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'It's contagious' - love of fiber arts, animals powers thriving NYS Sheep & Wool Festival

46th annual event set Oct. 17-18 at DC Fairgrounds

By Matthew Fetzer

For many, the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival is more than just an annual event. It's a celebration of agriculture and community that brings people together each fall at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. As this year's festival approaches Oct. 17-18, local farmers and longtime attendees are looking forward to celebrating the traditions that have made this event a staple of the Hudson Valley.

What once started as a livestock auction and market in 1980 has evolved into one of the biggest fiber arts and agricultural events in the Northeast over the last 46 years.

According to the official NYS Sheep and Wool Festival website, "What began as a gathering of shepherds and wool producers has grown into a vibrant tradition that brings together artisans, educators, farmers, vendors, and curious newcomers to share a passion for fiber arts, livestock, and rural heritage. Whether you're shopping for handcrafted goods, attending a workshop, watching sheep competitions, or meeting fellow makers, the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival offers something for everyone."

More than 100 vendors will be in attendance at the festival, selling textiles, farm products, and other goods. Workshops will be offered throughout the weekend. From spinning to wreath-making, to crocheting and embroidery work, dozens of workshops are available to the general public (fees vary by workshop).

Events such as the sheep show, livestock displays, seminars, used-equipment auctions, and children's activities are all very popular at the festival.

One of the festival's featured competitions is "Make It With Wool," a fashion contest run by Meegan Veeder-Shave, the director of the program at Patchwork Pastures in Hyde Park. There are five divisions in the contest: Pre-teens (age 12 and under), Juniors (ages 13-16), Seniors (ages 17-24), Adults (age 25 and older), and Made for others (any age).





Above: Katie Drum will be showing her sheep in the Breed Barn at this weekend's NYS Sheep & Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Right: Jackson and Jimmy Crisp of Old Beach Farm will be displaying Romney Sheep.
-Courtesy photos

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Pumpkins to highlight annual festival

By Kristine Coulter

October is here and so is the Beacon Sloop Club's (BSC) annual Pumpkin Festival. The festival will be held at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon on Sunday, Oct. 18 from noon – 5 p.m.

"We strive to provide attendees with a choice of free crafts, feature quality vendors, and promote environmental awareness," said Joyce Hanson, member of the BSC.

"We are an all-volunteer organization with a strong environmental message, and we are dedicated to keeping as much single-use plastic out of our festival as possible. To support this effort, we require all vendors to use compostable products. Please note that we provide free water for refillable water bottles, and we only permit the sale of beverages in compostable cups, glass bottles or cans," she noted.

Hanson explained that this festival, as the Strawberry and Corn festivals do, features two solar-powered stages with local Hudson Valley performers throughout the day. She said one stage is dedicated entirely to children's entertainment.

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The Beacon Sloop Club will hold its annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 18 at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. Pictured are volunteers slicing pumpkin pies during a previous year's festivities.
-Courtesy photo Beacon Sloop Club

Marist to honor 4 athletes, plus Giorgis, Gartland in inaugural Hall of Fame event



Longtime Marist University trustee Jack Gartland will be enshrined as one of 6 in the inaugural Marist University Athletics Hall of Fame class on Oct. 23.
-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

Four accomplished student-athletes, a record-setting basketball coach and a longtime trustee will be enshrined as the inaugural Marist Athletics Hall of Fame class as Marist is set to celebrate decades of Red Fox achievements during its Homecoming and Reunion weekend on Oct. 23-24.

The festivities at McCann Center will celebrate Terence Fede (Class of 2013), Rachele Fitz (Class of 2010), Chris Tracz (Class of 2005), Rik Smits (Class of 1988), Brian Giorgis, and Jack Gartland. Fede, the first Marist alum drafted to the NFL, played three seasons with the Miami Dolphins. Fitz was a standout women's basketball player, holding the records still in all-time points and rebounds.

Tracz stands as the winningest pitcher in Marist baseball history, reaching three NCAA tournaments during his career (2001-2005). The current head coach at Army West Point, Tracz holds records in innings pitched, strikeouts, starts, and complete games. Smits led the men's basketball team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987, then spent his entire 12-year career in the NBA with the Indiana Pacers.

At the helm of Marist women's basketball, Giorgis won 11 conference titles and led his team to a program-best Sweet Sixteen finish in 2007. As president of the James J. McCann Charitable Foundation, the late Jack Gartland secured millions of grant dollars to drive facility renovations and expansions on campus, building the success of Marist programs that persists today. In 1999, Marist President Dr. Dennis Murray declared, "No volunteer has done more for students, faculty, and alumni of our college than Jack Gartland."

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Fall Fun returns to Carnwath Farms with Annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Painting

By Morgan E. Maier

Get ready for an afternoon of fall fun, creativity, music and community at Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park. Friends of Carnwath Farms and The Sports Museum of Dutchess County will host their fourth annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Painting on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

This family-friendly celebration offers something for everyone. While supplies last, children can pick up a free mini pumpkin to paint (courtesy of Adams Fairacre Farms in Wappingers Falls), and let their creativity run wild. Visitors can also discover hands-on activities and exhibits from the Science Club Hudson Valley and the Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, enjoy live music from local musicians (courtesy of music sponsor: Lotz of Guitars), and soak in the sights and sounds of autumn at one of the Hudson Valley's most special destinations.

And there's plenty more to explore. Guests are invited to wander the grounds of Carnwath Farms, a nearly 100-acre Town of Wappinger park featuring hiking trails, historic buildings and spectacular views of the Hudson River.

The Dog House food truck will be on site offering food available for purchase. Attendees can also try their luck with raffle baskets filled with donated items from local nonprofit organizations and businesses.



The annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Painting will take place at Carnwath Farms on Saturday, Oct. 25.

-Courtesy photos

"Carnwath Farms and the Sports Museum are often called 'hidden gems,'" said Sports Museum President Bill Ponte. "We encourage community members and others to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather, bring the family and come discover all that this special place has to offer."

With pumpkins to paint, music to enjoy, trails to explore and plenty of autumn fun for the whole family, the Fall Festival and Pumpkin Painting is the perfect way to spend a fall Sunday in the Hudson Valley.

Carnwath Farms is at 81 Carnwath Farms Lane, Wappingers Falls.

For more information, please visit https://friendsofcarnwathfarm.org.





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Pre-teens can make a sweater, jumper, skirt, vest, or shirt, while the other divisions must make a complete outfit, according to their website. Made for others must be worn by the person for whom the garment is intended. Judging is based on appropriateness to the contestant's lifestyle, coordination of fabric with garment style/design, contestant's presentation, construction quality, and creativity.

"This is such a fascinating community," said Veeder-Shave. "I love the outreach and different interactions that we have with people. Some people get into sheep because of discussions that they've had with us. There are lots of places where people can be more than just a shopper here."

That sense of community is part of what makes the festival so special for many other Hudson Valley-based farmers and fiber artists. One longtime participant is Lauren Drum, who has been showcasing for over 30 years. As sheep owners, she and her 14-year-old daughter Katie display them at the breed barn on the fairgrounds. Drum regularly serves as the ring steward for the sheep show demonstration, while her Katie was the wool ambassador for the past two years.

"There's a lot more people interested in sheep and wool than you generally think," said Drum. "The number of people that you see at the festival is astronomical and just to know that there's that many people that are interested in the different aspects of wool is really cool."

"I love sharing things with the people that love sheep wool," said Drum's daughter, Katie. "I love showing them where their wool comes from and how many different types of sheep there can be. I love to make the connection in their brains and watch their minds being blown."

Visitors to the festival will have the chance to pet the sheep and feed them treats in the breed barn, according to Drum.

The Crisp family, owners of Old Beach Farm in Poughquag, will also be in the breed barn. Alicia Crisp, along with her husband, Jimmy, will display their Romney sheep. As a member of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, the organization responsible for the festival, Crisp hopes that more people can be introduced to the world of fiber arts.

"I always make it a point to tell people who have never been to the festival to come out," said Crisp. "Sometimes people will tell me, 'Why would I want to go? I'm not interested in fiber arts,' but you will be. It's contagious. You will fall in love with the fiber animals, and you will fall in love with the fiber arts."

Additional information on tickets, vendors, and workshops can be found on the official NYS Sheep and Wool Festival website sheepandwool.com.

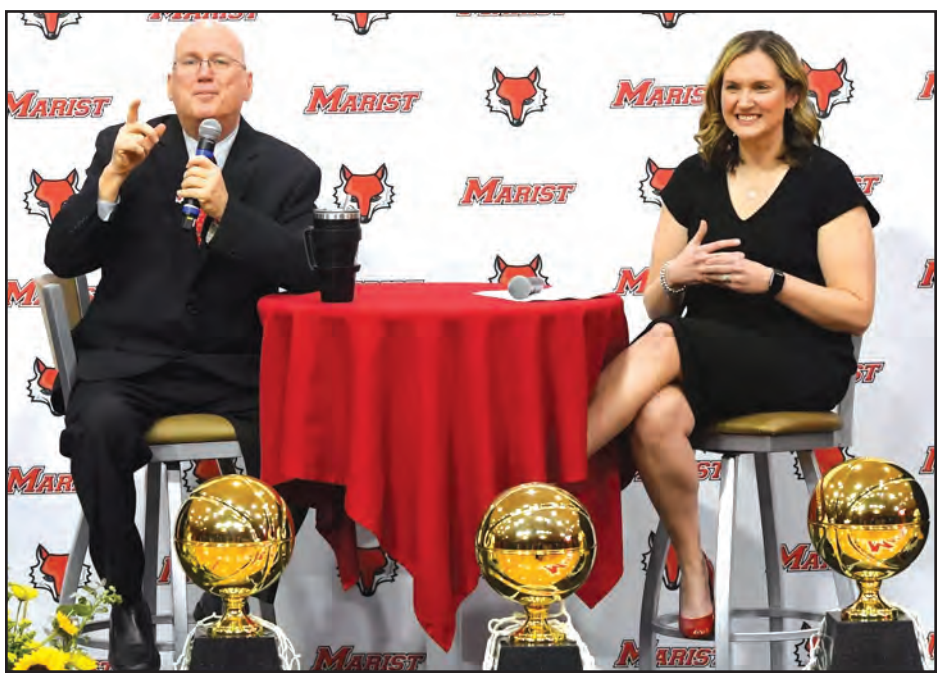




Above: Participants take to the stage in the "Make It With Wool" fashion show at a previous NYS Sheep and Wool Festival. Below: Corriedale lambs Cherry and Melba from Patchwork Pastures Farm in Hyde Park.

-Courtesy photos

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-Courtesy photo

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The Hall of Fame event on Oct 23 begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., and the plaque installation and ceremony will follow at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online via the Marist Athletics website (goredfoxes.com). Register at the "2026 Hall of Fame Celebration" page under the Tickets tab.

"The establishment of our Hall of Fame is the perfect way to showcase the long, celebrated history of outstanding athletics programs that have brought great distinction to Marist. We are fortunate to have an extensive number of impressive individuals and teams that have made Red Fox Nation proud during their time at Marist and beyond, and I'm excited to have this new way to honor the tradition of excellence they helped establish," said Director of Athletics Tim Murray.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

The content of their character, not party loyalty, should determine vote

To the Editor:

Early voting for Congress in CD17 begins on Oct. 24th thru Nov. 1st with in -person voting on Nov. 3rd. Only one candidate will prevail.

Of course, your vote should ideally support that candidate who best represents not only your economic interests, but your personal values as well. That is why the choice in CD17 deserves particular attention.

So regardless of past Party voting preferences, I encourage you to vote for Cait Conley, a dynamic young woman whose life has been defined by service to her Country. As your representative she has pledged to be laser focused on the needs of hard-working middle-class Americans and bring much needed change and honesty to a failed Congress.

Cait is offering serious responses to problems that Americans confront every day: a stagnating good paying job market, personal security, widening inequality, unaffordable housing, rising food and energy costs, privatization of Social Security, Medicare cutbacks and a health-care system that too often fails the very people it's' supposed to serve..

As a former Dir. of Counter Terriorsim, she brings expertise to the problems of unchecked AI, the explosion of massive and noisy data centers that deplete water tables and drive-up energy costs…and an immigration system that should distinguish between those who came here seeking the American dream and those that abuse it.

Here in CD17, a massive $5 million dollars in advertising filled with lies and smears about her positions, is being fire-hosed at Cait by self-interested and powerful political operatives. They, together with tech moguls and the likes of Elon Musk, have a large stake in ensuring Mike Lawler's continuance as Trump's enabler and preserving a system that continues to enrich them.

Cait's insistence of people over politics is not just a slogan but an approach that introduces fairness and empathy where greed now prevails. Once elected, she will legislate ethical guard rails to stem corruption, protect our environment and redirect needed dollars to CD17 constituents most in need. She will work for us!

This election is about more than one congressional seat. It is about whose interest's government will protect: the working families who Cait stands ready to fight for, or the wealthy and powerful that Lawler represents, to ensure their mutual self-enrichment.

Judge the person. Judge the record. Judge the character.

Vote for Change. Vote Cait Conley.

Jay Forbes
Peekskill, Westchester County

Reasons to vote for Mike Schade

To the Editor:

Why am I voting for Mike Schade for the Dutchess County Legislature and not his opponent? Because his opponent was elected to both the Fishkill Town Board and the Dutchess County Legislature and has not delivered nor presented any legislation that affects our lives in a meaningful way. I am a retired senior. I am 85 years old. I have lived in the "north country" since the early 1970's and in Dutchess County since the early 2000's, and I take offense to that. It's accounting time!

Mike Schade's opponent, helped take our tax dollars and enabled the former powerbrokers to change Dutchess Stadium into a place where the Yankees/Renegades fans can't afford to enjoy themselves. It is, financially, almost as bad as going to the Bronx. In my opinion, while in office, he has not presented any legislation that affects our lives in a positive manner.

Mike Schade is a proven advocate and a problem solver. He has helped pass Fishkill legislation protecting renters from excessive rent hikes. Mike worked to put a 3-year moratorium on the mega data centers in East Fishkill, protecting residents from higher energy costs. He has led national campaigns to remove toxic chemicals from food packaging.

Mike Schade's priorities are to lower costs for Dutchess County's working families and seniors. He supports responsible growth without worsening traffic … like in the Village of Fishkill. He wants to cut wasteful spending and bring more resources back to us, locally.

I know Mike Schade and I believe he will do these things for Dutchess County.

Elliott Terman
Fishkill

Social Security is 'not a sustainable retirement system'

To the Editor:

Democrats tell us that we need to elect them to "Save Social Security." But what do they really mean? How do Republicans threaten the system's survival?

Unlike Democrats who profess to be "pro-choice," Republicans believe that young people coming into the workforce should have a choice of setting up their own retirement accounts rather than putting their earnings into the Social Security system. Democrats recognize that the incoming workforce is shrinking which will mean that the amount of money available to pay future retirement benefits will also be shrinking making it impossible to maintain current benefit levels. To counter the impending shortfall, Democrats want to raise the current limit on the amount of earnings that are taxed, without raising the limit on the benefit payout.

Democrats want you to believe that the money in Social Security is "your money" when it isn't. If it was, it wouldn't matter if fewer, or even no new workers were paying into the system, and it surely wouldn't need an additional tax on "billionaires" to maintain system solvency. The fact that these things do matter is proof positive that Social Security never was a sustainable retirement system, but rather something usually called a "Ponzi Scheme".

William Kriebel
East Fishkill

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Wappingers Falls police car one of 4 vehicles involved in accident

On Saturday, October 10, at approximately 2:15 p.m., a four-vehicle motor vehicle accident occurred on West Main Street (Route 9D) in the Village of Wappingers Falls, involving a Wappingers Falls Police Department patrol vehicle, stated a social media post on the Wappingers Falls Police Department Facebook page.

No serious injuries were sustained by any of the individuals involved, read the post. The officer, who sustained non-serious injuries, was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and treatment before being released.

The accident remains under investigation by the New York State Police, it was noted.

The Wappingers Falls Police Department appreciates the concern and well wishes expressed by members of the community, it was stated in the post.

2026 NAMI Mid-Hudson meeting on Oct. 21

NAMI Mid-Hudson invites the community to its 2026 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Event on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30–8 p.m. at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. Join them as they celebrate a year of impact, recognizing dedicated volunteers and community partners, and look ahead to the future. Sign-in and light refreshments begin at 6 p.m. Registration is requested.

For more information or to reserve your seat, visit the Eventbrite Link or call 845-206-9892.

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

During National Breast Cancer Month, female veterans urged to prioritize health



It takes bravery and determination to serve in the military; no one will dispute that. Whether it's the immense commitment of one's time; the weeks, months or even years spent away from home and loved ones; the trials on both the mind and body or the challenges of putting one's country above self, life in the Armed Forces takes a certain type of person.

For our female veterans, it's important that the same resolve remains with them when they return to civilian life.

As we recognize National Breast Cancer Month in October, it's a good reminder for the women in our lives, including our female veterans – whether they're our mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, aunts – that it's critical to prioritize their own health. As County Executive Sue Serino says, it's important to "make the appointment" and keep up to date with all your medical screenings. It's critical for both yourself and the loved ones who count on you.

Our female servicemembers deal with many of the same health concerns as their civilian counterparts, though their time in the military is often also accompanied by challenges distinct to their service. That could mean being deployed overseas, unpredictable schedules, demanding tasks or unfamiliar environments; these can all add to the stress of military life. That's why it's so important that, if our female servicemembers and veterans don't feel just right, they voice their concerns and seek the medical care they need.

As many breast-cancer survivors, including County Executive Serino, will tell you, being vigilant can make all the difference. They know just how important regular screenings are, as they can often detect cancer early, when treatment can save lives. And while there is no hard-and-fast guidance about when and how often every woman should start getting mammograms – each woman has her own unique risk factors, including family history – any time is the right time to start a conversation with her doctor.

Putting off that discussion, though, shouldn't be an option. Your health is too important to your loved ones, your friends and, of course, you!

Be mindful of any changes in your body – things like pain, swelling, lumps or something else that just doesn't seem right – and don't just assume they'll go away; please discuss them with your doctor.

Cancer screenings, though, are just part of the broader conversation about our own health as veterans, including our female heroes, in particular.

Do you know your numbers? How's your cholesterol? What about your blood pressure? Are you getting enough sleep? Eating a healthy diet? Are you getting enough physical activity? It might seem like a lot, but these are things to be mindful of.

Just as important as our physical health is our mental health. It's a sign of strength and self-awareness to talk to someone if we feel anxious, alone, depressed or overwhelmed. If something is on your mind, please know that help is available.

Dutchess County is unmatched in the services we provide for our neighbors dealing with mental health concerns. You're never alone in Dutchess County, so if ever need to speak to a trained professional who wants to listen and help, please call or text 988, our Dutchess County Suicide & Crisis HELPLINE, and then press 1 for veterans, any time of the day or night. As always, I also invite you to call me at our Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060 or visit us at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley.

Our veterans' health – both physical and mental health – is so important, and I want to make sure our female vets, especially, hear this message and don't neglect their own health while they might prioritize the well-being of someone they hold dear.

All too often these days, the women in our lives become caregivers, either by choice or circumstances, and that duty becomes their main focus, almost to the exclusion of all else. If you've cared, or continue to care, for your friends, your family, your community or your fellow veterans, it's easy to forget to take care of yourself. If your life in uniform was defined by your selfless service, it's understandable that you might put off that checkup with your doctor or forgo that health screening to care for someone else.

Let me be clear: Your health deserves to be your top priority. You can't take proper care of others until you take care of yourself. Putting yourself first isn't selfish; it's the best way you can support those who rely on you.

Your military service has gained you countless benefits and services, both health-related and beyond. My Veterans Affairs staff and I are here to help you learn about all you're eligible for. Please know there is no shame in asking for help. These supports aren't hand-outs; you have earned them through your defense of our nation, and I want you to fully utilize whatever is available to help you.

I ask all our female veterans to let this month be a reminder about the importance of your own health. If you've been meaning to set up a doctor's appointment, please call and schedule it today. Enjoy a healthy meal. Make time for yourself, get outside, take a stroll and stay active.

We thank you all and appreciate your service. My hope is you never forget how much you mean to so many people in Dutchess County. Please take care of yourself – and your health.

Public comment period, public hearing on Dutchess County

2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development invites public comments on its draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which outlines Dutchess County's accomplishments for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs for the period July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026.

The draft CAPER has been available for public review for a 15-day period from Saturday, October 10 to Sunday, October 25. The draft CAPER is available on the County's website and during normal business hours at DCDPD, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107, Poughkeepsie.

A public hearing will be held in-person and virtually on:

Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m.

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Written comments and questions may be directed to Gail Padalino, Community Development Administrator via mail (at the above address), email to communitygrants@dutchessny.gov, or phone at 845-486-3600. All comments will be considered and included in the final Report as appropriate, which will be forwarded to HUD on or about Monday, Oct. 27.

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Wednesday, Oct. 28, noon-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie
Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Board of Elections Training Center, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls

Visit elections.dutchessny.gov for sample ballots and more information.

Board of Elections staff meet with County partners to review election preparedness

The Dutchess County Board of Elections met on Oct. 5 with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Emergency Response as part of its ongoing coordination with county partners in preparation for the 2026 General Election.

"These planning conversations are a standard part of election administration — ensuring that all county agencies are aligned, communication channels are established, and that everything is in place for a smooth Election Day experience for Dutchess County voters." said Democratic Elections Commissioner Lisa Jessup.

The Board distributed a recent advisory from the Attorney General's office regarding voting rights and the 2026 election, information on all polling locations as well as the different types of observers allowed in polling locations.

Sheriff Kirk Imperati said, "As Sheriff I take my public safety responsibilities very seriously, and that includes helping to ensure that every voter in Dutchess County is able to exercise their right to vote in a safe and peaceful manner. I am proud to partner with the Board of Elections and Department of Emergency Response in this effort, and as a result a well-coordinated plan is in place to protect the safety and security of Dutchess County voters as they head to the polls this fall."

"Dutchess County voters should feel confident that their elections are well-organized, well-supported, and in good hands," said Republican Commissioner Erik Haight. "We are proud to work alongside outstanding county partners who share our commitment to making sure every voter has a safe, accessible, and positive experience at the polls."

The meeting also addressed early voting and election day security as well as contingency plans for any interruption at a polling site. "The Department of Emergency Response proudly partners with the Board of Elections and the Sheriff's Office ahead of each general election to ensure that all aspects of public safety are well coordinated," said Commissioner William H. Beale.

"We are proud to be the only county in the state with vote centers, meaning voters can vote at any polling location within their city or town on Election Day," said Jessup, "This is not only a convenience for voters, but a built-in back-up plan in case of any emergency where a poll site experiences a disruption for any reason."

Early voting in Dutchess County begins October 24th at seven sites around the county. The 2026 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. Voters are encouraged to visit https://elections.dutchessny.gov/ for information on voting hours and locations for early voting and election day. The last day to register to vote in the 2026 election is Oct. 24.

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Anderson Foundation for Autism to honor Vanessa & Patrick Ryan at Gala on Oct. 24

Anderson Foundation for Autism has announced that registration is now open for its 2026 Gala, sponsored by Pamal Broadcasting, NFP, and CDPHP. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., and dinner, dancing, and the program starting at 7:30 p.m. Honorees this year are Anderson parents, philanthropists, and advocates Vanessa and Patrick Ryan, residents of Mahopac.

Executives from Anderson estimate that 300 guests will attend the gala, and that the organization expects to meet or exceed its event fundraising goal of $200,000. Proceeds from the annual gala are used to advance the organizational mission by directly supporting the educational, vocational, residential and clinical services that help "optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism."

Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said, "It will be our great privilege to honor Patrick and Vanessa Ryan this year, who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our agency and to our broader cause. We fully anticipate that this will be a sell-out event, and encourage anyone interested in attending to reserve their tickets as soon as possible."

A long-time accountant with a career spanning nearly 40 years, Patrick Ryan is currently the CFO of an asset management firm in Greenwich, Connecticut called AQR Capital Management. His wife of 30 years, Vanessa, is employed by the Putnam County Office of Senior Services, where she manages a program that provides medical transportation to senior citizens. Their family also includes three children: Peter, Ciara, and Sean.

In a joint statement, the couple responded to the news that they were being honored as follows: "We were initially surprised, and of course happy as we are proud of our association with Anderson Center - but most of all humbled. We feel honored to be chosen but want to share that the group of Direct Support Professionals who live, work with, and take care of our son are the ones doing God's work – we are just lucky to be part of this program."

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson (who will step in as CEO/Executive Director following Paul's retirement later this year), said "In addition to honoring the Ryans with the well-deserved VV Anderson Community Service Award, we will also present two of our very own team members (yet to be named) with 'Above and Beyond Awards.' Having a chance to publicly applaud people we truly cherish and admire is always a moving experience; we very much look forward to an uplifting program again this year."



Vanessa & Patrick Ryan of Mahopac are Anderson Center for Autism parents and philanthropists. They will be honored at the Anderson Foundation for Autism Gala at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie on Saturday, Oct. 24.

-Courtesy photo

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Program Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, said "We are incredibly grateful to the many people who make our gala so successful, year after year - from our sponsors and volunteers to the attendees themselves. Like our other fundraisers,

this tradition brings together people from all walks of life who share a passion for our mission. Not only do we get to recognize the inspiring honorees and award winners during the gala program, but we all have a chance to celebrate Anderson's far-reaching impact and our vision for the future."

For more information, call 845-889-9208 or visit AndersonCenterforAutism.org/Gala.

Hudson Valley researcher examines 'Playing with Emotion' for study

Hudson Valley researcher and Bradley University graduate student Victoria Alexeev is recruiting adults for "Playing with Emotion," an online experimental study examining how specific elements of video games may affect short-term emotional responses.

Alexeev notes that video games have had a complicated history with mental health, and as games have become a larger part of everyday life, questions about their effects on mental health continue to generate public concern and scientific debate. Social scientists believe better research can help consumers, parents, gamers, and clinicians understand how gameplay may affect emotion, behavior, and mental health.

Existing research tends to treat video games as a broad category. Alexeev's research takes a more specific approach by examining what happens when individual elements of game-play are studied separately. Different game systems ask players to make decisions, respond to challenges, interact with information, and engage with a game in different ways. Playing with Emotion tests whether those differences are associated with measurable changes in how players feel during play.

Participants complete three short game levels containing different activities and answer brief questions about their emotional state throughout the experience. The study also records game-play data related to how participants interact with the game.

Participation takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes and can be completed online using a desktop computer, laptop, or mobile device. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have basic English proficiency. Individuals with photosensitive epilepsy, seizure disorders, or severe motion sickness are not eligible to participate.

Alexeev is a graduate researcher in Bradley University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program and founder of VGTx, or Video Game Therapy, a research initiative examining how video games, game mechanics, and interactive systems affect emotion, cognition, behavior, and mental health.

Playing with Emotion has been reviewed and approved by Bradley University's Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research, Study #I-2026-031-BU. Adults interested in participating can visit PlayingWithEmotion.com to learn more and begin the study.

Top prizes awarded at PV Library chess tourney

The Second Annual Pleasant Valley Library Fall Classic Chess Tournament was held on Saturday, Oct. 3. It was a Swiss System Event, meaning all participants played every round, whether they won or lost. There were 16 players who came from all over the Mid-Hudson Valley, from Walden to Kingston to Millerton and beyond. There were trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as chess-themed souvenirs. There were pens, key holders and stickers for all participants. Also coffee, donuts and water and other refreshments.

The winner with a perfect 4-0 score was Steve Diaz from Hyde Park. Second place was determined by tiebreaks and a blitz (G/5) game between Dean Tichy from Walden and Nathaniel Clizbe from Stanfordville. Both had 3-1 scores. Dean won the blitz game and took 2nd. Nathaniel took the 3rd place trophy.

Thanks to Linda Hanlon, the Library event coordinator, and to Daniela Pulice, the Library director, for helping make the event a success. Robert Wehrli and Dean Tichy were the tournament directors.



Winners of the Second Annual Pleasant Valley Library Fall Classic Chess Tournament are, from left, Nathaniel Clizbe of Stanfordville (3rd place), Steve Diaz of Hyde Park (1st place), and Dean Tichy of Walden (2nd place).

-Photo by Raymond Wehrli



'YidLife Crisis' set Oct. 15 at the Bardavon

Get ready to laugh and kvell! Join "YidLife Crisis" comedy duo Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, creators and stars of the award-winning Yiddish-ish web series "YidLife Crisis" - in the fleisch!

The boychiks from Montreal present an evening of comedy, film, and music reflecting their unique take on the modern Jewish experience. In English. Appropriate for ages 18* - 118. (*OK, fine, anyone over Bar/Bat Mitzvah).

This is a free event; tickets are available at the Bardavon, the three Poughkeepsie Public Library District locations, and at Jewish Federation of Dutchess County events.

This event is produced in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and funded by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Public invited to share ideas on future of new 'Brickyard BOA' in Town of Poughkeepsie

The Town of Poughkeepsie will host a public workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, to seek public input about the future of the Brickyard Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA), located on and around the former Kmart site on Burnett Boulevard and Tucker Drive along Route 44 (Dutchess Turnpike). There will be a brief presentation about the process and findings so far, followed by opportunities for discussion and public engagement.

More information is available at the project website, www.brickyardboa.com. Members of the public can also complete an online survey at the site.

4-H CONNECTION









4-H youth are Beyond Ready: DC joins national celebration

From fairgrounds to classrooms, community gardens to robotics labs, 4-H youth in Dutchess County are proving they're not just ready for the future – they're Beyond Ready. During National 4-H Week, celebrated Oct. 4–10, local clubs shared how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence and resilience to lead in a world full of opportunity and change.

As America's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers six million young people nationwide with hands-on learning experiences through clubs, camps, school programs, and community events. Through the Beyond Ready initiative, 4-H helps prepare 10 million youth for work and life by 2030. In Dutchess County, 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop public speaking skills, lead community service projects, practice financial literacy and civic engagement, raise livestock, foster new technical skills and form lifelong friendships.

"With support and mentorship from 4-H volunteers, youth in Dutchess County 4-H are better prepared for the real world after high school. Many older 4-H members serve as volunteers and role models for younger members. We're very proud of all our 4-H members who give back to their communities and represent our county 4-H program so well." said Carolyn McGraw, 4-H Program Leader, Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and its team of educators, volunteers, and mentors deliver 4-H programs that help youth learn by doing. From Public Presentation events to Officer Training, 4-H youth are learning skills such as responsibility, teamwork, resilience, and communication—skills that will serve them in their career and for life.

"National 4-H Week is a powerful reminder that young people are already leading in extraordinary ways," said Jill Bramble, President & CEO of National 4-H Council. "Through 4-H, youth discover their strengths, build lifelong career and life skills, and create opportunities for real change in their communities. They aren't waiting for tomorrow — they are stepping up today and are Beyond Ready."

In preparation for National 4-H Week, three 4-H members spoke at a Dutchess County legislative session on Sept. 14. Coghlan Mullen, Tabitha Canning and Armen Platyan all shared speeches about their experiences in Dutchess County 4-H, impressing the full house and receiving a standing ovation.

To learn more about local 4-H programs or get involved, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County at 845-677-8223, or email dutchess@cornell.edu .



Pictured from left are CCEDC Executive Director Sam Storey, Coghlan Mullen, Tabitha Canning, Armen Platyan, 4-H Program Leader Carolyn McGraw, and Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago. Courtesy photo

Bridging more than the Hudson Valley, CFHV announces award to Walkway

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has awarded its first loan through its Local Impact Fund for Tomorrow (LIFT) program, providing Friends of the Walkway with bridge financing to complete the final phase of its New York State-supported lighting improvement project for the Walkway Over the Hudson.

The first of several LIFT loans already in the pipeline, this loan demonstrates how charitable capital can be put to work to help nonprofits across Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties.

The loan will allow Friends of the Walkway to move forward with replacement and supplemental lighting while it awaits reimbursement from a capital grant awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Launched in March 2026, LIFT provides nonprofits with flexible bridge financing when they have committed grant funding but need capital before reimbursement arrives. LIFT offers loans of up to $50,000 at 2% interest. CFHV provides the loans, while Ulster Savings Bank contributes 10% of each loan and originates and services the financing.

The model is designed to make each charitable dollar work again and again: when a loan is repaid, the funds return to LIFT and become available to another nonprofit in Dutchess, Ulster or Putnam County.



From left are Lori Robertson, Executive Director of Friends of the Walkway; Laura Washington, President & CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley; and Carlos Santiago, CFA, First VP Commercial Credit Officer at Ulster Savings Bank.

-Courtesy photo

Aaron Leonard announced as Vice President Operations & Organizational Development of Hudson Highland Fjord Trail Inc.

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) announced today the appointment of Aaron Leonard as Vice President, Operations & Organizational Development. Leonard brings a long history of executive leadership with experience in nonprofit management, public safety, the military, and outdoor programs to this new role at HHFT.

A Village of Cold Spring resident, Leonard has been a longtime supporter of the Fjord Trail and its mission. The last decade of Leonard's career has been focused on removing barriers to experiencing the outdoors and its benefits, particularly for veterans, military families, and first responders. In leadership positions with Sierra Club's Military Outdoors and, most recently, as CEO of Beacon-based Guardian Revival, Leonard has helmed initiatives to expand outdoor access—including to New York State Parks and other public lands and waters—and build outdoor experiential programs that strengthen connection, resilience, and community among veterans and first responders.

"For much of my career in the outdoor adventure field, I've seen what happens when people are given meaningful opportunities to connect with nature and with each other," Leonard said. "In my work with veterans and first responders, many of whom may be living with PTSD and other effects of repeated exposure to stress and trauma, I've seen healing, reductions in loneliness, and a renewed sense of belonging. I've also seen barriers to access that have prevented some of our nation's heroes from exploring our parks and public lands, the very places that they swore an oath to defend. I truly believe that the Fjord Trail will provide meaningful access to nature for people of all ages and abilities."



Aaron Leonard

-Courtesy photo

Leonard is a retired U.S. Army officer and combat veteran whose service included four combat tours. Following his military career, he continued that commitment to service through nonprofit leadership, where he has led organizations through growth and change, managed multi-million-dollar budgets, and built programs and led teams focused on service and community impact. His commitment to the Hudson Highlands community also extends beyond his professional work. Since 2021 he has served as a volunteer firefighter with Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1, and since 2025 has led Cold Spring's American Legion Post 275.

In his new role, Leonard will focus on organizational development, operations, staff support, internal systems, and helping HHFT build the capacity needed for the Fjord Trail's future.

Leonard lives with his wife Leslie in Cold Spring. Together, they have eight children and two grandchildren.





Melanie Chianese Foundation holds annual Domestic Violence Awareness Community Day in Wappinger







Clockwise from top left: Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, from left, and Cheryl Chianese listen as Melinda "Mindy" Brugger's daughter, Allison, makes remarks during the annual Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness at Brexel-Schlathaus Park on Saturday, Oct. 10 in Wappinger. Vendors Fran Malone, from Charm & Elegance, and John C. of Dual Captures Photography, were among two of the vendors taking part in the day's event. OG Burgers & Fries was one of the food trucks on site during the event.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter



By Kristine Coulter

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Melanie Chianese Foundation held its second annual Community Day for Domestic Violence Awareness at Brexel-Schlathaus Park in Wappinger. The five-hour event brought together domestic violence organizations and community partners from five counties – Dutchess, Orange, Putnam Ulster and Westchester, in Wappinger. There were raffles, giveaways, and live music.

Among the local vendors was John C. of Dual Captures Photography. "I know [this event] is very important for Melanie's mother, Cheryl [Chianese]. I hope it raises awareness about domestic violence and support people who are going through stuff like that," he said.

Melanie Chianese was murdered on May 29, 2022. She was an innocent, secondary victim of domestic violence. The man convicted of fatally stabbing Chianese was sentenced to serve life in prison without parole in April 2023.

Fran Malone, of Charm & Elegance, said she met Cheryl while at pickleball.

"We started talking," said Malone. She said the issue of domestic violence "needs to be discussed. The sad part is you can't really do anything until something happens. It's a tough situation for someone to be in."

"This is going to raise awareness for people in these situations," remarked Malone.

Local businesses participated as well. OG Burgers & Fries, started by Carey Paterson, was one of the food trucks on site. "It's a great cause. It's something super relevant for our community, unfortunately," said Kelly S., with OG Burgers & Fries.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini, who helped host the event along with the Town of Wappinger, introduced State Senator Rob Rolison and Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. They talked about getting Melanie's Law passed. The law expanded domestic violence protections, regardless of age, to all family and household members of a named victim.

Rolison said, "I got to know Cheryl through a tragedy."

Beephan stated, "Cheryl built this entire coalition around her daughter's story."

Congressman Mike Lawler noted Melanie's Law was passed with "bipartisan" effort.

Dutchess County Legislator Rob Faust said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino was unable to be there but asked him to attend and to present a $1,500 donation. The donation will go towards the scholarship established in Melanie's memory, he said.

Cheryl explained the scholarship is for a student who will go into Human Services. "So, they can go on with their degree. It's what Melanie wanted to do," said Cheryl.

Cavaccini noted with the scholarship fully funded, there will be a future memorial site at Schlathaus Park – a gazebo.

A Prayer and Moment of Silence were held at noon to remember Melinda "Mindy" Brugger and those whose lives have been lost to domestic violence. Brugger, an EMS captain, was killed in an act of domestic violence in August in her Ulster County residence, according to law enforcement.

Brugger's daughter, Allison, said, "I want to thank the people who spoke here today."

Dutchess County Legislator Emma Arnoff said, "It's important to them that their elected officials really understand what they are going through." She noted legislators will be able to take training.

A tribute song was performed by Patty Atkinson and her son, Hudson.

For the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: call 800-942-6906, or text 844-997-2121.

Resolution to cover Flock cameras passes in Legislature's Public Safety Committee

From Legislature reports

Legislator Chris Drago (D-Stanford) has introduced a resolution directing that any Flock Safety license plate reader camera still installed in Dutchess County after Oct. 25 be covered with opaque, non-damaging material within seven days, and stay covered until it comes down. The measure successfully passed out of last Thursday's Public Safety Committee of the Dutchess County Legislature unanimously, and went to a full board vote Tuesday, Oct. 13.

On Sept. 25, District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced that Dutchess County would stop using Flock's automatic license plate readers. The DA stated that it would take no longer than 30 days to remove the devices.

Until then, dozens of cameras remain mounted on poles across the county, looking exactly as they did when they were recording every passing vehicle.

The resolution directs the County Executive and County departments to carry out the covering safely and without damaging the equipment, which remains Flock's property until removed.

"Since Dutchess County deactivated its Flock cameras on September 25, I have called for the cameras to be covered pending their removal, giving residents visible assurance that they are no longer operating. With no action taken, I introduced a resolution requiring that any County Flock cameras still standing after the October 25 removal deadline be covered. Covering the Flock cameras is a small act, but an important step toward restoring public trust by demonstrating respect for residents' privacy and freedom. I urge the County Executive to act now to cover all Flock cameras immediately because privacy is foundational to American democracy," said Drago.

Legislator Eric Alexander (D-Town of Washington) added, "At the Flock forum, citizens expressed great urgency about eliminating surveillance cameras in Dutchess County. Now they are demanding certainty about when they will be physically removed. This resolution will address their concerns by establishing a date certain for the cameras to be covered before they are removed."





Pumpkins highlight annual festival

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Robert May, president of the BSC, explained, "We have planned a number of exciting changes and improvements which, I think, will delight festival-goers. We have several new children's activities that should entertain and enthrall our children guests of all ages."

He added, "We have invited several new vendors, who are thrilled to join the festival, alongside old festival vendor favorites. Several new and exciting musical acts will grace our main stage and family stage, joining popular musicians from past years, and perhaps a few who haven't played for us in a number of years. But perhaps the most exciting news is our sloop Woody Guthrie will be making its first public appearance since it has been completely refurbished. Our Woody looks beautiful! It's been freshly repainted and the interior partially rebuilt and newly varnished. Many structural improvements have been made. We can't wait to show our sloop off. We hope many of our festival guests will sign up for a free sail during the festival."

This season, said May, is a "magical time of year along the Hudson River. So, we will be offering fresh pumpkin pie, locally sourced apple cider, hot chili, and local pumpkins, all things that remind us of fall. That's what will make it different from the Strawberry Festival and the Corn Festival."

There will be something for everyone," May said of the vendors. "And there will be some exciting gift ideas for the holidays! In addition, the club will have its own merchandise table where we will be offering unique and tasteful shirts, hats, and other club-related items."



The Beacon Sloop Club will host the annual Pumpkin Festival on Sunday, October 18, at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.

-Archive photo

What does May hope people take away from attending the Pumpkin Festival and all the BSC festivals held this year?

"It was our founder Pete Seeger's wish to create festivals as a way of bringing people together to celebrate each other and to appreciate the natural beauty of the Hudson River and surrounding areas. Perhaps they would become inspired to advocate for the preservation of nature in our beautiful area. That is our wish as well."

Students encouraged to turn recyclable materials into creative works of art for 'America Recycles Day' Art Challenge

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is happy to announce the County's 3rd annual "America Recycles Day" Art Challenge, inviting school-aged children across Dutchess County to turn recyclable materials into original works of art while learning more about the importance of recycling and reuse.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Recycling starts with small choices, and those choices can make a big difference. This challenge gives our young neighbors a fun and creative way to learn about recycling while seeing everyday materials in a whole new way. We encourage students, teachers, schools and home-school groups throughout Dutchess County to take part and show us what they can create."

The art contest gives students an opportunity to think creatively about materials that might otherwise be thrown away. By transforming everyday recyclables into artwork, students can have fun while discovering simple ways they can help reduce waste and protect the environment.

Students may create two- or three-dimensional artwork using recyclable materials such as paper, plastic, aluminum and glass. Non-recyclable materials, including glue and tape, may be used to assemble artwork; but the primary materials should be items that can be recycled or reused.

Entries must be registered and submitted by Nov. 5, 2026. Artwork will be evaluated based on the clarity of the concept and description, as well as creativity. Winners will be selected in four age groups:

- Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
- 3rd to 5th Grade
- 6th to 8th Grade
- 9th to 12th Grade

Winners will be announced on Nov. 6, in recognition of America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, and winning artwork will be displayed at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park from Nov. 9 through Nov. 17.

Contest guidelines, registration information and additional details are available at dutchessny.gov/solidwaste. Questions can be directed to Recycling Educator Dani White at solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2841.



Pictured is one of the winning pieces of art in Dutchess County's 2025 "America Recycles Day" Art Challenge. This piece of art is made from recycled materials.

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Marist drops back-and-forth battle with Columbia, 41-28

By Morgan E. Maier

Career highs for quarterback Sonny Mannino and receiver Reed Shumpert highlighted a milestone-filled Friday night for Marist University football last week. The back-and-forth matchup took three ties, five lead changes, and 20 unanswered fourth-quarter points for Columbia to seal a 41-28 win.

The third 300-yard passing game of Mannino's career marked a career high (321). Mannino connected with Jayden Taylor to tie the game in the second quarter, and Jeremy DeCaro gave the Red Foxes a 14-7 lead with under three minutes to play in the half.

Columbia scored two touchdowns in 29 seconds to send them ahead before halftime. Marist knotted the game at 14 on the first second-half drive, thanks to a 55-yard touchdown pass from Mannino to Zach Garmont. Mannino ran in his third credited touchdown to put them ahead early in the first quarter.

The Lions responded with a score, but a missed extra point kept Marist ahead by one. Columbia jumped on Marist's late miscues on both sides, and held the home squad scoreless through the end of the game.

Isaiah Simmons led Marist with 76 rushing yards on 17 carries. Shumpert recorded 105 receiving yards for the first 100+ yard game for any Marist receiver this season. Wayne Adair recorded his first career interception. Chase Hatton had seven stops and a fumble recovery. Braylen Ricks had the first multi-sack game of his career, made all three of his tackles for loss, and blocked an extra point attempt.

"There is plenty of good in all three phases. Offensively, career-high for yards with Sonny, [I] thought he played extremely well. In general, there was a lot to be proud of; the yardage statistics were good. At the same time, today was ultimately a game where we lacked execution in critical moments, and it showed up in all three phases," said Marist head coach Mike Willis.

Marist's record stands at 3-3. They will return to play league opponent Drake on the road in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, Oct. 17. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Eastern time.



Quarterback Sonny Mannino had a career high with 321 passing yards, but it wasn't enough as Marist University fell to Columbia, 41-28. The Red Foxes own a 3-3 record on the season.

-Courtesy photo

Award-winning executive Kristen Huss returns to Renegades as new GM

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and their ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), the club's owner and operator, have announced that Kristen Huss will become the ninth General Manager of the Renegades.

Huss will be the first female General Manager in the team's 32-year history. She rejoins the Renegades front office where she worked first as a game day employee selling programs in 2001, eventually rising to become Assistant General Manager in 2013. After departing to serve for three seasons as the General Manager of the Pittsfield Suns of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, she returned to the Renegades as Vice President of Community Partnerships after the 2018 season before departing in April 2021.

"I am incredibly grateful to return to the Renegades as General Manager. The Renegades have always held a special place in my heart, and I am proud to see all that the organization has accomplished over the years," Huss said. "To come back to the organization where my professional career began is a truly special and meaningful full-circle moment. I have so many great memories here and have formed many long-lasting relationships that have helped shape my career. I look forward to working with this talented staff and seeing our amazing fans, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to lead the organization into its next chapter."

While with the Renegades, Huss was named the New York-Penn League Female Executive of the Year in both 2013 and 2015, and was named one of Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's "40 Under 40" in 2015. In her time with the Suns, she was named the 2017 Futures League Executive of the Year and was inducted into the New England Baseball Hall of Fame as part of its Class of 2017.

"Kristen's return to the Renegades is an exciting moment for the organization and we're thrilled to welcome her back," said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, Executive Chairman and CEO of Diamond Baseball Holdings, respectively. "Having grown through many roles with the club, she brings a deep understanding of the team, its fans and the Hudson Valley community, along with a proven track record as a leader and we're confident she'll make an impact as General Manager."

Since leaving the Renegades, Huss has been the Senior Resort Operations Manager at LEGOLAND® New York Resort in Goshen, where she oversaw aspects of the park focusing on parking, admissions, guest services, guest communications, VIP experiences, retail, park presentation, and attractions.

Huss graduated from Fairfield University with a bachelor's degree in marketing in 2006 and was a Ticket Office Intern with the Renegades that summer before joining the front office full time after the season as a Ticket Sales Account Manager. She was promoted to Director of Ticket Sales and Customer Service in 2007, and was promoted again to Assistant GM following the 2012 season.

Huss replaces Tom Denlinger at Renegades General Manager, who will be departing the club to become the new President of the Charlotte Knights, the Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Renegades clubhouse manager Ryan Shute named SAL Home Clubhouse Manager of Year

Major League Baseball announced last week that Hudson Valley Renegades clubhouse manager Ryan Shute has been selected as the 2026 South Atlantic League Home Clubhouse Manager ofthe Year.

"It's an honor to be named the 2026 South Atlantic League Home Clubhouse Manager of the Year. It's another reminder of just how fortunate I am to be able to do what I do and show up to work everyday at a baseball field," said Shute.

"I'd like to thank the New York Yankees for continuing to trust me year in and year out with their players and coaches. I'd like to thank those players and coaches, not just from this season, but all of them over the course of my time in this organization, for making my time easier and more enjoyable. And lastly, a big thank you to the Hudson Valley Renegades front office for being so supportive of our players, coaches and staffs throughout the first six years of this partnership."

The 2026 season was Shute's sixth year as the Renegades Home Clubhouse Manager and eighth in the Yankees organization, previously working for the Short-Season A Staten Island Yankees in 2019 and Rookie-level Pulaski in 2018. Before joining the Yankees, Shute was the Visiting Clubhouse Manager for the Carolina Mudcats during the 2017 season.

A native of the Hudson Valley and 2011 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Shute spent four summers as a Stadium Operations and Groundskeeping Assistant for the Renegades from 2012-15. He graduated from Saint Leo University in Florida with a bachelor's degree in Sports Administration.

"This is such a well-deserved honor for Ryan. His positive impact goes way beyond the clubhouse," said Renegades manager Aaron Bossi. "His care for our team is evident every day, and he takes tremendous pride in making the clubhouse a place where everyone feels at home and has what they need to succeed. We're fortunate to have him and proud to see his hard work recognized."

The winner of the award was selected by Major League Baseball with nominations made by individuals across the industry, including field managers and general managers.

Shute becomes the third member of the Renegades support staff to garner a major South Atlantic League award, joining Jonathan Becker who was named 2022 SAL Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS) and Danny Smith who was named 2022 SAL Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Baseball Strength & Conditioning Coaches Society (PBSCCS).

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Obituaries

Emily Claire McMillen



Emily Claire McMillen of Beacon entered into eternal rest on October 2, 2026. She was 30 years old.

Emily was born on February 27, 1996. She was the daughter of Kurt and Lauren McMillen.

Emily was a bright light that brought love and laughter into any room. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, family and pets. Emily enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, baking, going to concerts and most of all spending time with her beloved niece. Emily had an energetic spirit and a beautiful smile.

Emily was predeceased by both her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Emily is survived by her mother, Lauren McMillen of Chelsea. Her father, Kurt McMillen and his partner Lisa Hasbrouck of Beacon. She is also survived by her brothers Sean McMillen of Chelsea and his daughter, Mila. Kyle McMillen of Chelsea and his fiance Makenzie. And her paternal uncle, Donnie McMillen of Beacon. Emily's partner Jeff, also resides in Beacon.

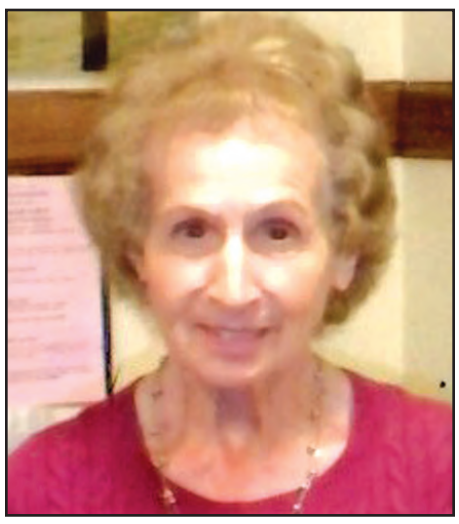
We all love and miss you so much, Emily. Fly high with your butterflies.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, October 9. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Marion M. Terralavoro



Marion M. Terralavoro, 91, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2026 at the Renaissance Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Staatsburg, NY.

Born and raised in Beacon, NY; Marion was the beloved daughter of Grace and Joseph Angelo. On September 9, 1954, she married the love of her life, Alfred "Alfie" Terralavoro. They shared 25 wonderful years together until Alfie's passing.

Marion is survived by her daughter, Debra (husband Keith) of Harwich, MA, and her three sons: David (Wappingers Falls, NY), Steven (Poughkeepsie, NY), and Jeffrey (Bronx, NY). She was a devoted "Mima" to her two cherished grandchildren, Mitchell (Orlando, FL) and Erika Hedgecock Zingaro (husband Domenick of Stamford, CT), and her two great-grandchildren, Dante Alfie and Theo Domenick. She is also survived by her sister, Dolores Vitanza (Stamford, CT), and her brother, Joseph Angelo (Beacon, NY), as well as a large, loving extended family of sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Marion deeply enjoyed every family gathering and the moments spent with those she loved.

A proud alumna of Mount St. Mary's Academy and Krissler Business Institute, Marion was active in her community through the Mothers' Guild and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and a longtime parishioner of St Mary's Church in Wappinger Falls NY. Throughout her career, she worked for the Spackenkill School District, Marist College, and part-time at The Culinary Institute of America before enjoying her retirement.

Marion found joy in life's simple and creative pleasures: Broadway plays, reading, shopping, ceramics, watching professional figure skating, and traveling—especially trips to Cape Cod. Renowned for her famous lemon meringue pies and black-and-white cookies, Marion's greatest delight was her family. As a devoted grandmother, she never missed an event or milestone, always cheering on her grandchildren with pride.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful nursing staff and aides at the Renaissance, for their compassionate care and support.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY. Services will be private at the discretion of her family, and a private interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Her Family wishes for memorial donations to be made in Marion's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

Catalina I. Guzman



Catalina I. Guzman, a resident of Beacon, entered into rest on October 1, 2026 at her home. She was 46 years old.

Catalina was born on September 26, 1980 in San Salvador, El Salvador, the daughter of Luis A. Guzman, Sr. and Ana G. Guzman. She had worked as a counselor and manager with Putnam ARC in Cold Spring.

Catalina enjoyed the outdoors, especially hiking and hunting. Mount Beacon and the Hudson River were among the places she loved spending time.

Catalina is survived by her parents; her brother, Luis A. Guzman, Jr.; her sister, Gloria Alicea and her husband, Eric; her nieces and nephews, Skylene, Hannah, Giancarlo and Kha'elo; her maternal grandparents, Pedro & Maria; and her aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, October 7. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, 375 Washington Avenue, Beacon.

To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Ellen Louise (White) McSpedon



Ellen Louise (White) McSpedon passed away unexpectedly, Friday October 2, 2026 at Vassar Hospital, with her children by her side. After beating cancer earlier this year, a ruptured aortic dissection led her back to her husband and family in heaven. As her daughter might say, she died of "a broken heart" at age 69.

She was born May 8, 1957 in Manhattan NY, grew up Glenham NY, graduating from Beacon High School. After marrying her beloved husband George on June 16, 1979, she spent the last 42 years in Wappingers Falls NY, where they raised their family. Ellen was predeceased last year by her husband of 46 years, George Kenneth McSpedon (July 2025), sister Deborah Graf (Sept. 2013), father John "Patrick" White (March 2010) and mother Minnie (Boehm) White (Sept. 2019).

She is survived by their two daughters, Kelly McSpedon and Wendy McSpedon Hildebrandt (Jason Hildebrandt) of Wappingers Falls NY; Step-sons: Philip McSpedon (Debbie Moore), George Decker McSpedon (Rebecca Andersen), and Michael McSpedon. Her Grandchildren: Brennan & Avery Avila; Philip Jr, & Jake McSpedon; Matthew & Hannah McSpedon; Finley, Riley & Cooper McSpedon; Her brother Patrick White (Tootsie) of Savannah GA and uncle Hank Boehm (Janet) Conway SC. Ellen was a caregiver her whole life, always putting others first.

While taking care of her children, grandchildren and elderly parents, she spent many years working as a monitor for Wappingers Central School District and always supported and helped with her husband's business, Du-Put Construction. While many knew her as "Mrs. M." or "Mrs. Du-Put", she was much deeper than that.

An animal lover that couldn't turn away a lost dog, a chipmunk with a broken leg, or a pigeon that was hit by a passing car. Her "green thumb" filled their home and gardens with greenery and color. Her home- cooked meals and warm, fresh-baked treats were her way of taking care of everyone. No one ever left her kitchen hungry, and her family always had full bellies and full hearts. Whether you needed a place to stay, were looking for advice or just needed an ear to listen, she always made herself available. Even if it meant staying up until 2am, she would just make a pot of tea and put the coffee pot on. Her door was always open.

A truly beautiful soul inside and out.

Her Family will gather with Friends to remember & celebrate her Life on Wednesday, October 21st from 5-8PM. Interment will be private at the discretion and convenience of her family. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to either the American Cancer Society, 2678 South Road, Suite 103, Poughkeepsie NY 12601 or to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington DC 20090-6011. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Robert Arnold Janicker



Robert Arnold Janicker, a Wappingers Falls resident since 1972, formerly of Pawling and New Jersey, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the Pines Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Poughkeepsie. He was 94 years old.

Son of the late Arnold and Barbara (Dohn) Janicker, he was born in Sayreville, NJ on June 26, 1932. In his youth, Robert was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and skeet shooting. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged from service in 1953.

He worked as an Industrial Arts teacher at Beacon High School for 20 years, retiring in 1990. He then became a teacher at McQuade Children's Services in New Windsor. He also served as a board member for the Beacon School District.

Robert was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill and member of the Free & Accepted Masons in Pawling NY.

On April 9, 1955, he married Lynn Ruth Benintende in West New York, NJ. After nearly 68 years of marriage, he was predeceased by Lynn in 2023.

Survivors include his daughter, Phyllis Capone & her husband Steven of Poughkeepsie; his son, Arnold Janicker & his wife Amber of West Virginia; eleven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Robert was also predeceased by his daughter, Robbi Lynn Janicker; and his sister, Joan Perry.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00am on Thursday, October 15 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Entombment will follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Regional Food Bank of the Hudson Valley (www.regionalfoodbank.net) or Dutchess Outreach (www.dutchessoutreach.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc. For online tributes, visit Robert's memorial page at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Guardian Revival's One Mile Challenge raises $78,658 to support military and first responders' mental health

Guardian Revival, a nonprofit serving military members, veterans and first responders – collectively known as guardians – and their families, has concluded its fifth annual One Mile Challenge with $78,658 in donations. More than 578 people across 35 states and Washington, D.C. walked, ran, rolled or rucked (walked with weight) one mile a day in September to raise awareness around guardians' challenges with mental illness and suicide.

"Our guardians carry the weight of trauma, loss, responsibility and so much more," said Kim Haight, CEO of Guardian Revival. "Too often, that weight goes unseen and unsupported. The One Mile Challenge is our way of showing up for our guardians and helping carry that weight."

Recognizing that mental health challenges, depression and suicide are disproportionately high for those who serve, Guardian Revival created the One Mile Challenge to support the programs that encourage connection, resilience and healing. These initiatives include Another Summit, which offers outdoor adventure activities such as hiking; Boots & Paws, which provides free companion puppies; and RISE, which delivers wellness workshops, retreats and resources to help guardians recharge.

"The entire Guardian Revival team extends its heartfelt gratitude to those who stepped up and showed up this September," added Haight.

To learn more about Guardian Revival and its offerings or to get involved, visit guardianrevival.org.

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Creative Living

Bardavon unveils plaques honoring 3 retired leaders



Mark V. Dennis, CPA, Trustee of The Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust, joins retired Bardavon Presents leaders Chris Silva, AnnMarie Faust, and Stephen LaMarca following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House on Sept. 30.

-Courtesy photo

Bardavon Presents unveiled commemorative plaques at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie and the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston on September 30, honoring three longtime leaders whose careers helped shape the organization for more than three decades.

The plaques recognize Chris Silva, Executive Director (1994–2024); AnnMarie Faust, Managing Director of Administration and Finance (1995–2024); and Stephen LaMarca, Managing Director of Theatre Production (1983–2024), all of whom retired in 2024.

Together, Silva, Faust, and LaMarca guided a period of significant organizational growth that included the preservation of two historic theaters, major capital improvements, expanded arts education and community programs, and the development of Bardavon Presents into one of the Hudson Valley's leading nonprofit cultural organizations.

The plaques were dedicated by Mark V. Dennis, CPA, Trustee of The Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust, which also established a matching grant in honor of the three retirees. The campaign generated $126,000 through a dollar-for-dollar match of $63,000 in contributions.

Dennis joined Silva, Faust, and LaMarca for the unveiling ceremony at the Bardavon on September 30. Identical plaques are now permanently installed at both venues.

‘The Hudson River and the American Revolution’ Oct. 21

The Wappingers Historical Society is hosting a talk entitled “The Hudson River and the American Revolution”, presented by Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Preservation Commissioner Daniel Fannon. Explore the strategic military and economic significance of the Hudson River during the Revolutionary War.

The Hudson River today is a masterpiece of beauty, with stunning cliffs and green hills. But during the Revolutionary War, it was a strategic waterway and battlefield. Whoever controlled the river, won the war. Join Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Preservation Commissioner Daniel Fannon for a deep dive into the history and importance of the Hudson River to the American cause for freedom in this multi-media presentation. Explore the vital military and economic/cultural role the Hudson River and the Valley played in winning the Revolutionary War. Since the Hudson River was the primary inland link between the New England and Southern States, the struggle for control of its waters became the decisive factor as to whether the Revolution would end in victory or defeat.

This presentation will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Town of Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls. Wappingers Historical Society members and the general public are invited to attend. Suggested donation of $5 for non-WHS members.

For more information, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

‘Wicked Wappingers’ Halloween fest set for October 17

The Village of Wappingers Falls Recreation Department invites the community to this year’s Halloween festival and parade: Wicked Wappingers on Saturday, Oct. 17 at noon. It will be a day of spooky celebration in the Village of Wappingers Falls. Festivities begin right after the parade at Mesier Park, where there will be: Trunk or Treat, a devilish DJ, frightful food, venomous vendors, pumpkin patch, chilling contests and ghoulish games.

This is a family-friendly event, so organizers ask please NO scary or gory costumes

Writer’s Workshop Oct. 15 in East Fishkill

Join Harrie Mule, founder of The Creative Life, on Thursday, October 15 at 5 p.m. for a writer’s workshop at East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376.

A writing workshop designed to get words flowing. Using prompts and imagination, we explore voice, storytelling, and creative expression while connecting with other writers. Bring a pen and something to write on. Feel free to bring light snacks to get your energy going!

This workshop is presented by Mule, a Hudson Valley-based writer, producer, teaching artist, creativity coach, and theater mentor with over 20 years of experience in the creative arts. She is the founder of The Creative Life, artistic director and producer of Make a Scene© Productions, and the creator of multiple initiatives that support and strengthen local creative communities.

Spay/Neuter Clinic for cats and kittens Oct. 29 in Poughkeepsie

P.A.N.T. is hosting a Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for cats and kittens on Thursday, Oct. 29, located at 2534 South Rd in Poughkeepsie. Veterinary services will be provided by T.A.R.A. (The Animal Rights Alliance).

For $80, each appointment covers spay/neuter surgery, a rabies vaccine, ear cleaning, and a nail trim. Microchipping, FVRCP vaccines, and flea/tick treatments are also available for an additional fee.

Spots are limited and appointments are required, so please call 845-489-5211 to book your spot. POrganizers are prioritizing Dutchess County residents.

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Dr. Thomas Wermuth’s *Fire and Freedom* presents lesser-known New York–centered Revolutionary War stories; it explores how state power reshaped loyalty, and how Indigenous and enslaved people influenced postwar New York. Dr. Wermuth is the Co-Founder & Director, Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist University.

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Clockwise from top left: Melissa H. and Lollipop, from Two By Two Animal Haven, were part of the Town of Fishkill's Fall Festival at Geering Park on Saturday, Oct. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. A team member of Nutty Scientists gives a presentation. Tom Ehret, from Hudson Valley Ghostbusters, made sure to keep the ghosts away. Fishkill Food Pantry team leader Sue Doyle, left, and Raquel Verdesi, director of the Fishkill Food Pantry, collected donations. Attendees walk around the pumpkins in "the patch." Jay Maietta, Town of Fishkill Recreation Director, offers remarks. "Witches" around a cauldron.

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The copy might be better than the original: Borrowing, remixing, and fair use

You can see natural recycling on the trails at Tymor Park in Lagrangeville, the shoreline along 9D in Beacon, and in your backyard. Fallen leaves nourish mushrooms, squirrels occupy abandoned woodpecker cavities, and lichens dissolve stones to extract minerals. Everything builds upon what came before.

It's not just tangible items. If you listen closely to the hedgerows and thickets, you can hear an avian version of musical sampling. The Northern Mockingbird borrows "audio snippets" from its neighbors, stitching the calls of blue jays, robins, and cardinals into new tracks to defend territory. Similarly, the actions of beavers are mirrored by muskrats, who copy travel routes through dense vegetation to find shelter in their lodges.

Humans remix, as well. We are authors, artists, or composers of works built upon the efforts of others. Even if complete originality were possible, modifying what already exists often yields something spectacular.

The copy may be preferred

In 2015, singer-songwriter Mike Posner wrote an acoustic ballad about the dark side of fame. It was largely ignored. Realizing it lacked the energy for mainstream radio, his record label sent it to SeeB, an electronic duo. They added a bright synth melody, transforming "I Took a Pill in Ibiza" into a global dance hit that has racked up over 2.4 billion streams. While a tiny niche prefers the acoustic original, the tune only gained traction after the remix exploded, benefiting both artists.

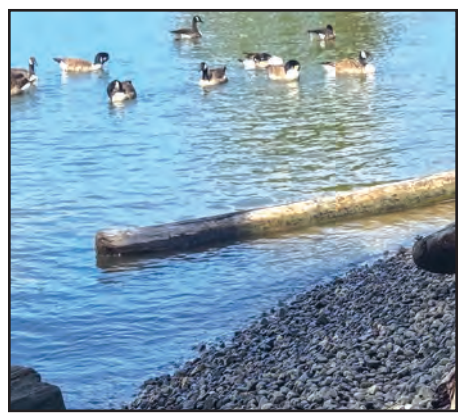
The Staple Singers' 1954 gospel recording of "This May Be the Last Time" sold only a few thousand copies. A decade later, The Rolling Stones injected rock energy into the chorus, driving sales of 1965's "The Last Time" past 2 million copies. The ultimate commercial peak arrived in 1997 when The Verve sampled an orchestral loop of the Stones' track for "Bitter Sweet Symphony," which accumulated over 1.6 billion Spotify streams.

Some cinematic adaptations succeed by editing out unnecessary storylines. The source material for "The Godfather" indulged in lengthy subplots that would have distracted from the film's operatic tragedy. Meanwhile, the satirical novel on which "Forrest Gump" was based featured a foul-mouthed giant who blasted into outer space and was held hostage by cannibals. By removing these cartoonish capers, the silver screen grounded the story into an endearing, historically based tale.

Inventors know they're not original

As Apple founder Steve Jobs once observed, "Creativity is just connecting … experiences [to] … synthesize new things." Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí noted, "Those who do not want to imitate anything, produce nothing." Mark Twain







Everything builds upon what came before. Some examples of natural recycling are pictured here, clockwise from top: fallen leaves nourish mushrooms, lichens dissolve stones to extract minerals, and wooden debris at Long Dock Park in Beacon will provide a food source for insects, crabs, and shorebirds, acts as a natural fertilizer, and protects against erosion.

-Photos by Francine Wizner



even claimed that human utterance is largely built on a foundation of unavoidable plagiarism.

Unlike mockingbirds, whose vocal piracy is governed by natural selection, human creators operate under a legal framework known as the doctrine of Fair Use. By law, brief, copyrighted excerpts may be used without permission or payment for purposes like criticism, news reporting, teaching, or research. There is greater leeway if the source material is factual rather than fictionalized, provided it does not hurt the original creator's ability to profit.

It's national. It's local.

Famous legal battles highlight these boundaries. One clash, settled out of court, involved the Associated Press and the iconic Barack Obama "Hope" poster, which was based on an AP photograph. Another occurred when luxury fashion house Louis Vuitton sued the makers of "My Other Bag" totes. Because the totes were deemed a parody, they can still be legally sold.

Fair Use shapes our interactions right here where we live. Every day, copyright law is navigated inside classrooms—from neighborhood schools to institutions like Marist and Vassar—where educators exercise their legal right to stream a documentary for face-to-face instruction without paying licensing fees.

Makers at marketplaces and fairs must also cope with the interplay of ownership versus shared expression. For example, artisans at Rhinebeck's Sheep and Wool Festival share the universal building blocks of the craft—such as stitches and heritage techniques—yet a designer's pattern is protected.

Meanwhile, on the related landscape of trademark law, pop icon Daryl Hall, owner of Pawling's Daryl's House, and former musical partner John Oates used their legal weight to stop a small-batch food maker from using the pun-based moniker "Haulin' Oats" for their granola blend. The product is now marketed as "Kiss My Oats," demonstrating that businesses must remain mindful of intellectual property.

Whether it is an educator utilizing a video stream, an artisan spinning communal traditions, or a business owner branding a product, Fair Use boundaries limit and protect. True originality might be a myth, but authenticity is attainable. Like the mockingbirds filling the Hudson Valley air with remixed melodies, our culture thrives when we connect, adapt, and responsibly transform the old into something beautifully new.

This activity is great for anyone looking to enrich knowledge of rights and responsibilities in creating new work: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FAIR-USE-ENRICHMENT-CROSS-CURRICULAR-ACTIVITY-7542394

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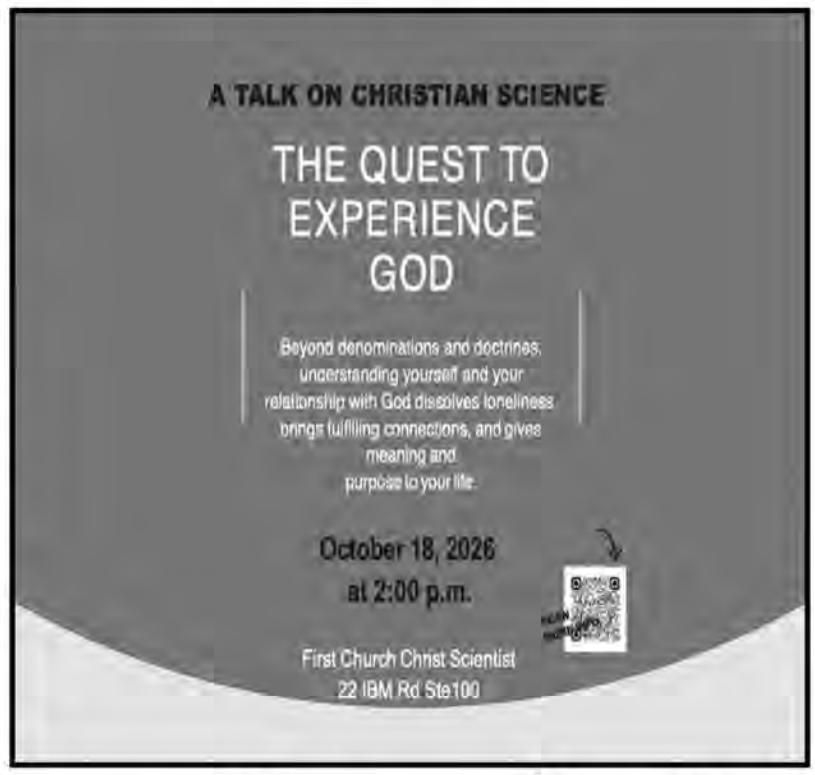
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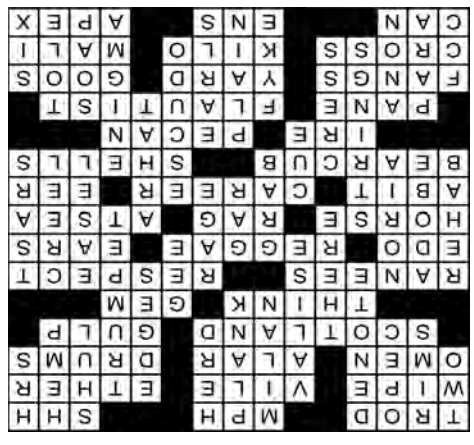
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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Lou's Home Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/09/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 612 Cherry Hill Dr., Arlington, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of DREAM TEAM HOME & COMM SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/29/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as the LLC's agent for service of process SSNY shall mail process to: 4 Cavelo Rd, Hopewell, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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186 Howard Avenue LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 9/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

Americana Holiday, LLC filed w/ SSNY 6/11/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 782 Huntington Dr Fishkill, NY 12524. Any lawful purpose.

Bangall Lane, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 09/01/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 366 Overlook Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful.

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21 East Main St, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on August 27, 2026. 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 the LLC, 36 Slocum Road, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Notice of Formation of Mindful Minis LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/3/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY desig. as agent of the LLC and shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 9 North Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of 10 KEYS MANAGEMENT, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/25/26. Princ. office of LLC: 2000 High Wickham Pl., Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40245. 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 Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Hotel management services.

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Notice of Formation of Pathway Logistics LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 29, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 33 south clover st Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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GRIFFIN-GAMMA, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/26. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Nebraska on 08/29/13. 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, 403 Sunset Hill Road East, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Tiger Oaks LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 31, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is P.O. Box 122, Millerton, NY 12546. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PEH Utility Consultants LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/14/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 9 Masten Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Mark Sparks LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on September 16, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: PO Box 7 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

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HUDSON VALLEY FILM CALENDAR LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/18/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Joseph Peeler, 708 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Nailored LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/26/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & shall mail process to: 6565 Spring Brook Ave, Ste 8, PMB 126, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY of HOP Services LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on September 16, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Neptune Road, Suite A18B, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Aucock North Broadway, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Aucock North Broadway, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Aucock, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Aucock, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Foster, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Foster, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Griffin Maher, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Griffin Maher, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

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LEGAL NOTICE GJ Hardware Store, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Hardware Store, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Hutter House, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Hutter House, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Lasher, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Lasher, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Pat Merrill, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Pat Merrill, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Real Property, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/16/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Real Property, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Schlomer, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Schlomer, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Scism North Broadway, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Scism North Broadway, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Scism, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Scism, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE GJ Telephone, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/2026 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: GJ Telephone, LLC, 159 Sawmill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Viaconbrio LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Department of State (SSNY) on July 15, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: INC AUTHORITY RA, 42 Broadway, Fl. 12-200, New York, NY 10004. Purpose: any lawful business.

Notice of Formation of Jessica Aiello, LCSW PLLC filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 18 High Acres Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Purpose: Practice of licensed clinical social work

Notice of Formation of Bethany Labrinos, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 20, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 35 Honeymoon Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Equipment Leasing.

Notice of Formation of Bethany S. Labrinos Esq., PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on August 7, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 35 Honeymoon Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Legal Services.

MARTRO GLEN 3 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

GINMAR HILLS 201 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

BENMAR POND 56 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

CARBEN RIDGE 45 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

TROVIC CLIFFS 196 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

JINKS KNOLL 50 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

MANU LANE 181 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 118 Morton Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

POUGHKEEPSIE THOMPSON STREET, LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State SSNY) 1/6/2020. LLC was organized in RI on 10/8/2019. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to Diep Nguyen, Elite Title & Closing Services, LLC, 187 Warren Ave., East Providence, RI 02914. Required off: 584 Ackert Hook Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Cert. Of Org. filed with SSRI, 148 West River St., Poughkeepsie, NY 02904. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BINA PLUS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/18/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 305, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RASCAL ROAD LLC, a domestic LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the SSNY on 9/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kenneth Holzberg, 110 Bangall Road, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

MadiLou & Co. LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/18/26. Office: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: PO Box 149, Marlboro, New York 12542. Purpose of LLC: any lawful act or activity.

RADAR PROPERTY CARE LLC Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on September 8, 2026. Office located in Dutchess County, New York. Principal business location: 94 Fairview Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served upon it to the LLC at 94 Fairview Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: To provide property observation and consulting services on behalf of property owners who are away or absent, including providing photographs and reports regarding property conditions, coordinating or meeting with service providers or other persons on behalf of property owners, and providing related consulting services.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STARTING FRESH LIFE COACHING LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Starting Fresh Life Coaching LLC, 79 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Life coaching, personal development coaching, and consulting services.

MAYBROOK ADVISORS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 29 Laurel Mountain Rd, Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: Lippert Outdoor Services LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on September 1, 2026. Office of the LLC: Dutchess County, New York. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 405 Augusta Drive Hopewell Junction New York 12533 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

Notice of Formation of MG Workforce Development LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on August 13, 2026 Dutchess location: Office County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 59 Carol Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

THE H HANSEN GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 28 Peacock Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

354 FSOP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 93 Union Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MARY MOELLER LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/25/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 140 Verbank Village Rd., Verbank, NY 12585, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DS HOME SERVICES PLUMBING AND DRAINS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/28/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 33 Brower Boulevard, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 109 SHENANDOAH LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 22, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 109 Shenandoah LLC, 109 Shenandoah Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of CECE CARES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Department of State (SSNY) on September 15, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 21 Collegeview Avenue, Apt 4, Arlington, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Mounier Creative Cafe, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the New York State Department of State, SSNY, on September 14, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, at 17 East Main Street, Beacon, New York 12508. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 77 Keats Drive New Windsor, NY 12553 Purpose: The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

Pop-up Shop to raise funds to benefit children rescued from human trafficking

A pop-up shop will raise funds to help rescue children from human trafficking, forced labor, and exploitation. This year Troy Brewer Ministries, an organization dedicated to rescuing children from sex trafficking and exploitation, is a partner. Organizers said, to date, they have rescued over 12,000 children and have more than 6,000 children in their care at this time. Their work continues well beyond the rescue. They provide food, medical care, housing, education, job training, and emotional healing for each child. The work of restoration begins after safety is secured.

On Oct. 24, the Pop-Up Shop Fundraising Event will be held at the Oak Grove Grange Building, 2 St. Nicholas Road, in Wappingers Falls, from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. One-hundred percent of all money raised will go directly to saving more children, remakred organizers.

The pop-up shop will feature a wide variety of items available for purchase, including, housewares, toys, games, books, pet supplies, beauty items, food and more. There will also be more than 60 exciting raffle opportunities throughout the day! Raffle tickets will be available at the event, giving attendees the chance to win while supporting an important cause.

For more information you can visit the website at www.NNCFundraising Events.com, and find us on Facebook and Instagram.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

If you are interested in going on our final trip in 2026 on Sunday, Nov. 15 when we visit Resorts Catskill Casino sign up now. The fee is $50 and includes round-trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver, $15 food voucher and $25 free slots play. This trip is almost filled.

Our Saturday, Nov. 7 trip to Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas Spectacular is filled. We'll be leaving the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and returning immediately after the show.

Don't miss our annual Halloween Party and Parade scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 5-7 p.m. at Mill Creek Caterers. This fun event is for East Fishkill residents only. There will be musical entertainment, gifts for all in attendance and great prizes for the best costumes. You may sign up online.

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

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Notice of Formation of LOCAL LORE LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on September 8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 386 White Schoolhouse Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of VDL LAND & CATTLE LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on September 21, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 386 White Schoolhouse Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

T D G C CONTRACTING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/30/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 317, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LITTLE KING NYC LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/07/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LITTLE KING NYC LLC, 199 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Kenneth Baldwin, 199 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LUMA ELECTRIC LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on August 23, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 26 Sunny Knoll Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: To engage in any lawful or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York

Notice Of Formation for GLS Plaster & Paint, LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State on 8/5/2026 Office Location: Dutchess County Savannah Lucas Sanchez has been designated as the registered agent of the LLC Business Address: 47 W Market Street, Red Hook, NY 12571 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of E S P R E S S YURSELF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/10/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 26 winding oaks way hopewell junction NY 12533 Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of AVY NAILS LLC. Articles of organization filed with NYS Dept. of state (SSNY) on date 8/31/2026. Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated agent is Khoeun Chan to whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to address 29 Underhill Rd N. Poughquag NY 12570. Purpose: any legal notice or actions.

Notice of Formation of CHAVA STUDIO LLC filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 112 Hudson Pointe Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC) The Articles of Organization of MAX ABRAHAM BADER, CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE A N E S T H E T I S T, PLLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/16/2026. Office location: Dutchess County, State of New York and the principal business location is 28 Fairview Rd, Beacon, NY 12508. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 28 Fairview Rd, Beacon, NY 12508. The purpose of the company is to engage in the practice of the profession of Registered Professional Nursing through individuals authorized by law to render such services as individuals.

Notice of Formation of K&M construction and property management, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on August 23, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21 Jennifer Hill Rd, Lagrangeville NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Alternative Safety Response LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY on September 14, 2026. The office is located in Dutchess County, and the SSNY is designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The SSNY shall mail copies of any process to 34 Circular Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of ONE DUTCHESS OWNER, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 24 Dutchess Landing Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of COUNTRY HOUND CLUB LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on October 4,2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 40 West Garden St. Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Purpose: Any Lawful Act

Notice of Formation of Avalon Arts LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Department of State (SSNY) on August 15, 2026 Office Location: Dutchess County at 10 East Market Street Red Hook New York 12571. SSNY has been designated an agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 10 East Market Street, Red Hook NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful purpose

GAYNOR HOLDINGS LLC
Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company, ("LLC"), Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/07/26. 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 such process served to Gaynor Holdings LLC, 7 Saint Johns Parkway, Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity for which a LLC may be organized under the NY LLC Law.

Notice of Form. of Isla Falis Architecture PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/25/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 384 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, RHINEBECK, NY 12572. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation Ravenheart Retreat LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on September 23, 2026 office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 7 Church St. Ext. Red Hook, NY 12571 purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

Notice of Formation of NK VIP Limousine LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on October 1, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 454 Violet Avenue Poughkeepsie NY 12601 Purpose: Any Lawful act.

Broad Street Boys, LLC Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on September 24, 2026. 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 the LLC, 36 Slocum Road, Beacon, New York 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Wholeshot Media LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on October 1, 2026 Office location: Dutchess County at 169 Benton Moore Rd, Hopewell Junction NY, 12533. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: PO BOX 497, Wappingers Falls NY, 12590. Purpose: Photography, videography, digital media

Notice of Formation of WITH PREMNA, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/06/26. Office location: Dutchess County. 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. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Naqui LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on September 8, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County at 61 Stratford Drive, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 61 Stratford Drive, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. Purpose: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a Limited Liability Company may be formed within the State of New York.

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Dutchess, Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-G, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series 2021-G, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Richard V. Archer, Jr. AKA Richard V. Archer, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on March 6, 2025 and an Order Extending the Sale Deadline duly entered on August 19, 2026, 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 28, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 99 Gold Road, Stormville, NY 12582. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, Section 6657, Block 03 and Lot 156355. Approximate amount of judgment is $293,415.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #2020-50259.

Charles E. Frankel, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 212378-1

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.

Plaintiff's principal place of business is c/o PHH Mortgage Corporation, 1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409.

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- THOMAS R. TRIPP JR. HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF THOMAS R. TRIPP A/K/A THOMAS TRIPP, SR.; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, Intending To Be The Unknown Heirs, Distributees, Devisees, Grantees, Trustees, Lienors, Creditors, And Assignees Of The Estate Of Thomas R. Tripp a/k/a Thomas Tripp, Who Was Born In 1943 And Died on December 18, 2024, A Resident Of Dutchess County, Whose Last Known Address Was 327 Chestnut Ridge Road, Dover Plains, New York 12522, Their Successors In Interest If Any Of The Aforesaid Defendants Be Deceased, Their Respective Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, And Successors In Interest Of The Aforesaid Classes Of Person, If They Or Any Of Them Be Dead, And Their Respective Husbands, Wives Or Widows, If Any, All Of Whom And Whose Names And Places are unknown to the Plaintiff SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; HMC INC.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; JOHN DOE (NAME UNKNOWN); "JOHN DOE #2" to "JOHN DOE #10," the last 10 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against 327 Chestnut Ridge Road, Dover Plains, NY 12522. You are named herein because you may have an interest in this property.

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC By: Caren Bailey, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile File # 23-301342

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE: NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT:** YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE: The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department`s website at www.dfs.ny.gov. **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS:** YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS:** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner`s distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE 16-12-20*

SUMMONS

Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1 , Plaintiff -against- ALLISON J. TRAVIS A/K/A ALLISON J. BUNDY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE J. BUNDY A/K/A ALICE JUANITA BUNDY; JASON L. BUNDY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE J. BUNDY A/K/A ALICE JUANITA BUNDY; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, or any of the known Defendant`s unknown heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the premises being foreclosed herein , Defendants Index No. 2026-51758. Mortgaged Premises: 9 Marino Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Section: 6060 Block: 04 Lot: 998001 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure $315,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on March 7, 2012, in Document Number 01 2012 2387, covering the premises known as 9 Marino Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the reverse mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON AT NEXT GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Clinton at the General Election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BE INCREASED FROM ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS ($161,800) ANNUALLY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND AND EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS ($169,081) ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held in the Town of Clinton, on the 3rd day of November, 2026, 6 AM – 9PM. Early voting period is October 24, 2026 – November 1, 2026.; see the Dutchess County Board of Elections website for times and locations to early vote.

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town of Clinton Town Clerk

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 3rd day of November 2026:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY FREE LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY FIFTEEN THOUSAND ($15,000) DOLLARS TO THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND ($552,000) ANNUALLY?

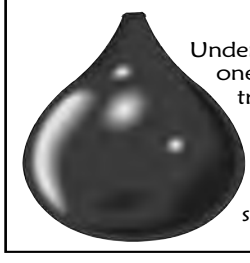
Further notice is hereby given that the said election shall be held at the following locations in the Town of Pleasant Valley:

Town Hall
Traver Road School
West Road School
Pleasant Valley Fire House
Salt Point Fire House

on the 3rd day of November 2026, 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

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.

Legal Notices

BUDGET HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of September, 2026, pursuant to Section 105 of the Town Law and Section 181 of the Town Law, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District confirmed that the Annual Fire District Budget Hearing will be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for the fiscal year 2027 on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Chelsea Fire District's Headquarters Building located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York, and

Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners is required to adopt a proposed budget at least 21 days before Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 so that it is available for public inspection prior to the budget hearing.

Now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District has adopted a proposed Annual Fire District Budget for 2027 as of this date for purposes of discussion and review at the Budget Hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 and a copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Wappinger, the Town Clerk of the Town of Fishkill, and at the office of the Chelsea Fire District Secretary at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours. In addition, copies of the proposed budget will be available on the night of the said hearing.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District will hold the Annual Fire District Budget Hearing to be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2027 on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Chelsea Fire District's Headquarters Building located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid budget will be presented to the residents and taxpayers of the Chelsea Fire District and to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District, for their respective consideration at this public hearing and for the purpose of considering the said budget and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 commencing at 6:00 P.M. at the Fire District's Headquarters Building located at 15 Liberty Street, Chelsea, New York.

This notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of Public Officers Law and the Town Law of the State of New York by order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District.

Dated: Chelsea, New York
September 14, 2026
Claire Gibson
Secretary
Chelsea Fire District

Please take notice pursuant to Town Law Sect. 105, the Hillside Fire District will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for 2027. The public hearing will be held at the Hillside Fire Department located at 11 Fox Hollow Road, Rhinebeck, NY from 6:30 - 7:00 pm on October 20th, 2026. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the offices of the Town Clerk of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Dated: September 28, 2026
Hillside Fire District
Board of
Commissioners

LEGAL NOTICE

THE PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS IN THE PLEASANT VALLEY AND HYDE PARK TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. THIS HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MEETING ROOM AT PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE STATION #1, 1619 MAIN STREET, PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK.

A SPECIAL MEETING WILL ALSO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

JENNIFER BROAS
DISTRICT SECRETARY
PLEASANT VALLEY
BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS

City of Beacon
One Municipal
Plaza - Suite One
Beacon, New York
12508
Phone (845)
838-5002

October 6, 2026
SUBJECT:
Variance Application
Applicant:
Alexander Hochberg
Address: 28 Barrett Place
Tax Grid No.: 30-5955-75-829129-00
Zoning Classification: R1-7.5
Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

Alexander Hochberg, 28 Barrett Place, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for area variance relief from Beacon Zoning Code Section 223-26 B.(2), to allow for the construction of a driveway in the front of the principal building, which requires relief from the following:

1. Section 223-26 Off-street parking, loading and vehicular access.
B. Location, use, design, construction and maintenance.
(2) In any residence district, no designated off-street parking area or structure shall be developed in any front yard forward of the principal building, except as approved by the Building Inspector or Planning Board for an unusual lot configuration. Nor shall any off-street parking area or structure be developed in a residence district in any minimum side or rear yard setback adjacent to a street line or in any other side or rear yard within five feet of the lot line. However, off-street parking spaces shall be permitted in residential districts as indicated in §223-17C.

The driveway, as proposed, would require a variance for parking in the front yard forward of the principal building.

The full application is available online at:
https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on October 20, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board
Secretary

City of Beacon
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October 6, 2026
SUBJECT:
Variance Application
Applicant:
Raz Razzak
Address:
145 Sargent Avenue
Tax Grid No.: 30-5954-16-832490-00
Zoning Classification: R1-40
Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

Raz Razzak, 145 Sargent Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for area variance relief from Beacon Zoning Code Section 223-17 E., Attachment 3, to allow the installation of a 16 ft. x 20 ft. prefabricated shed, which requires relief from the following:

• Section 223-17 E., Attachment 3, to allow for a rear yard setback of 5 feet (25 ft. required)
• Section 223-17 E., Attachment 3, to allow for a side yard setback of 5 feet (25 ft. required)

The full application is available online at:
https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on October 20, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board
Secretary

City of Beacon
One Municipal
Plaza - Suite One
Beacon, New York
12508
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October 6, 2026
SUBJECT:
Variance Application
Applicant: 152-158 Fishkill Avenue LLC
Address: 152-158 Fishkill Avenue
Tax Grid No.: 30-6054-29-041801-00 and 30-6054-29-042814-00
Zoning Classification: T
Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

152-158 Fishkill Avenue LLC, 152-158 Fishkill Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for reapproval of an area variance relief, originally granted on July 18, 2023, from Beacon Zoning Code Section 223-13G.(1), to construct retaining walls proposed in connection with the mixed-use office and residential redevelopment proposal for the premises, which requires relief from the following:

1. Section 223-13.G(1) to allow for a maximum proposed retaining wall height ranging from 7.5 feet to 15.4 feet (6 feet permitted in side and rear yards)

The full application is available online at:
https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on October 20, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board
Secretary

REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL
NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-115-26
Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Driving School Program

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., October 27, 2026. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions 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.

Please take notice that the New Hackensack Fire District, located at 217 Myers Corners Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed Fire District Budget for fiscal year 2027. This public hearing will take place on Tuesday October 20, 2026 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at the New Hackensack Fire District Headquarters, 217 Myers Corners Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

The proposed budget may be reviewed after October 15, 2026 at the office of the Fire District Secretary, located at 217 Myers Corners Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday, and at the Wappinger Town Clerks Office, located at 20 Middlebush Road Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, during regular business hours Monday thru Friday.

October 14th, 2026
Lori McConologue
District Secretary
New Hackensack
Fire District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
TOWN OF UNION
VALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale on the 4th day of November, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Union Vale Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York, regarding the proposed Local Law known as Local Law No. 2 of 2026 entitled "a Local Law of the Town of Union Vale to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2027 Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c."

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Local Law would authorize the Town Board to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy, and to levy real property taxes, in excess of the tax levy limit pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, if necessary.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any resident of the Town of Union Vale shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2026 is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours, at Union Vale Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York, and on the Town's website at www.unionvaleny.gov.

Dated: Union Vale, New York
October 7, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
ANDREA CASEY,
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-118-26
Rental and Cleaning Service for Safety Clothing, Work Apparel, and Indoor Weather Mats

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th day of November 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

Notice is hereby given that a license, # NA-0340-26-230083 for Beer, Wine, Cider & Liquor has been applied for by the undersign to sell Beer, Wine Cider & Liquor at retail under the alcohol beverage control at 3 Tompkins Rd., Verbank, NY 12585 Dutchess county New York for on Premise consumption. Tracey Carbillano M-KAT Catering LLC D/B/A JB's II.

LEGAL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
ON BUDGET

The Glenham Fire District shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of discussing its proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at the Slater Chemical Fire House located at 76 Old Glenham Road in the Town of Fishkill, New York. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Fishkill, at the office of the secretary of the Glenham Fire District and on the Fire District website located at www.glenhamfire.com. Copies of the proposed budget will also be available for inspection at the aforesaid public hearing.

Victoria Steele
Secretary
Glenham Fire District

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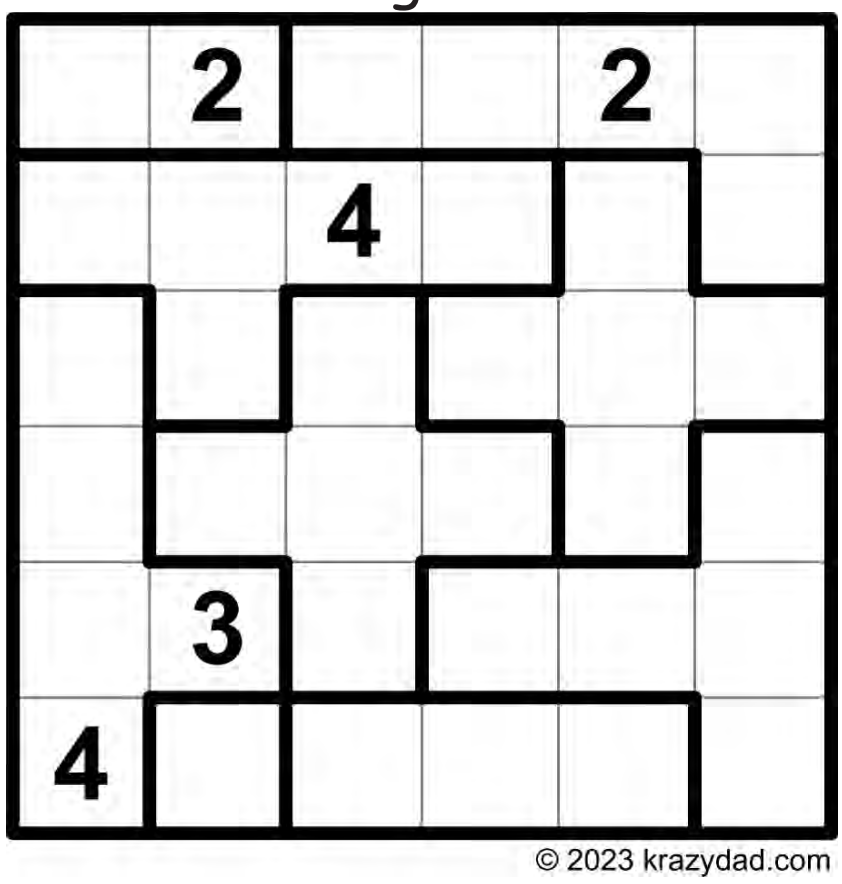


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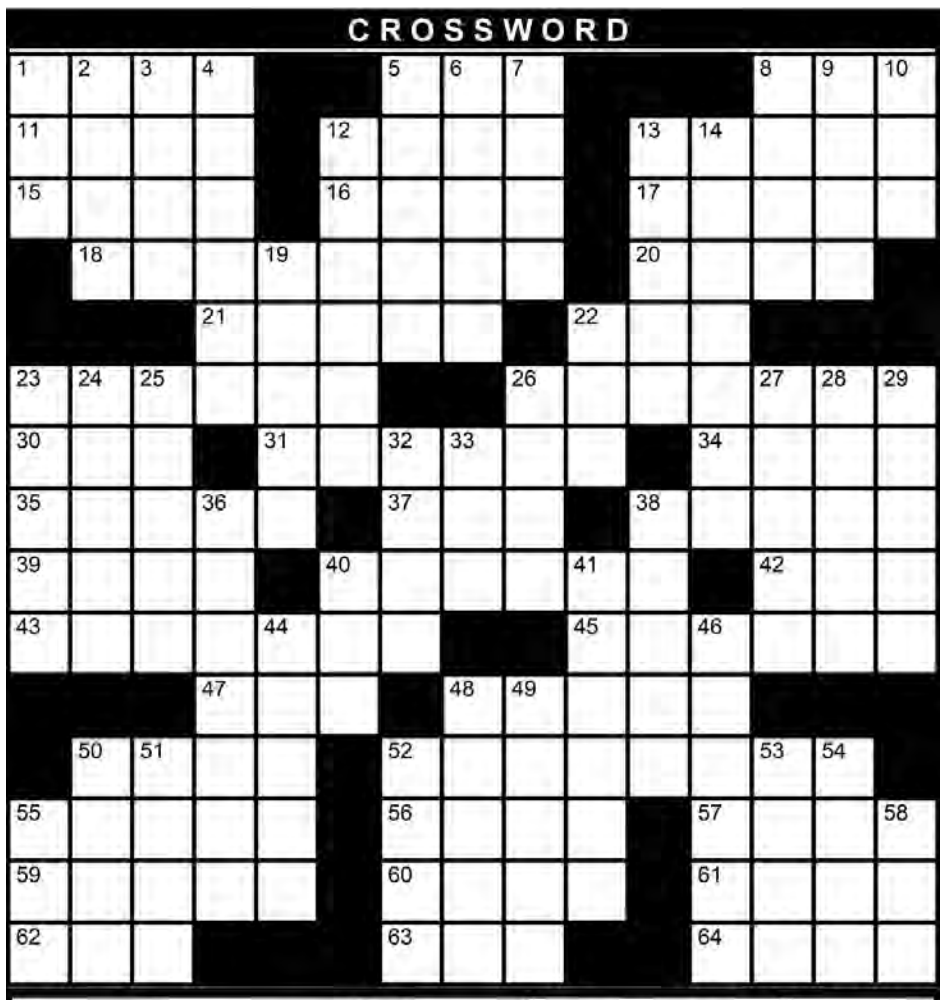
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THEME: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

ACROSS
1. Trampled
5. Dashboard unit, acr.
8. "Be quiet," onomatopoeically speaking
11. Clean the whiteboard, e.g.
12. Morally wicked
13. Former anesthetic
15. Bad luck precursor
16. Banned apple spray
17. *Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.
18. *Home of the bagpipes
20. Big one, at 7-Eleven
21. Contemplate
22. Jewelry stone
23. Hindu queens
26. Something earned
30. Tokyo, formerly
31. *Riddim pair music genre
34. Spock's famous body parts
35. *Animal, source of violin bow strings
37. Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf ____"
38. Away from port (2 words)
39. Not much (2 words)
40. Post-graduate journey?
42. Always, to a poet
43. Baby bear (2 words)
45. Beach-comber's collection
47. Choler
48. Popular pie nut
50. Glazier's unit
52. *Flute player
55. Pointy teeth
56. 36 inches
57. Sticky stuff
59. Hot ____ buns
60. Code word for K
61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor
62. Soda pop container
63. Ems follower
64. Highest point

DOWN
1. *Piano has at least ____ pedals
2. Part of a glass, pl.
3. Leading oil-producers' grp.
4. Indicate
5. Home to Teatro alla Scala
6. Popular core exercise
7. Deer social group
8. Synagogue
9. Cannabis plant
10. Store posting, abbr.
12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag
13. Straight ones in drafter's tool-box
14. *Louis Armstrong's instrument
19. "And Then ____ Were None"
22. "Wow!"
23. User's "getaway"
24. Sun-dried brick
25. Water wheel
26. Intense anger
27. Painter's prop
28. Angler's basket
29. Former Russian leaders
32. Snatch
33. Toothy fish
36. *Lute family instruments
38. "Perfect" Buddhist
40. Theatrical prompt
41. Former Portuguese money
44. Edible herb
46. Brain teaser
48. Like average Jane
49. British peers
50. Prefix for "beyond"
51. Any minute, arch.
52. Type of fish net
53. Daytime TV program
54. Enameled metalware
55. Federal Communications Commission
58. *Standard number of strings on guitar

CROSSWORD





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The solutions to the Sudoko, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 6B.

Celebrate 'The Great Swamp' with artwork and vendors on Oct. 17-18



Celebrate 'The Great Swamp' with artwork and vendors on Oct. 17-18.



James Eyring with an owl during a previous event.

-Courtesy photos

Friends, supporters, members, and all residents in the surrounding communities are invited to join FrOGS for a weekend celebrating the awesome beauty, incalculable value, and prominent benefits of The Great Swamp. Each year this premier event is full of fun, educational, and inspirational activities for the whole family. The "30th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show" will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, at Christ Church on Quaker Hill (17 Church Road, Pawling). The Celebration will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The I'guana Tacos food truck will be on site both days. Admission is free to all.

The event will feature educational exhibits as well as many hands-on activities for children, who will receive a Game Pack booklet and a "Passport to Fun" to document their travels through the event. Activities will include Master Falconer James Eyring's popular "Birds of Prey" demonstration (both days). Exhibits include a hands-on watershed demonstration table, live animals, a macro-invertebrate display, insects by Great Hollow Nature Preserve, birds by Deer Pond Farm Audubon, and a clay animal sculpting table. The drawing for a Kayak Raffle and other prizes will occur Sunday afternoon.

A highlight of the Celebration is a juried Art Show and sale. Last year, the Art Show featured 40 artists with over 140 works of painting, drawing, collage, and photography competing for cash prizes. It has been considered to be the finest autumn show of painting, plein air work, collage, textile art and photography in the Lower Hudson Valley. Colorful and inventive interpretations of the plants and animals of The Great Swamp created by students from local schools will greatly enliven the show. There will also be a vendor section with local arts and crafts for sale, including pottery, silk and woven scarves, jewelry, and wooden bird houses.

This annual event celebrates the Great Swamp, a 6,000-acre wetland stretching 20 miles through a valley at the eastern edge of the Hudson Highlands, from Dover in Dutchess County to Brewster in Putnam County. Although one of the largest freshwater wetlands in the state and called one of New York's "last great places", it remains mostly unknown to people who live beyond the watershed's borders. FrOGS hosts the celebration to bring attention to the value of The Great Swamp and to encourage its conservation as a source of clean water, a site for recreation, and a home for diverse and rare wildlife.

The Celebration is FrOGS's major fund-raising event of the year. The money raised will be used to further educational efforts, support research, fund habitat restoration, and promote and protect The Great Swamp. For more information on the schedule of events for the "30th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show", The Great Swamp, FrOGS, and other upcoming events such as hikes and paddles, visit www.frogs-ny.org.

Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee plans 'Tulips & Tea' event for October 18

The members of the Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee are inviting everyone to join together for a "not so formal" plant and sip event at the Mill Site gardens on Main Street in Pleasant Valley from Noon- 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Entitled "Tulips & Tea,) the event is designed to help clean and plant bulbs for the spring and beautify the town's central garden space. Participants are encouraged to "bring your garden gloves and tea gloves, enjoy the park, light refreshments, and good company while we get our hands in the dirt and help beautify our community."

The Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee is a volunteerdriven group dedicated to enhancing the charm, health, and visual appeal of our town's shared spaces. The mission is to create welcoming, wellmaintained environments that reflect community pride and encourage residents to enjoy and care for the places we all share. Through seasonal plantings, cleanup efforts, and collaborative projects, we work to keep Pleasant Valley vibrant, inviting, and connected.

One of the ongoing initiatives is the Historic Mill Site Garden cleanup, where volunteers help restore and maintain the natural beauty of this important landmark. This project blends preservation with community engagement, ensuring the Mill Site remains a place residents can enjoy for years to come.

In addition, the committee will be hosting a seasonal plant sale, with all proceeds donated directly to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. This effort supports both local beautification and local families, reinforcing our commitment to community care in every sense.

At the end of October 2026, they plan to begin work on the Route 44 Gateway Sign Garden Project, a new initiative designed to create a welcoming, thoughtfully landscaped entrance to the hamlet. This project will introduce a cohesive planting plan that highlights seasonal interest and reflects the character of Pleasant Valley.



Members of the Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee work to beautify the Mill Site Gardens. A "Tulips & Tea" event is set for Sunday, Oct. 18 from Noon- 4 p.m.

-Courtesy photo

that's italian! **by luigi coppola**



Mom's advice

Why mess with a winning formula?

When my wife Lisa and I were getting married, we were given advice from many people on the secret to a happy marriage. We got advice from our priest, advice from the people we bought our furniture from, advice from our wedding photographer, advice from the caterer, advice from the jeweler where we bought our wedding rings, from central Hudson when we got the power turned on in our first apartment. Friends, relatives, strangers. All had advice.

However, the advice that I remember the most was the advice that my mother gave to Lisa.

Mom: Leeza, Ima gonna tell you howa to maka sure Luigi, he's a happy with you.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Listen. Hesa a very simpla man. He noa wanta a lot.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Hesa nota, how you say, a luxury person.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Thisa is you first lesson … Maka sure youa usa the Clorox bleach when you washa hisa clothes.

Lisa: Yes ma- ... What?

Mom: Yesa the Clorox. Donta usa the cheap bleach. Cloroxa isa the best. Thisa way when he sweats ina the kitchen ata the restaurant, he always gonna smella nice.

Lisa: OK?

Mom: Number two ... Always usa the Tide soap for the laundry.

Lisa: Yes, Mom?

Mom: I usa the Tide for a longa time. Ita works very nice. Pop, hea lika it.

Lisa: Yes, Mom?

Mom: Finalmenta (Finally). Maka him the pizza de scarole (Escarole pie). Thisa way, his stomacha is a full, his closa are a clean and hesa gonna be happy.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Anda thatrsa it. OK?

Mom's advice was always simple without a lot of fluff.

To this day, Lisa and I use Clorox Bleach, Tide laundry soap and eat Escarole pie. Thirty-four years of marriage and still happy with each other. Is it the Clorox, Tide and Escarole Pie? After 34 years, why take a chance now?

Please enjoy this recipe for escarole pie. Buon Appetito!

Escarole Pie

Ingredients

For the escarole

2 large heads of escarole, washed. Wash it right before you cook it.

20 raisins
15 black olives
15-20 pignoli nuts
pinch salt
pinch pepper
5 cloves garlic, diced fine
¼ cup olive oil

For the pie dough

1 ¾ lb. all purpose flour
1 ½ cup water
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 pinch baking powder
1 pinch salt
1 pinch sugar

Method

In a bowl, place all the dry ingredients for the pie crust. Add the water and mix by hand until the dough comes together. Make it into two balls and set aside.

In a large pot, add the olive oil and garlic. Cook on high heat until brown and reduce the heat to medium.

Add escarole and cover. After a few minutes, add remaining ingredients and let simmer on low heat for 20 minutes or until the escarole is tender.

Roll out a dough ball until it is round and flat. Get a large frying pan (one that can be placed in the oven) and coat the bottom generously with olive oil. Place the dough into the pan, allowing the sides of the frying and hanging outside the pan.

Add the escarole.

Roll out the other dough ball and lay on top of the escarole.

Roll together the bottom dough and the top dough to form a ring around frying pan. Coat the top of the pie dough with olive oil.

Place the pan on Medium heat and "fry" the bottom for about 10 minutes.

Place the pan in the oven at 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes or until the top of the pie is golden brown.

Remove and let rest for 30 minutes. Can be served hot or cold. Cold is better.

Because of the rich flavors, this goes great with red wine.

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.

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Veterans Dinner set for Oct. 28

Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 will host a Veterans Dinner, honoring all who served, on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Lodge, Wolcott Ave., in Beacon.

One can sign up by calling or texting, 845-235-4618.



Beacon Film Society presents 'Down by the Riverside' at Howland Cultural Center

The Beacon Film Society will present the Beacon premiere of feature documentary film "Down by the Riverside" by Jodie Childers and Dan Messina. The premiere will be held on Friday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon.

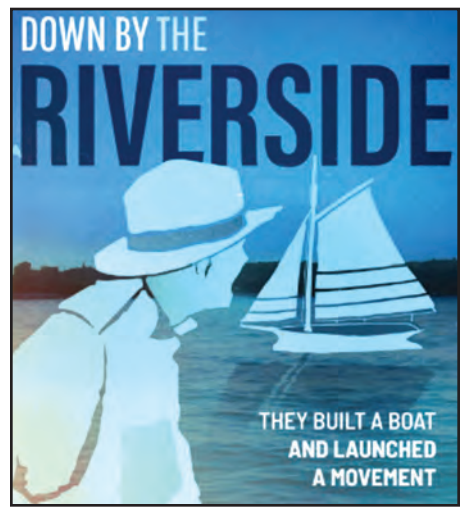
In the 1960s, the American folk singer Pete Seeger devised an extraordinary plan: he built a 106-foot sailboat to save the polluted Hudson River. Down by the Riverside follows the unlikely story of the Clearwater, a boat that launched a movement. An intimate portrait of Pete, his wife Toshi, and the grassroots community they anchored for over 40 years, the film takes the audience on a musical and nautical odyssey, showing how an unconventional campaign to save a beloved American waterway prompted a green revolution. The tale of the Clearwater is a parable for our time, offering hope for a fractured nation and revealing how participatory imagination can solve environmental problems and transform how we relate not only to the earth but also to one another.

Q&A following the screening features co-directors Jodie Childers and Dan Messina.

Jodie Childers is a documentary filmmaker and writer based in NYC and Charlottesville, VA, where she is an assistant professor at the University of Virginia. She produced The Other Parade, and she directed and shot "Down by the Riverside," which premiered at the Woodstock Film Festival. Her writing has been featured in *American Quarterly*, the *Journal of Transnational American Studies*, *Comparative American Studies*, *The Conversation*, *Jacobin*, *Transatlantica*, *The Pittsburgh Review of Books*, *Boulevard*, and *The Hopkins Review*, among others. She holds a Ph.D. in American studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an M.F.A. in creative writing from Brooklyn College.

Dan Messina is a showrunner, director, and editor with twenty years of experience in nonfiction film and television. He directed the documentary feature "Down by the Riverside," which premiered at the Woodstock Film Festival, and The Other Parade, which screened at Frameline and was broadcast on RTE. Dan is currently the showrunner for the hit series "The Real Murders of Atlanta" on Oxygen. He also executive-produced "Women on Death Row" for A&E, and he has served as showrunner, producer, and editor for shows on Discovery+, National Geographic, Investigation Discovery, and OWN, among others.

Tickets: $20 door/$15 advance online: bit.ly/BFS-OCT-16.



The Beacon Film Society will present the Beacon premiere of "Down by the Riverside."
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HEADS UP, HIKERS!

THREE BREAKNECK RIDGE AREA TRAILHEADS REMAIN CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

SOMETHING EXCITING IS HAPPENING...

If you've spent any time in the area, you know the Breakneck corridor of Route 9D has historically been hazardous for hikers and motorists, especially on busy hiking weekends.

But, coming in 2027, the Fjord Trail's Breakneck Connector will make the area safer, improve accessibility, add public restrooms, organize parking, include renovation of the Metro-North Breakneck Ridge train station, and much more!

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. is working with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Metro-North Railroad; and the NY-NJ Trail Conference to bring you these critical improvements.



CLOSURE IMPACTS

- **BREAKNECK RIDGE TRAIL** and **WILKINSON MEMORIAL TRAIL** closed from trailhead to Nimham Trail
  BROOK TRAIL closed from trailhead to Cornish Connector
- **METRO-NORTH RAILROAD BREAKNECK RIDGE TRAIN STATION** closed — no train service at Breakneck
- **NO PARKING ON ROUTE 9D** in area north of Breakneck Tunnel

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail

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