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Albra 'hopeful' for meeting with NYS officials, firm regarding former Downstate site

By Kristine Coulter

Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra informed residents about the ongoing proposed project at the former Downstate Correctional facility, off of Route 52 and Route 9D on Red Schoolhouse Road, via email on Friday, May 30.

Town officials have been "in conversation" with Empire State Development (ESD) and Conifer Realty, LLC. (which was conditionally selected to lead the proposed project), "to discuss details of the anticipated redevelopment" of the former facility.

"At this time, ESD and Conifer are reworking the Project's plans to address the Town's concerns. The Town is hopeful that the parties will meet again soon to discuss additional revisions to the Project plans," stated Albra.

The last meeting between the parties was in April. Albra noted "many details still need to be worked out" and added he is "optimistic the Project will provide numerous benefits to Town residents."

The Governor's office and Conifer did not immediately respond to an inquiry for comment.

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the proposed project in 2024, after the former site was decommissioned in 2022 by New York State officials.

In his email, Albra noted, "At that time ESD and Conifer did not provide specific details about the Project. Nonetheless, the Town and other involved local governments were able to glean some information about the Project from an RFP issued by ESD in or about July 2023, and news accounts of the award of the Project to Conifer. As best as the Town could decipher from those sources, the Project was projected to involved redevelopment of the Property into a mixed-use development comprised of up to 1,3000 housing units, some of which would be designated affordable housing, and community space." Town officials and other agencies issued position statements over the next months, he noted.

In October of 2024, Town officials, and other local officials, met with ESD and Conifer to discuss the project, it was stated.

"At that time, ESD and Conifer confirmed that they were looking to construct only about 1,100 housing units. In response to concerns that [Glenham Fire District] could not adequately protect 3-story units without a ladder truck, ESD and Conifer agreed to limit construction to 2 1/2-story units," Albra stated in the email.

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More than 20 restaurants to offer 'a small bite, sips and more'

Eat Drink Beacon set for June 7

By Kristine Coulter

Main St. in Beacon is a place for residents and visitors alike every weekend – and weekday. A one-mile food crawl, called "Eat Drink Beacon," will be happening on Saturday, June 7, from 3-7 p.m. There will be more than 20 participating restaurants, businesses and eateries taking part where they will be offering "a small bite, sips and more," according to the event organizer.

"This is a great event to sample new dining offerings, get to know the latest trends in town and explore what's new on Main Street," said Sheila Carnahan, the organizer for Eat Drink Beacon.

"Local restaurants will offer small bites while sip and dessert stops will be hosted by a local business which means you get to check out Beacon's shops as well as restaurants."

Ticket purchase includes samples of food, drink and other popular items at some of Beacon's most desirable restaurants and businesses, she said.

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Eat Drink Beacon, a one-mile food crawl, will take place on June 7 on Main St. in Beacon. Pictured are participants from a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photo Eat Drink Beacon

Festival to highlight strawberries, the Hudson River and entertainment

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon Sloop Club (BSC) members will welcome local residents and visitors to the annual Strawberry Festival on June 8, from noon-5 p.m., at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. This is the first of three festivals that are organized annually by BSC members.

Rob May is a member of the BSC.

"Visitors to the Beacon Sloop Club's annual Strawberry Festival can expect a family-friendly celebration of the Hudson River and adjacent park as we collectively emerge from the chilly winter season and welcome the warm weather in a spring-time celebration," May said in an email to Beacon Free Press.

What will be available to those who attend the event? "To help celebrate, Sloop Club volunteers will prepare our famous, fresh-baked, succulent, strawberry short-cakes. These treats will feature juicy, fresh picked strawberries, whose arrival heralds the emerging spring season. The fruit will be served on oven-baked biscuits, topped with fresh whipped cream, all made right there under our Strawberry Tent."

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The members of the Beacon Sloop Club will host its annual Strawberry Festival on June 8 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.

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Festival to highlight strawberries, the Hudson River and entertainment



The Strawberry Tent will be one of the highlights during the five-hour Strawberry Festival held on June 8 in Beacon.



Beacon Sloop Club volunteer, Vince, carries a tray of fresh-baked biscuits for strawberry shortcakes.

-Courtesy photos BSC

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The five-hour event will also allow attendees the opportunity to take a free sail on the *Woody Guthrie*, which is a 19th-century replica ferry sloop. The sloop is “operated by our expert captain and seasoned crews. These will be the first sails of the season,” remarked May.

There will also be environmental exhibitions and the Environmental Tent, which according to May, “will entertain and educate visitors of all ages.”

“Festival-goers can amuse themselves by perusing and purchasing items from our many unique vendors and from our merchandise tent, while listening to the

delightful music from the main stage and from the children’s stage,” he said.

Is there anything new planned for this annual event?

“There will be some exciting new vendors taking their places next to our traditional festival favorites. Surprising and gifted new musical acts will appear on both the main stage and the children’s stage. Our sloop *Woody Guthrie* has undergone an extensive scrubbing and refurbishing by our able *Woody* maintenance team and is ready to greet guests for the first time this year. Also, our merchandise tent will offer the newly designed Strawberry Festival tee shirt. Last year’s Strawberry Festival tee shirts were so

popular that they sold out in the first hours of the festival,” remarked May.

Traditionally this is the first of the BSC’s festivals. The annual Corn Festival is held in August and the Pumpkin Festival rounds out the events in October.

“So, for this reason, hours of planning precede this event. More time is spent planning the Strawberry Festival than any other festival because it sets the tone for our other festivals and spring and summer activities. Members make every effort to ensure that everything is perfect and every detail is ironed out,” May noted. He added, “For many it is also the first real opportunity for friends and neighbors to reunite and enjoy the warm

sunshine and each other’s company, after a long winter. So, our volunteers work extra-hard to ensure that this festival is a pleasant experience for everyone.”

May recalled how the festival first began. “It was our founder [the late activist and folk singer] Pete Seeger’s dream for people everywhere to come together for the common cause of cleaning and protecting the Hudson River and to make our beautiful river accessible to everyone. By inviting everyone down to Pete and Toshi Park to enjoy the Hudson River, learn how we can preserve the river at our Environmental Tent and appreciate the river from the perspective of our sloop *Woody Guthrie*, we are fulfilling Pete and Toshi Seeger’s dream.”

Eat Drink Beacon set for June 7



Håkan Chocolatier will be one of the businesses and restaurants taking part in this year’s Eat Drink Beacon.



The annual Eat Drink Beacon food crawl will be held on June 7 on Main St. in Beacon.

-Courtesy photos Eat Drink Beacon

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“Main Street Beacon is a beautiful place to enjoy the day and the unique tastes and shops that it has to offer, making it a perfect destination for locals and visitors,” Carnahan remarked.

Matt Green, with Liquid Fables, told Beacon Free Press, “We will be providing Slushy versions of our Canned Cocktails! Typically, over the summer we like to try out different flavor profiles on the slushy machine and always run Tortoise & The Hare as a staple.” Liquid Fables’ website describes Tortoise & The Hare as “vodka with tasting notes of lemon and mint.” It states: “the Tortoise crossed the finish line just as the Hare woke from his arrogant, mid-race nap. He won because [he] knew his own strength, persevering instead of hurrying. You don’t need to rush to achieve your goals. Enjoy this cocktail at your own pace.”

Carnahan was asked what she looks forward to during this year’s event.

“What I look forward to most each year is

bringing people together is the magic of connection. Bringing together local businesses, hidden gems and passionate food lovers for a day of discovery and deliciousness,” she replied. “There’s something special about watching people light up when they try something new, support a small shop, or connect with others over the love of food. It’s not just a crawl it’s a celebration of community and culinary adventure.”

Participating stops, according to Carnahan, include:

Another Door, Beacon Bath & Bubble, Beacon Creamery, Beacon Cheese Shop, Ember & Grain Bakery, Estilo Y Vino Wine Bar, Five Pennie’s Creamery, Håkan Chocolatier, Lily & Marigold Home & Design, Long Thoa Chai Cafe, Melzingah Tap House, Noble Pies, Liquid Fables, Old Dhaka Coffee House, Stella’s Fine Foods, Sybil, Sukhothai, The Roosevelt Bar, The Vinyl Room, Two Sparrows Homestead, and Witch Please.

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Beacon LitFest expands to multiple venues

The Beacon LitFest returns for a third year of bringing literary luminaries to the Hudson Valley. The event takes place in multiple venues in Beacon from Thursday, June 12 through Saturday, June 14.

Panelists at this year’s festival will include Francine Prose, a National Book Award finalist and notable author of works of fiction and nonfiction and Gregory Pardlo, winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, among a powerhouse lineup of fiction writers, poets, nonfiction writers, and dramaturgists.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming a standout group of authors and performers this year,” said Andrea Talarico, co-owner of Stanza Books and co-executive producer of the 2025 Beacon LitFest, “we are truly thankful that so many high caliber writers are making the time to share their talents and expertise with us.”

Drew Prochaska of the popular Artichoke Storytelling Series hosts the Beacon LitFest Kickoff Party on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Dennings Point Distillery, 10 N. Chestnut St. The event will feature performances by local writers and storytellers, followed by a dance party and special cocktail offerings.

On Friday, June 13, the Women in Noir event takes place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., from 8 - 9:30 p.m. The immersive multimedia program features bestselling crime and thriller fiction authors Margot Douaihy, Jode Millman, and Julia Dahl, in conversation with the NY Writers Studio’s Cynthia Weiner, and Townsquare Media’s Jackie Corley.

Saturday’s lineup will feature multiple panels at venues along Beacon’s beautiful, historic Main Street.

“We’re excited to have expanded the Litfest this year...but we couldn’t have done it without the generous support of sponsors and business owners who opened their doors to accommodate our events. Beacon is such a special place for growing the literary community,” said Dr. Hannah Brooks, founder of Beacon



Dutchess County Poet Laureate Ruth Danon, left, in conversation with Pulitzer Prize winning author Jennifer Egan at Beacon Litfest 2024.

-Photo by Michael Isabell



Above: Acclaimed author Francine Prose is just one of the headliners at the Beacon Litfest 2025 Icons of Fiction and Nonfiction panels.

-Photo by NYS, Empire State of Books

Below: Award winning, Ethiopian-American author Dinaw Mengestu will join Beacon Litfest 2025 and discuss his latest novel.

-Photo by Emmanuelle Robicquet

LitFest and co-executive producer of the 2025 event.

The Beacon LitFest poetry panel takes place at the Beahive, 6 Eliza Street, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Panelists include Ruth Danon, 2025 Dutchess County Poet Laureate; John Yau, 2018 winner of the Jackson Prize in Poetry; and Pardlo in conversation with Talarico, a poet in her own right.

The theater portion of the Beacon LitFest takes place at the Howland Cultural Center from 1:30 - 3 p.m. TEA Artistry Directors, Vieve Radha Price and Chuk Obasi will join Shane Killoran of Hit House Creative for a transformative conversation around how dramatic pieces

are conceived, adapted, and expressed, and how language is transformed from page to stage.

Fiction and nonfiction panels will be held at the VFW Memorial Hall, 413 Main Street, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Prose will be joined by Kris Jansma, CO Moed, Stacey D'Erasmus, and Dinaw Mengestu in an event co-moderated by the Chronogram’s Brian Mahoney and academic consultant Caroline Eisner. A cocktail party and book signing will immediately follow.

Beacon LitFest tickets for single events or a discounted 3-day weekend pass are available at <https://www.beaconlitfest.org/>.



Hydrant flushing schedule announced

In the coming weeks, the City of Beacon Water Department will be performing annual maintenance of water mains by flushing fire hydrants. The process will begin on June 2nd and continue for an approximate period of four weeks. All flushing will be conducted during the work week (Monday – Friday).

While this work is ongoing, residents in impacted areas may experience periods of discolored water and should refrain from doing laundry until the water runs clear. If your water is discolored, run the cold-water taps until the water runs clear. If one has any questions, please call the Water Department at 845-831-3136.

City officials thank residents for their patience while this infrastructure maintenance is completed. The tentative schedule of work is as follows

Week 1 (June 2): Alice Street, Anderson Street, Annan Street, Birch Lane, DePuyster Avenue, East Main Street, Exeter Circle, Helen Court, Green Street, Jackson Street, Linden Drive, Louisa Street, Mountain Lane, Overlook Avenue, Petticoat Lane, Phillips Street, Roundtree Court, Robin Lane, Spring Valley Street, Spruce Street, Summit Street, Westley Avenue, William Street, Wilson Street, and Vail Avenue.

Week 2 (June 9): Barrett Place, Deerfield Place, Delevan Avenue, Dutchess Terrace, Fishkill Avenue,

Verplanck Avenue, Kent Street, Lincoln Avenue, Mackin Avenue, Memorial Park, Rt. 9D near VanNess, and Townsend Street.

Week 3 (June 16): Beskin Place, Coffey Avenue, Ellen Drive, Grandview Avenue, High Goal Lane, John Street, Miller Street, Newlin Mills Road, Paye Street, Rombout Avenue, Simmons Lane, Slocum Road,

Sycamore Drive, Wodenethe Drive, Van Dyke Avenue, and Victor Road.

Week 4 (June 23): Bayview Avenue, Belleford Lane, Branch Street, Dennings Avenue, Fishkill Landing, Main Street, Willow Street, North Cedar Street, Long Dock Road, Monell Place, Riverfront Park, Tompkins Avenue, West Main Street, North Brett Street, Dewindt Street, and Cross Street.

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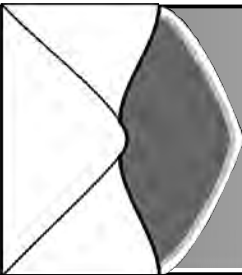
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Honor America’s heroes by continuing to support Ukraine

To the Editor:

Another Memorial Day has been observed - lowering our heads in tribute to those who have given all for the freedoms and prosperity the rest of us have enjoyed and have been gifted by their sacrifice over the 250 years since the firing of the shot heard round the world.

Three years ago, on the first Memorial Day of Russia’s full scale invasion of Ukraine, my wife and I – as supporters of Ukraine – had the honor of addressing the Memorial Day observance in Bangall and were invited to speak by our local community horrified at the barbarous cruelty being inflicted daily upon innocent civilians of a nation who refused to cede its freedom to a rapacious neighbor.

My wife recalled what the idea of America meant to those nations locked within the Soviet Union and how an American victory in 1980 on a hockey rink in Lake Placid caused the jubilant eruptions of “The Yankees won! Yankees won! Yankees won!” in a small and otherwise silent Estonian village on a darkened February night. I recalled my grandfather – an official in the Estonian Red Cross – who was arrested and disappeared into the Soviet Gulag, and we both spoke to how Ukraine was carrying on in the same fight in defense of our freedoms as those who we were honoring that day.

In the three years since, Ukraine has continued in its brave defense, regained about half of its lands which had been seized, and shown that with courage, innovation, and the steadfast support of its allies, that it can defeat Russia and end the terror waged upon it, thereby saving itself, Europe, and the rest of us from a world where brutal dictators think they can get away with subjugation of free peoples.

And in those same three years, Russia simply continues to kill innocent people and destroying the lives of millions. In honor of this Memorial Day, we again ask our friends and neighbors – after we have honored the American heroes of our past and present – to recall that Ukraine is still fighting for the freedoms of our birthright and that Russia is still inflicting the horrors which inspired our community to act with generosity and resolve.?

We pray that a Just Peace – rather than “just any peace” – can be achieved by Ukraine and her allies, and that true American patriots will continue to support Ukraine.

Mark Lagus
Town of North East

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One Vietnam veteran to another: ‘Welcome home, Brother’

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing Jeff Ohlbaum’s frightening article that retold the horrors of the attack on Firebase Tomahawk. I am a Vietnam veteran myself who was stationed somewhat south of Tomahawk in the Two Corp area at that time. Jeff’s story clearly explained much of the horrors experienced during that horrible war.

I am grateful for his survival and the pray for his fallen buddies. I wish Jeff well after this harrowing experience; it seems he has handled it well.

Welcome home, Brother.

Art Mulford
Vietnam Veteran 2/’69-2/’70
Holmes

Thank you Mr. V’s Deli

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank Maggie and Jean of Mr.V’s Deli for thirty-two glorious years of serving the people of the City of Beacon. Mr. V’s Deli has been the morning go-to spot for hundreds of hungry Beaconites, looking for a bite to eat on their way to work.

For a generation, Mr.V’s Deli had been like the bar on the television show “Cheers,” the place you want to go – “where everybody knows your name... And they’re always glad you came.”

Many thanks Maggie and Jean.

Dennis Pavelock
Hyde Park

Serino announces \$250,000 in YOU Drop-In Center grant awards

Continuing her longstanding support for Dutchess County’s young people and their future development, County Executive Sue Serino announced \$250,000 in grant awards has been awarded to 14 local libraries and non-profit, community-based, youth-serving organizations through the County’s Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) Drop-In Center Grant Program. The grant awards will enable these organizations to build and improve safe, inclusive environments where young people can come together, find resources and form meaningful, supportive connections.

Dutchess County’s YOU Drop-In Center Grants are a one-time funding opportunity for community organizations, including libraries, that primarily serve youth. To qualify, their mission must align with offering services or programs that support one or more of the County’s Path to Promise domains. Qualifying expenses include furniture and equipment; technology and supplies; sports and fitness equipment; theater and creative arts resources; and transportation assistance.

Projects funded through the YOU Drop-In Center Grant Program include:

The New Deal Creative Arts Center, Hyde Park – \$10,000 to expand its theatre, music and other programs that reach 100 children by purchasing essential equipment, including body microphones, speakers, pod-casting tools and musical instruments, such as pianos, ukuleles, percussion and guitars.

Nubian Directions II, City of Poughkeepsie – \$30,000 to continue renovation of the third floor of the organization’s Youth Center, as well as purchase materials, supplies and office equipment, giving 62 students access to the building program space, as well as GED preparation classes and construction training.

Wassaic Project, Amenia – \$15,000 to purchase slop sink, comfortable seating, rugs, computer, projector, printer, metro shelves and bins, drop cloths and butcher paper, a drying rack and a project display wall, as well as replenish much-needed art supplies for the organization’s Art Nest, which currently serves 1,000 local young people, increasing attendance by 25 percent and aiding in attendees’ social-emotional development.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County, City of Poughkeepsie – \$10,000 to purchase a book house, musical instruments, sound, solar equipment and play equipment for Ellen’s Place Outdoor Classroom, designed to provide opportunities for healing and educational transformations for 300 children and their families.

The Art Effect, City of Poughkeepsie – \$30,000 to upgrade equipment for arts and media education, serving more than 2,000 young people facing financial and social barriers.

Positive About Possibilities, City of Poughkeepsie – \$10,000 to purchase equipment for photography and DJing programs serving 30 young people; cameras, lighting kits, laptops, tripods and editing software for creating sensory boards, as well as DJ mixers, turntables, speakers and software for event-hosting.

Pine Plains Free Library, Pine Plains –

\$15,000 to purchase chairs, shelving and organizational furniture for the library’s Teen Section and Children’s Room, which serve 200 children.

Dover Plains Library Association, Dover – \$11,926 to purchase commercial-grade furniture so 140 young people will have safe furniture during programs and for leisure, which will improve their ability to learn and develop literacy skills while at the library.

Community Matters 2, City of Poughkeepsie – \$30,000 to purchase advanced tech equipment – computers, robotics kits, software, AI software, 3D printers – to empower youth with hands-on STEM learning, fostering innovation and tech proficiency for 100 young people’s future success.

East Fishkill Community Library, East Fishkill – \$15,000 to purchase mobile/configurable furnishings for library’s meeting rooms; mobile seating for its teen area; and shelving and seating for the children’s area, serving 100 children, as well as erase/magnetic presentation boards and a laminating machine.

Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County, Wappinger – \$10,000 to purchase essential equipment, bus passes and ride service vouchers to improve access to CAPE’s drop-in center, which serves 250 young people.

Millbrook Library, Millbrook – \$15,000 to purchase new toys and social play materials that will support at least 10 youth-focused programs annually, which serve more than 650 children, as well as accessible furniture and interactive resources which will result in at least a 20-percent increase in the use of the library’s youth areas over the next year.

Community Family Development, City of Poughkeepsie – \$30,000 to purchase equipment, supplies and furniture to create a drop-in childcare center that will allow 45 families facing homelessness to access high-quality early childhood programming directly at the shelter they are staying at, which will support job search programming and mental health support.

Hope Rising Up, Rhinebeck – \$18,074 to purchase desks, chairs, kitchen appliances, cookware, laptops, a driving training simulator and educational equipment for its program, serving 100 young people who will be strengthened by educational advocacy, career direction, life skills and foundational beliefs about themselves.

Applications for the YOU Drop-In Center Grant Program were reviewed by the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) Commissioner, as well as DCFS’ Assistant Commissioner for Youth Services, with recommendations made to the County Executive for final approval.

In the 2025 County Budget, County Executive Serino has allocated more than \$700,000 in youth services investments for a reimagined YOU initiative, including the YOU Drop-In Grant Program, YOU mini grants, summer camp scholarships and expansion of the Youth Police Initiative (YPI).

Additional information is available on the Division’s webpage.

County celebrates completion of new affordable development supported by Housing Trust Fund



Taking part in the celebration are, from left, County Legislator Lisa Kaul, County Executive Sue Serino, County Planning Commissioner Eoin Wrafter, developer James Patterson and his wife Jessica, Community Preservation Corporation Assistant Vice President Matthew Spallina, Patterson's in-laws and City of Poughkeepsie Administrator Joseph Donat.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov't

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined James Patterson of 21st Century Living LLC, the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), local community leaders, and residents on Thursday, May 29 to celebrate the completion of the first new affordable housing project funded through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF). Located at 30-32 Smith Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, this newly constructed three-unit development received a \$346,134 HTF award and is the latest example of the County's ongoing efforts to expand access to safe, affordable housing opportunities.

Serino said, "This project is a reminder of what's possible when local government works together with people who care not just about the buildings, but about the lives inside them. Thanks to the Housing Trust Fund and local champions like James Patterson, we're creating safe, stable homes that allow families to stay rooted in the community they love. It's a practical solution to a real challenge – and we need more of that across Dutchess County."

Located in a walkable, transit-accessible neighborhood near schools, community services and employment opportunities, the new triplex was developed by 21st Century Living LLC, owned and operated by Mr. Patterson, a lifelong resident of the City of Poughkeepsie. The mission of 21st Century Living is to provide affordable, modern living conditions to the local community. The 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units feature modern design layout with highly efficient features. Rental costs are below market rate and are affordable to households at 60% and 80% of area median income. All units have been rented, with tenants moving in June 1st.

Patterson is also a graduate of CPC's ACCESS Incubator training program. CPC's ACCESS Initiative provides financial resources, capacity building opportunities and technical assistance to entrepreneurs of color who have historically faced barriers to entry in the real estate development market. The ACCESS Incubator, a free, virtual training series that includes eight 90-minute sessions takes participants through each phase of the development process, and features expert instruction, interactive components and project development support from housing consultants.

"I'm just so proud of producing product for those, who for the most, part wouldn't be afforded the opportunity. Access to affordable housing keeps our community vibrant – all of our new tenants are fellow Poughkeepsie High School graduates – people who have grown up here and want to build their lives in this community," said Patterson. "I'm thankful for Dutchess County's assistance, through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund, in making projects like this a reality. As 21st Century Living approaches our first decade in business, I'm attuned to the depths we can

reach and the people we can help along the way and I am grateful for the partnerships we have forged."

Including acquisition, soft costs and construction costs, the total cost of the 30-32 Smith Street project was approximately \$900,000. In addition to the \$346,134 from the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund, the project received \$350,000 in construction and permanent financing from the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), a 50-year old nonprofit multifamily finance company that has been serving the region's housing finance needs for more than three decades.

"We're proud to support this meaningful project in the City of Poughkeepsie, which not only brings quality affordable housing to the neighborhood but also marks an exciting milestone for a local developer with deep roots in the community," said Matthew Spallina, Assistant Vice President at CPC. "James Patterson's dedication to this project, along with his desire to learn and grow through the ACCESS Incubator program reflects the kind of talent and commitment we're proud to invest in. We look forward to continuing our relationship with James as he takes the next steps toward revitalizing his neighborhood and thank Dutchess County Executive's Office for their commitment to providing the resources needed to bring projects like this to fruition."

Serino said, "This isn't just the opening of a building – it's the beginning of a new chapter for three families. The Housing Trust Fund was created to turn hope into action and deliver real results, and that's exactly what this project represents. I'm looking forward to seeing more projects like this take shape – projects that truly meet people where they are and give them a real chance at a safe, stable place to call home." Applications for the second round of Housing Trust Fund funding, prioritizing smaller housing projects particularly in more rural communities, are currently underway. Ahead of the June 9 deadline for applications, County Executive Serino met with local housing professionals – developers, builders and the like – at a Housing Trust Fund Applicant Workshop earlier this month to discuss the importance of being part of the solution to the housing shortage faced by countless communities nationwide.

This project is one of six funded through the first round of the Housing Trust Fund, totaling \$8,996,134 in County funds for the development or preservation of more than 600 affordable rental units. The next HTF-funded projects expected to be completed include a single-room occupancy housing project in the City of Poughkeepsie and an 18-unit rental project in the City of Beacon.

More information about the Dutchess



County Planning Commissioner Eoin Wrafter, left, and developer James Patterson discuss the first new affordable housing project funded through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF).

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

County Housing Trust Fund is available Planning/Dutchess-County-Housing-online at: dutchessny.gov/Departments/Trust-Fund.htm

Albra 'hopeful' for meeting with NYS officials, firm regarding former Downstate site



Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra is 'hopeful' for another meeting with NYS and the conditionally selected firm that was chosen to lead the planning on the former Downstate Correctional Facility on Red Schoolhouse Rd. in Fishkill. Pictured is an aerial view of the site.

-Archive photo

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Some details about the proposed project noted by Albra that need to be worked out are:

- There will be local control of the land use and zoning approvals of the process
- Recent discussions have focused on how to provide critical infrastructure, such as sidewalk and sewer, municipal water and fire services to the Project and surrounding areas
- The Town asked that the intended benefit to the community include improvements and extensions of the Town's current water and sewer infrastructure
- The current plan should not require construction of a new school building
- Provisions of sidewalks, which was important for the Project's construction to Town businesses and resources as well as to comply with Gov. Hochul's

focus on walkable communities

- A traffic study will be conducted to ensure that there are minimal traffic impacts resulting from the Project

Albra noted in the emailed letter to the community that "ESD and Conifer also indicated that it would look into how residents could use the new housing options." Town officials, he noted, set out the infrastructure changes they feel would be required to support the proposed project.

"At the conclusion of the [earlier held] meeting, ESD/Conifer agreed to re-work the plans to account for the changes it agreed to at the meeting, including limiting the Project to about 1,100 units and ensuring that no unit would be more than 2 ½ stories tall. At the end of the meeting, ESD and Conifer planned to rework the Project to address the concerns of the Town and the other involved local governments."



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades at 31-19 after losing first series of season

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades returned to Heritage Financial Park to host the Wilmington Blue Rocks for the final week in May. After a bit of a slide in Winston-Salem, the Renegades closed out the first full month of baseball with a 14-13 record. This most recent homestand was not quite F.R.I.E.N.Dly to the Renegades, as they dropped their first series of the season.

No worries, Renegades fans! Hudson Valley still has players outshining these pesky May showers. With a 2-1 walkoff win on Sunday, the run support wasn't quite there, but Hudson Valley salvaged 2-of-6 from Wilmington. Here are a few keys to an otherwise average month of baseball.

1. MVP - Carlos Lagrange - After the May 27 opening game loss, Carlos Lagrange tossed a beauty in Wednesday's matinee. After taking a no-hitter into the sixth inning, Lagrange fanned eight and gave up just three hits in 6.2 innings. With just four baserunners credited to Lagrange, the Renegades evened the series with a 7-1 win. His 64 strikeouts is third in the South Atlantic League, behind Wilmington's Alex Clemmey and Aberdeen's Trey Gibson, who each have 67.

2. Rookie of the Week - Luis Durango - Since his High-A debut on May 13, Luis Durango is hitting .353 in

his fledgling Renegades career. As one of manager James Cooper's four left-handed options in the outfield, Durango adds an extra boost off the bench, with speed and a reliable bat. Pinch running for Anthony Hall on Sunday Durango scored on Jace Avina's walkoff walk. He'll come in handy on the days when his southpaw peers need a day off.

3. Big Winner? - Mario Lisson, manager of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. After dropping five in a row to the Renegades in their home stadium May 7-11, the Blue Rocks finally got a jump on their division rivals. In the return to Heritage Financial Park, Blue Rocks pitching held the home team to one run or fewer in three games. Under Lisson's valiant leadership this week, Wilmington improves to 6-13 against the Renegades this season.

4. Last Laugh - Phew!!!! The Renegades were three outs from losing five of six. A one-run loss in the finale? Not these 'Gades. Undeterred from the 10th inning loss on May 29, Hueston Morrill improved to 3-1 with a scoreless Sunday outing.

What's the best way to refresh from a few series' skid? A visit to the Aberdeen IronBirds (19-32), of course! If you recall what was written a few weeks back about the 'Birds player facilities, perhaps the Renegades (31-19) can get back on track with some much needed R&R.

Late-game reliever Hueston Morrill shuts down hitters for Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades relief pitcher Hueston Morrill knows a thing or two about two-way players.

In just one dazzling defensive play, just over one year ago, this righty showed his infield experience hasn't left. Morrill nosedives off the mound, flips the ball to Josh Moylan, and nabs the runner just in time for a highlight clip worthy of a "Renegades Rewind" segment.

Known for his quick ball release, Morrill is one of the top arms called to hold a Hudson Valley lead. Although the Wilmington Blue Rocks handed Morrill this season's first record loss on May 29, the Renegades are 11-3 in games where he appears.

Morrill is one of four right-handed pitching prospects who, as undrafted free agents, were signed by the Yankees in 2022. Like current teammate Kyle Carr, he is etched in Renegades history as part of the third no-hitter in team history.

A true reliever, Morrill has not started a game since college and is best used in late-game situations. Opposing lefties hit just .156 against him, while righties sit at .182. And if either faces Morrill in the ninth inning this season, they're hitting .077 (4.0 innings).

In 2019, Morrill, a first-year Oklahoma State University player, started 34 games at shortstop and hit .282 in the leadoff spot. It wasn't until 2021 that he saw time on the mound, with 3.2 innings under his belt in his debut season. By the end of his Cowboy career, he pitched 26.2 innings.



Over nine May outings, Renegades relief pitcher Hueston Morrill has held batters to a .147 average, including those faced with Somerset.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

In Morrill's final collegiate season, OSU earned a top seed in the NCAA baseball tournament and hosted the Stillwater Regional, but fell in the Regional Final.

Gainesville native Morrill was a standout pitcher and shortstop at Suwannee High School and was once ranked the #8 shortstop in the Sunshine State. Morrill joined the Renegades pitching staff in April 2024 after a successful stint in his home state with the Single-A Tampa Tarpons.

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM	36	15	.706	-	8-2	W6
Greensboro PIT	34	16	.680	1.5	7-3	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	31	19	.620	4.5	5-5	W1
Wilmington WSH	21	30	.412	15.0	5-5	L1
Aberdeen BAL	19	32	.373	17.0	3-7	L6
Jersey Shore PHI	18	32	.360	17.5	3-7	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	27	23	.540	-	6-4	L1
Hub City TEX	27	24	.529	0.5	6-4	W1
Rome ATL	26	25	.510	1.5	4-6	W1
Greenville BOS	25	26	.490	2.5	7-3	L1
Asheville HOU	22	29	.431	5.5	3-7	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	18	33	.353	9.5	4-6	L1



Home Schedule

June			
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday
July			
07/01/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/02/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America!! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!
07/08/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Cider Donuts: Dusty's Revenge, Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/09/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/10/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Union Night Blue Renegades Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/11/25	vs. Asheville	07:05 PM	Italian Heritage Night Fireworks Friday
07/12/25	vs. Asheville	05:05 PM	Beach Night Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/13/25	vs. Asheville	02:05 PM	Gades 5K Star Wars Day





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**Former Yankees' Star – Turned Musician
& Wine Enthusiast – Bernie Williams
Builds Relationship with Millbrook Winery**





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Former Renegade, MLB Star John Jaso is now ‘at home’ sailing and exploring



Above: Former MLB star John Jaso is pictured swinging with the Pittsburgh Pirates and, right, aboard his catamaran with partner Jayden, a former collegiate volleyball player at the University of North Alabama.

-Courtesy photos

By Morgan E. Maier

Peaceful, calm, leisurely. The many meanings of “lasai” in Basque are the language spoken by a people of the same name, across France and Spain.

When The New York Times published a February 2023 profile on former MLB player John Jaso, he was gearing up not for spring training, but to sail the French Riviera. Seeking a change of landscapes and consumption, John, who began his 14-year professional career as a Hudson Valley Renegade, traded first base for the ballast.

To John, it’s the peace he spoke of with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 2017. Teasing his retirement from baseball, he said, “I have a sailboat, so I just want to sail away.”

In 2003, John found himself on the opposite coast from his native California, playing for the Short-A Renegades (then affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays). That summer marked the first year of a 14-year professional baseball journey, a voyage that stretched coast to coast, north to south. A 2004 post-season All-Star, John was promoted to AA after hitting .302 for Hudson Valley and debuted for the Rays in 2008.

With two stints in Tampa Bay, a season

with the Seattle Mariners, and a spell with the Pittsburgh Pirates, John’s career had a nautical pull, if only by name in the moment. Every road trip and hotel room overlooking breezy, billowy bodies of water brought him closer.

“Baseball also provided me the financial freedom and the early retirement to be able to live this lifestyle at such an early age,” said John. “I am forever grateful for that.”

Two monohull (sailboat) seasons later, plus three on Lasai, John now spends the bulk of baseball season on the water. With prime sailing months now upon the European seas, he’s spending this summer in the Aegean Sea with his partner, Jayden, with whom he’s embarked on five journeys since 2021.

John and Jayden, both competitive athletes, are constantly on the move: diving, hiking, exploring. Jayden, a four-year collegiate volleyball player, twice led the Division-II Gulf Southern Coast in assists and led the country in average sets per game at the University of North Alabama.

Much planning goes into the itinerary. Fuel stops and groceries, necessities. Local cuisine and culture are next. Once they arrive at the destination, John and Jayden take any

opportunity to explore landscapes, people, and islands in their entirety, from Venice to the Virgin Islands.

Even globetrotters have small-world moments. At a pizzeria in Antibes, France, a random celebrity sighting turned anonymity into a memorable encounter. As John’s ‘Hey, Kenny’ greeting reached the only soul in the parlor, jazz legend Kenny G showed pleasant surprise to be known by someone in the old coastal town. “It was cool to meet him in that setting,” John reminisces. “He inspired my short-lived saxophone career when I was nine.”

Knowing when to ride it out is key to success in sports and sailing. At sea, the victories are not in box scores, but bays. With wind and water acting as guides, Jayden feels a victory each time they touch down in a new destination, a feeling she compares to sports.

“You enter the game with a strategy, but things rarely go exactly as planned. You have to stay flexible, adapt your mindset, and shift your approach in real time to still reach your goal—a win,” she said.

Half of an athlete’s season is spent away from home. Sightseeing in MLB cities showed John what could lie beyond team

hotels and baseball stadiums. It’s the learning, the appreciation for the greater world that comes with sailing that keeps their journey afloat.

As John and Jayden sailed the Mediterranean on their catamaran in 2024, Hurricane Beryl devastated the Caribbean nations they had visited just two years prior. Docked in Grenada’s Prickly Bay, the couple’s damaged monohull washed ashore with other vessels in the aftermath.

With functional kitchens, beds, and room to house individuals who lost everything, the grounded boats in Prickly Bay were repurposed as a refuge for the hurricane victims. A glimmer of hope in a land ravaged by destruction.

“We have been through calm, serene paradise, and we have seen panic and scary situations...We love sailing, we love the lifestyle, and appreciate that we both have this opportunity to live it and discover more about ourselves through it all,” said John.

The world, and the people in it are designed for learning. Abroad, on the baseball field, land and sea, everywhere! Check out the local spot you haven’t made time to visit – better yet, find someone to ride the wave, and appreciate the beauty together.

Late-game reliever Hueston Morrill shuts down hitters for Renegades

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Nearly halfway through 2025, Morrill boasts a 2-1 record and a .87 earned run average (ERA) in 16 minor league

appearances. In three innings over two appearances with Double-A Somerset Patriots, Morrill gave up two hits, one run, and three walks. Over nine May outings, Hueston held batters to a .147 aver-

age, including those faced with Somerset. Atlanta Braves fan Morrill hasn’t pitched against the Rome Braves (formerly Emperors) since last summer. But when

they come to the Hudson Valley from July 22-27, Atlanta’s High-A affiliate might be reminded why Morrill is a favorite arm to emerge from the bullpen.

Former Yankees’ star – turned musician & wine enthusiast – Bernie Williams builds relationship with Millbrook Winery

By Morgan E. Maier

It began with a mystery motorcyclist zipping through the Hudson Valley’s back roads. As Millbrook Winery owner David Bova discovered the identity of the wine enthusiast in front of him, a harmony based in community and identity was soon to follow.

A handful of summers removed from that encounter, Bernie Williams has proven to a master of swings and strings. From a performing arts school in Puerto Rico to baseball in the Bronx, he has brought his tune to the Millbrook Winery for the last three summers. Williams, along with his Band of Friends, will perform a set on Millbrook’s Winery’s grounds on June 28, a night of programming to benefit the Dutchess Community College (DCC) music program.

For those who care to know his favorite Yankees head coach, Williams will share, but his concerts are best spent to enjoy a glass of well-made vino and spend an evening with the sounds of jazz.

Featuring an ensemble band of DCC students as the opening act, this event offers an opportunity to engage with Williams as sounds of jazz fill the open air. Grab a bite, grab a chair, and bring a friend to enjoy an evening which, according to Williams, often stretches until dark.

In partnership with the Dutchess Community College Foundation, \$10 from each ticket sale will be placed back into the music program. Limited quantities of VIP tickets, including a bottle of “Bernie’s Blend,” open wine bar and meet and greet with Williams, are on sale. Lawn tickets will be reserved – for best experience, bring your own chairs!

Williams’ guitar pairs quite well with a glass of full-bodied, locally made wine. Bernie’s Blend, created by Williams and Milbrook winemaker Ian Bearup, has been an artistic endeavor since that destined meeting in 2021. This evening will also debut



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three batches blended by Williams himself: a 2022 vintage blending Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet France; the Chardonnay created in 2023; and Pinot Noir varietals from 2021.

“When it comes to the blending of the flavors and the aromatics, that’s when the art really comes in. So we were able to connect on that level, and then kind of take it from there ” said Bearup.

A partnership that began with Bearup’s eagerness to see Williams’ artistic side has evolved over the years. As palettes change, percentages and flavor profiles follow suit. Like music, a minor adjustment to elevate a blend of notes.

Like Williams’ music, the beauty of winemaking is in the details - the minor adjustments to elevate a blend of notes.

Time with Bernie and his guitar is a moment shared with longtime friends. Whether one met Williams through his debut album “The Journey Within” (2003), or #51 was your grandfather’s favorite ballplayer in the ‘90s, the music begets memories.

His on-field talents and adoration-inducing personality are matched evenly with his on-stage appeal and personable. Deeply ingrained in his being since child-

hood, music was an escape from the bright lights of baseball. Outside of passion, opportunities for improvement offers Williams a different perspective on his music.

“It takes a lot of the work to make it good, and that’s one of the things that I find fascinating. Baseball, I kind of know my limitations. Music, on the other hand, I don’t know how good I’ll get,” said Williams. He is ever-growing in his musical journey, constantly practicing, always listening to music. All types of music, too, because Williams is more than just a jazz person.

DCC music students Jevaughn Brown and Pedro Velez de Assis joined Williams for a short set at Hyde Park’s Inn at Bellefield, to preview the June 28 festivities. The trio blended their individual notes through the setlist curated by Brown, which included the Bill Withers/“Just the Two of Us” and Williams’ original composition “Desvellado.”

As Williams calls on his childhood swirling with music, a deep sense of identity is felt with the trio’s every chord.

“We are three men of color, all from different countries, that have found a community here and are doing our best to uplift it,” said Velez de Assis.

Once the audience joined the chorus of the finale, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” the most seasoned baseball veterans could have shed a tear. The music fills a room, a silence at a table, yet each note makes both seem smaller.

“Music as a whole, it’s very powerful. It’s the healing power of music: to get you out of a bad mood, to pump you up working out, to inspire you when you feel down,” Williams said.

Summer afternoons at Millbrook spent with Williams often stretch to the nighttime, an opportunity to dance, enjoy some food and good wine, and feel inspired under the stars.

Over 80 quilts, vendors and speakerslead return of Dutchess Heritage Show

By Kaeleigh Banda

Colorful quilts, each with a story of their own, will be on display at the upcoming Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show.

Quilts and their makers from across Dutchess County and beyond are joining together from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 13; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds horticulture building. At the show, there will be over 80 quilts on display and various vendors, raffles and two featured speakers.

The first Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show was held in 1983. The show ran all the way up until the show in 2020, which was shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. After over five years, Tara Reilly, Holly Harvey and Meegan Veeder-Shave – quilters and members of the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show creative team – wanted to bring the show back.

“The three of us have been working for almost two years on trying to find a location, get speakers lined up and judges and ribbons,” Veeder-Shave said. “It’s very interesting all that goes into a quilt show.”

Quilt submissions were open to everyone regardless of quilting level. Veeder-Shave said this year’s show caters to every level of quilter.

“A lot of women come and talk about quilts with other quilters and they come for ideas,” Veeder-Shave said. “We also have an education table where they’re going to be teaching a couple of different techniques for people to learn.”

As part of the educational aspect of the show, two quilters will be speaking about different facets of quilting. On June 13, Lynn Kane, a quilter from the Albany area, will be speaking at 10:30 a.m. about the history of quilting and at 2:30 p.m. about finishes to quilts. On June 14, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill, founder of online quilting store Whole Circle



A quilt that was made by 19 women that were part of the first Dutchess Quilters will be the raffle quilt for the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show set June 13, 14 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

-Courtesy photo

Studio, will be speaking at 10 a.m.

about color theory and at 2 p.m. about machine quilting.

Veeder-Shave said she taught her children how to quilt when they were young because she does not want the art of quilting to get lost in future generations.

“[Quilting] is a way to hang on to the past while moving into the future,” Veeder-Shave said. “If you give up the quilt shows or don’t expose people to quilting, they will never try it and they’re going to be missing out on a way to make connections, whether it’s their grandfather’s ties ... or grandma’s aprons. It’s a memory quilt.”

A quilt that was made by 19 women that were part of the first Dutchess Quilters will be the raffle quilt for the show. Tickets for the quilt can be purchased on both days of the show and a winner will be announced in the afternoon of June 14. The quilt is entirely hand done and hand quilted. Admission into the show is \$10 per person.



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by mark adams

Farmers first

New York is rooting for family farms.

Does the federal government care about farmers? I know some farmers who are starting to wonder if President Trump is trying to put them out of business. For example, Sam Filler, executive director of the N.Y. Wine and Grape Foundation, told me that the Canadian boycott of U.S. wines is clobbering local wineries. Grants for small farmers, especially those who sell to food banks, have been paused or rescinded. The tariff situation is a wet blanket across the agriculture sector, which exports \$179 billion of products in a year. RFK Jr. is looking to ban vegetable oil. Not to mention the attempt to deport seven million farm workers.

Now it seems like U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins wants to make nice. On May 19, she issued a 14-page report, titled “Farmers First,” that seeks to reassure farmers that the government cares about them.

“It is family farms ... that sustain and preserve the American way of life. The defense of the family farm is a defense of everything America has been – and everything we will be. It is my privilege to come to their defense,” Rollins writes in the introduction. She goes on to outline the federal programs aimed at helping small farms:

- Access to credit – Loans and loan guarantees for producers who are unable to obtain loans at commercial institutions.
- Access to farmland – Financial assistance for purchasing easements or deed restrictions to keep good land forever in agriculture. This could help outfits like Scenic Hudson, who already utilizes state and local funds, to preserve more farmland. Also, the federal government is trying to “disincentivize” the construction of solar panels on productive farmland.
- Transitioning to the next generation –

Calls on Congress not to increase the inheritance tax for farmers.

- Access to markets – Prioritize local farmers in institutional and public food procurement policies.

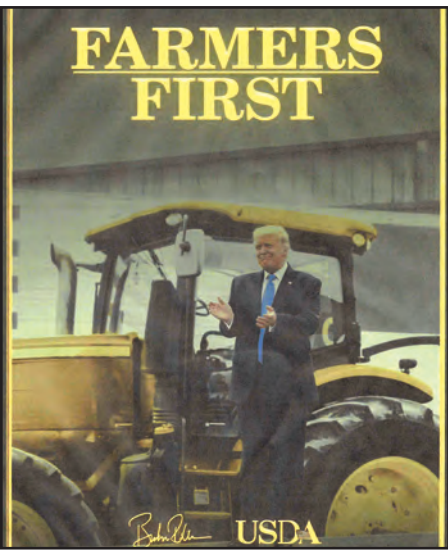
- Affordable and reliable labor – Work with the Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security to address the critical issue of labor access for agricultural producers.

I visited New York Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball in Albany to get his reaction to the Farmers First Initiative. I wanted to know if or how this would help New York farmers.

“They’re talking about the right subjects,” Ball says, which is evidently why he calls the report “very encouraging.” The paragraph about affordable and reliable labor leaves the commissioner “hopeful” that at last a solution to the farm labor dilemma is on the horizon. The report is aimed at helping “small family farms,” defined as a farm with total annual sales below \$350,000. Ball points out that in New York State, a farm that small would probably have no hired help, which would render the labor discussion moot.

It turns out that, although Secretary Rollins spent 100 days traveling the nation and “visiting directly with hundreds of farmers,” she never made it to New York.

Of particular interest is the push to prioritize local farmers in institutional and public food procurement policies. Didn’t the administration just “pause” a lot of these programs, which were funded by federal grants? It turns out that most of these types of programs are funded by New York State, which runs its own programs to help local farms. Commissioner Ball is especially proud of Nourish New York, which reroutes surplus agricultural products to populations



Above: The cover of the “Farmers First” report from the US Department of Agriculture.

Right: NYS Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball.

- Courtesy image and photo



who need them. Also, the “30% initiative” encourages schools to source at least 30% of their food from N.Y. farms. One school in Sullivan county is up to 70%.

Our state government spends \$1.5 billion annually on food for offices and prisons. To include more local products in the mix, it’s not just about monetary incentives. Some of the purchasing managers don’t even think about local producers when they’re buying, for example potatoes. Commissioner Ball calls it “connecting the dots.”

It seems that, with Ball, Governor Hochul, and the people of New York all rooting for family farms, we’re doing well, thank you very much.

Commissioner Ball, who is a farmer himself – he operates Schoharie Valley Farms with his daughter Taylor – says he “wouldn’t want to farm anywhere else but New York.”

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

N. Dutchess Symphony Orchestra presents ‘Music of the Knights’



“Music of the Knights,” the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra’s June 14 concert, will celebrate the songs of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney. Vocalists during the program will be Blaine Alden Krauss and Kelli Rabke, and pianist John Boswell.

-Courtesy photo

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) will present its season finale, “Music of the Knights,” on Saturday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center at Red Hook High School. The concert will celebrate the songs of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney: three iconic British musicians knighted for their contributions to the world of music.

Audiences can expect to hear timeless selections including Elton John’s anthemic “Circle of Life” from The Lion King, “Crocodile Rock,” and “Your Song”; Paul McCartney’s heartfelt “Maybe I’m Amazed” and “Hey Jude”; and iconic pieces from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musicals such as “Cats” and “The Phantom of the Opera.”

“Music of the Knights” has been performed at 54 Below in New York City and across the country, and now it’s making its way to Dutchess County.

Created by Scott Coulter, one of New York’s most celebrated cabaret performers, directors, and musical arrangers, the program will be performed by a cast of Broadway talent, whose combined credits include hit productions like “Hamilton,” “Les Misérables,” “The Lion King,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and “The Cher Show.”

Featured performers for this show are vocalists Blaine Alden Krauss and Kelli Rabke, and pianist John Boswell.

Tickets are \$38 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. A Family Package, for one adult and two students, is available for \$40.

The Performing Arts Center at Red Hook High School is at 103 W Market St., Red Hook.

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Michelle A. Walker



Michelle A. Walker, 62, of Hopewell Junction, passed surrounded by family on May 22, 2025 in her home after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Michelle was born on May 29, 1962 in Manchester, UK to Scottish parents-June & George Walker. She first landed in Minnesota and at age 7, her family settled in NY. She graduated from Arlington High School in the Class of 1980. Michelle moved to Boston alongside her best friend, Heidi Schlipmann and began her career in the car business. She returned to NY in the late 80's and was blessed with her lifelong dream of motherhood in the year 2000. Michelle was later inspired to show her daughter that anything was possible and graduated from DCC in 2014 with a degree in Paralegal studies. Michelle loved to explore- Skiing in Switzerland, finding love for cuisine in

France, she even got to visit her parents' hometown of Glasgow. She traveled to many cities from California to Florida, but her happiest times were oceanside with her family. She spent most of her summers in Cape May, NJ, but her discovery of LBI led to carrying on summer traditions there. Her fondest and most heartfelt memories were in Beach Haven with her daughter, Fiona Walker. Michelle loved sandy toes, animals of all kinds, Rock & Roll, a good drink to complement a better meal, and was always one to make you realize that life is worth living. Her fierce personality meant all those beside her were heavily protected. Her integrity and selflessness allowed her to experience the deepest bonds with those she loved. She was a truly fearless mother and individual. Her perseverance, determination & strength was apparent through her cancer journey. Up until her last moment she was more concerned for those around her than herself. Michelle survived by her daughter, Fiona Walker & her fiancé Peter Pasqualini Jr.; her parents, June Walker (Murray) & George Walker; Her sister, Adele Walker; Her brother, Iain Walker; and her nephews, Austin & Zaine Walker. Michelle's last party commenced on her 63rd birthday- May 29, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Our deepest thanks for your love of Michelle and for your presence in paying her respects. Love always, the Walker Family.

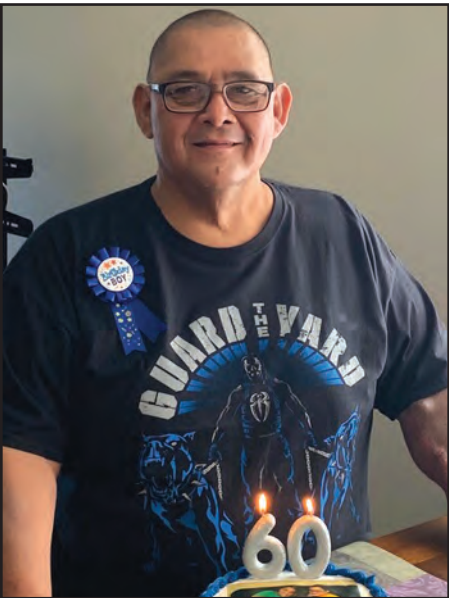
Sylvia Jean Hutchings



Sylvia Jean Hutchings passed away on May 21, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center at age 80. She was born on October 14, 1944 in Cortland, NY to the late Leroy and Frieda (Cook) Hopkins. On August 14, 1962, Sylvia married her husband Clyde E. Hutchings. He predeceased her in 2004. Sylvia loved to sing worship songs, talk with her friends and family over the phone, and to share her passion of cuisine. She always showed those around her the love of God and would share her beliefs with everyone. She loved being surrounded by the color purple and butterflies. Sylvia is survived by her sons: Clyde E. Hutchings Jr. and his husband Paul of Trinity, FL and Kenneth L. Hutchings and his wife Victoria

Hutchings of Poughquag, NY; her grandchildren: Sonya M. Hutchings, Sasha J. Hutchings, Shinea H. Hutchings, and Saun H. Hutchings, all of Poughquag, NY; her great grandson Zayne A. Hutchings; her sisters: Linda Fellows of Arizona, and Patty Brooks of Cortland, NY; her sister-in-law Frankie Hutchings of Alabama; and her two nephews Robert Hutchings of Florida and Walter Hutchings of Alabama. In addition to her husband Clyde, Sylvia was predeceased by her two sisters: Cindy Hopkins and Jacklyn Henry. Sylvia's life was a testament to love, resilience, and the power of family. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all whose lives she touched.

Miguel A. Perez



Miguel A. Perez, a resident of Beacon, passed away on May 23, 2025. He was 64 years old. Miguel was born on July 5, 1960 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico and was the son of the late Ismael Perez and Carmen Matos. Miguel was dedicated to his family, and worked various jobs around the Beacon area. He was a devoted father and husband, and loved spending time with his family and pet, Oreo. He loved baseball, and watching wrestling with friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Margarita Rosado, and his two daughters, Deyanira and Elimaris Perez; siblings, Ismael Perez, Lilly Perez, and Richard Perez; sister-in-law Migdalia Victoria; and many close friends. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Norton Segarra and sister, Nancy Rivera. Family and friends gathered on Thursday May, 29 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street in Beacon.

Donations may be made to Margarita and their two daughters to help aid their family at this difficult time. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Nancianne Horan



Nancianne Horan, 67, of Beacon, passed away on May 24, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of selfless devotion, unwavering support, love, and a little bit of Halloween magic. Born on October 19, 1957, she shared a birthday with none other than Michael Myers himself—a fact she took great pride in, and perhaps explained her lifelong love of spooky season. A true original, Nancianne was a kid at heart, the life of the party, and a natural-born hype woman—just ask anyone who ever had the joy of being around her. She had a favorite saying: “In their defense...”—always standing up for people, especially the ones who weren’t around to defend themselves. That was who she was at her core:

someone who lifted others up, especially when they couldn’t do it themselves. She had a remarkable ability to make you believe you could get through anything, because she believed it for you, fiercely and loudly. Nancianne was predeceased by her parents, Helen and Salvatore Philip Mattracion, as well as her brothers Phillip and Ralph Mattracion. She is survived by her sister Maryann Loncto (Mark), and her five children—Amber Long (Tom), Courtney Ciancanelli (Paul), Kaitlin Morse (Robert), Peter Horan (Casey), and Hope Horan (Lamarr)—who were, without a doubt, her proudest accomplishments. She adored her grandchildren Ty, Jordyn, Tess, Seamus, Zachary, Noah, and Riley, each of whom she celebrated with unmatched enthusiasm and unconditional love. She also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews, and friends who felt more like family. Nancianne didn’t just love you—she rooted for you. She propped you up with pictures, texts, notes, and the kind of encouragement that made you feel seen and strong. She made sure no one ever sat alone, literally or figuratively. Her generosity, sense of humor, and enormous heart left a mark on everyone she encountered. Though our hearts are heavy, it's only because they are so full of beautiful memories. If you were lucky enough to know Nancianne, you know that her spirit can't be summed up in a few paragraphs. She was a free spirit, a force of nature, and truly one of a kind. We will miss her dearly—but we will carry her laughter, her love of holidays, and her words of encouragement with us forever.

To honor Nancianne’s life, the family invited friends to join them in a celebration of her memory on May 30, at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman St, Beacon. Attendees were free to come dressed in Halloween or Christmas attire—because she would’ve loved that. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John the Evangelist Church on May 31st followed by a graveside service at St. Joachim’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider doing something kind for someone else, or simply telling a loved one, “You’ve got this”—just like Nancianne would have. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

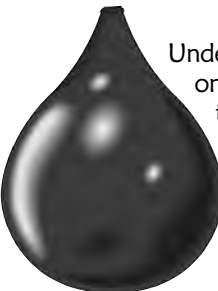
Edward F. Shepherd, Jr.



Edward F. Shepherd, Jr., 60, lost his battle with his declining health on May 21, 2025 at Westchester Medical Center. He fought and persevered through so much over these past few years. But we find solace in knowing God decided it was his time to come home. He will be loved and missed dearly. He was born on November 16, 1964 in Queens and was a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. An employee of the New York State Department of Corrections, he retired as Lieutenant from Fishkill Correctional Facility. Edward was a loving and faithful husband, protective father, loving big brother,

caring son and friend to many. He always put the safety and care of family and friends before himself. He had a heart of gold, a contagious laugh and smile. He loved to reminisce and laugh about old family stories and always had a funny joke to make everyone smile - even in the darkest times. Some may have known him at Lt. Shepherd or Shep, we knew him as Dad, Uncle Eddie, Gunk, Bear, and Bud. Edward is survived by his wife, Denise (Telesco) Shepherd; his son, Chase Shepherd and his fiancé Chelsea Peterson; his mother, Arlene (Fields) Shepherd; his brother, Eric Shepherd and his wife Danielle; his nephew, Ejay Shepherd; and his niece, Gianna Shepherd. Edward was predeceased by his father, Edward F. Shepherd, Sr. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, May 27th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was held at the funeral home followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Any help the family may receive in donations towards the upcoming funeral and medical expenses will be greatly appreciated. Please feel no obligation. Please visit: GoFundMe Lt. Edward Shepherd Jr.. Thank each and every one of you for the outpouring love. On behalf of him, his family thanks you and tells each and everyone of you wholeheartedly that he loved you all dearly. Please visit Edward's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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Cultivating a garden of gratitude

No matter how old I get, this big, beautiful world still amazes me and, yes, I still think it's beautiful. As I'm writing this, I'm about to turn 60, which I honestly cannot believe, and I was asked how I wanted to celebrate it. I thought we'd go to dinner as a family, but beyond that I wasn't feeling much like celebrating me. But then a few unforeseen things happened which made me appreciate all I have, including the people I love, and that changed my mind. I was reminded that this big world is really a small one after all, that life is what you make it and that we never really know how significant a mark we leave on those around us. Until we do. Those things are worthy of celebration.

I am very fortunate. I have always been surrounded by love and encouragement. I have an amazing, supportive family, which includes both of my parents, my sister and my nephew, and the very best friends. Some I've known for over 40 years, and we all turned 60 over the last few months. At a party for one of them just last week, I had the pleasure of speaking with the man of honor's mother and aunt, who grew up without walking distance of my family home. They knew my father and grandparents – my grandfather drove the school bus and my grandmother was their 4-H leader – and as we talked the years melted away. I was treated to their reminiscences and it was amazing and lovely to note that we had a lot of memories, people and places in common. I was struck by how even the littlest things can stay with you and become fond memories. I loved hearing that my family was so well remembered. My grandparents are gone but they live on not just through those of us related to them, but by others they touched along the way. There's power in that. (Thank you, Ethel and Alice.)

You just never know what people will remember about you. It isn't something you can necessarily control. When I look back on some of my earliest memories they really aren't anything extraordinary, just little, sometimes subtle things that others probably didn't even notice, let alone remember, and I kinda like that. It means that the slightest gesture or simplest phrase can be eternal, shaping another person's view or even life choices. It pays to be a good person, of

course, but even negative memories have the power to stay with others, informing their actions and helping them become who they are. I was taught by example to be kind and thoughtful and, although I've certainly had my lapses, I've tried to be positive and spread a little joy when I can. Something as simple as complimenting or thanking someone can brighten their day; and that's no small thing, believe me. Small gestures of respect and appreciation, or just acknowledgment of someone, can mean the world to someone, and you may never know the long-lasting impact that can have. I've certainly experienced that and wish I could thank those whose kindness touched me, letting them know their gestures really mattered and will stay with me for a long time.

Having just spent some time at the hospital visiting my father, I had the opportunity to see profound kindness in action. Of course, health care providers are supposed to help heal, but most that we encountered went above and beyond that, which has not always been my experience. The nurses and aides were respectful, compassionate and incredibly pleasant, again, not always my experience. I don't envy what they must deal with every day; and that made their gestures and

kind words even more meaningful and comforting to us all. I'm talking about it now because it just happened, but I know their treatment of my father will stay with me for a long time. Thankfully he's back home and mending and I hope he takes their admiration of him to heart. (They all said he's amazing, and he really is).

My mother never left his side. She takes care of him, and all of us, so selflessly; and I've learned everything I know about nurturing from her. She was quick to thank every care-giver with sincerity, and I couldn't help noticing a little shyness from them when she did so, as if it was something they're not necessarily used to. You could tell it pleased them, and it warmed my heart to see them rewarded for their kindness, if only from simple words of appreciation. While we were visiting one day, a man walked past the room then came right back. He had recognized my sister because they work together, though not closely. Even so, he saw her and came back to say hello, a big, infectious smile lighting up his face as they talked. This is a perfect illustration of what kindness can do. She hadn't seen him go by, and he certainly didn't have to come back to visit but he did so because she mattered to him, an

obviously mutual feeling. Later, one of the aforementioned aides (who was my favorite) came in and told us that lovely man was his father and only works at the hospital one day a week! It really is a small world!

With all that's happened over the last week or so, including my impending milestone birthday, I could be forgiven for being a bit blue, but I'm not. I have witnessed and experienced such love and kindness that all I feel is gratitude, hope and joy. I have been reminded that there is goodness all around, that I have a wonderful family that others also appreciate, and that simple acts of kindness stay with those who experience them for a lifetime. What a wonderful gift and what a beautiful reason to celebrate! Love and thanks to you all.

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

this week's puzzle solutions

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STUDOKU
This week's answer

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1	4	2	3	1	5

Sungur solution

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent,
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York, hereby invites the
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bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
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DCB-07-25 NAME OF

PROJECT: Demolition of the Fire Training Building at Dutchess County Fire Training Center, 392 Creek Road, Town of Hyde Park. Project Description: To demolish the County's Prefabri-

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cated 3 story Fire Training Building at the Emergency Response Center. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm: Dutchess County

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DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of PublicWorks (DPW)/626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before **11:00am Thursday, July 10, 2025**, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All callers will be asked to identify themselves by name

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and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 278 714 84#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A walk-through will be on June 11, 2025 at 10:00am at Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Questions will be accepted by the close of business June 25, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the

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County's response published in Addendum prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2025005824. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
TOWN OF FISHKILL
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
RIVERLINK
HOTELS - 300
WESTAGE HOTEL
PLEASE TAKE**

NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting

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room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY, to consider the following area variances for the construction of a four-story, 66,150 SF hotel with 103 rooms, a sidewalk connection to the overall Westage sidewalk system and associated parking (including EV parking) with access via Westage Business Center Drive:

1. A 30' rear yard setback variance where 100' is the minimum required in the PSC Zoning District. Said variance will result in a 70' rear yard setback.
2. A 25 SF variance where 66 SF is the maximum combined aggregate area of wall signs permitted. Said variance will result in a combined aggregate area of 91 SF of wall signs and is in violation of Town Code Chapter 150-43.G(2)(a).
3. A 27 SF variance where 32 SF is the maximum area permitted per side of a sign area. Said re-

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quest will result in a total of 59 SF/29.46 SFpersideofthemonumentsignareaandis in violation of Town Code Chapter 150-43.G(2)(b). The land affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map as Section 6155, Block 00, Lot984582, located at 300 Westage Business Center Drive, consisting of 6.34 acres in the PSC (Planned Shopping Center) Zoning District.300WestageHotel is the subject of a Site Development Plan approval by the Town of Fishkill Planning Board, identified as Planning Board Application No.: PB24-015.

As stated above, all interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing.

By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals Of The Town of Fishkill, New York
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Suguru

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

THEME: ON BROADWAY

ACROSS

1. Benatar and Morita
5. Certain tray contents
8. In custody
12. *Main character in "Shrek the Musical," based on 2001 flick
13. Soreness
14. Wore (2 words)
15. Street in Anytown, USA
16. Burn to a crisp
17. Opposite of alpha
18. *Musical with most Tony Awards, with The
20. Grape holder
21. Entertain
22. ____ Aviv
23. Unrhymed Japanese poem, pl.
26. Snakebirds
30. Opposite of hence
31. Shooting star
34. Milk's favorite cookie
35. Zoroaster follower
37. A Beatle bride
38. Mix-up
39. Type of cotton
40. *____ Lloyd Webber
42. Dog command
43. Inference of similarity
45. 4th letter of Hebrew alphabet
47. "But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
48. Pool table fabric
50. Altar location
52. *Last year's Tony Award winner for Best Musical, with The
56. Santa Anna's target
57. To, archaic
58. Small cave
59. Cocaine-producing plant, pl.
60. Diagnostic test
61. Biblical Isaac's firstborn
62. Not quite an adult
63. Craggy peak
64. Tear

DOWN

1. Circumstance's partner
2. Lab gel
3. Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
4. "Where the Wild Things Are" author
5. Plural of #13 Across
6. Social media button
7. Not his
8. *Musical with most Tony nominations
9. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
10. *Private box
11. Double helix-shaped structure
13. Emile Zola's "J'_____!"
14. What helicopter parents do
19. Savory taste sensation
22. Black gunk
23. Tapa, alt. sp.
24. "Encore!"
25. _____ Jean, a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe
26. Don't let this hit you on the way out
27. Use the other end of a pencil
28. Re-equip
29. *Rodgers' and Hammerstein's "_____ Pacific"
32. *Award nickname, short for Antoinette
33. Finish line
36. *Arthur Miller's "Death of a _____"
38. Swaziland native
40. *_____ of Aquarius," song from "Hair"
41. a.k.a. the Wizard of Menlo Park
44. Plural of #34 Across
46. Late actor Heath
48. Social dice game
49. Rose oil
50. Medicinal house plant
51. Tempo
52. Give a boot
53. Gaelic
54. Multicolored horse
55. Wall support
56. *Part of a play

CROSSWORD

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 14.

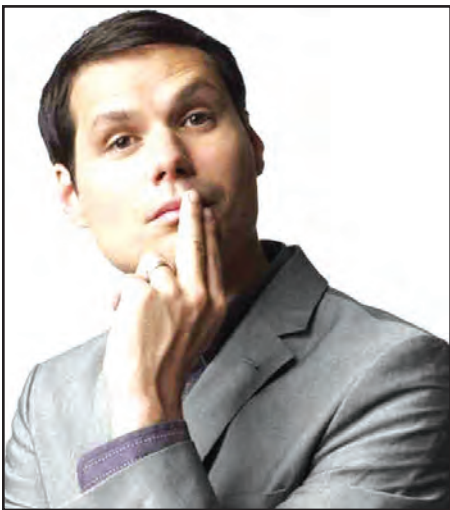
Funny Days in Beacon: Three comedians at Towne Crier in June

Funny Days is a new stand-up comedy lineup taking place this month at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon. The curated lineup features some of the best comedians in America, and they all have witty and clever new jokes.

Michael Ian Black performs on Sunday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. Black is an actor, writer, and comedian who began his career with the legendary sketch comedy troupe, The State. He has co-created and starred in several television shows. As a stand-up comedian, Michael has released several albums and specials.

Gary Vider will perform a Father's Day Special on Sunday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Vider is a New York City-based comedian who has made a name for himself in the national comedy scene. Gary's stand-up special "It Could Be Worse" recently premiered on his YouTube channel. His subtle style of humor took him all the way to the finals on season 10 of "America's Got Talent."

Chloe Radcliffe wraps up the "Funny Days" series on Friday, June 20, at 8:30 p.m. Radcliffe is an NYC-based stand-up comedian, actor, and writer. In 2024, she



Comedians Michael Ian Black, Gary Vider and Chloe Radcliffe will perform at the Towne Crier in Beacon this month.

-Courtesy photos

was named to both Deadline's 15 Comedians Ready To Break Out in 2025 and Vulture's Comedians You Should and Will Know. Her one-woman-show, CHEAT, about her history of serially

cheating in relationships, led The New York Times' recommendations for the 2024 New York Comedy Festival, with the Times calling it "a new take on an old subject, while delivering hard-

hitting punchlines." More information about these shows and tickets are at townecrier.com; follow @Funnydaysinbeacon on Instagram for updates.

Learn Your Housing Rights at Howland Library on June 22

Learn Your Housing Rights! A free presentation about tenant protections under Beacon's Good Cause Eviction law and landlord obligations will be held on June 22, 1 p.m. Scheduled panelists include attorney Marice Kobak of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Beacon

City Councilmember Paloma Wake, and members from Beacon Climate Action Now, and Community Voices Heard. The presentation will take place at Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon.

Elks host veterans for a luncheon



The Elks in Beacon hosted 70 Veterans and loved ones to a monthly free luncheon at the lodge. All veterans were welcomed to attend with their loved ones for a day of great camaraderie. Pictured with the veterans is Retired Coast Guard Chief and Past Exalted Ruler of Beacon Elks Lodge Robert Lanier.

-Courtesy photo Elks in Beacon

Howland Public Library launches Technology Help in Spanish

The Howland Public Library has announced a new drop-in Technology Help service in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking patrons. This weekly offering is designed to support members of our community who prefer assistance in Spanish, making it easier to navigate the digital world and library resources.

Technology Help in Spanish will take place every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the library's Reference Desk. The bilingual library staff will be available during this time to provide one-on-one help, no appointment necessary.

Services available during sessions include:

- Assistance with basic computer skills
- Help with OverDrive/Libby for eBooks and audiobooks

- Guidance on using email, internet, and social media
- Support with Office software, such as Word and Excel
- Help with personal devices, including eReaders, tablets, and smartphones
- Navigation of library resources and databases

This initiative is part of the library's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that all members of our community can access the digital tools and information they need.

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main Street, Beacon.

For more information, please call the library at 845-831-1134 or visit the calendar at beaconlibrary.org.

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