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BOE approves contract extension for superintendent

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City School District (BCSD) Board of Education (BOE) held its organizational meeting on July 1. Flora Stadler was sworn in as president of the board. She was current the president of the BOE.

Stadler told Beacon Free Press via email, "I look forward to serving as BCSD School Board President for another year, especially with more experience under my belt."

As far as the 2025-26 school year goals for the board, Stadler remarked, "This year, I hope that we build on our work in each board committee, improve our communication with the community as a board, and continue to strengthen our understanding of how board goals, student enrichment, and the budget interconnect."

Current vice president Meredith Heuer was sworn in for another term.

Heuer told Beacon Free Press via email, "I am excited to serve another term as vice president to the BOE and I appreciate the trust and support that my fellow board members and the community at large as given me in this role."

The BOE approved another year on the contract for Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl at a pay of \$231,875 through June 30, 2026, which is inclusive of the eight-year longevity payment that was set forth.

"I love working in the Beacon City School District, and I am excited that my contract was renewed. It is a great community to work in and live in, and I look forward to this upcoming school year and beyond," Dr. Landahl told Beacon Free Press via email.

"The Superintendent's salary in subsequent years shall be determined by the Board of Education based upon an evaluation of the Superintendent's job performance. In no event shall the Superintendent's salary be reduced from the prior school year," states the document.

According to the contract, "On or before May 1 of each school year, during the term of this Contract, the parties shall meet in accordance with the timelines set forth herein to review the performance of the Superintendent for the previous year by utilizing written evaluation criteria mutually agreed to by the parties or, failing agreement, developed by the Board in consultation with the Superintendent."

"I think Dr. Landahl has done a great job of moving the district forward, and he works hard to build relationships with the school community. We're lucky to have that dedication and consistency. So, I was happy that the board extended his 5-year contract for an additional year," remarked Stadler.

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Government officials, community members hope to save Newburgh-Beacon Ferry service

By Kristine Coulter

"It has been determined that the ferry will not return to service," Evan Zucarelli, the MTA's acting senior vice president, stated about the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry service during the latest MTA Metro-North/Long Island Rail Road committee meeting.

Zucarelli stated, "Since January this year, ferry service between Beacon and Newburgh has been suspended and replaced by bus service due to critical dock infrastructure damage. The initial suspension was triggered by typical winter river icing."

He noted there was "significant damage" on the Beacon side of the dock and a "long-term solution" would be necessary.

There was a gathering of local community members and government officials who want the ferry service to remain was held at the Newburgh dock in Orange County last week.

The current shuttle bus replacement service will run through 2025. Next year, it was stated by Zucarelli, the "Newburgh-Beacon shuttle bus will become free." He also noted the MTA is "looking to expand shuttle frequency."

James O'Donnell, who was recommended by the Orange County Executive for the 23-member MTA board and casts one collective vote with the representatives of Dutchess County, Putnam County, and Rockland County, asked, "Why does the free bus service [begin] in 2026? Why not now?"

Justin R. Vonashek, MTA Metro-North President, stated officials will take a look at when the free shuttle service will begin.

One area resident commented he has "strong opposition" to the ferry service being discontinued. He said it supports residents without cars, and the MTA is punish-



Local residents gathered to express their sentiments regarding the announcement that the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry will not be put back in service, but instead the shuttle bus will continue to be used. Pictured along with the residents are Congressman Pat Ryan and NYS Senator Rob Rolison at the Newburgh dock in Orange County on July 8.

-Courtesy photo Senator Rob Rolison's office

ing riders for what was under the MTA control – a very limited service. He suggested the MTA should "restore" service and "promote it effectively."

According to the MTA "ridership had been declining" -even after COVID 19.

Congressman Pat Ryan (18th Congressional District), stated in a letter to MTA CEO Janno Lieber, "The closure of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry is yet another example of our Hudson Valley community paying into a NYC-centric system and getting almost nothing in return." Ryan contin-

ued, "The MTA should be adding more transit options and lowering costs, not taking away the limited options we do have. The MTA discontinuing this ferry service is a reckless abandonment of the people it's supposed to serve, turning its back on our community while happily taking our tax dollars. Hudson Valley commuters deserve better than this betrayal of public trust and I'll fight like hell to get this service restored."

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Ex-Renegade Schlittler shines in MLB debut

By Morgan E. Maier

Major League Baseball's home run leader Cal Raleigh has put the Seattle Mariners on high alert this week, but he may have met his match on July 9. Such a formidable opponent took the form of 24-year-old Cam Schlittler, who was donning Hudson Valley Renegades pinstripes just a year ago. The 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year quickly arrived on the major league radars, showcasing a fastball that touched numbers the Yankees haven't seen all year.

Ahead with two strikes on Raleigh in the first inning, Schlittler's 99 mph offering landed just a bit high. The next pitch was nearly identical, and Raleigh was frozen. The ball was then scooped up by the Yankees starters, lining the dugout fence to watch the newest – and youngest – addition at work. Even if Raleigh is not this year's American League MVP, he will forever be linked Yankees history as Schlittler's first major league strikeout.

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Pitcher Cam Schlittler, who starred with the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2024, had a strong Major League debut with the New York Yankees last week.

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One Orange County resident commented that the ferry is a “crucial link” for commuters who work in New York City and live in Newburgh and stated the bus “is not an adequate solution. It takes twice as long.”

Another resident of Newburgh stated the ferry “has been an invaluable service.”

“At a time when congestion pricing and the MTA Payroll tax are already raising costs for families and small businesses, the MTA should be reinvesting in our communities, not pulling back. The Newburgh-Beacon Ferry provides not only reliable access to transit, but also an economic boost to the City of Newburgh and the entire region,” stated NYS Senator Rob Rolison (39th Senate District).

Rolison stated to Beacon Free Press, “The Ferry is more than a mode of transportation — it is a vital link for Hudson Valley residents who rely on it to cross the river, connect to Metro-North, and move through life with dignity and independence. Eliminating this service with little warning and no public input is a disservice to our region. I’m proud to be part of this bipartisan effort and we won’t stop fighting until we get the ferry back and enhancements to it.”

A meeting was held on the evening of July 8 to try to save the ferry at the dock in Newburgh, with Ryan and Rolison in attendance, along with local leaders. Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson also spoke at the rally to save the ferry.

Jacobson (104th Assembly District) said in a statement to Beacon Free Press on July 8, “I will be working with local residents and

businesses to find a solution to the current situation.”

Jacobson is on the Assembly’s Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee, which oversees the MTA.

“Every year during budget hearings, the MTA comes before our committee and asks for money,” said Jacobson on July 10 in a press release. “I will be making the case to save the ferry, both publicly and behind the scenes.”

According to Jacobson, the first order of business is to ensure that there are working docks on both sides of the river. He is coordinating with Beacon officials to secure funding for the city’s dock repairs, and also plans to work with local residents and businesses to “think outside the box” for weekend service.

“The MTA has a budget of more than \$20 billion. The agency claims that the ferry costs \$2.1 million annually to operate, which is a mere accounting error for them. The MTA can make this work,” said Jacobson.

Neal Zuckerman, who was recommended by the Putnam County Executive for the 23-member board, asked about exact numbers regarding the ferry.

Zuckerman stated, “it is counterintuitive” that expanding the [growth] at the waterfront and “not expanding numbers.” He noted that “Beacon is like a dream” as what has happened to the area since Dia Beacon came and the extraordinary resurgence that occurred.

Last year, over the course of the year, ridership was averaging 62 riders per day on the ferry, down from well over 200, it was stated.

“It shows people are still using train but



NYS Senator Rob Rolison makes remarks to those gathered about the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry service at the Newburgh dock on July 8. Local residents, and government officials including Rolison, gathered to express their frustrations regarding the announcement that the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry will not be put back in service, but instead the shuttle bus will continue to be used.

-Courtesy photo Senator Rob Rolison’s office

choosing to get there a different way,” it was remarked.

According to the MTA website, the adult one-way ferry fare was \$1.75. Seniors (62 or older), people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients paid \$1 if they showed appropriate ID. Children 5 and under rode free, and a ticket cost for those age 6-11 was \$1.

Universally accessible playground now open at Bowdoin Park

There is a brand-new playground to add to summer fun bucket lists! Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Parks celebrated the opening of a brand-new, universally accessible playground at Bowdoin Park with a special ribbon cutting today. The playground, located near Pavilion 2 and the soccer field area, is now open daily during regular park hours. Watch a video of today’s grand opening.

“We are thrilled to open this great new feature at Bowdoin Park just in time for summer fun for the whole family,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “We asked residents to help pick which design was their favorite last year, and we listened! We are grateful to the dedicated team at Dutchess County Parks for bringing this exciting project to fruition and encourage park-enthusiasts all ages and abilities to come explore this new feature.”

Over 1,400 people weighed in last year when County Executive Serino asked for feedback about two different accessible playground designs. Nearly 70 percent of survey participants chose a design from playground designer KOMPAN that highlighted Bowdoin Park’s natural beauty and local wildlife.

The new playground includes over 8,000-

square-feet of cushioned “pour and play” surface designed to represent a river, a stream, and land inspired by the park’s rich natural history. Play structures continue the nature theme with snapping turtle “springers,” birds such as park-favorite eagles perched above the swings and other structures, and climbing towers that look like trees. Accessible features include adaptable swings, a universal carousel, sensory play features, and wheelchair accessible ramps on some structures. The playground also includes two shaded areas for wheelchair users or camp chairs.

A plan for future additions to the area’s landscaping, such as benches and shade trees, is being developed by the Parks team.

Director of Parks Brian Coons said, “This playground is inspired by the natural beauty of Bowdoin Park – from the turtles in the pond to the eagles in the sky. We are proud to bring this new accessible playground option to families of all abilities to enjoy and are grateful to the County Executive and County Legislature for the continued support of our Parks programming.”

Bowdoin Park is at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The new playground is the latest in a series of ongoing improvements to Dutchess County Parks, including



Local elected officials, including Legislature Chairman Will Truitt, Legislator Lynne Versaci, and Legislator Lisa Kaul attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bowdoin Park’s new playground on July 8.

-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov’t

the opening of a sprayground water feature at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan last summer.

To learn more about all the amenities and programs available at Bowdoin Park as well as other Dutchess County Parks, visit www.dutchessny.gov/parks or call the Dutchess County Parks at 845-298-4600.

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'If you can dream it, you can do it'

220 future athletes cheer at Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch



Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini joins professional soccer star Tyler Adams in renaming Martz Field to “Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch.” At the right are Lance Melnichenko, director of Next Gen Lawnsapes at Scott Lawn Service and Eleana Fanaika, executive director of Every Kid Sports.

-Photo by David McIntyre

By Morgan E. Maier
Players huddle along the yellow-capped fence at Martz Field balancing on soccer balls for a better view. Through the links, a small voice’s “What’s up, Tyler?” is promptly returned with a wave from Tyler Adams.

The U.S. men’s national soccer team captain shared much more on July 8 as he hosted a soccer clinic at Wappinger’s Martz Field. For decades, it has been the town’s summer backdrop. Here, Adams once traversed cones and dreamed of a soccer career at every chop and turn. Now known as the “Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch,” the field will undergo a full refurbishment with no cost to the town or its players, from Scotts Lawn Service and Every Kid Sports.

The heat hardly simmered the excitement, as little ones with backpacks larger than their bodies stretched their hands to give Adams a high five, or a notebook to sign, before warming up. Smiles etched on small faces, parents beamed, and whistles blew, signifying a rise of hope. It’s all about the hope that any child could one day find themselves in Adams’ position.

Here, children from the broader community, Town of Wappinger Recreation Summer Camp, and Wappinger United Soccer Club, saw where a dream could begin under their own two feet. On the same field where Adams learned his craft, the place he’ll always return to, such a connection was forged for 220 young athletes.

“I hope that more young players continue to get involved in the sport of soccer, and that I can serve as a role model for any kid who dreams of playing professionally,” said Adams. “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

In growing soccer stateside ahead of hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Adams advocates for natural green surfaces for athletic spaces, which promotes performance and lessens the chance of injury compared to artificial turf. That’s the Scotts “Keep It Real” sports mission, according to Lance Melnichenko, director of Next Gen Lawnsapes. Every field that the lawncare giant refurbishes is done with real handiwork. A commitment to real grass beneath bare feet and cleats is a commitment to safety and performance, especially in an underserved community.

When kids play on real green surfaces, especially in underserved communities, it can improve performance and avoid injuries - an opportunity to fall in love with a game, to breathe open air.

Soccer is known globally for being an accessible sport, with just two ingredients - a ball and some green grass, said Melnichenko. For Tyler Adams, both began in the Town of Wappinger and continue today. “When we were trying to figure out how to bring that knowledge of the partnership, we thought of somebody like Tyler,” Melnichenko added.

Adams still signs soccer balls and jerseys

for kids who hardly measure up to his waist, even in cleats. He visits with family, embraces old friends, and shouts out the contributions of everyone who got him on this journey that saw him go from New York Red Bulls, to AFC Leeds and Bournemouth, and back to the USA’s international stage. He carries those values with each stride on a soccer pitch. “I’m grateful to have grown up with so much support from my family and the wider community,” said Adams. “It’s really inspired me to try to give back as much as I can so that other young athletes can have a similar experience.”

Adams also received autographs from those athletes in attendance. In line with soccer tradition, Every Kid Sports provided a pair jerseys for every young athlete to sign for Adams. The exchange is only the surface of what the national nonprofit does for young, hopeful athletes.

For 15 years, Every Kid Sports has been entirely supported by donations in its mission to provide access to sports at no charge to families. It connects youth with sports that best fit their towns and communities, from lifesaving swim lessons to outdoor soccer clinics, said Eleana Fanaika, executive director of Every Kid Sports. Over 8,000 children have been allowed to participate this year in forty different sports across the country, all funded by donations.

In Wappinger, 220 smiles were made through donations, as Every Kid Sports runs entirely on donations. Instead of “Maybe next year,” parents can say “yes” - yes to being outside, and to a day spent together. Without financial obstacles, children can find an outlet - a means of connection, not just with giants like Tyler Adams, but their peers, their communities.

There is no declaration or difficult conversation to apply a child for Every Kid Sports, just a discreet online application. The application is open for the next few weeks, said Fanaika, at everykidsports.org.

Like many Wappinger locals, Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini has known Adams’ talent and character since the early days. Those days began at Wappinger United Soccer Club and are remembered by Ketcham High School administrators, past and present. But not once has Adams forgotten Wappinger. Not when the Premier League took him in for AFC Bournemouth, or when he willed USMNT to its third straight CONCACAF Nations League title in 2024. “From the time we were growing up to now, he has maintained his hometown roots,” said Cavaccini. “It’s something that we as a town are very grateful to him for, his contributions that are often very under the radar in this community.”

The Tyler Adams Pitch will be renovated in September, as campers return to their school desks to count hours until practice. It will be resodded, revamped and readied for play. Every Kid Sports will continue its commitment to any sea-



Professional soccer player Tyler Adams encourages a youngster during a clinic at Martz Field, now known as the “Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch.”

-Photo by David McIntyre

son and sports for all.

If one team can grow from Martz Field, and another, and another, parents won’t need to travel out of their county, or trav-

el states away, to get their child on the pitch, said Fanaika. “When people know that our program is available, then we can help expand more kids into the sports.”

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BY TERRENCE MCNALLY

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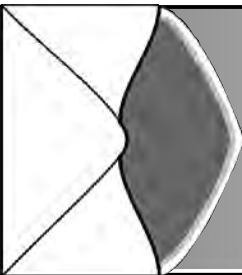
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Hochul issues letter to Dept. of Homeland Security regarding grant program funding

Editor’s note: The following is a letter issued by Gov. Kathy Hochul urging the Department of Homeland Security to make funding available to state and local governments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) as has been done every year since 2002.

To Secretary Noem:

As Governor, my chief responsibility is ensuring the safety and security of New York State and all its residents. Not only does New York face the nation’s most diverse threat landscape, but with numerous economic, governmental, and recreational assets, it remains the nation’s top target for terrorism. In recent months, that threat has only grown given the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, making it essential that the federal government, specifically, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), ensure the availability of critical homeland security funding to states and local governments.

I am deeply troubled that DHS has yet to make funding available to states and local governments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) as it has every year since 2002.

On June 22, 2025, DHS issued a bulletin through the National Terrorism Advisory System notifying Americans of the heightened threat environment our nation faces due to our recent involvement in the ongoing conflict between the nations of Israel and Iran. As noted in the bulletin:

“....Low-level cyber attacks against US networks by pro-Iranian hacktivists are likely, and cyber actors affiliated with the Iranian government may conduct attacks against US networks. Iran also has a long-standing commitment to target US Government officials it views as responsible for the death of an Iranian military commander killed in January 2020. The likelihood of violent extremists in the Homeland independently mobilizing to violence in response to the conflict would likely increase if Iranian leadership issued a religious ruling calling for retaliatory violence against targets in the Homeland. Multiple recent Homeland terrorist attacks have been motivated by anti-Semitic or anti-Israel sentiment, and the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict could contribute to US-based individuals plotting additional attacks.”

As home to the country’s largest economic center, and the largest Jewish community outside of Israel, these threats put New York communities at a greater risk than perhaps any-

where else in the nation. Thankfully, since your agency’s inception, New York and DHS have maintained a strong partnership to counter these threats. This partnership has been essential to ensure that the State and local governments and their public safety agencies have the funding and resources needed to prepare for, mitigate, prevent and withstand terrorist threats and targeted violence.

One core component of this partnership has been DHS’ Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). In 2024, New York received \$219.9 million in HSGP funding, \$156.1 million of which was allocated through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for jurisdictions in the New York City Metro Area, principally the New York Police Department. In 2023, New York received \$244.7 million with \$173.9 million allocated through UASI.

HSGP provides states, local jurisdictions and their law enforcement, public safety, homeland security and emergency management officials with critical resources to further their preparedness and response capabilities. Without these resources, the heroic men and women who continuously put their lives on the line to protect their fellow Americans are unable to access state of the art training, the latest advancements in equipment and the ability to seamlessly share and analyze intelligence with each other - all essential components of counterterrorism efforts.

Furthermore, HSGP funding is vital to securing and maintaining critical infrastructure assets (transportation hubs, power grids, water systems, communication networks) which are top targets of nefarious actors, as well as to assist local law enforcement with border security via Operation Stonegarden. Through Operation Stonegarden, jurisdictions along international borders receive direct funding to not only enhance cooperation and coordination between federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies, but to support joint operations. As a state with a 445-mile international border, security of this boundary is of the utmost importance to me. To that end, I have secured \$8 million in state funds, as well as dedicated State Police and other public safety resources to support this federal mission.

Any further delays in the availability of HSGP will degrade the capabilities of our nation to prevent terrorism and make us less safe at a time when the variety and severity of security threats continue to grow.

I urge you to release the FY2025 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity immediately and help ensure our nation remains ready and able to defend ourselves against anyone seeking to threaten our way of life.

Kathy Hochul
Governor of NY

MTA turning its back on the taxpayers ‘who keep the system afloat’

The following is a letter by NYS Assemblyman Anil Beephan Jr. to Gov. Kathy Hochul regarding the Newburgh-Beacon ferry.

To Governor Hochul:

The MTA’s decision to shut down the Newburgh-Beacon ferry is another slap in the face to Hudson Valley residents – and I’m calling it out for what it is: disgraceful, short-sighted, and just the latest example of the MTA turning its back on the very taxpayers who keep the system afloat.

Let’s not pretend this is about ridership or cost. This is about priprities. First, Hudson Valley commuters were hit with the disaster that is congestion pricing – now we’re losing a vital transportation link with zero public input. The MTA is stopping services while increasing costs, and we’re supposed to just take it?

Enough. I urge your office to halt this ferry shutdown immediately and demand a full public review. The MTA must stop treating the Hudson Valley like an ATM for New York City adn start delivering real value to the communities it claims to serve.

Hudson Valley residents are fed up – and rightly so,

Anil Beephan Jr.
NYS Assemblyman – District 105

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The contract states there will be written evaluation criteria, including the evaluation instrument to be used and not less than 3 or more than 5 annual goals, shall be established by September 1 of each year.

The Board will also meet with the Superintendent no later than January 31 of each year for the purpose of discussing how the Superintendent is progressing towards the attainment of his annual goals, it is stated.

Such written evaluation report shall contain an overall summative assessment of “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.”

The Board agrees to notify the Superintendent, in writing, by June 30, 2026, and each June 30 thereafter, whether it intends to renew the appointment and employment of the Superintendent for an additional year or years.

The Superintendent agrees that prior to terminating employment with the District,

he shall give the District at least ninety (90) days’ written notice, it was noted.

“Throughout the term of this contract, the Superintendent shall be subject to discharge for good and just cause, as provided for in the Education Law of the State of New York, provided that the Board of Education does not arbitrarily or capriciously call for his dismissal and pursuant to the following provisions,” the document stated.

Heuer commented, “I feel very good to approve Dr. Landahl’s contract for another year. We are not so far from the days of watching the superintendent role being filled every year and the stability of keeping the same superintendent is really important for the BCSD - not to mention that I think Dr. Landahl is doing a great job as superintendent!”

The contract also describes the duties of the superintendent.

Victoria Jackson was sworn in as Clerk of the Board.

Hydrant flushing in Wappinger

Residents of the United Wappinger Water District, Toll Brothers, Regency of Wappingers in the Town of Wappinger are being advised to limit water use.

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VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Women veterans can access a variety of healthcare services in county



If you close your eyes and think of the word “veteran,” what comes to mind? Who do you envision as a veteran? Was she in a pilot in the cockpit of a fighter jet? Did she enlist after 9/11 and serve in Iraq or Afghanistan? Was your image of “veteran” even a woman?

Each year, the percentage of women serving our nation in the military has steadily increased. As of 2020, for example, nearly 75,000 women served in active duty in the United States Army, including nearly 17,000 officers.

Many female veterans, however, don’t consider themselves veterans if they didn’t serve in a combat zone; and our society hasn’t always done a great job of recognizing and honoring their service. Let me be clear: The sacrifice that every veteran has made – be they male or female – should be equally respected and appreciated. Just like the men they served alongside, these brave, heroic female veterans deserve the same high-quality care when they return home; and they are fortunate to have a vital healthcare resource right here in Dutchess County.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made marked progress in the area of women’s healthcare in recent years, including at its local sites here in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Over the past years, the VA has been ded-

icated to delivering top-quality health care that is personalized, thorough and tailored to meet the unique needs of each veteran. The VA has also been working to improve women’s healthcare programs nationwide, and we’re lucky to see that commitment firsthand right here in the Hudson Valley.

I recently reached out to our partners at the VA and asked them for an overview of some of the services that female veterans can expect from the Women Veterans Health Program at VA Hudson Valley, and they offered the following extensive list:

- Dedicated Women’s Health primary care clinics;
- Providers are available at all nine VA Hudson Valley locations;
- Gynecological care, including birth control options, pre-pregnancy counseling, menopause support, pelvic pain treatment, reproductive health guidance and surgical services;
- Mammography and breast MRI services provided through community-based care, supported by a dedicated breast cancer navigator;
- Whole health and wellness programs, including smoking cessation, yoga and weight management;
- A range of medical and specialty services, such as rheumatology, cardiology, dermatology, optometry and more;

Coordinated care and customized health planning tailored to the veteran’s individual goals, values and needs;

Mental health treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma, depression, anxiety and substance abuse;

- Pharmacy services;
- Support from a Maternity Coordinator, along with infertility care services;
- Chiropractic care and pain management services;
- Support services for food and housing insecurity; and
- Care and services provided in collaboration with the VA’s community medical partners.

If you’re a female veteran, I hope this extensive menu of healthcare options is one you’ll explore, should the need for care arise. Please don’t let outdated misconceptions about what the VA offers (or doesn’t offer) keep you from receiving the vital care you deserve and that you’ve earned through your service. The VA has made great strides in recent years to make its facilities more accessible and welcoming to the female veterans it serves every day, and I hope you’ll see that thoughtful care firsthand.

Do you have a female veteran in your life – a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend? These are all the

faces of the female veteran, and these are the all women who could benefit from the VA’s extensive medical offerings, if they served our nation. Please share this column with them and let them know about the comprehensive medical services that they deserve and that are available to them locally through the VA.

In addition to its local medical centers at Castle Point and Montrose, the VA has an administrative office next to our own Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs office at the Veterans One Stop in Pleasant Valley; that office is staffed the last Thursday of every month. You can also always walk into our Veterans Affairs office here at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley, and we’d be happy to introduce you to the VA’s helpful staff right next door.

My hope is you never need any of the many medical services that the VA offers, that you’re blessed with continued good health; but if you do, please know you have compassionate, caring medical professionals who will treat you with the dignity and respect you deserve.

If you have any questions or need more information about medical services or any program available to local veterans, please don’t hesitate to call me or my Veterans Affairs staff at 845-486-2060 or stop by our office. We’re always here to listen and help.

BluePath Service Dogs celebrate June grads

BluePath Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization that provides autism service dogs, celebrates the placement of three new service dog teams – two in Dutchess County - offering newfound hope and freedom to children with autism and their families.

“Graduation day is one of our most meaningful milestones,” said BluePath Chief Executive Officer Michelle Brier. “Today, we proudly send three more service dogs into the world to support families in living safer, fuller lives. We also recognize the dedicated volunteers and supporters whose collective efforts make this possible. It’s a powerful testament to what can be achieved when a community unites around a shared purpose.”

The demand for BluePath dogs is greater than ever before; one in every 31 children born today will develop an autism spectrum disorder (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). The propensity to wander or bolt is a hallmark behavior of autism and poses a significant threat to the well-being of children affected. Even the most routine trips outside the home can quickly transform into life-threatening experiences. To avoid disruption and risk, children and their families often retreat into the safer environments of their homes and experience significant social isolation as a result.

Leanne Martorello, from Wappingers Falls, received BluePath Beanz for her seven-year-old son, Greyson.

“Greyson was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2. Since then, our journey has been full of love, but it’s also come with challenges,” said Martorello. “One of the hardest things has been eloping — when Greyson suddenly runs off with no warning. BeanZ will give us peace of mind that just means everything.”

Service dogs are the only effective intervention to elopement in children with autism. BluePath is committed to serving children with autism and their families by providing high quality service dogs that offer safety,



BluePath Service Dogs June 2025 graduates, from left, Beanz, Hannah, and Hope.

-Courtesy photo BluePath

companionship, and independence – free of charge.

Carlos Scuderi and Viviana Chiappetta, from Poughkeepsie, received BluePath Hope for their eight-year-old son, Nico.

“We’ve often avoided public outings due to the risk of Nico eloping or wandering,” shared Scuderi. “BluePath dogs give families like ours a chance to breathe a little easier. To dream a little bigger. To feel a little less alone. We are so thankful for this gift.”

Shera Dressman received BluePath Hannah for their nine-year-old daughter, Sidney.

“BluePath helped raise the possibility of a full, supported, joyful life for our child,” said Dressman. “Hannah will forever change our daughter’s world.”

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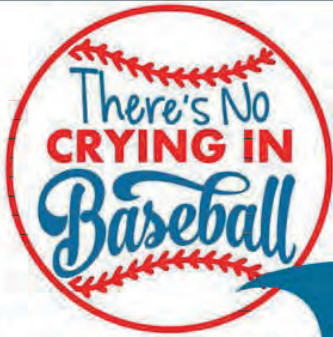


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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Surging Renegades have 10 wins in last 12 games

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades are shining brighter than Junebugs this month, capturing a season-high six game win streak from July 6-11. After doubling his season home run total to eight in just two games, Jace Avina proved worthy of a promotion to AA-Somerset. Avina joins the Patriots staff along with South Atlantic League (SAL) strikeout leader Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz and Duncan Pastore. After dropping a single game to the Asheville Tourists, Hudson Valley enters the All-Star Break with 10 wins in its last 12 games. Renegades showed grit and determination, coming from behind thrice to prove victorious.

So Long - On June 8, all seven runs came via the long ball in a true embodiment of the Bronx Bombers. Jace Avina put the team on the board with a solo shot, then put them ahead with a three-run shot. After Sebastian Keane secured four straight outs in relief, the Renegades were still chasing the lead. With two on, two out in the bottom of the eighth, cue Josh Moylan. A much-needed three-run bomb to left center proved to be a timely game winner. Keane further put away all three Tourists in the ninth to earn his fifth win of the

season. And Alex Vargas continued his hitting streak. Nobody was more excited than James Cooper, who, upon Vargas reaching first, nearly threw his shortstop into the outfield with a celebratory thumping on the chest.

Deja Vu - Continuing his hot hitting and the Renegades' recent tear, Avina launched two more home runs that proved the difference maker, in a 4-1 win on July 10. Kyle Carr continued his month of dominance, allowing zero earned runs while striking out six in as many innings. Josh Moylan's seventh inning triple set up Anthony Hall for an RBI single and the insurance run.

Rehabber Michael Arias held it down over two hitless innings before Tony Rossi shut down the Tourists in another scoreless outing. Each team had just five hits, but the Renegades came up big when it mattered. Avina's solo equalizer erased a Tourists lead. He came up big again as Asheville threatened to score on a sac fly, throwing out Chase Jaworsky in a bang-bang play completed by Tomas Frick. In the fifth inning, it was Avina again, hitting his eighth homer of the season, after leaving Brooklyn with four last Sunday.



Slugging Jace Avina has eight homers so far this season, but will be moving up to Double A Somerset.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

A perfect night... — On July 11, Griffin Herring (3-1, 2.21 ERA) fanned nine batters while giving up six hits, two walks, and a pair of earned runs. Hudson

Valley scored six runs in the first three innings. Asheville, bases loaded in the sixth, threatened to close the gap and scored on Herring's wild pitch. The lone run proved to be the Tourists' second and last, as Hueston Morrill and Bryce Warrecker each contributed a hitless frame in relief of Herring. Jackson Castillo capped off a 4-4 night with a solo shot in the seventh to stretch the Renegades' lead to 7-2.

...And another —In a Saturday night comeback, Tomas Frick walked it off on the second pitch he saw. Launching a breaking ball straight to the left field fence, the catcher called game. Matt Keating, Chris Kean, and Geoff Gilbert held it down on the backend, allowing just three hits after Josh Grosz went 5.0 innings.

The Renegades earned this break. After a stretch of consistent .500 baseball, they found the very momentum that was needed to make a second-half surge. Now just one game behind Greensboro for the SAL North's top spot in the second half, Hudson Valley will return from the break with three games on the Jersey Shore.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	15	6	.714	-	7-3	W3
Hudson Valley NYY	14	7	.667	1.0	8-2	W1
Brooklyn NYM *	11	10	.524	4.0	4-6	L1
Wilmington WSH	10	11	.476	5.0	6-4	W1
Aberdeen BAL	9	12	.429	6.0	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	8	13	.381	7.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	13	8	.619	-	8-2	W1
Bowling Green TB *	11	10	.524	2.0	5-5	L3
Greenville BOS	9	10	.474	3.0	4-6	L1
Asheville HOU	9	12	.429	4.0	4-6	L1
Rome ATL	8	12	.400	4.5	3-7	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	7	13	.350	5.5	3-7	W1



Home Schedule

July			
07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday
August			
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/08/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night Presented By Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday
08/09/25	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Veterans Night HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/10/25	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	Halloween In August Kids Eat Free Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets





Renegades Extra!



High heat in the bullpen!

Reliever Tony Rossi proves versatility with Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Pitcher Tony Rossi rose to Hudson Valley Renegades fame with a string of 15 scoreless outings, a consistent contributor to the team’s league-lowest earned run average. Ahead of last week’s series against the Asheville Tourists, North Carolina native Rossi has turned heads as a reliable, strike-throwing reliever since joining the roster in late April.

One of few professional ballplayers experienced at three different collegiate levels, Rossi’s arsenal makes him a key component of the bullpen, whether a situation calls for a save or a one pitch, one out solution.

Since his call up to Hudson Valley in late April, Rossi leads the team in saves (4) and has quickly become a stalwart reliever.

On July 9, Rossi was tagged for the save with the Renegades ahead of the Asheville Tourists by three runs. Nine of 11 pitches were strikes, clocking a 97 mph heater on his way to the fourth save of his Renegades career. As a State College of Florida freshman, his heater sat around 88, developing to a nasty pitch through his redshirt senior year at the University of Charlotte. As he continues striking points off his ERA, which is down to 1.31, Rossi is one of the stars of the Renegades stacked bullpen. At the time of this writing, he has yet to allow a home run in his professional career.

Known at the University of Charlotte for that same reliability, he was the most-used arm in the bullpen in 2022. At University of West Florida, Rossi was a three-time Freshman of the Week, and earned all-conference honors as the best freshman arm in the Division-II Gulf

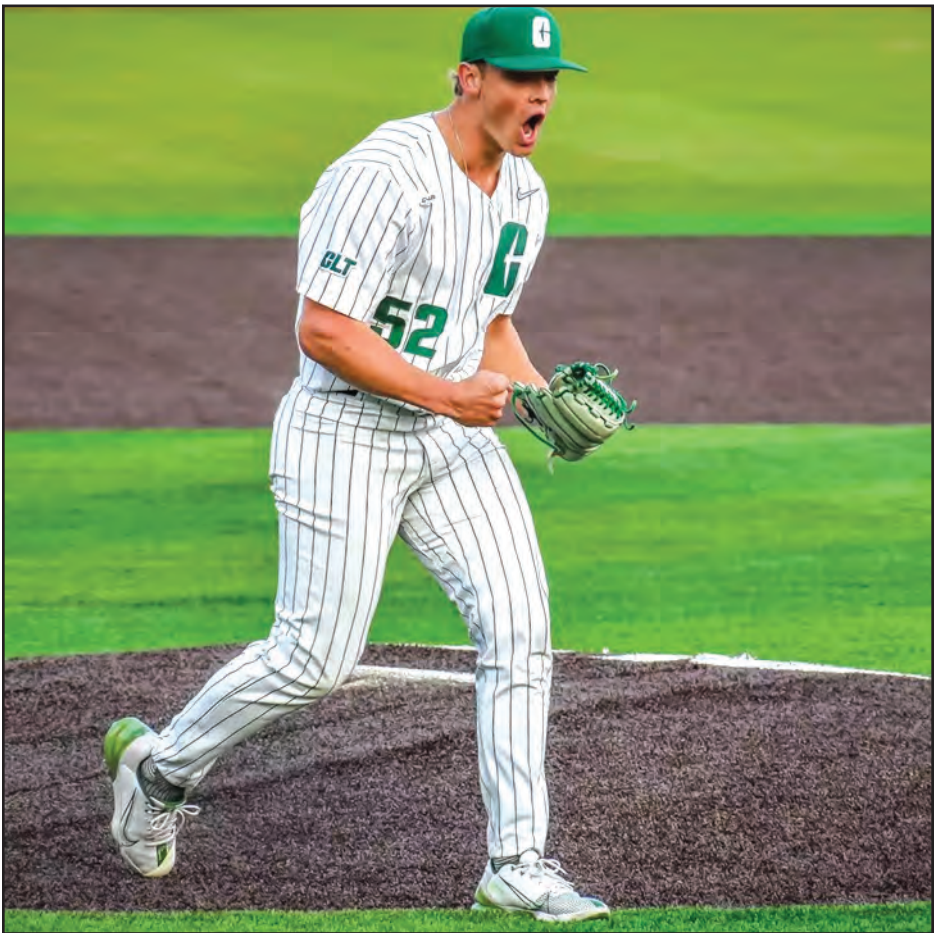
South Conference. He then transferred to State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and had a remarkable sophomore year. In seven relief appearances in the COVID-shortened 2020 season, Rossi notched a 2-0 record and a 1.80 earned run average (ERA).

After sitting out the 2023 season as he recovered from an off-season Tommy John surgery, Rossi had a breakout junior campaign at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

And boy, did the Florida boy love pitching in North Carolina. He prevailed in his Charlotte debut with a win, and was the most-used arm in the bullpen in his first season, from debuting with a win to appearing in the CUSA elimination game. With 68 strikeouts over 44.0 innings, Rossi contributed a 13.91 strikeouts per nine innings. He was also the recipient of the Hugh McEniry Award as the university’s standout male student-athlete in 2024.

While the 49ers celebrated a Conference USA title, Rossi was rehabbing, leading the dugout, and holding his teammates to the Charlotte standard. The following season, Rossi bounced back for 2024, in a big way. Ranked the No. 12 relief pitcher in the nation by D1baseball.com, the righthander’s six saves led the 49er bullpen, and he got a win in his return from the injury. He was also named 49th on the publication’s preseason list of Top 50 relievers. Rossi was effective at both ends of nine innings, with six saves to lead the bullpen, and a few starts on his way to winning four games.

Rossi became the seventh Charlotte alum to sign with the Yankees, joining as an undrafted free agent in 2024. Some New York fans think Tony should be



Relief pitcher Tony Rossi starred for the University of Charlotte prior to moving up with the Hudson Valley Renegades this season.

-Courtesy photo

packing for the AA-Somerset Patriots. While Renegades faithful know time with their favorite hurlers is often fleeting, the Renegades will be happy to have a little southern comfort in the bullpen to close the season.

Ex-Renegade Schlittler shines in MLB debut

Continued from cover

And the final out of his debut, as Raleigh couldn’t figure out the four-seam fastball.

In the sixth, Raleigh took a two-strike chance on Schlittler’s offering, but still couldn’t beat the heat. Seven strikeouts for Schlittler, backed by a thunderous ovation as manager Aaron Boone called the bullpen.

“You’re just trying to go out there and do your job and put the team in a position to win. So I was happy to do that and then kind of just be able to relax a little bit after that,” Schlittler told YES Network on the July 10 pre-game show.

Raleigh, a first-time All-Star this season, was held hitless by Schlittler, as was the case many times to begin his

career. But the switch-hitting Raleigh is having a breakout season after a top-10 finish in the A.L. home run race in 2024. He won his first career Gold Glove, as well as the A.L. Platinum Glove, awarded to the league’s best defender. Just 28 years old, Raleigh debuted in 2021, and played for a week without his first big league hit. And though he grew up in North Carolina, Raleigh rooted for the Red Sox, as Cam Schlittler and his neighbors did in East Walpole, MA.

Before beginning his pro days in Hudson Valley, Schlittler stayed in Boston to play collegiately at Northeastern University.

Schlittler shot up the Yankees’ farm system since being drafted in 2022, spending a month in the rookie league and at Single-A Tampa before landing

with the Renegades at the close of 2023. He spent nearly all of 2024 with Hudson Valley, amassing 108 strikeouts to lead the team. Ahead of the season, MLB Pipeline projected Schlittler as the Yankees’ No. 14 prospect, and he found success in his first month in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. In his first four starts, Schlittler held opponents to a .162 batting average.

The Yankees gave Schlittler a lead after his 12-pitch first inning, which ballooned to 6-2 by the end of his evening. In 5.1 innings, he allowed three runs, preserving the lead and his first career win. Four hits, including two home runs.

Anxious smiles and joyful tears mixed within the Schlittler crowd, who trekked to the Bronx from New England

to take in the debut. Some held homemade signs while others had arms outstretched in celebration, hardly able to stay seated. Others held each other, as parents John and Christine shared many embraces. John sometimes paused to adjust his Hudson Valley Renegades cap, take a few breaths, as tears of joy threatened to escape through one, two, then five solid innings.

While Schlittler doesn’t have a sure shot in the Yanks’ rotation, at least one more start after the All-Star Break is likely. “It’s about getting ready for the next one, it’s not about nailing anything down,” said manager Aaron Boone to NY Post reporters. “He had a great debut [Wednesday]. We think he’s got a chance to be a really good pitcher.”

get growing!

by mark adams



Graminoids

Native grasses provide wildlife habitat and year-round interest.

Duncan and Julia Brine are, according to me, the top landscape designers in the Hudson Valley. They work from their six-acre garden, called Garden Large, in Pawling, designing, contracting and supervising the installation of private gardens throughout New York, Connecticut and beyond. I first met Duncan at a garden writing seminar at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), where he excelled, and I, obviously, almost flunked out. Duncan went on to write a slew of popular gardening books and now teaches at NYBG.

Last Wednesday, Sue and I stopped by to visit Duncan and Julia, sipping Kambucha “Trilogy Blend” on their porch while Duncan regaled us with tales about his adventures, and his family – sons Kyle, the philosophy major who became a biologist, and Alden, a concert pianist looking for a paying gig. But Sue and I were there to talk about native grasses – “Graminoids,” according to Kyle, the biologist. I’ve had a passion for graminoids ever since a stand of gorgeous Indiangrass populated my front yard meadow, creating a golden autumn pasture.

Duncan and Julia have been specializing in native shrubs and perennials since 1984 – “naturalistic gardening,” they call it. Duncan pointed out the essential attributes of native grasses in the naturalistic landscape. Grass animates the landscape, stirring in the breeze. Grasses provide

habitat for birds and insects. Native meadowlarks and bobolinks build their nests in the ground, hidden by the grass. Red-winged blackbirds nest a few feet up in tall grass. And grass can provide fall color and year-round interest, as their seed heads persist though the winter.

The Brine Garden plant list features 160 varieties of perennials and shrubs, including 15 graminoids, many native to Dutchess County:

- **Little Bluestem** – one of several native grasses, along with switchgrass and indiangrass, that make up the bulk of America’s prairies. In the landscape, little bluestem forms a low clump of blue green foliage with tall golden seed heads in September. It is the primary food source for caterpillars of the tiny skipper butterflies. The Brines are sowing little blue stem as the primary grass in their latest installation.

- **Switch Grass** – this native is so lush and fast growing that it was touted as a possible fuel when oil prices were peaking in the 1970s. In the landscape, switchgrass can grow to eight feet, topped by a golden panicle. A good choice for rocky or poor soils, especially during dry weather. It is a host plant for the pink streak moth and the skipper butterflies.

- **Common Rush (Juncus)** – native to wet areas in the Hudson Valley, used in



Above: Duncan and Julia Brine with Bottle Brush Grass.
Right: Native grass in Mark & Sue’s meadow.



-Photos by Mark Adams

the landscape for rain gardens, water gardens, or a “thriller” in combination container plantings. Corkscrew rush, with its, yes, corkscrew shaped foliage, is even grown as a houseplant.

- **Tufted Hair Grass** – this Hudson Valley native forms a cloud of seed heads for a unique garden accent.

- **Northern Sea Oats** – Duncan calls this one “charismatic,” with seed heads that resemble grain oats. In fact, the seeds of sea oats can be ground into flour, if you’re desperate. In the landscape, sea oats is not too tall, reseeds heavily, and is a terrific garden accent.

- **Miscanthus** – Duncan and Julia are not fanatical about using only natives in the landscape, if something else fits.

Miscanthus can be invasive, but some varieties, like Giant Chinese Silver Grass, are sterile. These huge grasses are sometimes used in stand alone situations, where a strong accent is called for.

- **Bottle Brush Grass** – one of the few natives that thrives in shade and blooms in the spring. If you want to visit Garden Large, October 18 and 19, 1 – 5 pm, is listed in the Open Days directory of the Garden Conservancy. Julia assures me that Alden Brine will be performing classical piano tunes during the open house. And the graminoids should be in peak color.

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

Beacon Elks host luncheon for veterans, families



Members of the Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 hosted their monthly Veterans Luncheon with 47 Veterans and loved ones attending. The lunches are made available through the use of the Elks Grand Lodge National Foundation Freedom Grant and the volunteers of the Elks Lodge. The guest speaker was NYS Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson.

-Courtesy photo Beacon Elks

Elks announce soccer event winners



The Elks District Soccer Shoot was held on Saturday, June 28. The winners from the Brewster Soccer Shoot competed against the winners from Beacon. The first-place finishers now compete in the Regional Shoot in September and the victors of that competition will advance to the State competition upstate. The winners then move on to the Elks National Soccer Shoot, which will be held in New Hampshire.

Pictured, Front row, from left: Trevor Conway, Gunner Radamski, Savannah Claro

Back row: Peter Priolo (Brewster Elks District Soccer Chairperson), Jack Sutor, Ariana Romero, Owen Dinkler, Alyssa Morris, Autumn Arroyo, Peyton Pawlak, Davis Vigeant, Maureen Harvey (Beacon Elks Soccer Chairperson).

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I've been writing this column for long enough that, admittedly, it's sometimes difficult to come up with ideas. My hope is that I can entertain and inspire you, but I know that not every article is a winner. There have been many times I've shared pieces of my life with you (perhaps too much), but that's because life is its own inspiration; and, besides, I like writing in a way that reflects how I feel as I do it, which is to say as if you and I are sitting down together with a cup of tea or maybe a cocktail as I relate whatever it is I feel inclined to share.

For this "sit-down" I am not quite myself, for which I apologize. It has been a difficult week, and it won't be the first time I've told you my heart is heavy. Food is one of my passions, but another is the animals that grace my life and feed my soul. Earlier this week we said good-bye to our beautiful cat, Phoebe, who was with us for seventeen years and was beloved by family and neighbors alike. She was an ambassador of sorts, having made her way into the hearts of many. She was a sweet, petite bad a**, not to put too fine a point on it. She ruled the streets and the garden but always came in at night to sleep on my bed, could climb the tallest tree in seconds, snuggle in your lap and warm your heart. She once brought a bat into the house, which we were able to rescue and release, and the songbirds constantly scolded her. She was what my neighbors and I refer to as a gateway cat, paving the way and convincing them to adopt cats of their own. Many a night she would grace each of us by making the rounds, sitting on our laps as we sat outside talking by the fire. Even the most stoic men, once adamant that they'd never have a cat, succumbed to her charms and enjoyed her company.

I first met Phoebe at a Halloween haunted trail hosted by the Dutchess

County and City of Poughkeepsie at odds on YOU project, Oakley Street shelter

Following Dutchess County's decision to place the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) on hold, the City of Poughkeepsie invited County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair to deliver the findings of his report on the YOU at the City's Common Council meeting on July 1.

This follows the Dutchess County administration's April 2024 decision to place the (YOU) project on hold and redirect millions in (American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. At the same time, the county recently chose to move forward with plans for a centralized homeless shelter on Oakley Street in the City of Poughkeepsie's 5th Ward. The county comptroller gave an overview of the fiscal impact of these decisions on the City of Poughkeepsie and the county's obligations under existing contracts.

On April 4, 2024, the YOU project—originally envisioned as a transformative youth and community center—was officially put “on hold” by the incoming administration of County Executive Sue Serino.

Just three months later, on July 19, 2024, the Dutchess County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 2024142, reallocating \$4,009,585 in unspent federal ARPA funding away from the YOU to general education initiatives. Currently, no further County appropriations have been made to support the completion of the YOU.

Said Mayor Yvonne Flowers, “The decision to prioritize a homeless shelter on Oakley Street, while leaving the Youth Opportunity Union project in limbo, sends the wrong message to our community. The YOU project represented an investment in our youth and the future of the City of Poughkeepsie. We are deeply concerned about the long-term impact of the county’s failure to meet its contractual obligations, especially since these

County SPCA. Even though it was an evening attraction, the shelter remained open and, of course, I had to go in. My nephew accompanied me as we visited each cat. Even though I had recently lost one of my own, I wasn't necessarily ready to adopt another. Until I came to Phoebe. Her information card had her listed as Squish and she was a scrawny little thing, not yet a year old. Even though she was sneezy and clearly not 100%, she still made her way to the front of her pen to say hello with a tiny little mew, which she never outgrew. That's all it took.

I made known my interest in bringing her home. The adoption process had to wait until she was well enough to be spayed, so I visited her every day. On one such visit, about a week later, I was frightened when I saw her spot empty. Fearing the worst, I asked if she was OK. To my delight and relief, they said she had been moved to post-surgery recovery and I could take her home the next day! We brought her home and she immediately fit right in with our dog, Colette, and other cat, Finn, both rescues themselves. It was a happy little family.

There have been many animals in my house. Most have been older or compromised in some way, sadly the ones most people would overlook. That said, many of them weren't with us for long, coming to us to live out their lives in comfort and with love. Phoebe outlasted them all, and each one loved her immensely. All of my dogs took a special liking to her, nuzzling and cuddling her, sharing their beds and practically smothering her with affection. She was there for our dogs – Colette, Trixie and Sadie – and all the cats – Finn, Jack, Bix, Bart, Sampson and Luba, all of which I have written about in tribute. My current dogs, Ellie Mae and Pip, are missing her as much as I am as we grieve together, feeling her absence profoundly.

commitments were made in response to the jail expansion in the City of Poughkeepsie. Nevertheless, the City is committed to continuing to advocate for the residents of our City and we will continue to work with the county to fulfill its commitment.”

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt commented, “When this project was proposed to us, the County Legislature committed to allocate up to \$25 million towards its completion, which was to be matched by private fundraising efforts. This included \$10 million immediately allocated for demolition and remediation of the old, asbestos ridden building that sat on the site, in addition to design work to draw up project blueprints. The original project stalled when private fundraising did not come close to meeting the initial expectations that was promised to the Legislature. We remain committed to this project and we have been engaging with the new administration on finding the best path forward to ensure its success. At the same time, Dutchess County continues to invest in our youth through many avenues, including the recently awarded YOU Drop-In grants that awarded \$250,000 to community based, non-profits that serve youth in our community, more than half of which were directed to organizations within the City of Poughkeepsie.”

As the county pushes forward plans for a centralized homeless shelter on Oakley Street, the City of Poughkeepsie is raising concerns about the failure to meet benchmarked obligations outlined in the Contract of Sale for the YOU site. The comptroller's address called attention to what these broken financial and legal commitments mean for the City of Poughkeepsie and its residents

by vicki frank day

Phoebe

A tribute to a special feline companion



*Phoebe in her element - outdoors -
visiting a fairy house.*

-Photos by Vicki Frank Day

and looking for her in her usual spots around the house, something I know we'll do for a long time to come.

But the grief that breaks your heart doesn't last forever, especially when the loss is as special as Phoebe. I will miss her and think of her for the rest of my days, but the heartache will be softened by the many happy memories and the lasting joy she brought into our lives. My neighbors are away on vacation, and I

have decided not to tell them the sad news until they return home. When I do tell them, we will have a party in her honor, hopefully sitting around the fire in the backyard, sharing stories and remembering her with love. She was a gift to us all.

For those of us who believe life is not complete without animals to share it with, we know only too well our time together can be fleeting. It is a lesson in humility and love to adopt an animal, especially those with a past. To welcome them into our homes and hearts is a beautiful thing, and I will continue to do so for as long as I am able to give them the care and dignity they so deserve. I've heard people say it's a noble thing to give them a home, that in rescuing them it honors their precious lives. That may well be true, but I know, thanks to Phoebe and all those before her, that I'm the one who was rescued by them and honored that they chose me.

I am forever changed because a scrawny little kitten stole my heart and became a regal beauty that touched us deeply and made us better human beings for having known her. Thank you, Phoebe, for loving me and for feeding my soul. Rest in peace, sweet girl.

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.

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Obituaries

Patricia Claire Barrett



March 3, 1934 – June 14, 2025
San Angelo, TX, formerly Cornwall on Hudson, NY
Patricia Claire Barrett, a former Cornwall on Hudson, NY resident, entered eternal rest on June 14, 2025, in San Angelo, TX. She was 91 years old.
The daughter of the late Joseph Urbanak and Helen (Hempel) Urbanak, Patricia was born on March 3, 1934, in Beacon, NY.
Patricia attended St. Joachims Catholic School through the 8th grade then graduated from Beacon High School. She worked as a secretary at Stewart Air Force Base after graduation. After marriage, Patricia worked for the Red Cross and with the USO at many USAF bases. Later Patricia worked for many years as the Activity Director at Fishkill Health Related Center in Beacon, NY. After retirement, Patricia worked with

the Graymoor Sisters in Garrison, NY, heading up the Senior Day Center where she started her beloved “Hotsey Totsey” senior group which preformed musical skits at Senior Centers and other venues throughout the Hudson Valley.
Patricia was an active member of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church in Cornwall on Hudson, NY. She loved the Hudson Valley which she referred to as her “mountains and river”. She loved the Beach House in Connecticut and the special times shared there with family and friends. She loved being a military spouse and the opportunity to experience different cultures as she traveled the world. Patricia was a gifted painter and poet which she thanked God for every day. She also loved to read and listen to music. Patricia was insightful, caring, giving, empathetic and independent. She loved God, her faith, her family and all the friends she made throughout her lifetime. She will be truly missed.
In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by her children’s father, Frank J. Dyer, her beloved second husband, Frederick W. Barrett III and her brothers Joseph Urbanak Jr. and Richard Urbanak. She is survived by her daughters Sharon Dyer Felts (Bobby Bruner), Nancy Dyer Mangano (Vincent Mangano), and Cyndie Dyer Cody; her brother Robert Urbanak and many Barrett family members; grandchildren Chris (Crystal) Mangano, Philip (Lauren) Mangano, Rosary (Alec) Sattler, Joseph Mangano, Ashley (Matthew) Crumley, William Felts, Travis (Lexi) Felts, Justin Dyer and great grandchildren Barrett, Ryker, Zelda and Bohdi.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19th at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 340 Hudson Street, Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY. Interment will follow the Mass at St. Joachim Cemetery in Beacon, NY.
In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of Patricia’s life the family asks that any contribution be made to a charity of your choice.
Arrangements are entrusted to Quigley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Inc.; to send condolences, please go to www.Quigleybros.com.

Patricia Ann Rossi



Patricia Ann Rossi, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2025 in the ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY; at the age of 88. She was born in Mount Vernon, NY on March 27, 1937, daughter of the late Alfred & Margaret (nee Marcucillo) Guarino. Patricia worked various jobs, the last, she worked as a school aide at James S. Evans Elementary School in the Wappinger Central Schools District; until she retired. She enjoyed watching her shows and old movies; she would also love to cook. Most of all Patricia will be remembered for her memorable laugh and how she could always make everyone feel right at home. Patricia is survived by her four children: Vincent Algiere, Alfred (Janet) Algiere, Michele (Daniel) Murdock and Michael Algiere. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren & three great-

grandchildren. Along with her parents, Patricia is predeceased by her husband, Peter Rossi. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Interment will be private at the discretion of her family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Ana T. Tinsley



Ana T. Tinsley, a resident of Beacon and formerly of Peekskill, entered into rest on July 8, 2025. She was 79 years old.
Ana was born on July 19, 1945, in Palmares, Costa Rica, the daughter of the late Humberto Mora Rodriguez and Lidia Hernandez Ruiz. Before her retirement, she worked as a cook at Sky View Nursing Home. She married David Tinsley, who predeceased her in 2006.
Ana is survived by her longtime companion, Kenneth Pinnock; her brothers, Humberto Mora and Arnaldo Mora; her sisters, Elvis Mora and Flor Mora; her many nieces, nephews and cousins.
Family and friends gathered on Saturday, July 12 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home.
To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Karen L. Carlin



With a heart full of love, purpose, and sunshine, Karen (Belliveau) Brodo Carlin, 57, of Wappingers Falls, NY passed away at Westchester Medical Center on July 1st, 2025. To all that knew her, Karen was a force, she leaves behind a legacy of passion for family, work, and play.
Born in Dayton, Ohio, and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Karen eventually settled with her family in the Hudson Valley area. She was a graduate of Bishop Stang High School, class of 1986, and North Adams State College, where she formed lifelong friendships and built the strong foundation that guided her throughout life.
Karen was married to William Carlin, the love of her life, and was the fiercely loving stepmother of Brianna Carlin. Karen selflessly raised and guided Brianna with a boundless heart.

She was also previously married to Wayne Brodo, with whom she shared many happy memories, including camping trips, cruises, and family celebrations. Karen had specifically wished for this chapter of her life to be acknowledged, and her family honors that with love and respect.
She was the cherished daughter of Donna Belliveau, and the late Marcel Belliveau. She was an extraordinary sister to Kim Arruda, and a proud and devoted aunt to her nephew, Chase.
Karen served as Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations Manager at M&T Bank, where she worked for nearly 20 years. The outpouring of love and respect following her passing has been an overwhelming testament to the profound impact she made. Karen was widely regarded as an innovator, a mentor, and a true leader. No words can fully describe her dedication to her work and to her team. Karen had a gift for lifting people up and helping them see their own potential.
Karen was a fabulous cook who loved creating recipes and feeding the droves, sometimes from her own kitchen or many times from the grill or the sidelines of crew races. She was recently recognized for her years of dedication to the Wappingers Crew Club, where she and Will famously ran the food tent.
Karen threw herself fully into everything she cared about, from family, to work, to every interest her daughter pursued. Her inherited storytelling abilities will be remembered by all that laughed along with her as she lit up talking about family and their (mis)adventures. She made ordinary moments feel like celebrations.
Karen found joy in the sunshine, in beach days, on her deck and during her weekly visits to the local farm. Her summers on Thompson Lake were a sacred tradition, a joyful escape that she carried from her own childhood and passed on to her family and friends with so much pride.
Though she has left this world, Karen's spark will live on in the countless lives she touched, the traditions she created, and the love she gave so freely.
A private celebration of Karen's life will be held at Thompson Lake at a later date.
In Karen's memory donations may be made online to www.agassizvillage.org or by mail to Agassiz Village
9 Vernon St.,
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Agassiz Village on Thompson Lake in Poland, Maine is a youth organization whose mission reflects Karen's love of children and belief that summers at the lake can be transformative.
Please visit Karen's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

American Red Cross seek blood, platelet donations

The American Red Cross urges all donors to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves - especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.
In addition to summer fun and holidays, severe summer weather can have a sudden impact on the ability to collect blood and platelets. Scheduling and keeping donation appointments are crucial this month to ensure blood products are constantly available in the weeks to come for all patients, including those in trauma situations that may require several lifesaving transfusions.

All blood types are needed, and donors who don't know their blood type can learn it after donation. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.
For those who come to give July 15-31, the Red Cross will say thanks with a Fandango Movie Reward by email. Use it to catch a summer blockbuster on the Red Cross! See RedCrossBlood.org/July.

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July 22: 1 - 6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.
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Serino hosts county’s first Older Adults Skills Fair

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined local employers, volunteer organizations and community partners on Thursday, July 10, to host the county’s first-ever Older Adults Skills Fair, giving older adults across Dutchess County a chance to connect their valuable skills and experience with part-time jobs and volunteer opportunities. Nearly 500 seniors attended the event, held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center in Hyde Park, eager to explore new ways to stay engaged in the community.

“We know our seniors want to stay active and involved, and this fair was a way to help them do just that,” said Serino. “I want to thank all of the vendors and organizations who came out to meet with them – and to the nearly 500 older adults who showed up ready to work or give back to their commu-

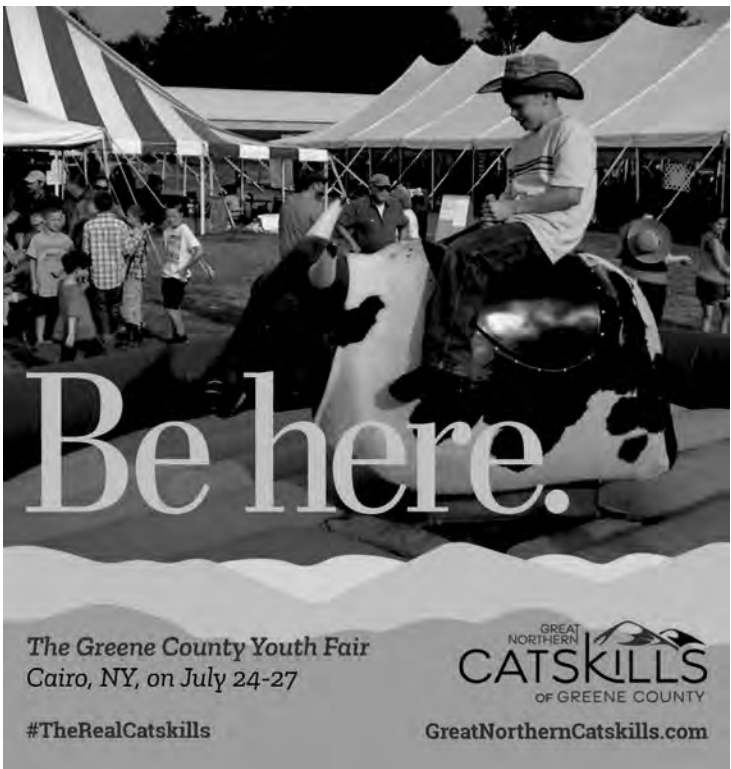
nity. Events like this prove that when we listen and bring the right partners together, we can open new doors for our neighbors at every stage of life.”

Dozens of local businesses and organizations took part in the fair, including Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, Dutchess BOCES, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome and many more representing industries including health and wellness, community action and advocacy, volunteer services and gardening.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County CEO Eelco Kessels, said, “Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County was honored to participate in the inaugural Older Adults Skills Fair, hosted by County Executive Serino. It was an inspiring afternoon, where we connected with over 30 individuals eager to share



Nearly 500 seniors attended Dutchess County’s inaugural Older Adults Skills Fair on July 10. The event was held at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park.
-Courtesy photo Dutchess County Gov’t



their expertise – whether as volunteers on our construction sites or as experts in our Homebuying University classrooms. The wealth of knowledge and generosity of those participating is a true testament to the power of community.”

The Older Adults Skills Fair is part of Dutchess County’s commitment to helping older residents stay healthy, connected and independent. Residents who could not attend can still explore the online list of

participating vendors (accessible via www.dutchessny.gov) or can reach out to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging at ofa@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2555 to learn more about available programs, services and future opportunities.

Businesses or organizations interested in participating in future events can contact the County Executive’s Office by calling 845-486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

Dutchess County Comptroller to hold Town Hall on July 24 in Pawling

Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair will be continuing his series of Town Halls around the county to explain the functions of the Office, findings from recent reports, and will con-

clude with a Q&A session. The next Town Hall will be held at the Pawling Library, 11 Broad St., in Pawling from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24 in Pawling.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
SUDOKU

E	W	E	R	S	L	Y	S	A	L	T	A	L	T
G	O	G	O	S	A	L	S	A	L	S	A	L	S
T	H	R	O	A	C	A	I	G	A	I	G	A	I
B	U	T	E	R	C	U	P	B	U	T	E	R	C
R	A	Y	D	I	A	R	Y	R	A	Y	D	I	A
S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
T	U	T	S	I	G	N	S	L	O	U	G	H	T
S	W	E	A	R	I	A	S	I	O	N	W	E	A
A	S	O	A	S	O	A	S	O	A	S	O	A	S
C	O	C	O	C	O	C	O	C	O	C	O	C	O
P	E	R	P	E	R	P	E	R	P	E	R	P	E
S	E	L	S	E	L	S	E	L	S	E	L	S	E
N	T	H	O	R	N	T	H	O	R	N	T	H	O
C	E	P	C	E	P	C	E	P	C	E	P	C	E

4	2	5	4	1	3
5	3	1	2	5	4
1	2	5	3	1	2
3	4	1	4	5	3
1	2	5	3	1	4
3	4	1	2	5	2

Sudoku solution

BHS Class of 1965 to hold reunion

The Beacon High School Class of ‘65 will hold a 60th reunion in Beacon on October 4. If one graduated with that class, reach out to Linda Salvatore Beasimer, lbeasimer@gmail.com or Barbara Conley Gosda at bgosda4765@gmail.com or Connie Perdreau at corneliaperdreau@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-12-25 NAME OF PROJECT: ADA Improvements 22&60 Market Street. Project Description: The project includes the replacement of existing exterior ramps at 22 and 60 Market Street to meet ADA requirements. Work also includes replacement of aluminum entrance doors and automatic door openers. 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 po-

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tential 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, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess

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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: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, August 8, 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 solic-

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itation 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 calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 10730008# 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 agree-

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able 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. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday August 1, 2025 and emailed to christophersterbenz@dutchessny.gov with the County’s response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is

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September 8, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is March 30, 2026. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2025008174. Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYS DOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent,
County of Dutchess,

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Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-28-25
Maintenance, Repair and Inspection of Petroleum Product Tanks, Pumps and Other Related Equipment
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 31st day of July 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

Volunteer firefighters march in Millbrook parade



Top, members of the Chelsea Fire Company march in the annual Volunteer Fire Department Parade in Millbrook on Saturday. Also pictured is the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company ladder truck. At the bottom are Parade Grand Marshal Joan Van Tassell and drummers from the Patriots Fyfe and Drum Corps from Rhinebeck.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

West Point Band presents ‘Eternal Melodies’



The West Point Band’s Concert Band will present performances of “Eternal Melodies.” One performance is scheduled for July 16 in Hyde Park.

-Courtesy photo West Point Band

The West Point Band’s Concert Band will present performances of “Eternal Melodies” as part of its 2025 Music Under the Stars concert series. This inspiring, family-friendly program celebrates music’s unique ability to preserve memories, honor heroes, and bring generations together. These concerts are free and open to the public; for more information visit westpointband.com.

From the high-energy electronics of Mason Bates’ “Mothership” to the sweeping beauty of “Shenandoah,” “Eternal Melodies” is filled with music that leaves a lasting impression. The concert opens with “Eternal Flame” by Brian Balmages, a powerful tribute to the only eternal flame memorial dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients. Trumpeters Staff Sgts. Bill Owens and Carl Stanley dazzle in the virtu-

osic “Napoli,” and vocalist Staff Sgt. Francisco Aisporna adds heart and soul to beloved favorites like “Cry Me a River” and “America the Beautiful.” Don’t miss this fun and meaningful evening of stirring solos, stunning soundscapes, and timeless tunes-perfect for the whole family!

Performance Schedule:

- Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m. (inclement date of July 17) | Hyde Park, Vanderbilt Mansion Historic Site, 119 Vanderbilt Park Road

- Saturday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., West Point, Trophy Point Amphitheater, 117-119 Washington Road

For West Point Band concert information, cancellations and updates, visit www.westpointband.com, or follow on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.

‘Joy=Resistance Tour’ at Howland Cultural Center on July 20



Alt-folk-pop singer Rachael Sage is on the road with her longtime band, The Sequins, as well as singer-songwriter Kristen Ford for their joint “Joy = Resistance Tour.” The summer tour will be bringing its inclusive message to Beacon at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., on July 20 at 6 p.m.

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