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Dairy cattle, goat shows set at Fairgrounds Friday & Saturday

By Curtis Schmidt

The barns and livestock show arenas at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck will be teeming dairy cattle, dairy goats and meat goats for a variety of events on July 17 and 18.

The Eastern NY Holstein Club, established in 1913, will be holding its 2026 Black and White Show for all members starting at 10 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Also on Saturday, the Dutchess County 4-H Goat Advisory will be running an American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) sanctioned Dairy Goat and a Meat Goat show. This show is open to all youth aged 21 or younger. The advisory consists of leaders from all Dutchess County goat clubs.

This year, 56 junior members have entered in the Holstein Club's Black and White Show. They will compete in showmanship, a competition where the member's skills in showing their animals is judged. The remainder of the competition is judging the animal. To compete, everyone must be a member of ENY or another Holstein club in NY state.

Junior members showing are from three dairy 4-H clubs in Dutchess County and two in Columbia County, plus Future Farmers of America (FFA) members from John Jay, Pine Plains and Red Hook high schools, plus Housatonic High School in CT.

ENY Holstein Club President Carey Osofsky Alberg commented, "We could not put on this event without our amazing long-time volunteer committee from our club and the remarkable support from businesses and individuals in the community."

The goat shows are open to all youth aged 21 or younger. The advisory consists of leaders from all Dutchess County goat clubs.

The goat advisory sees these shows as great opportunities for youth to practice their showing skills in a low-stress environment. Approximately 100 participants are expected.

The goal is for youth to have fun while they learn.

Officials added that they would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for allowing them to hold the shows at the Fairgrounds. They would also like to thank Hackett Farm Supply for supplying shavings for the show ring, as well as the many local businesses who have made donations to support the show.

Local municipalities host free summer concerts

By Kristine Coulter

Local municipalities in Southern Dutchess County are offering free summer concerts. There are a variety of bands one can see perform.

Concert Series at

Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

The Summer 2026 River Pool at Beacon Free Outdoor Concert Series takes place at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. On Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., Angel Lau and Friends will perform. Next will be Neil Alexander & NAIL on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Then, Jeff Koch and Friends will take to the stage on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30p.m.

It is suggested attendees bring food for a picnic and a bathing suit to take a dip. For more information, visit www.riverpool.org.

East Fishkill residents enjoy the 'outdoor' part of the concerts

East Fishkill Recreation is offering its 2026 Summer Concert Series at the Hopewell Recreation Field, across from the hockey rink. Admission is free, just bring your own lawn chair.

"The weatherman has not cooperated. Heat and heavy rain affected three of our concerts," explained Town of East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green.

Asked about attendance, Green shared, "We had big crowds on good weather nights (Hurley Mountain Highway and Chain Gang) and poor turnouts at Red Wing [Park] because of the heat."

As for the feedback Green has received about the concerts, he said, "They enjoy our OUTDOOR concerts and are not fans of moving inside."



Members of the Carrie Zazz Band will perform at different concerts throughout various municipalities this summer.

-Courtesy photo

"We have a Friday Night concert scheduled through Labor Day with a wide variety of great music. We don't have any "snow dates" scheduled," noted Green.

Bosco & The Storm will be performing at 7 p.m. on July 17. The Carrie Zazz Band performs at 7 p.m. on July 24 and then on July 31 at 6:30 p.m., The Blend will take center stage.

August will bring Harvest at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 7. Noise in the Basement will entertain audiences on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. and then on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. it will be Roadhouse 60. There is a rain date at 6 p.m. for any week that has to be canceled

due to the weather. To close out the series on Sept. 4 will be Pretty Little Things at 6 p.m.

All concerts take place at the Hopewell Rec Park. Check the Recreation Department's Facebook page to see what food trucks will be there on specific dates.

Organizers note parking is best at the McGrath Parking Lot. There is no entry from Anne or Church streets. Pets are allowed on a leash. Alcohol and smoking are not permitted.

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Phase II of Wappinger's Hilltop Water Treatment Facility project receives nearly \$750,000

By Kristine Coulter

Nearly \$750,000 has been allocated for Phase II of the Filtration Improvements Project at the Hilltop Water Treatment Facility through a collaborative bi-partisan effort between Congressman Pat Ryan and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini. The project includes the installation of advanced water treatment and carbon filtration systems at the Hilltop Well Field. This will improve water quality, strengthen the reliability of the water supply, and ensure continued compliance with federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards, it was stated by officials.

"This is an absolute pleasure to be here. Over the several years we have worked strongly with Congressman Ryan as well as our town team to improve our infrastructure across the town of Wappinger. We, over the past several years I've undertaken the largest capital improvement projects in this town's history through various initiatives and projects," remarked Cavaccini.



Elected officials listen to CAMO Pollution Control President Mike Tremper during a tour of the Hilltop Water Facility in the town of Wappinger last week.

-Courtesy photo

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Choose your favorite ‘I Voted’ sticker

The Dutchess County Board of Elections announced the selection of six finalists in its inaugural “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest, a first-of-its-kind initiative inviting county youth ages 9 to 18 to submit original artwork celebrating civic participation.

On Monday, July 6th, a panel of distinguished judges convened to review 55 entries submitted by young artists from across Dutchess County. After careful deliberation, the panel selected six finalists whose designs will now advance to a public online vote. Four additional designs were recognized as runners-up.

The judging panel included Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, County Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith, County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair, Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission Chair Tim McQueen, and Arts Commissioner Ty Johnson.

“It was a pleasure to select from the amazing artistry of our local students in Dutchess,” said Arts Commission Chair Tim McQueen. “It was very hard to select but exciting to see so many young people engaged.”

“Our Dutchess County youth have shown extraordinary creativity in this year’s ‘I Voted’ Sticker Design Contest and helping select the finalists was truly a privilege,” said County Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith. “Each design reflected not only their artistic talent but a genuine excitement for civic engagement, which is especially meaningful at such a young age, when early experiences with voting and elections can inspire lifelong participation. As a mom and as a teacher, I’m very proud of every student who took part and grateful for the enthusiasm they brought to this effort.”

Dutchess County Democratic Elections Commissioner Lisa Jessup stressed the significance of the judges’ commitment. “In the aftermath of a terribly devastating storm in our county, our judges still showed up and showed that they prioritize our Dutchess youth and the importance of engaging them in voting,” she said. “It was a delight working with them in what I hope will be the first of many Dutchess County ‘I Voted’ sticker contests.”

Dutchess County Republican Elections Commissioner Erik Haight added: “I’m overwhelmed by the participation in the inaugural year and even more impressed by the creativity and quality of the submissions. I too thank the thoughtfulness of the panel of judges along with the steadfast work accomplished by staff and thank Commissioner Jessup for spearheading the project.”



The group of judges reviewed 55 entries for the “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest. The public can choose out of 6 designs now until Sept. 7th.

-Courtesy photo

The public is now invited to cast their vote for the ultimate winner at Cast Your Vote! Survey. Online voting is open now and will close on Sunday, September 7th. The winning design will be printed on official “I Voted” stickers and distributed to voters at polling locations throughout Dutchess County during the 2026 General Election.

For more information about the contest, contact the Dutchess County Board of Elections at 845-486-2473 or visit elections.dutchessny.gov.

VFW Post 666 makes donations to Castle Point veterans



On June 25, VFW Post 666 Beacon presented donations to the Castle Point VA Volunteer Services. The first presentation was \$250 worth of three-hole binder punches for mostly homebound Veterans for their medical records. The second donation was a \$500 check for the benefit of female Veterans. The donations were made possible through Post 666 fundraising at Adams Fairacre Farms in Wappinger.

From left: Alan Rios, Program Support Assistant; Harold Delamater, Commander VFW Post 666; Nicole Embry, Chief of Volunteer Services; Bob Haight, VFW Post 666 Treasurer and Mitch Corrado, Sr. Vice Commander Post 666.

-Submitted by Harold Delamater

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VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Generations of brave men and women have ‘preserved our American way of life’



With the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding just passed on July 4, we have the chance to look back on the countless Armed Forces members who have founded, shaped and protected the United States of America. More than simply a celebration of our country’s founding, this watershed moment is the perfect opportunity to recognize generations of brave men and women who have served our nation and preserved our American way of life.

In our country’s formative days, some two-and-a-half centuries ago, everyday people – be they blacksmiths, farmers, carpenters, shipwrights, tinsmiths – stood side-by-side to pursue a daring dream: the American experiment, a democracy that allowed these colonists to rule and govern themselves, an ocean away from the monarchy that laid claim to governing them. Despite being underdogs against one of the world’s dominant military forces, they stood firm in their pursuit of liberty.

It’s that bravery that helped found the country we now call home.

Beginning with those first battles, leading all the way to modern conflicts, the U.S. Armed Forces have been integral to writing the history of our great nation. From those formative years to the current day, coura-

geous Americans have stepped up in selfless sacrifice for their neighbors. Whether protecting our country in wartime or answering the call to respond when catastrophe strikes at home, they have remained at the ready on a moment’s notice.

The American tale has been shaped, in large part, by the service of these dedicated heroes. When others ran from peril, they ran toward danger to fight for the freedom we hold dear.

During the Civil War, they preserved the Union; they fought halfway across the globe in a pair of World Wars to defend freedom; and they have remained a beacon of hope in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and other lands far from home.

Too many of these heroes never made it back to their families. Still others returned to face the challenges that the physical and mental toll of war took on them, never to be the same. All this to defend the same liberty that united us at our nation’s founding many years ago.

More than combat, though, military service teaches the basic American tenets that are foundational to our way of life: courage, accountability, teamwork and endurance. Our veterans bring those values back home with them. They become pillars of their communities, vital neighbors, and continue

to serve – just in different ways, often not seeking the limelight.

In just the past month, for example, through our “Honor-A-Veteran” and “Veteran of Distinction” programs, Dutchess County has recognized vets who returned to their community to become a youth baseball and basketball mentor, a firefighter, a teacher and a school nurse. They continue to set an example – no longer for their military brothers and sisters, but now for their neighbors, their students, their co-workers, their community.

As Dutchess County’s Veterans Affairs Director, I’ve had the honor of listening as veterans of every era have shared tales of strength, sacrifice, friendship and resilience. Whether these stories come from battles on the frontline, from serving on a stateside base or from advancing missions across the globe, they all have a shared theme: an unselfish desire to give of themselves to their country when called upon.

While often deeply personal, these individual stories make up the fabric of our collective American history. As we continue to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution this year, let us all reflect on that shared history and how it has

shaped the great nation we still love, today.

Let us also never forget that freedom is not a given; rather, it’s a sacred gift that has been secured and passed down to us all over generations, through the valiant service of those in the Armed Forces. Just as in colonial days, those liberties have been defended by those who continue to band together and fight for their neighbors.

This historic year should serve as a reminder to commemorate the service of all those who have worn the uniform. I encourage you to thank the active-duty service members and veterans in Dutchess County; you’d be amazed how much a simple “Thank you for your service” can mean to those who have served, particularly those who came home to little or no acknowledgment or appreciation.

It should also be a reminder that the same ideals that guided those founding patriots in 1776 – principles like commitment, courage, character, service – remain the inspiration for everyone in the Armed Forces to this day.

As we mark 250 years of American history, I thank all who have served and continue to serve our nation. We in Dutchess County continue to honor the generations of service members whose courage and commitment have helped shape our country.

Swanson sworn in as City Administrator

By Kristine Coulter

“I’m supposed to swear in Benjamin Swanson as City Administrator. So, let’s do it,” said Mayor Lee Kyriacou at the July 9th meeting of the Beacon City Council.

Swanson was sworn in to applause and a standing ovation from the City Council.

The council voted in June to have Swanson become the next City Administrator. Former City Administrator Chris White retired from position in June after five years. Before his retirement took effect, White took a leave of absence. During that time, Swanson, who was Deputy City Administrator, filled in for White.

During the discussion about Swanson being named city administrator in April, it was noted by members of the council that many of the staff at City Hall were behind Swanson to become the next person in that position.

Swanson noted he gave his remarks when the council approved his appointment as administrator.

“I’ll echo my thanks to you for being

wonderful colleagues, to the past councils that I’ve had the pleasure to work with, to Lee. And to my partner Leah, who is here tonight, for being my biggest supporter, through law school, through every step of my career. Thank you.”

Prior to his appointment earlier this year, the following was announced as work Swanson has done during his tenure with the City:

- Housing information
- Climate Smart
- Traffic Safety Committee and other Committees
- Attended intergovernmental meetings- Attended meetings with City Department heads, City Engineer, City Planner, City Attorney and legal team
- Oversaw special events
- Managed (and developed) City film licensing system, including application forms, evaluation criteria, fees, department coordination (police, fire, highway, water, recreation)
- Constituent Communications.

Local youth qualify for AAU Track and Field National Championships

Thirteen members of the Poughkeepsie City Striders track team have seen their hard work pay off, by qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics National Championships, during the track and field portion, which will take place Aug. 3-8 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Led by coaches Damien Powell, Victoria Telesco, Nikki Telesco, Ben Scherrer, Rakim Webb, Peter Van Aken; the athletes that qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics national championships, and the events they qualified in, are as follows:

- Preston Botchway, 8-under, 800m run, 1500m run, Troy
- Prince Botchway III, age 10, 1500m run, Troy, NY
- Carmella Dancey, age 9, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Malika Dixon, age 15-16 group, Shotput, City of Poughkeepsie
- Jordyn Elem, 8 & under, 100m dash, 200m dash, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Gabriella Flanagan, age 14, Shotput, Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Ruben Flanagan, age 11, Shotput,

- Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Jeremy Fournier, 8 & under, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Noelle Gonzalez, age 14, 100m dash, Hopewell Junction
- Kaison Johnson, age 10, 200m dash, 400m dash, Pleasant Valley
- Jordan-Anthony Powell, age 14, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Asha Rashid-Scherrer, age 11, 800m run, 1500m run, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Oscar Reap-Robilotto, age 12, 1500m run, New Paltz

Poughkeepsie City Striders is a youth track club for boys and girls ages 6-18, with membership welcomed from any local community, sanctioned by both AAU and USATF national governing bodies; emphasizing proper training, hard work, and personal growth - and for some, competing at the highest level of youth competition. The program is designed to meet the needs of all participants, regardless of their performance level. Athletes attend twice a week practices during the indoor and outdoor seasons, and compete at AAU or USATF sanctioned meets.

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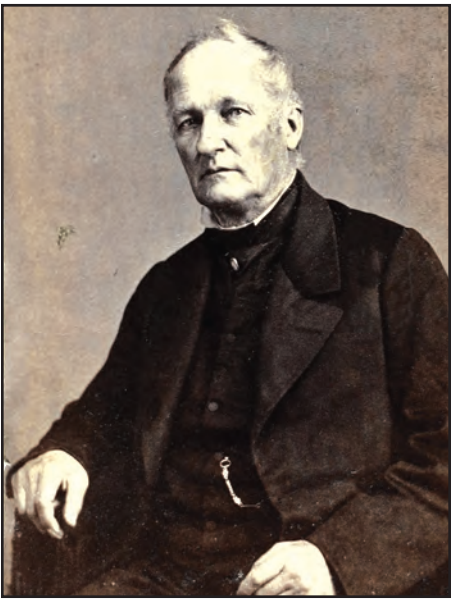
By Haley Brown

It is almost impossible to think of the history of progressive education in New York State without thinking of Vassar College. With halls wide enough to accommodate hoopskirts and an education to rival that of Harvard and Yale, the college opened as an academic utopia for educated young women in 1865.

The place of women in education was highly disputed in the mid-19th century. What little education was offered was typically concerned with artistic and domestic skills, serving as spaces where girls could be trained in etiquette over intellect. Many doctors believed that traditional education would have adverse effects on the physical and reproductive health of young women. Vassar College’s mission of providing education of the same quality as institutions for men turned away from social norms, and was not met without criticism. In order to protect the female body from her new-found collegiate education, founder Matthew Vassar adapted the curriculum to include calisthenics and athletic activity, hoping to quell anxiety in older generations sending their daughters to school.

Even with these and other provisions, Vassar’s school was met with fierce local opposition. The manuscript collection of William Clowes, part of the extensive Hart-Hubbard Collection, expresses one such local reaction of disappointment. Only two months after the college formally opened in September of 1865, Clowes stated that “there is not a greater swindle in the State of New York at least than the Vassar College.” A historian’s heart can be warmed to know that Clowes did not live long enough to see tuition prices as they are today. He goes on to describe Matthew Vassar as not only a cheat, but a knave and a scoundrel.

William Jones Clowes (1802 to 1881) was an eccentric figure locally. Frequent readers of our column may recognize him as the father of Caroline Clowes, an established female painter in the Hudson River School, who would ironically go on

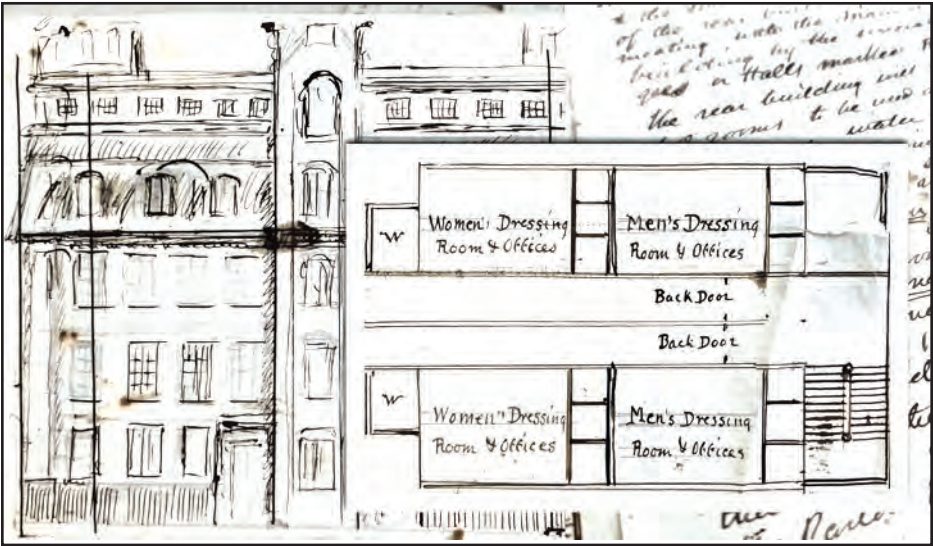


William Jones Clowes from the Hart-Hubbard Collection.

-DCHS.

to study painting with Vassar professors. In his life, he was a lawyer in Dutchess County to some, and a landowner in Orange County to others. He was an avid writer, self-publishing multiple pamphlet and newsletter series sent out across New York State, using the publications to detail elaborate plans and suggestions for civic reformation.

At their core, Clowes’ personal papers and publications reveal a life-time goal of bettering society. He took the idea of “We, the People” literally, and based his political ideology on an inclusive definition of society, acknowledging men, women and children as equal participants in the status quo. There is no proof Clowes and Vassar had ever corresponded with each other. Perhaps if there had been, the two men could’ve realized the similarities in their values. More likely, as Clowes would’ve preferred, Vassar could’ve instead learned a thing or two about progressive education.



A collection of manuscript pages relating with the “self-supporting school” model, including an illustration of the front of the school and the prospective co-educational living quarters.

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections.

Clowes’ view for progressive education fell under a model he termed the “self-supporting school.”

Within his material, we found floor-plan illustrations and annotated sketches of his proposed idea, giving insight into how another local thinker was attempting to provide equal education. Even more radical than Matthew Vassar, the self-supporting school model was intended for any citizen above the age of 10, men and women alike. In his building plans, the layout of student living spaces occupies the same floor of the building regardless of gender, complete with men’s and women’s dressing rooms sharing a wall. Designed to foster curiosity rather than enforce obedience, other floors of the self-supporting school would operate as classrooms, where all pupils would be trained together in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, astronomy, politics and the sciences. Students were expected to simply become as educated as their interest would carry them.

The self-supporting school model differed from Vassar College beyond social and educational structure. William Clowes designed the school to be fully functioning without tuition payments or yearly fees, separating himself from his harsh criticism of Matthew Vassar’s tuition model. He wrote highly of tax-funded education in Europe to his subscribers, and would bring attention to how taxes in Dutchess and Orange counties were allocated. He kept a homemade journal of school boarding meeting minutes and ideas for how education could receive more money, believing that education was the utmost priority for the American civil body. Clowes wrote about the self-supporting school model for almost twenty years, constantly adapting the idea as education evolved around him.

This would be an incomplete discussion of equality in education without addressing race. In a draft publication from December 1866, Clowes sought

\$5,000 from his subscribers, to be paid back with interest in his own money, in order to renovate a 400-acre property of the deceased Dr. Samuel Fowler. The school was intended to give employment and instruction to a population of 50 Black children and adults living in Port Jervis, and was to be named “the Africamerican Institute.” It is unknown whether this draft was ever published or how widely it would have been shared, and we cannot confidently describe Clowes’ opinions on race. He was described by daughter Lydia as, “not an abolitionist,” and avoided discussion of slavery in all political writings on the Civil War. This lack of material could be telling by itself, but it is further complicated by his proposal for the Africamerican Institute.

Neither the Africamerican Institute or the self-supporting school model would be established. William Clowes’ financial struggles and lack of social standing would impede on not only his visions for education, but a multitude of other ideas for improvement. Matthew Vassar and others would receive praise for their actions, while the ideas of Clowes remained folded on single sheets of paper. His ideas for education were surprisingly contemporary, anti-capitalist and inclusive, but remained ideas. This introduction to Clowes and his beliefs on education allows us to think about his many other projects for social betterment in the Hudson Valley, even if they have never materialized. We are still working to understand the complexities of all of William Clowes’ ideas, but we encourage you to stay tuned.



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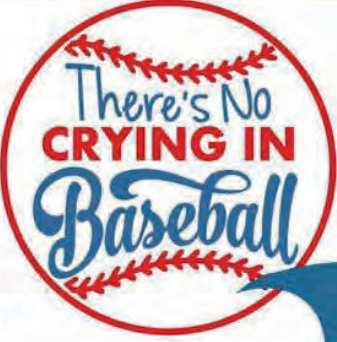


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RENEGADES FEATURE

Former Renegades players Schlittler, Rice gain MLB All-Star recognition

By Morgan E. Maier

This year, a wealth of Hudson Valley Renegades alums have caught eyes on the big stage, and took their talents to Philadelphia for All-Star events and celebrations.

Among the league leaders in earned run average, strikeouts and average against, Cam Schlittler earns a first All-Star nod before completing a full major league season. The owner of a 1.62 earned run average through his first 17 starts, it was a no-brainer for Schlittler to join the starting rotation after a breakout debut last season.

Though the Yankees announced July 12 that Cam Schlittler would not be pitching in the game, this accolade should continue the momentum of the 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year for the Renegades.

The same could be said for Ben Rice. Arguably the Yankees' most reliable bat this season, Rice takes his talents twofold in the All-Star break. With the injured Nick Kurtz withdrawing from play, Rice is projected to be the starting first baseman for the American League.

The East's master of extra bases



Pitcher Cam Schlittler and slugger Ben Rice have earned All-Star nods for the New York Yankees. Schlittler was the 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year for the Renegades. Rice debuted for the Renegades in 2023, a year that saw him hit .324 with 20 home runs across Low-A, High-A, and Double-A.

-Photo by Dave Janosz and courtesy photo

and sheer power will also be participating in the home run derby, looking to take the crown against hometown favorites Kyle Schwarber and Bryce Harper. Rice debuted for the Renegades in 2023, a year that saw him hit .324

with 20 home runs across Low-A, High-A, and Double-A.

Splitting time in the bits between first base, catcher and designated hitter, Rice was cooking early this season, and now sits at a .279 average and 29 home runs to lead the Yankees' offense. Without the usual suspects of Aaron Judge, Pete Alonso and reigning champ Cal Raleigh, the third-year man has a chance to take the title among some of baseball's biggest power hitters.

The Futures Game highlights the best and brightest prospects across 120 minor league clubs — and the personnel committed to their success. The 2025 Hudson Valley skipper James Cooper was tabbed for the managerial job at this event, one of a few Renegades alumni featured this year. After replacing 2025 Renegade Carlos Lagrange at the top of the bill, Ben Grable stole the show with a scorching fastball clocking 96.6 miles per hour. The reliever has captured attention between High-A and Somerset this season, dealing heat and showing strong development from the bullpen.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	13	8	.619	-	4-6	W1
Frederick BAL *	11	9	.550	1.5	6-4	L2
Brooklyn NYM	11	9	.550	1.5	5-5	W4
Wilmington WSH	11	10	.524	2.0	3-7	L4
Hudson Valley NYN	11	10	.524	2.0	7-3	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	5	15	.250	7.5	3-7	W2

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	13	8	.619	-	7-3	W1
Asheville HOU	13	8	.619	-	6-4	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	12	9	.571	1.0	6-4	W1
Rome ATL	9	11	.450	3.5	6-4	W1
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08/12/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM Strike Out Cancer Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/13/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM Agriculture Night Jersey Thursday presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Five-game win streak, strong series propel Renegades as All-Star break arrives



Franyer Herrera, left, pitched five strong innings in the Renegades loss on Sunday, giving up just one hit and two runs with three strikeouts. Catcher Josue Gonzalez also had a strong series vs. Rome.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades clinched a series victory over the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a remarkable four-win week that displayed the best of the team’s pitching and offense. Before the All-Star Break gave the Renegades a well-earned mid-summer break, a promising win streak and strong pitching highlighted a battle between two teams scratching at the door of their respective .500 records.

The Renegades now own a 11-10 record in the second half of the season and are tied with Wilmington for fourth place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League.

Streak of five -To extend a five-game series win dating back to the bout with the Blue Rocks, the Renegades won three straight to start against Rome. The trio of victories saw the Renegades outscore the Emperors 19-6, as the pitching staff allowed just two runs in each of the games.

Rory Fox got much-needed run support in the series-clinching win on July 11, improving to 6-3 on the season as the Renegades rolled to a 7-1 victory. With Fox dealing through five innings, the Renegades scored all seven runs in five straight innings, beginning with a “blunderous” balk by the Rome pitcher, then Eric Genter home run in the third. Hudson Valley had nine hits that day, each one belonging to a different Renegade bat.

Oh, what a relief! - The bullpen showed out against Rome last week, with two relievers catching a win in the series. Brian Landry continued a strong streak of

outings with a clean one inning of work on July 7, where he also was the pitcher of record in a tight 3-2 win. Hudson Valley held on for a more demonstrative win two nights later, as Tanner Bauman saw to a 9-2 victory.

Roderick Arias had a huge night, knocking 5 runs batted in with a pair of home runs. Allen Facundo fanned 8 in his start, as Bauman improved to 2-0 on a two-hit, two-strikeout outing. Exiting the bullpen behind Bauman were Aaron Nixon, Brady Kirtner and Jack Sokol. Each contributed an inning to shut down the Emperors the rest of the way.

Finale Fumble - Late-game heroics prevailed for the Emperors in the final game before the All-Star break, as a three-run ninth held up for the visitors in the 7-4 Sunday result. Despite a strong five innings from Franyer Herrera (1 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K), Hudson Valley had little happening on the other side of the ball. With just five hits scattered across Hudson Valley’s day, the team also left 13 runners stranded in scoring position.

Luis Durango went 3-for-4 for Hudson Valley, a glimmer of winning play not just in the box, but on the basepaths. Only Arias and Josue Gonzalez notched hits alongside the nine-hitter. Durango’s three stolen bases matched a season-high, bringing his July total to nine swipes in eight games.

Hudson Valley returns to post-break play with three games against the Brooklyn Cyclones July 17-19. They will creep down to Coney Island for the final season matchup with the in-state rivals, having won seven of their last 10.

RENEGADES EXTRA



Eric Genter, above, had a homer in the Renegades’ 7-1 victory over Rome on July 11. Roderick Arias, below, had a huge night, knocking 5 runs batted in with a pair of home runs in the Renegades 9-2 win on July 9.

-Photos by Dave Janosz



From farms to families: CFHV awards over \$1 Million in Farm Fresh Food Grants

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has committed more than \$1 million over the next three years to strengthening food security across the region through its Farm Fresh Food Grant initiative. Made possible with support from the NoVo Foundation, along with contributions from other funders, the initiative will provide annual grants totaling \$350,000 to 28 organizations working to expand access to healthy food throughout the Hudson Valley.

The grants will support a wide range of efforts, including partnerships between farms and food pantries, fresh produce production and distribution, meal delivery for seniors and individuals undergoing cancer treatment, nutrition education and hands-on agricultural learning opportunities for students.

“Healthy food is essential to healthy communities,” said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. “These grants invest in organizations that are addressing immediate needs while building stronger, more resilient local food systems. By supporting partnerships among farmers, food pantries, schools and community organizations, we’re helping ensure more of our neighbors have reliable access to fresh, nutritious food.”

The Farm Fresh Food program has grown into a comprehensive regional effort to strengthen food access and build a more resilient local food system. Since its inception in 2013, more than \$5.4 million has been distributed to 54 organizations, but its impact extends far beyond these grants. The program also supports innovative efforts that reduce food waste and strengthen the regional food systems, including FeedHV, the Chowmatch app, and the Food Systems Coalition.

This latest round of funding builds on CFHV’s long-standing commitment to food security across the Hudson Valley. That commitment was affirmed by findings from the foundation’s 2025 “Voices of the Hudson Valley” report, which identified food assistance organizations as among the most val-

ued community resources and highlighted growing demand for the services they provide. According to the report, the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley distributed 54 million pounds of food in 2024, compared with 38.8 million pounds in 2018 — an increase of approximately 45 percent.

Grant recipients include Angel Food East; Camino al Exito Project for All; Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster; Common Ground Farm; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County; Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County; Dutchess Outreach; Family of Woodstock, Inc.; Glynwood; Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden; Hillside Food Outreach; Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative; Kingston YMCA Farm Project; Newburgh Urban Farm and Food; North East Community Center; Pawling Resource Center; Phillies Bridge Farm Project, Inc.; Poughkeepsie Farm Project; Red Hook Responds; Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; Rondout Valley Food Pantry Inc.; Scenic Hudson, Inc.; Second Chance Foods; Sky High Farm; Sparrow’s Nest of the Hudson Valley; St. Thomas Episcopal Church Amenia Union NY; Stonewood Community Project Inc. and Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, Inc.

“Food security is about more than meeting immediate needs — it’s about building systems that connect people to healthy food year-round,” said Troy Ellen Dixon, program & operations consultant at Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative, who will use its grant to increase community access to farm-fresh food. “This grant will allow us to expand access to farm-fresh produce for our neighbors while deepening partnerships with local growers and community organizations. We are grateful for the opportunity to strengthen a food network that benefits both residents and the agricultural community throughout the Hudson Valley.”

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provides fresh produce to more than 2,800 neighbors in Northeast Dutchess County. Kristen Essig, director of culinary outreach and development, remarked: “The Market Garden at Stonewood Farm is about much more than growing vegetables—it’s about growing access, health and community. This funding will help us continue providing thousands of pounds of fresh, certified organic produce to neighbors experiencing food insecurity while supporting seniors, immigrant families, children and aspiring farmers throughout Northeast Dutchess County. We are grateful to Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for investing in local agriculture as a powerful tool to strengthen food security and improve quality of life across our region.”

Ensuring high school students won’t go home hungry after the school day ends, the Rondout Valley Food Pantry will use its grant to support the High School Backpack Pantry Program. The High School Backpack Pantry Program is a stu-

dent-requested creation. In years past, as students got older, they didn’t want to participate in the Backpack Program we have in place for younger students due to the stigma. The RVFP (Rondout Valley Food Pantry) has worked diligently to remove that mindset and are so excited that those efforts and the support of the Community Foundations Fresh Food Grant will allow us to provide the fun and nutritious backpacks that older students can enjoy over the weekends when access to school snacks and meals isn’t available. By meeting students where they are and reducing barriers to access, we can help support their well-being, academic success and ability to thrive,” thanked Sue Bruck, Rondout Valley Food Pantry board president.

For more information about Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and its efforts to strengthen food security across the region, visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.

Top 3 winners of Tioronda Garden Club’s Patriotic Garden Contest awarded certificates



The winners of the Tioronda Garden Club’s Patriotic Garden Contest received their certificates from Patriotic Garden Contest Chair Kathleen Pucher. From left, with Pucher and Gary Barrack, Tioronda Garden Club President, are Robert and Jean Haight, 1st place winners; Betty Wall and Steve Jaffe, 2nd place winners and Catherine Cottitta, 3rd place winner.



-Photos courtesy Tioronda Garden Club

The winners of the Tioronda Garden Club’s Patriotic Garden Contest received their certificates for 1st, 2nd,

and 3rd places. Presenting the awards were Kathleen Pucher, vice president and chair of the Patriotic Garden

Contest, and Gary Barrack, Tioronda Garden Club President.

Certificates were presented to the top

three winners in recognition of their outstanding patriotic garden displays.

First place was awarded to Robert and Jean Haight, whose garden captured the spirit of America through its creativity, pride, and attention to detail. Second place went to Betty Wall and Steve Jaffe for their outstanding design and exceptional gardening skills, creating a beautiful tribute to our nation’s history. Third place was presented to Catherine Cottitta for her patriotic garden at the Mid Hudson Animal Aid cat sanctuary for its thoughtful patriotic elements and simple elegant design.

Organizers offered congratulations to all the participants who worked so hard to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s birth.

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Obituaries

Matthew Sendelbach



SENDELBACH, MATTHEW JOSEPH, 56, of Fishkill, New York died on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Matt was born on February 5, 1970, and grew up in Centerville, Ohio. He graduated first in his class in 1988 from Centerville High School. He earned a Bachelor of Physics, cum laude, from Cornell University (inspired by Carl Sagan) and a Master of Science from University of Illinois where Matt studied experimental high- energy physics and specialized in metrology and scatterometry. He was also a beloved teacher’s assistant in Champaign-Urbana as he earned the award as the best TA—he was a natural-born teacher who could inspire the wonder of science in anyone! Matt married his college sweetheart, Kimberly Jane Sendelbach, in 1994.

As a child, Matt competed in soccer. However, he excelled even more as a soccer coach while each of his children participated. As a teenager, Matt served as captain of his high school Science Olympiad team and as a member of the debate team. He even skipped both his proms for the Science Olympiad competition! He was an active adult in the Boy Scouts of America and guided all three of his sons to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He loved helping them build their pinewood derby cars and teaching them skills in his workshop! He also loved assisting his five children with their annual science fair projects because he was able to share his passion and love of science with them.

Matt was known for many traits: being a loving father to five awesome children, his quirky sense of humor (including lots of “dad” jokes), one of the finest Dungeons & Dragons players east of the Mississippi, having the utmost respect for his parents and elders, and being excited to create ANY process or system (even as mundane as organizing the “correct” order to shop at the grocery store—complete with map!). Matt enjoyed witnessing his youngest daughter perform ballet recitals for thirteen years. He sharpened his dialogue skills through in-depth conversations with his eldest daughter. Furthermore, he was a soothing influence on his adored grandson, reading countless books and taking time to explain how things work.

For his entire professional career, Matt worked within the semiconductor industry for several reputable corporations as a research scientist, process engineer, and metrology consultant. He was truly a beloved science geek. Matt holds 26 U.S. patents and over 60 technical publications to his name. However, his favorite work-related role was as Committee Chair of the SPIE International Conference. For many months of each year, he thrived while collaborating with his colleagues for this conference every February and developed lifelong friendships.

Matt is preceded in death by his father Paul Joseph Sendelbach. He is survived by his wife and college sweetheart, Kimberly Jane Sendelbach (Powell) of Fishkill, NY; children: Luke of Boston, MA; Anya of Albany, NY; Paul, Adam, and Katherine of Fishkill, NY; and grandson Taelen of Albany, NY. He is also survived by his mother Elaine Sendelbach-Coatney of Dayton, OH; stepfather Dr. Douglas Coatney of Dayton, OH; brother Brian Sendelbach of Boise, ID; sister Carolyn Burns (Robert) of West Chester, OH; nieces and nephews: Ellie, Noah, Albin, Rowan, Gwen (Matthew), Claire, TJ, Julia, Jane, Jack, and Katherine. Matt also had numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; all were incredibly special to him.

The name “Matthew” was chosen by his father, Paul, for its meaning “gift from God”. He was indeed a gift from God to all whose lives he touched.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 9 at Riverview Funeral Home, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Matt’s name to Breakthrough T1D (Juvenile Diabetes Association), 1757 Central Ave., Suite 102, Albany NY 12205.

To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Scott D. McGuire



Scott D. McGuire, a longtime Wappingers Falls resident passed away at his home on July 4, 2026; at the age of 57. He was born in Peekskill, NY on April 18, 1969, son of Betty Ann (Torhan) Miceli and the late Roger William McGuire. Scott graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School, class of 1987.

Scott worked various jobs and in recent years he was a sale associate at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture Store in Poughkeepsie. He loved gardening and being outside. Scott was an avid swimmer.

Along with his beloved mother Betty Ann Miceli, Scott is survived by his brother Shawn McGuire, and his two half-sisters Nicole & Renata.

Along with his father Roger McGuire, Scott was also predeceased by his beloved dog Murphy in 2006.
His Family will gather privately at the Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, to lay Scott to rest. Please keep Scott and his family in your prayers during this most difficult time.
Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Freda Rothschild



With heavy hearts and cherished memories, we announce the peaceful passing of Freda Hamill Rothschild, aged 90, on July 5, 2026, at Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, surrounded by love.
Born on March 6, 1936, in Birkenhead, England, Freda was a beacon of resilience, love, and selflessness, touching the lives of all who knew her. Freda was the beloved daughter of Lily Payne and James Hamill, who instilled in her the values of compassion and strength. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings — Jimmy, George, Lily, Iris, and Edna — and her husband, Alan Rothschild, whom she married on February 20, 1965, in White Plains, NY, just six weeks after their first meeting. Their love story was one of spontaneity

and deep connection, serving as a foundation for the family they cherished.
Freda’s professional journey was diverse and fulfilling. She worked at Cadbury’s Chocolate Factory, then at Littlewoods, in England, a job she truly loved and later at JCPenney, where her kindness shone through to customers and colleagues alike. She worked at several nursing homes, where she provided comfort and care to those in need. Her most treasured role was that of a Mother, Grandmother, and Matriarch. Freda had an extraordinary ability to bring her family together, orchestrating birthday celebrations and holiday gatherings with a warmth that made every moment memorable.

Freda’s legacy lives on through her family, who were her pride and joy. She is survived by her loving children: Les Massey and his wife Dawn of Stanthorpe, Australia, Karen Rothschild and her fiancé Paul of Wappingers Falls, NY, Laura Kolor and her husband Paul of Wappingers Falls, NY, and Tina Rothschild of Collegeville, PA. Her grandchildren Morgan, Clayton, Samantha, Mark, Lauren, and her newly found grandchildren Rhian and Dan brought immense joy to her life, as did her six great-grandchildren.

In her spare time, Freda was known for her infectious giggle and her ability to make everyone feel cared for. Her life was a testament to resilience, she endured the challenges of World War II as a child in England, yet she emerged with a spirit that was as unyielding as it was gentle. Her journey alone to immigrate to the United States was yet another way she showed her strength.

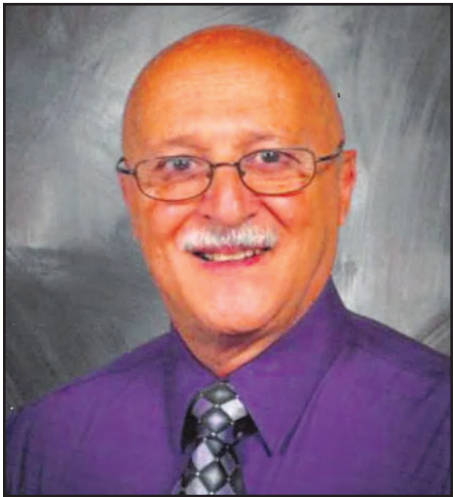
Freda’s family extends their deepest gratitude to the angels on earth at Hudson Valley Hospice and Hudson Valley Hospice House, whose compassion and care brought comfort to Freda and her loved ones in her final days. A special thank you to Hospice music therapist Lauren, who touched Freda in a truly heartfelt way. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, a cause close to Freda’s heart, ensuring that the kindness she received can be shared with others.

As we say goodbye to a remarkable woman, we celebrate a life lived with dignity, love, and boundless generosity. Freda’s legacy is one of love and laughter, and while she may be gone from our sight, she will forever remain in our hearts.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service will be held at 5:30 p.m. during the visitation.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Gennaro ‘Jerry’ G. Landisi



Gennaro “Jerry” G. Landisi, a longtime resident of Beacon, entered into eternal rest peacefully on July 4, 2026, at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was 79 years old.

Born on December 29, 1946, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Jerry was the son of the late Joseph and Jane Lanni Landisi. He was raised in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where he attended local schools and graduated from high school. Following graduation, Jerry enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving his country from 1965 until his honorable discharge in 1969. He later worked as a locksmith at Downstate Correctional Facility, where he remained until his retirement.

Jerry was deeply committed to his community and dedicated many years to public service. A parishioner of St. Joachim–St. John the Evangelist Church, he was actively involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Jerry proudly served the City of Beacon as a member of the City Council and as a member of the Zoning Board. He also represented District 18 as a Dutchess County Legislator. A proud advocate of his Italian heritage, Jerry was a life member and past president of St. Rocco’s Society and was also a member of Beacon Elks Lodge No. 1493.

Above all, Jerry treasured his family and the many friendships he cultivated throughout his life. He is survived by his beloved wife, Deborah Napoli; his sons, John Landisi and his wife, Tara, and Dave Landisi and his wife, Jennifer; his stepdaughters, Jessica Napoli and Amber Napoli; his grandchildren, Alex, Eric, Reilly, and Ryan; his sister, Linda, and her children, AJ, Mia, Christopher, and Lindsey; and many dear friends whose lives were enriched by his kindness, loyalty, and generosity.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his first wife, Anne Murdoch Landisi, in 2018.

Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, July 8, at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Thursday, July 9. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joachim Cemetery in Beacon.

Memorial donations in Jerry’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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R.I.P. 2-Bits

Mark and Sue get new goats.

Becky wanted a horse. When Sue and I, along with our 10-year-old daughter, moved into our new house, Becky, like every 10-year-old in the world, wanted a horse. After all, we had a seven-acre front yard, carved out of a piece of the old farm that was too rocky to grow crops. And like every father of a 10-year-old who wants a horse, I visualized my life slowly slipping off a steep cliff.

“A a, a horse?” I stammered. “Well, that’s wonderful, but first you have to join a 4-H horse club for a year, and then we’ll talk.” I figured that would give me time to sell the house.

Lo and behold, after a year at the “Hoofin It” 4-H club, Becky came back and said, “Dad, I think horses are too much work. But could I have a goat?”

“You can have a thousand goats,” I proclaimed. Esther Ottaway and her husband Jerry (I asked Esther if I could refer to her as the “goat lady.” She said she was called that for the 40 years she ran a 4-H goat club). We ended up with two goats, “Black Goat” and “Gray Goat.” They were a handful, and we learned to love them, when they weren’t crashing through the roof of my Corvair convertible or eating the money out of Sue’s purse. One day they walked down to the Adams store, stepped on the door opener, and walked around the grocery department, munching on popcorn and Triscuits.

Fast-forward 16 years. Becky moved away, and the goats passed away from old age. It was a little quieter around the house. One day I found Sue crying in the kitchen as she was twisting the tops off a bunch of carrots. “I miss the goats,” she sobbed. “They used to love carrot tops.”

“But if we get more goats I’ll be 76

years old, still taking care of them.” I called the goat lady, brought 5-year-old granddaughter Ambika to pick out two new goats, Frances and 2-Bits. Frances died of cancer at age 10, but 2-Bits lived to the ripe old age of 17, a beloved member of the family. At the end, she couldn’t walk and lost her appetite. We said a tearful good-bye.

“If we get more goats, I’ll be 91 years old, and still taking care of them!” I exclaimed. I called the goat lady. When I stopped by, Esther and Jerry were knee deep in goats on their 58-acre farm in Pleasant Valley. And guess what? Jerry is 91 years old! Esther is 88, and they just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Esther tells me that when they bought the farm in 1969, one of their five human kids, Kathy, had read the novel “Heidi,” and was crazy about goats, inspiring her parents on their new career. Jerry was from Niskayuno, N.Y., and Esther from Fort Benning, Georgia. They met when Jerry was starting his 35 years at I.B.M., after graduating from Harvard. Esther was a Vassar alum, majoring in ecology.

“We find homes for goats,” Esther explained. “We don’t make money, we make friends.” Alas, their current crop is the last to be born on the farm, but they plan to keep 17 goats just for fun.

I called Becky, and she came over with her husband Mike and my now adult grand-kids, to pick out two new goats, for me and Sue to take care of until I’m 91 and Sue is 88, and we’re celebrating our 66th wedding anniversary.

R.I.P. 2-Bits. Hello, Popcorn and Triscuit.

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



2-Bits.

-Photo by Sue Adams



From left: Ambika with Triscuit and Becky with Popcorn on the way home.

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Jerry & Esther.

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Zoning Classification: R1-10
Dear Neighboring Property Owner: Thyago De Almeida, 60 Dennings Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-17.D., Attachment 1, to construct a covered front porch and addition on the existing house, which requires relief from the following:
1. Per § 223-17 D., Attachment 1, the minimum side yard setback is 15 ft. The proposed covered porch would be located 10.10 ft. from the property line, requiring a 4.9 ft. side-yard variance.
2. Per § 223-17 D., Attachment 1, the minimum rear yard setback is 35 ft. The proposed addition would be located 17.88 ft from the property line, requiring a 17.12 ft. rear-yard variance.
The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>
The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on July 21, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

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The proposed driveway is located in the front yard, 2.5 feet from the subdivided lot line between Lot 1 and Lot 2.
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'The Lives We Touch' theme of Women's Networking Event on July 30

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites women and all those who support women in our community to a special evening of empowerment, connection, and inspiration at her annual Women's Networking Event on Thursday, July 30th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. This free event is a chance for Dutchess County's women to come together in support of one another's personal and professional growth.

Serino said, "There is nothing more powerful than women showing up for one another. When we gather, share our stories, and celebrate the lives we touch, we are reminded how our strength grows through community and connection. This event is a chance to connect, lift each other higher, and honor the incredible resilience and hope that women throughout Dutchess County demonstrate every single day."

This year's theme, "The Lives We Touch," celebrates women in Dutchess County who have overcome challenges, found their life's purpose, and help to build up their community with dedication and hope for a better future for all.

Attendees will hear from three inspiring women whose journeys reflect this year's theme:

Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach, Inc. and a staunch champion for food justice within our community;
Micah Smith, President and Founder of Micah Abigail LLC, a credit and financial freedom educator and supporter of new

beginnings in every stage of life; and
Fallon Meneses, an Emergency Room Technician at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, a mother and passionate mental health and rare disease awareness advocate.

Several Dutchess County Government

departments will also be on hand at the event sharing information about programs and services. Light refreshments will be served.

The Women's Networking Event is free, but spots are limited. Registration is available online at dutchessny.gov/womensevent or by calling 845-486-2000.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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: BEVERAGES

ACROSS

1. Every which way

5. *Whole milk has about 8 grams of this per cup

8. Sound rebound

12. Not yet final, in law

13. Tibetan teacher

14. Twig of willow tree

15. Bad wishes

16. Like certain tradition

17. Separated

18. *Fermented tea

20. Trampled

21. Hermey and Buddy, e.g.

22. Pronoun

23. *Bee's favorite beverage

26. Like blabbermouth

30. Freud's concern

31. Becoming

34. Uncontrolled swerve

35. Type of heron

37. Unidentified John

38. Pocket change

39. Ding follower

40. Kenya's neighbor

42. "Five down" fighter pilot

43. Cuddle, romantically speaking

45. Eras

47. Film director's cry

48. Opinion

50. ____ Bora

52. *Blended fruit beverage

55. *Most-consumed beverage

56. Abbreviation, abbr.

57. Miniature whirlpool

59. The Brady Bunch, e.g.

60. Hanukkah gift

61. Came by horse

62. "For ____ the Bell Tolls"

63. Schiller's famous poem, e.g.

64. One-armed bandit

DOWN

1. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

2. *Most popular choice for official state beverage

3. Nobel Peace Prize capital

4. It's meant to be

5. Travesty

6. Wet nurses

7. Samoan money

8. *Caffeinated "shot"

9. Bye, in Palermo

10. *Group of bovine milk producers

11. Table scrap

13. Mona Lisa's home

14. Presidential promises, e.g.

19. Detonation

22. *Plant-based "milk" choice

23. Must-haves

24. Encourage (2 words)

25. Cornua, sing.

26. Late country singer-songwriter Campbell

27. Relating to ilium

28. *Popular party beverage

29. Affirmatives

32. Competitive advantage

33. New Zealand's bygone bird

36. *Milk+carbonated water+syrup

38. Head of a body part, anatomically speaking

40. Preceding month

41. Send back to mother country

44. Road-crossing helper

46. Not these or those

48. Implant

49. Like duchess or count

50. Johann Sebastian of music fame

51. Sgt. Snorkel's dog

52. Palm starch

53. Object of worship

54. Starchy tuber

55. "Amazing!"

58. Thus far

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

love to cook

by vicki frank day



Side-dish star

A good coleslaw recipe can steal the show.

As anyone with a theatrical background can (or should) tell you, the supporting cast and crew are just as important as the star of the show. The same holds true just about everywhere in life, if you ask me. When it comes to food, for example, a chef needs sous chefs, prep cooks, dishwashers and servers to run a tight restaurant. And every entrée needs its side dishes to round out the meal and make it memorable. Sometimes they can even steal the show!

One thing to have in your side dish repertoire is a good coleslaw recipe. Now, before you make a face or tell me you never eat the little bowl of it you get at the diner, hear me out. Not all slaws are created equal, and not all are good. The one I make most often is a classic cabbage slaw with a creamy cider vinegar dressing, but there are all kinds of slaws out there; so let's talk about them because I'll just bet we can find one you like.

First, it might help to know just what a slaw is and why it isn't quite the same as other salads. While coleslaw comes from the Dutch koolsla, or literally "cabbage salad," and definitely (obviously) refers to a cabbage base, other slaws just refer to any salad of shredded or julienned, raw, often crisp vegetables: carrots, jicama, fennel, Brussels sprouts, broccoli stalks, kohlrabi, bell peppers, for example. I've made different slaws over the years with all of these, but cabbage is still my favorite.

So, let's talk about cabbage. You can certainly use a pre-shredded bagged coleslaw mix, but I prefer cutting my own, mostly because I like a finer, more uniform shred. A mix of green and red (or really purple) cabbage is always pretty, especially with shredded carrots thrown in, but I also really like Napa and Savoy cabbage. Both are milder, slightly sweet and have crinkled leaves that really hold the dressing well. They are both more tender and delicate, as well, so may wilt a bit more, which is why I toss in the dressing closer to serving time than I do when using green cabbage. Generally, I prefer to let whatever slaw I make sit with its dressing for an hour or so before I plan to serve it so it has time to soak in and add its flavor throughout. That's why I usually don't put all the dressing on it at once. When it sits for a while, give it a stir and a taste. If it's dry you can always add more, but if you overdo it from the start, you have soggy slaw, which may be

why a lot of people don't love it.

But fear not! Slaw sog (potentially great band name) can be avoided before the dressing ever gets added simply by removing some of the moisture in the cabbage. Once shredded (I slice it thinly with a knife, avoiding the core), toss it in a colander with a little salt (1 teaspoon per head) and let it rest about 30 minutes to draw out some of its water content. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a salad spinner or by gently pressing between tea towels to remove any excess water. This will lightly season the cabbage while keeping it crisper yet less chewy and will allow the dressing to cling better without being watered down.

So on to the all-important dressing! Some slaws are best dressed with oil and vinegar or citrus juice, as when using fennel or making one with Asian flair; but most cabbage-based slaws get a creamy, mayonnaise-based dressing with some vinegar added. I always add some sugar and pepper, only adding salt if needed after it's sat a while and had a chance to season through. Some people like a more vinegar-forward dressing or even add Dijon mustard, but I like mine simpler with balanced creamy-acidity.

Classic Coleslaw

I have to confess right out of the gate that I make this to taste every time, so amounts are approximate. I taste the dressing as I go, adding more of whatever I think it needs. Sorry, not very helpful but it works for me, and I think you should do the same. Let the slaw sit a while after adding the dressing and taste/fix it again 'til you get it juuuuust right.

A QUICK NOTE: For this I usually use one medium-sized green cabbage, which I cut into fine shreds with a knife. Use a different variety or a mix of cabbages if you like.

Ingredients

- 1 medium head green cabbage, any damaged outer leaves removed, shredded, salted and rinsed (like we talked about)
- 2-3 large carrots, peeled and shredded (I use a box grater for this)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- Salt, to taste

Method

Place cabbage and carrots in a large bowl.



Coleslaw, the side-dish star.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

Whisk mayo, vinegar, sugar and pepper to combine. Taste and add a little salt if needed. Pour over cabbage, reserving a little, and toss well to coat. Refrigerate for 30-60 minutes. Stir, taste again, add the reserved dressing and season more as necessary.

Serves about 10 as a side. (My latest guilty pleasure is mixing it with baked beans but don't judge til you try it). Great on sandwiches, too!

Sweet Cream Slaw with Granny Smith Apples

A slight variation on my more classic version, this is so popular that this recipe makes enough for a crowd. Sweet-tart and creamy, it's great with barbecued anything or served as a brunch side.

Ingredients

- 2-3 heads cabbage (green, red, Savoy

or a combination)
6 Granny Smith apples, cored and julienned

- ¾ cup fresh chopped flat leaf parsley.

Dressing

- 1½ pints heavy cream
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 5 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ¼ cup sugar
- kosher salt to taste

Method

Remove any outer or damaged leaves from the cabbages. Thinly slice (avoiding the core) and place in a large bowl. Add apples and parsley and toss.

In a medium bowl or large measuring cup, whisk together cream, mayo, vinegar, sugar and salt. Pour over cabbage, reserving some, and toss well to combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Stir and add reserved dressing if needed.

Serves 15-20

Coleslaw may never be the star of the show, but it really doesn't deserve to be so underrated. When done right it can shine on its own while making everything around it better without being overly dramatic. Like any great supporting cast member should. Enjoy!

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Towne Crier presents outdoor concert for community



The weather cooperated on Saturday, July 11, for Music In Action, a free outdoor community concert at Veterans Place presented by the Towne Crier Cafe in partnership with the Live Music Society and the American Center for Folk Music. The lineup included Beacon favorites The Costellos, Cuboricua and C.J. Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band. In the photos, Chenier and his band got the crowd dancing. CJ is the son of Clifton Chenier, a.k.a. The King of Zydeco.

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