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Celebrate autumn during Harvest Fest at Stony Kill

By Kristine Coulter

Visit Stony Kill on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy Harvest Fest 2025. Celebrate the autumn season.

"Harvest Fest will feature the always-popular hayrides, visits with farm animals, Stony Ground 4-H Club Sheep Showmanship event, specialty vendors, artisan demos, hands-on crafting, special merchandise from the Stony Kill Foundation pop-up shop," said Janet Goodman, Stony Kill Development & Events Coordinator. "Food will be available to purchase, including food trucks, homemade soups from the Verplanck Garden Club, and a variety of baked goods and beverages. Raffle tickets for unique gift baskets will also be sold."

The festival will feature live music, including performances from local favorites Lauren and Friends and Beacon Rising, said Goodman.

According to Goodman, autumn is "a time to gather with friends amidst the vibrant foliage crisp air and cozy shorter days."

"The Harvest Fest is a celebration of the changing seasons and a special opportunity to explore the farm, enjoy delicious food and revel in the season's abundance."

If one attends the annual event, what animals can one see there?

"Heritage breed livestock, including cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, chickens and turkeys. There will be oxen demonstrations with our American Milking Devon cattle and our Tunis sheep will be com-



The annual Harvest Fest will be held at Stony Kill on Saturday, October 4. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photo

peting in our show ring for ribbons and shown by the Stony Ground 4-H shepherds," said Goodman.

Organizers are expecting a large crowd. If one goes to the Harvest Fest, park at the north end of the site, by the large pillars.

Anyone who needs accessible parking should enter at the south entrance.

Parking and admission are free, but a donation of \$5 is suggested.

Stony Kill Farm is located at 79 Farmstead Lane in Wappingers Falls.

Services set for NYS Police Sgt. who died in East Fishkill motorcycle accident



NYS Police Sergeant and Station Commander Nigel K. Barnett Jr.

-Courtesy photo NYS Police

By Kristine Coulter

The wake and funeral service for New York State Sergeant Nigel Barnett Jr., who died as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident, will be held this week. The wake is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 4-8 p.m. at McHoul Funeral Home, 895 Route 82, in East Fishkill. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. at Faith Assembly of God, 25 Golf Club Lane, in Poughkeepsie.

"Today (Sept. 16), New York State Police Troop K tragically lost Sergeant and Station Commander Nigel K. Barnett. A 19-year veteran, Sergeant Barnett devoted his career to protecting others and serving his community with selfless dedication. I extend my deepest condolences to his loved ones and colleagues, and join them in honoring his life and service during this time of profound loss," Gov. Kathy Hochul said in a statement last week.

It was on Sept. 16, that members of the New York State Police assigned to the Stormville barracks responded to a report of a single-vehicle motorcycle collision near mile marker 36.1 southbound on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of East Fishkill.

According to the troopers, "a preliminary investigation determined that a 2025 Ducati motorcycle was traveling southbound when the operator lost control." The operator, who was identified as 49-year-old Barnett, of Poughkeepsie, "was ejected from the motorcycle and struck the guardrail on the western shoulder," stated the release from state police. "Despite immediate life-saving measures, Sergeant Barnett was pronounced deceased at the scene."

The collision remains under investigation, it was stated.

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East Fishkill Rombout Colonial Days set for Sept. 27-28

By Kristine Coulter

The 7th annual East Fishkill Rombout Colonial Days Weekend will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, 68 N. Kensington Dr., in East Fishkill. This event is sponsored by a generous grant from Dutchess County Government. Preparations have been ongoing since February.

"As part of the grant process each applicant needed to secure all of the presenters and submit a budget. Once the grant application was approved the advertising began and site preparation has been ongoing," explained Rick Soedler, Site Director of Brinckerhoff House Historic Site and a member of the East Fishkill Historical Society. This event is also a part of the annual Hudson River Valley Ramble, he added.

Soedler said, "This year as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, the East Fishkill Historical Society will be offering an immersive event where our visitors are encouraged to join with us as we begin our fight for independence from Great Britain."

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Pictured are Brinckerhoff House volunteers.

-Courtesy photo EFHS

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"This year we have been extremely fortunate to have been the recipients of a generous grant from Dutchess County Government who are sponsoring this event. The 2025 Dutchess Rev 250 Grant was offered to our local historical societies here in Dutchess County to help pay for the cost of events that celebrate the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution. This competitive grant has enabled us to build on the past success of our annual event. Much thanks to our county legislature and County Executive Sue Serino," said Soedler.

Historian Todd Braisted will present a talk on Loyalists in the Hudson Valley on Saturday. That talk will be countered by members of the Rombout Committee of Observation who will be asking the visiting public to choose sides and to sign the Articles of Association, said Soedler.

"If you sign, you will be encouraged to join the local Militia; if you refuse, it will be noted by the committee and you will be put under house arrest or sent off to the British camps," advised Soedler.

Hudson Valley Storyteller Jonathan Kruk who will regale visitors with local stories of the Revolution on Sunday.

"Throughout the weekend we will have presentations by the 2nd New York Provincials, the 23rd of Foot Welsh Fusiliers, the 2nd Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia. Additional presentations of woodworking, gunsmithing, blacksmithing, colonial toys and games, spinning, early foodways, early farm tools, hands-on activities, drills with the militia, butter making, spy ciphers, and presentations by our Brinckerhoff House living history volunteers," Soedler remarked.

Soedler suggested one visit the History Village Green and talk with history partners from other local historical societies and museums who are a part of the Dutchess County Rev 250 Rombout Precinct Committee of Remembrance.

"There will be up to 50 living historians presenting throughout the weekend with up to 250 plus each day attending from the visiting public. We are hoping to make this our best attended Colonial Days weekend to date," said Soedler.



Members of the 2nd and 4th New York Regiments firing a volley.

-Courtesy photo EFHS

Services set for NYS Police Sgt. who died in East Fishkill motorcycle accident

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On social media, New York State Police stated it was with "profound sadness" that they share the loss of Barnett. In the statement, state police noted, "[Sergeant Barnett's] commitment to public safety, his leadership, and his steady presence will be deeply missed by the members of our Division and the communities he served."

The statement concluded, "We extend our heartfelt condolences to Sergeant Barnett's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Please keep them in your thoughts as we honor his service and sacrifice."

Town of Hyde Park Police Department posted on social media: "Sgt. Barnett dedicated his life to serving and protecting our community with integrity, courage, and compassion. His leadership and commitment to duty left a lasting

mark on those who served alongside him, and his memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow officers." The post continued, "We extend our deepest condolences to his loved ones, friends, and extended family at the NYS Police as they mourn this great loss."

"Rest easy, Sgt. Barnett. Thank you for your service."

In a post on social media, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office posted, in part, "During his time as a trooper, Sergeant Barnett worked in various locations throughout Dutchess County and worked closely alongside Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs on patrol, forging strong working relationships before his promotion to Station Commander."

"Sergeant Barnett was not only a respected member of the New York State Police, but also a trusted partner and friend to many within the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. We are heartbro-

ken by his passing and extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the members of the State Police. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers."

Rep. Mike Lawler stated, in part, on social media, "Sgt. Barnett serves with dedication and a commitment to public safety. My sincere condolences to the Barnett family and friends."

NYS Senator Rob Rolison stated on social media, "Sergeant Nigel K. Barnett dedicated his life to serving others through both his military service and nearly two decades with the New York State Police. His commitment to protecting our community reflects the very best of public service, and his loss is deeply felt here in Poughkeepsie and across Troop K."

"My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, loved ones, and colleagues during this difficult time."

Rep. Pat Ryan, said on social media, in

part, "He was a true hero who will be greatly missed by us all."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino posted, in part, on social media, "Behind every uniform is someone's son, friend, and neighbor, and Sgt. Barnett's passing is a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who dedicate their lives to protecting us. My heart is with his loved ones and his New York State Police family as they navigate this tremendous loss."

On the Our Lady of Lourdes High School Facebook page, it was posted that Barnett was "...a beloved member of the Class of 1993. We hold his family and loved ones in our prayers as they navigate this heartbreaking loss." The school also had posted his senior year picture and quote. The quote read: "When I was first put in place, I felt as meaningless as one star in the sky. But if that one star is missing the sky wouldn't seem the same." Then it states: "Smile God loves you."

8 Dutchess, Putnam landowners win \$1,060,493 in compensation from the federal government

Lindsay Brinton and Meghan Largent, attorneys from Lewis Rice's Federal Takings & Rails to Trails Practice Group, recently won \$1,060,493.07 in compensation for eight landowners in Dutchess and Putnam counties. These landowners brought claims against the federal government for the taking of their property for a 41.1-mile recreational hiking and biking

trail that crosses over their land.

The landowners' property ran along the abandoned Metro-North railway section that stretches from the Beacon waterfront to the Connecticut border. It was seized Feb. 8, 2024, pursuant to the National Trails System Act, which authorizes abandoned railroad lines to be converted to public parks. Brinton

and Largent filed a claim for compensation on behalf of the landowners the next day on Feb. 9, 2024.

"This is just the first group of landowners to be paid for this taking," Brinton said. "There are hundreds of others in Dutchess and Putnam counties who still have the right to file a claim for the just compensation the federal government owes them. We'd be pleased to help

ensure that they also receive what they are entitled to."

Brinton and Largent have represented more than 1,000 landowners nationwide in similar cases. They recently secured \$52 million for a landowner in Greensboro, North Carolina, which is believed to be the largest award ever issued to someone affected by a rails to trails conversion.

Yom Kippur services at Shir Chadash

Congregation Shir Chadash has announced Yom Kippur Schedule of Services. Services will be led by Rabbi Glenn Jacob with musical accompaniment. All are welcome. Donations greatly appreciated. (For security reasons, registration required or streaming link at: 845-232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org)

Yom Kippur services

Wednesday, October 1

Kol Nidre Service with cello, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10 a.m.
Family Service, 2 p.m.

Afternoon Service, 4 p.m.

Yizkor/Memorial Service, 5 p.m.

N'ilah/Concluding Service, 5:30 p.m.

Community Break Fast will follow the Yom Kippur Concluding Services.

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Dutchess County visitors spent a record \$811 million in 2024

Visitors to Dutchess County spent a record \$811 million in 2024, according to the newly released Hudson Valley Tourism Economic Impact Report prepared by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics company. That spending, an increase of 7.3% over 2023, translated to more than \$2.2 million infused into the local economy every day.

As the official destination marketing organization (DMO) for the county, Destination Dutchess, formerly known as Dutchess Tourism, Inc., has played a central role in achieving this record-breaking growth. Through award-winning and innovative marketing campaigns, national and international media outreach, group tour development, and strong partnerships with local businesses, Destination Dutchess has built global awareness of the region. This work not only drives visitor attraction but also enhances the quality of life for residents by fueling the economic benefits of tourism across the county.

Tourism remains a vital driver of Dutchess County's economy, supporting

10,213 jobs, more than 9% of the local workforce, across sectors such as hotels, restaurants, museums and historic sites, performance venues, farms and craft beverage producers, as well as sports, festivals, parks, gardens, and trails. In 2024, those jobs generated \$412.1 million in wages, much of which was reinvested locally on everyday essentials like housing, groceries, transportation, and clothing — further extending tourism's economic ripple effect. Visitor spending also produced \$98.1 million in combined state and local tax revenues. Without this contribution, the average county household would have paid an additional \$851 in taxes.

"While we know that 2025 has brought new challenges for the travel industry, it is important to recognize the progress we made in 2024 and the resilience of our tourism community," said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess. "Visitor spending in Dutchess has not only surpassed pre-pandemic levels but has helped sustain thousands of jobs and small businesses

across the county. That momentum is what gives us confidence as we look ahead. Together, these figures highlight not only the scale of tourism's economic impact but also the diversity of audiences driving it."

According to 2025 year-to-date credit card data from Zartico, more than half of all spending at restaurants and retail in Dutchess County comes from non-residents. Of that total, 25% of restaurant spending and 34% of retail spending is generated by visitors traveling from more than 50 miles away. This reinforces Dutchess' role as a draw for longer-distance travelers in the driveable markets of Philadelphia, Boston among others, as well as a gateway for international travelers flying into Manhattan looking to explore the rest of the state.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino emphasized the broader impact of tourism, "Tourism is a key part of our local economy, and its impact is felt by families and small businesses across

Dutchess County. The growth we're seeing means more jobs, more support for local businesses, and more opportunities for our neighbors. I'm grateful to Destination Dutchess and all our partners for the work they do to keep our county on the map and bring visitors back year after year."

The Hudson Valley was recently named the No. 1 Fall Foliage Destination in the U.S. for 2025 by Priceline, recognition expected to draw increased interest from travelers nationwide. In addition, the highly anticipated premiere of Netflix's "Next Gen Chef" at The Culinary Institute of America on Sept. 17 will shine a spotlight on the region's world-class culinary scene, fueling tourism well beyond the fall season. To help plan a visit, travelers can follow Destination Dutchess' Facebook and Instagram (@DestinatofilmnDutchess) accounts for the latest status of peak foliage, upcoming events and more, or visit DestinationDutchess.com.

AAUW Poughkeepsie receives commendation from Legislature



The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women received a commendation from the Dutchess County Legislature at the board meeting last month. Pictured, from left, Legislators Lynne Miele-Versaci, Yvette Valdes Smith, Lisa R. Kaul and Brennan Kearney.

-Courtesy photo

The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women received a commendation from

the Dutchess County Legislature at the Legislative Board meeting last month. This commendation recognizes the branch for its 100 years as an organization and its service to the Dutchess County community.

Dr. Lisa R. Kaul, Dutchess County Legislator, Town of Poughkeepsie; Minority Leader Yvette Valdes Smith, Fishkill & Beacon; and Brennan Kearney, Dutchess County Legislator, Clinton, Pleasant Valley & Rhinebeck, offered this commendation.

The commendation notes that the AAUW has been instrumental in creating several impactful community programs including Leading to Reading (literacy program), Days for Girls (making feminine hygiene kits), Extending Girls' Horizons (leadership and STEAM programs), and the Court Watch initiative.

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Poughkeepsie Town Decision on BESS is Best for Residents

To the Editor:

In his Letter to the Editor last week, Poughkeepsie Town Councilman Bill Reuter constructs a disjointed and imaginative story criticizing a recent decision by the Poughkeepsie Town Board majority. The issue was battery energy storage systems ("BESS") -- should they be allowed, and with what restrictions? While Mr. Reuter claimed this was a hasty decision, it was not. This was the third time for these questions on the Board's agenda over more than a year's time. The board had appropriately responded to concerns raised - with delays and moratoriums which stopped all permits until everyone on the Town Board and the Town's three Fire Districts had studied the issue extensively (hearing from experts at NYSERDA and the Energy Safety Response Group). They subsequently improved the zoning law from what they had learned, and finally returned to make the right, evidence-based decision.

Mr. Reuter's vote and his myopic letter ignores testimony by experts that attended this and prior Town Board meetings, and he is clearly ignorant of prior technical review material. Experts at the meetings showed that: (1) systems have improved so much in recent years that modern installations are as safe or safer than most other technology in the energy industry; (2) BESS systems will cost tax-payers nothing to install, will increase the Town's property tax revenues, lower consumer electricity bills over the long term, and give all of us cleaner air.

Though Mr. Reuter wants to make a political issue of this decision, it wasn't about politics at all. It was about doing a good thing for the Town. Some board members are capable of understanding clear evidence and making tough decisions. This is one of many the current board has made toward progress that benefits all Town residents, regardless of their political party.

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Forman will 'go to work' on Day 1 if elected

To The Editor:

Greetings! As a resident and voter in Ward 4 in Beacon, I am thrilled to support John Forman's candidacy for a seat in the Dutchess County Legislature. He served the residents in Beacon and Fishkill for 12 years as a County Legislator and he is currently finishing up a 4-year term on the Fishkill Town Board.

Our city needs a more "hands-on" legislator representing our district. When John was a Legislator, he frequently attended Beacon City Council meetings to be the bridge between the City of Beacon and Dutchess County Government.

A couple of John's accomplishments in the County Legislature include: Paved the way to allow Liquor stores in Dutchess County to remain open for business past the standard hours set by the NYS Liquor Authority. John Forman invested a lot of time into changing these hours and these hours were amended shortly after John was no longer serving.

John Forman took on the entire Legislature when his resolution forced our elected officials to contribute to their taxpayer-funded health insurance premiums. His resolution extended to include Management and confidential employees as well. The annual savings for the taxpayers is approximately \$250,000 per year.

John is going to go to work on Day 1 for every resident in the City of Beacon.

Please join me in voting for John Forman in November!

Kat Caporale
Beacon

Must return to civil discourse

To the Editor:

The recent murder of Charlie Kirk is a grim reminder of the dangerous path our society is on. While many disagreed with Kirk's views—including myself—no one deserves to be murdered for their beliefs. Violence is not justice.

This tragedy echoes other acts of political violence, including the assassination of Democratic legislators in Minnesota and the targeting of lawmakers in Wisconsin. These are not isolated incidents—they are symptoms of a deeper sickness in our political life, where disagreement too often turns into dehumanization, and that leads to violence.

Beyond our borders in the Middle East the violent death of 1,200 Israeli civilians has led to the deaths of tens of thousands of Gazans including over 20,000 children. Families shattered. Futures erased. Whether in the middle east or here at home, the loss of innocent life should unite us in grief, not divide us in blame.

We must all reject violence, whether committed by lone actors or state powers.

We must return to civil discourse and dialogue, and remember that every life, regardless of ideology, nationality, or religion, has value.

John Tyliczszak
Wappingers Falls

Beephan travels to Israel as part of 50 States One Israel delegation



Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr., left, attended a trip to Israel as part of the 50 States One Israel Delegation earlier this month.

-Courtesy photo

Assemblyman Anil Beephan (R, C - East Fishkill) attended a trip to Israel as part of the 50 States One Israel Delegation, joining six other bipartisan members of the New York State Assembly on a historic visit focused on solidarity, security, and innovation.

During the trip, the delegation participated in high-level meetings and ceremonies with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Isaac Herzog, Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar, and U.S. Ambassador Mike Huckabee. A highlight of the trip was an intimate dinner with President Herzog, where Assemblyman Beephan was invited to sit with the President and, on behalf of the New York State Delegation, Beephan presented President Herzog with a resolution commemorating Israeli Independence Day, sponsored by Assemblymember Nily Rozic.

"This trip underscored the deep bond between New York and Israel," said Beephan. "New York is home to more Jews outside of Israel than anywhere else, and we must continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our Jewish community,

especially at a time when antisemitism is rising and many are fearful that incoming leadership in New York City will fail to prioritize their safety."

The delegation's itinerary included solemn moments of remembrance, including paying respects at the October 7th Nova Music Festival memorial site and touring the Gaza-envelope communities impacted by terror attacks. Beephan also joined the Jewish National Fund (JNF) for a tree-planting ceremony in Ofakim and participated in "Israeli Innovation Day," which highlighted Israel's leadership in technology, security, and entrepreneurship.

Beephan also addressed criticism from detractors:

"I will not be intimidated by anti-Israel, anti-Jewish keyboard warriors. The same critics were silent during my policy trip to the West Bank & Jerusalem earlier this year. All voices matter."

Beephan reaffirmed his commitment to standing against antisemitism and supporting New York's Jewish population through advocacy, security measures, and legislative action.

Correction

In the Sept. 17th edition, there was a letter by Bill Reuter, titled "Battery Energy Storage Systems face opposition in Town of Poughkeepsie." Reuter sent in the following correction, "On November 13, 2023, Vassar College, as the property owner, cosigned an application requesting an area variance to allow a large-scale BESS Storage Facility, authorizing use of their 189 Manchester Road parcel to Key Capture Energy." Instead of the original sentence, "On November 13, 2023, while Rebecca Edwards was an active full-time professor, Vassar College submitted an application requesting an area variance for a large-scale BESS Storage Facility, leasing their 159 Manchester Road parcel to Key Capture Energy."

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Technology's Impact on the Study of Local History

By Bill Jeffway

I am not a technology expert. My goal here is to share my narrow, personal experience with emerging technologies as a local history researcher who began, in earnest, in the early 1970s. This was two decades before the proliferation of the world wide web. First, some definitions.

- **Virtual Reality** involves a headset which creates a total, immersive new audio visual experience.
- **Augmented Reality** involves overlaying dynamic images and other media through your phone or tablet, "augmenting" what you see/experience in your immediate view.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** can involve the creation and manipulation of media (images, video, audio) into new or "artificial" media. AI can also involve a dialogue or exchange of words – such as chatbots – and facilitate deeper and deeper research exercises and analysis.

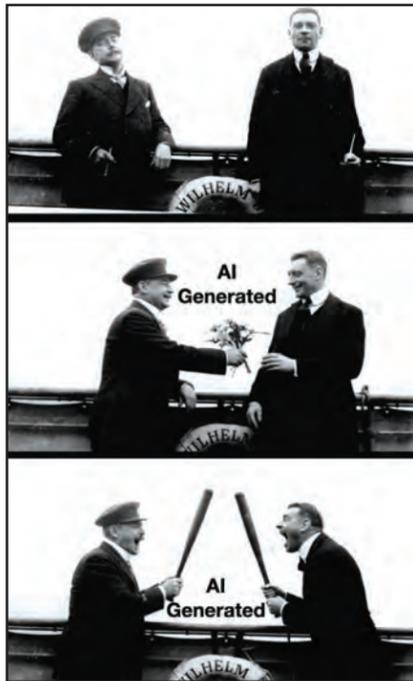
Helping or hurting?

If we want to know if these technologies are helping or hurting – or some combination of both – we need to agree what the goal of the study of local history is.

If you do an online search for Vassar Professor Lucy Salmon and "Why is History Rewritten?" you will find that Salmon spoke and wrote over a century ago about what she said was a historian's "most important job." She argued that over time new ways (for example worldwide web) will bring out new information. She said different perspectives may emerge. New voices may be heard. She and DCHS founder Helen Wilkinson Reynolds were among the most articulate of local historians on the topic. That's why DCHS's annual award for excellence in history, in Reynolds name, is given for someone who excels in the "necessary and accurate pursuit of historical truth."

In addition to this, there has been a growing awareness that the old adage that "the victors write the history," with its implication that there is only one history, one perspective, is limiting.

In both cases, the solution for historians remains the same. Salmon coined the iconic phrase, "go to the source," to explain the importance of letting original source material speak. The rapid evolution of these technologies does not fundamentally change our need to



Above: Through a brief few words as a command, a picture of two men can be manipulated into a sense they are friends, or a sense they are combatants. In the realm of historical study and publication, any AI-generated images should be clearly indicated as such.

-Courtesy images

"go to the source" to establish the closest truth. So the question becomes, do these technologies help us get to the source, and get to a closer, more complete truth?

Virtual Reality

I mentioned in an earlier article the work of Pawling Historical Society that uses Virtual Reality, to successfully, I believe, move to a closer truth. The experience involves a headset which creates a total, immersive new experience which allows us to, among other things, look out the window of the Quaker meeting house and see the military encampment of soldiers that would have been the view during the Revolutionary War.

Augmented Reality

Augmented Reality involves using your iPhone, or tablet, in a situation to have the scene that you are looking at augmented with media and allowing

Timeline of Edward L. Williams

- 1850 Census Age 12, living in...
- 1870 Census Age 32, listed in...

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Above, top left then clockwise: Are we getting closer to the source? Closer to the truth? 1. An original handwritten 1840 census at DCHS you can hold in your hand. 2. A digital copy of the census through a paid online ancestry account. 3. A typed transcription that is freely available only. 4. A recent response from chatgt.

for interactive experiences.

DCHS is partnering with the local Montrose 4 Studio to launch a pilot as early as this Halloween that would use images of real persons in Rhinebeck's history at certain central locations where that person introduces us to their local experience when they lived locally, whether that as a generation, or century or few centuries ago.

AI-generated Research Dialogue

Researchers can now combine offering background information (like photos, maps, or other information) and ask in return to have certain questions answered. The positive experiences I have here involve being directed to source material that I did not know existed. In the same way that I advise Wikipedia readers to spend more time examining the footnotes and sources at the bottom of an article, rather than the narrative above it, I recommend the same focus: on the sources for further investigation.

The poor experiences I have had involve when AI generates an appropriately named "hallucination." This is when it provides an answer that has literally no form that you can independently verify. This recently happened when a name and occupation of a local resident in 1880 was declared by AI, in the most confident of voices, to exist. Further research found no such person existed at that time in the town, county or state of New York.

AI Image Manipulation

This to me, is the most challenging because we rely entirely on the publisher to flag what is real, and what is AI-generated. I was able to create alternate images that show two men as friends, or two as enemies through instruction of just a few words (see image of two men). It is both easy, and effective, to create misleading images. Even when flagged, I have a harder time seeing their role in the understanding of local, fact-based history. Although it is very tempting to want to put a face to a well-studied person, it can be misleading.

Implications:

It is important to support the preservation of original source material, the way DCHS does through its archives, through volunteering! Take the time to identify and interrogate only sources you have decided you can trust. Wherever you tread, whatever you read, whenever you are asked to believe something: Ask "what is the source?" Then go to the source! And decide if it takes me to a closer truth?



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Showing of 'Lines of Demarcation' Sept. 27

The Beacon Movie Theater will host a special screening of "Lines of Demarcation: Memories of Beacon's Black Communities of the 20th Century." This is a locally produced oral history collaboration between Beacon High School and Rise Up Project, an anti-racism group at St. Andrew & St. Luke's Episcopal

Church. The students interviewed elder members of the Black community about their experiences growing up in Beacon.

The film will be shown at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the theater, 445 Main Street. The film is 49 minutes and will be followed by Q&A. Tickets are available through Beacon Movie Theater.

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City of Poughkeepsie Navy Veteran recognized at 'Honor-A-Veteran' Ceremony



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino thanked the family of Airman Apprentice Donald Herring Sr. Herring for his service to the nation and his commitment to the City of Poughkeepsie. Airman Apprentice Herring's military service was recognized during September's "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony held in Poughkeepsie. Also pictured is Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche.

-Courtesy photos

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County's Office of Veterans Affairs on Sept. 18 recognized the military service and life of U.S. Navy Airman Apprentice Donald Herring, Sr., a former City of Poughkeepsie resident, at the County's September "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony. The event was held at VFW Post 170 in Poughkeepsie. The monthly ceremonies celebrate the lives and selfless service of deceased local veterans.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Donny Herring was so much more than a decorated veteran. He was a devoted father, a gifted mechanic and a quiet force of kindness in his community. From the flight decks of Vietnam to the heart of Poughkeepsie, Donny lived a life of service and love. Dutchess County is privileged to celebrate the life and legacy of Donny and American heroes like him through our 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremonies, and we will never forget all he meant to our community."

Donald Herring, Sr. was born on March 21, 1955, in Poughkeepsie, a place he proudly called home. At just 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in April 1972, serving as a 632 Ordnance Mechanic and E2 Airman Apprentice with the VF-31 "Tomcatters" Fighter Squadron at Naval Air Station Oceana during the Vietnam War. For his distinguished service, Airman Apprentice Herring received the Vietnam Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Honorably discharged in June 1973, Airman Apprentice Herring returned to Poughkeepsie carrying the unseen wounds of war, but he was determined to rebuild his life and give

back to those around him.

Back home in Poughkeepsie, Airman Apprentice Herring became a pillar of his community, always ready to help, especially with anything mechanical. Married with four children and 17 grandchildren, he was deeply devoted to his family, as well as his five siblings, two of whom also served in the military. He found joy in music, especially the oldies of the 1950-60s, which often played in his garage while he worked.

Airman Apprentice Herring passed away on Nov. 23, 2019.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, "Airman Apprentice Herring's legacy endures not only in the medals he earned, but in the lives he touched, the family he cherished and the city he never stopped giving back to. Remembered as more than a veteran, Airman Apprentice Herring was a hometown hero whose memory continues to live on in the lives he touched. May his contributions to Poughkeepsie endure, and may we all strive to live a life of purpose as he did."

During today's ceremony, County Executive Serino and Director Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Airman Apprentice Herring's family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- a memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;



Family members and friends of Airman Apprentice Donald Herring Sr. with Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and County Executive Sue Serino during the recent "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony on September 18 in Poughkeepsie.

- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Rob Rolison; and
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Honor.

Sen. Rob Rolison said, "Airman Apprentice Herring embodied the highest ideals of service, sacrifice and community. Though he returned from war with invisible wounds, he lived with heart and generosity. It was with profound respect that I posthumously awarded him the New York State Senate Liberty Medal, our highest civilian honor, for a life defined by courage and compassion."

Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies are held April through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Ceremonies take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month. See the County's website for upcoming ceremonies and locations; October's event will take place on Oct. 16 in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the "Honor-

A-Veteran" initiative. The deceased veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Applications are available online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran's military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County's Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Jacobson: Require data centers and chip plants to pay for increased utility costs due to electricity demands

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) is sponsoring a new bill (A09064) that prohibits utilities from passing along the infrastructure costs of increased electricity demands from data centers and chip manufacturers to everyday consumers. The bill requires that these costs would only be borne by those involved with the building or operation of the data centers and chip manufacturing facilities.

"Residents in my district are already feeling the strain of rising utility rates. But the added energy demand from data centers and chip companies threatens to drive up rates even further," Jacobson said. "To meet this demand, utilities will need to expand and upgrade the grid, and my bill would stop them from passing on those costs to other customers."

For example, a single chip fabrication plant can consume as much electricity in a year as it takes to power 50,000 homes. While data centers (the number of which have more than quadrupled in the U.S. since 2018) could account for as much as 6.7%-12% of total U.S. electricity consumption by 2028, according to recent reports. Utilities will have to upgrade the grid and expand to meet this need, and New York State's utilities are no exception, said Jacobson.

"These technologies are a boon to the local economy, but those gains can't be made on the backs of everyday consumers. Residential customers and small businesses should not foot the bill for increased utility costs due to big tech. Big tech can afford it, we can't!" Jacobson said.

NYSCOPBA calls on State to investigate substances

"[Last] week, thirteen staff and six inmates had to be treated for exposures on Monday and Tuesday at Fishkill Correctional Facility. In both incidents, staff began developing symptoms of exposure after coming into contact with inmates who were allegedly intoxicated on unknown substances. Three officers and one nurse at the prison needed to be administered Narcan to reverse the symptoms," stated Chris Summers, New York State Correctional Officers Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) President, said in a statement on Sept. 19.

NYSCOPBA is calling on the State to take "decisive and immediate" action to address and mitigate exposures to staff, many of which have been caused by substances investigators have not been able to determine.

NYSCOPBA is calling on the State to

develop better screening protocols, stronger detection of the unknown substances and a significant statewide investigation to determine what staff are being exposed to.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said in an email to residents, "Dutchess County Hazardous Materials Response Division (Haz-Mat Team) responded to Fishkill Correctional Facility [last] week to help with a possible exposure incident. This skilled team of 20 volunteers is on call around the clock, always ready to respond when hazardous materials may be involved.

"They train every month to be ready at a moment's notice, and we are grateful to them for their dedication and service."

Representatives for the governor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Wappinger honors first responders



The Town of Wappinger hosted the 9th annual First Responder Awards at the Wappinger Town Hall recently.

The awards support the local community's law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs.

Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini and Senior Councilman William H. Beale welcomed the honorees and their families and joined Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt, Dutchess County Legislator Robert Faust, Fourth Ward Councilman Al Casella in presenting hundreds of certificates to dozens of emergency responders for their actions over the course of the last year.

Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk was very proud to receive a commendation from the Town, both in recognition of an ongoing commitment to school safety and for the expansion of the School Resource Officer program via the Safe Schools Initiative.

-Courtesy photos Town of Wappinger, WCSD

Sheriff's Office warns of Grand Jury scam

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to warn the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

In the latest scam the perpetrators pose as Deputies from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, they contact the victim and tell them that they or a family member failed to appear for Grand Jury and as a result are wanted on a warrant. The perpetrators then tell the victim that they can satisfy the warrant by paying a sum of money.

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following general tips to help people avoid these scams:

NEVER meet up with someone that you don't know after they've contacted for money; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant by either soliciting money or making promises to avoid prosecution.

If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any rea-

son, it's very likely a scam.

If you receive correspondence from someone that you don't know and they instruct you to keep the matter confidential and not tell anyone about it, it's most likely a scam.

Emails or text messages that contain misspelled words, grammatical errors, don't make sense, or are sent at odd hours - for example the middle of the night - are most likely scams.

If you receive an email or text about an order you didn't place or that asks you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

If someone you don't know asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, provide remote computer access, enter a code, or click on a link given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.

If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching

through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money - you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

If there's any doubt about a phone call/email/letter you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, so be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

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Rhinebeck Bancorp appoints Matthew J. Smith as President and Chief Executive Officer

Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: RBKB), the holding company of Rhinebeck Bank, has appointed Matthew J. Smith as President and Chief Executive Officer of Rhinebeck Bancorp, MHC, Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc., and Rhinebeck Bank, effective October 20, 2025. Mr. Smith was also appointed as trustee of Rhinebeck Bancorp, MHC and director of Rhinebeck Bancorp, Inc. and Rhinebeck Bank, effective Oct. 20.

Smith replaces former President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael J. Quinn, who, in March 2025, announced that he would retire after 40 years of service. Concurrent with the effectiveness of Mr. Smith's appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Quinn will serve as Interim Executive Advisor through the end of the year to assist in the leadership transition.

Smith brings a wealth of experience in financial services, with a distinguished career marked by innovation, growth, and leadership. Most recently, Smith served as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Columbia Financial, Inc. and Columbia Bank in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. His extensive background also includes senior roles as Chief Digital Banking Officer and Head of Enterprise Product, Marketing, and Transformation at Webster Bank in Stamford, Connecticut, and as Chief Product and Marketing Strategy Officer at Sterling National Bank in Montebello, New York. Also notable, Mr. Smith held senior positions at Bridgewater Associates and GE Capital where he led strategic growth initiatives and multiple functions across finance, technology, and operations.

Throughout his career, Smith has consis-

tently led high-impact initiatives — from designing and launching new products and lines of business, enhancing digital banking platforms, and executing strategic transactions — driving meaningful results for customers, employees, and shareholders alike. His deep expertise in aligning technology, operations, and strategy uniquely positions him to lead Rhinebeck Bank into its next phase of growth and innovation. Smith has been featured on industry podcasts and has won awards for his work in growth and innovation. In his new role as President and Chief Executive Officer, Smith will be responsible for directing strategic operations.

In response to his appointment, Smith said "I am honored to be selected as Rhinebeck's next President and CEO. Rhinebeck has a rich tradition of exceptional customer service and strong commitment to its communities and shareholders. I look forward to continuing the company's strong legacy, deepening our ties in the community, growing the company and increasing shareholder value."

William C. Irwin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, remarked "The Board of Directors is very pleased to welcome Matt Smith as President and CEO. Mr. Smith has a proven track record, broad and varied experiences in banking and an innovative and entrepreneurial background. We look forward to his leadership as we continue to grow our franchise."

Smith holds a Master of Business Administration in Corporate Finance and Risk Management from Iona University in New Rochelle, New York and holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from La Salle University.

Honoring Roots of Giving Across the Hudson Valley



The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) hosted its annual Garden Party this recently at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison. This signature fundraising event of the region grossed over \$210,000 to support CFHV's mission of awarding grants that address some of the region's most pressing needs, including housing, mental health, childcare, food security and more. This year, CFHV recognized five remarkable Hudson Valley residents for their philanthropic giving. From left are Garden Party honorees George Whipple III, Garry Kvistad, Diane Kvistad, Michael Dupree and Michael Fleischer.

- Courtesy photo by Alejandro Duran Sanchez of Volna Unalign, LLC.

DCDOH: Avoid direct contact with water containing blue-green algal blooms ; drinking water continues to be safe

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) is advising the public about Harmful Algal Bloom currently being monitored in the Hudson River. Residents and visitors should take safety precautions to avoid direct contact with water containing blue-green algal blooms because of adverse health effects for humans and pets.

Drinking water continues to be safe for consumption as local water systems that draw from the Hudson River provide treatment to ensure drinking water meets all safety standards.

While most algae are safe and help keep water ecosystems healthy, some make toxins that can harm humans. When these harmful algae grow too fast, they cause a harmful algal bloom (HAB). Swimming in or touching untreated water with a HAB can sometimes make humans and pets sick, irritate skin or eyes, or cause breathing problems. The following safety precautions are recommended by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to protect you and your pets if you see water with blue-green algal blooms:

- Stay away from the water.
- Don't swim, fish, boat, or wade in the water.
- Don't eat fish caught from the water.
- If you come in contact with the water, rinse with clean water and consult with your medical professional if you have symptoms.

NYSDOH has collected water samples, and its testing confirmed the HAB. NYSDOH will continue monitoring samples from the river and sharing its testing results with DCDOH, which will share those results to local water system operators.

Local water system operators, in conjunction with DCDOH, are also carefully monitoring water sampling to be able to adjust operational and treatment procedures as needed to maintain drinking water safety. Residents who have questions regarding their drinking water can reach out to their local water system operator.

To learn about blue-green algal blooms, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation provides information about what causes them, how to detect them, avoid them, as well as how to report them.

Dutchess County Conservative Party endorses NYS Attorney General candidate

The Dutchess County Conservative Party Executive Committee interviewed and endorsed Republican Michael Henry on Aug. 23. He announced his candidacy this spring for New York State Attorney General. The election set for November 2026.

Michael Henry has been on the campaign trail since his loss to current Attorney General Letitia James in 2022. He received over 45% of the vote. Henry has and is visiting every corner of the state.

"Michael is committed to bringing the highest level of integrity and respect back to the Attorney General's office," Chairman Minichino said.

During the interview, Mr. Henry commented to the Committee that the Attorney General's office belongs to the people - not political operatives.

Michael Henry is looking to be the Republican and Conservative candidate for New York State Attorney General in next year's November election.

2025 Hearts & Hammers Dinner & Auction set for Oct.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County announces its annual Hearts and Hammers Dinner & Auction, a night dedicated to celebrating community, contributions, and building hope. This year's event will take place on Oct. 9, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at The Roundhouse in Beacon.

Hearts and Hammers has quickly become a signature tradition, bringing together neighbors, partners, and supporters for an unforgettable evening. Guests will enjoy delectable food, an open bar, lively music, and an exciting silent auction. All proceeds directly support Habitat's mission to build safe, affordable homes and strengthen communities in Dutchess County.

Continuing the beloved tradition, attendees are encouraged to embrace the evening's signature "construction culture" theme—blending business wear with construction flair—to represent the heart and hammer of Habitat's mission.

This year, Habitat is honored to present

the Golden Hammer Award to Arnoff Moving & Storage for their extraordinary support of Habitat's mission, and the Heart of Habitat Award to architect David Freeman, whose unwavering dedication has left a lasting impact on countless families.

"Hearts and Hammers is more than an event—it is a celebration of what we can achieve when community comes together," said Eelco Kessels, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County. "As Habitat constructs and repairs homes, we build opportunity, stability, and hope. This evening allows us to honor those who make that possible while raising the resources needed to continue transforming lives in Dutchess County."

Sponsorship opportunities, Journal Ads, and Tickets are available now. For more information, please contact Jessica at jessica.miuccio@habitatdutchess.org or 845-297-0806 option 5, or visit our website at <https://habitatdutchess.org/hearts-hammers-event/>.

Brooklyn man arrested after fleeing traffic stop

Putnam County Acting Sheriff Brian Hess announced the arrest of a Brooklyn man after fleeing a traffic stop and crashing in Dutchess County on Sept. 15 in the afternoon.

According to the release, "deputies were advised to be on the lookout for a vehicle that had just crossed into Putnam County from Westchester on Route 9 in Philipstown. The vehicle was wanted in a theft from a jurisdiction in Westchester County. Shortly after, a deputy observed the vehicle traveling northbound and conducted a traffic stop near Indian Brook Road. The vehicle stopped and contact was made with the driver, who then drove away where he was pursued northbound into Fishkill and on to I84 eastbound." The vehicle then ran off the roadway and burst into flames west of the Lime Kiln Road exit, it was stated.

"The two passengers were quickly apprehended but the driver fled into the woods. A

perimeter was established with the assistance of the NY State Police, the East Fishkill and Fishkill Police Department's and at approximately 4:30 p.m. the suspect, 23-year-old Brandon C. Waller, was located and taken into custody," according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

After school activities were canceled at John Jay High School.

He was charged with the following misdemeanor's, Reckless Endangerment 2nd degree, Criminal Impersonation 2nd degree, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd degree, Resisting Arrest, Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd degree and Reckless Driving, it was stated. Waller was also given numerous tickets for vehicle and traffic violations.

Waller was issued an appearance ticket for the misdemeanors and is to appear in the Town of Philipstown Court at a future date. There were no charges for the two passengers.

Hydrant flushing in Village of Fishkill

The Village of Fishkill Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village System starting Monday, Sept. 29, through Friday Oct. 3.

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-Courtesy photo BHS Unified Bocce

RCK Tennis gets key win over Mahopac

Ketcham made brisk work in this 5-2 victory on the courts. Despite a few tiebreakers, all matches were decided by the first two games, with an immaculate showing by Ketcham's doubles teams. RCK improved to 2-3 with the win, though it seeks its first win in league play. This contest against Mahopac was a welcome contrast from the 7-0 onslaught the Storm faced by Arlington in its previous match. The Storm got back on track with an immaculate showing by its doubles teams. Makenzie Capurro took Ketcham's sole singles victory, a 7-6 (5), 7-5 win over Mahopac's Eleanor Gerleit. The four doubles teams swept the field, with Lina Maghnoij and Marcella Edwards taking two 6-1 sets over Maria Provatakis and Kailey Summersford. Earlier on, Provatakis took a singles victory over Ketcham's Kennady Boothe. Isabelle Echegaray and Leyla Tong won 6-4, 7-6 (5) over Sofia Malichek and Julia Hay. Madison Jensen and Trinity Rojas won 6-1, 6-1; Maryrose Angelo and Leah Matheson prevailed 7-5, 6-2.

Beacon's Unified bocce team begins season

Beacon's varsity Unified Bocce team rolled out its season with a multi-match against Walkkill and Mount Academy and Kingston, who joined forces for the day. From Panthers to Bulldogs and Tigers, nearly 60 student-athletes were in attendance. Coming off a successful Unified Bowling and Basketball seasons, the Bulldogs had a ton of fun in Kingston!

John Jay, Ketcham clash in another scoreless match

Once again, the Patriots and Storm put on a pair of hard-fought performances. The last time these two crosstown rivals met, it ended in a 2-2 deadlock. A similar story took place on Ketcham's turf, as the 0-0 bout turned into a goalkeepers' showdown. John Jay notched a third straight tie to begin the season, while Ketcham moves to 2-3-2 on the season. Ketcham and John Jay both seek to catch up to Arlington, who is currently undefeated in league play. Ketcham will match up against the Admirals on Saturday, September 27 following a bout with the Beacon Bulldogs.

Beacon downed by Kingston football, 23-13

Beacon took its first loss of the season against Kingston on Sept 20, falling 23-13 against the Tigers. Maricano Rodriguez roped in the Bulldogs' lone receiving touchdown, connecting with QB Delano Rigby for the score. Rigby finished 8/16 with 112 yards, plus a tackle on defense.

Jamir Spence and Jaden Jones created chances for their offense on defense. Spence jumped on a fumble recovery and Jones intercepted an errant Tiger pass. Elijah Epps led the offense in yardage, with 66 receiving yards. Jah'Real Witted scored Beacon's rushing touchdown, finishing with 21 yards on 3 carries. The Bulldogs look to get back on track on September 26, when they travel to Walkkill for a dance in the Panthers' den. Walkkill is 2-1 and coming off a massive rivalry win against Valley Central.

Sue Serino and Walkway partner to raise awareness for breast cancer

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, in partnership with the Walkway Over the Hudson, invites residents to attend a free "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" event on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 1-3 p.m. on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. This event is part of an ongoing effort to provide residents with the opportunity to connect with local organizations and health services. View the event flyer.

Serino, who has been in remission from a breast cancer diagnosis in 2020, said, "When I was going through my own breast cancer journey, what meant the most was knowing that I wasn't alone. That's why I'm so grateful we can bring our community together at the Walkway Over the Hudson this October - to connect with organizations who not only support those facing a diagnosis but also provide preventative care and screenings that can make all the difference. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a reminder to care for ourselves and one another, to make the appointment, and to put our health first." Among the organizations that will be in

attendance, with information and resources, include:

- Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation
- Dutchess County Department of Health
- Dyson Breast Center at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, part of the Nuvance Health Cancer Institute
- Sparrows Nest
- MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of WMC Health

In addition to resources, there will be family-friendly craft activities to highlight breast cancer awareness and show support for survivors and those currently dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis.

This event is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. For more information, email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or call the Dutchess County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a reminder to "Make the Appointment" - whether it's for a mammogram, an annual exam, or another preventive checkup that helps protect your health. Residents can take the pledge and learn more by visiting DutchessNY.gov/MakeTheAppointment.

Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls announces 'Arts for Peace'

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls has announced the launch of its Arts for Peace competition, inviting students from the Wappingers Central School District and resident within the area covered by the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls, to share their vision of peace through creativity. The initiative is part of Rotary District 7210's Peace Committee effort to expand the idea of peace beyond words and into the arts.

A Platform for Creative Expression

Open to students from kindergarten through high school, the Arts for Peace competition encourages participants to reflect on the 2025 theme: "What Peace Means to Me." Entries may take many forms, including drawing, painting, poetry, prose, sculpture, pottery, digital art, photography, graffiti (on panels/boards), rap and spoken word, and even original musical compositions.

"Peace is not only an aspiration but also something we can envision and share through art," said Dr. Richard Thurston, President of the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls.

"This competition gives young people the opportunity to inspire our community with their voices, colors, and creativity. We are extremely fortunate to be partnering with the WCSD and the team lead by Dr. Dwight Bonk and Director Bonnie King," noted Dr. Thurston.

Timeline and Recognition

The competition was announced on September 21st, aligning with the United Nations' International Day of Peace. The

competition officially launches on October 1. Submissions are due by December 1, with judging to take place through December 20. Winners will be announced on January 15, 2026, and honored at an awards ceremony in February 2026. More detail will follow shortly.

Why Peace, Why Now?

The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations as a day devoted to promoting peace among nations and peoples. In 2001, it was further designated as a global day of cease-fire and non-violence. The Arts for Peace competition builds on that spirit, encouraging students to bring peace to life through creative expression at a time when many feel the world needs it most.

About Rotary

Rotary International, founded in 1905, is a global service organization of community leaders and volunteers working together to make a positive difference. With the motto "Service Above Self," Rotary focuses on promoting peace, fighting disease, supporting education, protecting the environment, and improving communities both locally and worldwide.

Community Involvement

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls hopes this competition will become an annual tradition, inspiring students, schools, and families throughout Southern Dutchess to reflect on peace in their daily lives.

"By engaging the imagination of our youth," Dr. Thurston noted, "we believe we can plant seeds of peace that grow far beyond this competition."

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Obituaries

Louis Clausen



Louis Clausen of Wappingers Falls entered into rest Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at home. He was 94.

Son of the late Knud and Marie (Hansen) Clausen, he was born on May 10, 1931 in New Paltz. He was predeceased by his parents and his step-mother, Elisa. He married the love of his life, Barbara Ehard on June 27, 1957. Mrs. Clausen preceded him in death, passing on October 10, 2023.

Lou graduated from Wappingers Central School District, Class of '49. He later graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree in biology. He continued on with his education, receiving his teaching degree. He started his teaching career at George Junior Republic High School in Freeville, NY. He was drafted soon after into the United States

Army in 1954. He was sent to Germany where he served his country until 1956.

Upon being honorably discharged, Lou returned home to enjoy a 32-year teaching career at Roy C. Ketcham High School as a biology teacher. Once retired, he started a lawn business, "Lou's Lawn Care," which he owned and operated for many years. Lou served his town as a Town of Wappinger councilman for many years.

In his spare time, Lou was deeply involved in his community. He was a member of the local Elks Club. He coached Town of Wappinger recreational soccer, where his team was not only undefeated, but they were never scored upon. He also coached girls volleyball and basketball.

Survivors include his children, Amy Greiner (Harold) and Aaron Clausen (Deb); grandchildren, Kayla Bedell, Heather O'Callahan, Erin Rose Clausen, Kaitlyn Furrer and Megan Greiner; and great-grandchildren, Angel, Jayson, Louis, Emily, Lillyann, Danny and Baileyrose.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, he was predeceased by his sons, Eric and David, and his grandson, Jaime.

Family received their friends on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service was held at the end of visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Lou's name to Hudson Valley Hospice, www.hvhospice.org.

Donna May McIlwee



Donna May McIlwee, a resident of Fishkill since 1970 and formerly of Walton, NY, passed away on Monday, September 15, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was 85.

Daughter of the late Ralph and Ruth (Stedman) Henderson, she was born in Walton on April 20, 1940. She graduated from Walton Central School District High School in 1958 and in 1962 earned a degree in education from Geneva College.

Donna was a dedicated member of Fishkill Baptist Church, where she taught in the church's nursery school program for 13 years.

On August 29, 1970, she married

Everett Dewey McIlwee, Jr. in Newburgh, NY. She was predeceased by her husband on July 21, 2021.

Survivors include four sons: Scott McIlwee & his wife Barbara of Wappingers Falls, Christopher McIlwee of Fishkill, Donde McIlwee & his wife Shana of Pleasant Valley, and Daniel McIlwee of East Fishkill; her grandchildren: Brittany, Kathryn, Tristin, Gavin, and Fiona; as well as many other loving family members & friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Donna was also predeceased by her brother, Bill Henderson.

Calling hours will be held from 4pm to 7pm on Saturday, September 27 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A memorial service will take place at 2pm on Sunday, September 28 at Fishkill Baptist Church, 107 Route 82, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 (www.samaritanpurse.org).

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Flags lowered in Wappinger to honor Clausen

Former Town of Wappinger Deputy Town Supervisor and Councilman Louis C. Clausen passed away at 94 years old. Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini directed flags at the Memorial Plaza in front of Wappinger Town Hall to be lowered to half-staff last week. Clausen was a lifelong public servant, serving in the United States Army from 1954 – 1956. Upon returning from his deployment to Germany, he taught Biology at Roy C. Ketcham High School for 32 years. In 1965, Clausen was elected Town Councilman in 1965 and then appointed as Deputy Town Supervisor under former Supervisor Louis Diehl until the end of his tenure in 1977.

Cavaccini noted upon lowering the flags to half-staff that, "Councilman Clausen served our community during a pivotal moment in time for this Town. During the height of the population boom in Wappinger, Councilman Clausen cared for this community and was thoroughly involved alongside Supervisor Diehl in many aspects of the Town government during his tenure."

-Courtesy photo Town of Wappinger

Stephen A. "Tony" White



Stephen A. "Tony" White, a former longtime Highland Mills, NY resident, entered into eternal rest on September 11, 2025 at Blake Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, FL. He was 88 years old.

The son of the late James H. White and Laura C. Primard, Tony was born on March 8, 1937 in Plattsburg, NY. He was predeceased by his first loving wife Yvonne Grace White who he was married to from November 7, 1970, until she passed away in December of 1993.

Tony was a retired Carpenter from the Local Carpenters Union 323 out of Beacon, NY.

Tony honorably and proudly served his country as a member of the US Army from 1956 through 1958.

Tony had a passion for sports, specifically the Yankees. In his later years he enjoyed spending time boating. A family statement reads: "Tony loved to have a good time. He made many people smile when he was around." He will be missed greatly.

Tony is survived by his loving second wife: Elizabeth M. Smith at home; by his daughter: Danielle (White) Yeaple and her husband James of Walden, NY; by his son: Anthony G. White and his wife Christine of Fishkill, NY; by his step-daughter: Lisa (Smith) Hintze; by his grandchildren: Isabella, Parker, Lucas "Easton" White, Alyssa, Brianna and Caitlynn Yeaple and Madison Hintze, as well as a great granddaughter Cora Yeaple.

Visitation was held on Thursday, September 18th at Quigley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc., 337 Hudson Street, Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY. A Chapel Service was held immediately following the visitation. Interment with Military Honors followed the Service at Fishkill Rural Cemetery in Fishkill, NY.

Memorial Contributions in Tony's name may be made to Sparrows Nest, P.O. Box 22112, Lansing, MI 48909-2112 or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

Arrangements are entrusted to Quigley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc.; to send condolences or to get directions to the funeral home, please go to www.Quigleybros.com.

Sergeant Nigel Keith Barnett, Jr.



Sergeant Nigel Keith Barnett, Jr., a 49-year-old Poughkeepsie native, passed away on September 16, 2025, due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on his way to work. Born on November 26, 1975, he was the cherished son of Nigel Keith Barnett Sr. and Esmie (McNeil) Barnett.

Nigel's academic journey began at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, where he excelled in football. He later pursued his associate's degree at Dutchess Community College in 1999.

With over 19 years of service, Sergeant Barnett served as the Cortlandt Station Commander for Troop K within the New York State Police. In 2023, he was recog-

nized as the supervisor of the year for Troop F, Zone 3.

Beyond his professional achievements, Sergeant Barnett was an active member of The Gathering at Faith Assembly in Poughkeepsie. He found joy in various activities, including motorcycling, dirt bike riding, hiking, reading, mountain biking, video gaming, and working out. However, his greatest passion lay in spending quality time with his family.

In addition to his parents, Sergeant Barnett is survived by his son, Nigel Barnett III, his sisters, Katisha Barnett and Marcia Barnett, his brother-in-law, Ainsley Wheeler, his partner, Kristin Denu, and her daughters, Giavanna and Londyn White. He also has nieces and nephews, including Alasia Wheeler, Annmarie Wheeler, Ainsley Wheeler Jr., Denzel Wheeler, Zion Moore, and Jasaan Wheeler-Ward. Additionally, he is accompanied by his stepson, Esteban "Pookie" Martinez, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, September 24th, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., located at 895 Route 82 in Hopewell Junction. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 25th, at 11 a.m. at The Gathering at Faith Assembly, situated at 25 Golf Club Lane in Poughkeepsie.

Memorial donations may be made to assist his son with his college education. Please make checks payable to Nigel Barnett, III, and mail c/o McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Please visit Nigel's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.



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'Each piece of artwork tells so many stories'

Annual Haitian Art Auction & Sale set for Sept. 26-28



Artwork by Haitian artists. The 25th annual Haitian Art Auction & Sale will take place September 26-28 in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy images

By Kristine Coulter

The 25th annual Haitian Art Auction & Sale at Vassar College will take place from September 26-28. The Haiti Project will host the annual art auction and sale, which includes hundreds of original pieces of art by Haitian artists. According to organizers, all purchases are 50% tax-deductible. Proceeds from the sale will benefit 250 students in primary, secondary schools and as adult education. The auction is until Sept. 29.

Andrew and Lila Meade co-founded The Haiti Project more than two decades ago. Lila serves as Executive Director of The Haiti Project. Andrew is the Director of International Services and Assistant Dean of Student Growth and Engagement at Vassar College.

Andrew noted, "Each piece of artwork tells so many stories. They paint the hopes and dreams of a people. They spread joy and help to transform a narrative of who Haiti, and Haitians, really are. And through their purchase, they support an artist and their family."

The sale will take place in the multi-purpose room of the College Center on the Vassar College campus. During the three-day sale, there will be hundreds of pieces of artwork, from paintings to paper mâché, as well as iron sculptures and wood and metal handcrafts available. The in-person sale begins on Sept. 26, from 3-6 p.m. The Saturday hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The last day of the sale, in-person hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The auction is 24/7 and began on Sept. 19.

Organizers noted that on Saturday, Sept. 27, Sabrina Marzouka, Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services and Haiti Project Board Member, will present, "The Role of Art in Time of Conflict."

Asked via email if they were surprised how much has been accomplished with the Haitian Art Auction & Sale over the years, the Meades replied, "When we started the project almost 25 years ago, we had one simple goal: provide 125 chil-

dren lunch at a newly built school (a bare-earthed one room structure), which might be their one hot meal that day. As we learned, many parents sent their children to school specifically for that one good meal a day. Over the years, with the great energy, passion and ideas of students at Vassar College, dedicated community members, physicians on our Medical Advisory Board, and partners such as Rotary Clubs, we've been able to bring hope to over 45 villages in NW Haiti."

According to the Meades, "We built a new 7-room primary school, continuing to pay teachers' salaries as well as provide a breakfast and lunch program for the children. We have provided scholarships for students to attend secondary school, have given adults education in the 3 R's, and have also built an art school for a young artist to teach children and teens the craft of painting. The medical clinic we've built serves over 3,000 patients a year, giving patients essential medicine and healing. We've planted over 50,000 trees in the area, providing nutritional sustenance for the people once the trees have matured. We've started a microfinance program to help women to grow their businesses. Finally, we've brought purified water to the area with access to water fountains up and down the mountain. So, yes, we are surprised! Lots of detours along the way never stopped us, and our extraordinary partners in Haiti, from continuing our efforts."

Eden Ragsdale, Class of 2028 at Vassar College, is a member of the Haiti Project. Eden said, "So far, this year, I think planning has been very exciting for everyone involved, especially for me as a new member. It has been so refreshing to be part of a group that is so wholeheartedly committed to a cause and I think that is really shown in the way everyone is coming together to make the event a success!"

Asked if there is there one piece of work that stands out, Eden responded via email, "On the online auction site there is a piece called "Center of Attention" that features a brightly colored bird in the mid-

dle of the painting which made me do a double take when scrolling through the page. It really stood out to me because of how vibrant the colors were and how it seemed like some parts of the painting were glowing. The bird and trees surrounding it look so full of life and are truly beautiful."

According to Eden, "One of the biggest reasons why people should attend the Art Sale is so they can fully understand what our cause is about. For me, actually seeing the art made such a difference in recognizing why we do what we do and why Lila and Andrew have dedicated so much of their lives to this cause; it really puts things into perspective. My hope is that people who come to the sale leave feeling inspired by the beauty Haiti has to offer

like I have come to be!"

If one wants to buy artwork online, go to <https://store.thehaitiproject.org>.

"So many of our loyal customers and donors continue to support our work, year after year. People buy artwork and generously donate to support our various initiatives. We say "loyal" because they know that if we promise to do something, it will happen. We try to the best of our ability to "walk the talk." We're very lucky to be in this situation and will strive to make the lives of the people of this region in Haiti a little bit easier," said the Meades.

For more information about the Haiti Project and its work, including the art for sale, please visit <http://thehaitiproject.org>.

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Rides, food trucks and entertainment during annual 'CarniFall' in Wappinger



Clockwise from top left: The 4-day "CarniFall" event took place September 18-21 at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. Among the rides during the annual event was the Ferris wheel. A Movie Night was held, which showed "Mufasa." The Waffle Wagon was one of the food trucks on site during the festivities. Fall decorations, and an arch entrance, welcomed attendees. The Meadowbrook Farm Market, across the street from the park, was open for business.

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Community on display in East Fishkill



Community Day was held in East Fishkill on Saturday, September 20. The annual event was held at the East Fishkill Recreation Grounds, off of Route 376. Pictured, clockwise from top left, Loretta Cassidy Rosa, from left, Bill Green (holding Barkley) and Christine Selback from the East Fishkill Recreation Department, with Gina Grippo, Supervisor's Secretary, under the Town of East Fishkill tent. Maria DeVito, of Rinis Hair Suite, with her granddaughter. One of the bounce houses on site. Original bags from Creative Vibes 12.

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September is a month of transition – still some of summer's warmth but with the coolness of fall making its debut. It's a wonderful time of year to be outside, enjoying nature's many gifts. We're fortunate to live near the beautiful Hudson River, which never fails to soothe my soul. From the time I was little, my family made the most of it, walking the many trails at its edge, picnicking on its shores, collecting rocks, driftwood and river glass, taking in its many breathtaking views, all things I still do now with as much awe and wonder as when I was a child. It is and will forever be Home.

And speaking of Home ... My love and appreciation of nature come from my parents, who made sure we respected it. We spent many happy hours outside, and the river was a big part of that. I have many fond memories of family walks at various estates and trails. As I got older, it was often just me and my mother, stealing away to Eleanor's Val-Kill or the Vanderbilt, Mills, Livingston (Clermont) and Roosevelt estates, always making our way down to the Hudsonudson. For the last few years I've whisked her away for a birthday picnic lunch by the river, but this year I wanted to do something a little more special; so, with my family's help, we surprised her with dinner and a view.

It's been a long time since I did off-site catering, something I really enjoy but takes a lot of planning to make sure you and your guests have everything needed for a satisfying experience. I'm a little rusty but I was looking forward to it.

First came choosing the spot. My nephew suggested Norrie Point, and I knew just where in that sprawling property would be perfect. Next, a simple, easy-to-pack menu (salad, entree, dessert) and all the dishes and special touches to make

it feel like a celebration. The plan was to have everything set up when she arrived; and I was smiled upon that day, because it all worked out very well and we had a lovely, relaxing time.

Caesar salad was a good choice to start. I made ahead and assembled it tableside. For the main dish I decided on manicotti – recipe follows – which went directly from oven to pre-warmed cooler to car. It worked like a dream! It was still hot when I served it an hour later, an experiment that paid off. For dessert, ganache-topped bars that were pre-cut and spent time in the freezer before packing so they were the right temperature when it came time to serve. And the weather? Perfect. A few raindrops while setting up, but it cleared up beautifully and we were treated to a glorious sunset before we had to leave. Dinner and a show!

TRADITIONAL MANICOTTI

What makes it traditional is delicate crepes, or crespelle, rather than pasta. It takes a little time, but the result is lighter and more delicate, so it is TOTALLY worth it, and I'll never make it any other way again. The filling can be made a day ahead, as can the crepes (with waxed paper or parchment between them), kept chilled until ready to assemble. They're simply topped with marinara sauce and a generous sprinkling of Parmesan – no heavy mozzarella – which helps keep it light and makes for a nice presentation. It's a combination that just works. I made my own marinara sauce, but you can certainly use jarred sauce if you prefer. (Oh, and I did have to double this recipe for the occasion).

FOR THE FILLING

- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 8oz (1 cup) grated mozzarella cheese



Clockwise from top left: A beautiful sunset at Norrie Point. A Caesar salad ready to be served. Manicotti baked to perfection.

-Courtesy photos Vicki Frank Day

- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 5oz frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Mix all together to blend well. Place in fridge until ready to use.

FOR THE CREPES

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 1/3 cups flour (I sifted it into the eggs to prevent lumps)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Vegetable oil for cooking

METHOD for crepes

In a large bowl, beat eggs and water together until frothy and yolks are fully incorporated (about 4 minutes). Sift in flour, add salt and beat until smooth (no lumps). Let it rest in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.

Lightly brush a skillet with cooking oil (I used a 9-inch pan to make slightly smaller crepes to fit my baking dish) and place over medium heat. When the pan is hot, place ¼-cup of batter in the center, lift pan off the heat and swirl quickly to get a thin, even coating of batter. If it's uneven you can add a little more batter. If too thick in places you can spread it a bit with a spatula. (You'll get the hang of it as you go). Return to heat and cook about 1 minute, then flip and cook until surface looks fairly dry, 1-2 minutes, no more. These will not brown. You may need to re-oil the pan. Transfer to a plate and continue with rest of the batter. (I was able to get eight ~8-inch crepes).

ASSEMBLY

- 5-6 cups marinara sauce
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.

Ladle enough sauce into the baking dish to cover the bottom. Set aside.

Place crepes in a stack on a flat surface. Place a generous line of filling off-center, then roll crepe around it. Place seam-side down in baking dish. Repeat with remaining crepes and filling.

Pour remaining sauce down the middle of the crepes (it's fine if the ends aren't covered). Sprinkle generously with Parmesan. Cover with foil and bake for 30-35 minutes.

Serves 3-4 (2 crepes apiece).

Although my mother deserves so much more, I did my best. I know she understands and appreciates the effort, and that spending time with her family is a gift in itself. Those are just some of the things that make her so beautiful and special, a woman who does so much for everyone but rarely asks for anything in return. I am beyond fortunate to be on the receiving end of her love and support. We all are. It was a pleasure to celebrate her, the wind beneath my wings. Happy Birthday, Mama.

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

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Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

It's another busy month in the parks! Soccer, Softball, and Baseball leagues are in full swing. We'll be at a few events this fall. Please stop by at the Peach Hill Ciderfest (Sept. 27) or the DC Office for the Aging's Golden Gathering at Arlington High School (Sept. 27) to say

"Hello" to one of the Rec Team! Speaking of events, save the date for our annual Trunk-or-Treat at Stanley Still Park on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 26. We're looking for volunteers to give out candy. If you're available and are interested, please email: rec@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov.

**Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis**

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

There may be a chill in the air but you'll always find a warm welcome at our SC at 14 Abe's Way (845-462-0265). October is just around the corner so here's what's on the calendar besides our regular activities:

Please sign up in advance for these events.

Lunch & Learn - noon - Free

Oct. 9: "Nutrition for Brain Health" with nutritionist Nimesh Bhargava from the OFA, followed by a brain-boosting salad bar lunch.

Oct. 23: "Town of Poughkeepsie Budget Chat" with Town Supervisor Rebecca Edwards, followed by a pizza lunch provided by Ann Shershin,

Councilperson 6th Ward.

Memory Cafe - 3-4:30 p.m. - Free

Oct. 8 and Oct. 22 - A social gathering for those living with dementia and their caregiver partners.

Oct. 14 - Our Senior Center's 12-Year Birthday Celebration - 11:30 a.m. - Free - birthday subs and cake, along with music provided by Eric Lipper.

Oct. 31 - \$10- "Halloween Costume Bash" featuring Harvest Band and a meatball sub lunch by Vera's.

FYI: We're booked to head to Hunterdon Hills on Nov. 13 for lunch and their "Christmas At the Playhouse" performance. Details to follow.

SC hours are M - F, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We will be closed Mon., Oct. 13.

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

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

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

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

CLIFF HOUSE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/06/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 110 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

U N I T Y CULTIVATION LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on

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08/11/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ashley Cotto, 77 Old Glenham Road, Unit 601, Glenham, NY 12527. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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

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

Formation of HOLY CUTS BARBERSHOP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 07/16/2025. Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 16 Church Street Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

Notice of Formation of Stissing Mountain, LLC, Art. of Org. filed w/ Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 08/18/2025. Office location: Ulster Co., NY.; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process c/o the Company, 133 Water St #12A, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Qualification of ECC NY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/11/25. Princ. office of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

Notice of Qualification of EVERYDAY COFFEE COMPANY, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/18/25. Princ. office of LLC: 1700 South Lamar Blvd., Ste. 338, Austin, TX 78704. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808-1674. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To operate retail coffee shops and related food and beverage services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPFX, LLC, hereinafter "LLC". Registration filing date with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) was May 03 2025. 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, 1540 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EWEJ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 Teller Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KMAC Group LLC filed with SSNY on 04/25/2025. Office: 31 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY 12570, Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 31 Pleasant Ridge Road Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: The Bannerman Group LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: April 9, 2025. The County in which the Office is to be located: Dutchess. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: PO Box 62, Glenham, NY 12527. Purpose: any lawful activity.

55 WILLOWBROOK, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Suite 1, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

CORCOLI NYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/27/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alysha Winter Photography LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with

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SSNY on 08/24/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Alysha Winter at 7 Fox Hill Road Wappingers Falls NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Michael Thompson Millbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas LLP, 527 Rte 22, Ste 2, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

Michelle Thompson Millbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas LLP, 527 Rte 22, Ste 2, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Vertical Growth Technologies, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jacob Lester, 15C Village Green, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of One Stop Merchandise LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/19/25. 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 served to: One Stop Merchandise LLC, 18 Old Farms Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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Wappingers Falls. Check out members who do not have a brick-and-mortar shop. Refreshments provided by WFBPA. To RSVP, please go to <https://wfbpa.org/networking-mingles>.

Guitar Club to meet in East Fishkill on Oct. 19

Come to the Guitar Club at the East Fishkill Community Library on Saturday, Oct. 19. The group meets monthly on Sundays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Visit eflibrary.org or call 845 221-9943 for more information.

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VANIK CAPITAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 16 Woods End Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of DYNAMIC SYSTEMS(DSI), LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/25. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/22/25. Princ. office of LLC: 3901 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Fabrication and supply of HVAC and Plumbing systems.

Notice of Formation Kip's Flooring LLC Art. Org. filed with SSNY ON 8-23-25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Andrea Court 12601. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Kilonova Studio LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/22/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Steve Kennedy, 3 Franklin Ave. Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Clairvoyance, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 26, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: [230 Old Route 55 Poughquag, NY 12570]. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

JEWELS PILATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Cathy Lane, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Joes Floors LLC filed with SSNY on 8/30/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joseph Puggioni, Po Box 254 Wingdale, NY 12594. Purpose: any lawful professional activity.

Cornerstone Consultancy LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), was filed with the NY Department of State on June 3, 2025. The office of the LLC is located in Dutchess County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1402 route 343, Dover Plains NY 12522. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

CERTIFIED FUNNEL STRATEGIES LLC. Filed 12/18/24. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Osprey Ct, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: General.

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of EcoWorks Mechanical LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/3/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to EcoWorks Mechanical LLC P.O. Box 453 Rhinecliff, NY 12574 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Asymmetric Legal PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/4/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Asymmetric Legal PLLC, 42 Four Corner Blvd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Legal services.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Criology, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was August 18, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 401 Ringgold St. Peekskill New York 10566. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

CSZ GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/8/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 1018 Rte 292, Holmes, NY 12531.

Notice of Formation of SOGOS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 09/07/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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SOGOS LLC, 418 Broadway #10220, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of SALASSMITH 209 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/01/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 209 RHINECLIFF RD, RHINEBECK, NY, UNITED STATES, 12572. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of GSR MARKETING LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/25. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 5 TOMPKINS LN HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY, 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Spiritual Graffiti LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 30 Old Post Road North, Red Hook, NY, 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEHRER & CO. CUSTOM PROVISIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/23. 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 Memorial Avenue, Apartment #5, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

FAM 5 MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/05/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Queen Anne Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

GANSBAY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/09/2025. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Top Tier Cleaning Service LLC filed with SSNY on 09/13/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Managing Member at 160 Holsapple Road, Lot 62 Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: any lawful.

DICCONSON FINE ART, LLC. Filed 8/11/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Edith A Dicconson, 2058 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: General.

31 STUYVESANT ST, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on September 11, 2025. Office: Dutchess Count. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 3 Water Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 174 Sunset Trail LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/8/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf

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Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sicko Stitching LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 5, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 15 Davis St, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Bayhorse Structures LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/10/2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2 Academy Hill Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEONARDO REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 12, 2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC, 1 Sandra Place, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: 937 N. Quaker Ln LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 13, 2025. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal road Hyde Park, NY 12538: Any Lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of JMax Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 28, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY desig-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jenifer Borba, 20 Cubbard Drive, Milton, New York 12547. Purpose: any and all business activities permitted under NYS law.

WINTERGREEN CONCRETE PUMPING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/16/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 154 Benson Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PLIABLE MINDS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/14/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 42 Meadow Lane, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Mental Health Counseling.

JOANYSPEAKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/8/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: P.O Box 1007, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION of eScentually Yours LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 3, 2025. Office located in 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 served to: 26 Sassafras Circle, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff - against - VOLKER RUESSELER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 1, 2025. 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 17th day of October, 2025 at 2:30PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Clinton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 26 West Cookingham, Staatsburg, (Town of Clinton) NY 12580. (SBL#: 6267-00-450621) Approximate amount of lien \$167,840.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2023-50971. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200 Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: August 12, 2025 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.

LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRINNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 239 of the Laws of 2012 of the State of New York, to all voters qualified to vote in a general election and residing within the Village of Wappingers Falls and the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess, State of New York (except the portion of the Town located within the Beacon City School District), that an election on the budget and Trustees of the Grinnell Public Library District will be held on: **T U E S D A Y , OCTOBER 7, 2025 9:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M. GRINNELL LIBRARY 2642 EAST MAIN STREET, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK** At such time, the polls will be open to vote upon: 1. **Proposition:** Shall the sum of **\$1,390,109.00** be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Grinnell Public Library District for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the Library? 2. **Election of Trustees:** The election of **three (3) Trustees** of the Grinnell Public Library District. **FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following individuals are running for the available trustee positions ***Elizabeth Devine** ***Thomas McAlister** ***Nicole Morris** **FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library during its regular business hours. * Completed applications must be received by the Library at least **seven (7) days before the election** if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. * Applications must be received by **the day before the election** if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Board of Trustees shall maintain a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued, which shall be available for public inspection at the Library during regular office hours until the day of the election. No absentee ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received by the Library no later than **5:00 P.M. on the day of the election.**

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION – WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL

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DISTRICT TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, Receiver of Taxes of the Wappingers Central School District, Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the Wappingers Central School district for the school year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and that I will attend (only for collection of taxes for the above town) at 20 Middlebush Road, in said Town of Wappinger from September 15, 2025 through October 31, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on the said roll. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Receiver of Taxes and mailed to the above address. Tax office information may be obtained by calling (845)297-4342 or visiting the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov. **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that taxes may be paid on or before October 14, 2025, without interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of two percent (2%) through October 31, 2025, at which time the unpaid School Taxes will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess, to be re-levied on the 2026 Town/County tax bills with seven percent interest (7%). Tax Rate for District per \$1,000 Assessed Value Homestead : 13.20 Non-Homestead : 17.46 September 12, 2025 Signed: Lee Anne Freno Receiver of Taxes Town of Wappinger Resolution of the New Hackensack Fire District Whereas, the district has a need to replace worn exercise equipment for the use of member firefighters in our workout room, and; Whereas, sufficient reserve funds have been saved in a capital reserve fund which may be utilized to purchase such equipment, and; Whereas, spending funds in a capital reserve requires the res-

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olution to be subject to permissive referendum; NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made, seconded and discussion held and **subject to permissive referendum**, the fire commissioners of the fire district resolve as follows: 1. There is hereby declared a need to replace worn out exercise equipment and purchase new exercise equipment for use in renovated workout room and, 2. The district shall pay a qualified vendor after soliciting and accepting bids, to purchase the necessary exercise equipment utilizing funds from the capital reserve fund and; 3. Up to \$14,000.00 may be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund for the payment for the exercise equipment. The withdrawal may be taken in one or more amounts and; 4. No funds may be withdrawn until the passage of thirty days from the date of publication of the abstract of this resolution and; 5. The secretary is hereby directed to publish an abstract of the resolution immediately, and must remain there for at least 15 days. This resolution was approved by the majority of the Commissioners, on the 2nd day of September, 2025. **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID** Sealed Bids will be received until **12:00 PM on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025** at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 and then publicly opened and read aloud at said office for the following project: **TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL PHASE 1 – PINWOOD KNOLLS INTERCONNECTION DWSRF #19146 Contract: WS 2024-WS-003** Work shall include but is not limited to: **Contract 2024-WS-003:** This work consists of 8-inch watermain extension from NYS Rt 82 to Pinewood Knolls Water District, 8-inch watermain extension to Clove Branch Apartments, razing Water Treatment Plant, abandon 2 public wells, construct water meter building. An optional Pre-Bid meeting will be at Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, at**

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10:00 AM. All inquiries and requests for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk no later than **Tuesday, October 14, 2025.** Questions received after this date may not be addressed. Responses to all timely submitted questions will be provided in the form of an addendum and distributed to all registered plan holders. Proposals shall be submitted **ONLY VIA SEALED ENVELOPE** using the bid forms which are contained in the detailed specifications available at Town Hall for viewing and BIDNET for download beginning on **Wednesday, September 24th, 2025.** Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of opening thereof. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids. All bidders please be advised that this project may be funded entirely or at least in part from a Federal assistance agreement between EPA and the Town of East Fishkill. In accordance with State, local or tribal laws and regulations as well as Federal laws and Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) – 2 CFR Part 200, 40 CFR Part 33 and/or 40 U.S.C. Part 1101 et seq., all bidders shall acknowledge the federal requirements and provisions for construction contracts including, but not limited to: the Davis-Bacon Act; EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program; Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act; and American Iron and Steel (AIS) Act. Contact information for all questions and bid submission: Town of East Fishkill Peter Cassidy Town Clerk 330 RT 376 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 Phone: (845) 221-9191 c a s s i d y p @ e a s t f i s h k i l l . n y . g o v **LEGAL NOTICE** Please take notice that the scheduled meeting for October 8, 2025 by the Rombout Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Tuesday October 21, 2025

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with the workshop on Monday October 20, 2025. The meeting for November 2025 will be held on November 17, 2025. Both are to be held at District Headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill at 7 PM. All meetings are open to the public. Jill Muller, Secretary Rombout Fire District **NOTICE TO BIDDERS ROMBOUT FIRE DISTRICT, FISHKILL, NEW YORK** Sealed proposals marked bid will be received by the Rombout Fire District, P O Box 401, Fishkill, NY 12524, until October 7, 2025 for furnishing the following in accordance with the specifications on file at the Secretary's office. **SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT** Copies of information for Bidder and Specifications may be obtained by qualified bidders at the Secretary's home, 83 Derick Drive, Fishkill, NY. Phone number 845-896-6095. The Bid is to be awarded October 21, 2025 at 7 PM at district headquarters, 901 Main Street, Fishkill, Jill Muller, Secretary Dated September 15, 2025 Special District Library Vote Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Hyde Park Library District in the Town of Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, upon receipt of a petition of registered voters of that portion of the Town excluding the Staatsburg and Hillside Fire Districts, does hereby give notice that a public election will be held on Thursday, October 9, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Hyde Park Library, 2 Main St., Hyde Park, NY. The issues to be presented in this election are as follows: a. Whether the budget proposed by the Board of Trustees shall be approved. Copies of the budget are available upon request at the Hyde Park Library. b. Election of two Trustees to the Board. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will meet in the Town Hall, in Wappingers Falls, New York, in said Town, on October 14, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Pre-vailling Time, for the purpose of conduct-

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ing a public hearing upon to include certain property known as 91-95 New Hackensack Road (the "Extension") which is owned by Wappingers Falls Mobile Home Park, Inc., 1 Laurenda Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof. Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York, September 18, 2025. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK** Joseph P. Paoloni, Town Clerk **LEGAL NOTICE – BUDGET HEARING EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Hearing for Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm on the 2026 Preliminary Budget with a special meeting to follow immediately to adopt the 2026 Budget. The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Fire District Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY. Dated: September 12, 2025 East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners Carol Mackin, Secretary **TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2026 BUDGET MEETING DATES** The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2026 budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates: **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** -Monday, September 29, 2025 at 5:00PM. **PURPOSE:** Department heads will present their proposed 2026 budgets to the Town Board for review. **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** -Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:00PM **PURPOSE:** Town Board will go through the 2026 budget in detail, reviewing each line item individually. Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk Town of Pleasant Valley

Content Studio New York receives awards for 20th Anniversary Edition of New York by Rail

Content Studio New York, a magazine, media and marketing company, has received two prestigious awards for publishing the 20th Anniversary Edition of New York by Rail

Magazine that was published in the spring of 2024. For the 16th year in a row, Content Studio New York has received the Apex Award for Magazine Excellence in the "Magazines, Journals and Tabloids,

Custom Published" category. Thirty-seven years running, the Apex Award is an annual national competition that recognizes excellence in publishing among communication professionals.

The 2024/2025 New York by Rail magazine was chosen from over 1,000 entries in over 100 categories. In a second wave of commendation, Content Studio's New York by Rail

Anniversary issue also took home the New York State Tourism Excellence Award in the "Tourism Marketing Campaigns, Projects and Program in Printed Materials" category.

On September 11, at a special ceremony in Lake George, the New York State Tourism Industry presented the award to Content Studio New York

CEO Tom Martinelli. "It's an honor to be recognized--but to be recognized by both of these well-respected organizations is twice as nice," said Martinelli. "Partnering with Amtrak on this publication has obviously allowed us to create a magazine that travelers not only find to be a great resource, but one that they enjoy reading as well."

The award is designed to recognize exceptional achievements by New York's destination marketing organizations, attractions and tourism professionals across a wide range of categories

Since 2004, when New York By Rail was first published, the magazine and its digital version have been the sought-after guide for train travelers and pleasure seekers alike. As an official Amtrak publication, 75,000 copies of the magazine are printed annually and distributed through most New York Amtrak owned stations, tourist Information centers, airports, hotels and travel agents.

For all the latest information available from New York By Rail or to request a hard copy of the guide, visit NewYorkByRail.co



Right: Tom Martinelli receives the New York State Tourism Excellence Award for the New York By Rail 20th Anniversary Issue.

-Courtesy photo

Create hand-stitched cards on Oct. 1

Lindsay Spring from Craft With Me Today will share her talents, tips and tricks in creating the simple art of Hand-Stitched Cards on Wednesday, Oct 1 at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Route 55, in LaGrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of

America, presents this program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or come for this program only beginning at 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillIEGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

Meals-on-Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie seeks volunteers

Meals-on-Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie has a need for volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday, picking up the meals at 11 a.m. & delivering them to clients in the greater Poughkeepsie area. The most immediate

need is for Thursdays. One can volunteer once a week or once a month...whatever fits one's schedule and ours.

Please call Judy Lombardi or Amy Abrahams at 845-452-2245 for more information.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on August 11, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referend-

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endum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York, September 18, 2025. Joseph P. Paoloni Town Clerk BOND RESOLUTION DATED August 11, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS

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COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS THROUGHOUT AND IN AND FOR SAID TOWN. **Class of objects or purposes:** Reconstruction/resurfacing of various roads **Period of probable usefulness:** 15 years, subject to permissive referendum **Maximum estimated cost:** \$2,300,000 bonds **Amount of obligations to be issued:** \$2,300,000 bonds **SEGRA status:** Type II Action

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP 2025-02
Request for Proposal
The Town of Fishkill (Town) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) to replace three (3) Trane Heat Pumps

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at the Fishkill Police Department. Two (2) of the heat pumps are 3-ton, and the third is 5-ton. The Contractor will be responsible to provide all labor, materials and tools necessary, as well as the three (3) new Trane Heat Pumps. The Town of Fishkill will not purposely eliminate any company from bidding, however, there are specifications that must be met. Taxes should not be reflected as the Town of Fishkill is tax exempt. **Effective 9:00 AM, Thursday September 18, 2025, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov.** The requestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, tele-

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phone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. **A pre-bid walkdown / site visit is scheduled for September 25, 2025. Individuals should come at 10 am to Town Hall at 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. The Police Department is next to Town Hall and we will go over as a group.** Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco via email at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov. All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an interest or intention to submit statements. However, the names of any firms submitting any questions, clarifications, or requests will not be disclosed

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until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently; to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is to be used only as a general guide. **Sealed proposals will be accepted until Wednesday, October 9, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Pro-

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posals must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill. Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope as **FISHKILL POLICE DEPARTMENT HEAT PUMP REPLACEMENT**, and mail or deliver to: **Becki Tompkins, Town Clerk** Town of Fishkill 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 (845) 831-7800 x3333 **FAX (845) 831-6040** btompkins@fishkill-ny.gov

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

THEME: COMBO WORDS

ACROSS

1. Wood file
5. Pick up a perpetrator
8. This and that
12. Title for Turkish leader
13. Tarantino's "___ Bill: Vol.1"
14. Ten million, in India
15. Type of word
16. Kent State state
17. Oohed partner
18. *Sleeping in a very fancy tent
20. Board game of diplomacy
21. Canada's favorite tree?
22. Long time
23. Asian wild sheep
26. Galilei's first name
30. Ever, to a poet
31. Lease giver
34. Hokkaido native
35. Sends unwanted emails
37. Charlotte's creation
38. "Bravo! Bravo!"
39. Roughly (2 words)
40. Common spa treatment
42. Gobbled up
43. *Movie theater snack
45. Infer using data
47. Entrepreneur Mary Ash's middle name
48. Wiser
50. Decomposes
52. *Communication device
55. Veranda, in Honolulu
56. Rum-soaked cake
57. Shades of color
59. Those against
60. Tehran location
61. Small island
62. Violin's Renaissance predecessor
63. Cloud's domain
64. Left after deductions, in U.K.

DOWN

1. Escaped
2. Bug-eyed
3. Synagogue
4. Wide-brimmed straw hat
5. Nothing, in Latin
6. Skirt shape
7. *Online journal
8. *Exceptionally intelligent one
9. Aahs' partners
10. Hiker's journey
11. He had
13. Small hill rising up from veld
14. Classic TV's "lovely lady"
19. Pall ___ and ___ of America
22. ENT's first concern?
23. "The Fox and the Grapes" storyteller
24. Copy, slangily
25. Get the picture
26. Desert in China and Mongolia
27. Jasmine's kin
28. Related on mother's side
29. Revealed
32. Zeus in disguise
33. Not min or hr
36. *Nonalcoholic drink
38. LDS missionary
40. Cook in a skillet
41. Sea in the Mediterranean
44. Desert mirage
46. Prickly marine invertebrate
48. *Scornful remark
49. Keep someone ____, ____, or away from causing harm
50. Indian princess
51. On top of
52. Wading bird
53. Yorkshire river
54. Patty follower
55. Abbreviation on a bathroom door
58. Part of tennis match

CROSSWORD

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

Fishkill Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin
Assistant Recreation Director
Spanish Classes: We will be offering two different Spanish classes this fall!
 Spanish classes for Adults- Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Spanish classes for homeschoolers- Thursdays, ages 5-8, 9:30 - 11 a.m.
 Thursdays, ages 8-12, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Limited seats available. Contact Stacy for more information and to register: 518-0362 or maestra@yahoo.com
Multi-Sports Day: Join Skyhawks on Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Geering Park. This camp is open to boys and girls ages 9-13. Multi-Sport programs are designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport, along with vital life lessons such as sportsmanship, inclusion and teamwork. Enjoy the benefits of exploring multiple sports while building lifelong skills with Skyhawks!
Spooky Season Paint Event: New! Come join us for this new kind of paint event. Bring your creativity. The event will take place on October 2 from 10 - 11 a.m. Limited seats available.

Back-to-School Paint Night: Come paint w/ the Artist's Corner on Friday, September 26 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate.
Zumba Gold: Returns to the Rec Center on Mondays at 9 a.m. The lower impact, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired dance fitness-party that keep you in the groove of life. Exercise and part at the same time! No dance experience needed.
Little Explorers: Dive into a morning filled with purposeful stations designed around a theme. Children will have the opportunity to explore at their own pace and learn through hands-on exploration. Open to ages 0-5 years. Class Times: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. ages 2 & under
 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. ages 2 & up
 Oct. 25th: Featuring the story Gustavo and the Shy Ghost, little explorers will engage in the pumpkin life cycle. They can dress up for our sweet little parade!
 Nov. 15: Our story is Thanksgiving in the Woods, little explorers will engage in why leaves change color. We have a sweet hand-print keepsake to bring home.
 Visit our website for more information and to register, please go to www.fishkillrecreation.com.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director
 If you are planning to play in our East Fishkill Men's Basketball League at Van Wyck Junior High School, please register online or bring payment the first day you attend." No PAY- NO PLAY." We have a cutoff number this year so sign up early.
 If you enjoy music from the 60's (Beatles, Motown, Beach Boys, etc.) we still have a few tickets available for this Saturday's (Sept. 27) super "Sixties Show" at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theatre in Peekskill. The fee is \$90 and includes Orchestra seats, Coach Tours transportation and tip for driver. Call now if you are interested. Non-residents may attend.

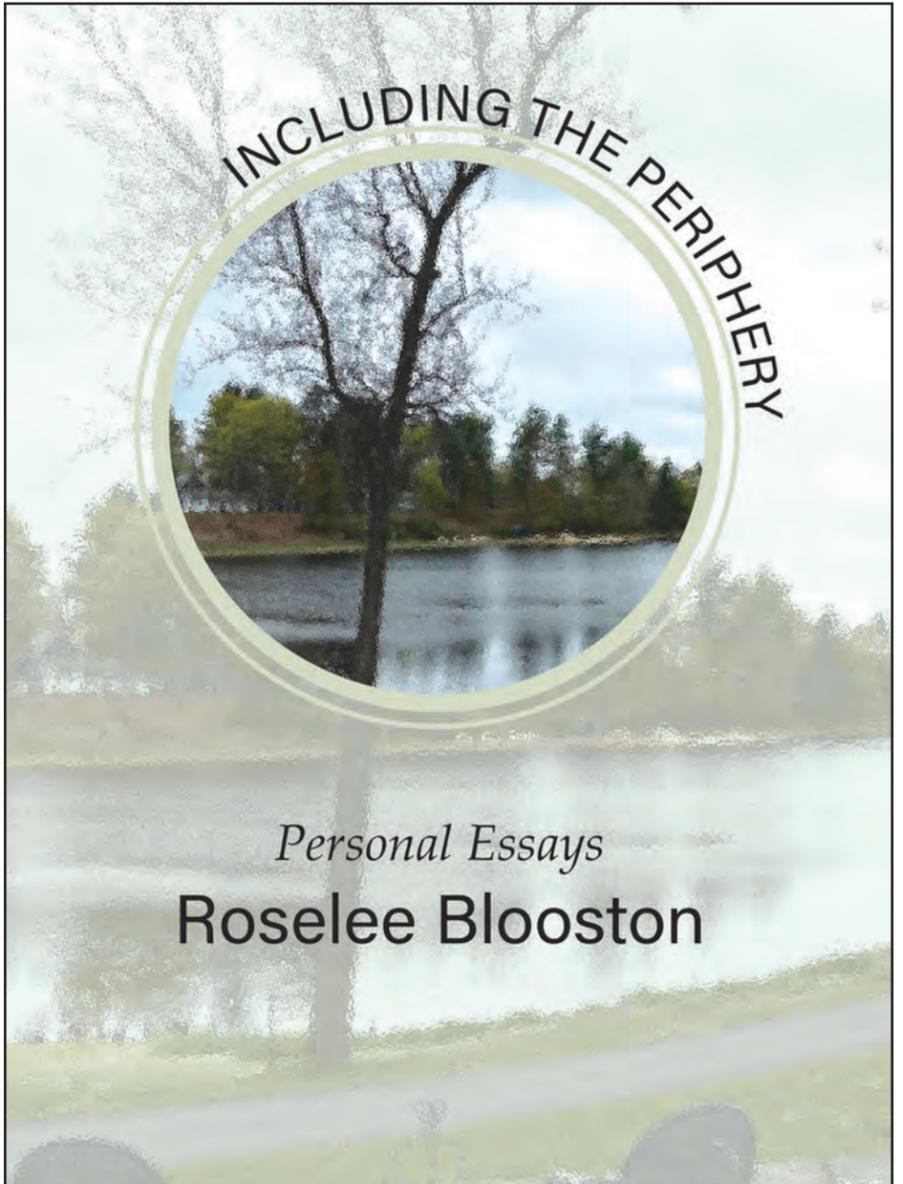
Our trip in two weeks (October 15) to Resorts World Catskills is filled. If you are attending, please be at the Community Center by 8:45 a.m. Make sure you have a Proof of identity with you. Tickets for the buffet and show will be handed out at the Casino.
 We will begin signing up residents and non-residents in October for our final casino trip of the year on Sunday, Nov. 16 to Resorts Catskills. The fee will be \$50.
 Our popular Co-ed Volleyball begins Sunday, Oct. 5. Youth Basketball starts in November. You may register online.
 If you have any recreation questions or concerns, please call 845-226-8395 or email Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Book club to discuss 'The Girls with No Names' on October 8

The EFCL Afternoon Book Group will meet to discuss this month's selection "The Girls with No Names" by Serena Burdick, at the East Fishkill Community Library on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available within

the library system. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion of this work.
 The library is at 348 Route 376 in East Fishkill.

Morton Library, Oblong Books partner for local author book launch



The cover of award-winning Hudson Valley author Roselee Blooston's collection of personal essays, "Including the Periphery."

-Courtesy image

Award-winning Hudson Valley author Roselee Blooston has written a collection of personal essays on change, perspective, and renewal entitled "Including the Periphery," to be published at the end of this month by Apprentice House Press. The book launch reading and signing will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, at 6:30 p.m. Oblong Books will host the event.

The book is a companion piece to

Blooston's first memoir, "Dying in Dubai," and begins with her adolescence and early fifties – before her husband's death – and extends into later life on her own. The essays explore the inner and outer landscape of her move to the Hudson Valley, mining the author's evolving priorities and self-awareness.

Blooston lives and teaches in Red Hook. For more information, visit <https://roseleeblooston.com>.

'Sound and Vision' at Arts Mid-Hudson through Oct. 19

Arts Mid-Hudson will present "Sound and Vision: Exploring the Dialogue between Music and Art," on view through October 19, at the Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery in Poughkeepsie, located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F.

This exhibition aims to highlight how sound shapes what one sees, and how

visuals inform the way one hears or feels music. Through abstract imagery, bold design, and storytelling, the pieces highlight unique artistic voices and reflect on how these two forms influence, echo, or inspire one another.

Participating artists include: Sofia Barbaresco, Nicoletta Barolini, James Bennett, Suzanne Bonser, Joseph Caserto, Sal Cataldi, Joseph Davis, Carrie Decker, Ted Dixon, Donna Faranda, Shawn Feeney, Meghan Gasior, Ilene Goldman, Alissa Green, David Held, Pam Krinsky, Fedora (Deborah) Maier, Jacqueline Oster, Franc Palaia, Donna Parise, Judi Silvano, Kim Steinar, Kevin Sterne, Enne Tesse, and Shirley Tuttle.

Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closing Reception, Artist Talk & Performance is set for Sunday, October 19, from 1 - 3 p.m.

The reception will feature Judi Silvano's Garden Winds with Judi Silvano (voice & percussion), Haruna Fukazawa (flute), and Claire DeBrunner (bassoon).

RSVP at: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/webink/webink.aspx?name=E231621&cid=537>.

Admission to the gallery and events is free and open to all.

this week's puzzle solutions

SUDOKU
 This week's answer

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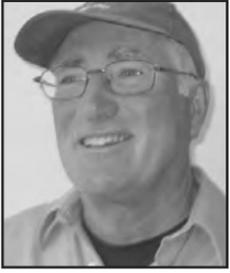
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Sudoku solution

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

get growing!

by mark adams



Fall flowers for pollinators

Help pollinators prepare for winter with these autumnal blooms.

Pollinators are stocking up for the winter. Monarch butterflies are gorging on tithonia nectar for their 2,500-mile journey south. Hummingbirds seek out cuphea blossoms. And honeybees happily swarm on invasive species, thumbing their noses (do bees have noses?) at the native plant purists.

You can help the pollinators by filling your garden with fall blooming flowers, so they can get the energy they need to make it though the winter. For example:

- **Asters** – Native, perennial, drought tolerant, deer resistant, a magnet for pollinators, asters check all the boxes. In the wild, the native New England aster, New York aster and the white wood aster with its tiny blossoms often confused with daisy fleabane, all grow tall and flop over if they're not staked or tied up. Native cultivars like "Showmakers" or "Magic Pink" are more manageable. All are winter hardy in the Hudson Valley.

- **Goldenrod** – Look carefully at the goldenrod blossom and you'll find a whole little world in there. Soldier beetles, crab spiders, locust borers, ambush bugs are all vying for a place in the sun. Of all the bees and butterflies that visit native goldenrods, paper wasps are the most common, in my experience. Goldenrod gets a bad rap during allergy season, but its pollen is sticky so it doesn't get into the air. The common ragweed is the real culprit for allergies. By the way, ragweed is an important food source for birds when it goes to seed.

- **Salvia** – Blue salvia (salvia farinacea) blooms right up until a very

heavy frost in November, providing a critical food source for pollinators, especially bumblebees, which remain active in cool weather. New varieties of annual salvia like "Visional Fuchsia" or "Candle Midnight" are giving pollinators a late season thrill.

- **Tithonia** – Also called Mexican Sunflower, it is a special favorite of Monarch butterflies, even though it is not a native annual. The monarch caterpillars, as almost everyone knows by now, feed on the native milkweed.

- **Purple Loosestrife** – Am I recommending an invasive species? Of course not, but purple loosestrife is an important late season nectar source for honeybees, which are not native, either. Chuck Kutik, on a podcast from the American Honey Producers Association, explains that the effort to eradicate purple loosestrife by introducing a voracious beetle has had the unintended consequence of returning the wetlands, not to native cattails, but to giant reed grass. Better to leave the loosestrife alone. At least it's pretty.

- **Japanese Knotweed** – Now I'm really going to get in trouble. But let me quote Artificial Intelligence: "Japanese knotweed flowers are a valuable and often crucial source of nectar for various pollinators, especially honeybees, during late summer and early fall, when other wildflowers are fading. Although the plant's aggressive invasive nature out competes native vegetation, its abundant blooms provide a critical lifeline and food source, supporting beekeeping operations and



Pollinators love asters.

-Photo by Mark Adams

helping bee colonies prepare for winter." AI calls this a "paradox," going on to explain that eventually, a dense thicket of Japanese knotweed will choke out the native flowering plants, leaving the pollinators with nothing to eat in the spring and summer.

- **Leaf peeping** – For my money (and it's

free!), the best spot to enjoy fall foliage is Huckleberry Point, near West Saugerties. It's a short hike from the parking lot on Platte Clove Road, not too steep, with lots of flat rocks for resting and snacking.

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

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