warp" their looms, which is a method of preparing the lengths of thread on the loom.

"We measure out our warp in front of everyone, and they're always fascinated by what we're doing," she added. "My husband always said that we need to show people exactly how everything works, and that's what we try to do."

Despite weaving's declining popularity in the 21st century, the Barretts have continued to do what they love. They will be in attendance at the Dutchess County Fair for all six days of the event, working 11-hour shifts each day inside the museum.

"I think that it's very important to look back on what things were like," Zelma said. "A lot of the time we tend to belittle those things, but things were not easy back then. People come and look at some of the things that we do and I think that many of them leave feeling surprised. They call weaving a 'dying art,' but there are many weavers in this area and I can promise that it's not dead yet."



Right: Bruce Barrett is keeping the tradition of weaving alive. -Courtesy photo

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Hannah Lemke, a new performer known for her outgoing and welcoming personality. Starchild hopes that both Crites and Lemke will create a fun and immersive experience for fairgoers.

Visitors can also expect to see brand-new Stars & Stripes costumes, created to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. The patriotic costumes were designed by Starchild, with Dalton helping select the fabrics and materials used to make the designs.

A stilt performer for over 27 years, Starchild says that seeing the impact the company has on children is one of the best parts of coming to the fair. At the California State Fair, a young boy named Mac met the stilt performers and told his mother he wanted to perform on stilts someday. She built him his first pair of stilts, and years later he auditioned for Stilt Circus. Now, at 14 years old, he performs as a member of the company.

"Stories like his remind us that a single moment of inspiration can truly change someone's life," Starchild said.

As Stilt Circus celebrates its 20th anniversary, Starchild hopes fairgoers leave the fair smiling and with happy memories.

"If we can brighten someone's day, inspire a child's imagination or remind



Stilt Circus performers will take part in the 180th Dutchess County Fair. -Photo by Curtis Schmidt

someone to embrace joy and wonder, then we've accomplished our mission," said Starchild.



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Flour Power - celebrating scratch-made kitchen literacy



Some of the baked items entered during a previous Dutchess County Fair.

By Francine Wizner

In late August, the final preparations are underway for a beloved cornerstone of our regional heritage - the 180th Dutchess County Fair. While thousands of fairgoers anticipate rides, music, vendors, and livestock showcases, amateur bakers are hard at work refining recipes for the home-arts exhibit.

The Fair holds a culinary competition to celebrate traditional home cooking and baking. Participants must create dishes entirely from scratch without using any commercial mixes. Contestants may enter a variety of categories—including home-made pies, cookies, jams, jellies and marmalades. Expert judges evaluate the entries and provide written feedback to help the cooks refine their recipes. Debby Payne, Co-Chair of the Culinary Department for the Fair, shared some insight into the process of preparing for and judging this local competition.

Blue Ribbon Baking - The first step to a blue-ribbon bake is to follow the entry rules. Minor technical oversights—such as incorrect entry sizes or missing ingredient lists—are the most common culprits for disqualification. Even when an entry violates a rule, judges still write constructive critiques on the display card so the amateur baker can learn.

Next, contestants need to be aware of

logistics. Because baked goods are perishable, timing is everything—bakers must strategically plan when to turn on the oven based on what they are making. Entries must be dropped off on Saturday, August 22, with the evaluations occurring the very next morning. That’s when the judges focus on appearance, execution quality, and scratch-made flavor profiles.

“When you eat, you eat with your eyes first, then taste, then texture,” explains Debby. “So, in terms of criteria for judging, presentation is first, then the taste.”

Crumb-believable: Separating the Sweet from the Savory - How do you taste your way through more than 80 food categories without losing your mind—or your palate? It requires a highly systematic approach. Payne divides the workload among four pairs of judges. For heavily populated classes—such as the adult King Arthur Recipe competition, which mandates strict adherence to a single recipe—initial pairs perform a preliminary weeding out. The remaining standout entries are then jointly scored by the broader committee.

Other entries mirror the seasonal bounty of our local agriculture. Submissions frequently include ingredients harvested directly from home gardens or local farm stands, ranging from apples and peaches to summer squash. Shifting dietary needs



Dave Murray and Debby Payne co-chair the Culinary Department at the Fair.

-Courtesy photos

have also expanded the traditional roster. For example, the rise of the Celiac diagnoses prompted Payne to introduce gluten-free categories, which are evaluated by judges specifically trained to score alternative flour textures.

Some local bakers submit innovative recipes that yield surprising results. Payne recalls a remarkably accurate whiskey sour jelly and a rhubarb-flavored vinegar, demonstrating that the familiar garden stalk isn’t just for sweet pies and jam. These unconventional submissions blur the line between sweet and savory. Local bakers rise to the challenge and push the boundaries of traditional tastes.

Soggy Situations Salvaged - For all of their ingenuity in the kitchen, culinary contestants are further challenged by our regional humidity, which can play havoc with delicate doughs. To maximize freshness, many experienced exhibitors bake before dawn on drop-off morning. The afternoon deadline can introduce last-minute panic. Payne has witnessed frantic contestants making emergency phone calls or driving home to retrieve a forgotten recipe or fetch extra cookies to satisfy rigid quantity requirements.

In high-stakes moments, resourcefulness shines. Bakers have been known to wield cake-decorating tubes like caulking

guns to patch cracked frosting at the eleventh hour. Some even transport a backup pie to safeguard against transit damage along winding roads.

A Celebration of Community Craft - Once judging wraps up, the remaining portions are prepared for display. On opening day, thousands of fairgoers can admire the entries alongside their winning ribbons. The top recipes are compiled into a booklet sold to cover copying costs, passing proven local recipes on to future generations.

Because professional bakers are prohibited from entering, the tournament remains a celebration of community craft. For Payne, the true legacy goes beyond the prize ribbons; it is about preserving essential home-baking skills. She strongly encourages parents to get children involved in the under-18 categories to build foundational kitchen literacy.

“We always hope that when the items are displayed, people realize that it’s all home-baked, not boxed, and it can be done,” Payne emphasizes. “Whether you win a ribbon or not, you receive constructive advice from the judges to improve. It’s just fun to come to the fair and see your entry on display. You just never know if you will win or not, but you can’t win if you don’t enter.”

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Parents and guardians are urged to speak with their children and teenagers about

the dangers of this criminal behavior, it was stated.

Participating in this conduct can result in arrest, prosecution, financial liability for property damage, serious physical injury or death. No social media post is worth criminal prosecution or a preventable tragedy, stated the D.A.’s Office.

Residents who experience this conduct should do the following, according to Parisi’s office:

- Call 911 immediately and remain inside in a secure location.
- Do not pursue or confront the individuals.
- Preserve all surveillance, doorbell camera and cellphone footage.
- Record descriptions of individuals, vehicles, license plates and direction of travel.
- Provide original footage to law enforcement before editing or posting it publicly.

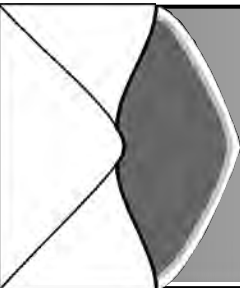
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Thanks to all who helped with Bailey Monument Dedication Ceremony

To the Editor:
I’m still basking in the glow of the wonderful dedication ceremony we held Saturday, August 15, for the John Bailey monument and the rededication of Fishkill War Veterans Memorial Park.
This was truly a whole-team effort, and that’s why everything came together so seamlessly. Thank you to Rombout Fire for supplying the ladder truck with the flag and to the 5th New York Continental Line Regiment for connecting us directly to the Revolutionary War period. Thank you to the Fishkill Police Cadets for your service. And thank you to the Fishkill Historical Society for providing historical context about John Bailey, as well as to Boscobel House and Gardens for displaying the 1700s Bailey-produced andirons.
Thank you to Highway/Buildings & Grounds for setting everything up, Melissa Wood for the landscape design, Chief Strattner for preparing the community room, and Pete Skorewicz for making sure the video about the sword was running on a loop.
Thank you, Jason Maietta, for giving up parking spaces while simultaneously hosting a basketball tournament at the Rec Center. Thank you, Jason Gilbert, for administering the grant that is making this project possible, and Assembly Member Anil Beephan for securing it.
And, of course, thank you Supervisor OzzyAlbra and Councilman Greg Totino for your early and dedicated involvement in this project. It was fun working together. Thank you, Joe Pirrone, for designing and printing the program and helping promote the event through the newsletters.
And thank you to all of our speakers. You were passionate, on point and just fantastic.
I also have to share a fun fact I learned from someone who attended the ceremony. Afterward, as I was admiring the monument, again, a gentleman asked me, “Did you know President John F. Kennedy had replicas of this sword made to give to certain dignitaries?”
Nope. I didn’t know that!
But after a little research, I found out he was right. The JFK Library explains that Kennedy had replicas of George Washington’s Revolutionary War sword—made by John Bailey in Fishkill—produced from a silicone cast of the original sword at the Smithsonian. Kennedy presented replicas to select visiting heads of state, including Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and President Éamon de Valera of Ireland.
We have so much to be proud of, Fishkill!

Brian C. Wrye
Councilman, Town of Fishkill

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‘A man who believed in doing what was right’

Cal Lawrence, former Wappingers Falls Mayor dies at 90

By Kristine Coulter
Former Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Calvin “Cal” Lawrence died on Tuesday, Aug. 11. He was 90 years old.
Lawrence was a former Trustee for the Village of Wappingers Falls and served as Mayor from 2003 through 2007. He was also a Dutchess County Legislator and member of the Republican Party. He was a life member of the WT Garner Firehouse and a Rotarian.

Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Kevin Huber, stated during the Village Board meeting last week, “Above all, Cal was a family man and a dear friend to so many. In retirement, some of his greatest joy came from traveling to spend time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a man who believed in doing what was right, treating people with dignity, and always trying to act in the best interest of those he represented. Cal was committed to upholding the highest virtues of public service and, perhaps most importantly, he embodied the quintessential meaning of “love thy neighbor.” He cared about people, he cared about this Village, and he believed that community meant looking out for one another.”

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini posted on social media, “Cal Lawrence devoted so much of his life to serving the community he loved. From his time as Mayor of Wappingers Falls to his service in county government, Cal understood that public service was about people, neighbors, and making your hometown a better place. On behalf of the entire Town of Wappinger, we extend our deepest condolences to the Lawrence family, and all those who knew and loved Cal.”

Lawrence was honored by Cavaccini and the Town of Wappinger for his 90th birthday, which was on June 10th, with “Cal Lawrence Day.”

According to his obituary, Lawrence spent 30 years working at Montfort Bros. and Southern Dutchess Sand and Gravel in Fishkill, where he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment to his job.

County Executive Sue Serino posted, in part, on social media, “Cal was a true public servant—someone who poured his heart and soul into Wappingers Falls and loved our community with everything he had. But

Calvin “Cal” Lawrence

-Courtesy photo

beyond his incredible dedication to public service, including serving in our County Legislature, he was simply a wonderful, kind, and loyal friend whose warmth and smile could light up any room.”

She concluded the post, “My thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with Cal’s family, loved ones, and the entire community as we mourn this incredible loss.”

Lawrence, a Navy veteran, was a member of American Legion Post 427.

His wife of more than 60 years, Yvonne, died in 2020. Lawrence leaves behind his two children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

“Cal leaves behind a legacy that cannot simply be measured by years in office or accomplishments in government. It is measured by the people he helped, the friendships he made, the family he cherished, and the community he served so faithfully. In recognition of Mayor Lawrence’s lifetime of service, the flags of the Village of Wappingers Falls will remain lowered to half-staff until the conclusion of his funeral services. Cal will be deeply missed, but his example of service, friendship, family, and love of community will remain with Wappingers Falls for generations to come. May our friend and former Mayor rest in peace,” said Huber.

Services were offered on Aug. 17.

Fishkill board establishes Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways position

By Kristine Coulter
The Fishkill Town Board at its meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, established the position of Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways. Carmine Istvan, who was highway superintendent, resigned effectively Aug. 9. He began as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for Dutchess County on Aug. 10. The board members approved Kevin McCarthy for the position.
“Mr. McCarthy has demonstrated exceptional professionalism, sound judgment, and a thorough understanding of the operations and administration of the Highway Department. During his tenure with the department, he has consistently taken on responsibilities beyond the traditional scope of his position and has proven himself to be a trusted member of our leadership team,” Istvan wrote in an email to the board on July 31.

McCarthy made remarks to the board during the meeting. He told them that he has worked for the highway department for past 2 ½ year in the role of confidential secretary. Istvan has trained him well, McCarthy told the board. “I’ll miss him, but he trained me well,” said McCarthy.

“They know I’m always available,” said McCarthy about the board members. Highway employees will assist with their knowledge, he said.

It is noted in the resolution that “the Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways shall be appointed by the Town Superintendent of Highways and shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Superintendent of Highways in accordance with Section 32(2) of the Town Law.”

Istvan stated in his email, “I am confident that Mr. McCarthy possesses the knowledge, experience, and leadership necessary to fulfill the duties of Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways. In accordance with New York State Town Law, he will perform the duties assigned to him and, when necessary, exercise the powers and duties of the Town Superintendent of Highways during my absence or inability to act.”

McCarthy told Southern Dutchess News

late last week, “Things have been going well. Settling into the new role has been an adjustment for everyone in the department, but it really has been a smooth transition, and I am very grateful for the support I’ve gotten from the Highway and Buildings & Grounds crews.”

McCarthy added, “Even though, when I came aboard in 2024, I never expected to be elevated to this position. I’ve spent my time with the Highway Department learning as much as I can, taking all the training that was available to me, and making sure I had a complete understanding of the department’s operations as well as the budget. Carmine left the department in great shape, and that, along with the confidence and support of Supervisor (Ozzy) Albra and the Town Board, has put me in a position where I can best serve the residents of the Town.”

Honoring former Highway Superintendent Glenn Scofield Sr.
Former Town of Fishkill Highway Superintendent Glenn Scofield Sr. was remembered during a moment of silence.

“I think it’s fitting that we are honoring Mr. Scofield today” that there will be a change in leadership, said McCarthy.

Scofield worked for the department for more than five decades. He died at the age of 84 on Aug. 1. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Scofield also dedicated decades as a volunteer and chief with local fire departments. He was also a deputy sheriff with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office.

Istvan recognized
The Fishkill Town Board accepted the resignation of Istvan. Councilman Brian Wrye read a proclamation honoring Istvan.

Istvan headed the renovation of Highway Department and modernized it, as well as after there was a fire that occurred there, read Wrye. Wrye also noted Istvan was instrumental in updating parks, such as adding pickleball courts.

The Town Board offered “it’s gratitude and appreciation” for all the hard work Istvan has given to the Town of Fishkill.

Hyde Park resident William Sleight Jr. honored for service during Korean War

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs honored U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) William “Bill” Sleight Jr., a respected Hyde Park resident who served during the Korean War era, at the County’s most recent “Veteran of Distinction” ceremony, held at The Community at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck on Aug. 11.

Serino said, “I’ve been honored to know Bill Sleight for years, often visiting him at Brookmeade, and he is a wonderful example of what it means to serve. He proudly wore our nation’s uniform, has worked hard, loved his family deeply and always found ways to give back to his community. His kindness, dedication and devotion have touched so many lives. We are incredibly grateful for his service, proud to call him one of our neighbors and honored to recognize him as a ‘Dutchess County Veteran of Distinction.’”

Sleight Jr. served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean War era as an Aviation Electrician aboard the USS Coral Sea, supporting naval operations with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, earning the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and an Honorable Discharge. After his military service, AE Sleight built a career in the electrical trade and retired as a Maintenance Supervisor. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he has also remained active in his community as a lifelong member of American Legion John

Livingston Post 1466 and a Life Member of the Moose Lodge in Hyde Park.

Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “Aviation Electrician Sleight served his nation, returned home to Dutchess County and continued to serve his hometown as a member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge. Through his military service, career, family and community involvement, PO2 Sleight personifies the dedication and commitment the Dutchess County ‘Veteran of Distinction’ program honors.”

Monthly “Veteran of Distinction” ceremonies take place on the second Tuesday of each month from April through November, hosted in the community where the honored veteran resides.

Nomination Requirements
Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current Dutchess County resident
- Have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge
- Have served during wartime or peacetime; there are no restrictions on service dates or duration

How to Nominate
- Applications may be submitted
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By email: veterans@dutchessny.gov
All applications must include appropriate



William “Bill” Sleight Jr. was honored during the recent “Veterans of Distinction” ceremony on Aug. 11 in Hyde Park. Pictured with Sleight Jr., center, are members of his family, Deputy County Executive Gregg Pulver, left, and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche, right.

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military separation documents (DD 214, WD AGO 53 55, NGB 22, or casualty report).

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Vietnam veterans and their families eligible for benefits related to Agent Orange exposure

Did you know that August 10th was Agent Orange Awareness Day? This month serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our Vietnam veterans and the enduring impact of their service on their health and well-being.

Veterans of the Vietnam War era, along with their families, have not only earned our nation’s deepest respect but also the full spectrum of benefits that their courageous service entitles them to. At the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, we are honored to guide our heroes and their loved ones through the array of benefits available to them, ensuring they receive the support they deserve.

One significant aspect of these benefits pertains to their military service in Vietnam, especially regarding the exposure to a powerful chemical used during that conflict. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognizes certain illnesses as “presumptive conditions.” This means that veterans are not required to prove that a medical condition was caused by their service; instead, if they meet specific service criteria, the VA presumes that connection exists.

Why this matters to Vietnam Veterans
The exposure to herbicides, including Agent Orange, has been linked to various serious health conditions such as specific cancers, Parkinson’s disease, heart disease, diabetes and others. For Vietnam veterans

who returned home only to face these challenges, understanding their rights and benefits is crucial.

If you or a loved one are a Vietnam veteran who has developed a presumptive condition, don’t hesitate to connect with a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) in our office, at 845-486-2060. A VSO can help determine eligibility for disability compensation and assist in the claims process.

Support for families
Another vital benefit for families of Vietnam veterans is Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). This benefit offers financial support to surviving spouses, parents and children of veterans who have passed away from service-related conditions. If a veteran’s passing was linked to an illness connected to their service, the surviving spouse may qualify for DIC. In many cases, the VA presumes this connection exists for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure.

It’s important to remember that it’s never too late for surviving spouses to explore their eligibility for DIC. If your loved one served in Vietnam and has passed due to a condition associated with Agent Orange, please consult with one of our VSOs to discuss potential benefits.

Blue Water Navy Veterans
Additionally, veterans who served off-

shore during the Vietnam War can access benefits under the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. This law recognizes the sacrifices of those who served within 12 nautical miles of the Vietnamese shoreline between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. These veterans do not need to prove they went ashore to be eligible for benefits linked to herbicide exposure; the VA presumes their ailments are connected to their service.

Surviving family members of these veterans may also qualify for DIC if their loved one passed from an exposure-related condition.

We’re here to help
The most important message for veterans and their families is this: Just ask. If any of this information is new to you or you believe your family may qualify for benefits, please reach out to the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060, email us at veterans@dutchessny.gov, or visit us at 1335 Route 44, Suite No. 2, in Pleasant Valley during normal business hours.

Many veterans and their families are unaware of their eligibility for benefits or

may feel that the application process is too overwhelming. Some may even feel hesitant to seek help.

No veteran should ever feel ashamed to ask for assistance, especially after all they have sacrificed for our nation. We are here to support you, sitting down with our heroes and their families to explore the benefits they may qualify for and guide them through the application process.

Whether you served on the mainland of Vietnam or in the waters around it, please reach out to our office. If you are a surviving spouse of a Vietnam veteran, I encourage you to contact us as well. We want to ensure you fully understand the benefits specific to veterans of that era and how we can assist you in preparing a claim, if you qualify.

Regardless of the era, our veterans have served our nation with unwavering dedication to protect us from harm. Dutchess County is proud to ensure that these brave men and women — and their families — receive the respect, care, and support they deserve.

To all our Vietnam veterans, Dutchess County says, “Welcome home.”



NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7, the Sept. 9 issue of the Southern Dutchess News will have an early deadline. All ads and editorial must be received by Thursday, Sept. 3. Contact cschmidt@southdutchessnews.com for more information.

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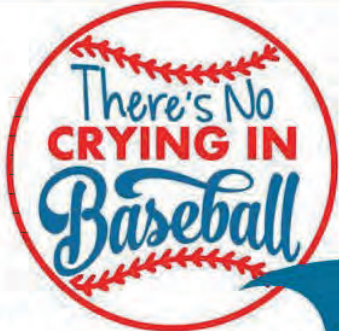


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RENEGADES FEATURE

Maika Niu off to hot start with late-inning home runs

By Morgan E. Maier

Maika Niu took no time to make his name known through Heritage Financial Park via a walk-off home run in his Hudson Valley Renegades debut.

After finishing his collegiate career at Arizona, Niu went undrafted in the 2026 MLB Player Draft. It did not take long for New York to call. Niu signed with the Yankees on July 14, and was already impacting the team come Aug. 4.

A three-hit game on Aug. 15, including a home run, highlighted Niu's first homestand in the Hudson Valley. He was hit a walk-off winner in his High-A debut, leading off the ninth inning for Hudson Valley.

Just eight games into his professional career (stats as of Aug. 16), Niu has launched three home runs. And he's already used to giving his team some timely hitting theatrics — they've all come in the ninth inning or later.

Niu was revered in prospect spotlights for his pop and speed, an outfielder with attention-grabbing athleticism, and experience in the NCAA Tournament. He played for the Falmouth Commodores of the



Maika Niu is pictured with family members while playing for the Falmouth Commodores of the Cape Cod League. He received MVP honors in the Summer League with 23 RBIs and 15 stolen bases over 35 games.

-Courtesy photo

Cape Cod League before his transfer season at Arkansas.

There, Niu's strong summer showing received MVP honors: 23 RBIs and 15

stolen bases over 35 games also earned him an All-Star nod.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Frederick BAL +	28	17	.622	-	9-1	W3
Greensboro PIT	27	21	.563	2.5	5-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	25	22	.532	4.0	4-6	L2
Hudson Valley NYY	25	23	.521	4.5	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NYM	24	23	.511	5.0	5-5	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	17	30	.362	12.0	3-7	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB +	28	19	.596	-	3-7	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	24	23	.511	4.0	6-4	W1
Greenville BOS	24	24	.500	4.5	4-6	W1
Asheville HOU	22	25	.468	6.0	5-5	W1
Rome ATL	20	26	.435	7.5	4-6	L1
Hub City TEX	18	29	.383	10.0	5-5	L1



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades roar back with wild wins to take four games from Wilmington



Jackson Lovich hit a three-run home run to cap a seven-run comeback in the 9th inning for an 8-5 victory over Wilmington on Aug. 15.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier
The Hudson Valley Renegades got the spark they had been searching for against the Wilmington Blue Rocks, to the tune of five straight wins dating back to the series against Greenville. Wild walk-offs wins, strong career starts and exciting offense were highlights in the series win over Wilmington last week.
The Renegades now own a 25-23 record in second-half play – good for fourth place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League (SAL). Hudson Valley is 4.5 games behind Frederick, Md.
Hudson Valley took the first two from Wilmington, starting with Maika Niu’s first career walk-off game-winner. Leading off the ninth inning, Niu turned a 3-1 count into a 3-2 win with a home run

to left field.
MLB rehabber Luis Gil pitched the first inning, then Franyer Herrera allowed two runs over the next six innings. Thomas Balboni Jr. got the win out of the bullpen, pitching a perfect 2.0 innings of relief with three strikeouts. Balboni would offer another scoreless outing on the Blue Rocks later in the week, stretching a 3.2 inning scoreless streak.
A historic, edge-of-your-seat comeback marked another wild walk-off win for the Renegades on August 15. In true ‘Baby Bomber’ fashion, Hudson Valley launched three ninth inning home runs. Four extra base hits, including a three-run game winner by Jackson Lovich (2-for-5, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 R, 2 K) capped the Renegades seven-run ninth inning, and the 8-5 win.

Hudson Valley has produced such a comeback twice since 2005, most recently against the Greensboro Grasshoppers on July 19, 2022. Then, Hudson Valley scored seven 11th-inning runs to prevail 16-10 over the SAL foe.
In the series finale, another massive inning proved the difference for the Renegades. Five runs in the second resulted in the home team’s 5-2 win. Wilmington strung up two runs across later innings, but could not overcome starter Allen Facundo (7.0 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 6 K, 3 BB).
Another big day for Lovich had another 3-RBI day, a two out, bases-clearing triple which closed out Hudson Valley’s game-

winning inning.
Hudson Valley next travels down to ShoreTown to face the BlueClaws. Back in the winning direction after taking four of six from Wilmington, the Renegades’ new-look roster is looking sharp, and hints at a future brighter than Jersey Shore sunshine.
They return home to begin the final homestand of the year on Tuesday, Aug. 25 to host the Brooklyn Cyclones for an Ode to Cream Cheese, the staple which was invented here in the Hudson Valley. It is also the final Tuesday for Baseball Bingo presented by Partner Rentals and Silver Gades Tuesday of the season. For tickets and more information, visit hvrenegades.com/tickets.

RENEGADES EXTRA



Pitcher Allen Facundo led the Renegades to a 5-2 victory over Wilmington in Sunday’s series finale. He gave up only two runs on six hits in seven innings and struck out six batters.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Obituaries

Linda Schmitzer Esemplare



Linda Schmitzer Esemplare, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at her home on August 12, 2026, at the age of 87. Born on October 2, 1938, in Beacon, New York, Linda was the cherished daughter of Frank and Margaret Schmitzer.

Linda lived a life filled with love, dedication, and service. She graduated from Beacon High School and pursued further education at Albany Business School. Her educational pursuits were only a prelude to the life she would lead—one marked by devotion to her family and community. Linda was happily married to Pascal Esemplare, with whom she shared an extraordinary journey of nearly 66 years, having been married on October 1, 1960. Together, they raised six children: Michael, Mary, Patrick, Peter, Joanne, and Christine. She was also a loving mother-in-law to Anthony Gasbarro (deceased), Diane Esemplare, and Patrick Olenick.

As her children went through school, Linda became increasingly involved in her community, eventually serving for 25 years on the Mountainside Board of Education. Her dedication to the schools and the families they served reflected her deep commitment to her community and to the well-being of future generations. A devout Catholic, Linda faithfully attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and was an active member of the Rosary Altar Society, where she nurtured her faith and cherished the many friendships she made along the way.

Linda's love of life was reflected in the simple pleasures she cherished. She found peace and fulfillment in gardening. Her door was always open to family and friends, who were welcomed with warmth, generosity, and one of Linda's unforgettable hugs. Christmas held a special place in her heart, and she embraced the season with enthusiasm and love. Her legendary Christmas cookies became a cherished family tradition, bringing sweetness to the holidays.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband Pascal, her five children, and her sister Mary Donahue. She leaves behind a legacy of love through her 13 grandchildren: Justina, Jesse, Anthony, Jenna, Kalie, Alyssa, Theresa, Patrick, Renata, Ryan, Nicole, Michael, and Nicholas, as well as 13 great-grandchildren: Christopher, Maria, Natalie, Kaylie, Caleb, Caden, Adelina, Renae, Ritchie, James, Tyler, Madison, and Chase. Linda was predeceased by her parents and her daughter Joanne, whose memory she cherished deeply.

The Visitation will be at Higgins and Bonner - Echo Lake Funeral Home 582 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07092, on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A service to celebrate Linda's life will be held on August 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, located at 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092. Family and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Linda's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an organization close to her heart.

Linda Schmitzer Esemplare's life was a testament to kindness, service, and love. Her memory will forever be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Ved Shrivah



It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved father, educator, community leader, and friend, Dr. Ved Shrivah.

For more than five decades, Dr. Ved Shrivah dedicated his life to education, public service, and helping others. A lifelong educator, he earned three master's degrees and a Ph.D. in Education and served as a professor of Mathematics and Physics.

Ved is best known for serving on the Wappingers Central School District Board of Education for 16+ years, including several terms as President. He is a respected advocate for educational excellence throughout New York State and for his work with the New York State Education Department and numerous community organizations reflecting his unwavering commitment to serving others.

In celebration of his lifelong commitment to education and service, the family has established the Ved Shrivah Foundation, which will provide educational scholarships for deserving students.

There will be a Memorial Celebration on Sunday, August 30 at the Camwath Chapel in Wappingers Falls and the family warmly invites all whose lives he touched to join.

In lieu of flowers, guests are invited to support the Ved Shrivah Foundation.

To learn more about Dr. Ved Shrivah's life, the Foundation and the Memorial Celebration, please visit: VedShrivah.com.

Calvin M. Lawrence



Calvin M. Lawrence, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, community leader, and friend, passed away on August 11, 2026, at the age of 90. Calvin was born at home on June 10, 1936. He dedicated his long and fulfilling life to his family, his country, his work, and the community he loved.

He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1959, serving aboard the USS Hyman (DD-732). His years in the Navy remained an important and cherished part of his life. He especially enjoyed attending reunions of the USS Hyman, where he could reconnect with fellow shipmates and share memories of their time together.

On November 8, 1959, Calvin married

Yvonne Boulanger, beginning a marriage that would span more than 60 years. Together they raised their two children, Calvin C. Lawrence and Annettia M. Gigliotti, married to Thomas Gigliotti. Yvonne passed away on January 31, 2020. Calvin carried her memory with him throughout the remaining years of his life.

Calvin was a proud and loving grandfather to six grandchildren: Jennifer Gigliotti, Christine (Eric) Luksis, Sarah (Matthew) Dellaventura, Maria Gigliotti, Jessica (Michael) Nocera, and Calvin CA (Deanna) Lawrence. He was also blessed with five great-grandchildren: Matthew Nocera, Caroline Nocera, Easton Luksis, Hudson Luksis, and Emma Dellaventura. His family was one of the greatest joys of his life, and he treasured the time he spent with them.

A strong believer in giving back to his community, Calvin was a Life Member of the WT Garner Firehouse. He served the Village of Wappingers Falls as a Trustee and later as Mayor from 2003 to 2007. He also served as a Dutchess County Legislator, was a member of the Dutchess County Republican Party, and was active in the Rotary. Through each of these roles, Calvin gave his time, energy, and dedication to the people and community he cared about.

Calvin's working life reflected the same dedication. He spent 30 years working at Montfort Bros. and Southern Dutchess Sand and Gravel in Fishkill, New York, where he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment to his job.

When he wasn't working or serving his community, Calvin enjoyed life with his family. He loved traveling across the country and abroad, making memories along the way. He particularly enjoyed taking car rides through the local area, always keeping an eye out for wildlife, especially deer and eagles. He also looked forward to his USS Hyman reunions, which allowed him to maintain the special friendships and bonds formed during his Navy years.

Calvin lived a life of service, devotion, and love. From his Navy service and decades of work to his commitment to the Village of Wappingers Falls and his beloved family, he leaves behind a lasting legacy.

He will be deeply missed by his children, Calvin C. Lawrence and Annettia M. Gigliotti and her husband, Thomas Gigliotti; his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, friends, fellow veterans and shipmates, and the many people whose lives he touched throughout his remarkable 90 years.

Though Yvonne preceded him in death, Calvin's love for her and the life they shared remained an enduring part of his story. He now leaves behind the memories of a life well lived and a family who will carry his legacy forward for generations to come.

Fair winds and following seas, Calvin. Your watch is ended, but your memory, your service, and the love you gave your family and community will live on.

His Family received Friends on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY; a Funeral Service was held 10am, Monday, August 17th followed by interment and military honors at Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, West Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Calvin's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, an organization supporting America's military and first responders.

Westchester Library System awarded \$500,000; Grant to expand Digital Navigators Program across 9 counties

Westchester Library System (WLS) has been awarded \$500,000 through Empire State Development's ConnectALL Office to expand the Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley (DNHV) program, bringing free technology assistance to more residents throughout nine counties in the Hudson Valley Region. The project, known as Hudson Valley Connected, will recruit, train, and deploy Digital Navigators, or tech help, in libraries and organizations throughout nine counties. The program will also offer digital literacy workshops and information sessions, expand outreach efforts, and connect individuals with free and reduced-cost technology through their local libraries and community-based organizations.

As the project's lead financial partner and grant administrator, WLS will collaborate with Southeastern New York Library Resources Council (Southeastern), which leads the DNHV initiative, along with the Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) and Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS), allowing the initiative to reach public libraries and communities across Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

Through participating libraries and community organizations, Digital Navigators provide free, personalized technology assistance to those in need. Services include basic computer skills and assistance searching for

affordable internet service, applying for a job online, accessing telehealth, navigating government websites or troubleshooting a device. Trained Digital Navigators provide one-on-one guidance that helps individuals build confidence and maintain independence using technology.

"The Westchester Library System is honored to steward this important investment in digital equity," said Terry Kirchner, executive director of WLS. "This project exemplifies the power of regional collaboration, and by working alongside our partner library systems, we can expand Digital Navigator services, strengthen digital literacy across the Hudson Valley and ensure libraries continue to thrive."

Since launching in 2022, the DNHV initiative, spearheaded by Southeastern, has trained more than 178 Digital Navigators serving 94 public libraries and nonprofit organizations throughout the Hudson Valley. Together, they have provided more than 2,000 one-on-one technology assistance sessions, helping residents access affordable internet, use digital devices, complete online job applications, connect to healthcare services, navigate government resources and stay safe online.

"Libraries have always been trusted places for learning, and today that includes helping people navigate an ever-evolving digital world," said Carolyn Bennett Glauda of



Southeastern and the Digital Navigator Ambassador for Hudson Valley Connected. "Whether someone needs help applying for a job, accessing healthcare online, or simply learning how to use the settings on a device that doesn't come with a manual, our Digital Navigators provide patient, personalized guidance. This funding will allow us to expand those services so even more Hudson Valley residents can access the technology skills and support they need to succeed."

Building on New York State's continued investment as one of the only in the nation to expand digital equity following the loss of comparable federal funding, the expansion of the DNHV service aims to support low-income households and older adults in overcoming key barriers identified in the New York State Digital Equity Plan:

- Assisting the 29% of New Yorkers who need professional device support because they cannot fix a device or do not have family or friends to help them.
- Supporting New Yorkers with low confidence in digital literacy, including 23% of

older adults and 20% of low-income households.

- Supporting the 87% of New Yorkers who are concerned about online safety.

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Access to technology is essential, but true digital equity also means ensuring New Yorkers have the skills and support to use it confidently. Through this \$500,000 ConnectALL investment, trusted libraries and community organizations will help more Hudson Valley residents access vital services, pursue employment opportunities and fully participate in today's digital economy."

As the lead financial partner, WLS is also coordinating the local investments needed to support the project alongside the ConnectALL grant, working with regional philanthropic partners to help ensure Hudson Valley Connected reaches all communities throughout the region.

To learn more about the Digital Navigator program or find a library near you offering these services, visit <https://hvconnected.org/>.

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Creative Living

Music, community to highlight annual Poughkeepsie PorchFest event on Aug. 23



Shade trees provide a good spot to enjoy Poughkeepsie Jazz Project, an audience favorite.

-Courtesy photo by Julie Okoniewski



Brad Shur, founder of Paper Heart Puppets, strolls through Poughkeepsie PorchFest with a friend.

-Courtesy photo by Mary Reynolds



Desmond Teague Band performs at PorchFest 2025.

-Courtesy photo by Taj Edward Majors

The Southside Historic District will host the 7th annual Poughkeepsie PorchFest from noon - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 23. This family-friendly, free event features musicians from a wide variety of genres. More than 25 porches in Poughkeepsie's Academy Street & Garfield Place Historic District neighborhood will host musicians performing everything from jazz and spoken word, to pop, country and rock. The event draws up-and-coming performers as well as seasoned professionals from the region.

This celebration of live music and community also includes children's activities,

food vendors and more. Visitors are invited to stroll through the historic neighborhood, which features houses in a variety of 19th and early 20th century styles. The tree-lined streets offer shady spots to stand and watch performers.

A schedule will be available, and a map of porches and performers will be posted throughout the neighborhood. Parking is available on side streets or nearby municipal lots. The event takes place rain or shine, within reason. Follow Poughkeepsie PorchFest on FaceBook and Instagram (@poughkeepsie_porchfest) for details and updates.

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John Bailey Monument dedicated in Town of Fishkill



The dedication of the John Bailey Monument in the Town of Fishkill and the rededication of the Fishkill War Veterans Memorial took place on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Clockwise from top left: Attendees listen to remarks made by the event speakers.

Town of Fishkill Councilman Greg Totino speaks during the ceremony as Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra, left, and Councilman Brian Wrye, center, and guests listen.

The John Bailey Monument is in honor of former Fishkill resident John Bailey, a swordsmith who made George Washington's sword that he used crossing the Delaware River on Christmas night in 1776.

The American flag blows in the breeze on the Rombout Fire Company ladder truck.

Members of the 5th New York Continental Line Regiment offer a salute.

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by francine wizner



This solo act is a seasonal trifecta:
Bloom, blush, and bark

If you have ever been caught in traffic on Route 9 near the Mid-Hudson Bridge, or hunted for parking in Rhinebeck on a chaotic Saturday, you know Hudson Valley life isn't always bucolic. Our Dutchess County has a quiet charm, but its busiest hubs can get overwhelmed. Tranquility lies a short drive away along less-traveled macadam – near orchards, split-rail fences, and pristine landscapes. “Going solo” is appealing. That is a lesson perfectly illustrated by the uniquely individual *Heptacodium miconioides*, the seven-son flower.

Adopting a sole survivor

The first plant purchase I made for my Pleasant Valley home was found four years ago on a discount rack. A bargain. When I bought it, I didn't realize I was adopting a botanical celebrity. The seven-son flower is monotypic, meaning there is only one species within the genus. While about 10% of plant genera share this lonely designation, the seven-son flower wears its isolation with confidence. It doesn't need a flock of close relations. I got two and planted them next to each other—because even a solo act appreciates harmony.

Heptacodium history

While the official botanical record claims the seven-son flower was “discovered” by Westerners in 1907, local people in China had known about this cliff-dweller for centuries. The early ecologists who took note of *Heptacodium* weren’t looking to stock nurseries. Their goal was to take a small clipping, press it flat, and store it in a museum drawer.

For nearly a century, *Heptacodium* existed in the West only as a dead herbarium specimen. Following the Chinese Communist Revolution, closed borders paused cross-continental scientific exchange. This division lasted until the 1980 Sino-American Botanical Expedition – a historic, three-month trek that marked the first collaboration between Western and Chinese scientists since 1949. Looking at the shrub with modern eyes, they realized this museum curiosity could become a versatile landscape plant.

Coming to America

The seeds were brought to the Arnold

Arboretum in Massachusetts, which subsequently distributed seedlings throughout North America. Nearly all garden specimens today share that original lineage, including my two adoptees. However, conservationists continue to brave treacherous cliff terrain, gathering rare seeds from the few remaining wild populations to introduce vital genetic diversity.

What's so special?

“Meh,” you might be thinking, “What makes this shrub so special?” After all, in this space I’ve written about the trumpet-shaped blooms of *Weigela*, the reproductive details of winterberries, and regaled you with a variety of other scientific fascinations. What makes this shrub noteworthy are its unconventional displays.

In late August, most greenery is sun-bleached and readying for a winter nap. But *Heptacodium* is ready to party. It erupts with fragrant, white flowers. The blossoms appear in clusters containing two opposite rows of three, encircling a central bud. This central bud mimics an additional bloom to create the visual illusion of a “seventh son,” hence its common name. Butterflies and bees flock to the blooms like commuters rushing to Metro-North.

The prefix *hepta-* is Greek for seven, combined with *kodia*, meaning “head” – a nod to its seven-parted appearance. The specific epithet, *miconioides*, alludes to the plant’s boldly veined leaves, which closely resemble plants in the tropical *Miconia* genus. I remember learning about *Miconia* from the National Geographic series, “*Strange Days on Planet Earth*.” The episode “Invaders” explained that *Miconia* became a highly destructive invader on tropical islands like Hawaii because it lacks limiting factors, such as competition or predators, to prevent its overgrowth.

Fortunately, the three prominent veins running from the base to the tip of *Heptacodium*'s leaves are simply a case of convergent evolution – a biological phenomenon where unrelated species independently develop analogous traits to adapt to similar environments. Despite the physical resemblance, *Heptacodium* is entirely unrelated to the tropical invader and behaves as a perfectly polite guest.

After its flowers fade, the underlying



Peeling bark of the heptacodium.

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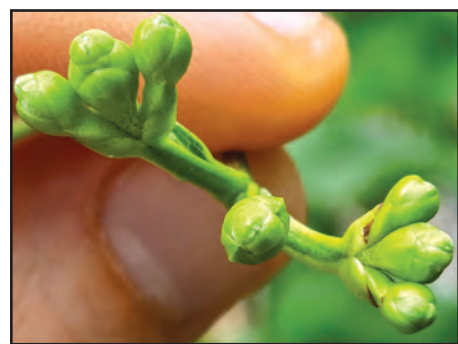


Heptacodium's white blooms will turn a blush color in the fall.

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sepals expand and “blush” in varying shades of red as autumn progresses. This is a dramatic show that lasts through October. When November arrives and the leaves drop, *Heptacodium* reveals its winter wardrobe. Its bark exfoliates in shaggy, tan strips, providing visual interest against a backdrop of snow.

Heptacodium is a conversation starter that survived a century of obscurity. It supports Hudson Valley pollinators during the late-summer nectar drought, making it well worth the garden real estate. Its fall and winter show is proof that you don't need a crowd of close relations to



Immature Heptacodium, or Seven-Son Flower, buds.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

make a major impact. Sometimes being a solo act is the best way to stand out in the crowd.

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

Touch-a-Truck event set for August 23

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls is excited to bring back its popular Touch a Truck event on Sunday, Aug. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at Schlathaus Park in the Town of Wappinger. Touch a Truck is a family-friendly event that gives children the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of trucks, vehicles, and equipment. The afternoon will also feature vendors, bouncy houses, food, live music, and plenty of activities for the entire family. Admission is \$20 per family. For an additional \$10, children can enjoy unlimited use of the bouncy houses throughout the event. Cash strongly preferred. The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls will also be handing out free literacy books and coloring books to children, while supplies last.

Hungry? There will be two food vendors on site: Outback Steakhouse and The Creamery Ice Cream Truck.

Adding to the afternoon will be live music on the newly built bandstand from X and Y. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and relax while enjoying the concert and all the activities happening throughout the park. Parking is available at the New Hackensack Fire Department.

Proceeds from Touch a Truck will support the Rotary Club's community programs, including scholarships, Student of the Month, and the Adopt-a-Family program. The Rotary Club would like to extend a special thank-you to our generous sponsors, DCH Toyota, NBT Bank, and Casella Waste Management. Their support helps make this event possible and allows us to continue giving back to local students, families, and the community.

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that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



Pop goes into ‘Uber’ drive

Luigi marvels at his father’s questionable knowledge of app-based transportation.

The thing about my father being 93 is ... well ... he’s 93. We don’t let him drive anymore. Not that he was exactly Mario Andretti before, but at least back then he had the confidence of a man who believed stop signs were “suggestions” and turn signals were “for people who don’t know where they’re going.”

Anyway, on a recent holiday weekend the restaurant was a madhouse. Wall-to-wall people. You couldn’t even squeeze a breadstick between the tables. We were so busy we couldn’t break away to go pick him up.

So I called him.

Me: “Pop, listen, we’re swamped. We can’t get out to come get you.”

Pop: “Ok. So justa call me the Uber.” I froze. Like ... what?

Me: “What are you talking about?”

Pop: “You know... the Uber. Youa call. Theya come. Theya pick up. Theya take-a me.”

He said it like he was explaining gravity. Like I was the one who didn’t understand how the universe worked. Now we’re going back and forth — half English, half Italian, half yelling, half confusion, all chaos.

Me: “Pop, you don’t even know how to use Uber!”

Pop: “I don’t gotta know! YOUA call the Uber! Youa push-a the button!”

Me: “What button?”

Pop: “The buttone ona the phone! The one thata says ‘Bring-a me the car!’”

At this point he’s describing Uber like it’s a pizza delivery service. Then he starts negotiating like he’s at a fish market.

Pop: “How much it cost? Five dollar? Ten dollar? I give you the money when I get there.”

Me: “Pop, it’s not about the money.”

Pop: “Ohhh, so it’s free? Even better!”

Now I’m rubbing my forehead like I’m trying to erase the conversation from my skull.

Meanwhile he’s getting louder, because in his mind volume = clarity.

Pop: “JUSTA CALL ME THE UBER! I WAIT OUTSIDE!”

Me: “Pop, no. No Uber. No waiting outside. No standing in the driveway like a lost tourist.”

Finally, after ten minutes of this inter-

national summit meeting, we decide it’s best if he just stays home.

Pop: “Ok ... but next time ... you call-a me the Uber.”

Like it’s settled law. Like it’s going in the Constitution. I hung up the phone and just stared at the wall for a minute, wondering how a man who still yells into his cellphone like he’s calling Naples in 1974 thinks he’s ready for app-based transportation.

But that’s Pop. Confident. Determined. And absolutely convinced Uber is a magical button that summons a chauffeur.

So after Pop and I finish our ten-round heavyweight match about Uber, I hang up thinking the situation is over. It was not over. Because ten minutes later, my other brother calls me.

He’s already laughing — that exhausted, defeated laugh of a man who has just survived a phone call with Pop.

Brother: “Did you tell him he’s not coming?”

Me: “Yeah. Why?”

Brother: “Because he just called me. Screaming about a car.”

Now I’m rubbing my temples again.

Me: “What did he say?”

Brother: “He says — and I quote — ‘LUIGI NO WANNA CALLA ME THE UBER. YOU CALLA ME THE UBER.’”

I can hear Pop’s voice in my head, like a ghost haunting the family group chat.

Me: “Oh no...”

Brother: “Oh yes. He’s pacing around the house like he’s waiting for a limo. He told me, ‘I’m-a dressed. I’m-a ready. I’m-a stand outside.’”

Me: “Did you tell him no?”

Brother: “I TRIED. But he kept yelling, ‘YOU PUSH-A THE BUTTON! YOU GOTTA THE BUTTON!’”

Now my brother starts imitating Pop — badly — but with full commitment.

Brother: (as Pop): “You open-a the phone! You find-a the Uber! You send-a the car! BEEP! BEEP! They come get me!”

I’m dying laughing, because this is exactly how Pop thinks Uber works: like a magical taxi fairy that appears when you yell loud enough.

Me: “So what did you tell him?”

Brother: “I told him the Uber is ... uh

... closed.”

Me: “Closed?”

Brother: “Yeah. I panicked. I said it’s a holiday, so the Uber people are home with their families.”

I’m silent.

He’s silent.

We both know Pop is absolutely going to repeat this to someone as a fact.

Brother: “And then he goes, ‘OH. OK. THATA MAKE-A THE SENSE.’”

Of course it does. To Pop, this is perfectly logical. Banks close. Stores close. Why wouldn’t Uber close for the holiday.

Me: “So he’s staying home?”

Brother: “Yeah. He said he’s gonna make roasted pepper pasta and watch the Mass on TV. But he told me to tell you...”

And here my brother switches back into full Pop mode:

Brother: (as Pop) “Next time ... YOU CALLA ME THE UBER EARLY. BEFORE THEY CLOSE.”

I hang up the phone and just stare into space.

Some families worry about big things. We worry about Pop trying to summon Uber like he’s casting a spell.

ROASTED PEPPER PASTA

Ingredients

4 large red bell peppers
1 lb. bucatini pasta
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
4-5 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup vegetable broth
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1 tbsp tomato paste
1/2 tsp red pepper flakes (optional)
1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
salt, to taste
black pepper, to taste

Method

Roasting the peppers
Preheat the oven: Set the oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Prep the peppers: Wash the peppers, cut them in half lengthwise, and remove stems, seeds, and membranes.

Oil & season: Place peppers cut-side down on the sheet. Drizzle with 1/4 cup olive oil, season lightly with salt and pepper, and coat evenly.

Roast: Bake 30-40 minutes, until skins are blistered and charred in spots and the peppers are very soft.

Transfer hot peppers to a bowl and cover tightly (or place in a paper bag). Steam 10–15 minutes to loosen the skins.

Peel & chop: Peel off the skins, discard them, and roughly chop the pepper flesh. Save any juices.

Making the sauce

Heat the remaining olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and cook 5-7 minutes until soft.

Stir in the minced garlic and optional red pepper flakes. Cook 1–2 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cook 1 minute more.

Add the chopped peppers and any collected juices. Cook 2–3 minutes.

Blend the sauce. Transfer to a blender (or use an immersion blender). Add 1/4 cup broth and blend until smooth. Add more broth as needed to reach a pourable, creamy consistency.

Stir in the heavy cream (or coconut cream) and Parmesan. Simmer gently 5-7 minutes, without boiling hard.

Season & finish: Adjust salt and pepper. Stir in the chopped basil. Add a small squeeze of lemon if you want extra brightness. Keep warm on low heat.

Cooking the pasta & combining

Cook the pasta: Boil pasta in salted water until al dente. About 7-8 minutes.

Reserve pasta water: Before draining, save 1 cup of the starchy water.

Add drained pasta to the warm sauce and toss well. Add splashes of pasta water as needed to loosen and help the sauce cling.

Serve: Plate immediately. Top with extra Parmesan, basil, olive oil, or red pepper flakes. Serve with crusty Italian bread and a nice glass of Pinot Grigio.

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

Golf outing to support
Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley

Chip In To Rebuild will be held on Oct. 2 at the Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland. The 34th annual outing will benefit Rebuilding Together. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

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competition. One’s participation helps to ensure safe and healthy homes for people in need.

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Afternoon Book Club
to meet Sept. 16

Join us at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. when the EFCL Afternoon Book Group meets to discuss this month’s selection is “The River We Remember” by William Kent Krueger. Copies of the

book are available within the Library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.

East Fishkill Community Library is at 348 Route 376 in East Fishkill.

BHS Class of ‘66
Reunion set for Sept.

Beacon High School Class of 1966 will hold a 60th Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at Nicola’s Italian Restaurant, 3620 Route 9, in Cold Spring, Putnam County.

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MJ REMEDIES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 06/30/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2703 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: medical equipment and device sales and any lawful purpose.

2617 S. AVENUE LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 5 Oak Bend Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

2764 W. MAIN LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 5 Oak Bend Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Prastos Legacy LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) under LLC Section 203 on 06/25/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of Prastos Legacy LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Prastos Legacy LLC, 111 Longview Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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Notice of Formation of Captured By Cadence LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 12, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to: 37 Willow Road, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Gruleon Capital LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 15th, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 2264 Morris Avenue 7A, Bronx, N.Y. 10453. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York. 12471096

Notice of Formation of MW Collectibles, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 4/26/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process; copies to be mailed to Michelle Peterson, 23 Cosgrove Ave., West Haverstraw, NY 10993. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Rhinebeck Equine Property Holdings, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on July 8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at 26 Losee Lane, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MARPRO REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 129-131 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: JKM Exterior Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 15, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 26 Old Sylvan Lake Road Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

THE APOCA-LIPS LLC Filed 06/25/2026. Office Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. As agent for process & Shall mail to: 5 Mckinley Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FINAL BREW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Dept. of State of NY on July 17, 2026. Office location: Dutchess Co. Principal business location: 17 Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Joseph Vincent Trebat III, 17 Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Registered agent: Joseph Vincent Trebat III, 17 Alpine Dr., Apt. H, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which an LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of NY.

Notice of Formation of Treasure Healing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on July 2, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 1 Colonial Road #115, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of Velo Mechanical Solutions LLC. Arts of

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Org. Filed with SSNY on 7/20/26. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9 Dunn Lane, Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful activity.

PSJ GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/20/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

35 Boyce Street, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on July 15, 2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 14 Robinson Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of ABMARTINO LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on April 29, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Entity Protect Registered Agent Services 447 Broadway 2nd FL. - #300, New York, NY 10013 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose

6 WILLIAM STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50 Mountain Lane, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Meadow Shore Productions LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 475 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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nization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 23 Village Park Drive, 1B Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Gray With An A LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on June 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is: Susan Gray, 38 Coachlight Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Le Dollar Beans 7 two 9 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 399 Freedom rd Pleasant Valley NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful

HUDSON VALLEY TOOL SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 19 Meadow Wood Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PCA WAPPINGERS FALLS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 224 West 35th Street, Suite 500/#435, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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AW & W Holdings LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 259 White Schoolhouse Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Name: Clearpath AI, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 26, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: PO Box 20105, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

MILLBROOK AUTO REPAIR, LLC filed 7/22/2026. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 1212 Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: Auto Repairs

JP Farm Amenias LLC. Filed with SSNY on July 22, 2026. Office: Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 Old State Route, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful

STORMY ROSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Rose Iebba, 11 Sean Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: KJB Parsonage, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 29, 2026 Office Location: Dutchess County SSNY Designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of Process to: Lindsay J. Bazos, 831 Bulls Head Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

‘White Glove Tour’ at Mount Gulian Historic Site in Sept.

Mount Gulian Historic Site will offer its exclusive White Glove Tour three Wednesdays in September – September 2, September 16 and September 30 at 1 p.m. This special tour highlights items from the collection that are rarely on display. Following a tour of the house and grounds, visitors will have the opportunity to wear the trademark curatorial white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the

collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective of the past. “We rarely offer our “White Glove” tour to the general public,” said Elaine Hayes, Executive Director. “We hope out of town visitors, our neighbors, and local residents will stop by and avail themselves of this unique opportunity.” Visitors will have the opportunity to hold and examine artifacts representing

300 years of Mount Gulian’s history, which spans from Native American times, through the Colonial Era, the American Revolution, and the Golden Age of the Hudson Valley. Items selected for this tour include a Verplanck family bible from the 17th century; documents and artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries; women’s and men’s Victorian era clothing; military artifacts and more!

Admission for the “White Glove Tour” is \$20 adults; \$18 seniors; \$10 children; free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public and may be purchased day of the event. Registration is strongly suggested. To register, please contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or info@mount-gulian.org. For further information and directions visit www.mountgulian.org.

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Notice of Formation of Willow Creek Signs LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 9 Ridge Rd. Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of UNITED WE WATCH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 40 Meadow Brook Ln., Wingdale, NY 12594. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SAY SO STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Catrinel Bartolomeu, 1080 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Woodland Mountain, LLC. AO filed with SSNY on 7/20/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Hawthorn Ct, Fishkill, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

P U M P K I N PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process

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to the LLC, 264 Nine Partners Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

194-196 WEST KERLEY CORNERS ROAD LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 7/27/2026. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 185 West Kerley Corners Road, Tivoli, NY 12583, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Dutchess Donuts & Creamery LLC. Dutchess Donuts & Creamery, LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 847 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

N I N E TWENTY FOUR PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 50 East 89th Street, 16E, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Barberan Platforms LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 13, 2026. Office location: 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 at: 2 Russ Place, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Strongman CPR & Training LLC. Articles of Organization filed

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 19, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: P.O. 25, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

H U D S O N RIDGE NURSE PRACTITIONER IN ADULT HEALTH, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2026. Office: Dutchess County. Principal business location: 1401 Rt 52, Suite 104, Fishkill, NY 12524. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 31 Thistle Ln, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ELITE FEMME STRATEGIES LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York State Department of State on June 18, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 75, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The LLC has designated LegalZoom USCA, Inc., 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn, NY 11201, as its registered agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Vesper Educational Consulting LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 27, 2026 Office loca-

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tion: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 105 Kelly Rd Red Hook NY 12571 Purpose: any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: MYHOME P R O P E R T Y HOLDINGS LLC, hereinafter “LLC”. Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was January 7, 2024. Principal office location is Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it or served upon it on behalf of the LLC to the registered agent, Elaine Suderio and David Miller, 23 Marshall Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Raretruss LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on August 9, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 52 Mohawk Trail, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Form. of Cllr Consulting Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 46 FRANCES DRIVE, HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533. Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LONGEVITY STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June

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25, 2026. Office location: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of CMF ELECTRIC LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on April 6, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County at 15 Hornbeck Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 15 Hornbeck Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603 Purpose: To provide electrical contracting, installation, repair, maintenance, and related services.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MY LITTLE COCOON, LMHC, P.L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 3, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to 2 Lagrange Avenue, Suite 214, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: to practice the profession of licensed mental health counseling.

Notice of Form. of Art2behuman LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 311 HUNNS LAKE ROAD, STANFORDVILLE, NY 12581. Any lawful purpose.

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114 Mill Road LLC (the “LLC”). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (“SSNY”) on August 10, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 128 Mill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 194 Karwacki Road LLC (the “LLC”). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (“SSNY”) on August 10, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 128 Mill Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Valley Ledge, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/12/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 2 Rombout Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Basically Needed It LLC Art. of org. filed with SSNY on 6/22/26. Office: Dutchess County. Legal Zoom designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC to 45 Main Street suite 238 Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of PAUL BRANDOW FAMILY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to Paul Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of ANNE BRANDOW FAMILY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Original addr. of process was; Anne Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522, however, as amended by Cert. of Amendment filed with SSNY on 08/10/26, SSNY shall mail process to Ann Brandow, 487 Butts Hollow Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522. As amended by Cert. of Amendment filed with SSNY on 08/10/26, name changed to ANN BRANDOW FAMILY LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of KERNEL LABS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/19/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent upon whom process may be served: Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of CATSKILL BAIT COMPANY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/04/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 19 Acacia Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Artists can apply for 2026 Empowered Artist Award through September 15

Arts Mid-Hudson is now accepting applications for the 2026 Empowered Artist Award, an annual unrestricted grant program that will award three \$3,000 grants to individual artists living and working in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 11:59 p.m.

The Empowered Artist Award recognizes that one of the most critical needs for artists is access to unrestricted funds, allowing them to continue their practice, advance their careers, and increase their visibility within their community. These funds will enable artists to create new work, purchase necessary equipment, access educational opportunities, and pay for living expenses.

The Empowered Artist Award was established in 2022 by Linda Marston-Reid, former Executive Director of Arts Mid-Hudson, who used her retirement after ten years of service to the arts community to create a fund that provides unrestricted support for local artists.

In 2025, the Ruth and Harold Chenven Foundation transferred its assets to Arts Mid-Hudson in support of the Empowered Artist Award. The mission of the Chenven Foundation is to support the work of artists living and working in the United States and to foster a greater public appreciation for the arts. Over the past 40 years, the Chenven Foundation has awarded unrestricted grants to 231 individual artists.

The Chenven Foundation follows on the lifelong commitment to the arts by both Ruth and Harold. As a silversmith and jewelry designer, Ruth was acutely aware of the challenges artists face. Her vision, to provide support to individual artists and craftspeople, was realized by her husband, Harold, following her death.

To assist applicants, Arts Mid-Hudson will offer a free virtual Information Session and a series of Zoom Q&A sessions throughout the application period. RSVPs are required for the Information Session and all Q&A sessions in order to receive the Zoom link. To RSVP, please visit the Arts Mid-Hudson website: <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/empowered-artist-award>

Zoom Q&A Sessions:

Monday, Aug. 24 at Noon
Friday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 14 at 11a.m.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Grants team to discuss eligibility, ask questions, brainstorm ideas, and receive feedback on draft applications. Appointments are conducted by phone. To make an appointment visit: <https://artsmidhudson.youcanbook.me/>.

Complete application guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application materials are available on the Arts Mid-Hudson website.

Legal Notices REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-68-26 Uniform Rental and Facility Services for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of August, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 26-7874 (Area Variance) Theodore Molinari: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-80 Zoning District. -Where 40 feet to the side yard (right) property line is required, the applicant can provide 25.1 feet for the legalization of 12'x18' shed, thus requesting a variance of 14.9 feet. -Where no accessory structure is permitted in a front yard, the applicant put a shed in the front yard, thus requesting a variance to allow the shed to remain. The property is located at 40 Paulette Lane on 1.26 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6359-04-990167 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals	Legal Notices 542293 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. 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Dated: August 11, 2026 Susan Serino Poughkeepsie, New York Dutchess County Executive NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 14th day of September, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law Of 2026, entitled "Local Law Amending Chapters 122, 171, And 230 Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Wappinger To Establish Parking Permit Requirements And Scheduling A Public Hearing Therein" PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that this action does not affect the environment and is not subject to SE-	Legal Notices QRA. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York. Dated: August 11, 2026 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK LEGAL NOTICE OF RESOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 12th of August 2026, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum, and therefore said Resolution shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after its adoption, nor until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Hughsonville Fire District qualified to vote at an annual election of Fire District Officers voting on such proposition if within thirty (30) days after its adoption there be filed with the Fire District Secretary a petition signed and acknowledged or proved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded, by resident taxpayers of the Hughsonville Fire District, owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-quarter of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property of the Hughsonville Fire District as such valuations appear upon the latest completed assessment roll of the Town of Wappingers, protesting against such Resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District affected for their approval or disapproval. A copy of the full text of the Resolution is available from the	Legal Notices Hughsonville Fire District Secretary, an abstract of which is reproduced herein. A RESOLUTION authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, to purchase a 2027 Chevrolet 3500 Truck with utility bed, emergency lighting, plow, sander, and accessories. Funds in the Apparatus Reserve Fund shall be used to pay for said purchase, not to exceed \$140,000.00. By Order of the Board of Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District Kim Flower, Secretary Hughsonville Fire District NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK September 15, 2026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the resolution duly adopted on August 12, 2026 by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District, in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, a Special Election of the qualified voters of said Fire District, will be held on September 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes. The voting shall be at the fire house located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York. The voting shall be upon the following Proposition: PROPOSITION SHALL the Resolution of Hughsonville Fire District, in the Town of Wappinger, New York, entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF	Legal Notices W A P P I N G E R , D U T C H E S S COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 12, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIOS AND EQUIPMENT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR \$382,521.00 OVER A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS," be approved? All residents of the Fire District who were duly registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections, or who have otherwise registered as eligible registered Fire District voters, and who have resided in the Fire District for a period of at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the Special Election, shall be eligible to vote at said Special Election. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DATED: August 12, 2026 KIM FLOWER FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY The Town of Fishkill will host their Town-wide bulk cleanup day on Saturday September 19, 2026 from 7am to 2pm at the Fishkill Highway Department Yard, 2 Geering Way, Fishkill, NY. Proof of Residency will be required. NO trucks such as U-Hauls, vans, utility trailers larger than the bed of pick-up truck will be permitted into the Highway to dump their bulk debris. ONLY regular passenger vehicles & ordinary pick-up trucks will be allowed. Cleanup material must be separated by wood, metals, and soft miscellaneous items. CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The following items cannot be accepted due to landfill restriction: Engine oil, lawn and garden chemicals (such as fertilizer), insecticides, pesticides, poisons, brush, leaves, drain cleaning chemicals and other caustic solvents, paint materials (such as latex or oil	Legal Notices based paints, turpentine, shellacs, sealers, mineral spirits and other paint related materials), gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids (including containers that were used for these products) aerosol cans and other pressurized tanks. Tires will no longer be accepted at clean-up days. You may bring them to Royal Carting for a fee. <u>Shredding Truck – Community Shred Event:</u> A Commercial Shredding Truck will be on site from 8am to 2pm. Each household is limited to (3) file boxes or (3) kitchen garbage bags (or containers of like size). An E-Waste container will be on site to accept your e-waste (i.e. televisions, computers, printers, cell phones, etc.). To view all acceptable E-Waste items please visit royalcarting.com and follow the E-Waste link. Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 25th day of August, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications. 1. Joseph Colacino, 51 Old Route 52, Stormville., requesting a variance to have a second detached garage, a 23' sideline variance for the proposed 24x26 (624sf) detached garage, and hvac unit, Pursuant to Section 194-107 and the Schedule of Bulk Regulations. Footprint of existing house is 900sf Norma Drummond Chairperson East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals
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Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship awarded to local firefighter Morgan Doughty

By Kristine Coulter

The 2026 Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship was awarded to volunteer firefighter Morgan Doughty.

Doughty described herself as “a student who loves learning to every degree and a first responder who thrives to be better,” in her letter to the scholarship committee.

Ziskind was set to graduate from SUNY New Paltz with a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering. He was also a first responder who gave countless hours back to his community of East Fishkill as member of the Wicoppee Fire Company.

Ziskind died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in May of 2020. That year, his parents, Polly and Martin Ziskind, his brother, Adam, and members of the Wicoppee Firehouse began the memorial scholarship in Steven’s name.

Adam commented to Southern Dutchess News via email, “Every year, reading through the applications reminds our family why we started this scholarship in Steven’s name. The young people who apply, and the ones we choose, tend to share a quality Steven had in abundance: they show up for other people without being asked twice. Whether it’s through their fire company, coaching younger kids, volunteering at church, or just being the person their friends call in a crisis, they’ve already learned something a lot of adults are still working on-that being part of a community means carrying some of its weight. Steven was a volunteer firefighter because he genuinely believed that was how you take care of your neighbors. He didn’t do it for recognition.”

Doughty wrote in her letter to the committee, “I believe that true commitment is

not measured by the titles one holds, but by the weight of the responsibilities one is willing to carry when the stakes are highest. For the past few years my demanding schedule has been a choice; one defined by my personal values. I have focused on composing myself to be the best person I can, whether that is training as a firefighter to assist my community and team effectively, or as a family member, student, or friend. I prioritize the things I love over everything else.”

Doughty said she plans to major in Chemical Engineering at Stony Brook University.

“My background in high school and AP Chemistry, as well as an entry to Hazmat training sparked an interest in the chemical properties of materials and how they behave in our day to day lives. Therefore, in combination with that and my desire to solve complex, real-world problems I know that engineering will be an important steppingstone for me. On top of that while pursuing this demanding degree, I intend to continue my athletic career by walking on to Stony Brook’s Division I Track and Field team,” stated Doughty.

In a letter to the committee, Karl Vollmer, president of Hopewell Hose Fire Co. No. 1, stated, “It is my sincere belief that Morgan is well deserving of this scholarship.”

Vollmer explained, “I have known Morgan since she joined Hopewell Hose Fire Co. No. 1 as an active member in July 2024. Morgan is, and has been, a member in good standing with the company as well as the district. Morgan regularly responds to calls, participates in training, company work details and social events.” He added, “Since the time



Morgan Doughty, a local volunteer firefighter, was recently awarded the Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship for 2026 in honor of late volunteer firefighter Steven Ziskind. Pictured with Doughty, are members of Doughty’s family, members of the Ziskind family and members of the Wicoppee Fire Company.

-Courtesy photo

Morgan became an active member, I have personally observed that Morgan is a young adult with “old-school” values.”

Vollmer mentioned in the letter that Doughty improves on her skills and education, “and accomplished all this without complaint or excuses.”

“We have a saying in our firehouse, ‘If you can only give 10% of your time, we expect you that you give 100% of that

10% while you are here.’ Morgan exemplifies this request,” remarked Vollmer.

Adam stated, “Each recipient we’ve chosen has that same dedication. They work hard, they don’t complain, and they care about the people around them more than they care about being noticed for it. That’s what connects every recipient to Steven, and it’s why this scholarship means so much to our family.”

Beatrix Farrand Garden to present ‘Artists in the Garden’ project Aug. 29

On Saturday, August 29, the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (BFGA) will offer two free events that will bring the power and beauty of art into the garden.

BFGA will present a free Artists in the Garden juried exhibition from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring artwork created in or inspired by the Beatrix Farrand Garden, celebrating the beauty, complexity, and restorative value of gardens and nature. The juried exhibition will be at the Wallace Center, adjacent to the Beatrix

Farrand Garden. Works in the exhibit will include oil, acrylic, watercolor paintings, drawings, photography, papier mache, and mixed media. Subjects will include scenes from gardens to national parks, wildlife, and botanical art. Twenty-five local, highly talented artists will be featured, as well as a few budding young artists.

Visitors can also enjoy stroll through the garden and watch multiple local artists giving live demonstrations of their

various artistic talents: painting, sketching, photography, and more. Garden visitors, both adults and children, can observe the artists, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., ask questions, learn and enjoy – and are welcome to bring their own supplies and try their hand. Several artists will offer hands-on demonstrations.

The “Artists in the Garden” project is supported in part by Arts MidHudson, Destination Dutchess, Dutchess County,

and in part by select, generous donors.

The Beatrix Farrand Garden is located on the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, attached to the yellow Bellefield Mansion, 4097 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park. Free and accessible parking, café, and restrooms are available at the Wallace Visitor Center. Although free, visitors are encouraged to make a reservation at the BFGA website: www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org.

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A painting by Mira Fink shows a portion of the Beatrix Farrand Garden.

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