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‘Nothing quite like it’ – balloon rides top annual Festival in Union Vale

By Alexander Tsahalis

Every year a peculiar flock takes off from Tymor Park in Union Vale. Slightly bulbous, and releasing jets of fire to control their journey, this flock is part of an event you won’t want to miss - the Hudson Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival.

The festival is hosted by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and is being held Aug. 29, 30, and 31.

If you’ve ever wanted to float along like a dandelion seed on the wind, or see the area from a birds-eye view, this festival is for you. Hot air balloon rides aren’t the only activity at the festival though. The event is a weekend full of family fun and there’s so much to do and all revolve around the balloons.

The event kicks off on Friday night with the gates opening at 2:30 p.m. There’s a pilot meet and greet, live music, a live pilot presentation called “all about ballooning,” a drone obstacle course for kids, Two by Two Animal Havens Wild World of Animals show, and more to keep you entertained until the main event.

At 5:30 p.m. the balloon launches and tethered rides commence. “I’m not a heights person,” said Frank Castella Jr, the president and CEO of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. “However, I do enjoy going up in a hot air balloon. There’s nothing quite like it. You feel as if you’re floating in the air, and you can turn around 360 degrees with your body, and it’s complete silence, and you can see a 360 degree view of the Hudson River Valley, and there’s nothing more majestic and beautiful than that.”



The Hudson Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival offers a weekend full of family fun and activities that all revolve around the balloons.

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‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program recognizes former Wappinger resident Kinsell

By Kristine Coulter

Michele AnneMarie Swarner Kinsell, a former resident of Wappinger, was the first woman honored as part of the Honor-A-Veteran program. Kinsell was posthumously honored during a ceremony held at S.W. Johnson Engine Company, No. 2, School St. in Wappingers Falls on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino welcomed those who were in attendance to the “meaningful” event. “Michele’s journey was one of unwavering strength and boundless compassion. From breaking barriers in the Air Force to nurturing her family and passions, she lived a life of perseverance and love, leaving an example of warmth and resilience for us each to follow. Through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program, Dutchess County is honored to share the legacies of local heroes like Michele to ensure they are always recognized and remembered,” stated Serino in her remarks.



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Take the ‘One Mile Challenge’ in September

By Kristine Coulter

Guardian Revival is kicking off the 4th annual One Mile Challenge (OMC) in Sept. for Suicide Awareness Month. According to the nonprofit, based in Beacon, the idea is simple: “participants commit to walking, running, or rolling one mile each day for 30 days, helping raise awareness around mental health and funds for our free programs — including peer support, outdoor adventures, companion dogs, wellness events, and more.”

Guardian Revival, according to its website, “provides free mental health & well-being programs to military, veterans, first responders, and their families — locally in Dutchess, Putnam, Orange [counties,] and surrounding counties as well as virtually & across the country.” Programs that Guardian Revival offers are: Another Summit, Boots & Paws, Encore, Home Front, Peer Services and Rise.

What is the One Mile Challenge?

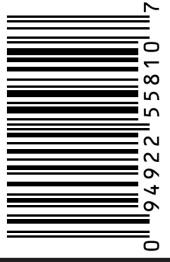
“When you join the One Mile Challenge, you commit to doing at least a mile a day for the month of September. You can walk, run, roll, bike...whatever gets you moving. OMC happens during Suicide Awareness Month as a way to shine a light on the mental health crisis facing our military, veterans, and first responders. It’s simple, and it’s something anyone can do. And along the way, you’re helping raise awareness and funds for programs that support those who’ve served,” explained Guardian Revival CEO Aaron Leonard. The Cold Spring (Putnam County) resident is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and firefighter.

Guardian Revival is there to make sure our guardians — military, veterans, and first responders — don’t have to face their challenges alone, said Leonard.

“That means free, confidential peer support with people who’ve walked a similar path, access to programs that rebuild connection and purpose, and wellness resources that are easy to access. Everything we do is built around community, because connection is what saves lives,” he said.

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Balloon rides last about 45 minutes and don’t follow a predetermined path. Instead, the balloons float on the wind and are followed by a chaser truck. The height of the balloon is controlled by heating the air inside the balloon to decrease it’s density in relation to the cooler outside air allowing it to float. Once the balloon lands, the chaser truck brings the balloon and its passengers back to Tymor Park for the final event of the

evening: the Illumination Moon Glow and fireworks show. “They inflate them the balloons in the night sky, and they light up like a light bulb,” said Castella. “The balloons are very colorful and when the fireworks start in the background, it’s absolutely beautiful.” For everyone remaining on the ground during the flights, there are still plenty of activities for you. If you were hesitant about a full flight, but still want to experience a balloon, try a tethered balloon ride. A tethered balloon

ride is a much shorter ride that lasts about five minutes. Unlike a regular ride the balloon is affixed to the ground by a 100-foot long rope and you slowly

descend back to the point you started at. There are also lawn games such as can jam, corn hole, and even a bubble zone for kids!

Take the ‘One Mile Challenge’ in Sept.



Guardian Revival is kicking off the 4th annual One Mile Challenge (OMC) in Sept. for Suicide Awareness Month. Pictured is from a hike earlier this year.

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What would Leonard tell people about taking part in the One Mile Challenge and the impact it can have? “Every participant, every mile, every dollar matters. You’re getting some exercise and you’re sending a message: We see you, we’ve got your back, and you’re not alone. It’s amazing how a simple commitment like this can spark conversations, break down stigma, and even save a life. Plus, every dollar raised goes straight into programs that make a real difference,” remarked Leonard. For more information and to register, go to guardianrevival.org/blog/join-2025-one-mile-challenge. For anyone in crisis and in need of immediate assistance, call or text 988.

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‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program recognizes former Wappinger resident Kinsell



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and members of Sgt. Michele Kinsell’s family, the County’s Honor-A-Veteran Committee and elected officials attend the most recent Honor-A-Veterans Ceremony on Aug. 19 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov’t



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino makes remarks during the Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony held on Aug. 19 in Wappingers Falls.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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Kinsell was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, who became the first female Aerospace Ground Equipment Repairman at Beale Air Force Base in California, it was stated. Kinsell was born in Inglewood, CA in 1957. She died in 2015.

Kinsell had 2 children, Christina Cortes and Jonathan Kinsell.

Christina said her mother had “a strong will.”

Asked how her mother would feel about the event, Christina replied, “She would probably be overwhelmed.”

Christina said her mother was “courageous.”

NYS Senator Rob Rolison said those gathered were there to recognize “a special” person. He said Kinsell’s was “a life well lived” and said she had a “pioneering” career.

Serino gave the family a proclamation and an American flag that was flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in Kinsell’s memory, and Rolison offered the family the NYS Senate Liberty Medal.

Craig Marshall, Veterans Historian, read the biography of Kinsell whose father, John L. Swarner Sr., was a U.S. Marine and served in the Korean War. Her mother was Myrtle M. Scott.

Kinsell joined the military at 18 years old. She was stationed at Beale Air Force Base from May 1977 until October 1981,

it was stated.

“Serving with the 9th Field Maintenance Squadron, 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, she made history as the first female Aerospace Ground Equipment Repairman at her base,” remarked Marshall.

Kinsell was appointed a Noncommissioned Officer with the rank of Sergeant (E4).

Among the honors awarded to Kinsell were: Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

After leaving the military, Kinsell moved to the east coast. She worked various jobs such as bookkeeper, UPS worker, Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant and secretary. Kinsell spent time serving the community as a member of Columbiettes of St. Mary’s Council No. 4065.

The family was presented with a handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor, a memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet and a Veterans Challenge Coin from Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini declared Aug. 19 as “Michele Kinsell Day,” in the Town of Wappinger.

“Thank you and your family for your sacrifices and support of her,” said Cavaccini to Kinsell’s relatives.

A representative from NYS Senator

Michelle Hinchey’s office read a proclamation.

Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. remarked, “Even after she is gone, she is still breaking boundaries - being the first woman recognized here.”

County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt said he and his fellow legislators “honor the legacy and life of Michele.”

“Taps” was played by local resident Dani Masterson.

Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services Director Adam

Roche said Kinsell “encouraged and taught her children to reach for the stars.”

“She showed them the value of perseverance and kindness,” said Roche, who added, there is “an incredible legacy of love she leaves behind.”

Christina said, “Thank you. This means so much,” when asked what she would say to those gathered at the ceremony for her mother.

The Honor-A-Veteran ceremonies are held monthly. This program, to honor late veterans, launched in April.

Vassar Temple announces High Holy Days services

Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie, invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of Sept. 22, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of Oct.1. 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.vassar temple.org for the complete service sched-

ule. No fee is involved, but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray expenses are appreciated.

The congregation is 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 in Poughkeepsie, and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

For further information, and to sign up to attend, please contact office@vassar temple.org or 845-454-2570.

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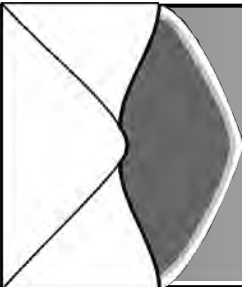
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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Southern Dutchess News.

Fishkill is a ‘generous’ town

To the Editor:

Recently the president was on FOX News and jokingly stated his goal was “to try and get to heaven if possible.” His thought process is normal when it comes to the rich and powerful. The “Captains of Industry” were about as ruthless as anyone that ever lived on this planet. Yet, when facing mortality, they did things like build museums, libraries, schools and hospitals. They tried to help the poor and their communities. It was their form of penance to get past Saint Peter.

As Supervisor of the Town of Fishkill for the last 6 years, one of my favorite things to do is to promote and support charitable events in our community. We are blessed to have such a generous town. If anyone wishes to promote a charitable event in the future, please contact me at supervisor@fishkill-ny.gov

Ozzy Albra
Town of Fishkill Supervisor

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Labor Day, there will be an early deadline for the Sept. 3 issue of the Beacon Free Press. Editorial deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at noon. Advertising deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m.

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A bright future at Mount Saint Mary College

To the Editor:

As we welcome the Class of 2029 to our Newburgh campus, I’d like to take a moment to highlight our accomplishments over the summer:

Our School of Business recently installed a dozen Bloomberg Terminals in the new Joseph F. Maloney Memorial Investment Lab, giving students access to the same technology used by leading financial professionals.

We launched our flexible Adult Degree Program, offering working adults more options to pursue their education and career goals.

We hosted the Summer Institute for Nursing Exploration, a free series of workshops that provided dozens of local high school students with hands-on experience in the nursing profession, helping to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley.

As a proud alumnus and the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I’m always filled with a sense of pride when I think about the vital role that Mount Saint Mary College plays in our community. Since my return to the Board of Trustees in the Spring of 2024, a lot has been accomplished. The work that began during Fr. Greg Fluet’s interim Presidency continues under the leadership of President Dr. Robert Gervasi, our strong Administrative Team, and our esteemed faculty and staff. We have improved our operating efficiencies and are focusing on what we do best: preparing students for rewarding careers in healthcare, business, education, communications, human services, and more.

With the values of the founding Dominican Sisters as our guide, the Mount has always provided an excellent education. We continue that tradition today, with many of our students being the first in their families to attend college. With strong and dedicated leadership, along with talented Board Members, we are addressing the challenges that colleges all across the country are facing.

The Mount was started by the Dominican Sisters 65 years ago, and with the assistance of the Newburgh Community and our dedicated alumni, we look forward to providing educational opportunities for the next 65 years.

See you all at the Gala at West Hills on October 16.

Lou Bach ’82
Chair, Mount Saint Mary College Board of Trustees

Community partners invited to be part of 2025 Golden Gathering

As preparations are underway for the 2025 Golden Gathering, the County’s premier annual event celebrating and supporting local older adults, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, New York State Sens. Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinchey and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) invite local businesses, non-profit organizations and service providers to sign up now to be part of this impactful and popular event. This year’s Golden Gathering will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington High School in LaGrange.

Rolison said, “The Golden Gathering is one of the most impactful and informative events we host for seniors across Dutchess County. We’re proud to connect our older residents with the resources, services and support they deserve — but we can’t do it alone. It takes a community to care for our seniors, and we’re grateful to everyone who helps make this event possible each year.”

Serino said, “The Golden Gathering is a cornerstone event for our older adults community. It’s also a great opportunity for local organizations to showcase the programs and services that make Dutchess County such a great place in which to age with grace and independence. Whether you run a local pharmacy, offer home repair services, provide transportation or support caregivers, this is the event to be part of. We want our older adults to know what’s available to them, and we can’t do that without our community partners.”

Hinchey said, “Our Golden Gathering event will make it easier for seniors across Dutchess County to connect with the services and support they deserve to live healthy, happy, and independent lives. If you’re a local business or nonprofit that offers a program or service that could help seniors in our community, we invite you to be part of this impactful day!”

The Golden Gathering welcomes hundreds of seniors and their families from across Dutchess County each autumn for a free, one-stop showcase of information, services, screenings and giveaways tailored to the unique needs of older adults. From health care and wellness to recreation, nutrition, housing, transportation and volunteer opportunities, the event connects older adults with resources that empower them to age safely, actively and independently. New this year, the event will also include organizations and businesses who have employment opportunities for older adults.

Businesses and organizations that participate in the Golden Gathering will have the opportunity to: connect face-to-face with hundreds of local seniors, their families and caregivers; distribute materials, samples or giveaways that highlight their services; offer health screenings or demonstrations; and promote employment opportunities for older adults.

Space for Golden Gathering vendors is limited and often fills up quickly. There is no fee to participate, but each organization must register in advance to secure a table. Businesses, non-profits, service providers and community groups interested in participating are urged to reserve their spot as soon as possible by contacting Giselle Garibello, Sen. Rolison’s Constituent Relations Coordinator, at garibell@nysenate.gov or 845-229-0106. Tables and chairs will be provided.

Town of Fishkill Highway Superintendent Carmine Istvan achieves Road Master Level I status

The New York State LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads Program recognized Carmine Istvan from the Town of Fishkill for achieving Road Master Level I status.

To earn this recognition, Istvan successfully completed six workshops through the NYS LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads Program, covering a variety of essential highway and public works topics. These sessions provide in-depth, hands-on training in areas such as road maintenance, work zone safety, winter operations, and infrastructure management.

It was stated, by participating in these workshops, Istvan has not only expanded his technical skills, but has also demonstrated a strong commitment to professional growth and the continued improvement of his community’s roadway systems. It was also noted, this achievement reflects the Town of Fishkill’s dedication to ensuring its crews are equipped with the latest knowledge and best practices for maintaining safe, reliable, and efficient roads.

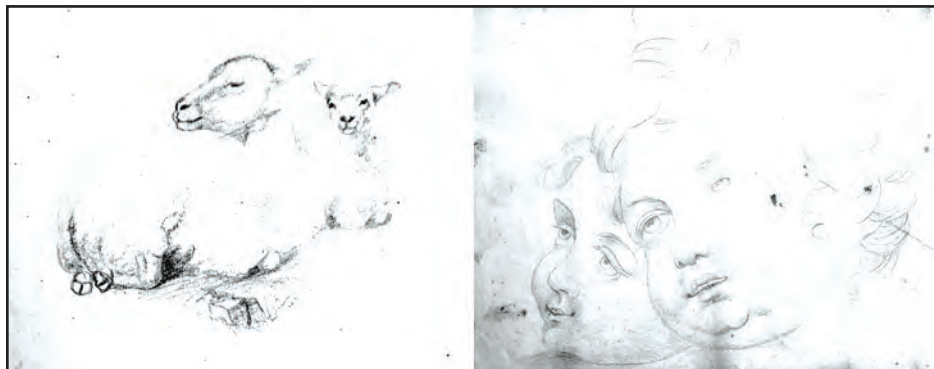
The Road Master Recognition Program encourages highway and public works professionals across New York State to further their education, stay current with industry standards, and enhance their service to the public.



Above left: Caroline Clowes, *Evensong*, No date, Oil on Canvas. Above right: Caroline Clowes, *The Alarm (The First Train Through)*, ca. 1871, Oil on Canvas.

-Images courtesy of DCHS

Detail and Humanity: The animals of Caroline Morgan Clowes



Above left: Caroline Morgan Clowes, *Sheep and Lamb*, No date, Pencil on Paper. Above right: Caroline Morgan Clowes, *Two Young Boys*, No date, Pencil on Paper.

By Charlotte Hampton

Last week, Rhinebeck and all of Dutchess County were marked by the presence of the 179th Dutchess County Fair, drawing in visitors with rides, food, historic buildings, horticulture, and more. But perhaps most interestingly, the fair provides visitors a special look at a variety of award-winning livestock, with tents and rings bustling with cattle, sheep, goats, and poultry. It is the county fair's emphasis on agriculture, and livestock animals more specifically, that calls to mind the work of a remarkable yet understudied local artist, whose paintings and sketches also deeply embraced the livestock of the county: Caroline Morgan Clowes.

Caroline Clowes was born on March 3, 1838, in Hempstead, Long Island to an affluent family. In 1851 Caroline and her sister moved to LaGrange, New York, to live at 'Heartsease', the home of their mother's brother. It was here that Clowes' interest in drawing was nurtured and her artistic career began. Like many elite women of her era, Clowes received an art education—first at the Poughkeepsie Female Academy and the Female Collegiate Institute, and later through private study with Frederick Rondel, a Hudson River

School landscape painter. She was also mentored by Henry Van Ingen, head of the Art Department at the newly opened Vassar College.

Drawing inspiration from the farms and landscapes of Dutchess County, Clowes built a successful artistic career, exhibiting locally and at an international level at Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. She also completed painting commissions of prized livestock and other animals requested of her by the local elite. The financial success that she garnered from her work granted her the freedom to live an independent life, living outside the expectations of marriage and children. While scholarship on her is limited, examining her work reveals her remarkable ability to capture the spirit of animals and livestock, as well as the agricultural and artistic landscape of Dutchess County.

The Hart Hubbard Collection of The Dutchess County Historical Society includes hundreds of sketches and paintings done by Clowes, offering a unique perspective on her work and creative process, demonstrating which subjects interested her, as well as how she practiced and prepared for larger scale paintings. It is clear from this col-

lection that for Clowes, animals, particularly cows, were a crucial part of her art, and likely a subject that she had a personal connection with. For example, of the 250 sketches and smaller paintings, two-thirds focus on cows, while humans appear in just under one in ten. She returns to cows repeatedly, sketching these animals from dozens of different angles, studying their anatomy and character with deep observation and care. This repository of sketches also demonstrates that within Clowes' art, it is the animals that are the focus and subjects of her painting. These animals are not merely details added for visual interest, instead, they are truly the focus, with the surrounding backgrounds and landscapes serving to contextualize their presence.

Perhaps even more intriguing is the way in which Clowes renders and treats these animals through her art. Comparing two of her pencil sketches reveals her distinctive approach to portraying the animals that dominated her artistic career. Despite the distinct difference in their subjects, with one sketch of two young boys, and the other of two sheep, the treatment, characteristics, and composition of these two works are strikingly similar (Figure 1). In *Sheep and Lamb* we are presented with two sheep reclining comfortably, with one older sheep and one younger facing left away from the viewer. There is a sense of comfortability between these animals, with their bodies overlapping with one another, and their relaxed facial expressions.

The second sketch, *Two Young Boys* also presents two subjects that overlap with one another, in this case, the heads of two humans. These boys, like the sheep, project a tranquil emotion on their faces, and face leftwards away from the viewer. Even the rounded, soft textures of the two sketches are alike, with the curly hair and rounded chins of the boys and the curly wool of the sheep. By composing these two sketches similarly, Clowes invites a visual comparison between her human and animal subjects. In doing so, she not only portrays livestock as worthy artistic subjects, but also imbues them with a sense of intrinsic value, emotion, and even humanity.

Clowes' 'humanizing' approach to animals is also evident in two of her other notable paintings: *Evensong* and *The Alarm (The First Train Through)* (Figure 2). While *Evensong* depicts a

group of reclining sheep nestled within the roots of a fallen tree, the title itself, likely refers to the Anglican church service centered around evening prayers and songs. This is visually reflected in the gathering of sheep together in what appears to be an evening light. In reality, religion and prayer are inherently human qualities. By describing this grouping of sheep as a religious gathering, Clowes once again gives her animal subjects human qualities. *The Alarm* functions similarly, with its grouping of cows that are startled by the presence of a train that runs through the lower left corner of the otherwise pastoral scene. Potentially like their human contemporaries, these cows reflect the anxieties of a world facing the threat of industrialization.

Interestingly, it is during this period of the later nineteenth century that animal advocacy groups began to harness the power of visual artists, regardless of the artists' original intention for their work, for their cause. Often the artists that were most valued by these groups were those that demonstrated that animals, like humans, were capable of intelligence, emotion, and meaningful relationships. English artist Sir Edwin Landseer, known for his dog paintings, and French artist Rosa Bonheur, another woman specializing in animal subjects, were two of the most reproduced artists by advocacy groups, praised for how they rendered their animals.

Today, Clowes' work reveals a similar care and sensitivity in her animal subjects as one might expect for human ones. Though we can't know exactly why she portrayed animals with such depth and personality, her many meticulous sketches and finished paintings make her attentiveness unmistakably clear. In doing so, she elevates animals as fully worthy subjects of artistic study.

Charlotte Hampton is an intern at the Dutchess County Historical Society and a recent graduate from Vassar College with a degree in Art History.

Note: "Our recent article on recipients of the Army/Navy E Award during World War One prompted readers to ask about other recipients we have added, as is our practice, of an ongoing, curated history at: www.dchsn.org/e-award."

County opens Agency Partner Grant Applications

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced today the application process is now open for the 2026 Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG) Program. The APG program provides two-year grant funding to local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations who provide outcome-based programs to address identified community needs. The APG Program provides vital support to strengthen local communities by funding youth development, homeless prevention, workforce development, senior transportation, nutrition assistance, mental health and wellness, and literacy programs, among other critical needs.

County Executive Serino said, "Dutchess County is fortunate to have so many incredible non-profit organizations embedded in our communities, helping to improve the quality of life for our neighbors. Through our Agency Partner Grant program, we are proud to partner with them to maximize resources and tackle the challenges our communities face to make a real difference in people's lives."

An application workshop and Q & A session will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Dutchess County

Department of Emergency Response, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. All interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend.

The APG program is a competitive grant process administered through the Department of Planning & Development. All applications are reviewed and evaluated by the County's volunteer Community Development Advisory Committee, who provide final recommendations to the County Executive for approval.

Additional information about the 2026 APG Program is available at www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Agency-Partner-Grant-Program.htm, including the specific Application Instructions and Guidance. Applications will be accepted via an online portal through Sept. 30 at 3 p.m.; awards are expected to be announced in late December 2025, following the adoption of the 2026 Dutchess County Budget.

Organizations that have questions or would like additional information about the grant program should contact the Department of Planning & Development at communitygrants@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-3600.

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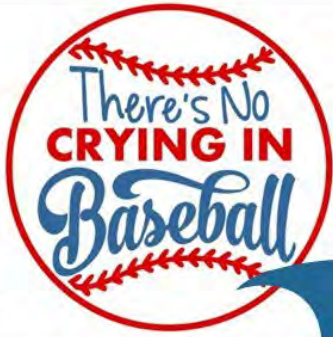


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Did the Subway Series save the Renegades?

By Morgan E. Maier

Major League Baseball brass is floating a geographical reassignment of MLB's divisions for travel-friendly, priority location schedules. Sticking the Mets and Yankees in one division reeks of impending organizational collapse and snoozy crosstown rivalry. The idea is reminiscent of the late, great New York-Penn League (NYPL), where the Hudson Valley Renegades operated for the first 26 years of team existence.

Starting next year, it will be one of two NYPL teams to survive the elimination of the Class A Short-Season. The Renegades and Brooklyn Cyclones may thank the Subway Series for such a development.

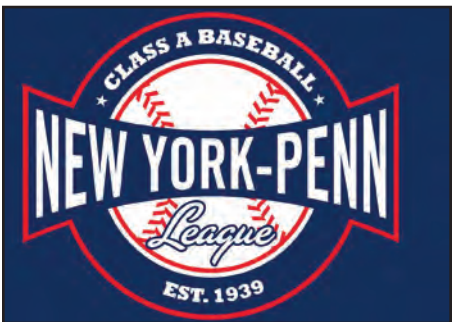
With the Aberdeen IronBirds' expulsion from Minor League Baseball, the Renegades and Brooklyn Cyclones remain the last of the NYPL. Among others in the league, MLB severed ties with the Tri-City Valley Cats, leaving them to join the likes of independent baseball.

The majority of former NYPL representatives have become an iteration of the league's original intent. In collegiate and draft leagues, player development is sandwiched between the MLB draft and school terms.

The MLB exodus that resulted from the canceled 2020 season affected many leagues, reducing teams' existence in the minor leagues to an invite-only status. It also hacked the draft from 40 to 20 rounds. Commissioner Rob Manfred, the uncanny Edward Scissorhands, sheared until dozens were left in professional purgatory, including seven of the NYPL's 14 teams.

Four became part of the introductory MLB Draft League, as will become of Aberdeen. In the IronBirds' defense, the city fell out of love with the game soon after Cal Ripken Jr. and family sold its majority stake earlier this year.

Keeping affiliates in a team's relative location is an exercise in loyalty, but it isn't enough to keep clubhouse lights on. Take the Lowell Spinners and Staten Island Yankees, the two members of the NYPL that were folded outright. Lowell, a Boston suburb, is an easy



The Hudson Valley Renegades were part of the New York-Penn League for their first 26 years.

-Courtesy image

commute from the parent club's green-walled headquarters. Despite ardently claimed intentions to keep baseball in Lowell, Boston sacked the Spinners in 2021. The Yankees met a similar end in the oft-forgotten fifth borough (though the Staten Island FerryHawks now operate as a member of the Atlantic League).

Since 2001, the Brooklyn Cyclones have represented Flushing's finest. On the business end of the Subway Series, Brooklyn beat out the Staten Island Yankees as NYC's resident minor league club.

Fans appreciate the chance to see their team's future for a fraction of the ticket cost. No timeline of years, planes, or charter buses can predict a baseball player's journey. A schedule can't predict a team's fate, either. The Renegades' path to the Yankees organization started with the Texas Rangers, then the Tampa Bay Rays. While these teams get credit for bringing the likes of Evan Longoria and Josh Hamilton to the Hudson Valley, there's an added adulation that comes with having a Yankees affiliate in New York. The efforts that made the Renegades' arrival possible in 1994 move on. Except these days, the team sells a full season's worth of tickets. Summers still become standing room only. The stakes have only become higher with the Yankee name attached. Whether the Red Sox or Mets lead fan rivalry, the Hudson Valley is, for now, safe from subsequent Minor League gerrymandering. The NY-Penn League is alive still, in the memories of folks who once asked, "What do the Tampa Bay Rays have to do with New York?"

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	37	17	.685	-	6-4	W2
Hudson Valley NYY	34	19	.642	2.5	6-4	L3
Jersey Shore PHI	30	23	.566	6.5	6-4	W3
Aberdeen BAL	26	27	.491	10.5	5-5	W2
Brooklyn NYM *	22	32	.407	15.0	5-5	L2
Wilmington WSH	21	33	.389	16.0	2-8	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	28	26	.519	-	5-5	W2
Bowling Green TB *	27	27	.500	1.0	3-7	L2
Greenville BOS	27	27	.500	1.0	3-7	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	24	29	.453	3.5	6-4	L1
Rome ATL	23	28	.451	3.5	8-2	W1
Asheville HOU	20	31	.392	6.5	5-5	L1



Home Schedule

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





Renegades Extra!



Keane’s dominance leads Renegades’ bullpen

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades right-hander Sebastian Keane nearly wriggled out of the New York Yankees’ reach before the team truly saw his talent. But for an honored college commitment to Northeastern, he’d likely be a weapon of the Boston Red Sox, who selected him with the 347th pick in 2019. In his third season within the Yankees organization, Keane’s seven wins are the most without a loss among South Atlantic League (SAL) pitchers.

In 2025, Keane arrived in the Hudson Valley for his second straight High-A season. A starter and strikeout machine feared by SAL opponents last season, Keane has made just one start this season. His 6’ 3” frame still looms from the mound, his hidden delivery a hitter-proof defense. Yet Keane is a proven force in his third professional season, holding hitters to a .185 batting average across 22 relief appearances this season. Right-handers can forget about figuring out Keane’s bag. They’re hitting .156 against him.

Against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on August 21, Keane recorded as good a relief appearance as any Renegade this year. Keane retired all he faced – one for each of his season wins – as he improved to 7-0 in a perfect 2.2 innings of work. Five came via the strikeout, as BlueClaws fell again and again for



Sebastian Keane is a proven force in his third professional season, holding hitters to a .185 batting average across 22 relief appearances this season. Right-handers can forget about figuring out Keane’s bag. They’re hitting .156 against him.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Keane’s pesky breaking ball. In August, opponents are hitting just .125, includ-

ing two consecutive performances without a hit. Twelve of Keane’s 24 appearances have left opponents seeking contact.

On August 13, a near-perfect 2.2 innings of work for his longest outing on the season. The righty finished with one walk and 22 strikes on 37 pitches to continue the steady drop of his ERA. Following the latest dominant stretch, Keane is recording a sub-2.50 ERA for the first time since June 14.

Sebastian was a developing Yankee after the Red Sox made him an 11th-rounder, as he participated in the Area Code Games showcase alongside short-stop and Renegades alum Anthony Volpe. Keane’s performance as an Area Code Yankee, ironically, succeeded his flash on Boston’s frequencies. The Yanks won out over the Massachusetts native’s shifted loyalties; Keane boasts a 2.60 earned run average in 34.2 innings this season. Keane is deepening the arsenal that attracted the Yankees in the 2022 draft, with a dumbfounding low-90s fastball and slider combination that’s drawn 165 strikeouts in his young career.

Keane’s dominance began as a starter liable to hit double-digit strikeouts in one game, and it hasn’t faltered since assuming the role of a reliever. He is the foundation of this solid Renegade bullpen.

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Hopeful Renegades hit tough times at the shore

By Morgan E. Maier

This week marked another skid on the Hudson Valley Renegades’ schedule, as hurricane winds blew away the team’s momentum. The Renegades came to the Jersey Shore with burning grit and a four-game win streak, but left with a cold chill and a losing streak.

The bullpen’s loss of promoted Geoff Gilbert and Hueston Morrill was palpable, but a few young stars showed up when the lights were brightest. Former Renegade and South Atlantic League Player of the Week Jose Colmenares became the first player to appear this season for both the Renegades and a South Atlantic League rival, as the Renegades were able to keep his explosive offense at bay this week.

Double trouble - Another Bennys-Locals matchup to pay homage to the rivalry between beach towns and those pesky tourists. In true “Benny” fashion, Hudson Valley spoiled a game that the Locals seemed to have the upper hand, in the doubleheader’s nightcap. The BlueClaws were snapping for their second team hit all game, but it came too

late. The Renegades prevailed in their third of four straight wins, dating from last Sunday.

The bold pink numbers across the back of each Benny were bold. The seventh inning rally was resounding.

After being one-hit through six, the Reengades closed regulation with a two-out rally. Second and third for Luis Durango, who promptly bloomed a two-run single to get the Bennygades on the board. He proceeded to steal second and third base, because why not? Kyle Carr gave another quality start for the win (6.1 innings, 5 H, 7 K, 2 BB), keeping the Locals at bay until the Benny bats warmed up. For their fourth win in a row, the Renegades swept the first doubleheader.

Jersey Shore could barely buy a hit in Game 1 of the doubleheader as Hudson Valley prevailed with a wire-to-wire victory. Brandon Decker fanned 10 over five innings, earning his first High-A win. Kaeden Kent pulled through with a pair of first-frame RBI, as Decker gave up just three hits in his outing. Chris Kean rolled through another relief appearance, hold-

ing Jersey Shore hitless to set up Tony Rossi for his eighth save of the year, and four strikeouts over 2.0 innings. Propelled further by a seventh-inning Josh Moylan home run, the Renegades pinched the BlueClaws 5-2.

Leadoff is key - On Aug. 21, four lead-off hitters reached base over the first six innings. Dillon Lewis sparked a first-inning rally with a leadoff walk to give Bryce Cunningham a lead before he ever took a warmup pitch. Tyler Wilson followed with a double in the second inning and scored on a Connor McGinnis single. Dillon Lewis knocked in the final RBI of the game in the fourth, after Josh Moylan led off with a single, then scored on a Lewis single.

The Renegades controlled from the first at-bat, with Bryce Warracker securing the save (5) and the 4-1 victory. Jersey Shore leadoff man Devin Saltiban was the producer for Jersey Shore, knocking one of the team’s two hits. He scored the BlueClaws’ only run. In a second appearance since returning from injury, Cunningham exited after 2.2 innings, four strikeouts, and 37 pitches.

Debut in the dark - When the home

team is already up by five runs, an opposing pitcher might wish his debut had come sooner. Despite the 8-3 onslaught by Jersey Shore on August 23., a bright spot came in the form of righty rook Jack Cebert. The 15th round draft pick made his professional debut, and quickly proved to be a bright spot in an otherwise damaging loss. One of the bright spots in the August 23 8-3 onslaught was Cebert’s fastball, as he struck down four straight BlueClaws via the strikeout. In his first full frame of work, Cebert struck out the side. He allowed just Jersey Shore in a sturdy 1.2 innings.

Foul ending - After posting the league’s best record since the start of July, the Renegades froze on the shore. In back-to-back games, they allowed 8 or more runs, while scoring just five over the week’s final three games.

This week, the Renegades (72-45) travel to the city to drum up some action against the Brooklyn Cyclones (68-52). The ‘Gades are still gaining on the Greensboro Grasshoppers (82-37), but the second-half title is slipping out of reach. Maybe a spin on the rollercoaster will scare out those end-of-season jitters?

Municipalities, non-profit groups receive \$239K in Youth Development Programming Grants

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced \$239,782 in grant awards has been awarded to 26 municipalities and nonprofit, community-based organizations that provide free youth programming services to provide a variety of developmental opportunities to young people under the age of 21 through the New York State Youth Development Program (YDP). These grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$18,500, promote positive youth development by advancing the well-being of youth. Award recommendations were made by the Dutchess County’s Youth Board and Coordinating Council, which is made up of community members, including youth, and representatives from various non-profit organizations.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Dutchess County remains committed to supporting local young people with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive as they grow into adulthood. These grants will help empower valued community partners who share our mission, and we’re grateful to work alongside organizations dedicated to guiding the next generation and securing a strong future for Dutchess County.”

Projects funded through the 2025-26 Youth Development Program include:

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Mid-Hudson Young Environmental Scientists, \$5,000 – Three-week paid summer research program that provides authentic research experience for youth who may not have access to robust science programming. Student teams work together to develop and implement a research project to understand local watershed ecology.

NAMI Mid-Hudson, Inc., Ending the Silence (ETS) Youth Mental Health Program, \$8,000 – A 40-50-minute presentation in middle and high school classrooms, delivered by a lead presenter, and a young adult presenter’s mental health journey and story of recovery. ETS enhances mental health literacy, reduces stigma and promotes help-seeking behaviors, empowering youth with the tools to face mental health challenges while fostering resilience, awareness and a supportive community.

Dutchess Community College Foundation/DCC CARES, Surviving to Thriving, \$9,000 – Provide postsecondary education dropout prevention and increase the retention and graduation rates of Dutchess County students between 17 and 21 years old, who are housing insecure, lack material basics, and struggle with mental health issues.

Dover Plains Library Association, Building Brains: Dover Youth Enrichment, \$10,000 – Provides free support for Dover youth through an after-

school Homework Helpers program that pairs elementary and middle-school aged youth with high school students paid to work as their tutors. During the summer those relationships continue as the teens are paid to work as reading mentors for younger students.

Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Traveling Science, \$5,000 – Bring interactive STEM education directly to communities, fostering 21st-century skills and academic growth among youth. Programs not only inspire curiosity and exploration but also encourage diverse participation, now with a renewed effort to include youth with disabilities.

Family Services, Inc., \$8,000 – Youth programming provides engaging activities that improve mental health outcomes and promote positive youth development. Through group activities and individual/family therapy, the program supports social emotional development, builds resilience, bolsters skills and protective factors and prevents youth violence using evidence-based interventions.

Land to Learn, SproutEd Beacon, \$8,000– Program brings garden-based education to four public elementary schools in Beacon throughout the school year, building food gardens and teaching lessons that educate students in gardening, environmental stewardship, nutrition, cooking, plant science, ecology and food systems.

North East Community Center, Inc., Youth Development Programs: CPSB Teen Jobs (Community Partnership with Schools and Business), \$16,000 – Workforce development program for high school youth at NECC; participants aged 14-20 become paid interns at local businesses where they are trained and mentored by adult employees.

Staatsburg Library, Youth Creative Collective, \$7,000 – Will provide programming to Staatsburg/Hyde Park middle school and high school youth ages 10-17, both after school and during summer break to encourage positive youth development through experiences in the arts and through leadership/mentoring activities.

The Art Effect, Spark Studios, \$14,000 – Spark Studios, a workforce development initiative by The Art Effect, offers a safe and dynamic learning environment for underserved youth aged 14-19; students develop valuable skills in film editing, sound, lighting, and video production, while also receiving immediate economic support.

Red Hook Community Center, Inc., RHCC Teen Group, \$5,000 – Provides

after-school programming to middle school and high school youth, typically 11-17 years old, thrice weekly on school days and once weekly during summer break. RHCC Teen Group is a teen-informed program guided and facilitated by RHCC staff to promote creative and pro-social community engagement.

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp Inc., Junior Corps Member Program, \$18,500 – Program fosters members’ development into confident and capable leaders with the knowledge and skills to excel in emergency medical services. Members learn emergency medical procedures, patient care and communication skills and participate in team-building exercises and leadership workshops applicable in all life areas.

Town of East Fishkill, Too Good for Drugs, \$7,300 – School-based drug prevention program designed to reduce students intention to use alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, while promoting pro-social attitudes, skills and behaviors. The program seems to build the self-confidence of students, so they are better prepared to make healthy choices and achieve success.

Child Abuse Prevention Center Inc., Personal Safety Program, \$18,000 –Provides free, evidence based abuse and bullying prevention lessons to students in their classrooms. Students receive tools and resources for identifying and reporting physical, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect, bullying and “digital dangers.”

Vassar College, Exploring Science at the Vassar Preserve Youth Interns, \$8,000 – An environmental science program coordinated by the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns, which provides youth with opportunities to learn about nature in the Hudson Valley through a science lens. The program aims to teach children about local ecology and inspire an interest and comfort in the natural world.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, Green Teen Workforce Development through Community Gardening, \$13,000 – Teens are employed by CCEDC, earning a wage and building a resume while learning the skills and behaviors employers seek and other life skills. Youth work up to 128 hours per season in the community garden, where they learn vocational skills and grow over 1,200 pounds of vegetables which they distribute to the community through a youth-run free farm stand.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., HRH Youth Enrichment Program, \$17,000 – Provides an array of year-round activities for runaway, homeless and other at-risk youth temporarily residing at HRH’s River Haven Youth Shelter. These activities are designed to promote the physical and emotional health, curtail involvement in health-risk behaviors and build developmental assets among the youth to participate in 2025-26.

Astor Services, Equine Assisted Learning Program, \$7,500 – Will collaborate with Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue for an Equine Assisted Learning Workshop series to benefit youth 15-17 who are enrolled in mental health services at a Dutchess County Astor Counseling Center. Youth will go to Lucky Orphans for eight sessions.

Chamber Foundation, Inc., Next-Gen Summer Academy, \$11,000 – A free three-week immersive program where youth between the ages of 14-21 learn about 21st century skills and computer literacy through 3D printing, virtual augmented reality (VR/AR), robotics, game design/development and coding.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project, Green Jobs for Youth, \$10,000 – Program prepares youth ages 14-20 for careers in farming, gardening, and food education; increases local economic and food security; and supports youth in job searches and placement by connecting them with potential employers.

Pine Plains Free Library, Kids Club, \$5,000 – Provides children ages 6-11 with a free afternoon program Monday through Thursday, offering a fun, safe environment, with healthy snacks and educational and creative activities; program is geared toward children of families who cannot afford formal afterschool programs, or those who need a more flexible environment due to special needs.

Dutchess County Pride Center, Intergenerational Get Togethers, \$5,000 – Monthly intergenerational get togethers between LGBTQ+ youth and their families and other LGBTQ+ adults in the community that include monthly events, such as meals, movie nights and panel discussions with the goal of teaching families how to be more supportive of their LGBTQ+ youth and how to be supportive to the LGBTQ+ community.

Pleasant Valley Fire District, Braveheart: Girls in Emergency Services Academy, \$7,000 – A free, two-day program for youth under 18 years of age that introduces participants to careers in fire, EMS, dispatch, and law enforcement. Held at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station, the program offers hands-on training, leadership development and life-saving skills like CPR and Stop the Bleed.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church (PUMC), Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center, \$7,482 – Provides an after-school program and a summer program to at-risk children that live in or near the Tubman Apartment Complex in the City of Poughkeepsie. The mission of the program is to provide an after-school program that facilitates academic success, develops strong character and creates independent thinkers with a love of learning.

Beekman Library, Y.E.S. Youth Empowerment through Service, \$5,000 – High-school teens will contribute to their community and gain leadership skills by acting as library volunteers. Each participating teen will apply to the program and supply two references. Teens may apply to serve as volunteer shelveers, program leaders or academic mentors to younger children.

Town of Stanford Recreation, Recipes 4 Kids, \$5,000 – Program designed to give children age-appropriate and easy-to-follow recipes that they can recreate at home for snacks and meals; youth learn the basics of measuring, cutting, assembling, cooking and baking.

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Rolison, Murray urge parole board to reject rule change

Senator Rob Rolison and Senator Dean Murray, Republican members of the Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee sent a letter on Aug. 18 to Daryl Towns, Chairman of the NYS Board of Parole, urging the rejection of a proposed rule change that would drastically alter the way the Board considers parole in the case of violent offenders that committed crimes when they were minors, further eroding public safety in communities throughout New York State.

Under the proposed rule, the Board would be required to place more consideration on the age and “brain development” of the offender rather than the danger the offender poses to the community, the nature of the crime committed, or the impact on the victims. The rule would apply to offenders who are serving a life sentence for a crime committed while under the age of eighteen. Life sentences are reserved for the most heinous felonies, including murder and sexual assault, making those who would qualify for this new consideration among the most violent offenders in the prison system.

The proposed rule comes amidst reports that an increasing number of teens are the victims and perpetrators of violent crimes in the wake of New York’s Raise the Age legislation.

“During my time as a police officer in the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, I saw firsthand the life-long scars left on victims and families by crimes so violent and heinous that a life sentence is the only just outcome. The Parole Board’s duty is to protect the public and stand with victims—not to create a path for offenders who have already proven they are capable of unimaginable harm. Public safety must be the top priority for government, never an afterthought. This proposal

tips the scales toward the offender at the expense of the community. I stand with victims, and with Senator Murray, in urging the Board to reject it outright,” said Senator Rob Rolison, Ranking Member of the Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee.

“The number one responsibility of the NYS Parole Board should be to ensure the public’s safety. This rule change flies in the face of that responsibility. I am also extremely concerned that this rule change very much mirrors changes included in legislation, (S.159) “Fair and Timely Parole”, that was introduced, but did not pass, the NYS Senate earlier this year. Rather than going through the body that represents the people of New York, the state legislature, the parole board decided to bypass and ignore the legislature and adopt this controversial change, on their own, through a rule change. I fear this will have deadly consequences,” said Senator Dean Murray, Member of the Senate Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee.

“Now is not the time to adopt a policy which seeks to negate criminal culpability for violent offenders who have already demonstrated a willingness to endanger their communities and inflict serious harm on others. The Parole Board must instead prioritize public safety and ensure that dangerous criminals, regardless of age, are not released back into the community,” the letter reads.

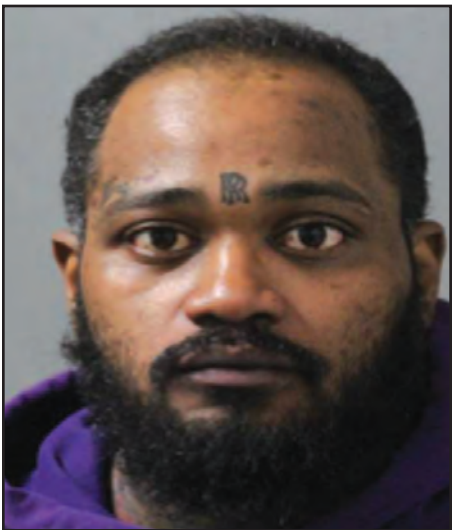
The proposed rule change is currently in the public comment period, which will expire on Oct. 12. The Senators urged residents to express their opposition to this dangerous proposal during the open comment period. Public comments can be submitted by email to: rules@doccs.ny.gov.

39-year-old sentenced to 25 years for first-degree manslaughter

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office announced on Aug. 18 that 39-year-old Jan Deere, of Gloversville, was sentenced to the maximum of 25 years in state prison for the conviction of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class ‘B’ Violent Felony and an additional 5 years in state prison for the charges of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Class ‘C’ Armed Violent Felonies. The sentence also includes 5 years of post-release supervision upon release from state prison. Deere was convicted of the crimes by a Dutchess County jury in June.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “Gun violence has devastated too many families in our community, and I refuse to let it become the norm. This conviction sends a clear and unequivocal message: if you carry illegal weapons and endanger lives, you will be held accountable. My office and our law enforcement partners will continue to use every tool at our disposal to combat gun violence and protect the safety and well-being of this county.”

The jury concluded that on March 30, 2024, at approximately 4:23 a.m. at 446 Main Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie, the defendant knowingly possessed a loaded firearm and pointed the gun at the victim, Jaquan Fryar, and fired a shot strik-



Jan Deere

-Dutchess County D.A.’s Office

ing him in the head. The victim was taken to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department handled the investigation. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chiefs Anthony DeFazio and Andrea Long and Senior Assistant District Attorney Chelsy Jones. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin.

Przytula announces run for seat on Fishkill Town Board

Don Przytula, a 23-year resident of the Town of Fishkill, has announced his candidacy for a four-year term on the Fishkill Town Board. A retired education administrator, Don holds a Doctorate in Leadership from Fordham University. Throughout his career in education, he supported families through the many challenges of life. He brings this same commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of all Fishkill residents.

While Przytula has served in numerous community and volunteer roles, he cites his work on the Town of Fishkill Comprehensive Plan Update as the driving force behind his decision to run for office.

“I learned from my work on the Comprehensive Plan Update about the fragility of Fishkill’s natural resources and infrastructure. I want to ensure that Fishkill can continue to serve its residents for many years to come,” said Przytula.

Przytula emphasizes that he is running without a personal agenda or vendetta. His campaign is not for personal gain or to advance his career—his focus is entirely on representing the people of Fishkill. He believes that balancing growth and development is essential to preserving the town’s natural resources and infrastructure.

He also raises concerns about several large projects expected to impact the town over the next four years, including the former Texaco Research Facility property in



Don Przytula

-Courtesy photo

Glenham, the Rolling Hills Project on Route 9D, and the former NYS prison property on Red School House Road.

“Water, sewer, traffic, and the impact on our schools must be top priorities when evaluating potential development projects,” he adds.

Don lives in the Town of Fishkill with his wife, Jacqueline. They have one grown daughter and three granddaughters.

Fishkill board member Forman announces candidacy for County Legislature Dist. 16

John Forman, a member of the Fishkill Town Board, announced that he is a candidate to be a member of the Dutchess County Legislature in District 16. District 16 includes Ward 4 in the City of Beacon and Election Districts 2,3,9 and 10 in the Town of Fishkill.

Forman has 12 years of experience as a member of the County Legislature. He represented the City of Beacon and the Town of Fishkill during those 6 terms in the Legislature. He is currently finishing up a 4-year term on the Fishkill Town Board.

“I am confident I will be able to be a more hands-on legislator than our current representative. I will attend Beacon City Council meetings and Fishkill Town Board meetings to provide reports and updates regarding Dutchess County Government. This is a job I’ve done successfully for 12 years. I am asking the voters in District 16 to send me back to Poughkeepsie and I will deliver positive results for our district,” said Forman.

Forman is President of the Foman and Murray Insurance Agency, located in Hopewell Junction.



John Forman

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Obituaries

Gieri Albin



Gieri Albin, beloved husband, father and entrepreneur, passed away at his home in Cold Spring on August 15, 2025 at the age of 87.

Born in Rueun, Switzerland to the late Gieri and Mengia Albin, Gieri built a life marked by devotion, generosity, and an extraordinary work ethic. Gieri and his devoted wife worked together and created not only a loving home but a culinary institution. Plumbush was more than just a place to eat - it was a destination. Known for its warm atmosphere and exceptional cuisine, the restaurant drew guests from near and far, including celebrities and loyal customers who became like family.

Gieri was the heart of the restaurant, greeting guests with a smile, remembering their favorite dishes and treating

everyone with kindness and respect. His passion for hospitality and his commitment to excellence left a lasting impression on all who walked through the doors. Gieri and Pat spent 53 wonderful years together - a lifetime filled with love. Their bond was constant and their life together was rich and full.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his cherished daughter Monica, and his son-in-law Michael of Jacksonville, FL, his sister Silvia and family of Chur, Switzerland, Pat's loving family, and many friends both here and abroad. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

At his request, there will be no formal services. His family invites those who knew him to honor his memory in their own way-by raising a glass, sharing a story or enjoying a good meal surrounded by loved ones, just as he would have wanted.

His legacy lives on in the meals he served, the love he gave and the family he cherished.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill 1089 Main St. Fishkill, NY.

Betty J. Lasher



Mrs. Betty J. (Kelch) Lasher, of Elizaville, NY, died peacefully with family by her side on Friday, August 15, 2025. Betty was a native of Germantown, NY, and later moved to Elizaville with her husband John "Jack" Lasher. In October they would have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Betty valued education, and after graduating from Germantown High School, she worked as the secretary to the Dean of Students at Albany State Teacher's College (now SUNY Albany). Both academic and experiential learning were of value to her. She supported three generations in athletics and 4-H clubs, and mentored youth

through the Fresh Air Fund. Betty and Jack loved to travel and took extended camping trips all over the country, often with family and a knitting project in her lap. They regularly attended dinner dances and were well-regarded for their repertoire of dance moves. She excelled as a baker, quilter, seamstress, and gardener, consistently producing impressive quantities of food from her modest kitchen.

Betty's was a life devoted to family and community, guided by faith, and defined by selfless generosity. She and Jack were pillars of their community and exemplified the term love thy neighbor through acts of service, like organizing pancake breakfasts and chicken barbecues to help fund the Elizaville Fire Company, Elizaville Methodist Church, and Manorton Lutheran Church. She served on the town planning board and was the secretary at her church. For Betty, tragedy and loss meant an opportunity to give, and she did so through the values of kindness, perseverance, and strength.

Betty is preceded in death by her son David, and brothers, Herman (Edith S.), Raymond (Edith C.). She is survived by her husband Jack, daughters Sharon Odak (Tom), Leann Schroder (Marc), granddaughters Stephanie Harris (Dan), Jamie Colon, great-grandsons Brandon, Justin, Ricky, nieces, great nieces and nephew, and great-great-grand nieces. In lieu of flowers and cards, we respectfully ask that donations be made to your local volunteer fire department, church, or to St. Jude's. In accordance with Betty's wishes, no memorial service will be held. Instead, we invite you to honor her legacy of community service by contributing to your local food bank, participating in town government, supporting local athletics, and fostering acts of kindness within your community. We are eternally grateful for the compassionate care provided by the staff at the FASNY Fireman's Home.

Timothy James Mikulsky



Timothy James "Tim" Mikulsky, affectionately known as Timmy, passed away on August 17, 2025, in Wappingers Falls, New York, at the age of 23. Born on August 30, 2001, in Peekskill, New York, Timothy brought a unique light into the world-one marked by quiet strength, deep compassion, and unwavering faith.

From a young age, Timothy displayed a remarkable curiosity and creativity. As a child, he spent countless hours building intricate Lego sets or inventing his own designs. These early passions evolved into a love for technology; as an adult, his "Legos" became computer parts. He had a natural talent for building computers from scratch and was fluent in coding-so much so that he often taught others online. His sister would watch him in awe as he mentored others in programming languages she couldn't begin to understand.

Timothy's faith was the cornerstone of his life. At just five years old, he began his relationship with God -- a moment so profound that he immediately ran to the neighbor's house to share the good news. His enthusiasm was so intense that it startled his young friend and even prompted the friend's parent to send him home. That same passion endured throughout his life. As a teenager, Timothy once spent two heartfelt hours on the phone witnessing to his Uncle Eddie. Afterward, he called his grandmother in tears and said, "Grandma, I am so sorry. I really, really tried. But Uncle Eddie wouldn't listen." His sincerity and spiritual conviction left lasting impressions on those around him.

Timothy was deeply devoted to his family. He is lovingly remembered by his mother Delsie; father Walter; brother Andrew; sister Jenny; and grandmother Delsie. He held each of them close to his heart and showed his love through quiet acts of service and steadfast support. Though not always spontaneous by nature, if you needed help, Timothy would be there-no questions asked.

He admired and respected his brother Andrew and eagerly anticipated his visits during the holidays. To his sister Jenny, he was both protector and chauffeur - driving her not only to college but also on Dunkin' Donuts runs with a smile (or at least a resigned nod). When their mother returned to work evening shifts, Timothy stepped up as the family cook without hesitation. He also stood by her side through many difficult years with quiet resilience and care. And he always helped his father with projects around the house and helped him with his games. Especially when there was a difficult part to beat. And many a time, he drove to Grandma's house to get her TV going again because she hit the wrong button.

Animals held a special place in Timothy's heart-especially Mitzi, the family's rescued dog who had suffered abuse before finding her way into their home. With gentle patience and love, Timothy helped Mitzi grow comfortable with human touch again. He was always coming downstairs to hug, kiss, and play with the dogs-his affection for them as genuine as it was healing.

Timothy's legacy is one of quiet strength, deep faith, and unwavering love for those closest to him. His presence will be deeply missed but forever cherished by all who knew him.

His Family gathered with Friends on Friday, August 22 at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York; where a Celebration of His Life will be held at 6:30PM. His Family will gathered with Friends on Saturday, August 23 for a Graveside Service at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, New York.

May Timothy's memory bring comfort to those who knew him and may his spirit continue to inspire others.

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

Paul Daniel Lucas III



Paul Daniel Lucas III, 82, a longtime resident of Hopewell Junction, passed away peacefully at home on August 20, 2025, surrounded by his family. He previously lived in Bridgeport, CT.

Paul was born on November 8, 1942, to the late Paul and Grace (Deszo) Lucas Jr. in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He graduated from Black Rock High School and earned degrees from Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston), University of Bridgeport, and North Adams State College.

He had a successful career in the New York State education system. After his well-deserved retirement, Paul began his own business, Vivace Vocational Ventures, and was awarded over \$1,000,000 in grant funding to support

workforce opportunities for under-served youth.

Paul was a dedicated member of Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church in Trumbull, CT. He enjoyed spending time with his loving family. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many, his quick wit and dry delivery often inspired bursts of laughter from those in his company. His grandchildren succumbed to numerous fits of giggles from his alter ego "The Tickle Monster". Ready with lollipops for the kids, a patient ear for those who sought it, an impromptu conversation with strangers, and two hands that he offered to anyone needing help; Paul was happiest when connecting with others. His family is grateful for the time he shared with them during his many years of well-lived life, 49 of which he spent married to his adored wife, Jane Lucas. In addition to her, he is survived by his daughter, Heidi Lucas and her husband, Bruce Tychinski; his son, Paul Lucas and his wife, Heather; his grandchildren, P. Graham Lucas, Gretchen Tychinski, Parker Lucas, Clara Tychinski, Peter Tychinski, Piper Lucas, and Penelope Lucas; his sister, Linda Andrews; his nieces, Laura Ruane and Hana Worku; and his nephew, Daniel Worku.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church, Trumbull, CT on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025 at 3 pm.

Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (Peekskill, NY), or to Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church.

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Creative Living

Labor Day Celebration at West Point on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1



The West Point Band will present its annual Labor Day Celebration with fireworks on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at West Point’s Trophy Point Amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather, this outdoor concert will move to Monday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. This annual favorite is free and open to all; for more information visit www.westpointband.com.

Celebrate the end of summer with world-class music, historic views, and the best fireworks show in the Hudson Valley. This concert features performances by the Concert Band, Hellcats, and Benny Havens Band, topped off with a performance of 1812 Overture with live cannon fire and a magnificent fireworks display. This ever-popular concert draws a large crowd, so be sure to arrive early to get a good spot on the hill.

-Courtesy photos West Point Band

get growing!

by mark adams



New Trial Garden at Bard

Mark and Sue travel to Montgomery Place to check out some of Burpee’s experimental varieties.

The Burpee Seed Company, founded by W. Atlee Burpee in 1876, introduced some of the best new flowers and vegetables, revolutionizing agriculture and home gardening. Iceberg lettuce (1896), Golden Bantam Sweet Corn (1902), and Big Boy tomato (1949) are classic Burpee varieties. In 1991, George Ball Jr., scion of another famous seed breeding family (now Ball Horticulture), became chairperson of Burpee. George had attended our local Bard College and was for many years a Bard trustee. So, when Bard arboretum director Amy Parrella got the idea to expand the gardens at the recently acquired Montgomery Place campus, she contacted George Ball.

The Burpee Trial Garden opened on August 17, showcasing 45 varieties of flowers and vegetables, all developed by Burpee. It turns out that George Ball was thrilled to endow the gardens, which is designed to grow and test new and experimental flowers, vegetables and herbs, and to provide students with educational opportunities for hands on gardening and scientific evaluation. George visited the site during the planning stage, traveling from his home in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where he supervises Fordhook Farm, the original Burpee trial site. (Do any of my faithful readers remember the article I wrote about the 100th anniversary celebration of iceberg lettuce at Fordhook Farm back in 1996?) He chose several experimental varieties, alongside tried-and-true Burpee standards:

- Tomato “Sun Peach” – A quarter size cherry tomato, set up by the students for a taste test. Sue gave it a 10. I argued that “10” should be reserved for the world’s best-tasting tomato, “Sun Gold.” Then Amy pointed out that “Sun Gold” has a thicker skin than “Sun Peach,” and on second thought I have to agree. So this Burpee introduction could be a real winner.
- Marigold “Strawberry Blonde” – Unusual French-style marigold with blossoms that change color as the season progresses (OK, they fade), from strawberry to blonde. At one time, Burpee famously



Amy Parrella at the trial garden at Bard College.

- Photos by Mark Adams

offered a \$10,000 prize to anyone who could grow a pure white marigold. After selling millions of off-white marigold seeds to hopeful gardeners, the prize was finally awarded to Alice Vonk in 1975.

- Zinnia “Forecast” – Grown alongside the staples “State Fair” and “Cut and Come Again” to test its resistance to mildew, which is a scourge on the foliage of older zinnia varieties. Maybe because of the dry August, I didn’t notice any mildew on any of the varieties on display, or in our home garden, where my granddaughter Priya won eight first-prize ribbons for zinnias at the Dutchess County Fair.
- Morning Glory IP20-03 – The Burpee catalog features five varieties of morning glory. This experimental one is a lighter shade of blue and flowers earlier than the heirloom Heavenly Blue. The blossoms were closed, since we visited in the afternoon. Also, not sure if the seeds are hallucinogenic. I’ll let you know.
- Celosia “Red Velvet Cake” – The blossoms are Brobdingnagian (I haven’t used that adjective in a while, but it fits). And velvety. The plant wasn’t staked, but it looked like it should have toppled over. Strong

stems, I guess.

- Eggplant BR88 – I’m not sure why we need a new variety of eggplant, unless it’s resistant to woodchucks or maybe flea beetles. The heirloom “classic” produces perfect eggplants, if given enough fertilizer.

Of course it’s all about the students. Since Bard acquired the Montgomery Place farm in 2016, the 3,000 undergraduates have been exposed to agriculture, which can be integrated with their mostly liberal arts education. Of the two students manning the trial garden open house, Max Frackman is a studio arts major and Violet di Biasio is studying environmental humanities, with an emphasis on food security. Bard students are a special breed – interested in just about everything. Max was blown away by the garden. Violet is planning to spend next summer as a “woofer” – working as an intern on an organic farm. And George Ball’s time as a Bard undergraduate led him to a career in plant breeding, and an interest in food security in the Middle East. When George was awarded a degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Bard in 2023, he was recognized for “His ability to see beyond what others might see, making George Ball a visionary who continues to nurture innovation in the horticultural world.”

The grounds of Montgomery Place, and the Burpee Trial Garden, are open every day, dawn to dusk.

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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179th Dutchess County Fair

‘Cultivating Dutchess’ and SUNY Cobleskill presentation highlight 10th Agricultural Forum at Dutchess County Fair



Local leaders, farmers, and representatives from agricultural and land conservancy organizations gathered at the Dutchess County Fair for the 10th annual Dutchess County Agricultural Forum last week Thursday.

-Courtesy photo

The 10th Annual Dutchess County Agricultural Forum was held last week Thursday at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, spotlighting the County’s flourishing agricultural sector, which generates over \$45 million annually for the local economy. Held in partnership with the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the annual events brings together local farmers, agri-

business representatives, agricultural and land conservancy organizations, as well as State, County and local leaders and community members to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the agricultural industry. Dutchess County is one of New York State’s leaders in agritourism, with its farm tours, pick-your-own operations, wineries, equine activities and other on-farm events. With total agricultural sales of \$45 million, Dutchess

County is the center of diversified and specialty agriculture. Between its crops, livestock, specialty products and value-added products, Dutchess County has one of the most balanced agricultural profiles in the state. Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Farms fuel our economy, provide fresh food, preserve open space, and welcome visitors from near and far. Most importantly, they reflect the hard work and resilience of our farmers. With Cultivating Dutchess, we’re making it easier for farmers to find the resources and support they need so they can continue to do what they do best, Farming has always been a part of our story here in Dutchess, and we’re committed to making sure it remains part of our future.” Serino introduced Amanda Bergin, the County’s new Agricultural Navigator, and plans for a new online hub, “Cultivating Dutchess,” which will consolidate resources for farmers – everything from information about the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and agricultural districts, to the County’s Agricultural Directory, Partnership for Manageable Growth, “Farming in Dutchess” virtual series and more – into one convenient webpage, with the goals of:

- Centralizing resources to make them easy to find;
- Strengthening agriculture education and

- careers;
- Improving agricultural literacy among decision-makers;
- Supporting farm-friendly policies; and
- Building collaboration between farms, schools, towns and organizations.

When it launches, “Cultivating Dutchess” will make agricultural programs and resources easier for farmers to find; highlight the importance of farming to the local economy; help towns make informed, farm-friendly decisions; promote agricultural careers for young people; and build stronger partnerships across the County. The forum also included presentations by Dr. Marion A. Terenzio, President of SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, who offered a broad look at agriculture in New York and what the future holds. Dr. Scott Ferguson, Executive Director of the Institute of Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill, shared insights into the impactful work of the Institute for Rural Vitality, including how its initiatives have supported the successful launch of small businesses entering the agricultural marketplace over the past five years. After the forum, participants from the ThinkDIFFERENTLY 4-H program, which includes children of all abilities, exhibited their animals at the annual Fair Flourishing Farmer’s Showcase.

Junior Fair Board members shine at 179th DC Fair



Members of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Junior Fair Board provided assistance to a variety of events at the 179th Dutchess County Fair. Members include, from left, James Hicks (Vice President), Autumn Prezzano (Treasurer), Nathan Prezzano, Ashley Keck, Annette Prezzano (President), Faith Schultz (Secretary), Jackson Crisp, Paige Tegmeier, Jenna Lawrence and Hope Miller. Not pictured are member Brendan Scoralick and advisor Mariel Mustello.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Views from the Fair



From top to bottom, Elizabeth Dill works at the art of chair caning in the Century Museum Village. Leslie Dailey of Clinton Corners won a blue ribbon with her Peach Bourbon Pie. Bethany Prater of Lagrangeville won a Chairmen’s Award with her huge squash. Kate Cahill of Wappingers Falls won a blue ribbon with her multi-colored Dahlia.

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More views from the Fair



Clockwise from top left, Erich Steffensen and his rescue dog Mason perform with PawStars. Colleen Hackett shows her dairy calf outside the Hackett Holstein barn. Elizabeth Zick works with her dairy calf in a youth show. Pigs nurse with mom and Beau the baby bull is pictured with his mom in the Salute to Agriculture tent. A total of eight baby calves were born at the Fair this year. Stilt Circus performers are shown in their patriotic costumes. Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy balances a cap on his nose. Visitors view artifacts in the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Museum. An Off Axis Stunt Show performer does high-flying tricks on his bike.

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Mac Attack Crunch Wraps

Re-imagining the fast-food classic with tortillas and tostadas

Another week has gone by and the challenge of thinking up dinner ideas continues. I don't mind it really, because even those times when I've felt like I was in a rut, doomed to repeat a favored handful of go-to recipes until they wear out their welcome, inspiration often comes along to breathe new life into my menus. That's what thankfully happened last week, and here's the story.

I was having a lovely chat with my neighbors on their front porch, sipping a cocktail and just enjoying the summer evening, when I realized I had lost track of time, which is kind of a lovely thing except that I had to get dinner made and had not come up with a plan before the visit. Usually, I not only have the week's menu planned, but have also shopped efficiently so I have just what I'll need. This particular week, though, was all topsy-turvy, filled with plans – some set, some not so much – and so I wasn't fully prepared when some of those plans fell through. That meant a bit of a scramble to come up with something, based on what I had on hand, a fact I shared with my neighbors.

We discussed it while we finished our drinks. It was a Tuesday, which for them meant taco night, and that's always a good idea, but one that felt a little played out to me since I'd made quesadillas not quite a week before. Plus, I didn't have most of the ingredients.

Then, on taking my empty glass to the kitchen, I noticed a Big Mac commercial on TV and there was a spark of ... something. Not sure exactly what, but the gears started turning. I must tell you I am not the biggest

fan of fast food in general, but that is not to say that I am immune to the occasional craving. I might have a Big Mac attack once or twice a year, and that's more than enough (and usually something I regret). But seeing that ad didn't make me want to hop in the car to get one. Rather, it made me wish my friends a good night and hurry home to get cooking.

As it happens, I had everything I needed to make a taco/burger mashup, and a quick look online gave me the method to make it work. So for dinner that night I had a Big Mac crunch wrap, and it was pretty delicious. Although not exactly healthy, it was certainly better for me than any fast food.

What's a crunch wrap, you ask? Just a pocket of goodness made by folding a flour tortilla around fillings on a crisp tostado (that's the crunch in crunch wrap), lightly fried to hold it all together in a most delightful way. Luckily, I had fillings that were similar to the famous burger and it did not disappoint!

MAC ATTACK CRUNCH WRAPS

Clearly, I was not the only one with this idea, because I found a recipe or two online when I looked up "How To Crunch Wrap." I only followed the assembling and frying methods, not the ingredients, which seemed pretty straightforward and came from what I had on hand. To that point, fill your crunch wrap with anything you like. But I do recommend trying this version at least once. It's fast and easy and craveably tasty.



Fold the tortilla around the fillings and tostada. Fry until golden brown and serve.
-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

NOTE: For the special sauce, I used purchased Thousand Island dressing as a base. If you don't have any, I recommend starting with a mix of mayonnaise and ketchup. I do not recommend subbing dill relish for the pickles, however, since there's too much liquid and not enough crunch.

ANOTHER NOTE: Because I was using what I had on hand, amounts are approximate. It's really about ratios and your personal taste anyway, so use this as a guideline and have fun!

INGREDIENTS for special sauce

Thousand Island dressing (about 1 cup)
OR ¾ cup Mayo + ¼ cup ketchup
Finely chopped dill pickles
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon dried mustard
½ teaspoon each garlic powder and onion powder
Salt to taste

INGREDIENTS for wraps

1lb ground beef
Vegetable oil for skillet
Salt and pepper, to taste
Special sauce (see recipe)
4 large flour tortillas (the bigger the better. I used 12-inch burrito tortillas)
4 tostada shells (these are crisp, fried 5-inch corn tortillas sold stacked in a bag)
Chopped dill pickles
Shredded lettuce
1 small sweet onion, finely chopped
Shredded cheddar cheese

METHOD

Make the sauce by mixing all ingredients together in a small bowl. Cover and chill at least one hour.

Cook ground beef in a skillet with a little

oil just until no longer pink (8-10 minutes), stirring to break it up. Season with salt and pepper. Drain off grease or use a slotted spoon to transfer cooked beef to a bowl.

In another skillet, heat about 1/4 -inch of oil over medium heat.

Lay tortillas out on a flat surface. Spoon ¼ of the beef in the center of each tortilla, about the size of the tostadas. Drizzle generously with special sauce. Layer on chopped pickles, lettuce, onion and cheddar. Top with a tostada.

Gently fold the flour tortilla around the fillings a little at a time to form pleats. The tostada will show in the center.

Carefully place wraps, folded side down, into the heated oil. They're big, so you'll do one at a time. Cook until just golden brown (only 2-3 minutes or they'll burn), then gently flip and repeat. Serve with a side of special sauce and call your craving satisfied.

I just love when the universe steps in to help out with dinner. It would be nice if the universe could also clean up afterwards, but I am grateful nonetheless. Besides, it's fun coming up with something as good as this, which now goes into the recipe box as a new go-to favorite, and one that means no more fast food runs when the craving hits. I can live with that, a little healthier, too. Enjoy!

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

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**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**

Start your Labor Day weekend in Hopewell. Our final concert this summer is Friday night, Aug. 29, when that youngster, Johnny Dell and his daughter Kirsten's Silly Little Things Band for a fun night of great music. All ages will enjoy this band. Show time is 6 p.m.

East Fishkill Community Day is Saturday, Sept. 20. Make plans now for this fun event. The parade will be at 2 p.m. The fireworks

around 7:15 p.m. The "fun" is from noon to closing!

Red Wing Park closes Monday, Sept. 1. This Sunday, Aug. 31 at 8 a.m., is our final fishing day for the season. Many thanks to directors Eric Pugligse and Billy Gee and their staff of lifeguards, swim instructors and gate attendants for a great season at the lake.

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

Jake Shimabukuro at Towne Crier Friday

Ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon this Friday, Aug. 29, at 8:30 p.m. Since gaining prominence in the early 2000s, Shimabukuro has mesmerized audiences with his innovative and dynamic style, taking

the instrument to dizzying new heights. Over a dozen solo albums, Shimabukuro has shown a knack for moving between genres, sometimes in the same song.

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By Lauren McMenamin

Assistant Recreation Director

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Flag Football: Experience the excitement of football with Skyhawks Flag Football Fueled by USA Football. Using a curriculum developed by the experts from USA Football, coaches will teach skills like passing, receiving, kicking and flag pulling. Participants will gain confidence and learn important life lessons in a fun, positive environment. This fall the program will be held

at Geering Park starting Monday, Sept. 15 for ages 6-12.

Cheerleading: Children in these high energy classes learn far more than just core cheer concepts and techniques; they also explore their personal expression, agility, rhythm, and teamwork. It is a great way to build self-confidence and nurture the desire to share happiness with others! Classes will be held at Geering Park starting Monday, Sept. 15 for ages 3-9.

In-school Recreation: Registration for the first session of the 2025-2026 school year has begun! The session begins Monday, Sept. 8 when the kids return to school after summer break. Don't wait to sign up! Visit our website to register. www.fishkillrecreation.com.

Little Explorers: Dive into a morning filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands-on exploration. Open to ages 0-5 years. Class Times: 9:30-10:15 a.m. ages 2 & under
10:45-11:30 a.m. ages 2 & up
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Family Roots Land Services LLC. filed with SSNY on 7/9/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 39 Whispering Pine Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Petal & Bloom Spa, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/12/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4 Galle Lane Lagrangeville NY 12540 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Family Pool Clean LLC filed articles of organization on 7/5/2025. Office: Dutchess CO SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 1820 NY 376 STE5, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any legal purpose.

SARI NEAVE, LCSW, PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/17/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may

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beserved. SSNY shall mail process to 80 Airport Dr., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: To practice Licensed Clinical Social Work.

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

Notice of Formation of JL Wilkinson Real Estate LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 3, 2014. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: JL Wilkinson Real Estate LLC, 153 Diddell Road, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

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

271 CHURCH STREET, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 299 Windsor Hwy, c/o Arciero & AMP, Burgess, P.C., New Windsor, NY 12553. Purpose: any lawful act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6811 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

J&J HOLDINGS US LLC. Filed 7/7/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall

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mail to: 59 Sherwood Heights, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: General.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration for archery classes at Bowdoin Park open on Sept. 2

Registration for the next round of Dutchess County Parks’ popular weekend archery classes at Bowdoin Park in Poughkeepsie will open Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. Sessions begin on Sept. 13 and will take place at Bowdoin Park’s archery range, located near Pavilion 4. The program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots to accommodate more students. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children ages 8 and

up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Spots are limited, so be sure to register early at www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation. The first session will cover basic archery safety and skills for new participants. Most of the sessions will be spent practicing with the bows, allowing participants to learn through experience. All equipment is provided. The total cost for the program is \$70 per person and

includes all five classes and equipment. View the event flyer. **Dates and times** Saturday, Sept. 13 Saturday, Sept. 27 Saturday, Oct. 11 Saturday, Nov. 1 Saturday, Nov. 15 **Time Slots** 8:30-9:30am 10-11 a.m.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2-3 p.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Other naturalist programming, including group weekday Archery, Junior Survival, Scout Programs and School Field Trips are available by appointment and reservations can be made by calling the Parks office at 845-298-4602. For registration and programming information, visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

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Riverina Properties, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 42 Longview Rd, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Bay 3 Productions LLC Bay 3 Productions LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 05/13/2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Mark Bongiovanni, 44 Fox Run Rd Bay 3, Salt Point, NY, 12578. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of VINEXPRESS LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 4, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2522 South Road #1127, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Crown Rituals, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/05/2025. Office location:

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Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 12 Ludlow Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

DWSE Real Estate LLC filed w/ SSNY 8/4/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 2 Regency Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Any lawful purpose.

MILL HOLLAND RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 215 Coachlight Square, Montrose, NY 10548. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Max Volume Solutions LLC. Filed 08/14/25. Cty: Dutchess. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail to 20 Crum Elbow Rd Apt 6e, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purp: any lawful.

Notice of Formation of Analog Coffee Company LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/25/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Analog Coffee Company LLC 44 Mountain Creek Road, Poughquag, NY, 12570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

CLIFF HOUSE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/06/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 110 East Market Street, Rhine-

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beck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 1106 ROUTE 9 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 8, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 6847 Route 9, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

U N I T Y CULTIVATION LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ashley Cotto, 77 Old Glenham Road, Unit 601, Glenham, NY 12527. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Duchess Commercial Cleaners LLC filed Articles of Organization with SSNY on 5-22-2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to 19 South Ave Poughkeepsie NY, 12601. The purpose if the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 633 3RD AVE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5 Riviera Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Formation of HOLY CUTS BARBERSHOP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 07/16/2025. 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 process to: 16 Church Street Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Highlands Health, NP in Family Health, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed w/ SSNY on 06/04/2025. Office location: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail to PO Box 251 Hughsonville, NY 12537. Purpose: Practice the profession of NP in Family Health.

MHJP PROPERTY LLC. A Dom. LLC filed with SSNY on 7/25/2025, DUTCHESS Cty, SSNY is DDI as agent upon whom proc. Agst. The LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any proc. Agst. the LLC to: 193 Ressique St., Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: Any lawful act

F E R N A N D I N A CAPITAL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/19/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1984 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Stissing Mountain, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/ Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 08/18/2025. Office location: Ulster Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 133 Water St #12A, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Fearless Home Inspections LLC Arts. of Org. filed on 8/17/2025. Office location: Dutchess Cty, NY. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 2 Dwyer Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful.

Notice of Qualification of ECC NY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/11/25. Princ. office of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. 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 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

Notice of Qualification of EVERYDAY COFFEE COMPANY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/18/25. Princ. office of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. 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 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901.

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Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

RANDALL W HIGHT CONSULTANTS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/14/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 79 Redtail Pass, Amentia, NY 12501, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

VALLEY PROPERTIES OF DUTCHESS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/21/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Valkill Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

204 HOSMER HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 533 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

206 HOSMER HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 533 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Paint Inspire Create LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/18/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 197 Riverview Drive Fishkill NY 12524.

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Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

UPTON LAKE LLC. Filed 8/7/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Usacorp Inc, 266 Broadway, Ste 401, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: General.

NORTH STAR ENVIRONMENTAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE LLC. Filed 8/6/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 189 S Cherry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: General.

S H E P H E R D WEALTH GROUP, LLC. Filed 1/9/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 Byram Brook Pl, Ste 101, Armonk, NY 10504. Registered Agent: Joseph M. Gaglio, 125 Harmony Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

AKJMA LLC. Filed 7/25/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 167 Riverview Dr, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: General.

CW NEW STAR 168 LLC. Filed 7/17/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 21 Logans Way, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: REDL'S TOWING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 22, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC address to which SSNY shall mail process is 2 Sedgewick Road, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro dated the November 3, 2006, to secure the sum of \$340,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 01 2006 18383 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on November 8, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 14, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01 2010 2331A. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro on August 26, 2017 and recorded September 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 01-2017-6459 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 4, 2025 and recorded on February 7, 2025, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2025-50123A. The property in question is described as follows: 27 Gretna Woods Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 29, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for

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that purpose. 86819

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF
Dutchess, US
BANK TRUST
NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION, NOT IN
ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT
SOLELY AS OWNER
TRUSTEE FOR
VRMTG ASSE-
TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.
THOMAS J. RUSSO
A/K/A THOMAS
RUSSO, ET AL., De-
fendant(s).

Pursuant to a Default
Judgment and Judg-
ment of Foreclosure
and Sale duly entered
on May 27, 2025, I,
the undersigned Ref-
eree will sell at public
auction at the rear
lobby of the Dutchess
County Courthouse,
10 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, NY
12601 on September
9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.,
premises known as
18 Fox Run, Hope-
well Junction, NY
12533. All that certain
plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the build-
ings and improve-
ments thereon
erected, situate, lying
and being in the Town
of East Fishkill,
County of Dutchess
and State of New
York, Section 6355,
Block 00 and Lot
368254. Approximate
amount of judgment
is \$431,088.81 plus
interest and costs.
Premises will be sold
subject to provisions
of filed Judgment
Index #2023-54267.
Cash will not be
accepted.

Ralph Amicucci,
Esq., Referee
Knuckles & Manfro,
LLP, 120 White
Plains Road, Suite
215, Tarrytown, New
York 10591, Attorneys
for Plaintiff

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS _____
S A N T A N D E R
BANK, N.A. Plaintiff
vs. HEIDI SEEL-
BACH, AS PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF
ARLENA ADAMS;
Any unknown heirs
to the Estate of AR-
LENAADAMS next of
kin, devisees, lega-
tees, distributees,
grantees, assignees,
creditors, lienors,
trustees, executors,
administrators or suc-
cessors in interest, as
well as the respective
heirs at law, next of
kin, devisees, lega-
tees, distributees,
grantees, assignees,
lienors, trustees, ex-
ecutors, administra-
tors or successors in
interest of the afore-
said classes of per-
sons, if they or any of
them be dead, all of
whom and whose
names and places of
residence are un-

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known to the plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants.

Filed:
7/30/2024 Index No.: 2024-53530 SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 21 Parkwood Boulevard Poughkeepsie, (City of Poughkeepsie) NY 12603 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on 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 OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of July 29, 2004, executed by Arlena Adams to Sovereign Bank to secure the sum of \$175,000.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on August 13, 2004 in Document No.: 01 2004 20369. Santander Bank, N.A. is formerly known as Sovereign Bank. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 6161 Block: 5 6 Lot: 4 4 6 4 3 0 DATED: July 28, 2024 Rochester

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New York NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Molly L. Chapman, Esq. DAVIDSON FINK LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd., Ste. 200 Rochester, New York 14618 Tel: (585) 760-8218 WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of New York, known and designated as Lot No. 186 on a certain map entitled "Map of Lands called Hooker Avenue Boulevards, belonging to Charles VanSchoick", made by B. H. Brevoort, C.E., dated February 4, 1915 and duly filed in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County, New York, April 8, 1915 as filed Map No. 993 and which said lot is bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the easterly line of Parkwood Boulevard, said iron pipe marking the northwesterly corner of the herein described parcel and being the southwesterly corner of lands of Frances Graham (Lot 187 as shown on Filed Map #993); THENCE easterly along the southerly line of said lands of Graham, South 65-06-00 East 160.00 feet to the northeasterly corner of the herein described parcel being the southeasterly corner of said lands of Graham

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in the westerly line of lands of Abramoski; THENCE southerly along said westerly line of said lands of Abramoski and along the westerly line of lands of Turner, South 24-48-00 West 44.90 feet to the south-easterly corner of the herein described parcel being the north-easterly corner of lands of Alice Clarke (Lot 185 as shown on Filed Map #993); THENCE westerly along the northerly line of said lands of Clarke, North 65-06-00 West 160.00 feet to the southwesterly corner of the herein described parcel being the northwesterly corner of said lands of Clarke in the easterly line of Parkwood Boulevard; THENCE northerly along the said easterly line of Parkwood Boulevard, North 24-48-00 East 44.90 feet to the point of beginning.

NewHackensackFire
District

Notice to Bidders
The Board of Fire Commissioners of the New Hackensack Fire District, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York hereby solicits sealed bids to supply and install ductless heat pump system(s) in the Training Classroom located at the Fire District's headquarters located at 217 Myers Corners Road, Town of Wappinger, New York.

Separate sealed bids with non-collusion bidding certificates will be received by the Board of Fire Commissioners at the New Hackensack Fire District offices, 217 Myers Corners Road, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, until 7:00pm pm on September 2, 2025 at which time they shall be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after that time will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Information for bidders, specifications and site visit arrangements may be obtained by contacting Jared Mance at jmance@nkfd.org.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, hereinafter called the Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any formality or technicality in any bid in the interest of the Board and, in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stated bid amounts, to accept the most advantageous construction to the Board or to reject the bid.

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Bidders shall be required to comply with the provisions of section 291-299 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

The New Hackensack Fire District hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for any award.

No bid, once delivered to the Board, may be withdrawn until the expiration of 45 days from the date the bids are opened.

Dated: August 19,
2025

New Hackensack
Fire District
Board of
Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, that on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, the Zoning Board of the Village of Fishkill will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 1095 Main Street, Fishkill NY, for LDD Properties, for an area variance at 18 Church Street, identified as tax parcel nos. 6156-20-824011

A copy of the application is on file at the Village Hall and available for inspection during business hours. At the public hearing the Zoning Board will hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Comments submitted in writing must be received before 4:00 pm on the date of the above hearing and be addressed to:

Gini Ferrucci, Zoning Board Secretary
1095 Main Street
Fishkill, NY 12524
Or sent via email to: gini@vofishkill.com.
All reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with disabilities. In such case, please notify the Zoning Board Secretary in advance so that arrangements can be made.
Thomas Brooks
Chairman, Zoning Board
Village of Fishkill
Dated: August 18, 2025

Rhinecliff community event set for September 6



Sandy Bartlett will be among the judges again this year, shown here at a previous event with Paul Butler and Ivan Mentzke.

-Courtesy photo

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will present its annual Chili Cook-Off, Pie-Baking Contest and Field Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. (Rain date: Sept. 7). All ages welcome. The event will take place at Firemen’s Field on the corner of Valley Way Road and Loftus, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos in Rhinecliff. Game starts at 4 p.m. All Chili entries

must be registered and on the table by 4:50 p.m. Bring a hot pot of chili for a chance to win \$100, a dish to pass or just your appetite to share among friends and family. Free hot dogs and beverages for everyone. In addition to the \$100 first-place prize for Best Chili, the winner of the Pie Baking Contest (any fruit pie) will also win \$100. Call 845-876-5738 for information.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center celebrates ‘Autumn With Spectacular Arts Festival’ in September

The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center is thrilled to announce its spectacular 2025 fall celebration of the arts – “Autumn Artistry at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center” – an Indoor/Outdoor Arts Festival presented by the Vassar Brothers Institute. Held rain or shine on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 9 and 12 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, from noon to 5 p.m., this family-friendly community event is free for all ages and includes a variety of artwork and handcrafted items for sale by talented artists and artisans, “live” outdoor musical performances, free art activities for children and an array of delectable culinary fare offered by area food vendors. Scheduled to perform at “Autumn Artistry at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center” are: Hudson Valley Folk Guild members Rich Newman, who has been entertaining area audiences for over 30 years and the popular singer, guitarist and songwriting duo Mary Pazienza and Greg Simon; the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble; gospel blues pianist and vocalist Ray Watkins; and Dave Henningson playing the blues and “jazzin’ it up” with his Dave & Friends showcase. The free creative workshops for children are spearheaded by Carol Padron of Renaissance Kids, Inc., a nurturing educational center that provides high-quality, affordable instruction to children and adults in a supportive and creative environment and the Crazy Over Art on tour mobile art van facilitated by

founder Carrie Decker. As an added bonus of A”utumn Artistry at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center,” attendees will be afforded the opportunity to visit the three Visual Arts Galleries of the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center featuring the September/October 2025 Exhibitions of Valerie Berner, Inna Ivanovskaya, Tatiana Rhinevault, and Lisa Weinblatt as well as the art studios of the organization’s resident artists Onaje Benjamin, Shirley Parker-Benjamin, Lauren Hollick, Laura Polirer, Carolyn Schlam and Nikki Hung of WomensWork.Art who are participants of the 2025 Poughkeepsie Open Studios Tour. Sponsors of “Autumn Artistry at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center” are Vassar Brothers Institute, Huff N’ Puff Insulators Inc./Renewal by Andersen, Renaissance Kids, The Bar on West & Main and Adams Fairacre Farms. The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center is a non-profit organization whose mission for over four decades has been to meet the artistic and cultural needs of the Hudson Valley by showcasing professional and community artists in theatre, music, dance, and the visual arts, and to provide a variety of performance, exhibition, and office spaces. It is dedicated to keeping its rich historic legacy alive and preserving two beautiful landmarked Victorian age buildings at 9 and 12 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, NY in which it operates. For more information on the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center visit cunneen-hackett.org.

Discover artistic inspiration at open studios this Labor Day weekend

Art enthusiasts and cultural explorers are invited to immerse themselves in a weekend of creativity during Art Studio Views this Labor Day weekend. From Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, 30 artists will open their doors to the public, offering a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the craftsmanship and vision behind some of the region’s most acclaimed artworks. Located in five Hudson Valley communities – Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli – Art Studio Views (ASV) has been a cornerstone of the local art scene for 18 years. It is renowned for its promotion of local talents and bringing people together to appreciate their work. “We are thrilled to welcome visitors to Art Studios Views over Labor Day weekend,” said Joanna Hess, director of ASV. “This event is not only a celebration of art but also a chance for our community to come together and experience the power of creativity. This event promises to be a highlight of the holiday weekend, blending cultural enrichment with the joy of artistic discovery.” Throughout the weekend, guests can anticipate intimate guided tours led by the artists, and some demonstrations, providing insights into their creative processes and inspirations. Hess noted that ASV exhibits are on view throughout August at The Betsy Jacaruso

Gallery, located in the Courtyard in Rhinebeck, and the Red Hook branch of the Ulster Savings Bank (on Route 9). The exhibits are opportunities to preview the artwork of the participating artists. Open studio tours create a vibrant culture in the community. Follow the bright yellow Art Studio Views signs along the route to find these private studios. The ASV Class of 2025 (*indicates studios are also open Monday, Labor Day) **Germantown/Clermont:** Dea Archbold: painting on glass; *Russ Bogdan: painter; Marie Cole: painter/printmaker; *Ramah Commanday: wood-fired ceramics; Grace Gunning: metal arts; Susan Kotulak: fiber arts; *Agam Neiman: painter **Red Hook/Tivoli:** Sean Bowen: painter; *Yoram Gelman: photographer; John Hopkins: painter; Louise Kalin: printmaker; Kevin Palfreyman: painter; Linda Palfreyman: painter; Kathy Schmidt: painter **Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff:** *Gwen Bardon: painter; *Elisabeth Barnett: painter; *Melissa K. Braggins: printmaker/ceramics; *Ted Braggins: printmaker/works on paper; Joanne Gelb: mixed media/printmaker; *Mark Hopkins: painter; *Vera Kaplan: painter; *Linda Lavin: alcohol ink

painter; *Nansi Lent: painter; *Adrienne Lobel: painter; Jean-Marie Martin: painter; Wendy Miller: painter; Ann Moring: painter/sculptor; *Henry Nuhn: painter; Ann Rhinehart: painter; Alix Travis: painter; *Dean Vallas: painterHyde Park: *Tatiana Rhinevault: painter

Attendees are urged to plan their personal tour in advance by visiting the ASV website, artstudioviews.com, where more information on each artist and sponsor can be found. Maps are available at ASV Headquarters: The Artists’ Collective of Hyde Park (artistscollectiveofhydepark.com); Art Gallery 71 (artgallery71.com); the Betsy Jacaruso Studio & Gallery (bestsyjacaruso.com); Equis Art Gallery (equisart.com); and Tivoli Artist Gallery (tivoliartistsgallery.com). Admission to the studios is free, but please leave your pets at home. For more information to plan your visit, about ASV artists, sponsors, and spots to stop for a meal, visit artstudioviews.com.

this week’s puzzle solutions

5	9	8	7	9	3
4	6	7	8	2	4
7	2	5	1	6	8
3	4	8	9	6	3
1	8	9	4	5	3
2	6	7	3	6	7
1	8	9	4	5	3
5	3	2	9	4	6
7	8	1	6	7	8
6	5	3	1	2	8
4	9	7	8	2	1
3	5	6	1	3	7
8	6	1	5	3	7
4	9	7	8	2	1
1	8	9	4	5	3
2	3	6	1	5	4
7	8	9	4	5	3
2	1	4	3	9	8
5	6	7	8	2	1

This week's answer

SUDOKU

A	P	S	E	O	D	E	S	C	A	T	
S	L	A	T	E	H	I	V	E	M	I	S
G	U	L	A	G	C	U	R	T	U	T	A
G	A	U	D	E	Q	U	A	T	I	O	N
D	O	G	S	C	U	L	P				
P	E	D	A	L	E	D					
U	S	E	R	P	A	S	S	E	D	I	C
P	I	G	G	Y	G	I	G	A	S	C	U
O	A	R	R	H	E	S	U	S	S	I	R
P	R	U	N	U	S	L	O	V	A	L	T
O	S	I	E	R	N	A	P				
M	C	G	U	F	F	E	Y	P	L	O	
M	E	S	A	F	A	L	L	E	L	A	T
W	H	I	R	O	H	I	O	R	A	C	E
C	O	P									
H	I	R	E								

1	2	1	5	3	4
3	5	3	2	1	2
2	1	4	5	3	5
4	3	2	1	4	1
2	1	5	3	2	5
4	3	4	2	1	4

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	7	8			5			
6			2			1		
				3			4	9
4		7				3		6
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		9			3			2
			1			8	3	
	4	6						

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

Suguru

4			2		
	1	5			
				4	
		1			4

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

THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ACROSS

1. *Report _____
5. One on the beat
8. Put on the payroll
12. Fan sound
13. Buckeye State
14. Indy entrant
15. Table mountain
16. 2021 movie "The Harder They
"
17. Carry away, in a way
18. *_____ Readers
20. Weary walk
21. Basketry stick
22. *_____ time for preschoolers
23. Plums and cherries genus
26. Allegiance
30. Crew propeller
31. Rh in Rh disease
34. Your majesty
35. Miss of the Muppets
37. Band event
38. Asci, sing.
39. Olympic castaway
40. *Didn't fail
42. Frozen H2O
43. Took a penny-farthing, e.g.
45. *Punctuation marks for famous
words
47. Maltese or Havanese, e.g.
48. *Use Play-Doh
50. Cheap trinket
52. * $3+x=10$, e.g.
55. Soviet place of exile
56. Curtis, to friends
57. Beehive state
59. *Olden-day notebook
60. Honey-producing facility
61. Sushi restaurant soup
62. Location of altar
63. Type of poem
64. Sing like Ella Fitzgerald

DOWN

1. Mountain basin
2. Attention grabber
3. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
4. Hiccup's Toothless, e.g.,
5. Irritate by rubbing
6. Persian Gulf ship
7. Multi-
8. *"Get out of classroom" permit (2 words)
9. International Civil Aviation Organization
10. Retired, shortened
11. Bard's before
13. Lacking cordiality
14. Settle a debt
19. Unethical loaner's practice
22. Us, in Mexico
23. Temporary store
24. Reason to strike
25. Prodged
26. Totes or tugs
27. Permissible
28. Cease-fire
29. Many affirmatives
32. "Good grief!"
33. Bro's counterpart
36. *School alum
38. Next step for juvenile
40. Margaret, for short
41. Describe as similar
44. Elks' hangout
46. Poppy derivative, pl.
48. Marine cephalopod
49. *Grading arch
50. Big one at 7-Eleven
51. Regrettably, exclamation
52. Sound reflection
53. Auditory
54. U.S. space agency, acr.
55. Geological Society of America
58. *Van Halen's "_____ for Teacher"

CROSSWORD

CROSSWORD															
1	2	3	4			5	6	7			8	9	10	11	
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15					16					17					
	18				19					20					
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Germania’s Oktoberfest features German food, dancing & culture



Some of the bartenders during a previous year’s event. -Courtesy photos Germania

By Alexander Tsahalis

Have you ever wanted to learn about German culture? Are you a fan of German beer or food? Then head over to Germania in Poughkeepsie for their annual Oktoberfest celebration.

The event runs Friday, Sept. 5 from 5 – 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6 from 1 – 10 p.m., and Sunday, Sept 7, from Noon – 5 p.m.

Germania is a non-profit organization devoted to the celebration of German culture. It was first founded 175 years ago by Adolph Kuehn. Kuehn founded Germania after fleeing Germany in the aftermath of the 1848 German revolution. The club was originally known as the Germania Singing Society.

“Over the years, the clubhouse became

a place where people could have some food and speak German to each other.” says Sylvia Reuter, the President of Germania. The original clubhouse was located in Poughkeepsie on Church Street. Construction on a new clubhouse began in 2003, and in 2006 Germania moved into their present home at 51 Old Degarmo road. Germania offers a number of programs for their community including beginner German language lessons, and the Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, a traditional Bavarian dance group.

Germania’s Oktoberfest is a family friendly festival that has been running for about 20 years. The event has something for everyone. Food, games, shows, you name it. Germania will be serving

all kinds of traditional German foods including Jaegerschnitzel, bratwurst, Weisswurst, and their signature German desserts apfelstrudel and bienstich kuchen.

If you’re looking for something to drink, they have several types of German beer along with their feature beer. “We try and sell the beer that is made and brewed following German brewing purity laws and we bring in a local beer made in New York or New Jersey,” said Reuter. “This year, we will be carrying Ramstein’s award winning amber lager beer. It is a delicious beer. I don’t drink beer, but I think it is delicious.”

Beer drinking goes hand in hand with one of the most popular events at Oktoberfest: Steinholding - a German drinking game that’s easy to play. Participants are given a beer stein filled with liquid, and then they have to hold it out in front of them with a straight arm. The participant that manages to hold their stein the longest without spilling any of the liquid is the winner. The game originated in Bavaria.

“A lot of the winners like to come back the following year, to try and defend their title” said Reuter. Germania has two steinholding competitions. One for men, and one for women. The winner gets to keep their stein. Other things to see at Oktoberfest include performances by the Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Germania’s singers, the Adlers Band, clowns for kids, and much more!

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