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‘Know Before You Go’ to the 2026 Dutchess County Fair

The 180th Dutchess County Fair, running Aug. 25-30, is just around the corner and organizers are feverishly preparing for opening day, Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m.

Highlighted below are just a few helpful hints to prepare for your day at the Fair. Fully detailed information of “Things to Know Before You Go” can be found at <https://dutchessfair.com/visitor-info/>.

HOURS OF OPERATION
Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

All Rides Run Daily, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. until closing
Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

The commercial buildings close each night at 10 p.m.

Please note: The following buildings close earlier than 10 p.m.

- 9 p.m. - Century Museum Antique Village (Map #40)
- 9 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Building (Map E)
- 8 p.m. - Bentley Schoolhouse (Map #43)
- ** Pleasant Valley Train Station (Map #42)
- ** Fireman’s Museum (Map #41)

TICKETS

Take advantage of the Online Pre-Fair promotions by Aug. 25 at 12 a.m.

Adults: (12yrs +) \$16.50 (includes fee & tax)

Ride All Day Wristband \$33 (includes \$3 convenience fee; admission price not included)

It is asked that you download your print at home tickets or save to your phone BEFORE you arrive to the Fairgrounds. Make sure barcode is visible.

Day Of/At the Gate Prices
Adults: (12yrs +) \$20
Ride All Day Wristband \$40 (does not include \$2 activation fee; admission price not included)

Always FREE: Children 11 years and under

AT THE GATE SPECIALS
Tuesday, Aug. 25 - \$12 after 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26 - Senior (65+) and Military (with ID) \$12
Thursday, Aug. 27 - \$15 after 5 p.m.

- All acts, concerts, scheduled times, exhibitors, prices and other advertised events are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.
- Admission is not included in the purchase of the ride wristband or ride tickets.

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Beacon Sloop Club to bring community together during annual Corn Festival

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Sloop will host its annual Corn Festival on Sunday, August. 16, from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine. The event is being held at Pete and Toshi Seeger Park, Red Flynn Drive., in Beacon. One can access the festival by Metro-North or on the Beacon Free Loop bus. Free parking will be available.

Festival Coordinator Patricia Murphy said, “I would describe the corn at the festival as a locally sourced treat that is boiled to perfection to leave just the right amount of crisp sweetness. The club is happy to give guests the option of enhancing their experience by adding butter for a classic rendition or mayonnaise and cheese to yield a delectable version of the highly sought after Mexican street corn.”

Bonnie Champion, a volunteer with the Sloop Club, remarked, “A highlight of the summer in the Hudson Valley, the Corn Festival attendance has grown over the years for many reasons. Admission is free. There are unique, free activities for children and adults that include examining micro-invertebrates under large microscopes, and riding a solar-powered Merry-Go-Round. We do our best to keep the prices low for this kid- and dog-friendly celebration.”



A volunteer with the Beacon Sloop Club empties a pot of corn on the cob into a container. This year’s Corn Festival is set for Aug. 16 in Beacon.

-Photo Courtesy Beacon Sloop Club

BSC volunteer Joyce Hanson noted, “We are an all-volunteer organization with a strong environmental message, and we are dedicated to keeping as much single-use plastic out of our festival as possible. To support this effort, we require all

vendors to use compostable products. Please note that we provide free water for refillable water bottles, and we only permit the sale of beverages in compostable cups, glass bottles or cans.”

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DC Fairgrounds landscaping rooted in family tradition

By Kaeleigh Banda

Local landscaper Tony Capalbo has been taking care of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds from a landscaping perspective since 2003. Instead of hiring a team to assist him, he enlists the help of his family to make the visions come to life. Every flower planted and every weed pulled is the work of three generations of Capalbo’s family.

Capalbo said he has been bringing his now 13-year-old son to the Fairgrounds since he was an infant.

“I used to bring him to the horticulture meetings in his car carrier,” Capalbo said. “He’s grown up on this property. He loves this place.”

The landscape planning process for the fair begins every year in February. Then, flowers are ordered and grounds are freshened up in April. Planting begins around Mother’s Day, and maintenance extends past the fair’s conclusion into October. This year’s fair runs from Aug. 25-30. Visit dutchessfair.com for information and tickets.

Capalbo said he and his family take care of all the gardens and plant all of the flowers. The grounds they cover is 162 acres. The grounds are regularly maintained through watering, weeding and pruning.

“Today [my son] was here with my parents, and it rained yesterday, so [the plants] didn’t need the water, so they were weeding and trimming hedges,” Capalbo said during an interview near the end of July. “And he was calling me, naming off all of these shrubs, and I’m like, ‘He’s 13!’”

From a young age, Capalbo was inter-



Tony Capalbo and Melody Moore are seated in the gardens near the Tom Odak Horticulture Building at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

ested in landscaping. His parents started a business about 46 years ago, so like his son, he grew up around landscaping.

“My dad worked for the town of Rhinebeck Highway Department full time and then started doing stuff on the side just to make extra money,” Capalbo said. “My interest just grew from there. I now have my bachelor’s degree in landscape design and plant science.”

In addition to working with his family, Capalbo is the co-owner of The Phantom Gardener in Rhinebeck. Capalbo said he looks forward to working with a team from The Phantom Gardener on the landscape competitions in the Thomas J. Odak Horticulture Center at the Fair.

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Beacon Sloop Club to bring community together during annual Corn Festival



Attendees check out the fresh corn during a previous year’s festival.
-Photos courtesy Beacon Sloop Club



Attendees wait on the line for fresh corn during a previous festival. This year’s event is set for Aug. 16 at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon.
-Photos courtesy Beacon Sloop Club

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Murphy explained, “At this year’s event you will find new people, new vibes, and new experiences paired with old faces, treasured timeless values, and a sense of peace and togetherness and unity to protect our environment, and the necessary passing down of knowledge about our River and sailing.”
In contrast to some past events, Murphy said, “This year’s Corn Festival

will offer free games to children so that young people of all backgrounds can have an enjoyable time, without exclusion.”
Belly Dancing & Multi-Cultural Dance by Sarah will be performing this year.
The Beacon Sloop Club’s Corn Festival is a wonderful, family-friendly community event with a wide range of music and activities. It’s a wonderful opportunity to showcase our fusion of traditional and contemporary dance performed by people who live who live in this community,”

said Sarah Bell, with Belly Dancing & Multi-Cultural Dance by Sarah.
Bell explained, “Dancing with Sarah will be performing a half hour set starting at noon at the Family Stage, visible immediately when you arrive at the park. We’ll be performing under the trees with the Hudson River as our backdrop. We dance to a mixture of traditional music and contemporary songs, drawing from Middle Eastern, Latin, and other dance forms with colorful costumes and props like

veils, fans, tambourines, and finger cymbals. You will learn some history of the dance traditions and be enveloped in color, sound, and rhythm.”
Champion shared that the purpose of the Festival is to build a sense of community.
“We bring people of many backgrounds together to the riverfront. They see how magnificent the Hudson River is and become inspired to take care of it and our environment,” she said.

AI-powered virtual phone assistant designed to improve SNAP customer service

County reports
The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) has been piloting EVA, an artificial intelligence-powered virtual phone assistant designed to help clients apply or recertify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. EVA provides quick, convenient, around-the-clock customer service and helps DCFS staff better serve residents seeking assistance. DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Marzouka presented an update about EVA to members of the Dutchess County Legislature recently; the presentation is available online.
Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Efficient and responsive customer service is a priority for us, and EVA is one example of how Dutchess County continues to use new technology to make services easier and more accessible. By helping our neighbors find reliable information quickly and making the application process more efficient, we are enabling our team to spend more time focusing on the unique needs of the people and fami-

lies we support.”
EVA is an AI-powered phone system with specialized components designed for Social Services Districts. Over the past two years, 17 New York counties have begun using EVA components with great success. DCFS is currently piloting two EVA components for the SNAP program : the EVA Phone system and the EVA Rights & Responsibilities (R&R) module.
EVA Phone answers inbound calls 24/7/365 and can speak in more than 30 languages, reducing barriers for clients and helping them get answers more quickly. EVA can handle multiple calls at once, ensuring callers are not left waiting on hold or hearing a busy signal. Since testing began on July 1, EVA has handled nearly 1,200 calls, saving more than 23 staff hours and providing frequently requested information, including:
• Office hours and locations
• Where to find or submit forms and verification documents
• General program information for SNAP, HEAP, Medicaid, and more

• Answers to frequently asked questions about DCFS services
The EVA R&R component recites the federally-required SNAP Rights & Responsibilities script to clients following their eligibility or recertification interview. Clients hear the script in their preferred language and verbally attest to understanding it, improving both compliance and quality assurance. This allows DCFS staff to use the time previously spent reciting the script to complete interview notes and process applications more quickly. DCFS has been testing this component since mid-June and has already assisted more than 900 clients.
As a result of EVA’s efficiency, DCFS improved its SNAP application timeliness rate — applications processed within 30 days — from 74 percent in July 2025 to 83 percent in July 2026 during the test period. Feedback from clients and staff has been positive. DCFS expects to fully implement both EVA components by the end of the summer.
DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said, “Our department is thrilled with the positive results EVA has brought our clients and staff during the testing phase. This innovative tool assists many in our community who turn to DCFS for SNAP support. EVA gives our team more time to focus on the individuals and families who need personalized help and enables us to deliver faster, more efficient, higher-quality service.”
Implementation of EVA comes at a crit-

ical time for DCFS, as staff help SNAP recipients navigate new federal requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD). Expanded age ranges and mandated monthly work or training hours have significantly increased staff workloads, making workflow improvements even more essential.
DCFS Social Welfare Manager II Janet McLain said, “I am very excited to utilize EVA. We are finding that EVA is saving valuable time. By reducing time spent reading rights and responsibilities, our staff can dedicate more attention to accuracy, case processing and providing quality services to our community. We hope continued use of EVA will help reduce heavy workloads and improve morale for our dedicated staff.”
EVA meets all New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) standards and does not have access to confidential information. Its security and privacy protections comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP). EVA does not make decisions; it only relays general information publicly available through DCFS or the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).
To learn more about the benefits and services available through the Department of Community & Family Services, visit www.dutchessny.gov/DCFS.

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Children’s Home introduces new Board and Committee members

The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie has announced the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors, the addition of a committee member, and the confirmation of its Executive Committee for the 2026-2027 term. With backgrounds in commercial banking, child development, engineering, and data analysis, these individuals will help strengthen the organization’s leadership and mission of serving children and families.

Michael Liguori, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lender for Rhinebeck Bank, joins the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie’s Board of Directors as its Assistant Treasurer, bringing expertise in lending and management. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from SUNY Oswego and is a 2012 Leadership Dutchess graduate. Mike has also received specialized training in commercial credit through the American Bankers Association. He is extremely active in the local community and is the Immediate Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie, Treasurer of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, and Board Member for MidHudson Works.

Andrea Massi joins the Board of Directors with a strong background in education, child development, and school leadership. A graduate of Dutchess Community College, where she earned associate degrees in Early Childhood Education and Liberal Arts, Andrea went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in English from SUNY New Paltz, master’s degrees in Education and Students with Disabilities, and an advanced degree in School Leadership. Throughout her career, she has worked with youth and families through a variety of roles, providing skill building, prevocational, crisis avoidance



Michael Liguori



Andrea Massi



Christine Taylor

-Courtesy photos

management and training, special needs community advocacy, and caregiver support. She currently serves as Academic Support Center Coordinator at Oakwood Friends School, where she is the head of her department, teaches classes, and writes learning plans and 504s for students in need.

Christine Taylor joins the Children’s Home as part of the Resource Development Committee, with years of experience working in engineering, research, and data analysis. She holds a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and is currently a hardware developer at IBM. Christine is passionate about supporting local children and families

through education, mentorship, and community support.

“We want to enthusiastically welcome new board members Andrea and Michael to our Board of Directors and Christine to our Resource Development Committee,” said Val Murphy, Chair of the Board of Directors. “They bring not only their extensive professional expertise and long-standing involvement in the Mid-Hudson Valley Community, but a strong desire to support and promote the mission of the Children’s Home to empower children and families to achieve optimal health and well-being.”

The Children’s Home would also like to recognize four members who have completed

ed their board terms, Maureen Crush, Chris Downey, Rochelle Friedman, and Jessica Vinall. In addition, the Children’s Home announced its updated Executive Committee: Chair –

Valerie Murphy; Vice Chair – Matthew Cruz; Vice Chair, Audit – Patrick Meaney; Vice Chair, Governance – Ian MacDonald; Vice Chair, Program – Kathy McCorry; Vice Chair, Resource Development – Jason Dewey; Secretary – Sean Manna; Treasurer – Mary Lou Davis; and Assistant Treasurer – Michael Liguori.

To learn more about the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie and its mission, please visit childrenshome.us.

Networking event brings together nearly 200 women from across Dutchess County

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino welcomed nearly 200 attendees to Locust Grove Thursday evening for her tenth Women’s Networking Event, for an evening of connection, inspiration and celebration of the strength that builds when women show up for one another.

“Every year I look forward to this event because when women come together, we don’t just empower one another – we witness the incredible strength and resilience that exists in every corner of our community,” said Serino. “I am so grateful to Renee, Micah, and Fallon for courageously sharing their stories. They reminded us that the lives we touch, whether through service, compassion, or simply believing in someone, can leave a lasting mark.”

This year’s theme, “The Lives We Touch,” showcased three dynamic speakers including:

- Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach, shared her journey from being involved with the Grace Smith House helping domestic violence victims to her current role helping others find food security with Dutchess Outreach. She shared moving stories of those she’s met and helped along the way and how, even when they are going through their own struggles, individuals find the strength to help others.

- Micah Smith, President and Founder of Micah Abigail LLC, shared her story of faith and surrender in finding her sobriety and finding her purpose in helping others build their credit and find financial freedom. She emphasized that sometimes, the things that try to break you can be the same thing that becomes the foundation you build your life on.

- Fallon Meneses, Emergency Room Technician at Vassar Bothers Medical Center and rare disease awareness advocate, shared her journey of meeting life’s challenges with resilience, transforming her view of hardship into one of compassion, hope and courage. She emphasized that even small gestures such as showing up, listening and advocating for what you believe in can profoundly change someone’s life.

Fillette-Miccio, PhD said, “What

made tonight so memorable is that while we all come from different backgrounds, we’re united in a shared belief in the power of connection. There’s something so special when we come together, to listen and lend a helping hand and tonight showcased just that. I’m grateful for the opportunity to speak and thank County Executive Serino for hosting an event that continues to foster this environment.”

Smith said, “Silence is expensive; I know, I paid it twice - once through addiction and once through financial shame I wouldn’t acknowledge to anyone. What breaks that silence isn’t advice, but someone standing up and sharing their similar experience and how they got through it. Last night was a room full of women gathered to be themselves; you could feel the weight of expectations lift. I walked out reminded that connection doesn’t happen through a screen, it happens when we show up for each other.”

- Meneses said, “I was humbled and grateful to be part of this event. I meet a lot of people every day, and you never know what will resonate or give someone the hope they need to keep moving forward. I was so inspired by my fellow speakers’ stories and thank County Executive Serino for bringing us all together to share our inspiration, our motivation and our purpose.”

Event attendees had the opportunity to learn about various Dutchess County Government resources available to them at information tables hosted by various County agencies including Dutchess County Public Transit, Department of Health, Veterans Affairs and Office for the Aging.

Serino launched the Women’s Networking Event during her time in the New York State Senate and has since welcomed thousands of local women to come together to support one another and make new connections that extend well beyond the event.

To learn more about future networking events, contact the Dutchess County Executive’s Office at 845-486-2000 or CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.



County Executive Sue Serino is pictured with speakers, from left, Fallon Meneses, Renee Fillette-Miccio, and Micah Smith at the 2026 Women’s Networking Event.

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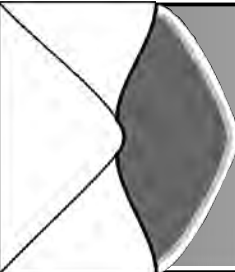
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Beacon Elks donate \$250 to Marine Corps League



Beacon Elks 1493 donated \$250 to the Marine Corps League on July 18. From left, Ron Piga, Past District Deputy and Past Exalted Ruler; Ed Deguisto, Commandant of the Carmen Ramputi Detachment #861 Marine Corps League; Barbara Farber, Past State Vice President Exalted Ruler and Gary Sztumerski, Pay Master.

-Photo courtesy Beacon Elks



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WEATHER

Although the sun always shines in Rhinebeck, the Dutchess County Fair does take place if it’s raining. Check weather before you come and be prepared. Wear comfy shoes and clothing; there’s a lot of walking and things to see and do!

GUEST INFORMATION

- Non-Smoking Facility: Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the fairgrounds or within 40 feet of gated entrances. The policy applies to tobacco, marijuana products and/or vapors from electronic smoking devices.
- Parking: is FREE at the fairgrounds. Be sure to lock your vehicle and take note of where you have parked. Take a minute to familiarize yourself with your surroundings when you arrive to avoid confusion when you depart. When driving in the parking lots, please drive with caution and watch for “pedestrian traffic.” We have a No Paging Policy, so please pick a place to meet everyone in your party if you get separated.
- SERVICE DOGS in compliance with ADA regulations and are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities, will be admitted. ***All service dogs must have PROOF of rabies vaccination to enter the grounds.
- No Pets Policy: Pets are NOT permitted on the fairgrounds.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG IN YOUR CAR. Any dog left in a vehicle will be turned over to the local authorities/dog warden at the expense of the owner. NOTE: Confinement of Companion Animals in Vehicles: Extreme Temperatures (NY State Agricultural and Markets Law 353-d): A person shall not confine a companion animal in a motor vehicle in extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection from such extreme temperatures where such confinement places the companion animal in imminent danger of death or serious physical injury due to exposure to such extreme heat or cold.

YOUTH ADMISSION POLICY

The Dutchess County Fair requires that all children 17-and-under entering after 6 p.m. must be accompanied by an adult parent, legal guardian or chaperone who is age 25-or-older. Proof of age will be required. IDs may be verified at the gate.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- The Dutchess County Fairgrounds has ZERO Tolerance for Bad Behavior. We are committed to creating a safe, and family friendly environment.
- Bag Search, Prohibited Items & Behaviors: We strive to produce a fun and safe family event. Bag search will be conducted during entrance to the Fair. Listed below are some of the common prohibited items and behavior, but does not limit itself to the following:
- No pets
 - No Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, heellies, segways, and golf cars
 - No Cans, bottles, coolers or picnic baskets
 - No outside alcohol
 - No firearms, knives and weapons of any kind

Mobility Carts, Wheelchairs, Wagons, Stroller Rentals: All equipment is on a first-come, first-served basis (Map #1 at the Main Gate & Gate #2). Call to reserve equipment toll free 888-441-7575. Reserve equipment in person at the vendor booth for future use (no day of reservation)

Questions? Call Scootaround 888-441-7575. Visit their website scootaround.com/mobility-rentals/rent-online then select “Event”

Restrooms: Look down and follow the yellow line on the pavement. That line will lead you to our various restrooms. Portable restrooms are available throughout the fairgrounds.

ATMs: Cash machines are available with 3 locations on the fairgrounds located in the Arts & Crafts building (Bldg E), near the Main Restrooms during all events. Please check with the Information Booths for other locations.

Comfort/Baby Changing Stations: Private area reserved for nursing mothers and their children. (Map # 8)

First Aid Stations: Event Medical Services personnel are on duty during extended hours at Fair time. Look for the Red cross (+) on the fair brochure, on our app or website.

Lost & Found: All lost and found articles can be turned in or claimed at the State Police Command Center located next to the Main Restrooms and First Aid building (Map #9). If you realize you are missing an item after you get home, give our Lost & Found a call 845-876-3074.

Safe Kid’s Place: Lost children can be found in the Safe Kid’s Place which is located next to the First Aid Station (Map # 8) next to Main Restrooms.

State Police/Security: All emergency concerns should be directed to security or fairgrounds personnel. Security personnel are on duty 24 hours a day during the Fair, both on the grounds and in the State Police Command Center located near the Main Restrooms & the First Aid building. (Map #9)

Ticket Redemption: Advanced Sale Wristband vouchers can be redeemed at any Power’s Carnival Ticket Booth.

Hand Washing Stations: Please wash hands to prevent the spread of germs and when leaving all animal areas and especially before eating.

Cell Phone Charging Stations: Located near Main Restrooms (Map #9) and near Food Mall Pavilion.

Download our App: The free Dutchess County Fair app is the official smartphone way to plan your day and find your way around the Fair. Check out our online daily schedule, personalize your own daily schedule and keep up-to-date with all Fair information.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Take a full body photo of your child(ren) before you get to the fair. If you get separated, that photo can be used to provide a description to State Police, Security and Fair personnel in locating your child faster.
- Print out your online ticket at home or take a screen shot of your online ticket BEFORE you arrive at the Fair, making sure that the barcode is visible.
- Check weather before you come and be prepared. There’s a lot of walking and things to see and do!
- Be courteous and be kind.
- Reminder that we are a SMOKE FREE FACILITY and DO NOT ALLOW PETS
- THERE ARE NO REFUNDS, EXCHANGES OR RAIN CHECKS. ALL SALES ARE FINAL.
- Have fun and enjoy your day!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.dutchessfair.com.

BHS Class of ‘66 Reunion set for Sept.

Beacon High School Class of 1966 will hold a 60th Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at Nicola’s Italian Restaurant, 3620 Route 9, in Cold Spring, Putnam County.

For more information, please email

paulpappet66@gmail.com or call 845-831-7758.

Events include a Friday night football game at 6 p.m. on Friday and on Sunday, Spirit of Beacon Day Parade.

RSVP by going to www.bit.ly/BHS1966.



The preservation of place is the preservation of experience



Above: A recent photograph of the single pillar left from what had been a group of eight pillars (four on each side of the entrance) to create a sense of direction and dramatic approach. Contemporary architectural pillars reference the older ones when people arrived by horse and carriage.

-Photos by Bill Jeffway.

By Bill Jeffway

Prompted by the numerous destructive fires decimating the post-Civil War-era buildings that formed the Hudson River State Hospital, here we examine what we gain from the preservation of historic sites such as the original main buildings.

We often don't use the word, but the preservation of historic buildings and sites is, fundamentally, the preservation of experiences. What survives in a historic building is not only brick, stone, wood, or architectural style. What survives is an experience of scale, proportion, light, texture, sound, movement, and setting. It is the experience of approaching it, entering it, looking upward or outward, feeling the temperature of the stone, hearing footsteps echo in a corridor, or discovering how a window frames a landscape. Preservation allows us (and future generations) to encounter history physically, while offering a powerful platform to encounter history intellectually.

A preserved place allows each generation to ask new questions. We can stand there (could have stood there) in the twenty-first century, knowing both the aspirations and failures of the institution, and experience it.

Place is important. "The things we can see and touch awaken the imagination to a degree not possible from that taken only

from books and secondhand accounts." This paraphrases Lewis Mumford speaking to the DCHS membership at Troutbeck in Amenia on September 15, 1926, close to a century ago.

What might have been awakened in our imagination if we could have approached, entered, walked through, looked out from the unique buildings that were the Hudson River State Hospital?

When announced as a project, New York State declared that "the hospital in its structure and arrangements should have every feature of convenience and utility that experience elsewhere has approved. It should be built on a scale of thoroughness and completeness commensurate with the immense resources and unquestioned liberality of the greatest State in the Union." New York State declared that it was hoped that those who find the doors open to them shall find that the site "shall lift dark clouds from their minds, and restore them to home, friends, society and usefulness."

Might not the same views, the feeling of breezes, the same changing color of the building materials as the sun progresses across the sky, suggest warmth and safety and inspire a visitor in the same way today?

The verticality of the high Victorian Gothic style prompts us to stop, to take



Above left: The architect Frederick Withers brought building materials from Ohio, the Susquehanna and more locally from Croton and the Catskills, to create a spirited, polychrome far-reaching facade. Architectural features inside were designed to be in the supporting role of drawing and framing the view of the outside.

-DCHS Image Collection.

in the full effect. It tells us something important is happening here.

The sprawling horizontality of the famous "Kirkbride plan" presents arms of equal size and style on each side of the main building. This comes from the thinking at the time that to get better we need space, air, and views. In what was seen as an innovation, instead of placing people in jails or crowded poorhouses, Kirkbride advocated purpose-built hospitals. Exercise, occupation, gardens, privacy and contact with nature were considered parts of treatment—not decorative extras. That beneficial experience can only truly come from being physically present while walking, seeing, breathing, touching.

The genius of the architect Frederick Clarke Withers does not come from understanding his technical skills but from experiencing his work. The painstaking selection by the architect of building materials does not need to be known to have its effect upon the viewer. But understanding its complexity can help us understand why the time and expense are often dispensed with today.

This reflects the complexity of the work that is seen sometimes today as too expensive, too complicated, too time-consuming. The technical aspects are amazing.

The Daily Eagle of December 28, 1868, reported on the building materials. A major component was "red Croton brick," which was a major local industry. Warm red brick was a product of the iron-rich clay of the Hudson Valley at a time when its brickyards employed thousands of persons and were a short trip from riverbanks just south.

The window trimmings are of "light Ohio sandstone." The first trains arrived in Poughkeepsie in 1850, and the transportation revolution that included canals meant that it was feasible to send huge quantities of heavy stone hundreds of miles. By the late 19th century, Ohio sandstone was reaching the Eastern seaboard, the Midwest, Canada and even international markets.

"Deep bluestone from the eastern foot of the Catskills" in Ulster County was also used. Massive quarries around

places such as Saugerties, Hurley, Woodstock, West Hurley and the Kingston area fed stone to yards along the Hudson and Rondout.

The roof was made of "black Susquehanna slate," which was from the Susquehanna River/Peach Bottom region of southeastern Pennsylvania and adjoining Maryland. This slate was regarded as the finest in the country, and its crisp black color created a sharp edge against the sky.

Equally, the work of Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, the celebrated designers of Central Park who planned the Hospital grounds, must be experienced in the first person and loses nearly everything in technical descriptions.

The fact that the building was the first major American institution built in High Victorian Gothic can be understood as a technical reason why the site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is hard to read the June 13, 2004, Poughkeepsie Journal headline, "Development plans show great promise," without feeling a great sense of loss. In addition to preserving experience, the preservation of such buildings in our day-to-day environment tells us we live in a community that values more than the immediate and transactional. Strong visibility of the past affirms the importance of remembering, reflecting, and recognizing

By definition, this description and these photographs fall far short of what could have been a lived experience, the sensation and stimulation of all senses. While less powerful, our understanding of the site can help us contemplate the present and future: what experiences are important enough for us (and future generations) to remember through preservation?



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Dance Through the Decades Aug. 15 in Beacon

Dance Through the Decades, hosted by Melzingah Chapter, NSDAR and White Plains Chapter, NSDAR, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 6:30 -9:30 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building, 413 Main St., in Beacon. This evening will feature music from across the decades, dancing, light refreshments, and prizes for the best decade-themed attire. Whether

you love the 1920s, 1950s, 1970s, 1980s, or another era, come dressed in your favorite decade and enjoy a fun evening while supporting two wonderful causes. It is \$25 per ticket for the fundraiser.

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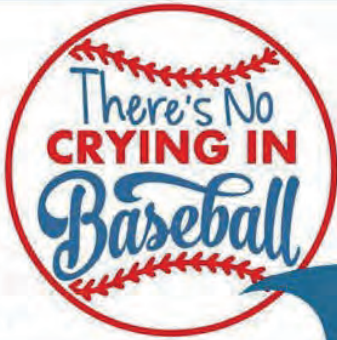


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RENEGADES FEATURE

Renegades alum Lombard reaches big leagues

By Morgan E. Maier

When George Lombard Jr. arrived at the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2024, it was clear High-A would not have the shortstop for long. Since his promotion to Double-AA Somerset last May, Lombard has stormed through the Yankee organization, to the delight of New Yorkers. Lombard's first week in the majors was marked by must-see milestones, patience at the plate, and maturity that stretches well beyond his 21 years.

Lombard needed just two at-bats to produce something special in his debut against the St. Louis Cardinals. His first career hit was a rocket to left field, leaving the park as the Yankees' eventual winning run. He flashed plenty of leather in his debut, tested early on defensively — and answering the call with ease.

The Lombard bombardment on the Cardinals didn't start with George that night. His brother, Jacob, a 2026 draftee of the Miami Marlins, made his professional debut the same night against the Palm Beach Cardinals — and he went yard in his second at-bat,



George Lombard Jr. first week in the majors was marked by many must-see milestones.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

while the Lombard parents streamed the game from their seats at Yankee Stadium.

Where Yankee Stadium looked for a

curtain call from its newest legacy shortstop, the game moved quickly on without it. Never to worry in the Bronx, there will likely be more chances soon.

Lombard began his career 3-for-7 in a remarkable start at the plate. Working at-bats with the same poise as he'd meet reporters with pregame, Lombard's eye for the strike zone has set him apart from prospect counterparts. The glimpses of power-hitting are a bonus, the defense a much-needed relief for a Yankees infield that has struggled at times.

Lombard looks to be the key to a late postseason push. Whether he impacts the box score — and he has — the energy across Yankee faithful is palpable.

A similar story befell right field on August 8, as Yankee Old-Timers looked on from seats and suites. This time, the Atlanta Braves would learn what the Lombard hype was about, as the youngster swung one into the right field seats. Again, the newest pinstriped phenom made a difference for the win, in the eventual 5-4 Yankees victory.

Lombard has many eyes on his ascent through the Yankees organization, the youngest shortstop to debut in the Bronx since Derek Jeter. Jeter changed New York for good in the six-spot; George Lombard seems likely to do the same.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Frederick BAL *	24	16	.600	-	6-4	W6
Greensboro PIT	25	17	.595	-	6-4	L1
Wilmington WSH	23	18	.561	1.5	6-4	L1
Brooklyn NYM	21	20	.512	3.5	6-4	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	21	21	.500	4.0	5-5	W3
Jersey Shore PHI	14	27	.341	10.5	3-7	L6
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	27	15	.643	-	5-5	W1
Greenville BOS	21	21	.500	6.0	6-4	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	20	21	.488	6.5	4-6	L2
Asheville HOU	19	22	.463	7.5	3-7	W2
Rome ATL	17	23	.425	9.0	4-6	W1
Hub City TEX	15	26	.366	11.5	5-5	L1



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08/14/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night presented by Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday
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08/29/26	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Dino Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/30/26	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets Sunday Family Funday





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Hudson Valley wins 3 straight in Greenville

By Morgan E. Maier

It was a winning week down south for the Hudson Valley Renegades, who won three straight to clinch the road series against the Greenville Drive. After dropping two of the first three in South Carolina, Hudson Valley found the offensive outburst they've craved all second half, powered by a few well-rounded hitting and pitching performances, and a pinch hit from Mother Nature.

3 Strikes, You're Out

Lighting was an unwelcome player in the seven-inning shortened contest on August 5, but the Drive were happy to call it a night. The Renegades led 11-4 when it was called, thanks to a five-run fourth inning. Jackson Lovich and David McCann each had three runs batted in.

Upper Deck

Righty reliever Brandon Decker improved to a 5-1 season record with the August 7 win, leading the bullpen to the first of three weekend wins. After a shortened start by Pico Kohn, Decker led a four-man relief outing with 1.1 scoreless innings. Home runs by Cam Troyer and Eric Genter helped the Renegades to a 9-3 victory.



Cam Troyer, above, and Eric Genter helped the Renegades win by hitting home runs.

17 again

The Renegades 8-2 victory on August 8 saw each starter with at least one hit. All nine hitters combined for 17 total hits, a full production line on the Saturday slate.

Eric Genter had three and added three RBI. The middle hitters — Kyle West, McCann, and Willy Montero, all had two hits to seal at least a series split for Hudson Valley.



Kyle West greets fans. West had 2 hits during the game on Aug. 8.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

Run it up

An extra inning slugfest in the finale saw 27 runs, 30 combined hits, and a Renegades' 15-12 win in their South Carolina sendoff. The Renegades offense combined for 32 bases in the victory, a four-run 12th inning capping the offensive showdown. Maika Niu got it started with a two run blast; McCann matched it soon after, his second home run of the day. McCann was 4-7 with 5 and a stolen base.

Meet Renegades catcher David McCann

By Morgan E. Maier

On the heels of David McCann's red-hot week against the Greenville Drive, let's get to know a bit about the Hudson Valley Renegades' new catcher.

McCann, 22, boasts a .304 season batting average in 49 games since battling an injury this season. In that time, an on-base plus slugging percentage is .990, and he has 45 runs batted in.

A Virginia Tech alum, McCann is a reliable designated hitter, catcher and first baseman. McCann was noted for his defensive and multi-hit tendencies as a Hokie, rated as the 54th

ranked freshman to come into the Atlantic Coast Conference. McCann is currently the only lefty-swinging catcher on the Hudson Valley roster, adding versatility to the two-man right-handed duo of Josue Gonzales and Diomedes Hernandez, the latter of the two who is seeing extended reps in the outfield.

McCann, an Easton, Connecticut native, has played for three teams in the Yankees organization this season. McCann made his arrival known at his latest stop.

McCann began his High-A career 7-for-19 in Greenville, including a mon-

ster offensive game on August 9. McCann took the Drive for 10 total bases, including a massive two-run, 12th-inning blast to ensure Renegade victory in the series finale. Five runs batted in capped McCann's nine RBI series.

Could the likes of McCann be the answer for the Yankees much-discussed trade deadline inaction behind the plate? With a projected arrival of a few years, McCann is the latest in a respectable string of catchers — past and present — in the New York prospect pipeline.



David McCann

-Courtesy photo

Guardian Revival awards companion dogs to veterans through Boots & Paws Program

Guardian Revival, a nonprofit serving guardians – a collective term for military members, veterans and first responders – and their families across the Hudson Valley, awarded two companion dogs free of charge through its Boots & Paws initiative. The puppies, which have been named Clover Bell and Luna, were each sponsored for \$5,000 by Resorts World Hudson Valley and Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 144. Collectively, these two organizations have sponsored 16 companion dog partnerships.

“Boots & Paws is rooted in the therapeutic benefits of dog ownership,” said Kim Haight, CEO of Guardian Revival. “I’ve seen firsthand the effect that these puppies have on entire families, from creating a sense of purpose to reducing stress and anxiety. By thoughtfully matching each

guardian and their family to the dog that’s right for them, our team is able to facilitate meaningful connections that positively impact households for years to come.”

As part of the organization’s commitment to providing services at no cost, puppies are awarded with a comprehensive care package, including a 12-month timeline of financial and expert support. Boots & Paws also oversees a mobile Facility Service Dog division – which brings trained service dogs on visits to police departments, fire stations, veterans hospitals and residences across the Hudson Valley – to add a special touch of comfort to corporate, educational and community events. Since Guardian Revival’s launch in 2019, Boots & Paws has awarded 150 companion dogs and orchestrated more than 3,700 therapeutic interactions.



Pictured above are guardians, their families and their new companion dogs alongside representatives of Resorts World Hudson Valley, DAV Chapter 144 and Guardian Revival, including CEO Kim Haight.

-Courtesy photo

DC Fairgrounds landscaping rooted in family tradition



Landscaping at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds is done by Tony Capalbo and his family.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

Continued from cover

Every year, the competition has a different theme. The 2026 theme is “Celebrating America” for the 250th birthday of the United States. Capalbo said he also used that theme to influence his designs for the Fairgrounds’ landscaping. He used red, white and violet flowers to create the patriotic color palette.

Melodye Moore, co-chair of the Horticulture Center, said the designs for

the exhibits in the Horticulture Center are created by the individual landscaping teams, which is not typical for most landscaping jobs.

“Most of the time, the landscapers are implementing the client’s vision of what they want to see,” Moore said. “I think it’s one of the few times they just let their own creative juices flow and have fun.”

Moore said the unique landscape of the Fairgrounds also gives the Fair a reputation of being one of the nicest-looking fair-



The Memorial Garden at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

grounds in the country. Capalbo said the area is park-like with all of the trees, which is more interesting than other fairgrounds.

“It’s not just a parking lot or big blacktop area,” Capalbo said. “It’s not just a bunch of buildings. You can really walk around and enjoy it here.”

Moore said the landscapers do not receive proper recognition for the work they do.

“They fly under the radar,” Moore said. “They do all the magic before. A lot of the shows that go on here, the participants are right up front. They’re right there with their pig or horse, and they get applause. ... The fairgrounds wouldn’t look the way it looks if it weren’t for people like Tony and the other crews that come in to help.”

Moore said that at the Fair, she enjoys watching people step back and realize the

beauty of nature.

“I hope that it transmits to them a sense of responsibility to care for all this,” Moore said. “Dutchess County is rich in beautiful landscapes and open space, and I hope that people leave with a greater understanding of how much we should be appreciative of what we have and what it takes to bring it to them.”

As thousands of people flood the Fairgrounds this year, Capalbo said he hopes more people stop and see something in the landscaping that they would like to see in their own garden.

“I hope people get inspired,” Capalbo said. “Even if it’s one plant, one flower, a design, even just the layout. One of the things that is important to me is people coming through and seeing our work and what’s out there.”

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love to cook

by vicki frank day

Ode to Julia

Vicki honors the chef who made America love cooking.



“People who love to eat are always the best people.” – Julia Child

Without a topic in mind going into this article, I decided to see if August had any events or food days to inspire me. I discovered that Julia Child was born on August 15th, so I wanted very much to pay homage to the legendary chef, author and TV personality who made America love cooking and graced the world with her passion for food.

In the 1950s and '60s, post-war America discovered and relied largely on processed, packaged foods. Canned and frozen foods and TV dinners were seen as modern and the antidote to the work of farming and having to grow one's own food. 'Fresh' had lost its appeal and cooking had largely fallen by the wayside in favor of fast and convenient. Julia Child, who adored food, changed all that.

“To be a good cook you have to have a love of the good, a love of hard work, and a love of creating.” – Julia Child

The late Anthony Bourdain deeply revered her as the most important and influential figure in American gastronomy, a true pioneer who changed the world by teaching generations to eat and cook better. He also admired her spirit and integrity – she never gave in to commercialism or endorsed any products. She simply loved food, learned how to cook, believed in fresh ingredients and shared that with America and the world.

Born to wealthy parents in 1912 in Pasadena, California, Julia Carolyn McWilliams had a happy childhood and received an excellent education. She worked several secretarial jobs after graduating from Smith College in Massachusetts. In 1941 she volunteered with the Red Cross and wanted to join the military but, at 6'2", she was rejected because she was too tall (!). She was truly larger than life. Determined to help in the war effort, she moved to Washington, DC taking a job as a senior typist at the Research Unit at the Office of War Information and later held a variety of different positions with the Secret Intelligence Branch of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a precursor to the CIA. With the OSS she volunteered to go overseas, going to China and India.

“I was 32 when I started cooking; up until then I just ate.” – Julia Child

In 1945 she married Paul Child, whom she had met while working with the OSS in India where he was working for the US Foreign Service. Theirs was a deeply devoted romance that lasted almost 50 years. His job brought them fortuitously to Paris in 1948 where, at the age of 32, Julia enrolled in the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu cooking school. In 1961 she co-authored “Mastering the Art of French Cooking,” making complex French techniques and recipes accessible to, and clear for, everyone. Her groundbreaking cooking show, “The French Chef,” debuted on PBS in 1963, making her America's first major cooking star and showing the world how warm, funny, unpretentious and fearless she was. Her charming personality was accentuated by her nonchalance when making mistakes. She was talented, yes, and a pioneer, but she was also absolutely and adoringly human.

“This is my invariable advice to people: Learn how to cook, learn from your mistakes, be fearless and above all have fun.” – Julia Child

In honor of Julia, I decided to try a classic French dessert, clafoutis (pronounced KLA-foo-tee, French for “to fill”). It is described by Julia herself as “pancake batter poured over fruit in a fireproof dish, then baked in the oven” and as “peasant cooking.” It is fresh fruit in a part custard-part cake base, and simply elegant in a rustic way. There are many variations – berries, peaches, plums,

even apples, to name a few - but the most traditional seems to be made with fresh sweet, dark cherries, because the recipe's origins as near as I can tell are from 19th-century Limousin by peasant farmers using the small cherries grown there. That's my inspiration for this recipe, adapted from Julia's but with my own touch, because she would have wanted me to play.

A note on cherries: Traditionally this was made with unpitted cherries, believe it or not, but that seemed a tad unpleasant and dangerous. Pitting cherries, however, is a VERY messy business (my kitchen looked like a crime scene), so I recommend pitting them in the sink because the juice will stain everything it touches. You may want to use gloves. If you don't have a cherry pitter, you can use a straw or the big end of a chop stick, inserting it into the end where the stem was and pushing the pit through. If you prefer to use frozen cherries, thaw and drain them.

CHERRY CLAFOUTIS

I did take some liberties with Julia's recipe and also drew inspiration from other recipes I found. As simple as it is, there were quite a few variations with differing ingredients and amounts. Some used heavy cream, while most used milk. Slivered almonds and almond extract were common, but I am not a fan of the extract, so I omitted both and opted instead for kirsch, a clear, dry cherry brandy to enhance the flavor along with vanilla. The eggs were another bone of contention: all whole or in combination with yolks. Because I'm a custard fan I went with 2 whole eggs and 2 yolks. The result was a little too eggy, so next time I'll either do one yolk or all whole eggs.

I did stick with Julia's method of pouring and baking a little of the batter before adding the cherries, which also helped prevent them from sliding around, a plus because, me being me, I carefully arranged the fruit concentrically. Duly noted, some did still wander when the rest of the batter was poured on top, but the effect was still there. Dusting the slightly cooled clafoutis with powdered sugar is not up for debate. (You may need to dust it again after it's sat a while since it will absorb the sugar over time). It can be served warm, at room temp or chilled. I served it with a dollop of whipped sour cream (mostly heavy cream with sour cream added, which I thought delightful, so I've included the recipe if you want to try it.

INGREDIENTS

Pitted sweet cherries, about 2 cups, halved (My dish wasn't overly large and I arranged them carefully, so I used about 12 whole cherries, but use more if you like)

2 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
¼ cup sugar
A generous pinch of salt
1 ½ cups milk
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 teaspoon kirsch (or almond extract if you prefer)
½ cup flour
2 tablespoons butter, melted
Powdered sugar for dusting

METHOD

Position oven rack to the center. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a (~9x9 or equivalent oblong) baking dish or deep pie dish with butter and set aside.

In a large bowl, beat or whisk eggs and yolks. Add sugar, salt, milk, vanilla and kirsch and whisk until smooth. Add flour (I sifted it right into the batter) and melted butter and whisk just until smooth.

Pour about ¼-inch of batter into the prepared dish and bake just until firm, about 8 minutes.

Remove from oven and gently pour the rest of the batter over the top.

Bake until puffed up, lightly golden brown



A take on Julia Child's Cherry Clafoutis.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 30-45 minutes (check after 30). It will start to deflate as soon as you take it out, but that's fine. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly before dusting with powdered sugar. Serve warm or cool, with or without ice cream or whipped sour cream (recipe follows).

Serves 6-8.

WHIPPED SOUR CREAM

Slightly tangy and delightful. A perfect complement to the cherries.

Whip 1 cup heavy cream until just starting to thicken. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar and a pinch of salt and continue whipping until soft peaks form. Add ½ cup sour cream and whip until stiff peaks form.

“I don't think about whether people will remember me or not. I've been an okay person. I've learned a lot. I've taught people a thing or two. That's

what's important. Sooner or later the public will forget you, the memory of you will fade. What's important is the individuals you've influenced along the way.”

– Julia Child

Well, Julia, as one of the many you have influenced along the way, I thank you most sincerely. A passion for food should lead to a love affair with cooking that never fades or ceases to be a fun adventure. We will never forget you.

“Bon appetit!”

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

Joel E. Halloran



Halloran, Joel E., 93 of Beacon, NY, born December 11, 1932, passed away on July 24, 2026. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward J. and Isabelle Southwick Halloran, his wife Eleanor Kahle Halloran, and his son Edward J. Halloran. He is survived by his children Mark (Deborah), Maureen, Cathleen and Brendan Halloran (Michelle); and his grandchildren, Finnuala Halloran West (Jared), Lorraine, Daniel, Eadan, Chloe, and Sinead Halloran.

Joel was known by his family for his prodigious intelligence and generosity. His commitment to career and family were his guiding principles. As a father, he emphasized the importance of education, rigor, and excellence. Joel is also fondly remembered for his poetic iterations and natural musical abilities. Many an impromptu harmonica, concertina, piano or vocal performance was

enjoyed by family and friends.

He graduated from Ten Broeck Academy and St. Bonaventure University. In 1952, he enlisted in the US Army and pursued a military career achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He completed, among others, along the way: Army Basic and Advanced Artillery Officer Schools, and the Army Command and Staff College. He served with the 2nd, 3rd and 27th Armored Divisions, New York Army National Guard units of the 94th and 98th Reserves and finally with the 373rd General Hospital. He worked as a U.S. Food and Drug Inspector for two years, and for 22 years in Veterans Administration hospitals.

Joel was the recipient of the following military medals and commendations: the Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

Joel was a life member of: the Association US Army American Legion, The Association of Military Surgeons, Retired Officers Association, Reserve Officers Association, the Sons of the American Revolution in NY, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus and the Franklinville Conservation Club.

A funeral mass will be held at Holy Name of Mary church in Ellicottville, NY on Saturday, September 12 at 10 am. Burial at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Ellicottville will follow.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial gifts can be made to St. Bonaventure University by visiting www.sbu.edu/donate (selecting Halloran Memorial Scholarship); calling 716-375-2328; or mailing a check to St. Bonaventure University Office of Advancement, PO Box 2519, 3261 W State Rd., St. Bonaventure, NY 14778, referencing Joel Halloran '59 memorial.

To send a personal condolence, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

Alicia Gonzalez



Alicia Gonzalez, a longtime resident of Beacon, has entered into eternal rest on August 6, 2026, surrounded by her loving family in Oviedo, Florida.

Born on February 5, 1952 in Anasco, Puerto Rico, she was raised with her five siblings. At the age of 17, she arrived in New York and began her life in Beacon. Along with her husband David Negron, they raised four beloved children, Tania, Jonathan, Ezekiel, and Deandrya. Alicia found work in the local hat factory, working for many years until her retirement.

Alicia was a loving and devoted mother, and loved her family deeply-eventually becoming a proud grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a woman of faith and attended St. John the Evangelist Church being active in the parish for many years. She also loved to be a lady, taking care of herself whenever possible, whether it be getting her hair done or her nails polished. Alica also had an affinity for coffee, and loved her scratch-off tickets and playing the lotto.

Alicia is survived by her loving children Tania Soto, Jonathan Negron, Ezekiel Gonzalez, and Deandrya Gonzalez; sister Carmen Gonzalez; brother Milto Gonzalez; grandchild Jaylynn Negron; and great-grandchildren Ayden McIntyre, Ethan Salter, Mia Salter, and David Salter. Along with her parents, she is predeceased by her husband David in 2019.

Services for Alicia will be held in Oviedo, Florida.

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Virginia M. Holtman



Virginia M. Holtman, a long-time Poughkeepsie resident, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2026, at the age of 91.

Born on April 11, 1935, in Flushing, Queens, New York, she was the daughter of the late James and Miriam (Lanigan) Dullahan

On August 16, 1956, Virginia married the love of her life, Louis S. Holtman, at St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Church in Flushing. She was predeceased by her husband after sharing 56 wonderful years of marriage.

Virginia began her career as a secretary with IBM in Manhattan before dedicating herself to raising her family as a homemaker after settling in Poughkeepsie.

Family was the center of Virginia's life. She is survived by her three loving sons: Daniel Holtman of Poughkeepsie, Stephen (Susanne) Holtman of Hopewell Junction, and Michael (Jill) Holtman of Red Hook. She also leaves behind five cherished grandchildren: Emily (Ryan) Kirman, Brian, Michael, Sarah, and Laura, as well as her first great-grandchild, who is expected soon.

In addition to her beloved husband, Virginia was predeceased by her son, James Holtman, her brother, Thomas Dullahan; and her infant brother, James Dullahan.

A faithful communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wappingers Falls, Virginia will also be fondly remembered by her dear friend, Lorraine Carbone, and by the many friends she made through the Poughkeepsie Senior Center.

Family and friends were invited to call on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls. Private interment will take place at a later date at Calverton National Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Horizons Resources, 123 West Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. To offer an online condolence or share a cherished memory of Virginia, please visit www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

David F. Tuttle



David F. Tuttle, a longtime resident of New Windsor, New York, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. He was 85 years old.

Born on August 13, 1940, in Kearny, New Jersey where he was raised and graduated from Kearny High School with the Class of 1959. The friendships he made there and the values instilled in him during his youth remained an important part of his life.

Dave devoted much of his time to serving his community as a school bus driver, safely transporting generations of students. More than just a familiar face (Santa Clause) behind the wheel, he was adored by the children he drove and respected by his coworkers for his genuine personality, quick wit, and unmistakable sense of humor. Dave had a gift for making people smile, often entertaining his passengers with funny songs and lighthearted antics that turned an ordinary ride into a memorable part of the day.

Dave will be remembered for his kind heart, candid humor and deep appreciation for the simple pleasures in life. He found peace and happiness outdoors, where he spent countless hours pursuing the activities he loved most. An avid fisherman, he especially enjoyed casting a line in the waters of the Pepacton Reservoir in the Catskills. He also loved hiking local trails with his family, friends and black Lab, Zoey. Dave expressed his appreciation for nature through photography, capturing the beauty of landscapes, wildlife, and the changing seasons.

Dave was predeceased by his parents, Stanley and Gertrude Tuttle, and recent loss of his beloved son, David M. Tuttle.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Tuttle; their family, Stephen and his wife, Judith, Melody and her husband, Jeong Kyu, Jessica and her significant other, Scott; his daughter, Gayle and her husband Kevin; his grandchildren, Brandon, Christina, and Harmony; and great-grandchildren, Cathrine, Odin, Liberty, and Aurora. He also leaves behind many extended family members, dear friends, former coworkers, and generations of students whose lives he touched and who will remember him with great fondness.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of Dave's life on Sunday, August 9, 2026 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial donations be made in Dave's honor to the Hudson Valley SPCA, 940 Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY 12553.

Dave's kindness, laughter, and love of nature will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His life was a reminder that the smallest gestures- a smile, a song, or a shared laugh- can leave the greatest and most enduring impact.

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John W. Mason, Jr.



John W. Mason, Jr. 67, of West Chester, PA passed away the evening of Friday, July 24th, 2026 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Born in Norfolk, VA on July 4th, 1959, to John W. Mason, Sr. and Leola Murray Mason. John was husband to Lorraine "Lori" Mason (Richardson), sharing 33 years of marriage.

He graduated from the State University of New York Potsdam with a B.A. in Mathematics and a minor in Physics, where he was a member of the NCAA Division III Championship Runner-Up Basketball Team.

John was employed at The Philadelphia Tribune and worked as the Director of Advertising and Marketing. He formerly worked as Vice President of Operations/Legal Division at Incisive Media; President & Publisher of the Public Opinion/Gannett; and was honored by the City of Philadelphia as the first African American Regional Publisher at The Legal Intelligencer, the oldest daily law journal in the United States.

John was a member of Christ First Church in Downingtown, PA, where he served on the Men's Ministry Leadership Team, led men's Bible study small groups, and discipled and mentored many. He was also the City Director of the C.S. Lewis Institute – Philadelphia.

Formerly, John was a Board Member and Trustee of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association; Board Member of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce and Board Trustee of the Scotland School for Veterans Children, appointed by Governor Ed Rendell. He also served as Treasurer of both Falling Springs Presbyterian Church (Chambersburg, PA) and Overbrook Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, PA).

John enjoyed bible study and learning more about Jesus, spending quality time with family and friends, watching Mets baseball games, traveling, live jazz and golf. He will be remembered for his humility, patience, kindness, gentleness, genuine care for others and encouraging way.

In addition to his wife, Lori, John is survived and remembered by their daughter, Rayna Mason; mother, Leola Murray Mason; brother, Gerald Mason; uncle, Sherman Mason; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

John is preceded in death by John W. Mason, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's honor have been asked to be made to the C. S. Lewis Institute-Philadelphia. <http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/give/>

The Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 AM at Christ First Church, 95 W. Devon Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335.

Josephine McCullough



Josephine McCullough, a longtime Highland Falls resident and formerly of Brooklyn, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2026; at the age of 98. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on March 19, 1928, daughter of the late Raymundo and Maria Louisa (Rios) Diaz.

She loved her crafts of crocheting and painting.

Josephine was predeceased by her beloved husband, William J. McCullough Jr., on August 1, 2018. She was also predeceased by her son Thomas McCullough and her sister Carmen Diaz.

Josepine is survived by her son William J. McCullough, III; and her four daughters: Colleen Pfarr, Maureen Ferguson, Janet Dean, and Marie Dougherty. She is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

Her Family will gather for Committal Service 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th at the Orange County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Craigville Road, Goshen, New York.

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dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am Thursday, September 3, 2026, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud 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.

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One Municipal Plaza
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Beacon, New York
12508
Phone
(845) 838-5002
August 5, 2026

SUBJECT:
Variance Application

Applicant:
Christopher Wiseman
Address:
12 Howland Avenue
Tax Grid No.:
3 0 - 6 0 5 4 - 4 8 -
375601-00
Zoning Classification:
R1-7.5

Dear Neighboring
Property Owner:
Christopher Wiseman, 12 Howland Avenue, has applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief from Section 223-26 B.(2), to extend an existing driveway, which requires relief from the following:

1. Section 223-26 Off-street parking, loading and vehicular access.

B. Location, use, design, construction and maintenance.

(2) In any residence district, no designated off-street parking area or structure shall be developed in any front yard forward of the principal building, except as approved by the Building Inspector or Planning Board for an unusual lot configuration. Nor shall any off-street parking area or structure be developed in a residence district in any mini-

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mum side or rear yard setback adjacent to a street line or in any other side or rear yard within five feet of the lot line. However, off-street parking spaces shall be permitted in residential districts as indicated in §223-17C.

A side yard setback of 3.3 feet is proposed where 5 feet is required, resulting in a request for an area variance of 1.7 feet.

The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agendas-minutes/>

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on August 18, 2026, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board Secretary

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent,
County of Dutchess,
Poughkeepsie, New York

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York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-93-26

Aging Health
Promotion and
Development
Contractor

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNetDirect) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., September 3, 2026. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our web-site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

LEGAL NOTICE

Take Notice that the Dutchess County Office for the Aging will hold Public Hearings on the proposed 2027-28 ANNUAL UPDATE for services provided under the OLDER AMERICANS ACT, NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM, NEW YORK STATE CONGREGATE SERVICES INITIATIVE, NEW YORK STATE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM, NEW YORK STATE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION PROGRAM, New York State AAA TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, and NY CONNECTS LONG TERM CARE POINT OF ENTRY PROGRAM. Public Hearings will be

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THEME: HISTORY 101

ACROSS

1. Charlie "Bird" Parker's sax

5. Mary _____, businesswoman extraordinaire

8. Downloadable smartphone purchase

11. In _____ of

12. Greek salad staple

13. Appraisal

15. Law school prerequisite, acr.

16. "Once _____ a Time in America"

17. Dictum, pl.

18. * _____ press, Johannes Gutenberg's invention

20. "Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay" singer

21. In need of a muffler

22. Make a choice

23. *Genghis Khan's _____ Empire

26. Intima, pl.

30. Fertility clinic stock

31. Tranquil

34. Famous Steeler coach, Chuck _____

35. Twisted cotton thread

37. Key next to spacebar

38. Like a gymnast

39. Naysayer's favorite prefix

40. Develop, as in story

42. _____-AFTRA

43. Famous fox of fable

45. Like a smell of soil

47. *World's first 24-hour TV news network, acr.

48. Molten rock

50. Smoke plus fog

52. *First Roman emperor

55. Part of foot, pl.

56. Chowder protein

57. Pelvic parts

59. Are not

60. *Homesteader's purchase, sing.

61. "_____ the good die young"

62. *Pres. during the Cuban Missile Crisis

63. It is

64. Fermented rice brew

DOWN

1. Pledge of Allegiance ending

2. Talk like Daffy

3. Eye drop

4. Day trip

5. Flat-topped military caps

6. Lack of muscle tension

7. Opposite of yin

8. Mushroom spore sacs

9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.

10. Money in Myanmar

12. Pointless

13. Take as one's own

14. * _____ Bull, Lakota's famous leader

19. Gallows' rope

22. *World War _____, 1914-18

23. Wisdom tooth, e.g.

24. Sheep-like

25. Highly unpleasant

26. "He's Just Not That _____ You"

27. Damp

28. Islam's Supreme Being

29. Lament for the dead

32. Writer Ayn

33. Rudolph's friend Hermey, e.g.

36. *One of Mount Rushmore presidents

38. *First President in the White House

40. Cremation ashes container

41. Peanut or pea, e.g.

44. Emotional turmoil

46. 2:1 and 3:1, e.g.

48. Defraud

49. Petri dish jellies

50. Feudal lord's servant

51. Humble and docile

52. Frozen bowl berry

53. Arm bone

54. *The _____ Road, ancient East-West trade route

55. Pilgrimage to Mecca

58. Pirate's "yes"

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

get growing!

by mark adams



Sunflowers Galore!

Mark will share the spotlight with a field of sunflowers at his gig this Friday

Full disclosure – I’m playing music at Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils on Friday, Aug. 14, so don’t pay any attention to this glowing review of the premier sunflower viewing venue in the Hudson Valley. Before I get too crazy, allow me to give shout-outs to a couple of other gorgeous sunflower farms run by my friends – Peter and Jen of Barton Orchards, Mark Doyle of Fishkill Farms, Mandy Dykeman of Dykeman Farm, Darryl and Debby Mosher of Brittany Hollow Farm, Chris Kelder of Kelder Farm in Kerhonkson, among others.

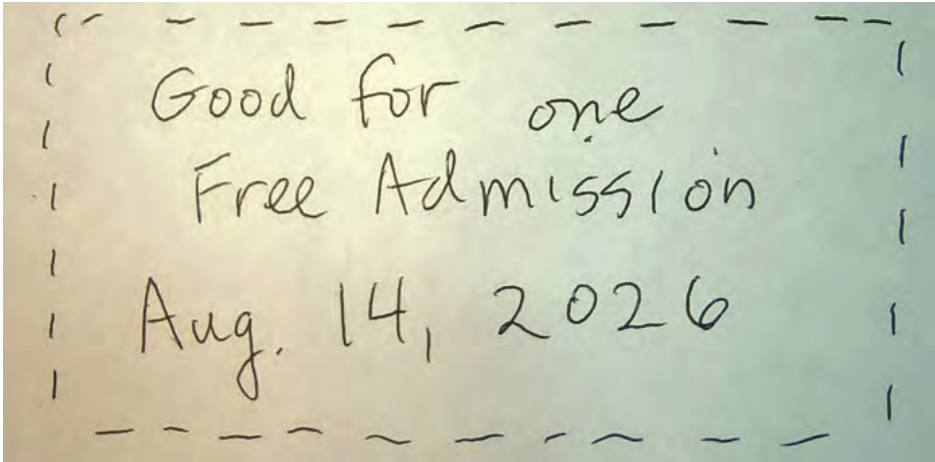
Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils boasts 100 acres of sunflowers on the 350 acres that used to be the Robb Brothers Farm on Slight Plass Road in Pleasant Valley. The farm was worked by Bill and Hollie Plass up until Bill’s death last March at the age of 101. At one point, Bill was packing 6,000 eggs a day on his adjacent Hickory Ridge Farm. The Haight family bought the Robb Farm in 1999. Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils was founded by Kevin Haight and is now co-owned by Kevin, Traci, Jeff and Allison Haight. They all have experience in the food industry, developing their oil after extensive research and trials at the Culinary Institute of America.

During my visit last Friday, the sunflowers were just shy of blooming, but I was assured they’d be popping out by the time of my gig. Assistant manager (she just made up the title) A.J. Pittore drove me around on a golf cart to see the fields, all planted in stages, to assure continuing bloom until the autumn frosts of October. A big swath of the farm is field corn, part of a crop rotation scheme. A.J. explained that the farm’s cold pressed

sunflower oil retains the seed’s natural vitamin E, antioxidants and authentic flavor, which is mild and pleasant. It has a higher smoke point than olive oil, so you can bring the deep fryer up to 350 degrees. The farm includes a commercial certified gluten-free kitchen where the team produces sunflour, pancake mix, muffin mix, lotion, body wash, and lip balms, all available at their online store, or at the pop up shop at the farm on weekends. I just found out that their sunflower oil is also sold at Adams Fairacre Farms in Poughkeepsie.

As I explained in last week’s article, Sunflowers are native to the Hudson Valley, but only the dainty woodland sunflower (*helianthus divaricatus*) and possibly the showier swamp sunflower (*h. angustifolius*). The true sunflower (*h. annuus*) is native to the U.S. Midwest, but thrives in the Hudson Valley as an annual, best planted from seed sown directly into the soil in late May. Sunflowers attract bees, feeding on pollen – some of the newest varieties are bred to produce less pollen. Butterflies feed on the nectar, and birds, especially goldfinches, love the seeds.

New sunflower varieties include “Sunfinity” from Syngenta Flowers and “Suncredible” from Proven Winners. They keep on producing new blossoms all summer, as the older flowers fade. Although they are low on pollen, they attract swarms of bees that feed on the nectar. The new “Sunfinity Double Yellow,” I’ve observed at trials, has blossoms so dense that bees can’t get into them. Terrific choice for the garden, if you happen to suffer from apiphobia.



Bring this to Mark’s concert this Friday and receive free admission for one.
-Photos by Mark Adams

Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils is open afternoons and evenings Thursday through Sunday, weather permitting. The sunsets over the fields are breathtaking. Local musicians perform regularly. There is a \$5 per car admission fee to pay the performers. I’m providing a coupon to my loyal readers that will get you free admission. The money comes out of my pay (I bet you didn’t know I’m a professional musician). You can buy beer and delicious deep fried pulled pork, hamburgers and other goodies on site.

Hope to see you Friday evening, 5:30-8 p.m.! Bring your own chair.

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



A sunflower in Sue’s garden.

Stony Kill Foundation brings back Butterflies & Bloom Festival

Stony Kill Foundation’s Butterflies & Blooms Festival is back! Running until Aug. 15, the community-focused festival celebrates the beauty and ecology of local pollinators through art, music, workshops, and family activities.

“We’re excited to share this year’s lineup of programs during Festival Week, featuring returning favorites like the Moth Walk and Search for Monarchs, along with several new experiences like a Forest Bathing and Hive Dive,” says Stacey Lynch Adnams, Exectutive Director of Stony Kill Foundation. “Two story-time sessions, one in English and the other in Spanish, will celebrate New York State’s

Literacy Trail and participants will receive a complimentary copy of Avocado Magic or ¡Viva El Aguacate! to take home. We look forward to seeing everyone come together for another memorable week!”

The Festival Finale, on Saturday, August 15 (rain date August 16) will feature the Butterfly Tent and Monarch Table, special activities for visitors of all ages. A concert on the lawn with performances by Lauren and Friends, Soil & Soul, and Warren Banholzer and food trucks from Twisted Sister, the Cluck Truck, Octavio’s and the BBCrew will also contribute to the fun.

Stony Kill Foundation is especially

grateful to event sponsors The Chisel, Hudson Valley Bee Supply and Marbled Meat Shop and local nonprofits, musicians and food trucks that help make the festival such a community celebration.

Parking at the North End of the property is free and a suggested donation of \$5 at the Welcome Tent is encouraged to help support the community programs and

stewardship of Stony Kill Farm.

All Butterflies & Blooms activities will be held at locations on the Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center property at 79 Farmstead Lane in Wappingers Falls. For full descriptions of scheduled programs, and to register for ticketed workshops, visit stonykill.org/butterfly.



Stony Kill Foundation will host the Festival Finale to its Butterflies & Blooms Festival on Saturday, Aug. 15.
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