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## Democratic majority of Legislature, Serino at odds over approval of plan at 26 Oakley

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The proposed settlement agreement concerning a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Street in Poughkeepsie is causing controversy between Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Democratic majority caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature.

Last Thursday, the County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street.

The next day, Serino's office issued a press release, which stated that Serino "expressed her deep concern following last night's non-vote by the Democratic Majority of the Dutchess County Legislature to ratify the agreement between the County and the City of Poughkeepsie to move forward with a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Street, to be known as the 'Homeless Outreach & Program Engagement (HOPE)' Center. The County Executive is calling on the Dutchess County Legislature to convene another special meeting to ratify the agreement to avoid further, real consequences for local taxpayers and the nearly 100 individuals who rely on this vital project."

Serino said, "Our homeless population does not have an 'R' or 'D' designation next to their names. This project is not a political issue - it is a human issue. At its core, this is an investment in the safety, stability and compassion for our neighbors who are counting on us and who are already working hard to change their situation. I am calling on the Democratic majority Legislators to keep the politics out of it and keep this project moving forward."

In an open letter to the residents of Dutchess County, the Democratic caucus of the Legislature stated, "Last Thursday, the Dutchess County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street. We want to be clear about what that means: nothing was rejected, and nothing was voted down. The agreement remains before us and will return to the agenda. What we declined to do was vote on a major, decades-long commitment of public money - an agreement that had changed just 24 hours earlier - before we had the chance to read it carefully, ask questions, and get answers."

"The reason is straightforward. The project in front of us carries a price tag of roughly \$20 million to build, and the agreement would bind the County to tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars more in taxpayer obligations stretching over the next thirty-five years. A commitment of that size and that length deserves more than a show of hands. Homelessness is a serious problem, and the people it affects deserve a solution built to last, not one assembled under deadline pressure."

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## Tour the garden with 'unique history' at Mount Gulian August 1-2

By Kristine Coulter

Tour the garden at Mount Gulian Historic Site on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2, from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. learn about the unique horticultural history of the Verplanck family, who resided at Mount Gulian, and James F. Brown, a fugitive enslaved man who fled Maryland. This is part of Destination Dutchess' "Great Estates Garden & Landscape Weekend."

"It's the remarkable history of Mount Gulian's garden that makes it stand out from other area gardens," said Elaine Hayes, Mount Gulian Historic Site Executive Director. "First, our heritage garden dates back to 1804 when it was designed by Mary Anna Verplanck, a precocious teenager who lived here. Then, its Garden Manager, James F. Brown, an enslaved man who escaped captivity, and whose freedom was purchased by the Verplanck family, tended to it for almost 40 years. He kept an extensive 7-volume journal while at Mount Gulian that lists the state of the weather, his visits with landscape designer and horticulturist Andrew Jackson Downing, who lived in Newburgh, and his many visits to flower shows in Manhattan."

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Take a tour of the garden at Mount Gulian Historic Site on August 1 or August 2.

-Photo courtesy Mount Gulian Historic Site

## Local hearing specialist helps fit 400+ hearing aids in Panama mission trip



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson of Hopewell Junction is pictured with a young boy he has reconnected with each year since first fitting him with hearing aids.

-Courtesy photos



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson with a young girl after her hearing aid fitting.

By Francesca Oliva

Outside an elementary school in Penonomé, Panama, a long line of people begins to form. People of all ages patiently wait for the chance to receive life-changing healthcare, with many of them having traveled long distances, some even on foot, to reach the temporary clinic. Inside one of the classrooms, Hopewell Junction hearing specialist Byron Robertson prepares patients to receive hearing aids, many

of whom have struggled with hearing loss for years.

He was one of dozens of volunteers who participated in the Northeast Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity's (NEVOSH) mission to Panama earlier this year. Over the course of four days, the audiology team fit more than 400 hearing aids for people who previously had little or no access to hearing health services.

Robertson is a Board Certified

Hearing Instrument Specialist with Cresswell Audiology, Powered By Beltone in Hopewell Junction. He has helped patients improve their hearing through evaluations and hearing aid fittings since 2010. A Marine Corps veteran originally from Louisiana, he moved to New York after meeting his wife and has spent more than a decade helping people with hearing loss reconnect to daily life.

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## Local hearing specialist helps fit 400+ hearing aids in Panama mission trip



**Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson (left) comforting a young boy during a hearing aid fitting.**



**Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson (left, black shirt) is pictured with members of the Northeast VOSH and local volunteers.**

-Courtesy photos

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“The NEVOSH mission started with eye-glasses and over the years, they added doctors and audiologists,” said Robertson.

When a spot opened on the NEVOSH audiology team, led by Sara Andreozzi, Robertson was recommended to join by his supervisor. Originally, the team would collect used hearing aids that people donated from all around the country.

“We would refurbish them, clean them and make sure that they work so we could give those to the people we served in Central and South America,” Robertson explained.

After his first mission trip to Panama, Robertson spoke to his supervisor Ed Ryan, president of Beltone Tri-State, about the experience and the need for hearing aids. Beltone has now donated more than 500 hearing aids in the past two years and paid travel expenses to allow Beltone employees to participate in NEVOSH.

The first day of the trip involves setting up a local school to be used as a clinic throughout the course of the week.

“There’s probably about 60 people all together, a group of eye doctors, a group of dentists, a group of chiropractors, general medicine, a pharmacy, and the hearing aid clinic,” said Robertson.

Each patient pays a small fee of one dollar to visit the clinic, where they will then be seen by various health professionals depending on their needs. To prepare for hearing aids, many patients will need their ears cleaned, hearing tested and



**Robertson provides hearing care to a patient in Panama.**

hearing aid fittings.

“It’s a long day, but at the end of it, it’s really rewarding,” said Robertson. “Many of them are waiting in line for hours all day ... at some point, everyone has to go home, and the hardest part is finding a cutoff point, because the need doesn’t stop.”

A study by Johns Hopkins found that mild hearing loss doubled dementia risk, and moderate hearing loss tripled that risk. The hearing care provided by NEVOSH is life-changing for these patients, allowing them to live healthier and more connected lives which may not have been possible without

this important service.

Unlike patients in the United States, who typically return for multiple follow-up appointments, those in Panama often receive just one opportunity for a hearing aid fitting.

“In Panama, I am fitting hearing aids for someone who hasn’t heard, and I set them at a place where I think they can hear better and tolerate it, knowing that I’m not going to be there to help it,” recalls Robertson, “I would say 99% of the time, when my interpreter says, ‘How does it sound? Would you like it any louder or lower?’ they almost all say that it sounds perfect.”

NEVOSH audiologists prepare a year’s worth of batteries, earpieces and maintenance supplies to ensure Panamanians can take care of their hearing aids for many years to come. Interpreters also created index cards with potential issues and care guidelines for hearing aids to distribute.

“A big concern like the first year here is that we’re going to go do this for these people, and then there’s no wanting to take care of them when we leave, but when we come back and see that most of

the people that we fit are still wearing their earring aids and they’re still working, that’s nice,” said Robertson.

Robertson reflected on one specific moment from his first year on the NEVOSH team, where a young boy visited the clinic for hearing aids.

“He couldn’t hear and he was just not very playful like a little boy should be, so when we tested his hearing and fit him with hearing aids, it almost instantly changed his personality,” recalled Robertson. Years later, the boy still remembers Robertson and continues to wear his hearing aids.

“I saw him in the crowd and he remembered me, so he ran up to give me a hug,” said Robertson. “I’ve got a picture with him from every year.”

While Robertson spends most of his time helping patients closer to home in Hopewell Junction, the annual trip to Panama has reinforced why he chose the profession in the first place.

“It makes you realize how important what we do is, giving people the ability to communicate with their loved ones,” said Robertson.

## Tour the garden with ‘unique history’ at Mount Gulian August 1-2

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Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the 1912 map of the garden, said Hayes. They will also see a short film about Brown, who was the master gardener, “Cultivating Freedom: From Slave to Citizen.”

“Our visitors value the garden’s unique history, layout and plantings, especially the antique peonies, roses and yuccas. These plants have almost the exact same DNA as the original, ancestral plants grown here in the 1800’s,” remarked Hayes.

She added, “Guests enjoy seeing the pergola structure, the stone bench and sundial

and appreciate the free 1912 garden map, and watching the short film about James F. Brown at Mount Gulian.”

Admission is \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$9 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Membership is open to the public.

Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows, said Hayes.

For reservations or more information, call 845-831-8172 or email at [info@mountgulian.org](mailto:info@mountgulian.org).

For further information on other gardens that will be highlighted, visit <https://destinationdutchess.com/spotlights/great-estates-garden-landscape-tour>.

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# Rolison honors Vietnam Veteran Nathan ‘Nate’ Grant during Veterans Hall of Fame celebration

New York State Senator Rob Rolison recently honored Vietnam veteran SPC Nathan “Nate” Grant during a special in-district celebration recognizing his induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. The event brought together Grant’s wife, daughters, friends, fellow veterans, and members of the Poughkeepsie High School Junior ROTC to celebrate a lifetime of military service and community leadership.

Earlier this year, Senator Rolison selected Grant as the 39th Senate District’s 2026 Veterans Hall of Fame inductee and formally recognized him during the statewide ceremony in Albany. Saturday’s hometown celebration gave members of the Hudson Valley community an opportunity to honor one of their own.

Born in Virginia and raised in rural North Carolina as the youngest of 12 children, Grant grew up in a family where military service was a way of life. Three of his older brothers had already been drafted before he received his own draft notice in 1965 during the height of the Vietnam War. After completing basic training in South Carolina and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Riley, Kansas, Grant deployed to Vietnam in late 1966.

Stationed at Camp Bearcat, Grant served as a Tunnel Rat—one of the most dangerous and demanding assignments of the Vietnam War. Tunnel Rats volunteered to enter narrow, underground tunnel systems used by enemy forces to uncover hidden weapons caches, gather intelligence, and confront enemy combatants in confined spaces with little room to

maneuver. The role required extraordinary courage, composure, and selflessness, as soldiers often entered the tunnels armed with little more than a flashlight and a sidearm.

While Grant’s military service alone earned the admiration of those in attendance, speakers throughout the ceremony reflected on the decades of service that followed his return home.

After settling in the Hudson Valley, Grant dedicated himself to ensuring fellow veterans never stood alone. A Life Member of VFW Post 170 and Commander and Life Member of American Legion Lafayette Post 37 in Poughkeepsie, he has spent years organizing food distributions, holiday drives, the post’s weekly Burger Burn fundraisers, maintaining the Hero Garden memorial, and participating in Wreaths Across America programs that teach younger generations about the sacrifices of America’s veterans.

Known throughout the region as “Nate the Great,” Grant has become a mentor, advocate, and friend to countless veterans and community members. His unwavering commitment has earned him numerous recognitions, including being named WPDH’s “Vet Who Rocks” and receiving Weekend for Warriors’ 2025 honor for his continued dedication to veterans and the Hudson Valley community. During Saturday’s ceremony, he was also recognized by Congressman Pat Ryan, a fellow Army veteran, and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, who joined Senator Rolison in celebrating his extraordinary lifetime of service.



State Senator Rob Rolison honors Vietnam veteran SPC Nathan Grant during the NYS Senate Hall of Fame celebration.

-Photo courtesy Senator Rolison’s Office

Reflecting on the significance of the day, Senator Rolison noted that while Nate Grant’s service in Vietnam exemplified remarkable bravery, it is his decades of continued service at home that have defined his legacy. Through his leadership, mentorship, and tireless advocacy, Grant has strengthened the lives of veter-

ans and enriched the Hudson Valley community for generations.

The recent celebration served not only as a recognition of Grant’s military accomplishments, but also as a tribute to a lifetime spent answering the call to serve others—a commitment that continues to inspire everyone who knows him.

## Dutchess County Agricultural Society announces 2026 scholarship winners

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati has announced that seven youths have been awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at

an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 22 during the annual Agricultural Society’s dinner meeting.

“The \$10,000 scholarship award was pre-

sented to Nathan Prezzano. Several other awards were given to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture,” said Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society

He continued, “In addition to the scholarships already in place, for the third year, a \$1,000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community. Sawyer Giles is the 2026 recipient of this award.”

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and

leadership roles. The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

In addition to the \$10,000 scholarship, Prezzano will also receive a one-time additional \$8,500 award.

The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award: Faith Burfeindt, of Stanfordville, Abigail Connolly of Rhinebeck, Jazmin Ixcoy of Red Hook, Peyton McFarland, of Hyde Park, Hope Miller of Ancramdale and Natalie Shultz of Wingdale.

The 180th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 25 - 30 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year’s Fair, visit dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on Facebook and Twitter.



Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship winners for 2026 include, from left, Nathan Prezzano, Hope Miller, Faith Burfeindt, Jasmin Ixcoy, Abigail Connolly and Peyton McFarland. Second from right is Claudia Cooley of Agricultural Society, who presented the awards. Not pictured are scholarship winners Natalie Schultz and Sawyer Giles.

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# Poughkeepsie resident charged after allegedly setting fire outside NYC federal building

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), James C. Barnacle, Jr., Commissioner of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Jessica S. Tisch, and Regional Director of the U.S. Federal Protective Service (FPS), Robert D. Sooter, announced charges against Andrew Arrabaca, 43, of Poughkeepsie, after he allegedly set a fire outside of 26 Federal Plaza, sending flames and smoke up the outside of the building. Arrabaca was arrested earlier this month and presented on July 22 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robyn F. Tarnofsky.

“As alleged, the defendant caused a scene of destruction and mayhem by setting a fire at the entrance to a federal building in lower Manhattan which houses thousands of federal employees and receives hundreds of visitors daily,” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “I am thankful for the brave, swift response of our law enforcement partners who stopped the defendant before he could cause greater harm. Once again, our bravest ran to the fire. Anyone who commits reckless acts that endanger New Yorkers and federal employees on federal property will be subject to serious federal criminal charges.”

“Andrew Arrabaca allegedly attempted to disrupt and harm the individuals and infrastructure of 26 Federal Plaza,” said FBI Assistant Director in Charge James C. Barnacle, Jr. “His alleged acts appear to have been motivated by his anti-Government and anti-ICE beliefs. His unlawful conduct was immediately thwarted by the heroic response of the Federal Protective Service Officers, NYPD Officers, FBI Special Agents, and FBI Police Officers. FBI New York has zero tolerance for violence targeted at federal employees who choose to serve all Americans.”

“As alleged in the complaint, Andrew Arrabaca traveled to a government building in Lower Manhattan armed with weapons

and explosive devices,” said NYPD Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch. “Because of the quick and brave actions of law enforcement, no one was seriously injured, and Arrabaca was taken into custody. This incident is a stark reminder of the dangers that law enforcement officers face and the importance of the NYPD’s work with our federal partners to keep the people of New York City safe.”

“The Federal Protective Service is dedicated to safeguarding federal property and ensuring the safety of all who work in and visit these facilities,” said FPS Regional Director Robert D. Sooter. “Our mission is to protect federal buildings, their occupants, and visitors by providing comprehensive law enforcement services. Safety is a top priority; we remain committed to maintaining secure environments that support the vital work of our nation’s government.”

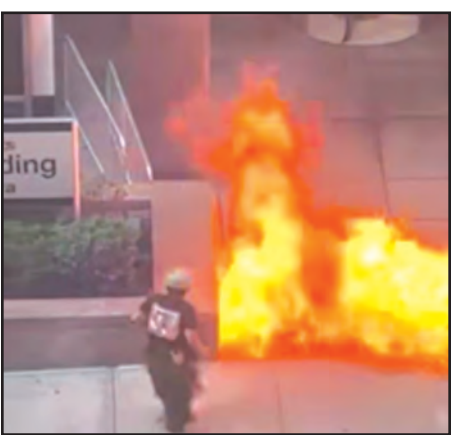
As alleged in the Complaint:(1)

On the morning of July 20, Arrabaca set off several fireworks in front of the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building at 26 Federal Plaza and shot a BB rifle in the direction of the building. Arrabaca then poured a bucket of flammable liquid onto the ground outside one of the building entrances and ignited the liquid. The liquid exploded into flames.

After setting the fire, Arrabaca retrieved a box of fireworks from a utility wagon that he had wheeled to the area and threw the box into the fire. Law enforcement agents apprehended and arrested Arrabaca just as an explosion sounded from the direction of the fire.

Arrabaca was wearing military-style camouflage pants, a belt with tactical pouches containing BB pellets and carbon dioxide cartridges, and a helmet bearing several phrases, including, “Kill yourself.” A cross-body bag containing a knife and matches was concealed under Arrabaca’s clothing, and a New York driver’s license for Arrabaca was recovered from Arrabaca’s person.

After Arrabaca’s arrest, law enforcement



According to the FBI, Andrew Arrabaca was allegedly captured on video footage shooting the BB gun, pouring and igniting the liquid, and running from the scene, as pictured in still images from surveillance videos.

-Photos from FBI

agents searched the wagon and recovered numerous items, including a BB rifle and a pellet rifle, a machete, two hatchets, a mallet, a hammer, and what appeared to be several fireworks, including a cylindrical, multi-shot consumer firework with a printed label reading “Nuclear Warhead” and a black and yellow radiation symbol. A sign on the wagon bore the phrase “ICE Off Our Streets.”

During a recorded, Mirandized post-arrest interview, according to the FBI, Arrabaca stated, in substance and in part, that he was motivated to act by anti-government beliefs, including a belief that government authorities were unlawfully harming people, and that he had targeted the building entrance because he previously observed that it was a busy one.

At the time of Arrabaca’s actions, it was noted by the FBI, the entrances to the Federal Building were guarded by law enforcement officers and/or government-contracted security guards and there were numerous individuals in the immediate vicinity of the Federal Building.

Multiple individuals were evaluated for injuries, including at least one victim who appeared to have been hit with debris from the fire and/or explosion, resulting in a gash on the back of the victim’s head.

The minimum and maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by a judge.

This case is being handled by the Office’s National Security and International Narcotics Unit and General Crimes Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jane Chong, Samantha Fry, and Varun A. Gumaste are in charge of the prosecution, with assistance from Trial Attorney Patrick Cashman of the Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice’s National Security Division.

It was stated that this is the introductory phrase and the entirety of the Complaint to date constitutes only allegations, and every fact described herein should be treated as an allegation.

# Democratic majority of Legislature, Serino at odds over approval of plan at 26 Oakley

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The press release from the County Executive’s office noted that “Dutchess County is mandated by New York State to house the homeless and the County is at a pivotal moment in advancing the HOPE Center at Oakley Street that will be a New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)-certified emergency housing facility, serving up to 99 individuals experiencing homelessness with structured support, case management and individualized living plans to create pathways to permanent housing. Last night, the Legislature held a special meeting specifically to address ratifying the agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie and County that was reached through mediation, and ratified by the City’s Common Council on Wednesday.”

Serino said, “I am so grateful and proud of how we have worked so hard, across the aisle, with City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and the City’s Common

Council to come together and agree on a settlement to move this vital shelter project forward. The Mayor, the Council and my team were all on the same page! At this point, it is solely the Democratic majority of the Dutchess County Legislature who is irresponsibly dragging their feet, proving they are wholly unserious about solving this issue and frankly, it is shameful.”

In its’ open letter to residents, the Democratic caucus responded with the following: “The County Executive has pushed for a fast vote and a rubber stamp. But this Administration and the Republicans have a long and expensive record of moving quickly and getting it wrong: \$25 million at Dutchess Stadium, the Camp Nooteeming project, the construction of the Stabilization Center. Each began with confident assurances. Each ended with County taxpayers picking up the tab. We are not willing to add 26 Oakley Street to that list simply because we were asked to hurry.

“So we are doing the work. We are reviewing the agreement line-by-line, asking

the Administration for the cost projections and the plans that have not yet been provided, and pressing for answers to the questions any responsible legislator should ask before spending public money. When those answers are in hand, we will decide. That is not obstruction - it is the job we were elected to do, and we intend to do it right.”

Mike Polasek (R-LaGrange) and minority leader of the Legislature gave the following statement on behalf of the Republican caucus:

“No one was asking legislators to rubber stamp this agreement, and no one was required to vote that night. We wanted to debate it. Members of our caucus had concerns about the Common Council’s change as well, and Thursday was the opportunity to bring those concerns into the open, ask questions of the Administration, and let legislators on both sides discuss the agreement publicly and on the record. We never got that

opportunity because the motion to postpone came first.

“26 Oakley is not a new issue. It has been discussed, questioned and debated for approximately five years, and the current agreement has been available since the middle of June. Due diligence matters, but it did not begin after Thursday’s postponement. Members of our caucus have been asking questions and working through this issue for years.

“If additional information is needed, identify what is needed, get the answers and reconvene. The Republican Caucus is ready to meet and have this debate. With state funding, construction costs, taxpayer dollars and services for people experiencing homelessness at stake, there is simply too much on the line to wait until September.”

The Legislature’s Budget, Finance & Personnel Committee voted to delay their decision until September 2026.

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# Poughkeepsie’s role in the birth of the modular home

By Bill Jeffway

Glass-plate negatives being reviewed by the Dutchess County Historical Society open a window onto a mostly forgotten Poughkeepsie industry.

They are a recent gift of Michael Fitzmaurice. Each glass plate has the words, “H. Ben Pae, Designer and Builder, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.” scratched across the bottom. They are likely from around 1916, when Mr. Pae was expanding his construction business beyond “portable” (what we would call modular construction), to more permanent structures.

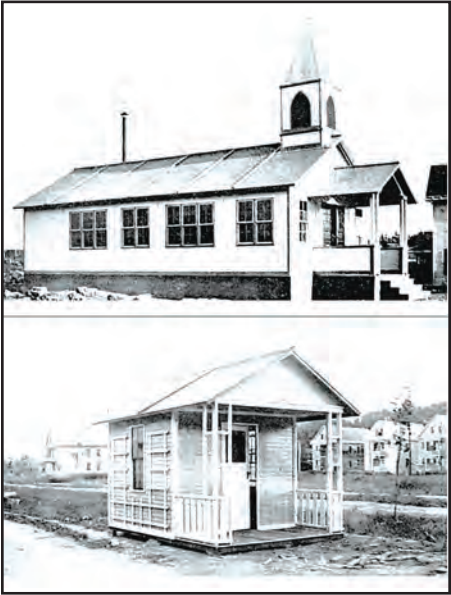
The New York Portable Bungalow Company moved from Manhattan to Poughkeepsie in 1910 in the newly-industrialized district of Fairview, in the city’s northern area. Pae was manager at the time and became owner in 1913. The core business was creating small buildings that would be assembled and painted, and then packed into sections and sent by train across the country to be reassembled by lesser skilled persons at low cost.

Fairview was where the Fiat automobile manufacturing plant was located, on the east side of Route 9 across from today’s Marist University. On what was likely a typical day, newspapers in March 1910 reported the arrival of four railroad cars of material for Pae, delivered to the “Fiat switch.” The bungalow company took over the former farm buildings from the Bech river estate and mansion for manufacturing, marking the time of transition of that area from “gentleman estate farming” to industry. At peak times, they employed 40 carpenters and lesser skilled laborers.

The photographs from the glass plate negatives appear to be the construction of a permanent bungalow, near their factory. A sign on the house matches the description etched into the glass, “designer and builder,” suggests Pae had moved to a third stage in the business (designer and builder of permanent homes) after being portable bungalow manager and then business owner.

### Open to the public

Within months of arriving in Poughkeepsie, the plant had become a conspicuous local attraction. A July 1910 newspaper account described one to three small houses regularly standing outside the factory, where they were painted and opened for public inspection. Residents traveling through the neighborhood could watch an unusual manufacturing process take shape: houses were not simply built on scattered lots but assembled in sections at a Poughkeepsie plant, displayed near the roadway, and prepared for shipment. The newspaper account describes three cottages standing outside, including one purchased for delivery to Lake George.



**Top: The First Reformed Church in Arlington was organized in 1910 and its first building was purchased from the Poughkeepsie Portable Bungalow Company. Lower image: “Portable cottage No. 112. 9x9 [feet]. Piazza 9x4 [feet].Prepaid \$150.” From local newspaper advertisements at the time.**

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections.

Prices began at about \$350, making the smallest models attractive as seasonal cottages, camps, guest houses, automobile garages, modest residences, and even churches. The company emphasized quality as well as economy. The main construction material was California redwood siding, a durable material well suited to buildings that might face exposed rural or lakeside conditions.

The word “portable” did not mean that an entire house traveled in one piece. Walls, floors, partitions, roof sections, windows, and other standardized components were prepared at the factory. These sections were then loaded onto railroad cars to the buyer’s property, and joined together. Buildings could later be dismantled and moved. This system differed from mail-order kit houses, which arrived primarily as numbered pieces of lumber that still had to be framed at the construction site by a professional carpenter. Poughkeepsie’s company performed more of that work before shipment.

Portable churches became a particularly visible specialty. In 1914, Pae received orders for three churches modeled on one already erected for the First Reformed Church in Arlington on Raymond Avenue. Another was intended for Garfield, New Jersey, while two were ordered by a mission board that reportedly purchased several buildings from Pae over time. Some portable churches were sent abroad.



**These photos from glass plate negatives show construction of a more permanent home we believe was near the factory of the New York Portable Bungalow Company near today’s Marist University. Ben Pae’s wife, Elizabeth, died in February of 1914 when daughter Marion was five years old, and son Wilfred was only one. We believe this photograph is ca. 1917 showing his children with the woman he married in 1921, Josephine Masten.**

-Courtesy of DCHS Collections.

Newspapers also reported elite local customers like the widow of James A. Roosevelt (President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s uncle) who lived at the nearby Rosedale estate, Francis G. Langdon, and Isaac Wheaton of Lithgow. Commissions connected the North Road factory to the world of Hudson Valley estates, demonstrating that sectional construction could serve all economic classes.

The firm also advertised in the Vassar Miscellany, a publication of Vassar College. The advertisements placed the company before an educated audience that included faculty, employees, students’ families, and alumni. At a time when the bungalow was gaining popularity as a practical, informal alternative to the large Victorian house, a compact prefabricated dwelling could appeal to families seeking a summer retreat or to individuals like single women interested in a manageable and comparatively affordable home.

Usually one-and-a-half stories, bungalows offered efficient rooms beneath a broad roof and often included a porch. Its modest scale allowed wall and roof sections to be standardized, assembled under factory conditions, and erected more quickly than a conventionally framed house. Factory production could also

reduce waste, limit weather delays, and make costs more predictable. Surviving examples may be difficult to identify today. Once placed on permanent foundations, enlarged, resided, or altered, portable buildings could look entirely conventional.

Further “decoding” work will include identifying a number of individuals in the photos which seem to be a mix of employees and family.

A detailed Pae family history gives us a broader glimpse into Herbert Benjamin (“Ben”) Pae, reporting, “He was a musician, artist and photographer, business man, repairer and refinisher of antique furniture.” Born in the industrial city of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England in 1876, he came to America with his family when he was just seven years old. He became a naturalized American citizen in September of 1917, six months after the U.S. declared war on Germany and got involved in WW1.



**Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at [bill.jeffway@dchsny.org](mailto:bill.jeffway@dchsny.org) or 845-293-7711.**

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**Sharon Haviland of Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 delivered food items to Castle Point VA. Food items were collected and donated by Lodge members.**

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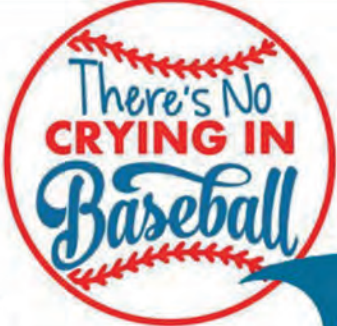


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## Renegades set Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser on July 30 to support DC Baseball Hall of Fame

### Hall of Fame to announce Class of 2026 in special pre-game ceremony

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced that they will be holding a Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser during their game on Thursday, July 30, to benefit the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame.

There will be over 100 mystery bags filled with signed baseballs and bobbleheads for fans to purchase with proceeds benefitting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame. Among the items in the bags are autographed balls from Gerrit Cole, Carlos Rodon,

Francisco Lindor and Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs, and a robust collection of bobbleheads including likenesses of David Ortiz, Bugs Bunny and George Lombard, Jr.

The fundraiser will be part of a special night at the ballpark with the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame announcing its 2026 inductee class during a pre-game ceremony. The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame will be hosting its annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Sunday, November 8, inside the WMCHHealth Club Lounge at Heritage Financial Park.

“Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame has been a huge supporter of celebrating the history and legacy of baseball in Dutchess County and we are excited for this opportunity to partner with them in 2026,” said Tom Denlinger, General Manager of the Renegades. “This night will not only

feature a fun Mystery Baseball and Bobblehead fundraiser benefiting them but also the Hudson Valley’s first opportunity to see the 2026 inductee class, we hope you’ll join us for this special night.”

“The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame is pleased to partner with the Hudson Valley Renegades in celebrating our 2026 Inductees,” said Matt Veronesi, Board Member of the Hall of Fame. “The Renegades team has been amazing to work with and we are very excited to announce this year’s inductees at the July 30th game, as well as to bring awareness to our organization, and to then to have our Induction Dinner on November 8th at Heritage Financial Park in the WMCHHealth Club Lounge.”

Mystery Bags will be available for purchase for the price of \$20 for one bag and \$35 for two, limit two bags

per person.

In addition to the Hall of Fame announcement, the July 30 game is also Video Game Night featuring a Renegades 8-bit replica jersey for the first 1,000 guests presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. It is also a Thirsty Thursday™ with \$2 Busch Light cans available until last call, 50% off Bud Light cans and Michelob Ultra drafts for two hours after gates open at the Michelob Ultra Party Patio Container bar, and 50% off Sloop Juice Bomb and Sloop Renegades Lager drafts for two hours after gates open at the Sloop Brewing Co. Beer Balcony.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, with gates opening to Summit Club Members at 5 p.m. and for all ticketholders at 5:30 p.m.

### League Standings

| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH |    |    |      |      |     |      |
|-----------------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
| Greensboro PIT              | 18 | 12 | .600 | -    | 6-4 | W1   |
| Frederick BAL *             | 17 | 12 | .586 | 0.5  | 6-4 | L1   |
| Wilmington WSH              | 17 | 13 | .567 | 1.0  | 6-4 | W1   |
| Hudson Valley NYY           | 16 | 14 | .533 | 2.0  | 5-5 | L1   |
| Brooklyn NYM                | 14 | 15 | .483 | 3.5  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Jersey Shore PHI            | 9  | 20 | .310 | 8.5  | 5-5 | L1   |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH |    |    |      |      |     |      |
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
| Bowling Green TB *          | 21 | 9  | .700 | -    | 9-1 | L1   |
| Asheville HOU               | 16 | 14 | .533 | 5.0  | 3-7 | W1   |
| Winston-Salem CWS           | 15 | 15 | .500 | 6.0  | 4-6 | L1   |
| Greenville BOS              | 13 | 17 | .433 | 8.0  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Rome ATL                    | 12 | 17 | .414 | 8.5  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Hub City TEX                | 10 | 20 | .333 | 11.0 | 4-6 | L1   |



| July     |                  |          |                                                                                                 |
|----------|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/29/26 | vs. Jersey Shore | 12:05 PM | Super Splash Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union<br>WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets |
| 07/30/26 | vs. Jersey Shore | 06:35 PM | Video Game Night<br>WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                              |
| 07/31/26 | vs. Jersey Shore | 07:05 PM | Fireworks Friday                                                                                |
| August   |                  |          |                                                                                                 |
| 08/01/26 | vs. Jersey Shore | 05:05 PM | Faith & Family Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                             |
| 08/02/26 | vs. Jersey Shore | 02:05 PM | Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                               |
| 08/11/26 | vs. Wilmington   | 06:35 PM | First Responders Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                           |
| 08/12/26 | vs. Wilmington   | 06:35 PM | Strike Out Cancer Night WMCHHealth 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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### KDD Marketing's Keri Jadrovski Joins Ulster Chamber Foundation Board





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Renegades split with Blue Rocks, welcome Chestnut for foodie event

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades started a week in Wilmington with a rain washout, a sign of deep waters to come. And although they dipped below .500 overall, the visitors kept heads above water with a series split. Three 10-plus performances, a familiar face in the opposite dugout and a resisted no-hit bid highlighted this bash with the Blue Rocks.

The Renegades return to Heritage Financial Park for a “hole” lot of fun when competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31. After Chestnut competes against a lucky foodie-turned-foe or two, the night festivities will be topped with Friday fireworks.

**Fox Rocks** - Final line notwithstanding, Rory Fox gave the Renegades a complete six-inning performance in the first game of the July 23 doubleheader. In a tight 2-1 loss, the Renegades gave Rory little offensive support. He struck out seven and walked none, but allowed the go-ahead RBI to Wilmington’s Kevin Bazzell in the bottom of the sixth.

**0 for 9** - The Blue Rocks blew steam ahead of the weekend, far beyond the smoke-expelling moose living in the team’s logo – with a burst of offense beckoning a 9-1 win on July 24. No-hit and outscored by nine, the Renegades needed action in the eighth. Cam Troyer came through with a single. Hudson Valley escaped the shutout with a run scored, but the Blue Rocks came away with the decisive victory.



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**Comeback Cam** - The Renegades led a late-game charge on July 25, led by Robbie Burnett and Cam Troyer batting back-to-back three-hit nights. Troyer reached all four times he dug in the batter’s box. Burnett brought a tie-breaking blast to get Hudson Valley back ahead by two in the seventh inning. Troyer followed with a single. The only time in consecutive at-bats that both notched a hit sealed the game. Wilmington got one back in the ninth, but Brady Kirtner

completed the save to ensure at least the series tie.

**Blue Baron** - Former Renegade Baron Stuart, signed by the Washington Nationals in May after his release from the Yankees organization, was logged as Wilmington’s starter in the finale. The Blue Rocks boosted him with four runs before Hudson Valley battled to a 4-3 deficit in the seventh. The effort saw Troyer tie it in the ninth on a sacrifice fly



Competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31 at Heritage Financial Park.

-Courtesy photo

before the Blue Rocks earned the series tie with a 6-4 walkoff win.

Coming up

The Renegades return to New York hoping to pinch the last-place Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Jersey Shore enters the week off a series split with the Brooklyn Cyclones.

The upcoming homestand piles summer fun high like a favorite ice cream in July. Summer Splash Day on July 29 will have fans soaking in the sun (and then some!), with an early 12:05 first pitch. Local and international sports legends alike will be honored during the homestand, with a fundraiser benefiting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame on July 30.

RENEGADES FEATURE

# Relief pitcher Brady Kirtner has promising outings in July

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades reliever Brady Kirtner was one pitcher the Wilmington Blue Rocks dreaded seeing in July. Four of Kirtner’s appearances in the month came against the Delaware foes, leading the Renegades to wins in three of them (all stats as of July 26).

A Georgia native, Kirtner has become a key bullpen piece in late innings and save situations. Blue Rock batters had four hits, seven walks, and two runs against Kirtner this month;

the 24-year-old righthander was 2-0 against Wilmington.

Though credited with a blown save, Kirtner captured the win on July 5. In the bottom of the ninth, “Walkoff” Kyle West backed up his closer with a three-run, game-clinching home run against Wilmington.

It was the first of Kirtner’s back-to-back wins over Wilmington, as the Renegades also called his number at Frawley Stadium on July 22. He was the pitcher of record in the 6-3 win, with three strikeouts in 1.1

innings. That’s a regular statistic for the former Virginia Tech Hokie this season, as he has struck out 39 batters in 29.1 innings. Kirtner was critical again in the Renegades’ 6-5 comeback on July 25, recording a four-out save to support the offense as they have for him.

Hudson Valley has two series remaining against Wilmington this season — and if he can allow fewer walks, expect Kirtner to come through big when called upon.



Brady Kirtner is a key bullpen piece in late innings and save situations for the Renegades.

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# Haiti Project offers new selection of fabric wall quilts

**By Kristine Coulter**

One may purchase a quilt – or quilts – from The Haiti Project now.

“We’ve been working with Atizan “Peacequilt” women for over ten years! We started buying fabric purses, bags and other items and then about three years ago, we started selling their quilts. The women in a small town outside Port au Prince, called Lilavois, gather together daily and make fabric items and quilts to support their children going to school,” said Lila Meade, who co-founded The Haiti Project with her husband, Andrew Meade.

“Whenever we sell a piece of art or a quilt, we reserve the funds raised and purchase more of the item. (We do the same for the artwork and handcrafts that we sell!). With a percentage of the profits, we also allocate the funds to one of our six program initiatives that we support,” she explained.

While one may not see the quilts in person, go to <https://www.thehaitiproject.org>. Once a quilt is sold, it is sold, noted Meade.

“Working with our partners in Haiti is always a gift. The plight of Haitian has always been difficult since their country achieved independence in 1804 from France. But the resilience and will of the people surface with each and every challenge. They are traditionally very religious and filled with hope that things will get better. Women are called “Poto Mitan,” which means that they are the backbone of society - they hold everything together. We met many of the cooperative women in 2017 and were marked at their dedication to succeed,” said Meade.



“Fruit Vendor” quilt.

She added, “Our work for 25 years in the region has impacted the region in a positive way. We cannot ‘fix’ Haiti, that is for the Haitian people to do for themselves, but we have and will continue to boost their spirits by providing the very basics for them so they can eat, be educated and have health-care. That’s our mission! We are grateful to the Vassar students who help us to make our programs happen.”

The 26th annual Art and Handcraft Sale will be at Vassar College on the weekend of Sept. 25-27.

“We thank the thousands of supporters and customers who’ve walked this path with us along the years,” said Meade.



One may purchase quilts from The Haiti Project to support Haitian women who make them. Above is the “Dogs are Wonderful” quilt.

-Courtesy photos

# KDD Marketing’s Keri Jadrovski joins Ulster Chamber Foundation Board

Deepening its leadership impact in the community, KDD Marketing has announced that Vice President Keri Jadrovski has joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation Board of Directors as a full board member for a three-year term, effective this month. In this role, Jadrovski will leverage her marketing background to help expand the Foundation’s reach while strengthening and driving awareness of existing program offerings.

“The Foundation provides essential resources for emerging and established professionals, particularly for women who want to grow and connect with other professionals in Ulster County,” said Jadrovski. “Whether it’s through opportu-

nities for leadership growth or networking events, these programs are incredibly valuable to the community, just as they have been to me personally.”

The appointment marks a full circle moment in Jadrovski’s work with the Foundation. Her involvement began with her service on the organization’s marketing committee, where she spearheaded the design and implementation of the Foundation’s new logo and advised on social media strategy.

“Having worked with Keri professionally before she joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation, I knew the expertise and creativity she would bring to our Board, and she

has exceeded every expectation,” said Amanda Ludington, board secretary and chair of the Foundation’s marketing and public relations committee. “Over the past year, she has generously shared her knowledge, helped shape our marketing strategy, strengthened our brand and consistently stepped forward wherever support was needed.”

In 2025, Jadrovski graduated from Leadership Ulster, the Foundation’s community leadership development program. As the 2025 class president, she was offered an ex officio seat on the board, where she has served until her recent appointment to full board member in June 2026.

“Leadership Ulster was a meaningful experience that strengthened my confidence as a leader and motivated me to become more involved in the community,” said Jadrovski. “And now, joining the Board allows me to give back to an organization that helps others build that same confidence and connection.”

Jadrovski is also the vice president of KDD Marketing, where she guides and mentors the marketing and communications team, helping drive business development initiatives and representing the firm at events and conferences.



Keri Jadrovski

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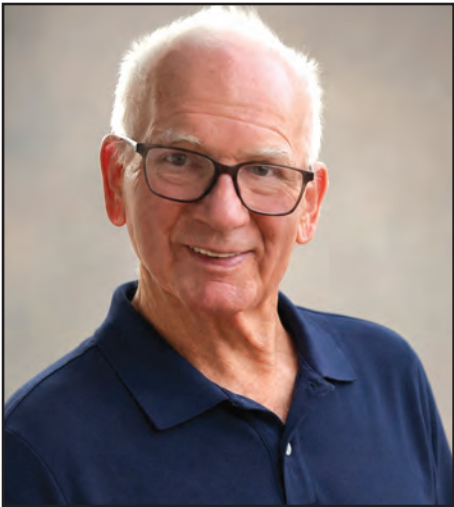


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# Obituaries

## Harry Waffington Hillier IV



Harry Waffington Hillier IV, known throughout Honesdale and Wayne County as “Skip,” passed away peacefully at his home on July 18, 2026, at the age of 83, surrounded by friends and family.

Harry was born September 1, 1942, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Harry Waffington Hillier III - known as “Hal” - and Mary Jane (Hartman) Hillier.

He attended Penn State University, where he earned a degree in chemical engineering and was honored with a mathematics award, and where he met Elaine Rutkosky, a history student who would become his wife. They married in 1964 and were devoted bridge partners for decades. Harry later earned an MBA

from the University of Delaware.

His early career carried him from research and development at Scott Paper Company where he was a published researcher. He later joined Merck Chemical, working first in Danville, Pennsylvania, and then in Albany, Georgia, where he served as factory manager. In 1975, Harry and Elaine returned to her hometown of Honesdale, where he purchased her father’s business, Honesdale Electric Service, and made it a fixture of the community. He ran the company until his retirement in 2000.

Harry gave generously to the place he called home. In the mid-1970s he was one of the founders of the Honesdale YMCA, serving as its president for its first three years and remaining active well into the following decade. He later served as a board member and president of the Wayne County Historical Society, helping to oversee the addition to the museum in downtown Honesdale in the early 2000s. In his later years he lent his support to the Victims Intervention Program.

An athlete all his life, Harry was both a snow skier and a water skier who never let age slow him down - he was still carving turns and setting out on his morning slalom passes into his 80s. He lived fully and forward, meeting every day with the same conviction: that life was meant to be lived all the way through.

After the death of Elaine, his wife of fifty-six years, in 2020, Harry built a permanent home at Duck Harbor Pond, designed by his daughter, Kristen, and son-in-law, Vern, where lake life, family, and old friends filled his days. The Duck Harbor Pond community became a second family to him, and the house and people surrounding him were the foundation of his happiness.

Then Harry did something he never expected to do again: he fell in love. He met Marianne Leamy, and the two were married in Poughkeepsie, New York, surrounded by a great gathering of the family and friends who had come to love them both. In the years that followed, they made the most of every one of them, seeing much of the world together - a honeymoon in Paris; a river cruise down the Danube through Budapest and Bucharest; Prague, Spain, and Morocco; the Hawaiian islands; a paddle-wheeler the Mississippi; and New Year's Eve in Key West one year and New Orleans the next. Harry embraced Marianne’s family just as wholeheartedly and became a true presence in their lives. He especially loved Marianne’s grandchildren, who delighted him endlessly and to whom he gave his whole heart. Harry and Marianne's family includes her daughter Amanda with her husband Donny Alves and their children Landon & Parker; her daughter Anne Marie Leamy with her husband Sean Rigothi and their children Michael, Christian, and AJ; and her son Kevin Leamy with his partner Rachel Bullock.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Elaine, in 2020; his parents; and his sister, Mary Jane Gentry. He is survived by his wife, Marianne Leamy, and her children and grandchildren, whom he embraced as his own; his daughter, Kristen McKissick, and her husband, Vern McKissick III; Elaine's sister, Cathy Gregory, and her husband, Pete, who remained family to him always; his sister, Beverly Knowlton, and her husband, Brad; his nephew K. Brad Knowlton and wife, Melanie; his niece Jessica and husband Rick Ortiz; and his nephews Kevin and Christopher Gentry.

Those wishing to honor Harry’s memory may consider a contribution to the Victims Intervention Program, whose work he supported in his later years.

Arrangements are under the care of Hessling Murray Funeral Home, Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 21. There was a formal service on Wednesday, July 22, both at Hessling Murray Funeral Home, 428 Main Street, Honesdale. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, July 25th at Darby O’Gills, 3969 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY. Condolences may be shared at [hesslingfuneralhome.com](http://hesslingfuneralhome.com).

## Dorothy M. King



Dorothy M. King, a resident of Fishkill, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2026, at the Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. She was 82 years old.

Born on October 1, 1943, in Dublin, Georgia, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Smith and Missouri Jenkins.

On April 4, 1973, she married Richard Edward King, who predeceased her in 2008. Dorothy enjoyed a long career as a construction coordinator with Bell Atlantic and later retired from Verizon in Queens.

She is survived by her daughter, Lybbia Cabello and her husband, Jon; her grandchildren, Isaiah Cabello and Jocelynn Cabello; and her great-granddaughter,

Evangeline (Sanderlin) Cabello.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Richard, Dorothy was predeceased by her sisters, Ruby Lee Holder and Beverly Jones.

In keeping with Dorothy’s wishes, services will be held privately for her family.

To send a personal condolence, please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

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

## Christine Moffitt



Christine Moffitt, a 52-year resident of Beacon, entered into rest on July 17, 2026 at the age of 81.

Christine “Chris” was born on November 15, 1944 in College Point, New York, the daughter of the late John and Harriet (Smith) Reinhart. It was there that she met the love of her life George Moffitt, whom she married and spent 57 loving years with until her passing. Together, they moved to Beacon, NY and raised four boys: Edward, Brian, Thomas, and Andrew. Ed and Andrew were born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and as a homemaker, she spent much of her time advocating and taking care of all of her children’s needs. She eventually became a teacher’s aide in the Beacon City School District, and enjoyed having an active role in the classroom, helping to teach elementary school children. She had a lasting career and

retired from the district after helping children for over 20 years.

Aside from her work, Chris was a devout Catholic and a member of both St. Joachim’s church in Beacon and a lifetime member of the Altar Rosary Society of Hopewell Junction. Chris was creative by nature. She enjoyed arts and crafts and painting and later developed a love for crocheting. She would work tirelessly to crochet a winter hat for a friend, a baby blanket for an expectant mother, or something as simple as a teapot cover so your tea wouldn’t get cold. Chances are if you knew her, you probably have something she made for you with love. She enjoyed gardening and keeping house plants and she especially liked when her Christmas cactus was in bloom. She enjoyed cooking and she was very proud of having taken several cooking classes at the Culinary Institute of America.

Chris was known to be very social and outgoing, making friends and friendly conversation wherever she was, and making an impact on anyone who got to know her. She loved to travel. While doing so, she loved to know where the people she met were from and if she found out someone was also raised in College Point or Queens in general, well, they had a new best friend.

Chris is survived by her husband George Moffitt, her son Brian Moffitt and his wife Kim, her son Thomas Moffitt and his wife Susan, and her brother Robert Reinhart and his wife Maureen. She is also survived by her six grandchildren Samantha, Andrew, Garrett, Jason, Miranda, and Morgan as well as several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her parents, she is predeceased by her brother John and two sons, Edward and Andrew Moffitt.

Family and friends gathered on Monday, July 27 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A graveside service took place on Tuesday, July 28 at St. Joachim Cemetery, 523 Washington Avenue, Beacon.

Chris and family received support from two organizations during their care for Ed and Andrew and would like to continue to help other families with similar needs. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Chris to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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# 'Putting Your Skills Back to Work' fair for 55 and older on Aug. 13

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office for the Aging announced the return of the second annual “Putting Your Skills Back to Work” Older Adults Skills Fair. This free event is designed for older adults, ages 55 and older, who are looking to stay active and are interested in meaningful volunteer opportunities or part-time employment. This year's fair will be held on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at John Jay High School’s gymnasium in East Fishkill.

Serino said, “Dutchess County’s older adults bring an incredible wealth of knowledge, experience, and energy to our community. Staying engaged—whether through volunteering, part-time work, or simply connecting with others—supports better health, stronger independence, and a renewed sense of purpose. Our Older Adults Skills Fair celebrates that vitality and reinforces our commitment to helping older residents remain active, connected, and confident. Whether you're interested in sharing your talents through volunteer service or exploring part-time employment, this fair is the perfect place to start, and I hope to see you there!”

This event will include opportunities to:

- Meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions;
- Connect with nonprofit organizations;

- Socialization with fellow older adults;
- Enjoy complimentary light refreshments.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) Director Todd Tancredi said, “We’re pleased to bring this event back for a second year. This fair offers meaningful ways to stay engaged, connected, and involved. It’s a simple, but important opportunity for our older adults to share their talents and remain active in the community.”

Last year's event was attended by nearly 500 local older adults with more than 35 local organizations and businesses taking part.

There is no RSVP required for guest attendance. Businesses and nonprofit organizations interested in hosting a table can call the County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000 or please visit [dutchessny.gov/senior-skills](http://dutchessny.gov/senior-skills) to reserve a spot.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) provides services and advocacy to support independence, dignity and quality of life for older adults in the county. From nutrition and wellness programs to caregiver support and employment resources, the OFA is committed to enriching the lives of local older residents. More information about all the OFA offers is available at [dutchessny.gov/aging](http://dutchessny.gov/aging).

# Trivia Night set for Aug. 2

Trivia Night will be held on Sunday, Aug. 2 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Sloop Brewing Company, 755 East Drive #106 in East Fishkill. It is \$20 per person to register, with proceeds to bene-

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- Petunias “Cascadia Rim Merlot” –



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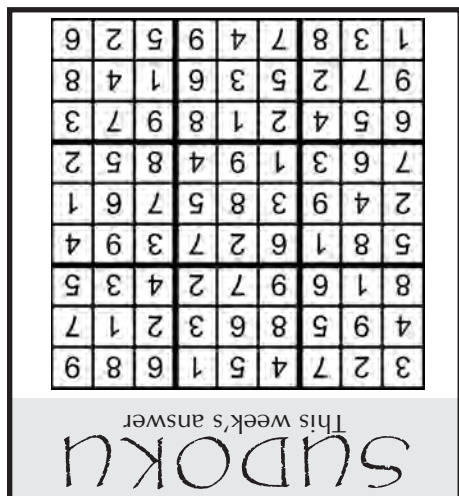
Like vinca, petunia breeding has come a long way since the days when a slight rain shower would turn the blossoms to mush. Some of the new colors are impossible to describe. My favorite, "Rim Merlot," didn't get a single vote at our in-house trial,

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

# Trivia Night set for Aug. 2

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## this week's puzzle solutions



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1. Capital of Ghana

6. Pilot's announcement

9. Bog deposit

13. Banned aerosol propellant

14. Lake, in France

15. \_\_\_\_ firma

16. Source of chocolate

17. Sensitive subject?

18. Twig of a willow tree

19. \*Certain secret spot

21. \*Beezus' little sister

23. Half a dozen

24. Final notice

25. CEO's deg.

28. Spew profanities

30. Swamp

35. Gateway \_\_\_\_

37. Boisterous play

39. \*"All for one and one for all," to Musketeers

40. Steak preference

41. Flower's peak

43. \*Butter\_\_\_\_, Hogsmeade beverage

44. Like some East Coast universities

46. Archipelago unit

47. Plaintiff

48. Loads

50. Tiny bit

52. Snoop

53. Bruce and Spike, e.g.

55. Ovine mom

57. \*Pocketful

60. \*Cat's \_\_\_\_

63. \*Lemony Snicket, to Daniel Handler

64. Shel Silverstein's "A Boy Named \_\_\_\_"

66. The company one \_\_\_\_

68. \*Peanut butter and jelly sandwich to a kid

69. Lt.'s subordinate

70. Snail mail replacement

71. Says "What?"

72. As opposed to yeses

73. \*Mystery solver

DOWN

1. Half of NFL

2. Rugged rock

3. Cecum, pl.

4. Lion sounds

5. Relating to anode

6. Dashing style

7. \*"It" game

8. Sour

9. 100 centavos, in Mexico

10. Actress Moriarty

11. Equals 1/2 b x h

12. Smoker's lung residue

15. Double drum

20. Beyond suburb

22. Heart to Cupid

24. Reverse one, in the kitchen

25. \*Super Bro.

26. "Music to my ears!"

27. Like thick smoke

29. Same as solos

31. Schneider and Reiner, e.g.

32. Consumed (2 words)

33. Ranch grazer

34. \*Game of apologies

36. Achilles' weakness

38. Ralph Lauren's inspiration

42. Same as metre

45. Yummy

49. \*"\_\_\_\_ Spot Run"

51. Rouse

54. Ruhr's industrial center

56. Swelling

57. Arithmetic operation

58. Piglet sound

59. Cul de \_\_\_\_, pl.

60. \_\_\_\_pool or \_\_\_\_pit

61. Like hard times

62. "The Iliad," e.g.

63. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode

65. \*Shedding-type card game

67. \*Like Aesop's fox

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



# Fresh is best

Pesto is the star of this summer dish.

Summer is all about ease, especially when it comes to eating. In its heat, we tend to slow down, eat lighter and, when possible, spend less time in the kitchen. It's all about impromptu get-togethers, cocktails on the porch, lounging poolside and grilling anything and everything. (In my dreams, anyway. In reality, most of my friends are too far flung or too busy to get together without a plan, and the only pool I have is small and inflatable). Still, most summer evenings see me outside, often with my beloved neighbors, enjoying a nosh and something cool to sip. Nothing exotic but pretty blissful and luxurious if you ask me.

I could easily go all summer without making a "proper" meal but then Reality is there to remind me that I still have to cook. If you're a social butterfly, which I am not, you'll likely understand the feeling. After all the cookouts, parties and vacations so typical this time of year, there's still meal planning to be done. It can be challenging for sure and there are lots of hot summer days left. Thankfully there's lots of fresh local produce to help us through it.

I often turn to what's in season for inspiration when planning meals and, more often than not, it's rewarding on many levels. The other night, for example, I was getting late and I was hungrier than I'd expected to be after an earlier light nosh. In this situation any other time of year, a bowl of cereal would have sufficed, but it's summer and there were other things on hand to play with. Taking stock of what I had quickly inspired this pasta dish, which comes together in no time and is easily customizable.

A note on the star of this show: pesto. If you have a blender or food processor, it's pretty easy to make your own. Typically it's made by blending fresh

basil with pine nuts, oil, garlic and Parmesan cheese, but you can use different greens (kale, arugula, spinach) and nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios) if you prefer. I try to keep pesto in my fridge this time of year to slather on sandwiches, add to eggs or just bring more flavor where needed, like in pasta salad.

**PESTO-CREAM PASTA**

Feel free to make your own pesto for this since the fresher the better. If buying it, I prefer fresh brands over jarred. You'll need at least a cup of pesto for this because, even if it seems over-dressed when you make it, as it sits the pasta will absorb quite a bit. Alternatively, you could swap out the cream and butter for mayo and a squeeze of fresh lemon juice (without heating on the stove). Add any vegetables you want. Mushrooms, arugula, peas and peppers would be good. Make it more of a meal by tossing in cooked shrimp or leftover chicken. Serve it warm or cold.

**NOTE:** This makes quite a bit, so if you aren't feeding a small crowd (4-6) you'll have leftovers, which will keep well in the fridge for 3-4 days. The pasta will absorb quite a bit of the sauce, so you may want to make a little more or just stir in more pesto.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1lb rigatoni or penne (the ridges really hold the sauce)
- 7-8oz (about 1 cup) pesto
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup heavy cream
- Crumbled feta (about ¾ cup), divided
- Cherry tomatoes, halved (about 2 cups)
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about ¼ cup)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

**METHOD**

Add pasta to salted boiling water and cook



Pesto Cream Pasta

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving about ½ cup of the pasta water (you may want to add some to the sauce later). Transfer pasta to a large bowl.

Place cream and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat and whisk until butter is melted. Add pesto and whisk to blend. Reduce heat and simmer 2-3 minutes. Stir in Parmesan and half of the feta. Pour over pasta. If a bit dry or not coating the pasta well, add some of the reserved pasta water (start with 1 tablespoon). Add tomatoes, remaining feta, salt and pepper.

I like it best served warm, but it's also good chilled or at room temperature.

Serves 4-6.

Pesto on its own is a great staple to keep on hand or make fresh with all that fresh

basil from your garden. Added to pasta it makes for a perfect summer meal. Add whatever you like, set out a bowl at your next get together (impromptu or otherwise) or steal away and savor a little by yourself. It's an easy, delicious reminder that simple, beautiful foods and the joy they give us are a luxury we can afford and richly deserve. Enjoy!

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## 2026 'Beacons of History' announced

Mirbeau Inn & Spa Beacon, Beacon Historical Society volunteers to receive awards in November

The Beacon Historical Society will present its tenth annual "Beacons of History" awards on Thursday, Nov. 5, to a business and group of volunteers who have made substantial contributions to Beacon and helped to preserve its history and sense of community. The 2026 recognition will be presented to:

**Organizational Honoree:**  
**Mirbeau Inn & Spa Beacon**  
The exciting restoration and adaptive

reuse of the Tioronda Estate was cause for great celebration this year! Built in 1859 by community benefactors Joseph and Eliza Howland, the home had been uninhabited for a quarter century before Mirbeau visionaries Linda and Gary Dower (who built their first inn and spa in their hometown of Skaneateles in 2000) purchased it for revitalization. Located on 64 mountainside acres, the property now features 72 guest rooms and a luxurious

25,000-square-foot spa. The firm's estimated \$73 million investment was the largest in our city's history. Tioronda was designed by noted 19th-century architects Frederick Clarke Withers and Richard Morris Hunt; importantly, many of its most significant features have been carefully restored. These include the Hunt Music Room and Terrace, as well as a massive 58-pipe musical organ installed in 1873. The landmark was also the location of the renowned Craig House Hospital from 1915 until 1999, when it was shuttered, awaiting a new destiny that finally arrived in 2026 thanks to Mirbeau.

**Individual Honoree:**  
**Beacon Historical Society Volunteers of Half a Century**

On May 5, 1976, a group of 20 people interested in Beacon's history gathered at the Mount Gulian homestead to discuss formation of a historical society to preserve Beacon's heritage. Now, 50 years later, the dream of those charter members, all of whom have since passed away, has blossomed into a dynamic, active organization with a repository that holds tens of thousands of historical documents, photographs, books and artifacts. Displays, lectures and special events held throughout the years have also served to raise awareness of our city's fascinating past. Thanks to thousands of members and the devotion of hundreds of volunteers through the last

half century, the organization has made a difference in how the Beacon community remembers its past and sees its future. The evening will serve as the official 50th anniversary party for the Society.

The cocktail party will be held at the Roundhouse as both a friend- and a fundraiser for the Historical Society, which is headquartered at 61 Leonard Street. Members will receive invitations after Labor Day. Tickets are \$75 per person, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Memorial donations, contributions and other means of financial support are most appreciated in order to assist the Society in paying for its headquarters expenses, establishing new displays and caring for its vast collection.

"We hope that local businesses and residents will support this event to celebrate Beacon's past and future," said Historical Society President Denise VanBuren, noting that it is the Society's single largest fundraiser this year. "In addition to honoring outstanding award recipients, the proceeds will be used to assist our Society in celebrating the history of Beacon at a time when our city is experiencing a great deal of rebirth and change. Come join us – support the work we do as volunteers to preserve Beacon's history." All are welcome to attend, but reservations must be made and paid in advance for what is expected to be a sold-out event. Contact VanBuren for more information at BeaconHistorical@gmail.com.

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