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Local education officials look forward to new school year



Phase 1 work was started at John Jay High School during the summer months. Pictured are Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk (fourth from left) with Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D'Alessandro (third from left) and members of the Capital Project Team.

-Photo courtesy Wappingers CSD

By Kristine Coulter
Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk and Beacon City School District Board of Education President Flora Stadler recently commented on the beginning of the new school year.
Wappingers CSD ready to begin 'a most productive and rewarding' school year
"We look forward to welcoming our students back for the first day of school

on Tuesday, Sept. 8 to begin a most productive and rewarding 2026-2027 school year," said Bonk.
District administration, staff and personnel have been preparing for the new school year during the summer months.
"We have had a very busy and productive summer in Dutchess County's largest school District and the 9th largest in the State of New York as our \$153.77 million Capital Improvement Proposition, which was

approved by our voters in 2025, has begun," said Bonk via email. "The project is expected to take place over several years, and will include additions to our junior high schools, which will create more opportunities for grades 6-8, and more room in our elementary buildings. It also includes essential improvements to our athletic facilities, and many other structural upgrades and repairs district-wide."
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Public forum on Flock Technology set Sept 23 in PV

From County reports
Dutchess County Legislator and Chair of the Public Safety Committee, Eric Alexander (D-25), has announced a public forum on Flock technology with District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall on Wednesday, September 23rd at 5 p.m.
"This event will allow our Sheriff and District Attorney to continue their efforts to inform our communities about their use of Flock technology and will provide our residents with a forum to ask questions and express concerns," said Legislator Alexander. "We share the goal of providing transparency and engaging proactively with our communities."
Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature, Yvette Valdés Smith, stated: "The legislature is proud to support and partner with our law enforcement officials to make sure that our communities are safe. We have had many constituents share concerns over the use of Flock and this forum will provide real information and clarity."

Parisi said, "Sheriff Imperati and I have a responsibility to protect the people of Dutchess County, and we will not hesitate to use effective, lawful technology that helps us identify dangerous offenders, solve crimes, and prevent further victimization. At the same time, we understand that public confidence must be earned. That is why we have approached the ARTCIC initiative proactively and transparently from the outset, with clear safeguards, meaningful oversight, and repeated opportunities for public engagement.
"We are prepared to answer difficult questions, address legitimate concerns, and correct misinformation where it exists. What we will not do is allow fear or misunderstanding of technology to prevent law enforcement from using responsible tools that make our communities safer. Public safety and civil liberties are both fundamental obligations, and our commitment is to protect both."
Imperati said, "I, along with District Attorney Parisi, am committed to providing the utmost in public safety to the people of Dutchess County and will use all legal resources at my disposal to accomplish that goal. That being said, we have taken numerous steps to ensure that these tools are used in ways that meet legal guidelines balanced with accountability, and it would be my pleasure to provide more information and answer questions to help ease the concerns that have been raised."
Valdés Smith added, "The Dutchess County Legislature is committed to providing oversight, transparency, and responsiveness to all of our citizens and is looking forward to a candid and robust conversation at this forum."

Up, up and away! Hot-Air Balloon Festival returns to Tymor Park Labor Day weekend

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation Inc. will present the 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival at Tymor Park in the Town of Union Vale from Sept. 4 to 6. This community gathering, backed by event sponsors Bottini Fuel and Q92.1 FM, guarantees an exciting Labor Day weekend packed with thrilling activities and memorable experiences for the whole family.
Revel in the magic of over 100 scheduled hot-air balloon flights throughout the weekend, showcasing a stunning array of colors and designs against the scenic Hudson Valley backdrop. Embark on a full hot-air balloon ride or savor the views from a tethered flight. Activities will proceed rain or shine, with hot-air balloon launches contingent upon wind and weather conditions for the safety of all participants.



The 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival at Tymor Park will take place in Union Vale from Sept. 4 to 6.

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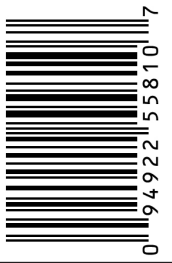
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Colorful hot-air balloons will dot the sky this weekend as the 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival takes place Sept. 4-6 at Tymor Park in the Town of Union Vale.

-Courtesy photos

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Don't miss the mesmerizing hot-air balloon illumination moon glows and fireworks displays after sunset. Witness the wonder of the Two by Two Animal Haven sponsored by Arbor Capital Wealth Advisors, a traveling animal program to educate the public about animals, their welfare and conservation, captivat-

ing audiences throughout the day. And, attend informative pilot presentations titled "All About Ballooning," offering insights into the art and science of hot-air ballooning.

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Hot-air balloons will fill the sky in Union Vale from Sept. 4-6.



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Start your day with morning yoga with the balloons courtesy of Pellegrino Healing Center on September 5 and September 6. Free with admission, you can watch the sunrise, relax during the yoga class, and enjoy the view of the hot-air balloons taking flight in the backdrop.

Admission into the festival requires an advance reservation. The afternoon/

evening admission is \$26.95 per person; morning admission is \$13.95 per person; a weekend all-access pass is \$39.95 per person; and admission is free for children under 3. New this year is a VIP Experience admission for \$175 per person. This includes VIP parking, VIP line admission, access to the VIP section of the Beer & Wine Tent, a VIP bathroom trailer, and entry to the VIP Elevated Experience - a private picnic-style area overlooking the balloon launch field.

Tickets are available exclusively online at balloonfesthv.com, and no tickets will be sold at the gate. Free parking is offered for all attendees. You must have a reservation to enter the parking areas.

For questions, visit the FAQ page at balloonfesthv.com or call the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation Balloon Festival Hotline at 845-454-1701.

Founded in 1907, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses of all sizes, fostering economic growth and community development. For more information, visit DCRCOC.org.

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Part of the tree removal/parking lot expansion at Myers Corners Elementary School.

-Photos courtesy Wappingers CSD



The roof demolition at Wappingers Junior High School during the summer.

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According to Bonk, Phase 1 includes:

- A full renovation of the Large Group Instruction rooms Roy C. Ketcham High School and John Jay High School;
- Early stages of work on the new turf field and press box at John Jay High School;
- Other building improvements throughout the District.

"Many of these (building projects) are not 'pretty' but they are so vital: roof repairs, sidewalk repaving, adding ADA-accessible ramps, and expanding parking lots, just to name a few," commented Bonk.

The superintendent explained, "To

complete this work, we have entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). This agreement to use local labor will not only expedite the process and minimize disruption; it will also promote work opportunities for those within the District and surrounding areas and establish pathways for apprenticeship programs for our students. “We are very proud to partner with the labor unions, to keep the work local and offer more opportunities for our students and community.”

The top priority of the Wappingers CSD remains the safety of our students and staff, said Bonk.

"We continue to prioritize student mental health services and offer expanded services in those areas. We will continue to

United Way to announce 'Kindness Champion Award' winners at annual Community Breakfast on Sept. 16

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) is set to hold their annual Community Breakfast on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at The Grandview, Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. This year's event highlights

the importance of early literacy and community kindness in building a stronger future for the community and region.

Center stage for this event is the Dolly Parton Imagination Initiative and the contributions it has made to the community. This program mails out free books to children from birth to five years old, to help encourage them to read more and launch early academic and literacy success.

The breakfast will also introduce Alex Geller, Director of the Red Hook Public Library and United Way's Community Champion.

United Way will announce this year's top 3 winners of the 'Kindness Champion Award.' Following a peer-to-peer vote, 10 nominees will be recognized for their immense kindness and care toward the community. The nominees for this year's kindness champion are: Yalitza Sepulveda, Laura Nicholls, Angie Martinez, Amanda Lopez, Margaret Kranz, Christina Goebel, Amy Dittmar, Cecilia Deferrari, Andrea Cucci, and Robbie Jacobs.

The breakfast will be emceed by local radio personalities Anne Marie Leamy and Ryan Dutcher. Tickets for the event will be \$60 and can be purchased by going to www.uwdor.org/communitybreakfast.

partner with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and our local municipalities to provide an expanded law enforcement presence in our 15 schools. I am grateful to Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, and the Town Supervisors, Mayors, and Village and/or Town Boards in the Town of East Fishkill, Town of Fishkill, Village of Fishkill, Town of Poughkeepsie, Town of Wappinger, and Village of Wappingers Falls for their ongoing collaboration and commitment to a safe school environment for all," he remarked.

The partnership between the Wappingers CSD and Dutchess Community College was highlighted by the superintendent.

“This pilot program, for the 2026-27 school year, will allow high school students to take FRS 100, College and Career Seminar, a one credit DCC course, at no charge to the family or student. This pilot program is made possible by a grant secured by DCC. Wappingers CSD is currently registering high school students to take the course, but we are anticipating enrollment to be approximately 380 students,” he said. According to the DCC website, “the course is designed to introduce students to college success skills and college life in general.”

In addition, the PTECH (Pathway to Early College High School Program at Roy C. Ketcham High School) in partnership with DCC and DCBOCES Cohort 1, will begin their first year at the Center for Business, Industry and Innovation at DCC Fishkill. This year, we welcome the third cohort to begin Year 1 at Roy C. Ketcham High School,” explained Bonk.

There are changes at some of the school buildings.

"Mr. Anthony Giovannazi, who once served as an Assistant Principal at Roy C.

Ketcham High School, and most recently served as a Middle School Principal in the Hendrick Hudson Central School District, will serve as Interim Principal at Roy C. Ketcham High School through the spring of 2027. Mr. James Mackin, who once served as an Assistant Principal at John Jay High School, and most recently served as an elementary school principal in the Hendrick Hudson School District, will serve as Interim Principal at Myers Corners Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year,” noted Bonk.

Beacon school officials look forward to welcoming back students

The students in the Beacon City School District (BCSD) will head back to class after Labor Day.

BCSD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl stated in his Superintendent Update message, “I am so excited to welcome back new and returning staff this week! I want to share a huge thank you to our custodial and grounds staff, office staff, technology team, administrators, and every individual who worked so hard to get everything ready for this school year! I can’t wait to see all of our PK-9 students on September 8 and the rest of the high school students on the 9th!”

Flora Stadler is the president of the district's Board of Education.

"As we head into the school year, I'm excited about the rollout of the 9-period day at Rombout Middle School. I think it'll give students more opportunity to explore their interests and help prepare them for high school," stated Stadler.

She added: "And for our students: Just remember that this is your time to grow and to learn about the world. So, stay focused, but don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. I can't wait to see what you all achieve this year."

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‘Thank you’ to men and women of Town of Fishkill Police Department

To the Editor:

Last week a citizen wrote a letter to the paper complaining about a \$30,000 pay raise for the Police Chief. Before I go further, I want to let you know how our police department operates. We run a 24/7 operation and staff it with part-time officers. Most of these officers are retired from full-time agencies. They are capped at \$35,000 a year per state retirement rules. Due to the significant decrease in people wanting to be police officers. We are able to gain state “waivers” for our officers, meaning they can make more than \$35,000. For Patrol, Detectives & Sergeants there is no need to bring this to the board as the town budgets the “hours” regardless of who performs the tours. The Chief was budgeted for \$35,000, thus the need to have a vote to make it happen. In Dutchess County a full-time Police Chief makes \$160,000 a year. This year we were able to get a “waiver” for our Chief who makes \$35,000 per year. We gave him a \$30,000 raise taking him to \$65,000 a year. Anyone that knows law enforcement understands that is a great deal for a very talented Chief, who goes above and beyond for our town. We do have a Police Commissioner who makes \$35,000 and is our “civilian oversight.” If we were a full time department our Chief would be making at least \$160,000 a year and while we may not have a Commissioner. We would have a Lieutenant acting in that capacity for \$130,000. With benefits that would be around \$500,000 a year just for those 2 positions. Currently our budget is around \$4 million a year. Beacon & East Fishkill who have full-time agencies are around \$9 million per year. We provide 99% of the services at a tremendous value for our taxpayers. If we went full-time (almost happened,) you're looking at a \$1,500 tax increase. While I support our residents exercising their First Amendment rights. They don't know the entirety of what is going on within the PD. We dealt with a significant “cul-

ture” change which got 100% buy-in by both political parties. I will elaborate in further detail an incident that occurred that brought the 2 parties in town to come together and change that “culture.” I will do that early 2027 in my State of the Town. I know the vast majority of residents will understand and agree with what the town is doing with our PD. Until then, if you need anything please email me at supervisor@fishkill-ny.gov or call me at 831-7800. If you do not subscribe to our anonymous email system. Consider going to our website at fishkill-ny.gov, scroll down to the “red bar” and sign on for local government news including the upcoming 2027 State of the Town. On behalf of the town board and a vast majority of the citizens of our great town, I want to say thank you to the men & women of the Town of Fishkill Police Department who day in and day out protect and keep us safe.

Ozzy Albra
Supervisor, Town of Fishkill

Block Party shows what community can accomplish together

To the Editor:

On Saturday, August 22, I Am Beacon together with Key Food hosted our 11th Annual Back 2 School Block Party at South Avenue Park, known to many locals as Loopers, and this year was our biggest yet when it came to participation, attendance, and the number of resources and giveaways available to local families. What makes this event special is that it continues to grow because of the willingness of our community to come together. This year's Block Party brought together representatives from local organizations, churches, businesses, schools, and public agencies. The Beacon Fire Department joined us with multiple fire trucks, while the Beacon Police Department brought squad vehicles and officers who spent time connecting with families. We were also joined by representatives from the Dutchess County Department of Health and Dutchess County Department of Mental Health, along with CareFull MD, Salem Tabernacle Church, St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, Fareground, MVP Health Care, Beacon Teachers Association, Twins Athletics, Mountainview Dental, A Little Beacon Blog, Astor Services Head Start, Beacon City School Transportation, Beacon Girl Scouts, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club, Growing and Empowering Myself and My Sisters Inc., D.R.E.A.M., The Foundation for Beacon Schools, NAMI Mid-Hudson, the Conservation Advisory Committee, Howland Public Library, Land to Learn, and South Avenue PTO.

A special part of this year's event was the participation of Sun River Health, our Title Sponsor, who brought their mobile health unit to the park and provided additional health information and resources to families. The morning got started with Twins Athletics hosting a free basketball clinic for elementary school children, which was very well attended and a great way to kick off the day. That was followed by three Beacon Hoops All-Star games. We are grateful to the teams from Newburgh and Twins Athletics for bringing teams to Beacon and helping make the games possible.

The Block Party wasn't just about resources, it was also a celebration. I Am Beacon member Bernard Gadsden along with Mo Alhajjaji and I Am Beacon's own board member Junior Dabashi, kept the grill going throughout the event, helping provide food and create the welcoming atmosphere that has become part of the Block Party. DJ Big Will kept the music going throughout the afternoon. Line dancing was a hit adding to the energy and fun for everyone. Of course, an event of this size doesn't happen without support.

We are incredibly grateful to this year's sponsors and partners: Sun River Health, Hudson Highlands Properties, The Roundhouse, State Farm – Caitlin McVicker, Beacon Teachers Association, Stewart's Shops, Mountainview Dental, CareFull MD, MVP Health Care, Staples – Wappingers Falls, Twins Athletics, Joker Ink, and Salem Tabernacle Church.

We also want to recognize the organizations and community members who helped collect donations leading up to the event, including Compass Arts through their summer concert; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Poughkeepsie); Howland Public Library; Christ Church United Methodist (Beacon); Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club; and Tabernacle of Christ Church Assembly of God (Beacon).

And while the names of our sponsors and community partners are important, events like this truly depend on people willing to roll up their sleeves and help. Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave their time before, during, and after the event. From setting up and unloading to distributing supplies, assisting families, directing participants, and cleaning up, your work is what allows I Am Beacon to put an event like this together.

At noon, the Block Party officially kicked off and we distributed 230 bags to school-age children and families throughout the event. We are especially grateful to Sun River Health for providing additional bags which allowed us to serve even more students this year.

But the work doesn't stop with the Block Party. The donated supplies will continue to be assembled and distributed through our Class in A Bag program which I Am Beacon operates in partnership directly with the Beacon City School District. Through this program, school supplies and hygiene products are provided to students and families who need additional support throughout the school year.

The 11th Annual Back 2 School Block Party was a great day, but more importantly, it was another reminder of what can happen when a community shows up for its children.

To every organization, business, church, sponsor, volunteer, donor, City department, school partner, and community member who helped make this year's event possible: thank you.

This is what community looks like.

Reuben Simmons
Executive Director
I Am Beacon

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

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Local baton twirler Leyla Addor earns spot on Team USA

By Matthew Fetzer

For 13-year-old Leyla Addor, representing Team USA at the 2027 World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations (WFNBTA) Inspiration Cup could only be described as “an amazing feeling.”

“It makes me extremely happy that I was able to make Team USA,” said Leyla. “I think that it’s an amazing feeling, and I love that I get to go with some of my friends.”

The Poughquag native will travel to Italy in March 2027, where she will compete in the Inspiration Cup Preteen Two Baton event. She was also named to the Inspiration Cup 19–24 Alternate Duet Team, along with Giuliana Weglinski of Millbrook. Both athletes are members of the Silver Starlites baton twirling team, a Hudson Valley-based competitive organization.

“I’m excited because I also get a trip to Italy,” Leyla added. “I’m a part of a team where all of my friends are like my family. It helps because I’m close to my teammates.”

In order to make the national team, Leyla had to compete in a qualifier and meet a lengthy list of criteria. At the qualifier, she competed in three of the four possible events: strut, duet, and two baton. Leyla placed fourth in strut and second in duet, which made her team the alternate. She also placed top three in two baton, earning her a spot on Team USA.

“Going to the Inspiration Cup is just another opportunity to bring what she has been doing to another level,” said her mother, Catherine Addor. “She has the opportunity to see a lot of the international competitors. She’s obviously really excited for the event, and she’s worked



Leyla Addor will take part in the World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations Inspiration Cup in March 2027 in Italy.



Thirteen-year-old Leyla Addor will travel to Italy to take part in the World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations Inspiration Cup in March 2027.

-Courtesy photos

really hard to get to where she is now.”

The mission goal for the Inspiration Cup is clear, according to the WFNBTA website, which states, “To inspire the next generation of twirlers to dream big, work hard, and believe that one day they can stand among the very best at the World Championships. Here, confidence is built, motivation is ignited, and dreams take flight. Because today’s inspired beginner is tomorrow’s world-class champion.”

Competitive baton twirling combines athleticism, dance, flexibility, coordination, strength, and precision. It’s no easy feat. Over the next few months, Leyla will continue training for her routine at the Inspiration Cup while also training with Giuliana, her duet partner, for their event. Preparation has always been a focal point in Leyla’s twirling career thus far. Catherine even recalled one moment that highlighted Leyla’s dedication to the

sport from a young age.

“She was at a contest once and her coach was doing her hair,” said Catherine. “Leyla was probably eight or nine at the time, but her coach said, ‘You know I was talking to my mom about you, and I told her that I think I have the next world competitor on my hands.’ Since the time she started, she’s been hyper-focused. Her dedication is the thing that impresses me the most.”

Dutchess County ranks in top 10 in nation for technology use

From County reports

Dutchess County has once again been ranked among the nation’s top ten counties for best technology practices, marking the 23rd consecutive year it has earned this distinction. The 2026 Digital Counties Survey, conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), ranked Dutchess County 9th in the nation among mid-size counties for its work to strengthen cybersecurity, streamline service delivery, and responsibly apply innovative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). These ongoing efforts are led by the County’s Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS), which continues its long tradition of providing secure, innovative tools to support County employees, residents, and businesses.

“Dutchess County continues to prioritize smart, responsible technology investments that improve how we serve our community,” said County Executive Sue Serino. “The entire team at OCIS, under the leadership of Steve Oscarlece, is to be commended for their commitment to innovation and to making everyday interactions with County Government faster, easier, and more accessible.”

GIS Tools and Innovation

Dutchess County is consistently recognized for delivering cuttingedge and secure technologies for employees, residents, and businesses. Among the most highly used resources are the County’s Geographic Information System (GIS) applications, including the renowned ParcelAccess application, which offers detailed property information for more than 110,000 parcels through a user-friendly, web-based interface. ParcelAccess attracts more than 775,000 unique IP addresses each year, viewing nearly 26 million pages.

A recently added GIS tool, the Agricultural District Viewer, enhances and streamlines the application process and expands transparency for application review.

Combined, the County’s GIS applications and open data portal received more than 107 million webpage hits over the past year.

Accessibility Improvements

OCIS remains committed to ensuring all online information and services are accessible to people of all abilities. Over the past year, the OCIS web team reviewed and updated digital documents on www.DutchessNY.gov to meet new ADA accessibility standards, well ahead

of the federal 2027 compliance deadline.

Responsible Use of AI

The County is also focused on the ethical and secure implementation of AI technology to improve efficiency and support limited staff resources. One example is the AI-powered call assistance tool, EVA, currently being piloted by the Department of Community & Family Services to help manage call volume and expedite SNAP application processing. To ensure responsible use of emerging technologies, County Executive Serino’s AI Task Force has developed comprehensive policy guidelines addressing privacy, ethics, transparency, and risk management.

Cybersecurity Leadership

As technology evolves, so do the methods used by bad actors to attack organizations. Cybersecurity readiness remains a top priority for Dutchess County, helping mitigate the potentially exponential costs of cyber incidents. OCIS conducts ongoing security assessments and has recently implemented improvements for advanced threat detection, stronger routing, and redundant connectivity.

Shared Service Collaboration

OCIS also supports local organizations and municipalities by partnering with

Marist University to host annual technology-focused summits. This year’s Hudson Valley AI Summit, held in June, highlighted best practices for AI integration, workforce benefits, and ethical considerations.

“We are committed to pairing innovation with security so that every new tool truly benefits our employees and residents,” said OCIS Commissioner Stephen Oscarlece. “From advanced GIS applications and improved cybersecurity defenses to more accessible web services and thoughtful AI implementation, our work centers on delivering technology that is safe, reliable, and easy to use. These efforts help ensure County operations remain resilient, efficient, and responsive.”

“One of the clearest trends this year is that leading counties are moving beyond individual technology projects. They are connecting their investments and priorities, and building the governance, leadership, and organizational capacity needed to sustain success over time,” said Rob Lloyd, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Government. “Through responsible AI, stronger data practices, and workforce investments, this year’s winners are creating foundations that will help their organizations adapt and serve their communities better into the future.”

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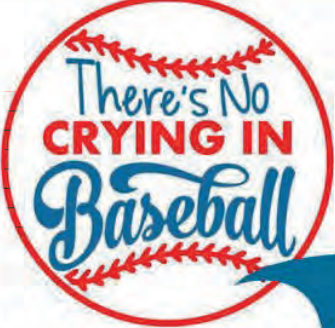




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DOWN TO THE WIRE WITH THE RENEGADES

Taking a look at playoff possibilities going into the final week of SAL play

By Morgan E. Maier

Fans of the Hudson Valley Renegades in recent seasons surely remember the runner-up campaign in 2023 and the “almost-had-It”of 2025. This year, the Renegades don’t need to finish first to become championship contenders, thanks to the half-and-half Minor League Baseball season format.

In the South Atlantic League, the first- and second-half winners of the North and South divisions receive the postseason’s bids (four total).

The Renegades seemed quite far from the 79-win team of last season, but a rapid offensive turnaround — and hot streak at the peak of summer — found Hudson Valley back in the running this time, and just two games out of the picture. The Greensboro Grasshoppers remain the winged,

chirping obstacle to the Renegades’ playoff position. With the Frederick Keys still in first place and six games remaining, Hudson Valley must finish either second to Frederick or first overall to earn their bid.

Last season came down to a final game, Hudson Valley having a watchful eye on the Greensboro Grasshoppers. In 2025, Hudson Valley lost its season finale after splitting the second-to-last bout against Brooklyn. The Renegades won the final series, but couldn’t overcome the second-half deficit. They finished the Brooklyn series one game out of playoff position, fighting the perennial nuisance Greensboro Grasshoppers.

Here’s how the South Atlantic League North Division leaders are shaking up in the regular season finales.

1. Frederick Keys vs. Brooklyn Cyclones
Key Factor: Sammy Stafura
Divison-leading Frederick goes toe-to-

toe with the Cyclones, who are still smarting from an at-times clobbering in their previous series with Hudson Valley. Stafura was critical to Greensboro’s trouncing of the Renegades last season. A recently minted New York Mets prospect after being traded from the Pittsburgh Pirates, Stafura arrives at the Cyclones’ final spin with a SAL postseason resume and much to be glad about - such as fifth-place Brooklyn faring far better this year than the parent club in Queens.

2. Greensboro Grasshoppers vs. Asheville Tourists
Key Factor: HomeTrust Park
Take it from the name of the Tourists’ turf: Asheville needs to trust its home field advantage. The Grasshoppers are 22-8 on the road this season. Half of those losses occurred at HomeTrust in back-to-back-to-back-to-back fashion, back in June.

3. Hudson Valley Renegades vs. Wilmington Blue Rocks
Key Factor: The 2026 Schedule

Hudson Valley last faced Wilmington just three weeks before their final scheduled meeting. If the Renegades remember, four out of six is not hard to reach. At that last meeting, in the second week of August, the Renegades were acclimating to the roster changes.

The squad is mostly new from last season’s disappointment. Nearly complete with their climb up the North Division standings, Hudson Valley leads Wilmington by just one game. They’ll need to gain at least three on Greensboro to secure second place, so long as Frederick keeps its hold on the top spot.

The nature of the league proves the postseason is any team’s game — and at this stage in the season, the Renegades could make a case for the division’s most surprising playoff candidate. Stay tuned!



League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Frederick BAL *	36	22	.621	-	6-4	W1
	Greensboro PIT	36	24	.600	1.0	7-3	W2
	Hudson Valley NY	34	26	.567	3.0	7-3	L1
	Wilmington WSH	33	27	.550	4.0	7-3	W1
	Brooklyn NYM	31	28	.525	5.5	6-4	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI	19	40	.322	17.5	2-8	L1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB *	32	27	.542	-	4-6	W1
	Winston-Salem CWS	31	28	.525	1.0	6-4	L1
	Greenville BOS	30	30	.500	2.5	5-5	W1
	Rome ATL	26	33	.441	6.0	4-6	L1
	Asheville HOU	25	34	.424	7.0	2-8	L1
	Hub City TEX	23	37	.383	9.5	4-6	L2



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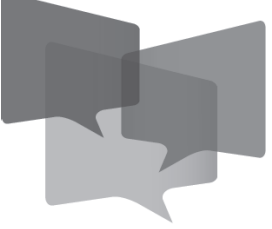
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CFHV to Celebrate Philanthropy at 30th Garden Party; 2026 Honorees Named

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades split series vs. Cyclones to stay in hunt for playoff spot

By Morgan E. Maier

A playoff push blipped the Hudson Valley Renegades’ radar this week, and the Brooklyn Cyclones breezed out of Heritage Financial Park with a series split. The home team’s winning streak rose to nine games, as bullpens influenced results for better or worse. Hudson Valley has six more games to make the playoffs; thanks to offensive rebounding in the last week of August, Hudson Valley ascends the South Atlantic League standings.

Blown in 8th - Brooklyn broke up the Renegades’ win streak on August 26, putting up seven runs in the 10th inning. David McCann had three runs batted in (RBI) in the 11-5 loss. Brooklyn stole 4 bases in the game. Hudson Valley left 14 runners on base. It was an outing most forgettable for the Renegades bullpen, but it would bounce back collectively later in the week.

Redemption Park - The Renegades were back for the next two, evening the series by Friday, and earning the split on Saturday. In the 5-2 win on August 28, five different Renegades swiped a base on Brooklyn: Jackson Lovich, Enmanuel Tejeda, Eric Genther, Bryce



Kyle West, above, and Willy Montero played key offensive roles as the Renegades split their series vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones last week.
-Photos by Dave Janosz

Martin-Grudzielanek, and Willy Montero. Winning pitcher Allen Facundo went 6.0 innings, picked off a runner, and struck out five. Brian Landry and High-A newcomer Jose Ledesma combined for a shutout relief outing, combining for three hits and three walks the rest of the way.

The 7-3 Renegades win the next night came from the usual sources. Kyle West



scored Jackson Lovich with another first-at-bat RBI, evening the game at

one after one inning. Lovich scored a solo home run. West later scored on a McCann home run, and Camden Troyer got across on a Brooklyn wild pitch. Dean Toigo and Hans Montero had fifth-inning RBIs to cap the scoring, adding a respective double and single to the Renegades’ lead. Brooklyn had an opposite response to their baserunners, stranding eight, before failing to reach base after the sixth inning.

Hello, Hans - Hans Montero introduced himself quickly to the New York Mets’ High-A affiliate, with three multi-hit performances in his first three career matchups against Brooklyn. The 22-year-old infielder added a stolen base and a walk on August 27, a 5-2 loss for the Renegades. Montero was 6-for-10 on the series, adding a double to five singles.

The Renegades are emerging on their final stop of the season, keeping a close eye on Greensboro and their playoff window closing with each day. The regular season stand rests in Delaware, where the Wilmington Blue Rocks are looking to make their own end-of-season push.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Martin-Grudzielanek knows all about end-of-season competition and heroics

By Morgan E. Maier

Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek has been at the core of the Hudson Valley Renegades’ recent resurgence. Promoted to High-A exactly a year after making his professional debut, the former University of Southern California (USC) Trojan is adjusting well to his new end-of-season digs.

He lands in the Hudson Valley in his second professional season, but baseball has driven Martin-Grudzielanek to various corners of the country.

The sport is in his blood, after all, with a father who played 15 MLB seasons, and a mother who played for the prestigious softball program at UCLA.

After spending one season at UCLA, Martin-Grudzielanek transferred cross-town to USC, where he played for three

years. Though the Toronto Blue Jays selected the Trojan in the 20th round, Martin-Grudzielanek returned once more to Los Angeles at summer’s end.

Martin-Grudzielanek’s final collegiate season saw a .294/.364/.433 in 60 games, including a 5-RBI day against top rival Minnesota on April 26. He notched 71 hits, scored 44 runs, and knocked in 41, among the team leaders in the latter two categories.

He helped the program break a six-year playoff drought, and caught headlines with a 12-run rout of a ranked Texas Christian University team in their first contest of the 2025 NCAA Tournament.

Another American League East team again called Martin-Grudzielanek’s name on the final day of the draft, as the New York Yankees made him the 614th pick of

the player draft. As a pinstriped prospect, Martin-Grudzielanek has played third base, shortstop, and second base, with the most appearances as a Renegade (13) coming at third base.

Martin-Grudzielanek has offered three separate five-game hit streaks in August. His most recent (snapped on August 30) stretched back to the previous Jersey Shore series. In five games against the Brooklyn Cyclones, Martin-Grudzielanek was 4-for-16 (.250) with four runs batted in. Martin-Grudzielanek’s two-run home run on August 24, his first in High-A, got Hudson Valley ahead for good in an eventual 4-1 decision.

Right: Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek
-Courtesy photo



CFHV to celebrate philanthropy at 30th Garden Party; 2026 honorees named



The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will recognize, clockwise from left, Dutchess County residents Michelle and Daniel Lepore, pictured with their children; Jean and Ken Kearney, from Putnam County; and Ulster County residents James Hoover and John Aubry.



and Dutchess counties since 2000 and awarded nonprofit organizations over \$542,000 alone in 2025 alone.

During the event, CFHV will recognize its 2026 honorees from each of the counties it serves, whose dedication to service, philanthropy and community leadership reflects the organization’s mission of inspiring and growing philanthropy throughout the Hudson Valley.

James Hoover and John Aubry are Ulster County residents whose lifelong dedication to conservation, education and public service has left a lasting mark on the region. Through decades of volunteer leadership with organizations including the Mohonk Preserve, Stone Ridge Library and Mid-Hudson Library System, they have helped preserve natural resources, expand access to knowledge and enrich countless lives.

Jean and Ken Kearney of Putnam County have leveraged decades of leadership in real estate development to help expand affordable, workforce, senior, veteran and artist housing across the Hudson Valley. Beyond their professional accomplishments, the Kearneys have demonstrated a deep commitment to charitable giving, nonprofit leadership and creating opportunities that strengthen the place they call home.

In Dutchess County, the entrepreneurial success of Michelle and Daniel Lepore and family has been matched by an unwavering commitment to giving back. Through charitable investments and the establishment of a donor-advised fund, the Lepore family continues to create new opportunities for organizations working to improve the quality of life throughout the Hudson Valley.

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information are available at www.communityfoundationshv.org/event/s/garden-party-2026, ensuring CFHV can continue investing in nonprofits and initiatives that create lasting impact across the Hudson Valley.

-Courtesy photos

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) will celebrate the power of philanthropy and recognize community leaders from across the region at its 30th Garden Party on Sept. 27 from 2–5 p.m. at Hutton Brickyards in Kingstown.

The 2026 honorees are:

- James Hoover and John Aubry (Ulster County)
- Jean and Ken Kearney (Putnam County)
- Michelle and Daniel Lepore

(Dutchess County)
A tradition since 1994, the Garden Party is CFHV’s signature fundraising event, bringing together donors, nonprofit partners, leaders, business professionals and community members to celebrate those who help strengthen the Hudson Valley.

“This event celebrates those whose generosity and leadership make the Hudson Valley a stronger, more vibrant place to live,” said Laura Washington,

president and CEO of CFHV. “For more than 30 years, the Garden Party has brought people together to honor those who give so much of themselves while raising critical resources that help local nonprofits thrive.”

Proceeds from the event support CFHV’s Community Grants and capacity-building programs, which have invested more than \$3 million in nonprofit organizations throughout Ulster, Putnam

Stars from American flags given as signs of gratitude for service

By Kristine Coulter
Local resident Eddie Colon, who is a Rotarian with the Fishkill Rotary, assisted with the spearheading of bringing a flag depository box to the Village of Fishkill for flags that were tattered or torn and to be retired. With the stars from the flags, Colon and others are presenting them to veterans, active military members and first responders as a gesture of appreciation for their service.
“It’s still an American flag,” said Colon about the stars.
Colon recalled being at a food drive and he said to a World War II veteran, ‘Here’s a star. Thank you for your service.’ That

man gave me a hug and started crying. He was crying with joy, because he said thank you.”
The last star he handed out that day, Colon explained was to a veteran who was back in country in 1971. Colon said this veteran said, ‘Thank you, thank you for doing this.’”
There was another occasion at Stewart International Airport in Orange County where Colon went over to a Vietnam veteran. Colon told the man who he was. “I reached down into my pocket and gave him a star. He read the back of it and said, ‘Thank you. Thank you.’ It meant something to that guy.”

A woman in upstate New York began the idea of offering the stars as a thank-you gesture, Colon noted.
Inside the bag is a saying with the star: “I am part of our American flag that has flown over the USA. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that YOU are not forgotten.” One can pick up stars during a Fishkill Rotary meeting on specific Wednesdays at the I-84 Diner, 853 Route 52, in Fishkill or at the Fishkill Food Pantry,

1153 Main St., said Colon.
Colon’s son served in the U.S. Air Force for 16 years.
His goal, said Colon, is to go to the VA Hospital at the Castle Point campus to give each veteran a star. He also would like to visit the Fireman’s Home to give back to the first responders there.
“Bottom line is – the star is on the flag. We will never forget you. You will never be forgotten,” Colon said about the veterans and first responders.



Local resident Eddie Colon holds one of the stars that will be given as a sign of gratitude to a veteran or first responder.

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\$335,000 in grant awards to enhance libraries, firehouses, town halls, community spaces

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced that more than \$335,000 has been awarded to support 14 community-centered projects through the 2026 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program. Funding was made available through a competitive grant process open to municipalities, fire departments/districts and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The MIG funding helps strengthen vital community infrastructure and enhance safety and accessibility at local facilities including town halls, fire stations, libraries, parks and other community gathering places.

The MIG grants, which require a 100-percent local match as part of the process, reflect a shared investment in meaningful improvements that benefits residents across Dutchess County.

Serino said, “When we invest in our libraries, firehouses, town halls and other community spaces, we are investing in the people who rely on them every single day. We are proud to support our local partners who stepped with strong proposals and matching funds and we look forward to seeing these upgrades make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.”

Projects funded through the 2026 Municipal Investment Grant Program include:

Arlington Fire District, \$25,000 - Replace the boiler system and repair the existing oil tank at Fire Station 4, located on Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Beekman Fire District, \$25,000 - Construct a storage training building to protect district vehicles and securely store training equipment.

Beekman Library, \$25,000 - Replace the roof on the library, which serves as a community gathering space and provides publicly accessible programs for residents in southeastern Dutchess County.

City of Poughkeepsie, \$22,692 - Install a new fire alarm system at its

Station 1 Firehouse, located on North Clover Street.

East Clinton Fire District, \$25,000 - Install a permanent emergency backup generator system at the district’s new firehouse.

Poughkeepsie Public Library District, \$25,000 - Replace the video surveillance systems at the Adriance Memorial and Boardman Road Branch libraries, located in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, respectively.

Starr Library, \$20,000 - Replace the ceiling insulation to improve climate control as part of ongoing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, enhancing a key community space in northern Dutchess County.

Town of Beekman, \$25,000 - Install a permanent emergency backup generator at the town’s highway department facility.

Town of East Fishkill, \$25,000 - Install an automatic fire alarm and carbon monoxide detection system at the town’s police department headquarters, located on Route 52.

Town of Hyde Park, \$22,398 - Replace the existing security entrance doors at the town’s police department headquarters, located on Cardinal Road.

Town of North East, \$25,000 - Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant bathrooms at the new town hall, which will be located on Route 22.

Town of Union Vale, \$20,000 - Install Americans with Disabilities ADA-compliant door openers at the main entrance of the Town Hall.

Town of Washington, \$25,000 - Install energy-efficient windows throughout Town Hall.

Village of Millbrook, \$25,000 - Implement several energy-efficient improvements, including the installation of new lighting within Village Hall and throughout Village-owned or Village-maintained streetlamps and the installation of new windows on the second floor of Village Hall.

D.A.: Jury convicts 42-year-old man of six felony sexual offenses on child

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Aug. 11, following a 5-day trial and 2 ½ days of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted Victor Harris, 42, of six felony sexual offense and one misdemeanor charge stemming from the sexual abuse of a child. The jury was hung on four additional charges, according to a press release from Parisi’s office.

Parisi said in a statement, “The sexual abuse and exploitation of children are among the most reprehensible crimes we prosecute. Victor Harris preyed upon a vulnerable young victim, and today’s verdict holds him accountable for the devastating harm caused by his conduct. This verdict would not have been possible without the extraordinary courage of this young victim, who came forward, told the truth, and endured the difficult process of confronting their abuser in court. I commend Special Victims Unit Chief Angela Lopane and Senior Assistant District Attorney Stephanie DeMartini for their exceptional work and unwavering commitment to the victim, as well as the investigators and victim advocates who stood beside them throughout this case. My Office will stand with child victims, we will fight for them in the courtroom, and we will relentlessly pursue those who sexually abuse or exploit them.”

It was stated in the press release that the jury found Harris guilty of:

- 1 Count of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a Class B felony
- 1 Count Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony
- 2 Counts Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Class D Felonies
- 2 Counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Class D Felonies
- 1 Count of Endangering the Welfare



Victor Davis
-Photo from Dutchess County D.A.’s Office

of a Child, a Class A misdemeanor.

The incidents charged in the Indictment all occurred at 2 locations the City of Poughkeepsie on various dates between July 2022 and April 2024, it was stated in the press release. The victim was less than 15 years old, according to the D.A.’s office.

The investigation was conducted by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chief Angela Lopane and Senior Assistant District Attorney Stephanie DeMartini. The Honorable Jessica Segal presided over the trial and scheduled sentencing for September 24. Harris faces up to 25 years’ incarceration on the top charge with 20 years of post-release supervision and registration as a sexual offender as well as an additional 7 to 14 years’ incarceration on other counts.

Online registration now open for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling in Rhinebeck

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management is hosting the County’s next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event of the year on Saturday, Sept.19. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 Route 9, in Rhinebeck. Registration is required. The fee is \$10 per household, and space is limited to the first 400 registrations.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “These Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events offer our community an easy, safe way to clear out unwanted items while protecting the environment. This is a great opportunity to get rid of some clutter while helping ensure these materials and equipment are handled and disposed of responsibly.”

This popular recycling event is open to Dutchess County residents. Residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling 845-486-2841. Checks should be made payable to “Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance” and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Registered residents should plan for wait times upon arrival at the event, particularly if arriving when the event first opens.

Accepted items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A complete list of accepted items is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

For information about how to safely dispose of a wide array of items throughout the year, check out the Division of Solid Waste Management’s online Recycling Encyclopedia.

To learn more about the Division’s various programs to reduce waste, including the upcoming Home Composting Workshop on September 28th, visit their webpages at www.dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.

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Do Not Bring
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Beacon Elks donate \$500 to Women’s Program at VA



In August, Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 donated \$500 in supplies to the Women’s Program at Castle Point VA. Pictured is Allan Rios, Volunteer Services at Castle Point VA.

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Obituaries

Joan E. Moruzzi



Joan E. Moruzzi, 94, passed away peacefully at home on August 27th, surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born on November 2, 1931, in Wappingers Falls, the daughter of Mario and Emilia Paggi.

Some people measure a life by years. Others measure it by accomplishments. Those who knew Joan Elizabeth Paggi Moruzzi know her life was measured by something far more enduring—faith, family, kindness, and love.

Born in 1931, during the Great Depression, she entered a world where families learned to make do with what they had, and gratitude was often life's greatest treasure. As a child during World War II, she collected ration stamps and

waited for news of her five siblings who were in the military overseas. Those early years of uncertainty helped shape the quiet resilience, patience, and steadfast faith that would become the hallmarks of her life.

The 1950s brought new opportunities and adventures. She crossed the Atlantic to Europe and traveled to Cuba just before the Cuban Missile Crisis. After graduating from Krissler Business Institute, she began her career as an Executive Secretary at IBM, where she met the man who would become the love of her life and the devoted father of their five daughters. Together they built a home in the Village of Wappingers Falls filled with love, laughter, unwavering support, and a deep Catholic faith that became the foundation of their family.

She had a wonderful sense of style, from her matching shoes and carefully coordinated outfits that filled her closet to the unforgettable red-and-white Ford Fairlane with rosy-pink upholstery that became part of her family legend. That love of beauty continued as she delighted in dressing her daughters in matching outfits throughout their childhood.

Over nearly a century, she witnessed extraordinary changes in the world—from transistor radios to smartphones, from black-and-white television to streaming video, from telegrams to text messages, from horse-drawn wagons to self-driving cars, and from the earliest days of aviation to space exploration and artificial intelligence. Through every remarkable advancement, she remained grounded in what mattered most: her faith in God, her devotion to her family, and her generous heart.

To her family, she was a constant source of warmth, wisdom, humor, strength, and unconditional love. She possessed a quiet grace that never sought attention but touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. She lived through nearly a century of change without ever losing the kindness, compassion, dignity, and gentle spirit that defined her.

A woman of deep Catholic faith, she trusted God's guidance throughout her life and found comfort in His promises. Her faith sustained her through life's joys and its challenges, and she met her final days with the same courage, peace, and hope that had carried her for nearly ninety-five years. And even as her strength faded, she continued to live fully—surrounded by family, sharing meals and stories, welcoming visitors, and finding joy in the simple moments that had always mattered most. She showed us that life is meant to be lived until the very end, and she did just that—with grace, gratitude, and love.

She is lovingly survived by her five daughters: Anne Marie and her husband Mario Pelella of Saratoga Springs, NY; Teresa and her husband Bruce MacRae of Falmouth, MA; Carla and her husband Philip Murphy of Ridgefield, CT; Margaret and her husband Warren Boldrin of Montgomery, NY; and Laura and her husband Chuck McKinney of Yarmouth Port, MA.

Joan was Mamma Bear and Grandma Joan to her 14 grandchildren whom she dearly loved: Mary, Mario and Grace Pelella; Rebecca (Gregory Leya), Kendall (Matt Caple) and Lilybet MacRae; Erin (Corey Brosz), Eva and Andrea Murphy; Evan and Emily Boldrin; and Kristina, Patrick (Jazmine) and Christopher (Rachel) McKinney. Joan was also GiGi to her 9 great-grandchildren: Amara, Cecelia, Cooper, Peter, Cyrus, Benjamin, Turner, Maxwell and baby Caple. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Victor Moruzzi, with whom she shared a lifetime of love and devotion. Joan is also preceded in death by her eight siblings and their spouses: Clatilda Paggi, Ann and Edward Leonard, Hugo Paggi, William and Sara Paggi, Joseph and Bernice Paggi, Raymond and Louise Paggi, Marie Paggi, and Margaret and Robert Manny.

She leaves behind a family who will forever cherish her example, her stories, her contagious laughter, and the countless ways she taught them—simply by the way she lived—that love is the one thing that never goes out of style. She was our foundation. Our inspiration. Our greatest blessing. Although our hearts are broken by her passing, we rejoice in the promise of the Resurrection and give thanks for the extraordinary gift of her life.

Prayer of the Rosary to be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 2nd at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11 am, at St. Mary's Church Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, followed by burial in St. Mary Parish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Alexander W. Hubner



Alexander W. Hubner, 101, of Wappingers Falls, NY passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 21, 2026.

Al was born in Brooklyn, NY to Alexander W. Hubner, Sr. and Helen (Haferkorn) Hubner on June 29, 1925. A devoted husband, family man, and a proud World War II veteran we celebrate his lifetime of dedication to his family, community, and country.

In 1943, at the age of 18, Al was drafted into the U.S. Army and was eventually assigned to the 94th Infantry Division. On August 6, 1944, the 94th Division left NYC on the Queen Mary and sailed to Scotland. They remained in the UK for about a month and then shipped to Utah Beach, Normandy, France arriving 94 days after D-Day.

Shortly after landing in France, Al was identified as having German language fluency and subsequently was assigned to the 1st

Battalion, 376 Infantry Regiment, Battalion Headquarters Intelligence. Al fought and conducted intelligence patrols and interrogations in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Al was promoted to sergeant, fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and northern France campaigns as well as the occupation of Czechoslovakia after the war ended. He received the Bronze Star and is most proud of his Combat Infantry badge. He was honorably discharged in February 1946.

Upon returning home, Al completed his college education in the evening at City College of New York while working full time. He received his degree in Business Administration in 1950. He continued working in New York City before joining IBM Poughkeepsie NY in 1951. He was eventually promoted to IBM World Trade where he had assignments in Scotland, England, India, Japan, Argentina, and Brazil. Al loved to embrace and understand the cultures of the countries he visited. Al retired from IBM in 1988 with 37 years of service.

Al married Virginia F. Langton on July 27, 1952 and maintained a loving and supportive relationship of 72 years. Ginny, his lifelong partner, sadly passed in October 2024. Together they raised four children – Kurt Hubner, Steven (Jana) Hubner, Linda (Doug) Hubner, and Andrew (Gwen) Hubner. Al worked full-time but was also very engaged in family life and volunteer services. He taught accounting at Dutchess Community College, volunteered with his son's and daughter's Scout troop, was a lifelong member of IOOF Lafayette Lodge 18 and VFW Post 5913, and was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the Elk Lodge. Additionally, through the years he held several positions with the WWII 94th Infantry Division national and state chapters in which he and his wife were actively involved. Most recently Al was celebrated and honored on his 100th birthday by VFW Post 5913, IOOF Lafayette Lodge 18, and was honorary grand marshal for the Town of Wappinger 150th sesquicentennial anniversary parade.

Al and Ginny had many adventures as a couple over the years, as well as with their friends and family. Summer vacations on Long Island, family clam bakes, living two years in England and Scotland while working for IBM, touring the US and Europe, vacationing and visiting with their children, annual army reunions, gourmet club, museums, theater performances, and numerous activities.

Al's life is a powerful example of service, loyalty, perseverance, love, and commitment. From his Army service in Europe during World War II to his years at City College of New York, nearly 4 decades with IBM and the family he and Ginny built together, Al has lived with purpose, steadiness, and heart. Across 101 years, he showed those around him the lasting meaning of duty faithfully carried, work honestly done, and love generously given. Life is made of moments and memories and the richness of life experiences. Al had much to celebrate and be proud of. He has left a big impact on his family and all the people he met and helped throughout the years. He truly embodied the adage of a life well lived and was one of the few remaining Greatest Generation WWII Veterans.

We would like to especially thank the Castle Point Veterans Affairs Home-Based Care Program – Dr. Rose, Nurse Liza, and PT Brian for managing Al's medical care, and also Millie's Home Care Services who provided live-in caregivers Sheryl and John. They provided outstanding care for Al and made his last days very comfortable. Thanks to Micah, Anthony, SallyAnn from Hudson Valley Concierge for providing thoughtful ambulette service in the last years.

Family will receive their friends at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls on Thursday, September 3, 2026 with visitation from 10:00 am to 11:30 followed by funeral services. Interment with honors will follow at Wappingers Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following organizations on behalf of Al Hubner - Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls, or Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

Madeleine B. Troy



Madeleine B. "Maddy" Troy, 93, passed peacefully into God's hands on August 28th.

Maddy was a resident of Dutchess Park in Fishkill since 1961, raising her six children single-handedly after the passing of her beloved husband, Thomas, in 1967. Maddy lived her life for her family. Her faith, work ethic and determination (stubbornness) were instilled in her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Maddy worked as an office manager for almost forty years at various local businesses.

Maddy was joined in Fishkill by her sister, and best friend, Nancy Bohlin, "Sis," in 1968.

Maddy was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Lucille Topazio, her brother Vincent Topazio, sister Nancy, and son Anthony. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Thomas F. Troy and his wife, Paula; Joseph T. Troy and his wife,

Lee; June Troy, (wife of Anthony); Mary F. Foley and her husband, David; Judey T. Troy and her wife, Angelina; and Vincent A. Troy and his Fiancé, Joanne.

Maddy was the proud grandmother of Danielle Hagstrom and her husband, Larson; Jessica Mannhaupt and her husband, Mike; Kayla Farrel and her husband, Brian; Max Foley and his wife, Rizina Hakimiyan; Jesse Troy; Thomas Foley and his wife, Corie; Nataliene Pugliese and her husband, Brian; Thomas M. Troy; Madeleine E. Troy; Mark Troy and his wife, Emily; and Anthony J. Troy. Maddy adored her great-grandchildren, Giella, Penelope, and Axel Hagstrom; Walker and Sunny June Pugliese, and all those yet to come.

Maddy is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews, Ronald LaBarge and his wife, Donna; Toni Ann Griffen and her husband, Steven; Lucille Smith and her husband, Kevin. Her great nieces and nephews Nicole Hocutt and her husband, Doug; Steven Griffen and his wife, Mary Beth; Ryan Griffen and his wife, Lauren; Ronald LaBarge and his wife, Meghan. Her great grand nieces and nephews Mara and Lucas Hocutt; Oliver and Ella Griffen; Quinn Labarge.

Maddy was beloved by many friends and neighbors over the years, and the family wants to especially thank her lifelong neighbors Philip and Paul Colangelo for their continual support, as well as Ms. Wendy Hare for caregiving during the last 3 years of Maddy's life. We would also like to thank Judy DiMattia and Kerri Clerc for contributing greatly to Maddy's care in her final months.

A funeral service washeld at the McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026. The family received visitors at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow immediately in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yonkers.

In Lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice.

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Creative Living

Will a man who speaks 9 languages ever be able to communicate with his wife?

'The Language Archive' opens Sept. 11 at County Players

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, is proud to continue their 69th Season with the quirky comedy of the Heart by Julia Cho: "The Language Archive." This Main Stage production, directed by Kit Colbourn opens Friday, Sept. 11 with additional performances on Fridays & Saturdays Sept. 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Will a man who speaks nine languages ever learn to communicate with his wife? Will the last two speakers of a soon-to-be dead language break their vow of silence? The lives of five people are imaginatively woven together as they discover that no matter how many words they can speak, it's the heart's language that matters most - a fable about the limits of language in matters of the heart.

This production features the local talents of Vinnie Cuccia, Rich Hack, Stephanie Hepburn, Janet Nurre, Ted Odell, Bill Peckham, Jenn Propfe, Elan Riggs, Julie Seltzer, & Doug Woolley. Of this production director Colbourn says, "In this funny and heartwarming play, actors will at times directly address the audience, taking them on an irresistible journey exploring how we connect with

each other. With simple and fluid staging using light, sound, music, and projections on a minimal set, this very human story unfolds with sometimes hilarious, often touching moments that show us what it can mean to be fully understood."

Tickets are \$29 Adults: \$26; Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door) and Children Under 12. Individual tickets are available ONLINE IN ADVANCE of performance dates at countyplayers.org and the BOX OFFICE is OPEN for IN-PERSON sales one hour before each performance. For information, visit <https://countyplayers.org/show/the-language-archive/>.

This production of "The Language Archives" is supported by Bronze Show Sponsor: MLC Masonr, and is presented by arrangement Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. dramatists.com. Hudson Valley Credit Union is proud sponsor of County Players' 69th Season.

County Players Falls Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for the hard of hearing. If you require wheelchair accessibility please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491.

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The cast of "The Language Archive," which opens Sept. 11 at County Players in Wappingers Falls.

- Photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography

Dutchess County Parks announces fall programming schedule

Dutchess County Parks has announced its popular fall programming schedule. Registration for both programs will be available online at www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation.

Weekend Public Archery sessions begin Saturday, Sept. 12 at Bowdoin Park. The program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots offered. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children, ages 8 and up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Basic hands-on archery skills will be taught, as well as bow and arrow safety. Cost is \$70 per person and includes all five classes and equipment. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Saturday, Sept. 12
Saturday, Oct. 3
Saturday, Oct. 10
Saturday, Oct. 24
Saturday, Oct. 31

Time Slots

8:30-9:30 a.m.
10-11 a.m.
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
2-3 p.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Park Palette Art Series for Adults will be held in October and November at Bowdoin Park from 6-7:30 p.m. in Pavilion 5. These workshops are a step-by-step class where participants will create nature-themed paintings. The cost is \$12 per person and includes all supplies. Registration opens at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10

Thursday, Oct. 8
Thursday, Oct. 22
Thursday, Nov. 19

Updates on all fall events and programs will be posted on the Dutchess County Parks and Dutchess County Government social media pages. For more information, call Dutchess County Parks at 845-298-4600.

East Fishkill Recreation

**By Bill Green
Recreation Director**

We conclude our concert series this Friday night, Sept. 4, when Johnny Dell joins his talented daughter, Kirsten, with the super entertaining Silly Little things Band. Once again, the band will conclude with their tribute to America to wrap up a very successful musical summer. Showtime is 6 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 7 we're going to Radio City Music Hall for the always entertaining Christmas Spectacular. The fee is \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver and First Mezzanine seats. Make plans to attend. Signups begin Tuesday, Sept. 8 - and this trip fills quickly.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 9, we visit Catskills Resort Casino for some gambling (\$25 free slots play), great food (a full buffet) and super entertainment - (Teenage Dreams & Magic Moments - hits from the 50's, 60's & 70's.) The fee is \$100. Call today for a "fun day" away.

The final fishing at Red Wing Park is this Sunday morning September 6. Red Wing closes on Monday, Sept. 7.

The 30th East Fishkill Community Day is September 26. Make plans now to attend this expanded event! A BIG fireworks show will conclude a full day of activities, rides, food and fun! If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845 226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Rhinecliff Chili Cook-Off, Pie-Baking Contest & Field Game Day set Sept. 12

Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. & Rescue Squad will present the annual Chili Cook-Off, Pie-Baking Contest and Field Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 12 (Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 13), from 4 to 7 p.m., at Firemen's Field on the corner of Valley Way Road and Loftus, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos in Rhinecliff.

Cornhole and kids games start at 4 p.m. All ages welcome. All Chili entries must be registered and on the table by 4:50 p.m. Amateur cooks and bakers

only, please. 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. 1st Place Prize for Best Chili: \$100. Pie Baking Contest - any fruit pie - 1st Place \$100.

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Views from the 2026 Dutchess County Fair



Clockwise from top left, Bruce Barrett of Rhinebeck illustrates weaving techniques in the Century Museum. Handlers work with newborn calf “Dolly” in the Salute to Agriculture tent under the watchful eye of Mom “Adelaide.” Mackenzie and Ryleigh O’Dowd, of Millbrook, visit with “Sweet Treat” with the calf on the red carpet.. Members of the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department Youth Academy include, from left, Tiffany Loo, Damien Hague, Jacob Hernandez and Alexander Kodnia. Bot the Robot visits with a young fairgoer. Bruce Wayne catches the frisbee for handler Eric with Pawstars. Sharon Whiteley, Rhinebeck Chamber Board President, presents a bouquet of flowers to Barbara Gray-Black in celebration of her 35 years of volunteerism. Michelle Ross of Red Hook won a blue ribbon with her Coleus flower.

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Views from the 2026 Dutchess County Fair



Clockwise from top left, Stilt Circus performers entertain the crowds near the food court. Suzanne Rajczi of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society interviews Bill Moore of the Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun club for a Fair podcast. Tara Rogers of Beacon won a blue ribbon with her Pecan Bars. Jeremiah Jones of Pine Plains won a blue ribbon with his fruit pie. Fairgoers enjoy the Genesis ride from Powers Great American Midways. Dock Dog Kermit takes a flying leap. Dennis DeSario of Wappingers Falls won a blue ribbon with his green peppers.

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Youth agriculture winners at DC Fair



Sienna Carpentieri, center behind chair, won the Master Showmanship honor in the competition on Sunday, Aug. 30. She was the winner of the Showmanship honor in the Dairy Goat division. From left are winners in their respective divisions: Meridyth McGhee – Dairy Cattle, Bobby Coon – Hogs, Carpentieri, Jane Carroll – Beef Cattle and Katie Drum – Lambs.

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The Mike Leary Scholarship awards are presented annually to assist youth with their livestock projects. The 2026 honors were presented just prior to the Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair. Winners receiving checks included, from left, Lyris Pennock, Tavin Pennock, Siena Chorney, Wyatt Wager and Brayden Wager. Presenting the awards is Autumn Prezzano.

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The 2026 Ronald Miller Scholarships were awarded to, from left, Nathan Prezzano, Faith Burfeindt and Hope Miller. The presenters include, from left, Edward Hackett of Hackett Farm Supply, George Whalen of the Bank of Millbrook and Bob Beckmann of Matt's Auto Body.

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Lauryn Menz and Nathan Prezzano were selected as recipients of the annual Joe Rossi Scholarship at the Fair. At right is Nick Rossi.

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Hailey Brennan, right, won honors with the Grand Champion Rabbit and Cassidy Brennan won honors with the Reserve Champion Rabbit in the Youth Show at the 2026 Fair.

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The 2026 4-H Livestock Sale Scholarships were presented to Natalie Shultz, left and Lauryn Menz. At the right is Debbie Scannell of the 4-H Livestock Sale Committee.

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Five-course meal, movie night, concerts and ‘Dracula’ set on Bannerman Island in September



Bannerman Estuary Steward tour boat docked by Bannerman Island.

Book a tour in September to Bannerman Island & Castle in the Hudson River Highlands! The Estuary Steward tour boat accommodates 44 passengers per tour and departs from the Beacon waterfront dock directly across from the Metro-North Train Station, 2 Red Flynn Drive, in Beacon. Have a guided, or self-guided tour of Bannerman Island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. Group tours are also available by calling 845-831-1001. For a schedule of tours and events including; walking tours, theater events, movie nights, concerts, dinner events, special events, and to purchase tickets, visit: bannermancastle.org.

Saturday, September 5 – Annual Farm-to-Table Dinner on Bannerman Island

Chef Scout Metzler and his team of chefs return to Bannerman Island for this highly anticipated dinner which includes a delectable five-course meal and serves as a fundraiser for Bannerman Island restoration projects. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the island during the peak late Summer Garden bloom and witness the progress the BCT has made on the island’s trails and structures. This culinary event includes a boat ride on the RV Estuary Steward from the Beacon dock through the Hudson Highlands to Bannerman Island and back, as well as a guided tour of the island and an incredible dinner experience you will never forget! The dinner also includes a night of music performed by the Storm King Duo. The tour boat boards from the dock located directly across from the Beacon, NY Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis - reservations are required.

Friday, September 11 - Bannerman Movie Night

“The Great Gatsby” (2013) will be shown. A visually extravagant film adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel, directed by Baz Luhrmann, starring Leonardo DiCaprio as the mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby, Tobey Maguire as the narrator and Carey Mulligan as Daisy Buchanan. Set in the Jazz Age, the movie follows Nick’s entanglement in Gatsby’s lavish world of parties and his obsession with winning back his lost love, Daisy!

September 16-27- “Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker” Live Theater on Bannerman Island!

“DRAC IS BACK” on Bannerman Island in an adaption by Jim Helsing. Sent to Castle Dracula to deliver deeds to the infamous Count, Jonathan Harker has no idea what he’s getting himself into! Starring Duane Boutté (Sex and the City, Alabama Shakespeare, Lincoln Center) and directed by Christian Conn (Asolo Rep, Guthrie Theatre). Jonathan finds himself held captive by the cryptic Count - discovering horrific sights behind some of the castle’s closed doors. Only after he escapes does he realize that Count Dracula is an undead creature of the night. With the help of Van Helsing and other friends, Jonathan sets off on a mission to find and destroy the Count before he becomes more powerful than ever, risking his life to save the lives of those he loves. The show is performed directly in front of The Bannerman stone residence (smaller castle) on Bannerman Island.

Sunday, September 20 – Bannerman Castle Trust’s Third Sunday Music Concert Series

Guitarist, Jeffrey Kirn – Ambient Guitarist featuring original compositions! Jeff’s music will enchant you as you tour the island’s magnificent trails or sit and enjoy the concert on the Bannerman Island stage. Concert takes place during the 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. tours only.

September Art Exhibitions - Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St.

Main Gallery Exhibition – The Bannerman Castle Trust’s history exhibition continues. The show features changing artwork, photographs and artifacts from the Bannerman Family Collection, and focuses on BCT’s development since 1994. Works by contemporary artists featuring the island and the Hudson River are also on view, and for sale. West Wall Exhibition – Virginia Donovan (Paintings) and Mary Ann Glass (Photo-Mixed Media). All art sales support preservation projects on Bannerman Island. Gallery Hours are Sat. & Sun. Noon – 5 p.m., weekdays by chance & appointment.

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The Chef’s Dinner on Bannerman Island in 2024.

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The view from the grotto on Bannerman Island.

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

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

M e a d o w S h o r e Productions LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/26. Office: Dutchess Country. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 475 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Gray With An A LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on June 24, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been

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designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is: Susan Gray, 38 Coachlight Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

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

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

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

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

Name: Clearpath AI, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 26, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York SSNY has been designated as agent of

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the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: PO Box 20105, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of UNITED WE WATCH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of

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LLC: 40 Meadow Brook Ln., Wingdale, NY 12594. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

P U M P K I N PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 264 Nine Partners Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

N I N E TWENTY FOUR PROPERTIES LLC.

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

Notice of Formation of Barberan Platforms LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 13, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at: 2 Russ Place, Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ELITE FEMME STRATEGIES LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York State Department of State on June 18, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secre-

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tary of State shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 75, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The LLC has designated LegalZoom USCA, Inc., 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn, NY 11201, as its registered agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Vesper Educational Consulting LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 27, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 105 Kelly Rd Red Hook NY 12571 Purpose: any lawful purpose

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

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

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

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L O N G E V I T Y STRATEGIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 25, 2026. Office location: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 300 Westage Business Center Drive Suite 130, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

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S U M M O N S Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1 , Plaintiff -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF IDA GUDENZI-RUESS; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, or any of the known defendant's unknown heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 2026-52215. Mortgaged Premises: 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571 Section: 6272 Block: 11 Lot: 555601 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure \$442,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on December 5, 2007, in Document Number 01 2007 16462, covering the premises known as 12 Eldridge Lane, Redhook, NY 12571. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises de-

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scribed above to satisfy the debt secured by the reverse mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 9, 2026 at 7:05PM o'clock, p.m., on Local Law D of 2026, **“ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS.”**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of

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9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: August 19, 2026

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW C OF THE YEAR 2026

“AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF CHAPTER 6, CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN CODE”

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 9, 2026 at 7:10PM o'clock, p.m., on Local Law C of 2026, **“NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW C OF THE YEAR 2026**

“AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF CHAPTER 6, CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN CODE.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

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Dated: August 19, 2026

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WAPPINGER NOTICE IS HEREBY

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GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 14th day of September, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Town of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger shall adopt a proposed Local Law Of 2026, entitled “Local Law Amending Chapters 122, 171, And 230 Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Wappinger To Establish Parking Permit Requirements And Scheduling A Public Hearing Therein”

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that this action does not affect the environment and is not subject to SEQRA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: August 11, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER

JOSEPH P. PAOLONI, TOWN CLERK

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE - SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS - RHINEBECK BANK, Plaintiff - against - F R A N C O I S WEIGEL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 22, 2026. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 30th day of September, 2026 at 3:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Red Hook, County of Dutchess and State of New York.

Premises known as 300 W. Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571. (Section: 6172, Block: 00, Lot: 682869) Approximate amount of lien \$567,071.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to pro-

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visions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2024-52999. Mark A. Siesel, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315 Westbury, NY 11590 Tel. 516-742-1212 WEIGEL-81219 Dated: July 27, 2026

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against- C H A R M A I N E CARTER, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess on March 2, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHARMAINE CARTER, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in the REAR LOBBY OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on October 6, 2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1519 EAST NOXON ROAD, LAGRANGE, NY 12540; and the following tax map identification: 6560-04-969228.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 2022-53972. Bruce Bozeman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-78-26

Guide Rail and Accessories, Sign, Delineator, and Fence Posts

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 15th day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-99-26

Dump Body Replacement on 2013 Ford F550

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Di-

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vision of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the **8th day of September, 2026** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance:

Appeal No.: 26-7877 (Area Variance)

Jaime H. Ortega: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-20 Zoning District.

-Where **40 feet** to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide **38.7 feet** for the construction of a shed, thus requesting a variance of **1.3 feet**

-Where **20 feet** to the side yard (left) property line is required, the applicant can provide **17.7 feet**, thus requesting a variance of **2.3 feet**.

The property is located at **21 Pye Lane** on 0.44 acres and is identified as **Tax Grid No.: 6257-02-940961** in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger August 11, 2026

that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



‘In case I need it’

The supplies in Luigi’s pickup truck create an incident for his son Marcanthony.

I remember when my son Marcanthony first started to drive to high school. My pickup truck was for work and gardening. Plants, shrubs, and gardening supplies for home; supplies, produce and plowing for work. As such, I kept certain things in the truck to help me with both. For the restaurant, I always kept a knife in the glove box as well as box of latex gloves and a rubber apron. For gardening, I always kept a machete and a shovel in the back of the truck, you know, “in case I need it.”

The kids in the neighborhood would see the machete and the shovel and ask my son’s Marcanthony and Claudio why their father would have those in the back of the truck. Their answer was my answer. “In case we need it.”

The next-door neighbor would ask why I had a machete and a shovel in the back of the truck and my answer was “In case I need it.”

My wife Lisa’s relatives would see the machete and shovel in the back of the truck and would ask why I kept them in the back of the truck and my answer was always “In case I need it.”

I would be at the grocery store and people would see the shovel and machete in the back of the truck, and they would ask why I kept them in the back of the truck, and my answer was always “In case I need it.”

One day, Marcanthony drove my pickup to school, and our town police officer looked in the back of the truck and saw the machete and the shovel. He asked Marcanthony why there was a shovel and machete in the back of the truck and he answered, “In case I need it.”

So Officer Robert Benson called me at the restaurant and asked if I knew that there was a machete and a shovel in the back of the truck. I said yes, of course. He then asked me why I had the machete and the shovel in the back of the truck. And I said, “In case I need it.”

Now, I have known Bobby for years. He is a friend and he has watched my children grow up. He knows how I am and he knows I do a lot of gardening. He knows I’m always trimming trees and always working. He then asked me if there was anything else in the truck. I said, yeah, sure, there is a knife in the glove box with latex gloves and a rubber apron. He said why do I keep those things in the truck. And I answered (wait for it) “In case I need it.”

I could hear him slapping his forehead. After a long pause, he told me I had to take them out of the truck. I said, why? He said machete, shovel and knife on school grounds was not allowed. I remember being a little confused until it hit me.

All the kids, the neighbors, strangers, Lisa’s relatives, all the times I was asked why I had a shovel and a machete. All the looks of horror when I answered “In case I need them.” It all hit me and I immediately understood it all.

I apologized and said I would take them out as soon as Marcanthony got home. Bobby laughed, because he knew I wouldn’t use my tools for anything other than I had intended them. You know, “In case I need them.”

Grilled Eggplant Parmagiana

Ingredients

1 large eggplant peeled and sliced lengthwise approximately ¼” thick

1 jar Coppola’s Roasted Garlic sauce

4 plum tomatoes, sliced

extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing

salt

6 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

crusty bread, for serving

Method:

Preheat the oven to 450° and heat a grill pan.

Brush the eggplant and tomato slices with olive oil and season lightly with salt. Grill the eggplant until softened and lightly charred, about 4 minutes.

Grill the tomatoes, turning once, until lightly charred but still intact, about 2 minutes.

Lay the eggplant on the bottom of a pan. Add a thin layer of sauce then another layer of eggplant, then a layer of grilled tomatoes and, finally, a layer of mozzarella.

Bake in the center of the oven for about 15 minutes, until bubbling and golden. Let stand for 10 minutes. Serve with crusty bread.

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

Poughkeepsie church holds service to remember life of Dolly Parton



A community service was held at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, Aug. 30, which offered thanks for the life of singer, songwriter, actress and philanthropist Dolly Parton. Parton died last week at the age of 80.

The service included Parton’s music, readings and prayers, and a collection of new children’s books in honor of her commitment to childhood literacy. Following the service, a celebration continued two blocks away at Goodnight Kenny, which will become “Goodnight Dolly.”

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Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association announces Sept. events

The following events are set to be held in September by the Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association.

WFBPA September Quarterly Luncheon

Recognizing local Changemakers
Sponsored by Jen Musci of NBT Bank
Wednesday, Sept. 16, noon
Knights of Columbus
2660 East Main St., Wappingers Falls
RSVP: <https://wfbpa.org/lunch-eon200499>

September Mingle

Friday, September 18, 5:30 p.m.
Chelsea Yacht Club
22 Front St., Wappingers Falls
Please RSVP at: <https://wfbpa.org/net-working-mingles>

Headshots & Happy Hour Event
Tara Cirigliano Photography
Thursday, Sept. 24, 4-7 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
2660 East Main St., Wappingers Falls
Please RSVP: <https://go.taracirigliano.com/home-headshot>.

Legal Notices NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY	Legal Notices pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 26-7876 (Area Variance) Valentin Fuhrer: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District. -Where 50 feet to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide 41 feet for the construc-	Legal Notices tion of a new deck with stairs, thus requesting a variance of 9 feet. The property is located at 22 Scotse Road on 0.92 acres and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6157-02-874700 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: John Lorenzini,	Legal Notices Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger August 11, 2026 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will	Legal Notices conduct a public hearing on the 8th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: Appeal No.: 26-7875 (Area Variance) Mid-Hudson Development: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Reg-	Legal Notices ulations in an R-40 Zoning District. -Where 75 feet front yard setback is required on a State or County Road, the applicant can provide 63.2 feet for a new house being built, thus requesting a variance of 11.8 feet. The property is located at 356 Old Hopewell Road and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6257-04-505320 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons	Legal Notices will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: John Lorenzini, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger August 7, 2026
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THEME: FICTIONAL DETECTIVES

ACROSS

1. Invitation request, acr.

5. Workout unit

8. Prohibit

11. Affirmative response

12. Type of lure, pl.

13. Small silvery fish

15. Seed covering

16. Gumbo vegetable

17. Like Siberian winters

18. *"Murder, She Wrote" amateur sleuth

20. Descartes's "therefore"

21. *Apparition investigated in a Scooby-Doo cartoon

22. ____ Air in L.A.

23. *Arthur Conan Doyle's detective

26. Deposit, in Paris

30. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase (2 words)

31. Always, in Rome

34. "She ____ blue velvet..."

35. From then on

37. Am is to I as ____ is to we

38. Prison-related

39. International Civil Aviation Organization

40. Window-shop

42. "He ____ and drank the precious words..."

43. Announce

45. *Agatha Christie's Hercule

47. Ryder Cup participant

48. Fern leaf

50. Charitable contribution

52. *"The Pink Panther" Inspector

55. Diver's breathing device

56. Vietnam neighbor

57. Bald eagle's home

59. Bother

60. Highland tongue

61. Get checkmated

62. Cribbage piece

63. Like certain nurse

64. Ginger cookie

DOWN

1. Shag rug

2. Lord's worker

3. Colorado skiing destination

4. Mucus in lungs

5. Adherents of Sikhism

6. Wading bird

7. Russia's 1917 abdicator

8. Titanic's inanimate foe

9. "The Sun is ____ a Star"

10. Unknown power

12. Humorous

13. Blind followers

14. *Raymond Chandler's hardboiled detective

19. Not those

22. Quilting gathering

23. Orthodox Judaism adherent

24. Chilled (2 words)

25. Cancer-treating machine, acr.

26. *Carolyn Keene's amateur sleuth

27. Navigational aid

28. Inspiration for poets and musicians

29. Get a new tenant

32. Stud's companion

33. Trained instructor at a country club

36. *Peter Falk's Lieutenant

38. Lowly workers

40. Lingerie item

41. *Nick to Nora in The Thin Man series

44. Analyze

46. Paragons

48. Bell-bottoms bottom

49. Fowl perch

50. Skin problem

51. Miner's black one

52. Ball of yarn

53. Same as eon

54. Major one in the sky

55. Tree juice

58. Casual affirmative

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 10B.

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by francine wizner



A maker mindset: Creativity in nature, teaching, and life

In the woodlands of Dutchess County, nature's builders are busy constructing – albeit without the required permits from local municipalities. Beavers at Tivoli Bays and Lake Walton weave massive hardwood dams, remodeling local hydrology into thriving marshy real estate. High in the canopy, paper wasps mix wood fibers with saliva to engineer geometric nesting cells. Along the banks of the Wappinger Creek, jewelweed grows spring-loaded seed pods storing kinetic energy until a mere touch explodes the next generation into the world. Nature proves that the drive to build is hardwired.

Practicality and fulfillment

Members of the plant and animal kingdoms are makers of necessity – their survival depends upon shelter or reproduction. Humans create out of more than just necessity.

Maslow's Framework proposes that humans are driven by a spectrum of requirements, ranging from basic survival to connection, esteem, and fulfillment. It makes sense to prioritize a secure roof or a steady paycheck. Yet, even in moments of chaos, humans value aesthetics. Like the beavers and jewelweed, we are innate makers driven to learn, appreciate beauty, and create a meaningful legacy.

Teaching

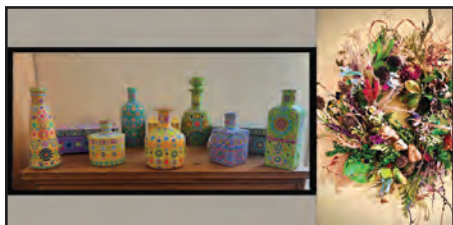
I found producing unique instructional materials the most rewarding aspect of teaching. Making discoveries while devising new ways to present information is fun. It provides the perfect excuse to dive deeply into niche science topics. I become happily lost investigating these curiosities – and teaching something improves your understanding of it, as well.

Find your inner-maker

There are many ways to integrate creativity into your daily routine. Aside from art for beauty's sake, useful crafts include textiles, pottery, and woodworking. You can beautify your home with photography, murals, or handmade accents, or explore edible pursuits like cooking with local ingredients, artisanal baking, and brewing craft beverages. An informal sampling of our area's handy-crafters reveals how these disciplines fill hours of entertainment both indoors and out.

Beauty for home and family

June K. and Rebecca Smith Paul, both from Pleasant Valley, enhance their homes with creativity. June created a ceramic koi and alligator to decorate her pond, designing with glazes to pay homage to her living fish. She loves seeing the bursts of color after the pieces are fired in the kiln.



Andy Layden and Jessica Williams make use of what others might call cast-offs. At right are Andy's repurposed bottles and boxes. At left is Jessica's eco-friendly floristry.

-Courtesy photos

Meanwhile, Rebecca focuses on photography to reflect genuine moments. Capturing her daughter running down a dirt road, Rebecca used a zoom lens and a low stance to adopt the child's perspective. This technique created leading lines into the distance, conveying a feeling of being wild, young, and free.

"If you just slightly switch your perspective, the moment you capture can be one-of-a-kind," she explains.

Repurposed items

Sometimes new life can be breathed into old items. Andy Layden and Jessica Williams make use of what others might call cast-offs. Andy beautifies the packaging of previously used products, while Jessica uses things found in nature.

Andy explains, "My Mom is the artist in the family and my inspiration. I enjoy mandala dot art, [which uses repeating patterns that grow out from a center point]. When I retired, I wanted to work with my hands. I collect bottles and cigar boxes to transform."

Jessica teaches workshops on eco-friendly floristry to encourage decorating with real plants rather than synthetics. At first, participants may be unsure, but Jessica notes, “at the end of class, they astonish themselves with the beauty of what they’ve created! Connecting people with their innate creativity is immensely satisfying.”

Libraries teeming with makers

Dutchess County libraries host introductory workshops that encourage lifelong learning and make artistic experiences accessible.

The Hyde Park Library hosts a Knit and Crochet program. Director Lisa Palmer says the activity “encapsulates the benefits of creativity and socialization. Knitting lowers stress, but a group setting combats loneliness.”

Paint Night at the LaGrange Association Library is another popular offering alongside take-home crafts, paper quilling, fiber arts, and jewelry making. Grace Wright, the



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Dutchess County libraries host introductory workshops that encourage lifelong learning and make artistic experiences accessible. Top: The LaGrange Association Library offers Adult Paint Night as one of its many activities.

Bottom: Participants display their works at Pleasant Valley Library's Paper Quilling workshop.

-Photos by Grace Burns



Nature proves that the drive to build is hardwired. Right: Wasps build nests. Left: Jewelweed grows seedpods.

-Photos by Francine Wizner

Your unique mark

From the hardworking beavers at Tivoli Bays to the community workshops inside our local libraries, Dutchess County is alive with creative energy. Building and creating are essential pathways to human joy, deeper learning, and meaningful connection. By observing the natural building habits in our local wetlands, we unlock a deeper understanding of our own creative drives. Whether producing unique instructional materials, framing a photograph, or learning a new craft alongside neighbors, engaging our inner maker allows us to appreciate the world's beauty while actively leaving our own unique mark upon it.

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