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Hopewell Junction fourth-grader Mario Vilardi headed to Augusta Qualifies for Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals



Ten-year-old Mario Vilardi, left, from Hopewell Junction, will play at the Augusta National Golf Club for the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals. He will compete on April 5, 2026, the Sunday before the Masters Tournament. Pictured with Mario are his brothers, Angelo, 2, and Charlie, 7, at the US KIDS GOLF World Championship.

-Courtesy photos Louisa Vilardi

By Morgan E. Maier

Approaching the final stage of the Drive, Chip and Putt regional, 10-year-old Mario Vilardi of Hopewell Junction reminded himself to stay focused. In his fourth year competing in the annual junior golf competition, he had reached the third qualifying round for the first time.

Mario shined in the driving portion but stumbled on chipping, earning just a point for each of his first two attempts. With the pressure mounting, he knew his chances

would come down to the putting green. Taking a deep breath, he cleared his mind and delivered under pressure—sinking two of three putts, including a crucial 15-footer. His third, a bold 30-foot attempt, rolled four feet past the hole but still secured valuable points.

That clutch putting performance brought his point total to 110, the top score in the Boys 10–11 age group and enough to punch his ticket to Augusta National Golf Club for the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals.



Mario Vilardi, from Hopewell Junction, hits a shot on the golf course.

He will compete live on the Golf Channel on April 5, 2026, the Sunday before the Masters Tournament.

“Everyone struggles, but it’s about how you react to the struggle that will help you in the end,” said Mario’s mom, Louisa. “That’s exactly what happened for Mario. He thought it was over, but he battled back.”

His father, David, who first introduced him to the game, agreed: “He was disappointed after chipping, feeling like he might have blown his opportunity, but he bounced back on the putting green. That’s golf.”

The Drive, Chip and Putt competition, sponsored by the PGA of America, the Masters Tournament, and the USGA, challenges junior golfers ages 7–15 in three disciplines. Each participant gets three attempts at driving, chipping, and putting—nine total shots, no mulligans, no do-overs.

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Wappingers Falls business expo offers opportunity to ‘mega’ mingle

By Kristine Coulter

The Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association (WFBPA) will host its Business Expo Mega Mingle on Friday, Oct. 10, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the River Valley Arts Center, 9 South Mesier Ave., in Wappingers Falls.

How will this Mingle event be different from others?

“The Mega Mingle is our answer to the member businesses who don’t have a traditional brick and mortar or location. We want the community to come out and meet some of them and get to learn what services are available that perhaps you can’t see by driving by a building,” said Jackie Muller, president of the WFBPA.

Muller noted, “It’s important for the WFBPA to highlight businesses, all businesses, and especially those without a storefront, because some of them are the hidden treasures of our community. Their knowledge and professionalism go unrecognized because they are almost invisible, or perhaps drive by with their car logos too quick for community members to catch.”



Pictured are members of the Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association board. The WFBPA will host its Business Expo Mega Mingle on October 10 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo WFBPA

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East Fishkill board, Rotary honor hometown businesses

By Kristine Coulter

The East Fishkill Town Board, in cooperation with the East Fishkill Rotary Club and East Fishkill Economic Development Director Patrick Manning, presented the second round of the East Fishkill Business Milestone Awards. The awards were presented at the Board’s most recent meeting. The awards honor businesses that have been opened in East Fishkill for more than 20 years.

“This is a wonderful achievement,” said Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro. It is a huge feat, noted the supervisor, adding that he knows, as he previously owned a business for decades.

“This is the least we can do for our local businesses,” said D’Alessandro.

Dr. Joseph Olmo, from Mid-Hudson Chiropractic Health Services, Inc., 1075 Route 82, was honored for 21 years of “dedicated” service, said D’Alessandro.

Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group, located at 222 Lime Kiln Road, was honored.

“Congratulations to Hudson Highlands for 21 years of business in our community,” said the supervisor.

Dr. Twila A. Whitefield, from Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group, stated, “It’s been a pleasure to serve in a community that has been so good to us. Not only do we have wonderful clients...and patients too...but the community has supplied us with talented veterinary staff for the past 50 plus years. We currently have about a dozen employees who have been with us for over 20 years and one for 52 years! They are the reason for our success as a service business.”

Blue Foundation Restaurant, 826 Route 376, was congratulated on 31 years of business in East Fishkill.

East Fishkill Councilman Emanuele Marinaro accepted the award for his family members.

Marinaro remembered, “It was a small place.” He said, “We worked very hard to get it to where it is today.”

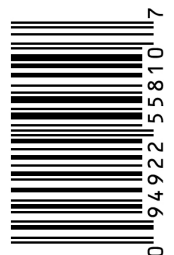
Marinaro added, “I want to thank the community on my brothers’ behalf and my family’s behalf. God bless you.”

Stormville Pizza, 198 Route 261, has been in business for 34 years.

“As a former pizza man, I can say ... it’s hard work to be on your feet for 12-14 hours a day, for 34 years,” said D’Alessandro.

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Hackett Farm Supply Vendor Market: Let's do it again!



The September Vendor Market at Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners was such a huge success – so they are conducting a second Vendor Market on Saturday, Oct. 11. The store and adjoining lot are located at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, just off the Taconic State Parkway. The Market runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Food trucks will be included with a wide variety of vendors featuring everything from baked goods, arts and crafts, jewelry, woodworking, Henna tattoos, recycle items and much more. It's a rain or shine event. Call the store at 845-266-3494 for more information.

-Courtesy photos



Wappingers Falls business expo offers opportunity to ‘mega’ mingle

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One business that will be in attendance is MoldTec, LLC.

“MoldTec is an indoor air & water quality testing company. We offer consultations to anyone needing information on their homes or businesses concerning wellness,” explained Jeffrey Ramsey, who is the owner/operator of MoldTec, LLC.

Michelle Martinetti, of River Valley Arts Center (RVAC) said, “River Valley Arts Center is really a community hub - a place where there’s something for everyone. We’re coming up on our fourth year in the space, and in that time we’ve grown into a home for an incredible variety of people and programs. We have 12 unique spaces that can be rented and used in any way you can imagine, from art studios and classrooms to our event hall and even a commissary kitchen.

“What makes us special is the mix of in-house programs and the many teach-

ers, artists, wellness practitioners, and entrepreneurs who use RVAC as their home base. We take the stress of overhead off their shoulders and provide them with marketing support so they can focus on doing what they love. Right now, our residents include everyone from fiber artists and painters to massage therapists, martial arts instructors, tutors, music and theater teachers, yoga and dance fitness instructors, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and robotics leaders, expressive arts facilitators, and more.”

Martinetti added, “At its heart, River Valley Arts Center is about opportunity and connection - bringing people together through the arts, wellness, education, and community events.”

The “WFBPA has been a great way for MoldTec to gain exposure in the Dutchess County area and provides numerous continuous referrals,” said Ramsey. The relationships gained are “priceless,” he added.

Martinetti noted, “The WFBPA has

been amazing with marketing support. They are consistently sharing our posts and events. I’ve also made several connections through the WFBPA that have become program leaders at the center.”

If one attends, Muller said, “expect to gain knowledge, receive takeaways and information that may be relevant to a current or future need, and connect with others in the community.” One can also learn about the WFBPA happenings, scholarships, and upcoming events that they can become involved.

A variety of businesses will be at the Mingle, said Muller.

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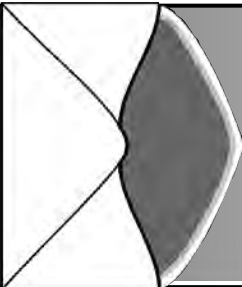
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Group applauds Fishkill supervisor, board for ‘proactive’ efforts

To the Editor:

Our group applauds Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra and the Fishkill Town Board for their proactive effort to dedicate a commemorative sign and Betsy Ross flag at the intersection of Route 9 and Van Wyck Lake Road as part of a ceremony set for Oct. 14, at 2:30 p.m. One hundred and twenty-eight years earlier at the same location, members of the DAR’s Melzingah chapter emplaced a monument honoring the dead soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The 1897 placement of the monument was not random: it marked a soldiers’ burial ground referenced in dozens of Revolutionary War unit muster rolls; recorded in early 19th Century historical accounts; and well-known to Fishkill residents of the time. Two recent archaeological examinations confirmed the burial ground’s existence and identified a total of 14 burials at the site. Given that the 250th anniversary of the nation occurs next year and this sacred location has yet to be protected, this ceremony marks important recognition of Fishkill’s role in the founding of the nation.

Lance Ashworth
Chairman, Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot

Valdés Smith is ‘deeply committed’ to lowering costs for families

To the Editor:

Dutchess County is fortunate to have a leader like Legislator Yvette Valdés Smith representing District 16 and serving as Minority Leader in the Legislature. Time and again, she has proven that she is deeply committed to lowering costs for families, protecting our environment, and making our communities stronger.

Yvette has been a consistent advocate for affordability, fighting to reduce county sales tax and supporting measures to lower property taxes. At a time when so many residents are feeling the pinch of rising costs, she has kept working families front and center.

Yvette also cosponsored legislation to expand county mental health services, and is invested in the health and wellness of our community.

Her leadership has delivered real results in our local communities. She helped secure grant funding for Beacon and Fishkill to support important cultural programming tied to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. And she has worked side by side with the Beacon City Council to improve the Beacon Free Loop bus service, giving residents a more reliable and accessible public transportation option.

Yvette Valdés Smith leads with integrity and heart. She has shown she is willing to take on the tough fights for affordability, safety, and opportunity in Dutchess County. We need more leaders like her who put people first and deliver for their communities. Vote for Yvette!

Raquel Verdesi
Beacon

Wappinger Councilman Beale is qualified and experienced

To the Editor:

Town of Wappinger Councilman William Beale is the longest serving member of our Wappinger Town Board town board for a reason - he effectively represents the needs of our town and has a solid performance record. For the past 19 years, Councilman Beale has provided steady and consistent leadership within six administrations. He has maintained a 99% attendance and voting record at town board meetings, ensuring that our town’s character is protected and services are maintained.

During our worst moments, Councilman Beale has been there. He has responded to many of our homes, including my own, in his over thirty years as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician. As former fire chief of the Hughsonville Fire Department, he has been credited with risking his own life to save the life of a special needs child who was trapped in a burning home on Old Hopewell Road.

Under Councilman Beale’s leadership and experience in municipal budgeting, our taxes have remained the lowest in southern Dutchess County. Our town tax rate remains far below our neighboring towns. As the cost of living continues to skyrocket – we can count on Councilman Beale to keep our taxes low.

Please join me in supporting Councilman William Beale on Tuesday, November 4th.

Ryan D. White
Wappingers Falls

Melanie Chianese Foundation to host inaugural Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness Oct. 11 in Wappinger

Come join the Melanie Chianese Foundation for a day of empowerment and support as we raise awareness for domestic violence in our community!

The Melanie Chianese Foundation in partnership with Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini, and the Town of Wappinger is hosting its inaugural Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness on Saturday, Oct. 11, , from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. There will be more than 60 vendors, food trucks, and local businesses lined up, including representatives from the Grace Smith House, Family Services, and other domestic violence resources that are available in our community. Live music will be performed by the GoodTime Charlies Band.

Melanie Chianese was murdered in her Wappingers Falls home by her mother’s abusive ex-boyfriend on May 29, 2022. Melanie was just 29 and leaves behind her son, Myles. He was nonverbal and only three years old when he lost his mother.

In 2023, the Melanie Chianese Foundation was created to educate the community on domestic violence and empower victims to end the cycle of abuse. Because of Melanie, domestic violence laws were changed in the State of New York with the passage of Melanie’s Law. Melanie’s Law closes a dangerous loophole and allows judges to issue orders of protection to immediate family or household members of a victim of domestic violence regardless of age.

Melanie was studying Human Services at Dutchess Community College and was one semester away from completing the requirements for her degree. She was studying to become a certified alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Dutchess Community College awarded Melanie with a Posthumous Degree at what should have been her graduation in May 2023.

Three years ago, the Melanie Chianese Memorial Scholarship at Dutchess Community College was formed. The scholarship awards a student in the Human Services program with \$750 to help them reach their academic goals and carry on the work that Melanie dreamed of doing. This is a forever and recurring scholarship with the college. Therefore, all proceeds from Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness will go back to our community and help college students reach their full potential while keeping Melanie’s memory alive.

Correction

The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) President was incorrectly identified in the Sept. 24 edition. The caption should have read:

Celia Serotsky, Poughkeepsie AAUW president (on right) receives the commendation from County Legislators Lisa Kaul, Yvette Valdés Smith and Lynn Versaci.



-Courtesy photo AAUW

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Ex-Renegades hurler Schlittler shines in playoff game with Yanks



Former Hudson Valley Renegades pitcher Cam Schlittler became the first pitcher in Major League Baseball postseason history to fire at least eight scoreless innings with at least 12 strikeouts without permitting a walk in the New York Yankees playoff victory over the Cleveland Guardians last week. He also set a new franchise record for strikeouts by a Yankee in his postseason debut, outdoing 10-K performances by Red Ruffing (1932 World Series Game 1 vs. Cubs) and Dave Righetti (1981 ALDS Game 2 at Brewers).

"You feel dominant out there," Schlittler said. "I didn't really know how many strikeouts I was at, but it's a good feeling, being able to put those guys away."

-Courtesy photo

Dutchess County Conservative Party elects officers

The Dutchess County Conservative Party held its biennial re-organization meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fishkill. According to New York State law, this meeting must take place in order to establish a legal bonafide county committee with a slate of officers and by-laws approved.

Out of 161 legally elected county committee members, over 75% participated in person or by proxy vote. Re-elected chairman Don Minichino "That's a great turnout and it shows the interest in our party and the conservative movement overall, is getting stronger." Minichino was challenged by Emanuele Marinaro.

The 2025 County Conservative Party's officers elected:

Don Minichino	chairman	(East Fishkill)
Rex Bridges	Vice Chairman	(Rhinebeck)
Phil Polizotto	Vice Chairman	(Poughkeepsie)
Linda Cebrian	Secretary	(Rhinebeck)
Terri Sheehan	Treasurer	(Poughkeepsie).

Free Veterans Picnic on October 18

The office of Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and office of Veterans Affairs invite all veterans to the "Red, White and You" Veterans Appreciation Picnic from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at James Baird State Park. The rain or shine event is open to veterans and one guest. It will include free BBQ from Tavern 23 and live music by "The String Masters."

Youth programs encouraged to take County survey by Oct. 17

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the County is conducting a comprehensive assessment and inventory of afterschool opportunities as part of the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) initiative. The YOU connects young people throughout Dutchess County to safe, supportive places where they can play, learn and grow, through recreational, educational, and wellness programs.

"Afterschool programs aren't just activities-they're places where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to grow," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, "They help kids discover their strengths, build confidence, and from friendship that last a lifetime, while also giving families the support they need. This assessment is an important step to ensure our county's programs are strong, accessible and well-supported."

Modeled after the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet's effort to map afterschool programs in the City of Poughkeepsie, this countywide assessment will provide a clearer picture of programs available across Dutchess. Surveys

have been sent to school superintendents, municipal leaders, and afterschool program providers to help identify current opportunities and highlight where additional support may be needed. Organizations that offer youth programming outside of school - including before- and after-school care, weekend or holiday activities, or summer camps - are encouraged to complete the survey by Oct. 17, online at www.DutchessNY.gov/afterschool-inventory.

The survey asks providers to share information on availability, curriculum, seasonal offerings, staffing, capacity, age groups served and costs, as well as possible program needs and priorities. Responses will help the County identify gaps and guide future investments in youth activities, including funding opportunities such as the County Executive Serino's YOU Drop-In Center Grant program.

All youth programs are encouraged to participate. For more information about the afterschool programs inventory, call the County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

County Comptroller releases audit report of 'Learn, Play Create' grant program

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has released its audit report of the "Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids," (LPC) grant initiative that began with the influx of federal COVID-19 funds in 2021. An initial \$3 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds were allocated by the Legislature to local, youth-serving non-profit organizations. While it is not considered best practice for government entities to make advance payments, the LPC awards were distributed in one-time payments prior to services rendered. Amounts up to \$50,000 were awarded to libraries and up to \$20,000 awarded to arts and athletic organizations.

Due to the program's popularity, an additional \$1.2 million in non-COVID-19 funding was used as a means of expanding the grant initiative. The LPC grant program was overseen and administered by the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development, with final approval for all grant awards made by the County Executive.

The Comptroller's Office identified inconsistencies with application guidance

and instructions, which were revised 5 times during the 2021-2022 period. The Office also found that 100% of the projects sampled had contracts executed after the contract term began. The Comptroller's Office continues to recommend that all efforts be made to resolve the discrepancies with contract execution and start of services, as well as an effort to ensure that all published internal and external documentation related to grant disbursement have clear and concise language to avoid misinterpretation.

"While the County is unlikely to engage in advance one-time grant payments again, this report identifies issues that illustrate why government should pay for goods and services after they are delivered. I hope that our findings and recommendations regarding Learn, Play, and Create can be applied to future grant programs offered by the County, particularly with regards to consistent application guidance," said Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. "Both for the effective stewardship of taxpayer funds, as well as the success of our non-profit partners."

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HV Depression Glass Club sets Fall Show Oct. 11 in Beacon

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club is hosting its 53rd Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China, and Vintage Accessories on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building at 413 Main Street, Beacon.

Admission is \$5 per person (children under 10 are free) and includes a raffle entry for a \$10 gift certificate good towards a purchase from any of the vendors or for a 1-year membership in the club. Refreshments will be available. For show information, please contact Debbie Siller at (845) 702-4770. The club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., except July and August, and guests are encouraged to come by and see what we are all about.

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club began in 1972 in Walden by founding members Elinor Eignor, Bill & Ada

Metzing, and Gene & Mickey Meier. The purpose of the club was to bring community members and collectors together to gain knowledge and promote any glass manufactured in America from 1920 through the 1940's known as Depression Era Glass. Some 20 different companies produced clear and colored glass during this period such as Hazel Atlas, Hocking, Indiana, Fenton, Federal, and Westmoreland.

While the club has continued this tradition for the last 53 years, it has grown to now include all 20th-century American glass companies and items such as American pottery companies, some well-known ones are Roseville, McCoy, Hall, Shawnee, Spaulding and Haegar, American China companies such as Blue Ridge, Franciscan, Lenox, Lotus ware, Pickard, Homer Laughlin and Bauer, and vintage kitchen items and accessories.



The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club will present a wide variety of clear and colored glass at its' Fall Show on Oct. 11 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Downtown Poughkeepsie BID launches local leadership team, lays groundwork amid broader City Revitalization effort

The newly established Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District (BID) is moving ahead. Since receiving approval from the Poughkeepsie Common Council earlier this year, the BID Steering Committee has been working to shape a sustainable, community-focused organization that will begin full operations in 2026.

The BID's formation comes at a pivotal moment for the City of Poughkeepsie. With millions in state funding awarded through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), several large-scale projects already in progress, and a renewed focus on public space and safety, the city is experiencing a wave of momentum. The BID is designed to complement and strengthen that progress.

"This is an exciting time for

Poughkeepsie," said Mayor Yvonne Flowers. "We're seeing long-awaited investments and projects come to life across the city. The launch of the Downtown BID marks another critical step in our revitalization efforts. It reflects the dedication of local stakeholders who are committed to creating a downtown that is safe, beautiful, and full of opportunity. I look forward to partnering with the BID to deliver results for our community."

Since early 2025, the BID Steering Committee has made significant progress in establishing the organization's structure. The group has finalized bylaws, elected interim officers, and completed conflict-of-interest disclosures for all board members. With leadership now in place, the BID is focusing on priorities including beautification, branding,

staffing, and stakeholder engagement.

The initial Board brings together local property owners, business leaders, and nonprofit professionals who share a commitment to the downtown's future. They include the following officers and board members: Jim Sullivan, President, Property Owner, JSullivan Corporation, Trish Santini, Vice President, Nonprofit Director and Tenant, Empire Training Center for the Arts, Jay Blumenfeld, Treasurer, Property Owner, Chai Developers, Russell Beck, Secretary, Business Owner, 1915 Wine Bar.

Board Members MaryVaughn Williams and Jillian Grano, Property and Business Owners, Canvas and Clothier, Doug Nobiletti, Property Owner, Laura Belfiore Property Owner and Business Owner, Curio Cabinet of the Hudson Valley.

Three additional board seats will be filled by representatives appointed by the Mayor, the Common Council, and the City's Chief Financial Officer.

Investing in Downtown's Future

The BID Board is already working to improve the downtown experience. A request for proposals has been issued for a branding and identity initiative that will help define the visual and cultural identity of Downtown Poughkeepsie. The BID is also partnering with City officials to align goals around safety, beautification, and economic development.

Additional early efforts include planning the location of new EV charging stations and preparing recommendations to modernize the City's sign code to better support small businesses and property owners.

Family Development Center ribbon-cutting ceremony set Oct. 17

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Family Development Center, 7 Mill St., will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 in Wappingers Falls. This is the new

Southern Dutchess location. For more information, visit dutchess-cap.org or call 845-831-2620.

Burn Ban in effect through Oct. 15

Gov. Kathy Hochul and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a statewide burn ban on Oct. 2, due to increased fire risk and continued dry conditions. The ban is in effect through Oct. 15 and will be re-evaluated prior to expiration.

New Yorkers can help prevent fires in communities and in the back country by complying with the prohibition on most outdoor fires and protect water supplies by continuing to conserve water whenever possible.

The statewide burn ban now in effect prohibits the starting of outdoor fires for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as all uncontained fires, including campfires, and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires. Burning garbage or leaves is already prohibited year-round in New York State and several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect.

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‘Here Comes the Beef’ steals show at The Big E

The Eastern States Exposition, better known as “The Big E,” is the largest agricultural event in the Northeast, often described as the New York State Fair for all six New England states. For farms and exhibitors across the region, it’s a chance to showcase their best animals, test their skills, and connect with the wider agricultural community.

Dutchess County 4-H youth are no strangers to the Big E. Many attend, some compete, and a few even make it to the top of their classes. But there’s one unique honor that belongs solely to Dutchess County: “Here Comes the Beef” is the only 4-H club outside of New England permitted to participate in the official 4-H Beef Show. This distinction highlights the club’s long-standing commitment to youth livestock programs and its reputation across state lines.

This year, two of our members, Riley Mahaffey and Henry Skuza, represented their club and county at the Big E, and their results were nothing short of outstanding. Riley earned Reserve Champion Steer, Reserve Overall Showman, and the Sportsmanship Award, while also placing 1st in both individual judging and senior sweepstakes. She added 2nd place in Bred & Owned, senior record book, and senior advertisement to her impressive tally. Henry had a standout show as well, capturing Overall Heifer, Overall Simmental Heifer, and placing 3rd Overall in Showmanship.

Together, Riley and Henry not only brought home top honors but also demonstrated the spirit of dedication, teamwork, and excellence that defines Dutchess County 4-H. Their achievements are a testa-

ment to months of preparation and care, as well as the support of their club, families, and leaders.

For Dutchess County, it was another proud moment on a regional stage, and a reminder that agriculture truly is our culture.



Riley Mahaffey and Henry Skuza are shown with animals at ‘The Big E’ last month.

Courtesy photo



The Beacon High School football team kept rolling last week with an impressive 35-15 win over FDR.

By Morgan E. Maier
John Jay rolls to 5-0 record with 37-27 win over New Rochelle
If football only counted after halftime, John Jay would have lost its Oct. 3 contest. New Rochelle outscored them 14-6 in the closing 24 minutes, but it hardly endangered the Patriots’ path towards their 5-0 record. Their 31 first half points in the first half more than covered the difference against New Rochelle’s 13. It was a John Jay runaway, but their 5-0 record didn’t come without a fight from the purple-clad home team. Patriots quarterback Logan Lawrence threw for 370 yards and four touchdowns in the win.

Beacon stays perfect in boys’ soccer league play
Facing the Monticello Panthers, Beacon’s Bulldogs had a .500 overall record and an undefeated league streak on the line. Following a 0-0 tie to Liberty, Beacon’s agenda was twofold: capture a winning record and earn an undefeated week. The

following 3-1 victory marked a return to the Bulldogs’ winning ways, as they hover above .500 with a 4-3 overall record. The win also marked Beacon’s third straight conference win. Vicente Maldonado had the lone goal for Monticello.

Bulldogs down FDR in football, 35-15
Beacon football had a decisive win over the Roosevelt Presidents, outscoring FDR by 20 on the Bulldogs’ own turf. Delano Rigby Jr. threw a 50-yard touchdown to Elijah Epps, the exclamation point on a dazzling day for Rigby. The sophomore quarterback was 12/15 for 137 passes and threw a second touchdown to Ramonsito Soto. Epps brought in a rushing touchdown and converted a key two-point play to keep Beacon on top. Jaden Jones joined the scoring from the other side, running back a 46-yard interception for six points on Beacon’s board. Jones also recovered a fumble. Rigby accounted for 209 (137 passing, 72 rushing) of Beacon’s 367 total yards.

Hudson Valley Job Fair in Poughkeepsie on Oct. 23

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and The Chamber Foundation, Inc. present The Hudson Valley Job Fair, in partnership with Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board and DC Works, on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The Job Fair is free and open to the public and will be held from 3-6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. For more information about the Job Fair visit dcrcc.org/jobfair, or call 845-454-1700, ext. 1000.

Whether you're unemployed, under-employed, a veteran, a teenager, or a senior citizen looking for work, make sure to stop by and connect with some of the top

employers in the region. There will be more than 50 employers in attendance, with hundreds of jobs to fill.

New this year is the First Look - Early Entry. From 2-3 p.m., the Job Fair will open exclusively for veterans, senior citizens, and individuals living with disabilities, giving early access to connect directly with employers before the general public.

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Impact PR doubles commitment to future PR leaders

Marist University public relations and communications students are pictured with Filomena Fanelli, CEO & founder of Impact PR & Communications. From left are Julia Tartaglia, PRSSA chapter president for the fall 2025 semester; Julia Vultaggio, Katie Tummino, Filomena Fanelli, Sam Rafferty, Nadia Schoenauer, Lena Sinatra and Nicole DeFinis.

Impact PR & Communications, a leading public relations agency based in New York’s Hudson Valley with a roster of clients across the country, is doubling its impact on the next generation of public relations professionals.

For the second year in a row, the agency made a donation to the Marist University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), doubling its support to cover the membership fees for 20 students this school year. This investment gives aspiring communicators the tools and opportunities to

sharpen their skills, expand their network and gain hands-on, real-world experience.

PRSSA is more than a student organization – it’s a gateway to the industry. Through membership, mentorship, internships, professional networking and more, the chapter equips students with the knowledge and experience they need to thrive. By supporting Marist’s PRSSA chapter, Impact PR & Communications is helping students make meaningful connections and prepare them to make an impact of their own.

Marist University and DCC forge seamless transition for transfer students seeking Bachelor’s Degree in Crime and Justice Studies

Marist University and Dutchess Community College (DCC) have signed a new agreement that simplifies the transfer process for students pursuing careers in crime and justice studies and seeking a 4-year degree.

Under the agreement, students who complete an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Criminal Justice at DCC that meet the grade point average course requirement will be able to transfer all earned credits to Marist University and complete a Bachelor’s degree in Crime & Justice Studies in just two years as full-time students. This partnership reflects both institutions’ commitment to supporting student success and expanding access to higher education.

The agreement removes uncertainty for students and allows them to plan their academic journey with confidence that allows them to seamlessly pursue four-year degrees. A Crime and Justice Studies major prepares students for careers across various sectors of the justice system, including federal, state, and local law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Additional career paths may include the law, social work, social justice advocacy, public policy, and government.

“We are delighted to offer another opportunity for DCC students to transfer seamlessly into a major in our School,”

said Dr. Deborah Gatins, Dean of Marist’s School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. “Creating pathways for bachelor’s degrees at lower costs supports our mission to engage with our local community and provide meaningful programs that may lead to personal fulfillment and career success.”

Dr. Raymond M. Houston, Vice President for Instruction and Learning at Dutchess Community College, added: “We are thrilled to partner with Marist University to create a seamless pathway in Crime and Justice Studies for our students, ensuring they can continue their education and build successful careers.”

This agreement enables Dutchess Community College students to track their progress toward a Marist degree while completing their studies at DCC. By participating, students can plan their academic pathways more confidently and transfer up to 70 credits directly toward their Marist degree. This new pathway agreement builds upon existing transfer agreements between Marist and DCC in Business, Social Work, and the Visual Arts, which open up pathways to degrees that lead to careers in fields such as accounting, marketing, counseling, community outreach, graphic design, animation and digital art

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Sheep-raising in Dutchess County: From early days to today’s festival



Down but not out. George S. Van Vliet is shown with his sheep at his Pleasant Plains farm in 1916. Then, as now, the local sheep population was dramatically down, but not gone.

-DCHS Van Vliet Collection.

Introduction by Melodye Moore
When the gates of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds open on October 18th for the annual New York State Sheep and Wool Festival, thousands of fiber-loving individuals from across America and abroad will pour onto the grounds in search of all things wooly.

What started out in 1980 as a bred ewe sale by local shepherds has grown through the years to become one of, if not the, largest such festival in the country. The website of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, organizers of the event, state that in 2024 approximately 30,000 visitors and more than 300 vendors were in attendance.

The shepherds who were motivated to create the first sale are the direct descendants of previous sheep farmers who made Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley fertile ground for these beloved animals.

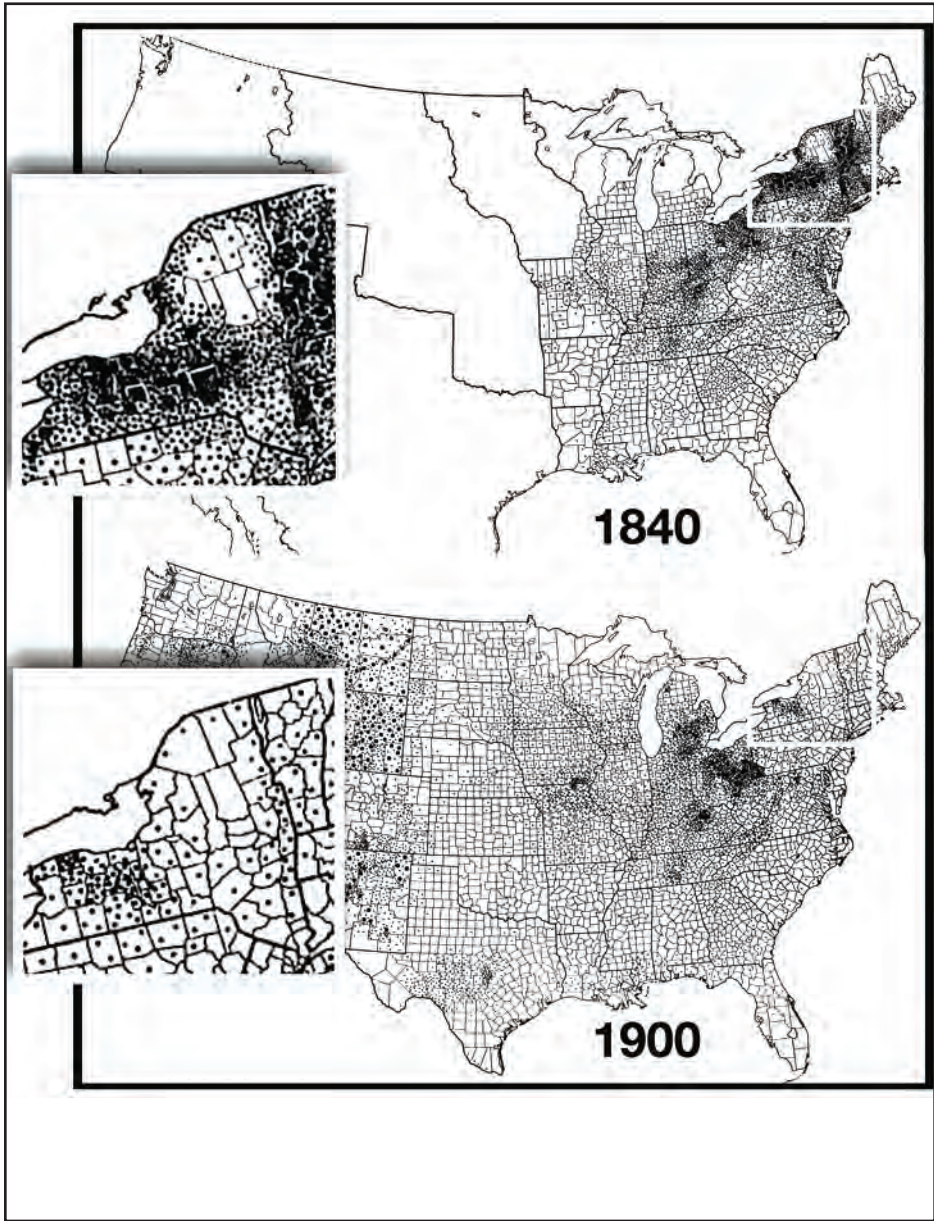
While sheep-raising was common and widespread on the average farm in the Hudson Valley in the 18th century, it was Chancellor Robert Livingston of Clermont who launched a new era of fine wool production in America when in 1802 he imported two Merino sheep from France. In 1809 he published an “Essay on Sheep” which promoted the high quality of the breed. A mania for the breed ensued and while common sheep sold for \$2 each some Merino rams were being sold for as much as \$1,500. The mania was unsustainable and by the early 1830s sheep farming had returned to a more realistic model. In Dutchess County the heyday of sheep farming was in the 1820s and 1830s.

The below reprinted article written by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds and published in the 1941 edition of the Dutchess County Historical Society’s annual Yearbook paints a vivid picture of the times.

By Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, 1941, DCHS Yearbook
“On the first farms of Dutchess the raising of sheep was an important part of the work of the owner. This was because each farm of the period of the pioneers was an economic unit, which produced almost everything that the family living on it ate or wore, and the wool from the sheep was one of the principal materials used for clothing. As the population increased and the county became prosperous flocks of sheep became larger until in the early nineteenth century sheep-raising in Dutchess advanced beyond the point of merely meeting the needs of home-consumption and came to be an important export-business. The export of wool from Dutchess continued on a large scale until the middle 1840’s when, sad to relate, the amount of wool produced began to dwindle and the export business finally died out.

“Today, when enquiry is made among older residents of the county, asking the reason why the sheep-raising industry disappeared from Dutchess, men like Isaac Smith Wheaton of Lithgow and George S. Van Vliet of Pleasant Plains tell of the local tradition that the decline was due to losses suffered by the attacks made on the flocks by roving dogs; it used to be said that so many sheep were killed that profits were wiped out and owners discouraged. The losses from this cause were certainly large and testimony to them is borne not only by tradition but by such contemporary items in the newspaper as the one which may be read in the Dutchess Intelligencer for November 18, 1829, column 6, which says:

‘Dogs among Sheep. - We understand that much injury has been done in the east part of the town of Poughkeepsie during the last week by dogs attacking several flocks of sheep. One farmer



Maps from “A Brief History of the Sheep Industry” published in 1921 show the density of the sheep population across the country in 1840 and 1900. During this period, Dutchess County moved from being at the center of activity, to being peripheral. The inset shows New York State.

alone lost about thirty. Some time last winter a cow, belonging to the Methodist clergyman in this village was attacked by dogs and nearly killed. We think some efficient measures should be taken if practicable to protect our farmers from injury from the great number of vicious dogs which are kept in this village and about the country by persons who have no use for them and who are unable to pay for the injury they may do.’

“Great as was the loss of sheep from the depredations of vicious dogs, the dogs were not however the sole cause of the decline of sheep-raising in Dutchess. Originally a home-industry, sheep-raising assumed a commercial character when, as stated above, the export of wool to outside markets began. Export was induced by the fact that many mills were established early in the nineteenth century in the states along the Atlantic seaboard for the manufacture of woolen cloth. Statistics show that the mills drew their stocks of wool very largely from an area of which Dutchess County was an important portion and the business thus created prospered over a period of years. In 1837 about twenty -five per cent of all the sheep in the United States were in the state of New York. In 1840 thirty-five per cent were in New York and Vermont. But the commercial sheep-raising in the East began to feel the competition of sheep-raising in the West in the middle 1840’s and ultimately the West eclipsed the East in the industry and eastern sheep pastures began to be utilized for dairy-farming. Thus, dogs locally, and economic conditions in the country as a whole, combined to put an end to the wool business in Dutchess.

“Some idea of the size and value of a good flock in Dutchess in the prosperous 1820’s is obtainable from items in the inventory of the estate of Judge Isaac Smith of Lithgow, furnished the writer by Judge Smith’s great-grand-

son, Isaac Smith Wheaton. Under date: January 5, 1826, the inventory lists –

- 6,195 sheep; bucks, ewes, wethers, lambs \$22,574.25
- 2 Saxony bucks and one ewe at cost 770.00
- 250 lbs. pulled wool at 30c 75.00
- 100 lbs. sacks of wool at 18c 18.00
- 488 lbs of wool with the manufacturers at 30c 146.40
- 84 wool sacks at Boston 31.50

“That Dutchess County was one of the chief centers of the production of wool at the peak of the prosperity of the industry in the East in 1840 is shown by a map of the areas in the United States in which in 1840 wool was being raised. The map may be consulted at page 181 of a Brief History of the Sheep Industry in the United States, written by L.G. Connor and printed in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1918 (vol. I, pp. 89 – 197). Mr. Connor’s monograph is an exhaustive treatment of his subject, filled with detail, and is recommended to those interested in the economic history of Dutchess County as a good background for that history.”

Summary
After 1840, the dominance of sheep-raising in America moved westerly and in Dutchess County dairy farming became more prominent. The 2022 USDA Agricultural Census for Dutchess County enumerated 1049 sheep and lambs – a far cry from the 6195 sheep roaming the Lithgow fields. But, when driving the back roads of Dutchess County today one can still find a hill dotted with sheep and the shepherds will be at the Sheep and Wool Festival showing off their animals and peddling their products.

Melodye Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. More information at www.DCHSNY.org.

County awards \$2.45M from second round of Housing Trust Fund

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced \$2.45 million in funding from the Dutchess County's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) which will help to develop and/or preserve more than 100 affordable housing rental units as part of four housing projects in Amenia and Poughkeepsie.

Serino said, "Everyone deserves safe, stable housing that they can afford. Dutchess County is proud to partner with local

builders and developers interested in creating not just buildings, but strong communities that support individuals and families. I'm excited to see these projects come to life, offering housing options that genuinely connect with people's needs and offer real opportunities for safe, secure homes they can truly call their own."

Serino met with local housing professionals at a HTF Applicant Workshop earli-

er this year to encourage new projects, both large and small, in all areas of Dutchess County. Smaller housing projects were encouraged, particularly in more rural communities where small unit projects can have a meaningful impact on rental availability.

Four affordable rental housing projects were funded through the Housing Creation & Preservation (HCP) component of the HTE, totaling \$2.45 million:

**The Clinton Crest, 15 N Clinton Street,
City of Poughkeepsie – \$550,000**

Rehabilitation that expands an existing 4-unit multifamily building by adding 4 new 2-bedroom units. Three units will be reserved for households earning up to 60% of area median income (AMI) and one unit for households earning up to 80% AMI. This project has received all land use approvals.

8 Powder House Road, Amenia —
\$200,000

New construction of a duplex with two 2-bedroom units for households earning up to 60% AMI. This project responds to a housing gap in northeastern Dutchess County and could serve as a model for similar small-scale development in rural northeast Dutchess County.

Dutchess County Legislature Majority Leader Deirdre Houston said, "Expanding affordable housing throughout Dutchess County is a top priority, and I'm proud to support these new units coming to Amenia, where even small projects make a big impact. I share County Executive Serino's efforts to ensure residents have safe, secure housing they can afford, and I look forward to seeing the benefit these new units will have on those who need them."

Morgan Avenue Apartments, Morgan Avenue, City of Poughkeepsie – \$1,000,000

New construction of 2 buildings with a total of 9 units, 8 2-bedroom and 1 1-bedroom units. Seven units will be supported by this award, one 1-bedroom and six 2-bedroom units. Five units will be for households earning up to 60% AMI, and two units will be for households earning up to 80% AMI.

**Windows on Main, 488 Main Street,
Poughkeepsie - \$700,000**

New construction of an 81-unit building on the site of an existing laundromat. This project will have 20 studio units, 42 1-bedroom units and 19 2-bedroom units. Units for households earning up to 50% AMI include 4 studio units, 16 1-bedroom units and 4 2-bedroom units. Units for households

earning up to 60% AMI include, 11 studio units, 21 1-bedroom units and 10 2-bedroom units. Units for households earning up to 100% AMI include 5 studio units, 5 1-bedroom units and 5 2-bedroom units. The laundromat has signed a lease to rent the first floor of the building, post-construction.

Legislator Randy Johnson said, “These projects, supported by the County’s Housing Trust Fund, will bring more affordable housing to our community. I look forward to these housing units making a real impact in Dutchess County, and I thank my fellow legislators and County Executive Serino for her continued support of our Housing Trust Fund.”

The HTR-supported units will be available to households with incomes between 30-80% of the Dutchess County Average Median Income (AMI). Based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development data, Dutchess County's current AMI per household size, is as follows:

For example, using current AMI, the new affordable rental units to be created could be available to single renters with annual income between \$25,830 (30% of \$86,100) and \$68,880 (80% of \$86,100). A household with 3 people could qualify for these affordable housing units if its household income ranged between \$33,210 (30% of the \$110,700 AMI) and \$88,560 (80% of \$110,700 AMI). *AMI is updated annually, so eligible income ranges would adjust accordingly.

The County's HTF was established to provide a flexible and nimble funding source to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts, as recommended in the 2022 Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment, targeting affordability for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the County. The HCP program component of the HTF seeks to create and preserve affordable rental units, as the Housing Needs Assessment identified renters earning less than \$50,000 as those facing the greatest housing challenges.

Earlier this year, the first project supported by the HTF, a three-unit affordable housing development in the City of Poughkeepsie, welcomed three families; several other projects supported by the first round of HTF funding are in various stages of development.

More detailed information on program priorities, requirements, regulations and guidance is available online: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Docs/HCP-Policies-and-Procedures-for-2nd-Funding-Round.pdf>.

Obituaries

Margaret 'Peggy' Roe



Margaret “Peggy” Roe, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 29, 2025, at the age of 82.

Born on April 5, 1943, in Sharon, Connecticut, Peggy was the daughter of the late Hasner and Gertrude Benson. She was a proud graduate of Webutuck High School, Class of 1960, and went on to earn her Associate's degree from Dutchess Community College in 1962. On September 18, 1965, Peggy married the love of her life, Bernie Roe.

Peggy started her career at Marine Midland Bank and then dedicated 24 years of service to the Town of Wappinger before retiring in 2005. Her commitment to her community extended far beyond her professional life. She was a devoted member of the New Hackensack Fire Company's Ladies'

Auxiliary, serving as President from 1976 to 1979, and played an active role in the New Hackensack Reformed Church, where she served as secretary of the Consistory for several years.

Peggy's greatest joy was found in loving and supporting her family. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Bernie; her sons Doug (Nancy) and Michael (Sharon); grandchildren Jessica Rupolo (Anthony), Christopher, and David; and her beloved great-granddaughter, Margaret "Maggie." Along with her parents, she was pre-deceased by her sister, Eleanor Magnussen, and great-granddaughter, Elizabeth.

A time of visitation was held on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, at New Hackensack Reformed Church, located at 1580 Route 376 in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service which celebrated Peggy's life followed the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peggy's memory may be made to New Hackensack Reformed Church (nhrc-church.org), the New Hackensack Fire Company (nkfd.org), or Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, NY (hospiceoforange.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

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Creative Living

Class of 2025 welcomed into DC Sports Hall of Fame



The Sports Museum of Dutchess County held The Hall of Fame Ceremony 2025 on Sunday, October 5 in Wappinger. Sports legends John Cottrill, Gary Montalto, Robert Rogan and Marisa Sutura Strange were honored at The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park. The guest speaker was Patsy “Pat” Zerbe. Pictured clockwise from left, “Long John” John Cottrill’s posthumous induction was accepted by his grandson, Pat Manning, third from left, Museum Curator and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini and President Bill Ponte, from left, pose with inductees and representatives of the Class. More than 60 people attended the museum’s 44th annual induction ceremony. Jeff Benke, Gary Montalto, and Bill Ponte smile during the event. Hall of Fame Class of 1988 Pat Zerbe, middle, pictured with museum volunteers Isaiah Abraham and Vinu Abraham, gave closing remarks and welcomed the newest hall of fame members. Awards spread out on the table before they were presented to the honorees. Marisa Strange accepts induction from museum President Bill Ponte.

-Courtesy photos by Reena Joseph



In Flight, Inc. to host inaugural ‘Ghostly Game Night’ fundraiser

In Flight, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will host its inaugural “Ghostly Game Night” on Friday, October 17 at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook presented by Mill Road Design of Rhinebeck. This community-focused event promises a night of spooky fun, games, and camaraderie for the entire Northern Dutchess community. Attendees can enjoy a night of Halloween-themed bingo as well as trivia competitions for teams of up to six players. Bingo will be played from 5–7 p.m., followed by trivia from 7–9 p.m. Throughout the evening, guests can participate in exciting auctions and prize giveaways, featuring donations from Flatiron Steakhouse, Sequoia Massage, Woodstock Spa, Northern Dutchess Orchestra, Taste Budd’s and more.

A complimentary photo booth, courtesy of Test Tone AV, will capture all the spooky fun and memories of the night. “Ghostly Game Night is a unique opportunity for the community to come together, have fun, and support our mission,” said Jill Rodriguez, Director of External Affairs at In Flight. “We’re excited to offer a festive, inclusive environment while raising funds that directly support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the counties we serve.” Businesses interested in joining as a sponsor are invited to contact Skyler Liegeot at Sliegeot@inflightinc.org or 845-835-6060 ext. 189. For more details, including registration and event highlights, please visit <https://inflightinc.org/ghostly-game-night/> or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1319612902859462/>.

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‘There’s a little witch in all of us’

Appreciate the ‘true magic’ in daily things

“There’s a little witch in all of us.”

That’s a line from Alice Hoffman’s novel “Practical Magic” and the 1998 movie of the same name. I couldn’t agree more. From a young age, I understood that there was magic in the world, things we may not understand but are no less so: things happening after being intensely thought (or prayed) about, people being drawn to each other, the beauty of a sunset, the miracle of birth – surely these things are proof of that. But the older I get, the more I understand and appreciate the true magic in everyday things and ordinary tasks.

Maybe you’re familiar with the tradition of a kitchen witch. And no, I’m not talking about my self-proclaimed nickname, but rather the Scandinavian or Germanic tradition of placing a witch doll in the kitchen so that goodness and protection would be ever-present. While the representation of said witch was often a stereotypical one – long, crooked nose, pointy hat and broom – she was a good witch whose magic would prevent any mischief wrought by bad witches: pots wouldn’t boil over, bread would rise, milk wouldn’t curdle and cakes wouldn’t burn. She would also counteract any ill-will or bad intention to the home she graced and the people within, infusing not just the kitchen, but the entire house with warmth, welcome and happiness.

It’s a well-intended tradition that no doubt began in a more superstitious time, but there’s something about it that resonates today. I’ve come to view the kitchen as a rather sacred place where practical magic happens. It’s the heart of the home, where nourishment for body and soul is prepared, ingredients put together in ways that enhance, heal and delight. Every time we stir a pot, make a pie, add seasoning or set a table, we’re creating a little magic of our own. The love and care we put into everything we cook up in our kitchens is its own form of magic, a timeless and time-honored way to nurture and show our love. The kitchen in that way is a mystical realm where everyday tasks take on a more sacred meaning.

Have you ever gotten lost in the rhythms of kneading dough or been soothed by the repetition of whisking a sauce into smooth perfection? Have you noticed that when you pour yourself passionately into the very act

of preparing a meal, as opposed to just throwing something together, that the result elicits pleasure from those you serve it to? Do you frequent farmers markets and get a little carried away selecting fresh, seasonal produce or delight in using herbs picked from your garden? Or maybe you’ve lost track of time while creating a new recipe, polishing silver or arranging a centerpiece. You might just be a kitchen witch yourself!

A favorite scene from “Practical Magic” (the movie) sees the sisters (two aunts and two nieces) dancing around the kitchen island where a blender whirs up a late-night concoction. If you’ve seen it, you know Midnight Margaritas are iconic. The scene starts with the aunts reciting a spell as they add ingredients to an as-yet unseen vessel before flipping the switch on the blender, which wakes and summons their sleeping nieces, after which a lovely debauchery ensues. While not in the book version, it’s an effective, albeit campy, way to show how coming together in the kitchen has its own power. (I have to confess that if I had nieces I would TOTALLY have done this myself.) That’s really the over-arching theme of both versions in a way, and speaks to my point.

My hope, and one of the main reasons I write these articles in the first place, is that anyone can find enchantment in the kitchen, the heart of the home, and discover something special and spiritual in ordinary tasks made extraordinary. The process of creating, serving and eating wonderful food is no small thing and as such, the kitchen should be regarded as a sanctuary, a place of peace where love is added to every dish just as you sprinkle in spices and herbs. I learned this from my mother and my grandmothers, whose magical gifts inspire me every time I cook.

But along with that hope comes another: that those who are fortunate enough to take in the nourishment we provide appreciate it and the effort it takes. We should all be thankful for the choices we have, the food on our tables and those who prepare it. Even for those of us who do not view cooking as a chore, it takes a lot of thought, work, planning and time; and when we know that’s acknowledged it goes a long way and feeds us right back. If you don’t cook, that may be something you don’t think of or just take for granted, but it’s hard to deny that cooking is,



Fresh baked pies are placed on the table.



Vicki in a “bewitching” costume.
-Courtesy photos

indeed, a mystical art even if we don’t consciously intend it to be.

So, yes, there is magic in the world, in our daily lives, in our kitchens. The things we create and the love we put into everything we do holds power and puts it out to the wider world. Anything done with love and good intention comes back to us tenfold; and maybe through the miracle of putting ingredients together in creative ways we prove there is a little witch in all of us, that we all have the ability to do good and cast spells through our efforts and with love.

To paraphrase a character from “Practical Magic,” there’s a few things I’ve learned in life: “Always throw spilled salt over your left shoulder. Keep rose-

mary by your garden gate. Add pepper to your mashed potatoes. Plant roses and lavender, for luck. Fall in love whenever you can.”

Put love into everything you do, honor the harvest and live a delicious life. These are magical gifts best shared.

Happy October!

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.

Murder Cafe to present seasonal murder-mystery dinner theater

Murder Cafe gets in the Halloween spirit this month with “A Wedding in Transylvania,” a dinner theater murder-mystery playing at several venues throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

You are asked to witness the marriage of your distant cousin Frankie Alucard to Jane Dough, a mysterious girl from the mortal side of the tracks. You’ll join Count Alucard, his monstrously medicated wife Elsa, and Frankie’s brother Jeckyl (or is it Hyde?) as they celebrate this cursed event. Beware Renfield, the caterer to the undead, and Vampira, Jane’s sister who spills the family’s secrets.

This match made in hell has three murders. Come in costume, dance and dine, and guess whodunit.

The schedule includes:

Wednesday, Oct. 8: The Ridge, Highland
Wednesday, Oct. 15: The Best Western, Kingston
Friday, Oct. 17: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel Woods
Saturday, Oct. 18: Hudson House Distillery, West Park
Wednesday, Oct. 22: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston
Thursday, Oct. 23: Heritage Financial Park, HV Renegades, Fishkill
Friday, Oct. 24: The Kartrite Resort, Monticello
Saturday, Oct. 25: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin
Sunday, Oct. 26: Curry Estate, East Fishkill

Visit www.murdercafe.net for reservations and more information.

Fall Festival Saturday in Fishkill

The Town of Fishkill will host the Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, from noon - 3 p.m. This event is open to grades K-6, and kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

There will be hayrides, a pumpkin

patch, bouncy castle, face painting, demos, and more during the 3-hour event! A donation to the Fishkill Food Pantry will be admission.

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Quakers in Dutchess County

Touring local history, a disappointing ‘leaf peeping’ season, and more...

Last chance! November 2 is the last day to tour four Dutchess County Quaker meeting houses, noon to 4 p.m. So far, 800 visitors have taken advantage of this unique opportunity to explore an essential chapter of our local heritage, courtesy of some support from the Dutchess County Legislature and a cadre of volunteer docents.

Sue and I stopped in at the Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners this past Sunday. I had been planning to explore some prime fall foliage sites, but after a trip upstate I realized that we are in for one of the most disappointing “leaf peeping” seasons in recent memory, thanks to the hot, dry weather. The Quaker meeting house tours are part of Dutchess County’s celebration of our nation’s sesquicentennial.

Craig Marshall, vice president of the Clinton Historical Society, says that at one time Dutchess County was home to the largest population of Quakers outside of Pennsylvania. Of course, the Quaker faith remains vibrant in our community. Quakers meet every Sunday at Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie and all are welcome to join. According to their website, Quakers emphasize the inner light, personal experience of God, and peaceful living. They also embrace social change, environmental activism and community outreach as part of their continuing spiritual journey.

Docents Craig Marshall and Bronwyn Bevan (who is the sister-in-law of 1970s punk rocker Richard Hell) showed us around the Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners. 250 years ago, almost everyone in central Dutchess County was a Quaker. They were farmers, raising wheat and milling flour until the Erie Canal, completed in 1825, brought a flood of grain from western New York. Then they became dairy farmers, shipping milk and butter on the newly constructed railroad.

Quakers refused to take sides during the American Revolution, raising suspicion that they were British sympathizers. A prominent local Quaker, Paul Upton (of Upton Lake fame) was imprisoned for a few months, accused of carrying secret messages to the British.

With their emphasis on non-violence, equal rights for all, including women, temperance, and abolition of slavery, the Quakers helped to shape Dutchess County society, a legacy that continues to this day.

• **Autumn leaves** – Mike Bouton, former executive director at the Clark Foundation in Cooperstown, N.Y., calls the fall foliage “muted.” Foliage bus tours are still running, but the tourists are



Bronwyn Bevan and Craig Marshall at Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners.

underwhelmed, as the autumn leaves are drying and falling before they color up.

• **Vassar College trees** – there used to be a map identifying 230 trees, all labeled, on the Vassar College campus. I still have a copy of the map, but the labels are gone, along with some of the trees. Recently a few labels have been replaced, for example, on the Pin Oak in front of the Main Building, which, planted in 1869, is the oldest tree on campus. The famous gigantic London Plane Tree between Main and the Library was planted in 1906.

• **Garden Large** – Julia and Duncan Brine’s six acres of intuitive naturalistic landscape in Pawling will be open for a tour sponsored by the Garden Conservatory on October 18, 1-5 p.m. Brine will be providing classical piano music for the event. Don’t miss it.

• **Spotted Lantern Fly** – So far, they haven’t caused any significant damage, unless you parked your car under a tree of heaven. Check out my live recording of “Spotted Lantern Fly Blues” on TikTok.

• **Amenia Day** – I’m making a “rare small club appearance” at Amenia Day, 12:30 p.m. on October 18, playing mostly folk music with a couple of DEVO tunes thrown in.

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



Vassar’s famous sycamore has seen a lot of protests over the years.

-Photos by Mark Adams

Pastor Drew brings gospel and teaching to Hudson Valley

Drew Robison has been preaching the gospel and teaching Bible classes for nearly 30 years. He received his preaching training in Fort Worth, Texas and graduated from the Brown Trail School of Preaching in 1998. He has conducted a number of gospel meetings for Churches of Christ and performed evangelism efforts in Los Angeles, San Diego, CA, Moss Point, MS, Hurley, MS, Grand Bay, AL, Little Rock, AR, Carlsbad, NM, and other states and cities. His wife, Sandy also received her ministerial training at the same preaching school and has continued to be a big part of spreading the gospel of Christ.

Drew’s secular education includes a Bachelors in Management Communications and a Masters in Human Services with a Specialization in Counseling Studies. For over 15 years, he formerly worked in the field of Case Management addressing the needs of the homeless and helping people with addiction related issues. He has also conducted research and training tours for the Probation Department’s rehabil-

itation programs.

Drew attended a prestigious acting Academy in Los Angeles. Famous actors such as Robert De Niro, Melanie Griffith, Marlon Brando and a host of other well known entertainers, also attended the Academy. Drew said that he left the Hollywood scene, 30 years ago to preach the gospel. He emphasized that this decision was because he weighed the hope of a heavenly home as far greater riches than any earthly achievements (for example, Oscars and Grammy, etc).

Drew believes in preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27) and emphasized that all scripture is giving by inspiration of God and has great benefit for the saving of men and women’s eternal souls (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is the message that he hopes to bring to Southern Dutchess County.

Although he is no longer in music and acting as a profession, Drew said that he has written over 50 songs to his beloved wife. His wife Sandy’s hobbies include crocheting and photographing nature.

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Ruge’s Automotive marks 90th anniversary with community-wide party in Rhinebeck



Founder Lewis Ruge is pictured with Kristin Ruge Hutchins, President and CEO of Ruge’s Automotive.

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In honor of its 90th anniversary, Ruge’s Automotive hosted a community-wide event at its location at 6447 Montgomery Street in Rhinebeck on Saturday, Sept. 27 attracting over 100 guests during the course of the event.

The celebration featured prizes and giveaways, food, music, a photo booth,

and a chance to explore vehicles that represented various decades of the company’s history (along with current models).

Kristin Ruge Hutchins, President and CEO of Ruge’s Automotive, said, “This event was exactly what we envisioned... a celebration of our past, present, and future - not just as a business, but as a community.



A variety vehicles that represented various decades of the Ruge’s Automotive history (along with current models) were on display at the anniversary party.

Guests got to explore both a lineup of old cars from bygone days, which felt nostalgic - and they also got to tour our brand new Subaru showroom, which represents the investment we’re making into the future of this community. It was so interesting - and fun - to hear everyone reflecting on the evolution of this business and our region over the years since Ruge’s first opened.”

Added Lewis Ruge, Founder, “We are so grateful to everyone who has made this 90th anniversary possible - our clients, customers, and community have all been so supportive over the years. We also want to thank everyone who took the time to stop by and celebrate with us on Saturday. Some of the families who came by have been working with us for decades, and now their kids and grandchildren are also customers. We also welcomed those who became residents of the Hudson Valley more recently, who’ve quickly become customers and friends as well. It’s very gratifying to work in a business that allows us to build relationships with people from all walks of life - and to see so many of them in one room at the same time was really meaningful. We really appreciate the outpouring of support.”

First established in 1935, Ruge’s

Automotive now represents industry brands at each of four stores: Ruge’s Subaru in Rhinebeck, Ruge’s Chevrolet in Millbrook, Ruge’s Ford in Rhinebeck, and Ruge’s Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Rhinebeck. In addition, the company recently opened a service center in Rhinebeck.

“At the heart of that legacy,” noted Hutchins, is the “important act of paying it forward. Our company continues to sustain and expand upon our longtime philanthropic efforts, having sponsored many community-based initiatives year after year, decade after decade. Beneficiaries of our charitable giving program have included impactful groups like Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation, American Legion Post 429, Rhinebeck Rotary, and Taconic Little League, among many others. We are also proud to award scholarships on an annual basis to students from area school districts. Many of our employees - and all

of us on the leadership team - are longtime volunteers for area nonprofits and organizations. I think it’s important for our customers to know that we will always make giving back a top priority.”

EXIT Realty Connections announces new team members

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Meals-on-Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie seeks volunteers

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

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Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited to host dinner on Nov. 7

The Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited, a 501c-3 non-profit conservation organization based in Poughkeepsie, will hold a fundraising Stewardship Dinner on Nov. 7, at the Beekman Golf Club, 11 Country Club Rd., East Fishkill, from 6 – 10 p.m. They are actively engaged in many local community projects such as stream clean ups, tree plantings, Trout in the Classroom programs in Dutchess County schools, and a scholarship program for Dutchess County high school seniors.

Proceeds from the dinner, raffles and auctions will help to raise funds needed to achieve their goal of protecting and conserving water and land resources in Dutchess County.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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Join Beacon Historical Society Director of Special Projects Diane Lapis for this special event, with a showing of this 57-minute film and talk with its producer/director, Michal Goldman.

In the mid-1920s, thousands of immigrant Jewish garment workers managed to catapult themselves out of urban slums and ghettos by pooling their resources to build four cooperatively owned and run apartment complexes in the Bronx. “At Home in Utopia” focuses on the United Workers Cooperative Colony – aka the Coops – the largest and most member-driven of these cooperatives, where many of the residents

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the film tracks the rise and fall of one community from the 1920s into the 1950s, paying close attention to the passions that bound people together and those that tore them apart. Along the way, At Home in Utopia bears witness to lives lived with courage across the barriers of race, language, convention, and sometimes even common sense.

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KMAC Group LLC filed with SSNY on 04/25/2025. Office: 31 Pleasant Ridge Road, Poughquag, NY12570 , Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 31 Pleasant Ridge RoadPoughquag,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 beserved. 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 beserved. 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 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

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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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.

Notice of Formation 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.

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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: 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 desg. 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 TOMP-KINSLN 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.

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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.

F A M 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 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.

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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 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 is may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 203 Cardinal road Hyde Park, NY 12538: Any Lawful purpose

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

JO ANY SPEAKS 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.

Firn Expedition Services, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/2025. Office loc.: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 63 Brill Lane, Poughquag, New York 12570. DOSID#: 7715993. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

AXIOS HOUSE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/19/2025. 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.

Name: Hersey Music, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 27, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County, New York SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 97 West Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: Any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

Notice of formation of SUPER 3D PRINTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 88 Park Place, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

THICKET STRATEGIES LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/28/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 136 Kennel Rd, Wassaic, NY 12592. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Not Your Average Women LLC Articles Of Organization filed with State Of New York Dept. Of State (SSNY) on 09/03/2025 Office Location: Dutchess County at 368 Feller Newmark Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571 SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom

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process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Not Your Average Women LLC, 368 Feller Newmark Rd, Red Hook, NY 12571 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose

BRIDGEPOINT PROPERTIES, LLC, Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on September 19, 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, 5 Cliff Street, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Alfa Knows, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 2nd, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 41 Scenic Hills Dr. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 . Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of formation of SAKASM91 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 8/20/25. Office Location: Dutchess County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to SAKASM91 LLC at 3 Locust Court Apt A Fishkill NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of the Formation of Align + Restore Wellness, LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on 9/10/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. Stephanie Stewart, registered is to be the agent upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Stephanie Stewart, 5 Nancyaleen Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Wild Rose Studios LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/25/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Wild Rose Studios LLC, 35 Long Meadow Dr, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley

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Lacrosse Company LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Hudson Valley Lacrosse Company LLC, 5 Malmros Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which an LLC may be organized under the laws of New York State. Managed by: Robert Clark. Organizer: Robert Clark, 5 Malmros Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Duration: Perpetual.

8 BAHRET AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/10/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Elite Innovations Contracting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/25/2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 35 Long Meadow Dr, Staatsburg, NY 12580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Plush Beauty Bar LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 17, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2537 NY-52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Prime Eastdale, LLC filed w/SSNY 9/26/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 3344 NY-9N, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RH AND SON LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with

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SSNY on 7/22/25. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC 754 WOLCOTT AVE BEACON NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JG Hudson LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/17/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 25 Robert Pitt Dr. Ste 204, Monsey, NY 10952. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Vcorp Agent Services, Inc., 25 Robert Pitt Dr., Ste 204, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful activity.

13 HOLE IN THE WALL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/29/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 13 Hook Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

286 Cleverdale, LLC filed w/SSNY 9/23/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 14 Amherst St, Red Hook, NY 12571. Any lawful purpose.

AJF PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Airport Dr., Unit 101, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AJF PROPERTY GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/25. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Airport Dr., Unit 101, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LUCULE LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/2010. Office: Dutchess County.

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SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 292, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

Di Jeli Herbals L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/15/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: P.O. Box 3, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

HIGH SCORE RBK LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/3/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 198 Rhinecliff Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Maura Barrett Law PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 301 Manchester Rd, Ste 201, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Law.

Bear Hill (1) LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 42 Stissing Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

Bear Hill Apartments LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 42 Stissing Ave, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of JLA HOSPITALITY LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/25. Office location, County of Dutchess. SSNY has

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been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o JLA Hospitality LLC - 36 Morgan Ct., Wappingers Falls, NY, 12590. Purpose: any lawful act.

Snook MOB Realty, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/25/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 243 N Rd, Ste. 304, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

SSNV Realty, LLC filed w/SSNY 9/24/25. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to 243 N Rd, Ste 304, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

LuxeHouse LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 31B Rhobella Drive Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ANVARI CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed NY Sec. of State 09/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY designated agent for service. Mail: 2 Grace Ct Apt 3-O, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Sensible Tools, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on September 25, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 31 Hankin Loop, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of grossmsmgmt LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/30/25. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 50 Aspinwall Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Andrea Aidekman Gross at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “030” IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025133, shall conduct a public hearing on the 14 day of October 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chambers of the Dutchess County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on a proposal to establish Zone of Assessment “030” in the Dutchess County Water District located in the Town of Hyde Park as described in Attachment A, annexed hereto.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to its Quaker Hill Water System in order to provide water service to that Public Water Supply in the Town of Hyde Park.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to interconnect the South Cross Water System as well as other water systems in the area as part of that interconnection project.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that capital costs will be allocated among properties by means of a benefit unit assessment. Operation and maintenance costs will be allocated among properties based on metered water usage.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the first-year average annual cost to the typical one-family home in Zone of Assessment “030” is estimated to be \$892.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the estimated one-time hook-up fee for the typical single family residential property will be \$1,150 per property.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copy of the Map, Plan and Report for Zone of Assessment “030” is available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined or procured by interested parties during regular business hours.

DATED: Poughkeepsie, NY
September 2025

BY ORDER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
LEIGH WAGER

Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature

ATTACHMENT A

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “030”
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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 includ-

ing 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.

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

NOTICE OF
SUBMISSION OF
QUESTION TO THE
VOTERS OF THE
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY AT
THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provisions of the NYS Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Pleasant Valley at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:

SHALL THE
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY FREE LIBRARY BE AT FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$537,000) ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that the said election shall be held at the following locations in the Town of Pleasant Valley:

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Town Hall
Traver Road School
West Road School
Pleasant Valley Fire House
Salt Point Fire House
on the 4th day of November 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS. WISDOM VENTURES LLC, Plaintiff, v. ADUSEI HOLDINGS LLC, et al., Defendants. Index No. 2024-50773

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted herein on August 21, 2025, I the undersigned, the Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction at the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, County of DUTCHESS, State of New York on NOVEMBER 3, 2025 AT 2:30 PM of that day, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold and therein described as follows:

Said premises being known as and by street address 75 OAK STREET, BEACON, NY 12508 Section 5954 Block 28 Lot 972906

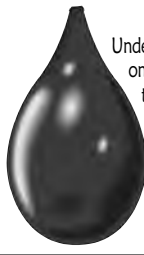
Said premises are sold subject to the terms and conditions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. Approximate amount of Judgment \$535,983.20. Dated: Garden City, New York September 17, 2025
GERARD J. PISANELLI, ESQ., Referee
Adam E. Mikolay, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
400 Garden City Plaza
Suite 405
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 222-2050

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Dutchess, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XI, Plaintiff,

Legal Notices

vs. CECIL WILLIAMS A/K/A CECIL F. WILLIAMS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on August 4, 2025 and an Order Appointing Successor Referee to Conduct Foreclosure Sale entered on August 14, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Rear Lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on October 31, 2025 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 26 CLIFF STREET, BEACON, NY 12508. All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Beacon, County of Dutchess, State of New York, Section: 5954, Block: 27, Lot: 780890. Approximate amount of judgment is \$442,598.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2018-51935. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. JOSEPH FRANK BUONO, ESQ., Referee
Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board, Dutchess County, on Thursday the 30th day of October, 2025 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on the following application: Dr. Rabi Sinha, 45-49 Foster Road, Hopewell Junction, requesting a Special Use Permit for a 'Caretaker' Cottage. John Eickman Chair
East Fishkill Planning Board



GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

Free guided tours at Mesier Homestead on Oct. 12

As part of New Your State’s “Path Through History” weekend, the Wappingers Historical Society will be offering free guided tours of the Mesier Homestead with a costumed docent on Sunday, Oct. 12. Costumed tours are available at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. that day. Discover a local part of New York State’s rich history when you tour the Mesier Homestead. During this special weekend you can take a free walk back in time with a costumed guide at this 1741 home of the original settlers of the area that is now the Village of Wappingers Falls. Tours include the upstairs portion of the main house as well as the original 1741 section. Please allow 1 - 1/2 hours for a complete tour. There is no charge for admission on this day, however, donations are gratefully accepted. Path Through History Weekend is celebrated from Oct. 11-13, at various historical sites throughout New York State. For more information about this state-wide program, please visit ILOVENY.com/PTH. The Mesier Homestead and Museum is located at 2 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls. For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email at info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "029A" AND ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "029B" IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025134, shall conduct a public hearing on the 14 day of October 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chambers of the Dutchess County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on a proposal to establish Zone of Assessment "029A" and "029B" in the Dutchess County Water District located in the Town of Hyde Park as described in Attachment A, annexed hereto.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to its Quaker Hill Water System in order to provide water service to that Public Water Supply in the Town of Hyde Park.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to interconnect the Dutchess Estates Water System as well as other water systems in the area as part of that interconnection project.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that capital costs will be allocated among properties by means of a benefit unit assessment. Operation and maintenance costs will be allocated among properties based on an unmetered interim water rate.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the first-year average annual cost to the typical one-family home in Zone of Assessment "029A" is estimated to be between \$1,312 and \$1,322 if connected prior to full completion of the Interconnection project, or estimated to be between \$1,735 and \$2,723 if connected after full completion of the Interconnection project. The annual cost to the single parcel in Zone of Assessment "029B" is estimated to be between \$136 to \$147.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the estimated one-time hook-up fee for the typical single family residential property will be \$1,150 per property.
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copy of the Map, Plan and Report for Zones of Assessment "029A" and "029B" are available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined or procured by interested parties during regular business hours.
DATED: Poughkeepsie, NY
September 2025

BY ORDER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
LEIGH WAGER
Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature
ATTACHMENT A
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LEGAL NOTICE:
REQUEST FOR
BIDS FOR PRO-
POSALS FOR
TOWN ATTORNEY
FOR 2026
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill is seeking bids from qualified legal companies on a contract for the Town of Fishkill Town Attorney for 2026.
A complete copy of the Town's Request for Bids and the proposed contract is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524. Any person interested in examining the Request for Bids and the proposed contract may do so by contacting the Town Clerk's Office by email: b t o m p k i n s @ fishkill-ny.gov
Attorneys desiring to submit bids must deliver one (1) copy of their bid documents marked "original" and five (5) additional copies of their submission to the Town Clerk at the above address no later than noon on Friday, November 17, 2025.
The Town of Fishkill assumes no liability for the costs incurred by individuals in preparing submissions in response to this RFP. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF FISHKILL
BECKI TOMPKINS
TOWN CLERK
REQUEST FOR
BIDS
NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-44-25
New Automotive, Truck, Off-Road, Agricultural & Utility Tires, Tubes, and O-Rings
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of October 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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DCP-39-25
On-Call Moving Services
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of October 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.
NOTICE
Snow Ordinance
Just as a reminder to the Town of Fishkill residents, a new Snow Ordinance will take effect for this upcoming "Winter Season". The "Winter Season" is hereby defined as the period from November 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year. The provisions of the ordinance will only be in effect during times when a snow event/emergency is declared by the National Weather Service, the Town Supervisor, the Superintendent of Town Highways, or their designees. Upon the declaration of a snow emergency/event, the Town of Fishkill shall contact the media and send out the information via an eGov, the town-wide email system. This declaration will also be posted to the Town of Fishkill website. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any Town road or highway during the declared snow event or emergency during the "winter season".

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THEME: PERIODIC TABLE ELEMENTS

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9. Extinguish birthday candles
13. Impolite dinner sound
14. Division of time
15. Forgo
16. On the move
17. Lake, in France
18. Alaska native
19. *The heaviest metal
21. *Inert gas of balloon fame
23. "Jersey Shore" network, acr.
24. Move like parasailor
25. Pick up, as in a criminal
28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet
30. "A ship without _____," or one without purpose
35. Paella pot
37. Nessie's turf
39. Sweating room
40. Cyberspace soliloquy
41. *Gold
43. Foul substance
44. Ruled
46. Dish out
47. Belgium's currency
48. Lands (2 words)
50. Indira Gandhi's dress
52. _____ Without Hats, band
53. Sheltered nook
55. Gross National Product
57. *Majority of elements on periodic table
60. *Iron
63. Fortune teller's card
64. Anger
66. Saharan rest stop, e.g.
68. Venerated paintings
69. Acquired
70. Beside, archaic
71. Curious
72. Professional basketball league, acr.
73. Paterfamilias, tenderly

DOWN

1. General Services Administration
2. Additionally
3. Common allergens
4. Tale-spinning brother
5. Prosecco cocktail
6. Position of leadership
7. George Gershwin's brother
8. Village People's "____ Man"
9. Island near Java
10. Stead
11. Reproductive cell
12. Kind of nurse
15. The Beatles' "I Am the ____"
20. Throat lobe
22. "Lend me your ____"
24. Glucose+fructose
25. *Like Ar, Xe and Ne
26. Completely dedicated (2 words)
27. Hair color
29. High in decibels
31. Small European freshwater fish
32. Pasta wheat
33. Accustom
34. *Rn, known for seeping into homes
36. Forever and a day
38. Dance with leis
42. Join companies
45. Old European coins
49. D.C. mover and shaker, for short
51. Encroachment
54. Victory hand gesture
56. Life force, in Sanskrit
57. Type of shark
58. Aphrodite's son
59. Broadway recognition
60. Greek salad ingredient
61. Not mint
62. This over matter?
63. *Sn, element in bronze
65. "To ____ Peter to pay Paul"
67. Pig pen

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 4B.

Verona Quartet and Steven Banks to perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Oct. 12

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) will continue its 2025-2026 chamber series with the highly accomplished Verona Quartet and Steven Banks, an ambassador for the classical saxophone. They will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit www.howland-music.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main Street in Beacon.

The Verona Quartet has firmly established itself amongst the most distinguished ensembles on the chamber music scene today. The Quartet has performed in all the world's great halls on four continents, winning accolades and prizes since its start in 2013. The Quartet believes storytelling transcends genre, and thus chose their name as a tribute to the great storyteller, Shakespeare.

Performer and composer Steven Banks has been cited for his warm yet glowing tone, well-crafted and communicative

musical expression and deft technical abilities. He has soloed in many hallowed halls, as well as appearing with symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the country. He currently serves as Saxophone and Chamber Music Faculty and Artist-in-Residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

For this performance, the Verona Quartet and Steven Banks will perform Albert Hay Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" (1935); works by Mendelssohn, Debussy and Jancek; as well as a Mozart quartet, arranged by Banks; a movement from one of Banks' compositions; Reena Esmail's "Magan Rehna," a Hindustani work; and Christopher Theofanides' "Visions of the Hereafter," that was composed for the Quartet and Banks in 2024.

HCMC now offers tickets at prices to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.



The Verona Quartet and Steven Banks (inset) will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, October 12 in Beacon.
-Courtesy photo Howland Cultural Center

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

**By Nate Smith
Recreation Director**

Autumn is upon us as the leaves start changing color and the snowbirds start making their way south. Now is a great time to check out Peach Hill, Rochdale, Creekside, Greenvale and Stanley Still parks as migratory birds stop off at some of their favorite places on their way to warmer climates.

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 interested, please email: rec@townof-poughkeepsie-ny.gov.

**Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis**

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

Take advantage of the nicer weather and sign up at our Senior Center to join us for these special excursions:

Oct. 21 - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.: "Out To Lunch" at Mahoney's Irish Pub and Restaurant at 35 Main St. in Poughkeepsie. We've reserved a private room where we can enjoy a delicious hot buffet lunch and "dance till we drop" to a dance playlist. The cost is \$35 payable when you register. Remember to let Lorraine know some of your favorite dance tunes.

Nov. 13 - Get into the holiday spirit early as we head down to Hunterdon Hills for a full day including a served lunch (choice of entre), their famous dessert buffet (with a multitude of sweet treats), and the show "A Playhouse Christmas 2025." Town residents pay \$95 and their registration is now open.

Non-residents may register beginning Oct.16, and pay \$115.

Tuesday Bocce (10:45) is very popular so we request that you sign up ahead of time since there is a 12 person limit. Come in Oct. 9 and/or Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m. and chat with a Town Police officer over a cup of coffee/tea. The Rover Mobile Library will be at our SC on Oct.14 (10:30 a.m. - noon). That's the same day we will be celebrating our SC's 12th year birthday with a complimentary sub lunch and cake for dessert! Eric Lipper will be providing music, so wear your dancing shoes! Brain Games will take place on Oct. 21 (10:30 a.m. - noon).

One may also want to sign up for our two Thursday Lunch and Learns this month. Both begin at noon and include a complimentary light lunch for participants: Oct. 9 "Nutrition for Brain Health" and Oct. 23 "Town Budget" with our Town Supervisor.

Our October Community Service Project will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 29. We'll be preparing PB&J sandwiches. Sign up for our "Spook-tacular Halloween Bash" taking place on, you guessed it, Oct.31. Harvest Band (live!) will keep us entertained and floating across the dance floor. "Bloody" good meatball hero subs will be served for lunch. The charge is \$10, payable at the required pre-registration.

Our Senior Center is located at 14 Abe's Way. We're open Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Membership is free and open to everyone 55+. For more information, please give us a call at 845-462-0265. We will be closed on Monday, Oct.13.

Fishkill Historical Society to host Market Day

The Fishkill Historical Society is hosting Market Day on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is at the Van Wyck Homestead Museum, at 504 Route 9, in Fishkill (just south of the I84 and Route 9 intersection off Snook Road). There will be more than 20 vendors selling jewelry, pottery, wood items, and other handcrafts.

Additionally, one will be able to have lunch of homemade soups or hot dogs topping it off with homemade cookies, cakes and pies. Additionally, our "world famous" apple fritters will be made to order. Rain Date is Sunday, Oct. 12.

For more information, visit <http://fishkillhistoricalsociety.org>.

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by luigi coppola



How to make wine

Grapes in the fall make vino at Christmas

As the leaves begin to turn, and the mornings get crisp, I begin to reminisce about making wine.

I remember coming home from school on a Monday to see the cars parked in the driveway and the garage doors open. Stacked up in the garage were rows and rows of wooden crates filled with red grapes. The bees already were starting to buzz around the cases, excited about what was to come.

In the days leading up to the delivery, Pop would have us bring the wooden barrels up from the basement and fill them with water. The water would leak out over the course of a few days and we would be diligent in refilling them. As the oaken barrels would soak in the water, the leaks would eventually stop. Once the barrels were done being soaked, we would bring them back downstairs into the basement and put on their cradles to be prepared for the juice. Once on their cradles, Pop would get a small strip of cloth and soak it in a mixture of water and powdered sulfur. He would then light the end of the cloth, put it in the barrel and seal it in order to disinfect the barrel from unwanted bacteria. The barrel would remain sealed until it was time to put the grape juice in the barrels.

Back in the garage, we would set up the grape grinder on top of another barrel. The grape grinder looks like a giant manual coffee grinder. We would take turns loading the hopper with grapes while the other would grind. Case after case of

grapes would be loaded and ground. Once one barrel would be filled we would move the grinder to another and begin the process until all the grapes were done.

The smell of grapes hung in the garage. Bees flying all over happy to have found the world’s largest sugar buffet. The garage door would close, space heaters would be brought in, and the barrels would sit for 5-7 days. We would not be allowed in the garage at all for those days, otherwise the air would escape and possibly cause fermentation to stop.

After five days, with the grape mixture bubbling, we then would start to scoop out the grapes and squeeze them in a special grape press, with the juice running into a wash basin that we rigged with a hose in the bottom. The hose would run down the outside stairs into the basement and into the barrel. On and on we would press the grapes until all were done and the barrels were filled. The pressed grapes would then be wheel-barrowed into the garden, and in the spring, they would be tilled into the soil.

Once complete, the wine barrel would sit open for three more days, until the fermentation slowed down. We would then place an air lock on the opening to allow air to escape but not let any air into the barrel. Then the waiting would begin.

The hope was always to crack open the barrel for Christmas.

We had a wooden spigot that we would put in a small hole about 3 inches from the bottom of the barrel. That would allow us to

get the wine out of the barrel without getting all the solids, which we called “fetch.” The wine would be put into gallon jugs. After a week, we would then transfer the wine into another gallon jug, careful to leave the solids on the bottom. After a few days, the process was repeated till there was no “fetch” in the gallon jug.

I remember on Christmas Day, Pop and his brothers comparing wine to see whose tasted better as we played with our Christmas presents. During dinner, the wine was passed around even to us kids. I remember us kids mixing 7UP with the red wine. Dinner always began with risotto, and my favorite was butternut squash risotto.

Dinner was awesome, but then again dinner always tastes better with wine.

Butternut Squash Risotto

Ingredients

2 lbs.

and cut into bite-size chunks

3 tbsp.

10-12 leaves

1qt.

1 stick

1 small

1 cup

1 cup

¼ cup

butternut squash, peeled

extra virgin olive oil

fresh sage

chicken stock

Salted butter

onion diced

arborio rice

white wine

Reggiano Parmagiana

Method

Before you make the risotto, heat oven to 220C (approx. 425F)/fan 200C (approx 395F)/gas 7. Toss the squash in 1 tbsp oil together with the chopped sage. Scatter into a shallow roasting tin and roast for 30

minutes until it is brown and soft.

While the squash is roasting, prepare the risotto. Bring the stock to the boil and keep on a low simmer. In a separate pan, melt half the butter over a medium heat. Stir in the onions and sweat gently for 8-10 minutes until soft but not colored, stirring occasionally. Stir the rice into the onions until completely coated in the butter, then stir continuously until the rice is shiny and the edges of the grain start to look transparent.

Pour in the wine and simmer until totally evaporated. Add the stock, a ladleful at a time, and stirring the rice over a low heat for 25-30 minutes, until the rice is cooked al dente (with a slightly firm, starchy bite in the middle). The risotto should be creamy and slightly soupy. When you draw a wooden spoon through it, there should be a wake that holds for a few moments but not longer.

When the squash is cooked, mash to a rough purée and leave half whole. When the risotto is just done, stir though the purée, then add the cheese and butter and leave to rest for a few minutes. Serve the risotto scattered with the whole chunks of squash.

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

Fishkill

Recreation

By Lauren McMenamin

Assistant Recreation Director

Fall Festival: Get ready for a fun-filled day at our annual Fall Festival. This year it will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Geering Park from noon - 3 p.m. This event is open to grades K-6.

Come celebrate fall with our hayride, pumpkin patch, bouncy castle, face painting, demos, and much more! Kids are

encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes! Hot dogs and beverages will be available to purchase.

Admission to this event is a donation to the Fishkill Food Pantry. Come join us for a lots of fall fun!

Visit our website for more information and to register, please go to www.FishkillRecreation.com



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East Fishkill

Recreation

By Bill Green

Recreation Director

Think Santa! Our annual trip to NYC to Radio City to see the Christmas Spectacular has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8. The fee is \$145 for residents and \$155.00 for non-residents for the 5 p.m. show. You may register online or call 845 226-8395

Our East Fishkill Men’s Winter Basketball League at Van Wyck Junior High School is under way. Sorry we’re now filled. We cannot accept new players at this time.

Register now for our annual fun Halloween Party, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek Caterers. There will be tricks and treats, a parade, prizes and musical fun. Best cos-

tume awards will go to all ages. This event is for East Fishkill residents only.

Our Oct. 15 trip to Resorts World 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 oldies show will be handed out at the Casino.

We will begin signing up residents and non-residents this week 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 this Sunday, Oct. 5 from 9 to 11a.m. Youth Basketball starts in November. You may register online.

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

Photography group to meet Oct. 8

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m., the Dutchess Regional Photography (DRP) group will be holding a dinner meeting at Perkins restaurant in Wappingers Falls. The speaker will be master photographer Sherrie Fryxl. Her topic will be “Seven steps to a merit print.” There is no charge for attending

the meeting but dinner is on you. It should be a great learning experience as well as an enjoyable way to spend time with like mind people. Please join us for the entertaining and enlightening event.

Contact DRP President Les Muldorf at lesm1974@mac.com for more information.

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