

180TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Youth Livestock Sale is a great teacher for all
Red Carpet Meet & Greet precedes event at Fair on Aug. 29

By Curtis Schmidt

While the Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair offers great opportunities for buyers, it also offers even greater opportunities for the youth exhibitors to learn valuable life skills – on a first-hand basis.

This year’s event will begin with a Red Carpet Meet & Greet at 2 p.m. and then the sale itself at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 in the main show ring on Livestock Hill. Prospective buyers and all those interested in learning more about youth in agriculture are encouraged to attend the Meet & Greet where they have the opportunity to meet and interact with youth exhibitors, including Grand and Reserve Champions in each category.

Katie Drum, an independent 4-H sheep exhibitor, commented, “Working with the 4-H Junior Livestock Sale Committee and the Youth Livestock Sale, I’ve learned to overcome my shyness and have in-person conversations with (buyers and the public). When I make it a personal conversation about my animals and how I raise them, it gives new buyers options for making an informed purchase.”

Henry Skuza of the 4-H Here Comes the Beef Club, said “I’ve learned how to reach out to the public as well as buyers and how to effectively market my beef cattle through the 4-H Junior Livestock Committee and the Dutchess Youth Livestock Sale. I have increased my ROI (return on investment) on my animals through these conversations.”

Skill building is a major component of 4-H and FFA, with members competing in annual public presentations to build their confidence and communication abilities.

In the Youth Livestock Sale, youth gain experience in communication, record keeping, and the importance of agricultural education.



Youth exhibitors preparing for the Youth livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 29 include from left, Henry Skuza and Emily Coon (Beef), Hailey Brennan (Rabbit), Tavin Pennock (Sheep), Lyris Pennock (Poultry/Duck), Katie Drum (Sheep), Jack Coon (Hogs) and Roger Loughran (Meat Goat). Special thanks to Amanda and Thomas Skuza for the use of their farm maintenance garage during the rainstorm on Aug. 20.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

The 4-H Junior Livestock Sale Committee is a youth-led collaboration between Dutchess County 4-H and the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale Committee (DCYLS). The 2026 group hosts nine youth members representing the six species of livestock that are sold in the annual sale at the Dutchess County Fair. Committee members also assist in sharing sale updates and deadlines to 4-H and FFA youth

throughout the county leading up to the sale at the Fair.

2026 Committee Members include: Beef Cattle - Emily Coon & Henry Skuza, Lambs -Katie Drum & Tavin Pennock, Poultry - Lyris Pennock, Meat Goats - Natalie Shultz & Roger Loughran III, Rabbits/Cavies - Hailey Brennan, Hogs - Jack Coon.

Advised by Michelle Hicks (DCYLS Chairwoman), Jim Barey (Dutchess 4-

H Program Manager), and Debbie Scannell (Dutchess 4-H Club Leader), the committee works throughout the year to prepare 4-H youth and educate the public about the annual sale. Members also explore the marketing efforts involved in raising and promoting livestock for the food supply.

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New communication station
at Julie’s Jungle in East Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

Julie’s Jungle, the first accessible playground for children of all abilities in East Fishkill, now has a Communication Station.

“There have been communication boards popping up across the country for a while,” said Laura Morris, a speech therapist with Beacon Speech Therapy.

Morris thought Julie’s Jungle should have a communication board. The playground was named in honor of late East Fishkill resident Julie Keating (who had special needs) by her sister Natalie.

“I thought a communication board would be nice,” Morris said.

So, what is the communication station? It is for children who have difficulty communicating through speech, it was explained. The child can now find a

way at the station to say things like “I want to sing,” or “Look at that!”

“This, of course, is not our specialty, but it is Laura’s,” stated Janet McHugh, who is a co-founder of Julie’s Jungle.

A playground, said Morris, could be a place where a child might find it hard to communicate when they are there. If they have a tablet or communication board that aids them in their communication, they might not have that item with them on the playground.

The station allows them to have a way to point to different actions and equipment on the playground.

Mahopac resident Michael S. told Morris and McHugh “thank you” for the communication station and that “every time” they go to the playground, his

son uses it.

Morris explained that the communication board is “an example of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). AAC, she said, is “a broad term

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4-H powers Maddie Sartori

For Maddie Sartori, confidence has grown into success. She learned agility, rally, obedience, grooming and handling through her Top Dogs club. In addition to working with her dogs through 4-H, she has become a top Dog Obedience handler. She has also received multiple purple collars on her public presentations in 4-H.

See her story on pages 15-17

Coghlan Mullens: Becoming a leader

Coghlan Mullens is the newly elected president of the Pine Plains FFA. He has a long high school journey ahead of him, but he already knows that he wants to go to college and have a career in agriculture, specifically veterinary medicine.

See his story on pages 6-7

FFA feeds Micah's passion for learning

Micah Martini has participated in a range of competitions and activities throughout his time in FFA at John Jay High School. Rather than limiting himself to one area, he says he enjoys participating wherever he can, because every experience offers something new to learn.

See his story on pages 28-31

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The new Communication Station at Julie’s Jungle in East Fishkill.
-Photos by Kristine Coulter

Janet McHugh, co-founder of Julie’s Jungle, left, and Laura Morris, with Beacon Speech Therapy, stand by the new Communication Station at Julie’s Jungle in East Fishkill.

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for tools and strategies that support communication when speech alone is not enough.

Morris said the communication station in the playground, “normalize” AAC by making it visible and familiar to everyone, which will help children see communica-

tion tools as a normal part of the environment. This will help create a space where children can connect and play, she added.

Adults can model using the board by saying “Play on swing.” “It prompts the child,” she said.

The positive feedback from families keeps them going. McHugh said, “This is why we

do this. People are still passionate about this playground and say, “This is lifesaving for my child,” and it means so much to us.”

McHugh thanked Beacon Speech Therapy for creating the board. Dave Nieves, Beacon Speech Therapy, added his artistic flair to the project, it was noted. McHugh also offered appreciation

to the Town of East Fishkill leaders for their ongoing support of Julie’s Jungle.

Donations and volunteers for Julie’s Jungle are always welcome, it was stated. Julie’s Jungle is at 5 Old Lime Kiln Rd. in East Fishkill.

For more information, please visit juliesjungle.org.

Girls on the Run HV seeks coaches

Girls on the Run Hudson Valley is recruiting volunteer coaches to inspire and empower girls throughout its Fall 2026 season. Community members who are passionate about making a difference are encouraged to apply.

Girls on the Run is an after-school youth development program serving girls in grades 3–8 throughout Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties. At a time when many young people are facing increasing pressures related to mental health, social media, and loneliness, girl-centered programs that foster confidence, connection, and resilience are more important than ever. Through movement-based lessons and meaningful conversations, Girls on the Run provides girls with a safe, supportive space where they can build life skills and be encouraged by positive adult mentors who believe in their potential.

The Fall 2026 season begins the week of Sept. 21 and concludes with the organization's celebratory Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Rockland Lake State Park.

Coaches work in teams of two or more and meet with 8-15 girls after school twice each week for eight weeks. The season concludes with the Girls on the Run 5K Celebration, where participants proudly achieve a goal they have been working toward all season.

“Girls today are navigating challenges that previous generations never had to face,” said Kim Quimby, Executive Director of Girls on the Run Hudson Valley. “Now more than ever, girls need positive role models who show up, listen, encourage them, and remind them they are capable of amazing things. Our volunteer coaches become trusted mentors who help girls build confidence they’ll carry with them for years to come. You don’t

need to be a runner or have coaching experience—you simply need to care.”

All Girls on the Run volunteer coaches receive free, comprehensive training that includes education on creating welcoming environments, fostering connections, and adapting the program for girls with disabilities. Councils provide coaches with the research-based curriculum and all necessary materials they need to lead a successful season. Head and assistant coaches must be at least 18 years old, pass a background check, and commit to attending the weekly practices. High school students aged 15-18 can get

involved and gain leadership skills as junior coaches. Each team is assigned multiple coaches to ensure a safe, positive experience for both the girls and the volunteers.

Volunteer coaching is open to adults from all backgrounds, including parents, teachers, school staff, college students, retirees, business professionals, and community members looking for a meaningful way to give back.

Individuals interested in becoming a coach are encouraged to apply by Friday Sept. 4. Learn more and apply at www.girlsontherunhv.org/coach.

Vassar Temple announces High Holy Day Services

Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of Sept. 11, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of Sept. 20. The congregation’s clergy Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom,) and there will be professional security present.

Please visit the website www.vassartemple.org for the complete service schedule.

No fee is involved, but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray our expenses are appreciated. The congregation is also accepting donations of nonperishable foods for its annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit a local food pantry. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive congregation located in Poughkeepsie and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

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Army veteran Howard A. Traudt recognized during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremony held in Rhinebeck

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs recognized the service and lasting impact of U.S. Army Corporal (Cpl.) Howard A. Traudt, a cornerstone of the Rhinebeck community, at this month’s “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony, held on Aug. 20 at American Legion Post 429 in Rhinebeck.

Serino said, “Howard Traudt lived a remarkable life of service, hard work and devotion to his loved ones and community. He proudly served his country in the Army, honored the memory of his fellow veterans when he returned home and gave so much to Dutchess County and his beloved hometown of Rhinebeck. Above all, he was devoted to his family, who continue to honor him today. Howard leaves behind a lasting legacy, and Dutchess County is privileged to share his story and those of his fellow local heroes through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program to inspire generations to come.”

Born in Rhinebeck on Nov. 1, 1933, Howard A. Traudt was drafted into the U.S. Army on July 9, 1953. He served during the early Cold War with the 7th Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany, participating in readiness drills near the East German border. Upon com-

pletion of his military service in 1955, Cpl. Traudt met Madelon “Lonnie” Napoli on a blind date in 1956; they married on Jan. 8, 1956, beginning a lifelong partnership. Deeply shaped by the loss of his brother Roland, who was killed in action during World War II, Cpl. Traudt devoted much of his life to honoring veterans through the VFW, American Legion Montgomery Post 429, a local WWII veterans dinner, a school-district scholarship and the Roland Traudt Little League Trophy. A fixture in Rhinebeck, Cpl. Traudt coached Little League for two decades while building a 39-year career with the U.S. Post Office and running a painting and wallpapering business, as well as Howie’s Lawn Service, continuing to mow lawns at the age of 85. Remembered as quiet, caring, patriotic and exceptionally hardworking, Cpl. Traudt passed away on Feb. 24, 2024, leaving a legacy of devotion to family, seen in his four sons, 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Dutchess County invites nominations for its monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies, held April through November, to pay tribute to deceased U.S. Armed Forces veterans who served in wartime or peacetime. Community members can submit nominations and required military



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, center, joined the family of U.S. Army Cpl. Howard A. Traudt in celebrating his life on Aug. 20 during the “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony recently held in Rhinebeck.

-Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov’t

documentation for consideration through the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs, with the next ceremony scheduled for Sept. 17. Additional information and downloadable applications are available at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran.

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DC Fair team embraces social media to spread excitement with mix of platforms

By Morgan E. Maier

Before cows, crowds, and sweet corn ice cream can arrive at the Dutchess County Fair, its organizers needed a way to connect folks with the influx of information that the festivities require.

The key was tapping social media, where information can quickly - and creatively - spread across channels. From TikTok posts to a smartphone app, and a podcast from the Agriculture Society, the digital world has no shortage of facts ahead of this year’s run, August 25-30.

This year’s crop of campaigns has risen to the top of social media feeds, gathering eyes of closest fair fans and soon-to-be frequenters through their carefully crafted posts. Instagram, TikTok and YouTube are the main draws, while the DCF app gives updates to vendors and visitors as quickly as possible, all in one shop. Together, these campaigns are public information, wrapped in a digital, digestible bow.

“Social media lets us meet people where they already are. A grandstand announcement or a Dock Diving Dogs clip or reel can reach someone scrolling at 11 p.m., who never would’ve seen an ad or heard a radio spot,” said Beth Malsbury, who has handled the fair’s social media for 15 years.

Through the years, Vicki Imperati, the fair’s administrative operations manager, organized a super team of social media mavens for the challenge. With Malsbury, Margaux Miller, Jenny Lang, and summer intern Annie, this group turned their varied ideas and perspectives into a brand-elevating collection of content.

At Malsbury’s recommendation, the fair-ground’s online presence pivoted from transactional, promotional posts to engaging creatives. The key was to do so while staying true to the fair’s character and history.

“At its core, this is about keeping a 180-year-old tradition relevant to people who get their information in six-second increments now, without losing what makes it timeless,” added Malsbury.

With a combination of video and graphics to showcase the best of the fairgrounds’ offerings, the social media team employs a mix of platforms to engage audiences within Dutchess County and beyond. Content ranges from the know-before-you-go tips to vendor spotlights, trending video and graphic formats.

The “Legacy of Agriculture and Community” podcast, presented by the Dutchess County Agriculture Society, promotes the multigenerational impact of local farms. Part agriculture, part history, the

podcast teaches viewers everything they may not know about Dutchess County agriculture, according to Imperati.

“There are so many people within the community that are true agriculturists. And their mission is the same: getting word out about how important farmers are. Their stories need to be told, and this is our way of getting the word out,” Imperati added.

The team introduced a foodie-friendly segment, “Food Days to Celebrate” that concentrates Instagram Reels (short-form videos) on the Fair’s favorite treats, from candies to custards and corn dogs.

In addition to the widely popular podcast snippets, Miller’s approach to TikTok thrives on the behind-the-scenes. These, alongside sneak peeks of fair staples, are more to an audience than the “inside scoop”.

“There’s so much in our little valley, and a variety of different things. It [social media] just exposes people to all that we have to offer,” said Miller.

The reach stretches beyond the six days of summer fun; year-round, the social accounts promote other events happening on the same fairgrounds, including the Wine Festival, and car, country, and cattle shows.

For Imperati, the creative element heightens the team’s Fair excitement, the kind that takes root deep in people who join the industry.

“We always have fun, but the excitement in doing these things and the ideas

we come up with, and the positive feedback that comes back from everybody, I think, for us, it’s the satisfaction of making people smile,” she added.

Now on the cusp of fair season, the ideas don’t stop there. Connect with the Agriculture Society podcast @DCASinc on YouTube, Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Facebook and Instagram, and @dutchesscountyfair on TikTok.

Youth Livestock Sale is a great teacher for all

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The junior committee takes part in educational tours and meetings that allow them access to the local and national livestock industry. Past trips have included attending livestock sales for all species,

as well as touring restaurants specializing in farm-to-table outreach plans for a direct look at marketing within Dutchess County. Sessions like this allow committee members to develop leadership and marketing skills to use in their own livestock plans.



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Town of Fishkill Police Department’s website ‘coming soon’

To the Editor:

Having a town police website for a municipality is beneficial in many ways. It reduces administrative burden while building public trust and transparency. It also improves public safety and communications as well as strengthening community engagement.

Public trust and transparency are established by sharing policy manuals, which puts department rules, use of force policies and standard procedures online. Administrative efficiency is streamlined by automating report requests, which allows citizens to access accident or incident reports online. It also processes parking tickets and permits and well as handling permit applications.

Public safety and communications are improved by offering anonymous online tip forms, as well as sharing real time updates on missing persons, active threats, or road closures. They also promote community engagement by promoting local events, as well as recruitment efforts for active job openings. Lastly, they have complaint forms to measure community satisfaction.

The aforementioned sets the context of the concern of my letter. On the Town of Fishkill Police Department Facebook page on July 20th, it stated that the website would be down for a couple of weeks. As of the writing of this letter on August 20th, it is still down. If people try to access the page from the Town’s website, they are greeted with a “coming soon” cover photo.

I feel having the lack of an accessible police website is a serious disservice to the Town of Fishkill community. We have both a police commissioner, and a police chief (who was granted a \$30,000 raise by Supervisor Ozzy Albra and the Town Board at the meeting of August 5th.) in the FPD.

To conclude, I feel the Town of Fishkill police website should be a top priority for the chief and commissioner as a crucial tool for interaction with the Fishkill community and it’s quite concerning to me why it’s still down after a full month.

John Namerow
Fishkill

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Beephan thanks law enforcement for thwarting alleged terror plot

The following is a letter from State Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. to members of the FBI regarding their efforts of thwarting an alleged ISIS-inspired plat targeting the New York State Capitol building in Albany.

Dear Special Agent in Charge and Members of the FBI Albany Field Office:

I write to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for your efforts in thwarting the alleged ISIS-inspired plot targeting the New York State Capitol.

As a New York State Assemblyman and a New Yorker, I am especially grateful to the FBI Albany Field Office, the United States Department of Justice, and all of the federal, state, and local law enforcement professionals whose coordination helped protect the public and those who work in and visit our State Capitol.

Incidents such as this are an important reminder that keeping New Yorkers safe requires communication, intelligence sharing, and cooperation across every level of government. Federal agencies, state authorities, local police departments, sheriffs’ offices, and other public safety partners are strongest when they are working together toward the same mission.

I strongly encourage the continued expansion of this cooperation. Our law enforcement professionals face increasingly complex threats, and they deserve the resources, information, and partnerships necessary to identify those threats and act before innocent people are harmed.

Please extend my appreciation to the agents, investigators, prosecutors, analysts, officers, and other professionals involved in this effort. Their vigilance and dedication to public safety are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your service to New York and to our nation.

Anil R. Beephan Jr.
New York State Assemblyman
District 105

Challenges Kaul on 'Fighting ICE'

To the Editor:

Dutchess County Legislator Lisa Kaul has publicly expressed support for defunding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Kaul took out an ad in the SDN [6/17/2026] where it stated that she would: “Fight ICE and Data Centers.” This to me means eliminate or ban ICE by “Fighting.”

By openly taking the position of eliminating ICE Police is un-American. ICE Police is responsible to keep the American Homeland safe from foreign criminals and illegal immigrants who violate American immigration laws. Therefore, Lisa Kaul must be defeated in the upcoming NYS Senate race.

Helmut Gartner
East Fishkill

Vassar Brothers Medical Center ranked No. 1 hospital in Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Metro Area

U.S. News & World Report has named Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC), part of Northwell Health, the No. 1 hospital in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh Metro Area for the third consecutive year. VBMC was also ranked No. 20 (tie) in New York state and recognized among the best hospitals in the Hudson Valley. Northwell Health was the most awarded health system in the New York tri-state area for the sixth consecutive year, according to the 2026-27 U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals rankings.

VBMC, a premier regional hospital serving Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties and beyond, was recognized as “High Performing” in 16 Common Adult Procedures and Conditions, up from 15 last year. These include:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Colon cancer surgery
- Diabetes
- Gynecological cancer surgery
- Heart arrhythmia
- Heart attack
- Heart failure
- Hip fracture
- Kidney failure
- Leukemia, lymphoma & myeloma
- Lung cancer surgery
- Pacemaker implantation
- Pneumonia
- Stroke
- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR)

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

“Being named the No. 1 hospital in the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh region for a third consecutive year reflects the dedication, expertise and compassion of our team members throughout the organization,” said Susan Browning, Regional President of Northwell Health and President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center. “We are also proud to be part of Northwell Health, the most awarded health system in the New York tri-state area for the sixth consecutive year. Together, these recognitions demonstrate our commitment to delivering exceptional care close to home for the communities we serve across the Hudson Valley.”

“When patients face a major surgery or a chronic medical condition, having access to clear, quality data is vital,” said U.S. News’ Managing Editor and Chief of Health Analysis Ben Harder. “A ‘High Performing’ rating means that Vassar Brothers Medical Center outperformed a national threshold, giving families a reliable starting point as they consult with their doctors to choose the best place for care.”

U.S. News evaluated nearly 4,500 hospitals across 14 adult specialties and 23 procedures and conditions; less than half earned recognition in any of those 37 areas of care. To determine the Best Hospitals, U.S. News analyzed each hospital’s performance based on objective measures such as risk-adjusted mortality rates, preventable complications and patient experience. The Best Hospitals Specialty rankings methodology and Procedures & Conditions ratings methodology measure patient outcomes using data from over 800 million records of patient care.

For more information, visit [Best Hospitals](#).

Clarification

In the Aug. 19th edition, in the story “Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship awarded to local firefighter Morgan Doughty,” the members of the Wiccopee Fire Co. initiated the scholarship and the Ziskind family, who did not initiate it, offered their support.

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Dutchess County Historical Society

How the Dutchess County Fair shaped the focus of horse breeding

By Bill Jeffway

Among the images we see in the recently discovered and restored movies of Rhinebeck in September of 1919 is the parade of prize-winning horses at the Dutchess County Fair. We see prize-winning categories like “general purpose horses” and “general purpose farm team shown to wagon.” This is very telling.

The Dutchess County Fair, as it emerged from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society founded in 1806 with an initial “fair” in 1806, was constitutionally created to serve “none but farmers [who] shall be ordinary members of the society.” This was an organization for the common farm family. There were sporadic fairs until 1841 when New York State passed “An Act to Promote Agriculture” and the roots of the modern Dutchess County Fair were firmly established.

An 1890 editorial article in the Rural New Yorker reflected its focus on the common farmer by reporting that “the horse show just closed in [New York] city is considered the most successful ever held.” The article acknowledged that the races attracted wealthy people who could afford to lose nine horses in pursuit of a single high-performing winner. The editorial argued, however, that such fairs were also relevant to the average farmer who could breed solid, useful “coach horses, roadsters, hunters, Hackneys, and Shetland and Exmoor ponies.”

In a jab at the wealthy, the editorial stated, “Hackney-type horses were in good demand too, chunky and handsome animals wanted by those who liked to show themselves off in the park.” The distinction between horses for fashion, and horses for usefulness continued.

Reflecting continuity of purpose in 1919, the Society had declared that it would be a “Dutchess County fair for Dutchess County folks.” While the names of river estate owners like Roosevelt did show up, they showed up through the lens of contests like the “best potato” contest with their head gardeners representing them.

A triumphant Rhinebeck Gazette reported just after the 1919 fair, “The low price of admission, coupled with our refusal to avail ourselves of the opportunity to derive a revenue from the leading of concessions of an improper or questionable character, removes any impression that a desire for pecuniary gain was the animating motive of those who brought the fair to Rhinebeck.”

These dynamics of what makes a horse have, or offer, a particular value – support for the average farm family in the county, vs. horses as a kind of entertaining investment for the wealthy to dabble in, vs. the



Movie clips from September 17, 1919 show the parade of winning horses at the Dutchess County Fair, its first time in Rhinebeck for 40 years, where it has remained ever since. Prizes were in support of effective, hard-working animals, while there was a growing awareness that “horsepower” would soon be coming from gasoline-powered engines.

-Courtesy of DCHS

dark shadow of gambling – can be found going back a generation before the county fair as we know it today even started.

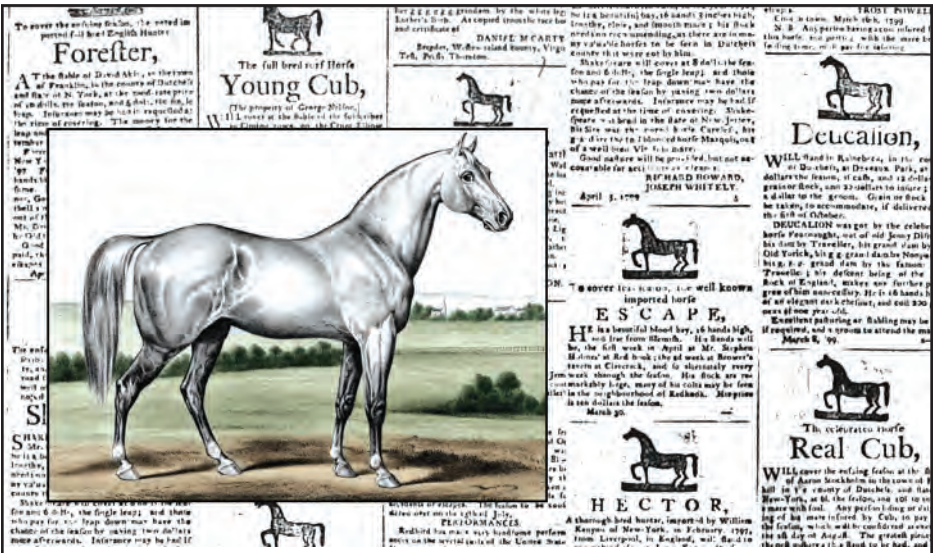
European influence

Europeans had brought horses into the Hudson Valley with their earliest settlements in the 1600s, but the middle stretch of the valley developed slowly; Dutchess County itself was not settled in earnest until the 1750s. Within another generation, however, the county was shaping the future of American horse breeding in ways that would only be realized much later.

In March of 1796 (and at least two subsequent seasons), Cornelius Van Ranst, who owned a farm and mill north of the Pine Plains village center at the Columbia County border, advertised an imported English Thoroughbred stallion named Messenger for stud.

Van Ranst knew Messenger had raced successfully in England and published the winning purses recorded from 1783 to 1785. The horse was imported in 1788 and earlier owned by Henry Astor, brother to John Jacob Astor. Messenger had already stood in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Long Island.

What Van Ranst could not have known



An 1860 depiction of the horse Messenger by Currier & Ives. Messenger was foaled in England in 1780 and died in 1808. In the background are images of a separate supplement to the Poughkeepsie Eagle of 1798, showing the many horses being offered for breeding. Although Messenger stood out among them at Cornelius Van Ranst's Pine Plains farm, no one could have known how consequential the horse would become.

-Courtesy of DCHS

Watch for information related to the premiere of restored 1918 and 1919 movies taken in familiar Rhinebeck settings at the Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck on Veterans Day, November 11, at 5 p.m.

was Messenger would become the foundation sire of the Standardbred breed – virtually every trotter and pacer racing in harness today traces back through his great-grandson, Hambletonian 10, foaled in 1849.

Messenger's influence didn't stop at harness racing. His descendants also shaped the American Saddlebred and Tennessee Walking Horse breeds, and he appears in the pedigree of major American Thoroughbred flat racers, including Man o' War, Seabiscuit, and Whirlaway. Few horses imported to America have left a wider or more durable mark on the breeds that followed, and Dutchess County was home to Messenger breeding hundreds of “covers” in his three seasons in Pine Plains.

Days of racing

In 1798 a headline in the Poughkeepsie Eagle shouted, “Sportsmen take notice!” It contained both an invitation and a warning. The invitation was three consecutive days of racing, in three-mile, two-mile, and one-mile heats, with entries taken at the courthouse on Market and Main Streets. A “fair” (which at the time meant only buying and selling, perhaps the way we use “book fair” today) ran alongside the races each morning, where “gentlemen may have an opportunity of purchasing or selling at private sale or auction.”

Then came the warning: a gambling table known as the E.O. (Even/Odd, the forerunner of the roulette wheel) had “heretofore exhibited at the Dutchess County races,” has since been judged to be an “unequal game” with “a tendency to corrupt the morals of the people,” and was strictly forbidden, along with “any other game of unequal chance.” An 1802 New York State law began to draw clearer lines between was legal and desirable, and what was a public nuisance and offence. The law defined where a horse race could be held, allowed a purse or premium to be paid, but prohibited betting on the result.

In 1919, the Dutchess County Fair had nearly not survived to see the year at all.

The First World War had forced its cancellation twice, and the fairgrounds (then Springbrook Park) in Rhinebeck had briefly become a staging ground for parades related to the war effort. Movie images from these patriotic exercises are also among the rediscovered movies.

Returning to the 1919 prize-winning horses, those being honored are not racing stock and they are not stud prospects bound for someone else's fortune. They are farm teams, pulling wagons, judged in front of a crowd for strength and training and usefulness. The fair was staying true to its support of the Dutchess County farmer. Betting on the outcome of horse races and gambling was permitted in New York State at the time, but in highly regulated ways that kept changing but were prohibited at any county agricultural fair like that Dutchess County.

The fairgrounds in Rhinebeck today have no rigged wheel of chance tucked between the barns, no auctioneer taking bids on a horse's future. Instead, we find show rings, judged classes, a farrier competition, and a pulling contest not unlike the one that wagon team won in 1919. The horse today is almost entirely show and heritage rather than transportation or income, and yet the fair still insists on judging it the old way, on skill and condition and training, not on fashion or wager.

That is the quiet inheritance worth ending on. Nobody in 1919 could have known the reorganized fair would outlast the horse's working life nearly entirely; that tractors and trucks would empty the local barns of their horses within a generation. But the standard they set that year, that a horse earns its ribbon by being good at what it does rather than by being expensive or lucky, is the same standard that continues at the County Fair in Rhinebeck today.

[Special thanks for important contributions from Melody Moore's ongoing study of the history of the Dutchess County Fair].



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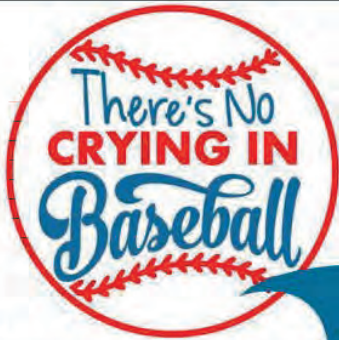


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Fan Appreciation Night on Aug. 28 to feature Mega Fireworks Show

The annual Fan Appreciation Night celebration at Heritage Financial Park on Friday, Aug. 28 will now feature a MEGA Fireworks Show presented by D. Rohde Home Services to finish the night with a bang, the Hudson Valley Renegades have announced.

MEGA fireworks shows at Heritage Financial Park have been limited to

Independence Day celebrations in the past and are longer and feature more fireworks than the traditional fireworks shows at the ballpark.

“Nothing says Hudson Valley summer like fireworks over Heritage Financial Park,” said Dan Rohde, owner of D. Rhode Home Services. “We’ve been serving families here for years, and being able to help make this

one a MEGA fireworks show is our way of giving something back to the community that built this company.”

Fan Appreciation Night presented by D. Rohde Home Services will feature all kinds of fun, prizes, and more to kick off the final weekend of Renegades baseball at Heritage Financial Park in the 2026 regular season. The Renegades battle the

Brooklyn Cyclones, the High-A affiliate of the Mets, at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are available for Friday’s game online at the Renegades website, over the phone by calling the Ticket Office powering every play presented by Central Hudson at 845-838-0094, or in person at Heritage Financial Park during business hours.

Heritage Financial Park to host Big Apples Fest on Oct. 17

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced the return of Big Apples Fest to Heritage Financial Park on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. After its successful debut in 2025, the Second Annual Big Apples Fest will once again feature fun for the whole family.

Big Apples Fest is a free community event at Heritage Financial Park featuring live music, seasonal beers, games, inflatables, crafts, and of course, apples. Parking for the event is \$15 on the day of the event, or \$10 when purchased in advance (plus taxes and fees).

There is limited vendor space still available for Big Apples Fest. Interested vendors can contact Josh Watson-Lewis at josh@hvrenegades.com.

Parking for the event will cost \$15 on the day of the event or \$10 when purchased in advance (plus applicable taxes and fees).

Dutchess County Public Transportation Bus Route B both Northbound from Beacon and Southbound from Poughkeepsie stops at Heritage Financial Park. See schedules and routes at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Transit/Routes-Schedules.htm.

League Standings

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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Frederick BAL *	31	21	.596	-	6-4	W1
Greensboro PIT	32	22	.593	-	7-3	W3
Hudson Valley NYY	31	23	.574	1.0	8-2	W8
Wilmington WSH	29	25	.537	3.0	5-5	L1
Brooklyn NYM	28	25	.528	3.5	6-4	W3
Jersey Shore PHI	17	36	.321	14.5	2-8	L6
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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	29	24	.547	-	2-8	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	28	25	.528	1.0	6-4	W3
Greenville BOS	26	28	.481	3.5	4-6	L3
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Simply Gourmet Named Exclusive Caterer as Chapel at Carnwath Farms Opens for Booking

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

‘How sweep it is!’ Renegades win six on Jersey Shore

HV trails front-runners by just one game going into final week

By Morgan E. Maier

A red-hot Hudson Valley Renegades summer is getting down to the wire with a six-game sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws last week. A few extra-inning escapes, defensive devastation for the BlueClaws, and offensive flurries all week marked fun in the Jersey sun for Hudson Valley.

The Renegades –with their current eight-game winning streak - are now in 3rd place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League, but just one game behind leaders Frederick (Md) and Greensboro (NC).

The Renegades return home to face the Brooklyn Cyclones for their final regular season homestand this week.

High Fives - The Renegades had plenty of high fives last week, including two wins while scoring exactly five runs. In the first game of the August 21 double-header, Hudson Valley scattered six hits across seven innings. David McCann contributed three runs to the effort, reaching third on a fifth-inning error that scored two runs, then scoring himself on a wild pitch. Jersey Shore mustered a run in their final offensive frame, but the Renegades took the 5-1 win. Hudson Valley took a 2-0 win in the nightcap behind a stellar Luis Serna, who struck out seven and allowed just two hits in 5.2 innings.

Maika Niu continued his impressive High-A start, launching a three-run home run in the 5-4 win on August 23.

A three-run first inning set the tone for Hudson Valley’s afternoon; the first four in the lineup – Eric Genther, Jackson Lovich, Kyle West, and Niu – combined for six of Hudson Valley’s 10 hits.

10’s again - Robbie Burnett tied it at five in the ninth inning of the series opener; the Renegades offense said “double or nothing” in the tenth. Hans Montero took first cut with an RBI single. Emmanuel Tejeda and Dean Toigo then hit back-to-back RBI singles. With the bases later loaded with two outs, Genther iced the game with a three-run double. The Renegades won 10-5 after a quick 14-pitch outing by Thomas Balboni Jr.

Hudson Valley took to the 10th again on August 22, thanks to an untimely Jersey Shore fielding error. The BlueClaws kept Hudson Valley scoreless outside of one second-inning run, an RBI single from McCann. The wait would be worth it for the visiting team, as Genther knocked in Lovich for the 2-1 win.

Dean’s List - Toigo reached base in all four games he appeared in this series. Toigo went 3-for-5 with an RBI on August 18. He led off the ninth inning with a double, then scored the game-tying run. Starting in right field again in the series finale, Toigo added two hits. In his first 11 professional games, Toigo hit .333/.404/.904 with 6 RBI and 5 extra-base hits.



Right: Infielder Jackson Lovich had a stellar week for the Renegades and scored the winning run in a 2-1 victory over Jersey Shore on Aug. 22.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Outfielder Tiogo catches eyes with hitting, fielding in debut week

By Moran E. Maier

Outfielder Dean Toigo made his professional debut for the Hudson Valley Renegades in August, catching early eyes with his timely hitting. The 23-year-old, a prized offensive producer at three levels of collegiate baseball, shows early promise in the High-A batter’s box.

Toigo was the New York Yankees’ 20th-round pick of the 2026 draft. He has amassed a .333 batting average and .904 on-base plus slugging (OPS) in his first 11 games as a Renegade.

Toigo played one season in Tempe as an Arizona State Sun Devil, where he produced 20 home runs and 59 runs batted in (RBI). Before arriving as one of ASU’s highest-touted transfers, Toigo received honors in the Mountain West Conference as Co-Player of the Year. He finished

2025 with a 1.127 OPS for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Rebels. Before UNLV, Toigo played two years outside of the NCAA, logging time with Cypress Community College and Hope International University of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

His fifth and final year of college eligibility was with the Sun Devils, where he caught eyes with clutch outfield catches and a mid-season offensive turnaround. He ended the year with 57 hits in 44 games, according to the ASU Athletics page. Toigo later earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention.

Toigo contributed largely to the Renegades’ recent sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, August 18-23. Playing in four of six games, Toigo was 6-for-10, including two multi-hit performances.



Right: Dean Tiogo, right, is pictured with Hudson Valley teammates Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek and Jackson Lovich.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Simply Gourmet named exclusive caterer as Chapel at Carnwath Farms opens for booking



Mike Polasek, Founder and Chef of Simply Gourmet, right, is pictured with Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini.

-Photos courtesy of Zoe Golden-Johnson (Zoe's Camera)

In preparation for The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park’s full restoration, Simply Gourmet has been selected as its exclusive catering partner, bringing full-service wedding and event catering to one of the Hudson Valley’s newest and most distinctive venues. Weddings, corporate events, galas, showers and private celebrations are now booking, with venue tours currently available. This partnership marks an exciting expansion for Simply Gourmet, adding to the locally owned company’s growing portfolio of full-service wedding and event experiences across the Hudson Valley.

“The Chapel is unlike any venue in the Hudson Valley,” said Simply Gourmet’s Founder/Chef and Culinary Institute of America alum, Mike Polasek. “It combines incredible history, breathtaking views and an atmosphere that allows for unforgettable experiences across Carnwath Farms for our clients. We’re honored the Town of Wappinger chose Simply Gourmet to help bring this vision to life.”

Located just minutes from Metro-North’s New Hamburg train station, approximately 70 miles north of New York City, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms offers a unique blend of history, accessi-

bility and modern amenities. The restored venue, located on a former estate originally built in 1850, features an elegant indoor space accommodating more than 300 guests, and picturesque outdoor locations throughout the property with expansive lawns, including a hilltop ceremony site with sweeping panoramic views of the Hudson River Valley.

Founded in 2008 by a Dutchess County native, Simply Gourmet offers comprehensive wedding and event packages designed to simplify the planning process from start to finish. Event menus offer an elevated take on approachable, comfort fare paired with high-level hospitality. Clients can choose from buffet, plated or family-style dining, full beverage service featuring beer, wine and liquor, as well as outdoor ceremony and cocktail hour options. All-inclusive event packages begin at \$199 per person, including the venue rental fee. As part of its services, Simply Gourmet also coordinates staffing, rentals, event setup and breakdown, allowing hosts to enjoy a stress-free celebration while every detail is professionally managed.

“The Chapel at Carnwath Farms represents years of planning and investment to create a one-of-a-kind event destination



The Chapel and grounds at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park offer an inviting setting for weddings and other special gatherings.

for our community and the Hudson Valley,” added Town of Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini. “Simply Gourmet shares the vision we’ve had for this venue from the beginning. Its commitment to quality, hospitality and creating exceptional experiences makes it the perfect partner as we welcome guests to this remarkable property.”

Originally part of the historic Carnwath Farms estate, the property has served many purposes throughout its more than 175-year history. Following years of thoughtful restoration and investment by

the Town of Wappinger, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is Wappinger’s newest and most enchanting event venue. Once a place of quiet reflection, this former religious sanctuary has been thoughtfully transformed into a destination where historic character meets contemporary elegance, preserving an important piece of the Hudson Valley’s heritage.

For more information about weddings and events at The Chapel, or to schedule a tour, visit townofwappingerny.gov/the-chapel-at-carnwath-farms.

Mid-Hudson Library System joins Readersfirst

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board has unanimously voted to join ReadersFirst. ReadersFirst is an international coalition of libraries that works to improve how readers access library e-books and digital content by advocating

for user-friendly platforms and fair digital lending practices.

As more readers have discovered the convenience and accessibility of e-books and digital audiobooks, libraries across the Mid-Hudson region must invest more

in collection development to meet community demand for both print and digital items. Unlike print books, however, digital materials are licensed rather than owned, and those licenses expire after a set period or number of checkouts, requiring libraries to pay again to continue offering the same titles.

“By joining ReadersFirst, the Mid-Hudson Library System is supporting efforts to advocate for more sustainable and equitable digital lending models that help libraries serve their communities effectively,” said Rebekkah Smith

Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, “Readers should have the right to access information and literature in the format they are most comfortable with.”

Those who wish to support library access are encouraged to donate to their local library or to the MHLS eBooks/downloadable Audiobooks fund (<https://midhudson.org/donate/>) established by MHLS to strengthen library collections and expand access to books and digital materials throughout the MHLS service area.

East Fishkill resident receives NY Army National Guard promotion

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Yahya Zhingre from East Fishkill and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion July 28, to the rank of private.

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Obituaries

Dr. David V. DiMarco



Dr. David V. DiMarco, a life-long resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, died suddenly at his home on August 19, 2026, at the age of 71. He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on February 23, 1955, son of the late Henry A. & Dolores L. DiMarco. He attended St. Mary’s School in Wappingers Falls and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, class of 1973. He later went on to Union College and the University of Padua in Italy, ultimately graduating from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1981.

David worked as an orthopedic surgeon for almost 40 years and was a founding partner of Orthopedic Associates of Dutchess County. After he retired from OADC in 2020, he came out of retirement to treat the Veterans at Castle Point. He was happiest caring for his patients - who called him “Doc” - while his colleagues called him “DVD.” He loved his work.

When he was not treating patients, he was lifting weights, stalking the BMW lot for the newest M5, and adding to his endless tie collection. He also enjoyed the simple pleasures like anchovies and snacking on peanut M&Ms. His favorite activity was spending time with his family, listening and laughing to the same stories repeatedly.

On October 9, 1983, in Orange, NJ, he married the love of his life, Shari M. Gilbert, who survives him at home. Along with his beloved wife, David is survived by his three daughters: Jaimee (Brian), Alexa (Zachary), and Erika; though we can’t forget about his granddog, ‘Shay.’ He is also survived by his four brothers, whom he affectionately referred to as Hank (#1), Larry (#3), Robert (#4), and Gerry (#5), and a host of nieces, nephews, friends & colleagues. He leaves behind a legacy of laughter, love and unmatched style. Rest Easy – you’ve earned the victory lap.

His Family received Friends on Saturday, August 22 at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY; where a Prayer Service and Remembrance was offered. Interment will be private at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donation to be made to either VA Hudson Valley HCS – Castle Point Campus, 41 Castle Point Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692 Dallas, TX 75284.

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

Eleanor De Gori



Eleanor De Gori, 86, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2026, surrounded by family. Born to Bruno De Gori and Maria Grazia Russomanno, she was fiercely proud of her Italian roots in Cardinale, Calabria.

Eleanor dedicated many years of hard work to General Motors, beginning at the Tarrytown, NY, plant before relocating to Youngstown, Ohio, where she eventually retired. Throughout her life, she was guided by deep faith, wonderful food, and devotion to family.

Eleanor is survived by her sons, John and David Duffy; her daughter-in-law, Mardy; her grandson, Michael; her twin sister, Lucia; and her loving nieces, nephews, and friends. She is reunited in heaven with her parents, grandparents, and her brother and sister.

As per Eleanor’s wishes, there will be no viewing or wake service. Her Family will gather to honor Eleanor’s Life with a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 10am at St. Mary’s Church, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, followed by entombment to the Community Mausoleum at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, New York.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Jeanne Doris Marcojohn



Jeanne Doris Marcojohn, a longtime Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully at Vassar Brother Medical Center in Poughkeepsie on August 21, 2026; at the age of 92. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on March 27, 1934, daughter of the late Alfred and Evelyn (nee King) Montegari.

Jeanne worked for many years lab technician specialist at the IBM plant in East Fishkill, NY; until she retired.

Jeanne was a longtime member of the Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA), and was a known marksman. She had participated in several Empire State Games, where she won medals for her performance.

Jeanne also enjoyed cooking. She was an artist, she loved painting, but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Jeanne is survived by her two daughters Jeanne Kassof of Walnut Creek, CA and Paula Marcojohn Calli and her husband Tim Calli of Wappingers Falls, NY; she is also survived by her granddaughter Danielle Calli, 2 great-granddaughters Kalynn and Korina, and 1 great-grandson Juaking. Her brother and sister, Frank Montegari and Adele Palmieri, and several nieces & her nephew. And we can’t forget about her many cats, particularly ‘Ben’ and ‘Roman’ whom she loved dearly.

Along with her beloved husband Lawrence ‘Al’ Marcojohn who passed away after 35+ years of marriage on December 3, 1998; she was predeceased by a grandson Jason Redenti, and her two brothers Raymond and Paul Montegari.

Her Family & Friends will gather to remember and celebrate her Life on Wednesday, August 26 from 4-7pm at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Interment will be private at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, New York.

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Cary Institute researchers reveal findings in Lyme Disease Ecology

For more than 35 years, researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, New York have been studying how interactions between acorns, rodents, ticks, predators, and climate shape Lyme-disease risk in people. A new paper, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, details nine of the research project’s most surprising findings to date. Several are outlined below.

“On balance, these surprises have enriched our knowledge of this system, helping us to inform management of tick-borne disease risk,” said lead author Richard Ostfeld, a Cary Institute disease ecologist who co-directs the research program with Shannon LaDeau. Ostfeld added that many of the findings would not have been possible without the decades of data the project has collected so far, which helps the team to statistically distinguish real trends and drivers from random events and correlations. “Studies of this depth and length are incredibly rare,” said LaDeau. “This research has followed an ecological community — including oak trees, mammals, and microorganisms — examining how interactions like predation, parasitism, and competition shape the system over time. The evolution of understanding summarized in this paper is something you simply cannot get without such a long-term and system-focused study.”

White-tailed deer are less important than previously thought - When Lyme disease was first recognized in the United States in the 1980s, some researchers assumed white-tailed deer played an important role in spreading the disease, because deer killed by hunters in the fall often carry large numbers of adult ticks. Although deer do not infect ticks with the Borrelia pathogen, the logic was that more abundant deer might feed more adult female ticks, which would then be able to lay more eggs and produce more immature ticks.

However, after several decades of intensive research, the long-term study on the Cary Institute’s campus — a forested ecosystem spanning 2,000 acres in New York’s Dutchess County — has not found a statistical relationship between deer abundance and the density of nymphal ticks, the life stage of ticks that is most likely to spread Lyme disease to people.

“We had detected a weak positive relationship between deer and subsequent nymph abundance over short subsets of the data,” said Ostfeld, “but the whole data set in its entirety shows no such thing.”

Mice matter more - While deer abundance wasn't associated with the number of nymphal ticks, mouse abundance was. The long-term study has shown that a strong mouse year boosted the next year’s number of nymphs by about 40%. White-footed mice are a high-quality food source for blacklegged tick larvae, and also happen to be very good at passing Borrelia burgdorferi bacteria to them.

Ticks that acquire Borrelia as larvae can transmit the bacteria when they feed as nymphs. This is the life stage that is most likely to infect people.

The acorn effect - The project has revealed that acorn masting — when a large number of oak trees drop their acorns at the same time — creates a food bonanza for mice, boosting their populations the following year, and nymphal ticks the year after that. Thus,

a large acorn crop reliably predicts higher numbers of nymphal ticks two years later.

Mouse numbers don’t predict the proportion of Lyme-infected ticks - The researchers expected that, just as a large mouse population boosts the number of nymphal ticks, it would also boost the percentage of nymphal ticks that are infected, since mice are so good at transmitting Borrelia burgdorferi. And in the early days of the monitoring program, the scientists observed this trend. But as the years wore on, the relationship disappeared.

“It kept me up at night,” said Ostfeld, “because it meant that my understanding of how the system works was incomplete or wrong.”

Eventually, the data suggested an explanation. Even though mice might be more abundant in some years, other hosts — such as skunks, squirrels, and opossums — might be more abundant as well. Most of those hosts are not very good at spreading Borrelia burgdorferi to ticks, and thus reduce the prevalence of Lyme bacteria in nymphal ticks.

So the infection prevalence in the nymphs really depends on how all the larval tick meals are distributed across all the hosts,” explained Ostfeld. “It would have been convenient if one host predicted that for us, but that has not been the case.”

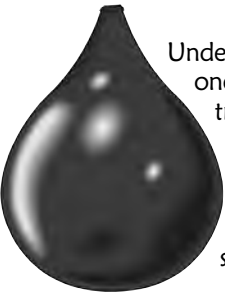
Extreme temperatures don’t kill ticks in the wild - Lab work had previously suggested that blacklegged ticks are killed by extreme heat and extreme cold events, but Cary’s field studies found that in natural environments, the ticks beat the heat and cold presumably by sheltering deeper into soil and leaf litter. The team has, however, found a trend: years that are warmer overall predict lower-than-normal numbers of nymphal ticks. In contrast, warmer years are good for mouse populations, so this mix of effects will be important to continue monitoring.

Continuing the legacy - The big takeaways from the long-term monitoring program are that the ecological dynamics governing Lyme disease risk are complex but predictable. Knowing that mouse abundance, but not deer abundance, is linked to higher numbers of nymphal ticks — and that severe winter weather may not substantially reduce tick populations — can help public-health officials anticipate periods of elevated Lyme disease risk and guide prevention efforts. There is still much to learn about ticks and the ecological variables that impact their chances of spreading diseases to people. In particular, one big research frontier will be sorting out how climate change is influencing ticks, their hosts, and oak trees. “You would expect that a warming climate, which makes life better for the mice, would eventually make life better for the ticks, but we have not seen that so far,” said Ostfeld. “We need to know what to expect from the different manifestations of climate change, which are sometimes warmer and drier, and sometimes warmer and wetter. The time of year when it’s very warm also matters to ticks, oaks, and acorn production.”

Since the project began in 1991, the Dutchess County, New York study site has experienced climate change, landscape change, invasive species, and more. The authors plan to continue studying how ticks and their hosts respond to these evolving conditions, and how human health may be affected in the future.

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Creative Living

Putnam Chorale seeks experienced, novice singers to become members

By Kristine Coulter

Experienced and novice singers have the opportunity to join the Putnam Chorale for its new semester. The 80-person community choir is under music director Jason C. Tramm, an award-winning conductor, educator, and artistic director. The Chorale will perform its Starry Night program in December. Performances will be held at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel, Putnam County, and at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Lagrangeville.

One of the members who recently joined the Chorale is Sara.

“I have sung all my life in one way or another (church, school, college, then joining choirs where I lived and worked in London and Singapore), but when we moved to the U.S., I struggled to find a choir that wasn’t either fully professional, or performing the kind of choral works I most enjoy. I missed singing during that time, and kept looking until, in the spring of 2025, I spotted a poster in our local coffee shop advertising a concert by the Putnam Chorale. I checked the website, and registered as a new member over the summer, and was encouraged to get an immediate, and very helpful response (including options for carpooling with members near where I live in Wappingers Falls),” Sara stated via email.

What has Sara’s experience been like with the Chorale?

“I’ve loved being part of the Chorale for the past year. It has been so good to get back into collective music making, because there is simply no feeling like it. The Chorale is diverse, open, and with an ambitious musical program and choral director who is both inspirational and fun to work with. He helps us to be better and improve the quality and blend of our

sound with just the right balance of energy and urgency. Jason expects – and gets – the choir to do justice to both ourselves and the pieces we perform. It’s great to have that drive and see as well as hear the impact it makes on the audiences who come to listen,” said Sara.

Tamm said in a press release, “Singing in a chorus provides profound health, social, and cognitive benefits. It reduces stress hormones, releases “feel-good” endorphins, and improves lung capacity. The synchronicity of voices and breathing within a group actively combats loneliness, fosters strong community bonds, and can even improve memory and verbal fluency.

“Our group not only sings with unity and harmony, it is a community of friends that socializes together, has fun at events like our Halloween and end of season parties, and also has the optional opportunity to travel abroad to perform. Last year, we took our Vivaldi program to Italy, where we sang in historic churches and cathedrals in Rome, Assisi and Venice. In May 2027, we will travel to Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague to perform our Mozart Requiem program.”

It was noted that auditions are not required. The conductor does need to the singer in the appropriate section (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass) though.

To join, fill out the enrollment form at <https://forms.gle/k1BdcUCkBYe3pCn9>. One could also attend the first rehearsal at Casey Hall at the Carmel High School, 30 Fair St., in Carmel, on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. to enroll.

Registration is being held throughout August and early September. Tuition is \$160 per semester and includes all required music.

What would Sara tell others about join-



The Putnam Chorale is seeking new members. Pictured are some of the Chorale’s members.

-Courtesy photo

ing, why should they?

“If you’re curious – try it. We are always looking for new members, and there is a space for everyone. Be ready to put the hours in – because we sing works that span the centuries and very different musical styles, from Mozart to Ola Gjello, from very early church and spiritual compositions to jazz and contemporary immersive sounds. We also help give back to the community and encourage local businesses to advertise in our programs,”

Sara said.

She also noted, “If you enjoy collective music making and performing in a variety of different environments – from historic buildings to high-tech performing arts auditoriums ... and would like to have the chance to go on tour, guest sing with other groups and choirs in the NY / NJ area, this might be one for you.”

For more information, send an email to: contactus@putnamchorale.org or call 845-520-7574.

Poughkeepsie City Striders youth run fastest times of season

The 2026 AAU Junior Olympics Outdoor National Championships for the sport of track and field started on August 1 and concluded on August 8, at Jim Duncan stadium at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and a local contingent of eleven athletes from the Poughkeepsie City Striders youth track club, had a worthwhile experience.

All eight of those athletes that participated in various running events during the course of the meet, ran their fastest time of this season. PC Striders athletes also successfully competed in jumping and throwing events, during this 8-day meet, which involved over ten-thousand athletes, ages 6-18, from all over the country. During the course of the meet, numerous AAU national and meet records were set, including a world age-group best in the long jump event for boys age 9, accomplished by Asher Denman from Texas, and 8-year-old Emeri Cotton from Delaware, who set new AAU national record in each of three events, winning the girls 8-year-old 100, 200, and 400.

To learn more about the Poughkeepsie City Striders youth track club, visit

<https://www.pcstriders.org/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Pcstriders> or : <https://www.instagram.com/poughkeepsiecitystriders/>.

Poughkeepsie City Striders is a youth track club for boys and girls age 6-18, with membership welcomed from any local community, sanctioned by both AAU and USATF national governing bodies; emphasizing proper training, hard work, and personal growth - and for some, competing at the highest level of youth competition. The program is designed to meet the needs of all participants, regardless of their performance level. Athletes attend practices twice a week during the indoor and outdoor seasons, and compete in AAU or USATF sanctioned meets.

Poughkeepsie City Striders results from the meet:

Preston Botchway - boys age 8 and under, 800-meter run, 3:05.60; boys age 8 1500-meter run, 5:57.30, finishing 20th out of 57 event entrants

Prince Botchway III - boys age 10, 1500-meter run, 6:06.24

Carmella Dancey - girls age 9, 800-meter

run, 2:58.47

Jordyn Elem - girls age 8 and under, 100-meter dash, advanced to semifinals, finishing 21st out of 24 in the nation, 15.21. girls age 8 and under, 200-meter dash, 33.60; girls age 8 and under, Long Jump, 9' 7.75"

Gabby Flanagan - girls age 14, Shot Put, 29' 11.25"; girls age 14 Discus, 55' 7.5"

Ruben Flanagan - boys age 11, Shot Put, 21; 2"; boys age 11, Discus, 54' 5"

Jeremy Fournier - boys age 8 and under (age 7), 800-meter run, 3:14.44

Noelle Gonzalez - girls age 14, 100-meter dash, 13.00; girls age 14, 400-meter dash, 1:00.51

Kaison Johnson - boys age 10, 100-meter dash, 14.40; boys age 10, 200-meter dash, 28.50; boys age 10, 400-meter dash, 1:07.76

Jordan Anthony Powell - boys age 14, Long Jump

Asha Rashid-Scherrer - girls age 11, 800-meter run, 3:08.74; girls age 11, 1500-meter run, 5:37.00; girls age 11, Long Jump 11' 4.75"

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Heart of the Fair

Agriculture has long been the centerpiece of the county fair.

For most of us who grew up in this area, the Dutchess County Fair marks the end of summer. As a child it was the last hurrah before school started up again, but it was so much more than that. Ours was a “fair family”: we were there every day in equal measure enjoying all it had to offer and participating in various ways over the years. I’m in my 60s now, and so much has changed. It certainly isn’t the fair I grew up with, but it’s a great tradition and we continue to support it and all it stands for.

County fairs across the country were an important part of a nation that thrived in large part due to agriculture. The earliest fairs, which began in the 1800s, were all about farming and showcased livestock, crops and the latest in machinery and farm equipment. Farmers and their families gathered to see the latest developments in agriculture and participated in competitions for the best livestock, homegrown produce and baked goods. They met to share ideas, get advice and showcase the best of what they raised. Non-farming families gained an understanding of agriculture they otherwise wouldn't have had. As more people attended over the years attractions, musical acts, food vendors and carnival rides were added, and many fairs were extended from a day or two to a week. But always the heart and soul has been agriculture.

Unlike the six-day extravaganza it is

today, the first Dutchess County Fair was a two-day event held in Washington Hollow, a hamlet of Pleasant Valley, in October at a field behind a hotel. (The year was 1842 when there were only 27 states and farming was the lifeblood of the growing nation). It alternated between another Washington Hollow location and Poughkeepsie before finding its permanent home in Rhinebeck in 1919. For a full history, I recommend visiting the official website, dutchessfair.com. It's a fun and interesting read.

When I was a little girl, the Dutchess County Fair was still a traditional county fair that not only showcased local agriculture, but many vendors and food booths that highlighted local organizations, church groups and farmers as well. You could get coffee and donuts from the Vagabond Drum Corps booth, sandwiches from local church booths, turkey soup from the turkey booth and chili from the firemen's booth. I fondly remember sipping Fitchett Brothers chocolate milk while petting their ponies, Ike and Mike. 4-H was thriving (and still is) and the vegetable, craft and flower competitions were abundantly full of local fare. People went as much to see their neighbors as they did to watch the sulky races, buy penny candy and explore the midway. There were things we looked forward to that could only be done at the fair, like that cold

cup of fresh apple cider for a dime, making a beeline for the double Ferris wheel with the heady aroma of sausage and peppers leading the way and seeing all the livestock that filled every building on Livestock Hill. My sister and I always loved that our dad wore a western shirt, cowboy hat and boots to the fair, further marking it in our minds as a special occasion.

Later on, fair time was more hands-on for our family. In my preteen years I entered artwork in the Craft Building. I worked the Belgian Waffle booth once, which was the topic of a past article and my first real foray into food service. Later still, my nephew showed cows in 4-H for many years, so we spent a lot of time on "The Hill." I created many displays in connection with Adams Fairacre Farms and helped coordinate cooking demos when they still had the Williams Lumber kitchen setup. My parents have worked the information booth and in the Horticulture Building, and my sister and I entered and displayed vegetables grown on her farm, taking a fair few red and blue ribbons, something we're still very proud of. I bought my goat, Sarah, from one of the farmers as a 40th birthday present for myself and it was one of the best things I've ever done. Now my nephew and his fiancé participate very successfully in Dock Diving with their border collie Toaster, and my parents, sister and I help out with the flower show in the Horticulture Building.

A lot of people go for the food, musical acts, the rides and to buy the latest gadgets, but I hope they also appreciate the fair's farming core. I guess I just want people to experience our past and the ties to agriculture that started the fair tradition in the first place.

It's encouraging to see people growing their own vegetables, raising chickens and supporting local farmstands and markets. The flower and vegetables competitions at the fair have had a resurgence of participants over the last few years, another hopeful sign. I know it will likely never be the fair I once knew, but I hope the interest generated by homesteading trends is more than just that and produces a new generation of farmers. Until then, let's keep supporting local growers however we can. And be sure to visit 4-H Hill if you go to the fair.

It's a testament to the Hudson Valley that our roots are still very much in agriculture, even though the years have not always been kind to farmers. For hundreds of years, they have shown us what courage, tenacity, respect and hard work can do, a legacy well worth remembering and honoring. You don't need to have grown up here to see what a shame it would be if fields of grazing cows, crisp apples and open, fertile farmland became no more than a memory, replaced by solar fields and condominiums. As with many places across the nation, agriculture has been at the very heart of our Valley, and it's our legacy to be proud of and to respect and preserve. I'm grateful there's still a place we can go to, even if only once a year, to remind us of that.

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

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Town of Poughkeepsie *Recreation*

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

The Crew: Join us at Greenvale Park on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. for a makeup performance by The Crew. The original show was postponed due to the weather. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of live music!

Annual Bike Rodeo: The Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Department and Police Department will host our annual Bike Rodeo on Sunday, Sept. 6. The event will take place at Stanley Park and will feature bike-safety activities and community partners. No preregistration is required. Additional details will be available on the Town's website: poughkeepsieny.myrec.com

Senior Center News

By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center
Summer officially ends later in September and we're going to send it off with a "So Long Summer Dance Party" featuring Soul City Groove on Sept.15 (Tues.) beginning at 11 a.m. Sign up now if you'd like to participate.

I know that not everyone has access to the internet to view our complete activity calendar at poughkepsieny.myrec.com, so here are some upcoming highlights. Pre-sign up is requested. On Aug. 31 (Monday) at 10:30 a.m. we'll be making PB&J's for our Service Project, and members are invited to the Advisory Group Meeting at 1 p.m. on Sept.1 (Tues.). We have a Lunch & Learn ("Get To Know the Office for Aging Better") at noon on Sept.3 (Thurs.) followed by a September birthday celebration with cake for everyone. Join in with the Drum Circle at 2 p.m. on Sept.9 (Wed.), and enjoy "Puppy Love" with a Service Dog on Sept.10 (Thurs.)

• There will be a Vaccine Clinic at our Senior Center (SC) on Sept.17 (Thurs.). You will need to sign up ahead for a time slot. Give us a call at 845-462-0265 for details.

Our SC is open Mon. - Fri. between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.. We will be closed Aug.26 - 28 and Sept.7. Everyone 55+ is invited to become a member.

Dutchess Regional Photographers to meet Sept. 9

The Dutchess Regional Photographers meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The meeting location is at Perkins Restaurant, 1576 Rt. 9. Wappingers Falls. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with the speaker starting at 7 p.m.

There is no charge for the meeting, however, be prepared to order something from the menu. This meeting will feature our Fall Print Competition.

Visit the website for full information,
www.DRPP-NY.org.

get growing!

by mark adams



Carnwath Farms at the Fair

Come see dahlias and other prize-winning flowers this week at the Dutchess County Fair.

Kate Cahill, who has spearheaded the Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden at Carnwath Farms, is hoping to win Best in Show at the Dutchess County Fair, for the third time. Out of the 1,500 dahlias planted at the farm, she plans to pick out 10 for the Tuesday, August 25 show, and 10 to enter on Friday, August 28. You can see the winning dahlias, and lots of other prize winning flowers from ageratum to zinnias, all week, until the fair closes Sunday night, upstairs at the horticulture building on “Livestock Hill.”

Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park is a fairly recent addition to the Hudson Valley’s world famous constellation of historic properties, purchased by the Town of Wappinger in 1999 and restored (an ongoing project) by the volunteers at Friends of Carnwath Farms. On a recent tour led by Friends V.P. John Weber, accompanied by Friends president Jessica Sarrantonio, I learned that the original home was designed by the famous naturalist Andrew Jackson Downing in 1850 for William Henry and Lydia Willis, who named it “Carnwath” after a Scottish manor house they had visited. After several changes in ownership, the original estate wound up as a 99-acre preserve on the banks of the Hudson River, with three miles of hiking trails, a beautifully restored chapel, and the Frances Reese Cultural Center, which houses the Sports Museum of Dutchess County (it doesn’t have anything about me – I looked).

In 2022, Courtney and Brian Kolb

founded Carnwath Community Farming, presently 10 acres of 20 garden plots rented by community members who grow their own flowers and vegetables. Part of the Community Farm is home to Kate Cahill’s Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden, where Kate tends the dahlias she enters in the Dutchess County Fair, and at the upcoming Wappinger Dahlia Show, September 19 at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. (More info at [dahlias_in_tow](#)). Kate has been growing dahlias since age 14, even breeding new varieties, and cataloging heritage varieties like “Old Red” from the Catskill Mountains. Kate claims that America’s first dahlia competition was held in Wappinger in 1901. I asked Claude, and he agrees!

Dahlias are native to the highlands of Mexico and Central America. They won’t survive our winters, so Kate has to dig up the fleshy tubers and store them in dry shavings over the winter, replanting all 1,500 each spring. Rich soil, fertilizer and natural pest controls are important. Powdery mildew, I’ve heard, can be prevented with a spray of watered-down milk.

Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph (“Joey”) Cavaccini was and is a driving force behind the success of Carnwath Farms. As an unusually young town historian, he researched the history and founded the Friends of Carnwath Farms to kick-start the restoration. At age 14, he was the lead curator of the Sports Museum. When Joey was elected town supervisor, he seized the opportunity to



From left: Jack, Olive, Courtney and Brian Kolb, with Kate Cahill. Olive Kolb is entering six projects in 4-H competition.

-Photos by Mark Adams



Dahlia Old Red

personally oversee the renovation of the chapel and the ongoing work to make Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park a Hudson Valley jewel.

Meanwhile, my granddaughters are also entering dahlias in the Dutchess County Fair. Stop by the horticulture

building to see if they’ve toppled the Carnwath Farms dahlia dynasty.

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

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Local artist to display artwork at Rhinebeck branch



Artwork by Tatiana Rhinevault will be on display at the Rhinebeck Bank branch in Rhinebeck through Sept. 18.

-Courtesy image

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



The White Glove Tour will be offered on three Wednesdays in September - Sept. 2, 16 and 30, at Mount Gulian Historic Site.

-Courtesy photo

Tatiana Rhinevault returns with new art to Rhinebeck Bank’s Rhinebeck branch, located at 6414 Montgomery Street in Rhinebeck, through Friday, Sept.18. Everyone is encouraged to visit the branch during regular business hours .

A 1988 graduate of the renowned Moscow Institute, Rhinevault’s art career began with jobs restoring icons in Moscow’s old churches, as well as painting new ones. She has visited and painted in countries throughout Europe throughout her career, including Hungary, Yugoslavia, Spain, Holland, France and Italy. In 1990, she illustrated the "Moscow Map in English" for the United States, British and Canadian Embassies in Moscow. Rhinevault served as the permanent artist featured at the Gallery Revel in Soho, NYC between 1998 to 2001. Her

notable exhibits include a solo exhibit in 2017 at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, NY and inclusion in group exhibits at the Windham Fine Art Gallery in 2019 and at Vassar College in 2023.

She continues to work in several mediums, including watercolor, acrylic and oil, utilizing rich, dark colors in combination with diffused window light to create images that are simultaneously calming and magnetic to the eye. In recent years, she has enjoyed plein air painting (painting outdoors) and her exhibit will include paintings that capture the natural beauty of landscapes throughout the Hudson Valley.

Rhinevault lives in Hyde Park with her husband, Carney, and her son, Peter.

For further information regarding her artwork, please visit her website at www.TatianaRhinevault.com.

Mount Gulian Historic Site will offer its exclusive White Glove Tour three Wednesdays in September – Sept. 2, Sept. 16 and Sept. 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.”

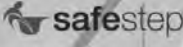
Visitors will have the opportunity to hold and examine artifacts representing

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.

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By Bill Green

Recreation Director

The Harvest concert that was rained out on Aug. 7 will take place this THURSDAY Night, Aug. 27, from 6-8 p.m. We conclude our concert series on Friday night, September 4, when the incomparable Johnny Dell and super talented daughter Kirsten bring their fun band Silly Little Things to wrap up a very successful musical summer.

Think SNOW! We just booked a trip on Saturday, Nov. 7 to Radio City Music Hall for the fantastic Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Some additions have been added this year for those cute Rockettes. Make plans to attend.

Signups begin Sept. 8. Details to follow.

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The last fishing day at Red Wing Park will be Sunday morning, Sept. 6.

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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

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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 Amenia 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

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

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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 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.

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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 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.

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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 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: 105 Kelly Rd Red Hook NY 12571 Purpose: any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: MYHOME PROPERTY 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,

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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 desg. 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 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.

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Notice of Form. of Art2behuman LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. 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.

Notice of Formation of 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

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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 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 KERNL 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 desg. 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.

PRUNTY DENTAL, PLLC. Arts. of Org.

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filed with the SSNY on 12/11/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry.

Notice of formation of SQUIDDLE LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/18/26. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO BOX 342 BEACON, NY, 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: RDG Tax Advisory LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on: September 24, 2025 Office Location: Dutchess County Designation: SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Service Address: SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: 58 Huber Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

Notice of Formation of HOWARD MULTIMEDIA VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/24/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 20 Darlene Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Batista Repairs LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon the LLC to: Batista Repairs LLC 290 Noxon Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 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.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of August 26, LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 8, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is c/o Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ETTA EVENTS, LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC), with an office located in Beacon, NY. New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on April 8, 2026. NYSS is designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS will mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her to 5 Falconer Street Beacon, NY 12508. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.

Notice of Formation of Nonsilebo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/20/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nonsilebo LLC, 31 Thompson Ter, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of Maple Ridge Land Management LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 29, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 134 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of ELB Fitness LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 29, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 55 Maurerbrook Drive Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Fitness Coaching and Instruction.

Notice of Formation of Andren Plumbing and Heating LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NYS Department of State (SSNY) on June 18, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County at 27 Beechwood Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. (SSNY) has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. (SSNY) shall mail a copy of any process to: 27 Beechwood Circle, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: All aspects of plumbing and heating LLC. LNYS0561811

Notice of Qualification of DBH HUDSON VALLEY CONCESSIONS, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/13/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/08/26. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-83-26
Natural and Processed Sands and Gravels, Crushed Stone Aggregate, and Run of Bank Gravel
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th 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.

LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that the scheduled Workshop on Monday, September 7, 2026, by the Rombout Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, will now be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 preceding the scheduled Meeting on September 9, 2026. All meetings are to be held at District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill at 7 PM. All meetings are open to the public.
Lori Cerreta, Secreary
Rombout Fire District

S U M M O N S
Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff - against - UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF IDA GUDENZI-RUESS; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, or any of the known defendant's unknown heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the

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premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 2026-52215. Mortgaged Premises: 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571 Section: 6272 Block: 11 Lot: 555601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure \$442,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on December 5, 2007, in Document Number 01200716462, covering the premises known as 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the reverse mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER

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ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chelsea Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, New York, will hold a special meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026. The meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m., at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York, in the Town of Wappinger, and is open to the public. This notification is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson
Fire District Secretary
Chelsea Fire District

LEGAL NOTICE
BIDS SOUGHT
The Town of Milan is seeking bids for the following highway materials for the year 2027.
1. Abrasive Sand for snow and ice control, which must meet, item D-1402: processed or natural material sand specifications of Dutchess County - price per ton, FOB and delivered
2. Item 4 Gravel - price per ton, FOB and delivered
3. Bank Run Gravel - price per ton, FOB and delivered
4. Bituminous Concrete - all types, price per ton, FOB
5. Washed Crushed Stone - size #1 and #1A, price per ton, FOB and delivered
6. Crushed Stone Fill - various sizes, price per ton, FOB and delivered
7. Crusher Run - price per ton, FOB and delivered
For specifications, contact the Superintendent of Highways at (845) 758-5164. Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk on or before 2:00 p.m. 9/18/2026. Bids will be publicly opened at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 at 7:00 p.m. 9/21/2026. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked "BID". A non-collusion bidding certificate must accompany all bids. The Town Board reserves the right to re-

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ject any or all bids. Awarded FOB materials shall be available for purchase by other political subdivisions of New York State as allowed by New York State Municipal Law. By Order of the Town Board
Ingrid Kulick,
Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MILAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Milan, New York duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$179,366.51 FROM THE TOWN'S HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND ACQUIRING A TRUCK FOR USE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.
Dated: August 19, 2026
By order of the Town of the Town Board
Ingrid Kulick,
Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MILAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Milan, New York duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND THE SUM OF UP TO \$400,000.00 FROM THE TOWN'S BRIDGE AND CULVERT FUND, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE MILAN CULVERT REPLACEMENT BUNDLE PROJECT.
Dated: August 19, 2026
By order of the Town of Milan Town Board
Ingrid Kulick,
Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT

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TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS
PLEASE
TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 9, 2026 at 7:05 PM o'clock, p.m., on Local Law D of 2026, "ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS."
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: August 19, 2026
Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW C OF THE YEAR 2026
"AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF CHAPTER 6, CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN CODE"
PLEASE
TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 9, 2026 at 7:10 PM o'clock, p.m., on Local Law C of 2026, "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW C OF THE YEAR 2026
"AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF CHAPTER 6, CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN CODE."
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local

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law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: August 19, 2026
Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND FRESH-WATER WETLANDS/WATER-COURSE/WATER BODY PERMIT
FISHKILL COMMERCE CENTER
PLEASE
TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 150-97 B., Chapter 82, Section 82-9 E. and Chapter 78-4 of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524** for the proposal known as Fishkill Commerce Center identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6155-00-940402, located at 387-485 US Route 9, consisting of ±62.39 acres, in the PI (Planned Industry) and the AQO (Aquifer Protection Overlay) Zoning Districts; for the following approval and permits:
· **Site Development Plan Approval (Town Code Chapter 150-97 B.)** - for the construction of a 388,800 square foot warehouse facility with 260 off-street parking spaces, 81 trailer parking spaces, 57 loading dock spaces, two (2) drive-in ramps, along with associated landscaping, lighting, utilities and stormwater controls. The site will be served by municipal water and sewer.

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· **Floodplain Development Permit Approval (Town Code Chapter 78-4)** - for the proposed disturbance within the AE Zone 100-year Flood Hazard Area. The proposed finished floor elevation of the project shall be at least two (2) feet above the floodplain elevation, in compliance with FEMA regulations.
· **Freshwater Wetlands/Water-Course/Water Body Permit (Town Code Chapter 82, Section 82-9 E.)** - for proposed disturbance within the Town of Fishkill regulated Wetland/Water Body/Watercourse.
All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcollonna@fishkill-ny.gov.
BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna,
Planning Board Secretary
REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-67-26
Rental and Cleaning Service for Safety Clothing, Work Apparel, and Indoor Weather Mats
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th 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.

Taconic Opera seeks singers for Beethoven’s 250th celebration

Choral singers who have wanted to see what it’s like to be part of an opera chorus now have a chance for a whole different experience! Taconic Opera begins its celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday this 2026-2027 season by presenting his famous Ninth Symphony (Ode to Joy) with Taconic Opera soloists, chorus and orchestra conducted by Maestro Jun Nakabayashi. In addition to this masterwork, the chorus will also perform the devilishly fast Witches' Sabbath chorus from Boito's famous opera, Mefistofele.

No membership fees required, stated organizers, but singers must acquire their own scores.

The following are the performance dates:

Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. – for area schools

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m.

Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main Street, Tarrytown, Westchester County

Rehearsal schedule starts Wednesday, Sept. 2. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7 – 9 p.m. every Wed. until dress rehearsal and Saturdays, 3 -5 p.m. every Sat. until dress rehearsal.

Since this is a short rehearsal cycle, it will be necessary to have full attendance at all rehearsals. Singers who miss more than 2 rehearsals may lack sufficient time to learn the program unless they have already performed the pieces. The Witches Sabbath chorus is performed in Italian and will require memorization. For questions, see contact information below.

Rehearsals are held at Cortlandt School of Performing Arts (CSPA), 24 Old Albany Post Road, Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County.

There is a mandatory run0through with piano on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m., Location CSPA (subject to change). There is a mandatory dress rehearsal with orchestra on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., Location TBD (subject to change).

Anyone who is interested or may have additional questions, please contact Mary Corda at divamaryc@aol.com.

Polar Plunge participant Nicole Wojnar named Athlete of the Month for August

Special Olympics New York and the New York Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (NY ABLE) congratulate Nicole Wojnar on being named August 2026’s Athlete of the Month.

Over the past year, Nicole has led by example and stepped outside her comfort zone, improving her health and overall wellbeing. She’s also been a regular participant at the Dutchess Polar Plunge and Law and Order Nights. Whether it’s on or off the field, Nicole continues to demonstrate the true meaning of being an athlete and leader.

“Nicole is always there for her fellow athletes,” said Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman. “Her determination, teamwork, and positivity make her an excellent recipient for this month’s award.”

To earn eligibility for Athlete of the Month, athletes must exhibit leadership in one or more of the following: Achievement in Sport, Sportsmanship (respect for coaches, officials, opponents, teammates), Character (playing by the rules, honesty, integrity), and Commitment to Improvement and Perseverance.

Athletes are considered for this honor based upon recommendations by Special Olympics New York staff, coaches, fans, and the community.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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Suguru solution

Free meditation program at East Fishkill Community Library on Sept. 8

A free meditation program will take place at the the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Rev. Susan Olin-Dabrowski, BS, CHt Certified Consulting Hypnotist & Reiki Master Teacher will lead this program on meditation. The meditation workshop is offered each month on the second Tuesday of the month at the East Fishkill Community Library. This program is also offered online through Zoom.

Space is limited to 20 participants.

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

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-81-26 HVAC Parts and Supplies
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th 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.

Resolution of the New Hackensack Fire District
Whereas, the District has identified a need to purchase new Self

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Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and air bottles to equip firefighters, and; Whereas, sufficient reserve funds have been saved in a capital reserve fund which may be utilized to purchase firefighting equipment, and; Whereas, spending funds in a capital reserve requires the resolution to be subject to permissive referendum; NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made, seconded and discussion held and **subject to permissive referendum**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the New Hackensack Fire District of the Town of Wappinger, New York resolve as follows:
1. The existing SCBA equipment currently used by the district's firefighters has reached the end of its useful life and;
2. There is hereby declared a need to replace all of the SCBA equipment and air bottles used by firefighters in their fire sup-

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pression work and; 3. Up to \$356,000 may be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing the new SCBA equipment and air bottles. The withdrawal may be taken in one or more amounts and;
4. No funds may be withdrawn until the passage of thirty days from the date of publication of the abstract of this resolution and;
5. The secretary is hereby directed to publish an abstract of the resolution immediately, and must remain there for at least 15 days.
This resolution was approved by the majority of the Commissioners, on the 19th day of August 2026.
Lori McConologue
District Secretary
New Hackensack Fire District

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Chelsea Fire district State of New York
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the

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Board of Fire Commissioners, a special election of the qualified voters of the Chelsea Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, New York, County of Dutchess will be held at the Chelsea Fire District Office located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York on the 22nd day of September, 2026, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to vote on whether to approve the following resolution adopted by such Board of Fire Commissioners:
PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF A CUSTOM 2,500 GALLON TANKER: 1 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHELSEA FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM TANKER; ESTIMATING THE TOTAL

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THEREOF AT A MAXIMUM OF \$1,440,840.80; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING BY A COMBINATION, IN FULL OR IN PART, OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: BY ISSUANCE OF A SERIAL BOND OR STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND UP TO TEN YEARS FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,240,840.80 PRINCIPAL AND BY UTILIZING RESERVE FUNDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$200,000, and pledging the faith and credit of said Fire District to the payment of said bonds and notes and the interest thereon, be approved?
PROPOSITION: Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District dated August 10, 2026, authorizing the AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A CUSTOM TANKER; ESTIMATING THE TOTAL COST THEREOF AT A MAXIMUM OF \$1,440,840.80; APPROPRIATING SAID

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AMOUNT THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING BY A COMBINATION, IN FULL OR IN PART, OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: BY ISSUANCE OF A SERIAL BOND OR STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND UP TO TWENTY YEARS FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,240,840.80 PRINCIPAL AND BY UTILIZING RESERVE FUNDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$200,000, and pledging the faith and credit of said Fire District to the payment of said bonds and notes and the interest thereon, be approved?
A copy of the bond resolution referred to in the aforesaid proposition is on file in the office of the Secretary of said Fire District, where the same may be examined by any interested persons during regular business hours.
That pursuant to Local

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Finance Law Section 80, the validity of such bonds or notes or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the fire district is not authorized to expend money; or if the provisions of law which should be complied with as of this date are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.
All persons registered to vote in the district and residing in the fire district for at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of the vote may vote in such special election.

Local retired educators celebrate 56th wedding anniversary



Wappingers Falls residents Andrea and Stephen Miller celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16.

-Photo courtesy Miller family

Andrea and Stephen Miller celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16. Stephen and Andrea were married at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hempstead, Long Island. The couple met in College at SUNY Brockport and have resided in Wappingers Falls since 1970. Andrea and Stephen were both teachers in the Wappingers Central School District. Andrea was a Physical Education teacher and also taught Adaptive Physical Education. Stephen began his career as a

fifth-grade teacher at Sheafe Road Elementary School and later went into Administration at Marlboro Middle School and Dover Elementary School before returning to Sheafe Road as Principal in 1987. Both Stephen and Andrea retired in 2002. The couple has 2 children, Stephen II and Christopher, and 2 grandchildren, Christopher and Nicole. They enjoy traveling and Broadway shows. They celebrated their anniversary with family at the Millerton Inn.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region hosts ‘successful’ back-to school supply drive

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) successfully hosted a School Supply Distribution Day on Wednesday, Aug. 12. United Way believes that every child deserves to succeed regardless of their family’s income is why United Way launched their Back-to-School Supply Drive. This year’s event provided school supplies to 21 agencies in Dutchess and Orange County so they may distribute supplies to the families they are assisting. Rebecca Lull, Vice President of Community Impact from United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, said: “Today’s event shows the power of community coming together to support students and families. We’re proud to partner with local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and schools to distribute supplies and strengthen the network of support helping our neighbors thrive.” The organizations thanked for their contributions are: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp, Dutchess County Government, Hannaford - New Windsor, Hannaford - Pawling, Howland Public Library, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Hyde Park Library,

LaGrange Association Library, Lutheran Care Center, Millbrook Library, Newburgh Free Library, Pleasant Valley Free Library, Shoprite of North Rd & Winslow, Target Monroe, Club Pilates (Poughkeepsie), PKF O'Connor, XPO, Rhinebeck Bank, AMD, and James L. Taylor Manufacturing Co. United Way would also like to thank Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp for volunteering their time and helping during its School Supply Distribution Day. Along with school supplies, the non-profit organizations were given the opportunity to shop in United Way’s Essential Supply Hub located at its Poughkeepsie office. Items included in this hub are personal care items, children and adult clothing, household items, and children’s toys. All items are donated from our retail partners and other charitable members of the community. Beyond the school supply drive, United Way continues to hold Days of Sharing events throughout the year for non-profits to help the clients they serve. To volunteer or learn more about United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region visit <https://www.uwdor.org/>.

East Fishkill resident Jorge Medina promoted to major in NY Army National Guard

East Fishkill resident Jorge Medina was promoted to major in the New York Army National Guard during a ceremony held at New York National Guard headquarters in Latham on Aug. 13. Medina’s promotion from captain to major was presided over by Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General of New York. Shields praised Medina as an extremely professional leader. Medina has commanded the 222nd Military Police Company and served as an aide to the commander for the 53rd Troop Command. He is a veteran of the Iraq War and deployed to Poland and the Baltics after the Russian invasion of Ukraine as part of Operation Assure, Deter, and Reinforce. In his remarks, Medina thanked his wife Negeen and his family for their support during his military career. He also thanked the leaders he had learned from and the Soldier he served with over the years. Medina, who is currently assigned to Joint Force Headquarters in Latham as Deputy Inspector General, began his military career in 2005 when he enlisted in the Army Reserve as a wheeled vehicle mechanic. In 2008 he deployed to Fallujah, Iraq as a member of the 812th Military Police Company. In 2011, Medina enrolled in Marist College and entered the Army

Reserve Officers Training program at Fordham University. In 2014 he was commissioned as a military police officer and joined the New York Army National Guard's 442nd Military Police Company in New York City. He deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the company in 2016 and was then assigned as the executive officer of the 42nd Infantry Division's Headquarters and Support Company. Medina served as an instructor in the 106th Regional Training Institute before taking command of the 222nd Military Police Company in 2020. He led the company through rotations at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California and a deployment to the District of Columbia following the events of January 6, 2021. He led the company during a deployment to Poland and the Baltic countries as well. Medina is a graduate of a number of military schools, including the Inspector General School. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation and Army Achievement Medal, the Superior Unit Award, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. He and his wife Negeen have two children, Jason, age 8, and Callie, age 6.

Free educational program on Medicare 101 at East Fishkill Community Library on Sept. 10

The East Fishkill Community Library will present a free educational program on Medicare 101 hosted by Hopewell resident Joan Mistretta, Medicare Advisor of the Hudson Valley, on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. This workshop will explain all of A, B, C’s of Medicare. Topics include: how to enroll in Medicare and when you need to enroll, what is original Medicare, what are Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplemental Plans

and what are the differences between the two plans. Also explained are the cost sharing and benefits that are associated with each letter (Part A, Part B, etc.) of Medicare so that seniors will have a better understanding of their benefits and how to utilize them. Register online through the calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943.

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1. Eye affliction
5. Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
8. Cured pork product, pl.
12. *Every lap you run in gym class completes one
13. Ripped
14. Throw up
15. Mythological ship
16. Agitate
17. Like worthless promise
18. *"Go to the ____'s office"
20. Hatchling's home
21. Wasted on the young?
22. "Amazing!"
23. * ____ Core, academic standards
26. *"Rock N'Roll High School" band
30. Be obliged
31. Orange ____ tea, pl.
34. Of low density
35. Earthenware pots
37. Farm layer
38. Bagpipes sound, in Scotland
39. Vessel's "spine"
40. "Mary, Mary quite contrary" place
42. Radio knob, abbr.
43. Blended family family member
45. Trotters
47. Owned
48. San Diego baseballer
50. Castle defense
52. *a.k.a. lunch room
56. " ____ little cubby all stuffed with fluff"
57. Knight's breastplate
58. Bit of smoke
59. Willow twig
60. Pub arrow
61. Popular street-lining trees
62. Post-deductions amount
63. Opposite of WSW
64. Somebody ____

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1. Dueler's blow
2. Unit of pressure
3. Jellystone Park denizen
4. Amerigo to America
5. *Plagiarize, technically speaking
6. Heep of "David Copperfield"
7. *School signaling device
8. *Unwelcome load
9. Current unit, pl.
10. Catcher's catcher
11. Chester White's home
13. Three in one
14. Animal toxin
19. Poultry houses
22. "It ____ a dark and stormy night..."
23. Too many in the kitchen?
24. Baby owl
25. Free-for-all
26. Tear
27. Lacking guile
28. Baseball fielding mistake
29. "She ____ sea shells..."
32. * ____ Academy, online study aid
33. " ____ the land of the free..."
36. *Reading building blocks
38. Stall call
40. *Character in Greek Mythology reading assignment
41. Firstborn
44. Nymph chaser
46. Diminutive
48. Like nature worshipping, e.g.
49. Flamb
50. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
51. Passing mention
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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 11B.

‘Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker’ returns to Bannerman Island in September

The Bannerman Castle Trust announces the return of their popular theater experience, “Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker,” coming this September. The show, from Sept. 16 – 27, is a must for anyone who missed it last year and for those who would like to experience it again. The public should be prepared for a unique, almost ritualistic performance - an amazing night they will never forget!

Tour boats depart at both 6 and 7 p.m. from the Beacon dock located at 2 Red Flynn Drive (across from the Beacon Metro-North train station) for a single island performance that begins at 8 p.m. Attendees can enjoy the magnificent island gardens and spectacular views of the historic structures on Bannerman’s Island before the performance begins on the stage, located directly in front of the historic Bannerman Residence (little castle) – the perfect backdrop for the Dracula performance. The 6 p.m. cruise includes a guided tour of the island upon arrival, while attendees on the 7 p.m. cruise will enjoy an entertaining talk about the island (AKA Pollepel Island) after the show before heading back to Beacon.

Actor Duane Boutté (Sex and the City, Alabama Shakespeare, Lincoln Center) and Director Christian Conn (Asolo Rep, Guthrie Theatre) have created a powerful night of theater that lets the audience see Dracula in a whole new light. Sent to Castle Dracula to deliver deeds to the infamous Count, Jonathan Harker finds himself being held captive. When Jonathan escapes, his worst fear is confirmed: Count Dracula is an undead crea-



“Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker” returns to Bannerman Island September 16 – 27.



Actor Duane Boutté will perform in “Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker” on Bannerman Island in September.

-Photo by Shandon Youngclaus

-Photo by Russ Cussick

ture of the night. With the help of Van Helsing and other friends, Jonathan sets off on a mission to find and destroy Count Dracula before he becomes more powerful than ever. The show is a Broadway World Regional Awards winner and its authentic set design, props and costumes are remarkable. With only 88 seats per performance, the audience feels they are

sharing a participatory experience!

Bannerman Castle Trust programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and from the Gladys E. Davis Charitable Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. This project is also made possible,

in part, through funding from the County of Dutchess and Destination Dutchess administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

Tickets are \$75 and \$80 for prime seating (includes boat cruise, island access and show) Group discounts for 20 or more people are available. Box Office: Reserve seats at bannermancastle.org. Proceeds support restoration projects on Bannerman’s Island.

For more information, please call 845-831-1001.



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