Buy Local Expo Sept. 14 At Diamond Mills
Participants Say Event Is A Winner

If you stick with something for more than 20 years, there’s usually a damn good reason behind it. For Joe Becich and his wife Tammy at Timely Signs, they have a local diner that they’ve recently leased and opened. The diner is 70 years old, and they’ve been preparing to move it to its new location at the Diamond Mills Expo Hall in New Paltz, where it will be an exciting exhibit space.

“Unlike other exhibits, we can bring our diner to life. It’s a little complicated because it’s a home for it. It’s always good to stay fresh. We have about 1,700 items, and we’ll provide them, the more they use us. This is our chance to get in front of those folks and show them how we can serve them.”

Ulster County President Ward Todd said one of the best things about the Buy Local Expo is the chance for area businesses to showcase their brand’s personality in the flesh—something that has become even more valuable since the pandemic.

“The story has no ending yet,” said Edgemoir owner Joe Cioffi, who once owned a company that moved businesses across the country. “We purchased it in the wintertime, but during the summer, we have a lot of delays with the weather. We purchased it in the wintertime, but during the summer, we have a lot of delays with the weather.”

“My advice is to be sure to bring plenty of water because you’ll want to spend the entire day talking.”

For more information on exhibit space and sponsorship opportunities, contact Allison Costanzo at (845) 338-5100 ext. 7 or Allison@UlsterChamber.org.
There’s a story in every bottle of wine at Antero Thyme Bistro in Ellenville. That’s because owner Marcus and Jamie Guiliano know the unique character of the small family-run vineyards they visit, which has them wanting to visit the passionate people who tend them.

The restaurateurs, who travel with the couple to the wine regions of Italy, and take their guests to the best wineries, restaurants and boutique inns.

VIP Winery Vacations, which offers red-carpet, boutique wine tours to Italy, is a 5-star experience.

“Today, the Valle de Guadalupe is one of the most beautiful wine regions in the world,” said Guiliano. “It’s very easy to go to a winery but hard to get that red-carpet tour.”

VIP Winery Vacations features a “Your Car—Our Driver” package. “Other major wine regions like the Finger Lakes and Napa have that service, but we create lifetime memories,” he said. “It’s really the most affordable way because the driver waits for you. We will map out and plan everything for you. Our driver will take you to the local wineries, breweries and distilleries and wherever you want to go, even the dog park.”

Guiliano said overall, the wine tours—many of which Guiliano describes as “tailored for weekends, include the best wineries, restaurants and boutique inns.”

Today, the Valle de Guadalupe region is a weekend get-away hotspot, with 200 wineries. “This is a 5-star experience. Everybody says they could have never done this trip themselves, and they’re deeply appreciative of how we’ve opened their eyes. In fact, some who do the tours aren’t necessarily wine lovers, but they want to learn about it and drink more wine. Those who don’t have a lot of knowledge about wine often come back from these trips saying they can now order wine with confidence.”

For more information on VIP Winery Vacations and upcoming tours, call (845) 647-3000 or go to vipwineryvacations.com.

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Community Says “Thank You” to United Way President Stacey Rein Retires After Nearly Three Decades

When Su Marcy took the reins of the United Way of Ulster County in 2018, she had the daunting task of following in the footsteps of one of the county’s most beloved leaders.

Stacey Rein, who retired in June 2022, has been named the 2022 Community Champion at the United Way of Ulster County’s Annual Meeting. The award recognizes a highly respected and beloved community leader, and Rein was cited for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the agency continued to provide support to struggling families and individuals.

“Stacey Rein was a true leader and a true friend to so many in the Ulster County community,” said Su Marcy, who took over as the United Way’s president and CEO last year. “She was a role model for others to follow and a source of inspiration for those who knew her.”

Rein, who announced her retirement in January, served as the agency’s CEO for 18 years. During her tenure, she helped lead the agency through a tumultuous period marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, which required a shift in focus to address the needs of struggling families.

“I want to thank Stacey for her many years of service to the United Way of Ulster County,” said John T. Wall, Chairman of the United Way board. “Under her leadership, the agency has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of our community.”

Rein, who is a native of New York City, began her career as a social worker in the 1970s. She later founded the United Way of Ulster County, which became a leading provider of support services to families in need.

In 2004, Rein assumed the role of CEO at the United Way of Ulster County. Under her leadership, the agency grew from a budget of $1.5 million to nearly $9 million.

Rein is credited with transforming the United Way into a dynamic community organization that provides a wide range of services to those in need. Under her leadership, the agency began offering more than 30 programs, including food pantries, job training, and senior services.

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While highlights stand out in her career, Rein said one of the most rewarding experiences was the chance to travel and meet with individuals from all walks of life. She said it was exciting to hear stories of people who had been helped by the agency.

“I’ve had the opportunity to meet and work with so many amazing people from all walks of life,” she said. “It’s been a true gift.”

Rein also said she was proud of the agency’s efforts to support immigrants and refugees. She emphasized the importance of providing a welcoming environment for all residents.

“Every day, we strive to make our community a place where everyone feels valued and supported,” she said. “It’s been a true privilege to work with so many talented and dedicated individuals.”

As she enters retirement, Rein said she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and friends. She also plans to continue volunteering and giving back to the community.

“Retirement means taking a step back, but it also means the opportunity to give back to others in a different way,” she said. “I look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Rein said she is excited to see what the future holds for the United Way of Ulster County and the community it serves.

“Thank you to all who have supported and believed in the United Way of Ulster County,” she said. “Together, we can make a difference.”

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