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Youth Livestock Sale is a great teacher for all

Red Carpet Meet & Greet precedes event at Fair on Aug. 29

By Curtis Schmidt

While the Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair offers great opportunities for buyers, it also offers even greater opportunities for the youth exhibitors to learn valuable life skills – on a first-hand basis.

This year's event will begin with a Red Carpet Meet & Greet at 2 p.m. and then the sale itself at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 in the main show ring on Livestock Hill. Prospective buyers and all those interested in learning more about youth in agriculture are encouraged to attend the Meet & Greet where they have the opportunity to meet and interact with youth exhibitors, including Grand and Reserve Champions in each category.

Katie Drum, an independent 4-H sheep exhibitor, commented, "Working with the 4-H Junior Livestock Sale Committee and the Youth Livestock Sale, I've learned to overcome my shyness and have in-person conversations with (buyers and the public). When I make it a personal conversation about my animals and how I raise them, it gives new buyers options for making an informed purchase."

Henry Skuza of the 4-H Here Comes the Beef Club, said "I've learned how to reach out to the public as well as buyers and how to effectively market my beef cattle through the 4-H Junior Livestock Committee and the Dutchess Youth Livestock Sale. I have increased my ROI (return on investment) on my animals through these conversations."

Skill building is a major component of 4-H and FFA, with members competing in annual public presentations to build their confidence and communication abilities.

In the Youth Livestock Sale, youth gain experience in communication, record keeping, and the importance of agricultural education.



Youth exhibitors preparing for the Youth livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 29 include from left, Henry Skuza and Emily Coon (Beef), Hailey Brennan (Rabbit), Tavin Pennock (Sheep), Lyris Pennock (Poultry/Duck), Katie Drum (Sheep), Jack Coon (Hogs) and Roger Loughran (Meat Goat). Special thanks to Amanda and Thomas Skuza for the use of their farm maintenance garage during the rainstorm on Aug. 20.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

The 4-H Junior Livestock Sale Committee is a youth-led collaboration between Dutchess County 4-H and the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale Committee (DCYLS). The 2026 group hosts nine youth members representing the six species of livestock that are sold in the annual sale at the Dutchess County Fair. Committee members also assist in sharing sale updates and deadlines to 4-H and FFA youth

throughout the county leading up to the sale at the Fair.

2026 Committee Members include: Beef Cattle - Emily Coon & Henry Skuza, Lambs -Katie Drum & Tavin Pennock, Poultry - Lyris Pennock, Meat Goats - Natalie Shultz & Roger Loughran III, Rabbits/Cavies - Hailey Brennan, Hogs - Jack Coon.

Advised by Michelle Hicks (DCYLS Chairwoman), Jim Barey (Dutchess 4-

H Program Manager), and Debbie Scannell (Dutchess 4-H Club Leader), the committee works throughout the year to prepare 4-H youth and educate the public about the annual sale. Members also explore the marketing efforts involved in raising and promoting livestock for the food supply.

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New communication station at Julie's Jungle in East Fishkill

By Kristine Coulter

Julie's Jungle, the first accessible playground for children of all abilities in East Fishkill, now has a Communication Station.

"There have been communication boards popping up across the country for a while," said Laura Morris, a speech therapist with Beacon Speech Therapy.

Morris thought Julie's Jungle should have a communication board. The playground was named in honor of late East Fishkill resident Julie Keating (who had special needs) by her sister Natalie.

"I thought a communication board would be nice," Morris said.

So, what is the communication station? It is for children who have difficulty communicating through speech, it was explained. The child can now find a way

at the station to say things like "I want to sing," or "Look at that!"

"This, of course, is not our specialty, but it is Laura's," stated Janet McHugh, who is a co-founder of Julie's Jungle.

A playground, said Morris, could be a place where a child might find it hard to communicate when they are there. If they have a tablet or communication board that aids them in their communication, they might not have that item with them on the playground.

The station allows them to have a way to point to different actions and equipment on the playground.

Mahopac resident Michael S. told Morris and McHugh "thank you" for the communication station and that "every time" they go to the playground, his son uses it.

Morris explained that the communication board is "an example of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). AAC, she said, is "a broad term or tools and strategies that support communication when speech alone is not enough.

Morris said the communication station in the playground, "normalize" AAC by making it visible and familiar to everyone, which will help children see communication tools as a normal part of the environment. This will help create a space where children can connect and play, she added.

Adults can model using the board by saying "Play on swing." "It prompts the child," she said.

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4-H powers Maddie Sartori
For Maddie Sartori, confidence has grown into success. She learned agility, rally, obedience, grooming and handling through her Top Dogs club. In addition to working with her dogs through 4-H, she has become a Top Dog Chasing dog handler. She has also received multiple puppy ratings on her public presentations in 4-H.
See her story on pages 10-17

Coghan Mullen: Becoming a leader
Coghan Mullen is the newly elected president of the Pine Plains FFA. He has a long high school journey ahead of him, but he already knows that he wants to go to college and have a career in agriculture, specifically veterinary medicine.
See his story on pages 6-7

FFA feeds Micah's passion for learning
Micah Marshall has participated in a range of competitions and activities throughout his time in FFA at John Jay High School. Rather than limiting himself to one area, he says, he enjoys participating wherever he can, because every experience offers something new to learn.
See his story on pages 30-31

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Army veteran Howard A. Traudt recognized during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremony held in Rhinebeck

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs recognized the service and lasting impact of U.S. Army Corporal (Cpl.) Howard A. Traudt, a cornerstone of the Rhinebeck community, at this month’s “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony, held on Aug. 20 at American Legion Post 429 in Rhinebeck.

Serino said, “Howard Traudt lived a remarkable life of service, hard work and devotion to his loved ones and community. He proudly served his country in the Army, honored the memory of his fellow veterans when he returned home and gave so much to Dutchess County and his beloved hometown of Rhinebeck. Above all, he was devoted to his family, who continue to honor him today. Howard leaves behind a lasting legacy, and Dutchess County is privileged to share his story and those of his fellow local heroes through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program to inspire generations to come.”

Born in Rhinebeck on Nov. 1, 1933, Howard A. Traudt was drafted into the U.S. Army on July 9, 1953. He served during the early Cold War with the 7th Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany, participating in readiness drills near the East German border. Upon com-

pletion of his military service in 1955, Cpl. Traudt met Madelon “Lonnie” Napoli on a blind date in 1956; they married on Jan. 8, 1956, beginning a lifelong partnership. Deeply shaped by the loss of his brother Roland, who was killed in action during World War II, Cpl. Traudt devoted much of his life to honoring veterans through the VFW, American Legion Montgomery Post 429, a local WWII veterans dinner, a school-district scholarship and the Roland Traudt Little League Trophy. A fixture in Rhinebeck, Cpl. Traudt coached Little League for two decades while building a 39-year career with the U.S. Post Office and running a painting and wallpapering business, as well as Howie’s Lawn Service, continuing to mow lawns at the age of 85. Remembered as quiet, caring, patriotic and exceptionally hardworking, Cpl. Traudt passed away on Feb. 24, 2024, leaving a legacy of devotion to family, seen in his four sons, 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Dutchess County invites nominations for its monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies, held April through November, to pay tribute to deceased U.S. Armed Forces veterans who served in wartime or peacetime. Community members can submit nominations and required military



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, center, joined the family of U.S. Army Cpl. Howard A. Traudt in celebrating his life on Aug. 20 during the “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony recently held in Rhinebeck.

-Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov’t

documentation for consideration through the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs, with the next ceremony scheduled for Sept. 17. Additional information and downloadable applications are available at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran.

Amsterdam couple sentenced to life in prison for 2020 murder of Beacon man

A couple from Amsterdam, Montgomery County, was each sentenced earlier this month to life in prison by a U.S. District judge, for the 2020 murder of a Beacon man, Steven Kraft, announced United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Jamie McDonald, Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) James C. Barnacle Jr. and Superintendent of the New York State Police Steven G. James in a press release. Jamie Orsini, 38, and Nicholas Orsini, 36, were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Philip M. Halpern for one count of carjacking resulting in death and one count of participating in a conspiracy to commit carjacking in connection with the murder of Kraft, Jamie Orsini’s ex-husband.

“Justice has now been served in this tragic case,” McDonald stated in the press release. “In 2020, Jamie and Nicholas Orsini orchestrated a sophisticated scheme to kill Jamie Orsini’s ex-husband, Steven Kraft, and cover up their crime. Their actions took a life, devastated a

family, and left behind years of unanswered questions. Kraft’s body has never been found, and for years, his family has been forced to live with the unimaginable pain and uncertainty of not knowing what happened to their loved one.

“While no sentence can undo the loss of a life or erase the suffering endured by Kraft’s family, these sentences bring the Kraft family a measure of finality and hold Jamie and Nicholas Orsini accountable for their horrific crimes. Our prosecutors and law enforcement partners will not stop seeking justice for victims, their families, and our communities,” said McDonald. The Orsinis were convicted following a two-week trial in 2024 before Judge Halpern.

Barnacle stated called the actions taken by the Orsinis resulting in the death of Kraft “a tragic and senseless crime.”

“The FBI is steadfast in its commitment to pursuing violent crime investigations and will continue working closely with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. This investigation was the result of the dedicated work

of the FBI Hudson Valley Safe Streets Task Force, whose local and state law enforcement partners play an essential role in bringing violent offenders to justice and ensuring the safety of our communities,” stated Barnacle in the release.

Lawyers for the Orsinis could not immediately be reached for comment.

The recent “sentencings send a strong message that prison is the only future for those who take the lives of others,” said James in the release. “We hope these sentencings bring a sense of closure that the defendants will never commit a heinous crime like this again. I commend the dedication of our members, partners at the US Attorney’s Office, and law enforcement colleagues for the justice served in this case.”

According to the Indictment, public court filings, and evidence presented at trial, as stated in the press release:

- Jamie and Nicholas Orsini plotted and executed the murder of Kraft, the father to two of Jamie Orsini’s 2 children,
- The murder and cover-up involved, among other things, the use of burner phones, the movement of Kraft’s car to a different city, and the destruction and disposal of all physical evidence.
- Before the murder, the Orsinis purchased items—such as a 1,000-square-foot tarp and a full-body coverall—to allow them to commit the murder and dispose of evidence, repeatedly practiced “dry runs” for how they would move Kraft’s car, and purchased a “burner phone” to use without law enforcement

being able to trace the phone to them.

- On April 28, 2020, Kraft dropped his children off at the Orsinis home in Beacon
- The Orsinis killed Kraft in their home, taking his car and one of his cellphones. In order to make it look as if Kraft left their home in Beacon alive and was killed elsewhere,
- Nicholas Orsini drove Kraft’s car into Newburgh, Orange County, leaving it in a high-crime neighborhood, got rid of Kraft’s cellphone, and used the burner phone to call a taxi to bring him back to Beacon, throwing the burner phone out before getting into the taxi, while Jamie Orsini sent text messages to and from Nicholas Orsini’s phone—which he had left at home—to pretend that Nicholas Orsini never left the house that night.

According to the press release, “After the murder, the Orsinis destroyed evidence of their crimes—including Kraft’s body—buying a new burner phone to use while repeatedly driving to and from upstate New York, as well as creating large homemade incinerators. Jamie Orsini sent multiple text messages to make it look like she believed that Kraft was still alive, and, having dumped Kraft’s car in Newburgh, when speaking with the police, professed ignorance, while hinting that perhaps something might have happened to Kraft had he gone to Newburgh after leaving her home.”

If one has any information related to the location of Steven Kraft’s body, it is asked one reports the information using the following link: <https://www.justice.gov/usaosdny/report-crime>.

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The new Communication Station at Julie’s Jungle in East Fishkill.
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The positive feedback from families keeps them going, McHugh said, “This is why we do this. People are still passionate about this playground and say, “This is lifesaving for my child,” and it means so much to us.” McHugh thanked Beacon Speech Therapy for creating the board. Dave Nieves, Beacon Speech Therapy, added his artistic flair to the project, it was noted. McHugh also offered appreciation to the Town of East Fishkill leaders for their ongoing support of Julie’s Jungle. Donations and volunteers for Julie’s

Jungle are always welcome, it was stated. Julie’s Jungle is at 5 Old Lime Kiln Rd. in East Fishkill. For more information, visit juliesjungle.org.

DC Fair team embraces social media to spread excitement with mix of platforms

By Morgan E. Maier

Before cows, crowds, and sweet corn ice cream can arrive at the Dutchess County Fair, its organizers needed a way to connect folks with the influx of information that the festivities require.

The key was tapping social media, where information can quickly - and creatively - spread across channels. From TikTok posts to a smartphone app, and a podcast from the Agriculture Society, the digital world has no shortage of facts ahead of this year’s run, August 25-30.

This year’s crop of campaigns has risen to the top of social media feeds, gathering eyes of closest fair fans and soon-to-be frequenters through their carefully crafted posts. Instagram, TikTok and YouTube are the main draws, while the DCF app gives updates to vendors and visitors as quickly as possible, all in one shop. Together, these campaigns are public information, wrapped in a digital, digestible bow.

“Social media lets us meet people where they already are. A grandstand announcement or a Dock Diving Dogs clip or reel can reach someone scrolling at 11 p.m., who never would’ve seen an ad or heard a radio spot,” said Beth Malsbury, who has handled the fair’s social media for 15 years.

Through the years, Vicki Imperati, the fair’s administrative operations manager, organized a super team of social media mavens for the challenge. With Malsbury, Margaux Miller, Jenny Lang, and summer intern Annie, this group turned their varied ideas and perspectives into a brand-elevating collection of content.

At Malsbury’s recommendation, the fairground’s online presence pivoted from transactional, promotional posts to engaging creatives. The key was to do so while staying true to the fair’s character and history.

“At its core, this is about keeping a 180-year-old tradition relevant to people who get their information in six-second increments now, without losing what makes it timeless,” added Malsbury.

With a combination of video and graphics to showcase the best of the fairgrounds’ offerings, the social media team employs a mix of platforms to engage audiences within Dutchess County and beyond. Content ranges from the know-before-you-go tips to vendor spotlights, trending video and graphic formats.

The “Legacy of Agriculture and Community” podcast, presented by the Dutchess County Agriculture Society, promotes the multigenerational impact of local farms. Part agriculture, part history, the podcast teaches viewers everything they may not know about Dutchess County agriculture, according to Imperati.

“There are so many people within the community that are true agriculturists. And their mission is the same: getting word out about how important farmers are. Their stories need to be told, and this is our way of getting the word out,” Imperati added.

The team introduced a foodie-friendly segment, “Food Days to Celebrate” that concentrates Instagram Reels (short-form videos) on the Fair’s favorite treats, from candies to custards and corn dogs.

In addition to the widely popular podcast snippets, Miller’s approach to TikTok thrives on the behind-the-scenes. These, alongside sneak peeks of fair staples, are more to an audience than the “inside scoop.”

“There’s so much in our little valley, and a variety of different things. It [social media] just exposes people to all that we have to offer,” said Miller.

The reach stretches beyond the six days of summer fun; year-round, the social accounts promote other events happening on the same fairgrounds, including the Wine Festival, and car, country, and cattle shows.

For Imperati, the creative element heightens the team’s Fair excitement, the kind that takes root deep in people who join the industry.

“We always have fun, but the excitement in doing these things and the ideas we come up with, and the positive feedback that comes back from everybody, I think, for us, it’s the satisfaction of making people smile,” she added.

Now on the cusp of fair season, the ideas don’t stop there. Connect with the Agriculture Society podcast @DCASinc on YouTube, Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Facebook and Instagram, and @dutchesscountyfair on TikTok.

Youth Livestock Sale is a great teacher for all

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The junior committee takes part in educational tours and meetings that allow them access to the local and national livestock industry. Past trips have included attending livestock sales for all species, as well as touring restaurants specializing in farm-to-table outreach plans for a direct look at marketing within Dutchess County. Sessions like this allow committee members to develop leadership and marketing skills to use in their own livestock plans.

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How the Dutchess County Fair shaped the focus of horse breeding

By Bill Jeffway

Among the images we see in the recently discovered and restored movies of Rhinebeck in September of 1919 is the parade of prize-winning horses at the Dutchess County Fair. We see prize-winning categories like “general purpose horses” and “general purpose farm team shown to wagon.” This is very telling.

The Dutchess County Fair, as it emerged from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society founded in 1806 with an initial “fair” in 1806, was constitutionally created to serve “none but farmers [who] shall be ordinary members of the society.” This was an organization for the common farm family. There were sporadic fairs until 1841 when New York State passed “An Act to Promote Agriculture” and the roots of the modern Dutchess County Fair were firmly established.

An 1890 editorial article in the Rural New Yorker reflected its focus on the common farmer by reporting that “the horse show just closed in [New York] city is considered the most successful ever held.” The article acknowledged that the races attracted wealthy people who could afford to lose nine horses in pursuit of a single high-performing winner. The editorial argued, however, that such fairs were also relevant to the average farmer who could breed solid, useful “coach horses, roadsters, hunters, Hackneys, and Shetland and Exmoor ponies.”

In a jab at the wealthy, the editorial stated, “Hackney-type horses were in good demand too, chunky and handsome animals wanted by those who liked to show themselves off in the park.” The distinction between horses for fashion, and horses for usefulness continued.

Reflecting continuity of purpose in 1919, the Society had declared that it would be a “Dutchess County fair for Dutchess County folks.” While the names of river estate owners like Roosevelt did show up, they showed up through the lens of contests like the “best potato” contest with their head gardeners representing them.

A triumphant Rhinebeck Gazette reported just after the 1919 fair, “The low price of admission, coupled with our refusal to avail ourselves of the opportunity to derive a revenue from the leading of concessions of an improper or questionable character, removes any impression that a desire for pecuniary

gain was the animating motive of those who brought the fair to Rhinebeck.”

These dynamics of what makes a horse have, or offer, a particular value – support for the average farm family in the county, vs. horses as a kind of entertaining investment for the wealthy to dabble in, vs. the dark shadow of gambling – can be found going back a generation before the county fair as we know it today even started.

European influence

Europeans had brought horses into the Hudson Valley with their earliest settlements in the 1600s, but the middle stretch of the valley developed slowly; Dutchess County itself was not settled in earnest until the 1750s. Within another generation, however, the county was shaping the future of American horse breeding in ways that would only be realized much later.

In March of 1796 (and at least two subsequent seasons), Cornelius Van Ranst, who owned a farm and mill north of the Pine Plains village center at the Columbia County border, advertised an imported English Thoroughbred stallion named Messenger for stud.

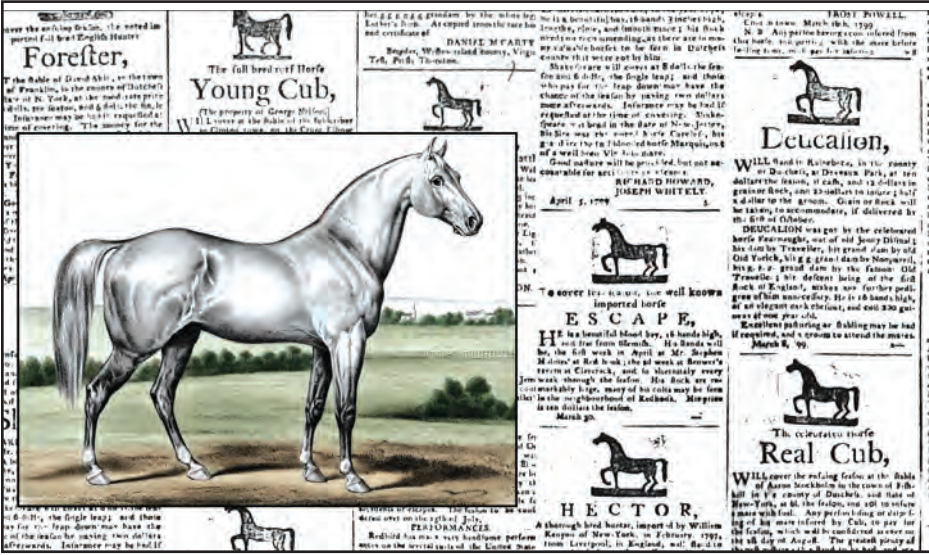
Van Ranst knew Messenger had raced successfully in England and published the winning purses recorded from 1783 to 1785. The horse was imported in 1788 and earlier owned by Henry Astor, brother to John Jacob Astor. Messenger had already stood in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Long Island.

What Van Ranst could not have known was Messenger would become the foundation sire of the Standardbred breed – virtually every trotter and pacer racing in harness today traces back through his great-grandson, Hambletonian 10, foaled in 1849.

Messenger’s influence didn’t stop at harness racing. His descendants also shaped the American Saddlebred and Tennessee Walking Horse breeds, and he appears in the pedigree of major American Thoroughbred flat racers, including Man o’ War, Seabiscuit, and Whirlaway. Few horses imported to America have left a wider or more durable mark on the breeds that followed, and Dutchess County was home to Messenger breeding hundreds of “covers” in his three seasons in Pine Plains.

Days of racing

In 1798 a headline in the Poughkeepsie Eagle shouted, “Sportsmen take notice!” It contained both an invitation and a warning. The invitation was three consecutive days of



An 1860 depiction of the horse Messenger by Currier & Ives. Messenger was foaled in England in 1780 and died in 1808. In the background are images of a separate supplement to the Poughkeepsie Eagle of 1798, showing the many horses being offered for breeding. Although Messenger stood out among them at Cornelius Van Ranst’s Pine Plains farm, no one could have known how consequential the horse would become.

-Courtesy of DCHS

Watch for information related to the premiere of restored 1918 and 1919 movies taken in familiar Rhinebeck settings at the Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck on Veterans Day, November 11, at 5 p.m.

racing, in three-mile, two-mile, and one-mile heats, with entries taken at the courthouse on Market and Main Streets. A “fair” (which at the time meant only buying and selling, perhaps the way we use “book fair” today) ran alongside the races each morning, where “gentlemen may have an opportunity of purchasing or selling at private sale or auction.”

Then came the warning: a gambling table known as an E.O. (Even/Odd, the forerunner of the roulette wheel) had “heretofore exhibited at the Dutchess County races,” has since been judged to be an “unequal game” with “a tendency to corrupt the morals of the people,” and was strictly forbidden, along with “any other game of unequal chance.” An 1802 New York State law began to draw clearer lines between was legal and desirable, and what was a public nuisance and offence. The law defined where a horse race could be held, allowed a purse or premium to be paid, but prohibited betting on the result.

In 1919, the Dutchess County Fair had nearly not survived to see the year at all. The First World War had forced its cancellation twice, and the fairgrounds (then Springbrook Park) in Rhinebeck had briefly become a staging ground for parades related to the war effort. Movie images from these patriotic exercises are also among the rediscovered movies.

Returning to the 1919 prize-winning horses, those being honored are not racing stock and they are not stud prospects bound for someone else’s fortune. They are farm

teams, pulling wagons, judged in front of a crowd for strength and training and usefulness. The fair was staying true to its support of the Dutchess County farmer. Betting on the outcome of horse races and gambling was permitted in New York State at the time, but in highly regulated ways that kept changing but were prohibited at any county agricultural fair like that Dutchess County.

The fairgrounds in Rhinebeck today have no rigged wheel of chance tucked between the barns, no auctioneer taking bids on a horse’s future. Instead, we find show rings, judged classes, a fairer competition, and a pulling contest not unlike the one that wagon team won in 1919. The horse today is almost entirely show and heritage rather than transportation or income, and yet the fair still insists on judging it the old way, on skill and condition and training, not on fashion or wager.

That is the quiet inheritance worth ending on. Nobody in 1919 could have known the reorganized fair would outlast the horse’s working life nearly entirely; that tractors and trucks would empty the local barns of their horses within a generation. But the standard they set that year, that a horse earns its ribbon by being good at what it does rather than by being expensive or lucky, is the same standard that continues at the County Fair in Rhinebeck today.

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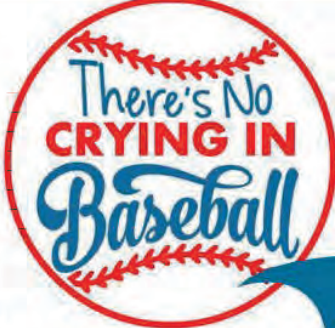




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Fan Appreciation Night on Aug. 28 to feature Mega Fireworks Show

The annual Fan Appreciation Night celebration at Heritage Financial Park on Friday, Aug. 28 will now feature a MEGA Fireworks Show presented by D. Rohde Home Services to finish the night with a bang, the Hudson Valley Renegades have announced.

MEGA fireworks shows at Heritage Financial Park have been limited to

Independence Day celebrations in the past and are longer and feature more fireworks than the traditional fireworks shows at the ballpark.

“Nothing says Hudson Valley summer like fireworks over Heritage Financial Park,” said Dan Rohde, owner of D. Rhode Home Services. “We’ve been serving families here for years, and being able to help make this

one a MEGA fireworks show is our way of giving something back to the community that built this company.”

Fan Appreciation Night presented by D. Rohde Home Services will feature all kinds of fun, prizes, and more to kick off the final weekend of Renegades baseball at Heritage Financial Park in the 2026 regular season. The Renegades battle the

Brooklyn Cyclones, the High-A affiliate of the Mets, at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are available for Friday’s game online at the Renegades website, over the phone by calling the Ticket Office powering every play presented by Central Hudson at 845-838-0094, or in person at Heritage Financial Park during business hours.

Heritage Financial Park to host Big Apples Fest on Oct. 17

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced the return of Big Apples Fest to Heritage Financial Park on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. After its successful debut in 2025, the Second Annual Big Apples Fest will once again feature fun for the whole family.

Big Apples Fest is a free community event at Heritage Financial Park featuring live music, seasonal beers, games, inflatables, crafts, and of course, apples. Parking for the event is \$15 on the day of the event, or \$10 when purchased in advance (plus taxes and fees).

There is limited vendor space still available for Big Apples Fest. Interested vendors can contact Josh Watson-Lewis at josh@hvrenegades.com.

Parking for the event will cost \$15 on the day of the event or \$10 when purchased in advance (plus applicable taxes and fees).

Dutchess County Public Transportation Bus Route B both Northbound from Beacon and Southbound from Poughkeepsie stops at Heritage Financial Park. See schedules and routes at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Transit/Routes-Schedules.htm.



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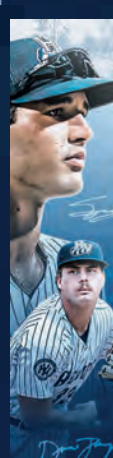
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Hudson Valley NYY	31	23	.574	1.0	8-2	W8
Wilmington WSH	29	25	.537	3.0	5-5	L1
Brooklyn NYM	28	25	.528	3.5	6-4	W3
Jersey Shore PHI	17	36	.321	14.5	2-8	L6
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Bowling Green TB *	29	24	.547	-	2-8	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	28	25	.528	1.0	6-4	W3
Greenville BOS	26	28	.481	3.5	4-6	L3
Asheville HOU	24	29	.453	5.0	4-6	L3
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

‘How sweep it is!’ Renegades win six on Jersey Shore

HV trails front-runners by just one game going into final week

By Morgan E. Maier

A red-hot Hudson Valley Renegades summer is getting down to the wire with a six-game sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws last week. A few extra-inning escapes, defensive devastation for the BlueClaws, and offensive flurries all week marked fun in the Jersey sun for Hudson Valley.

The Renegades –with their current eight-game winning streak - are now in 3rd place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League, but just one game behind leaders Frederick (Md) and Greensboro (NC).

The Renegades return home to face the Brooklyn Cyclones for their final regular season homestand this week.

High Fives - The Renegades had plenty of high fives last week, including two wins while scoring exactly five runs. In the first game of the August 21 double-header, Hudson Valley scattered six hits across seven innings. David McCann contributed three runs to the effort, reaching third on a fifth-inning error that scored two runs, then scoring himself on a wild pitch. Jersey Shore mustered a run in their final offensive frame, but the Renegades took the 5-1 win. Hudson Valley took a 2-0 win in the nightcap behind a stellar Luis Serna, who struck out seven and allowed just two hits in 5.2 innings.

Maika Niu continued his impressive High-A start, launching a three-run home run in the 5-4 win on August 23.

A three-run first inning set the tone for Hudson Valley’s afternoon; the first four in the lineup – Eric Genter, Jackson Lovich, Kyle West, and Niu – combined for six of Hudson Valley’s 10 hits.

10’s again - Robbie Burnett tied it at five in the ninth inning of the series opener; the Renegades offense said “double or nothing” in the tenth. Hans Montero took first cut with an RBI single. Emmanuel Tejeda and Dean Toigo then hit back-to-back RBI singles. With the bases later loaded with two outs, Genter iced the game with a three-run double. The Renegades won 10-5 after a quick 14-pitch outing by Thomas Balboni Jr.

Hudson Valley took to the 10th again on August 22, thanks to an untimely Jersey Shore fielding error. The BlueClaws kept Hudson Valley scoreless outside of one second-inning run, an RBI single from McCann. The wait would be worth it for the visiting team, as Genter knocked in Lovich for the 2-1 win.

Dean’s List - Toigo reached base in all four games he appeared in this series. Toigo went 3-for-5 with an RBI on August 18. He led off the ninth inning with a double, then scored the game-tying run. Starting in right field again in the series finale, Toigo added two hits. In his first 11 professional games, Toigo hit .333/.404/.904 with 6 RBI and 5 extra-base hits.



Right: Infielder Jackson Lovich had a stellar week for the Renegades and scored the winning run in a 2-1 victory over Jersey Shore on Aug. 22.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Outfielder Tiogo catches eyes with hitting, fielding in debut week

By Moran E. Maier

Outfielder Dean Toigo made his professional debut for the Hudson Valley Renegades in August, catching early eyes with his timely hitting. The 23-year-old, a prized offensive producer at three levels of collegiate baseball, shows early promise in the High-A batter’s box.

Toigo was the New York Yankees’ 20th-round pick of the 2026 draft. He has amassed a .333 batting average and .904 on-base plus slugging (OPS) in his first 11 games as a Renegade.

Toigo played one season in Tempe as an Arizona State Sun Devil, where he produced 20 home runs and 59 runs batted in (RBI). Before arriving as one of ASU’s highest-touted transfers, Toigo received honors in the Mountain West Conference as Co-Player of the Year. He finished

2025 with a 1.127 OPS for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Rebels. Before UNLV, Toigo played two years outside of the NCAA, logging time with Cypress Community College and Hope International University of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

His fifth and final year of college eligibility was with the Sun Devils, where he caught eyes with clutch outfield catches and a mid-season offensive turnaround. He ended the year with 57 hits in 44 games, according to the ASU Athletics page. Toigo later earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention.

Toigo contributed largely to the Renegades’ recent sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, August 18-23. Playing in four of six games, Toigo was 6-for-10, including two multi-hit performances.



Right: Dean Tiogo, right, is pictured with Hudson Valley teammates Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek and Jackson Lovich.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Simply Gourmet named exclusive caterer as Chapel at Carnwath Farms opens for booking



Mike Polasek, Founder and Chef of Simply Gourmet, right, is pictured with Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini.
-Photos courtesy of Zoe Golden-Johnson (Zoe's Camera)

In preparation for The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park's full restoration, Simply Gourmet has been selected as its exclusive catering partner, bringing full-service wedding and event catering to one of the Hudson Valley's newest and most distinctive venues. Weddings, corporate events, galas, showers and private celebrations are now booking, with venue tours currently available. This partnership marks an exciting expansion for Simply Gourmet, adding to the locally owned company's growing portfolio of full-service wedding and event experiences across the Hudson Valley.

"The Chapel is unlike any venue in the Hudson Valley," said Simply Gourmet's Founder/Chef and Culinary Institute of America alum, Mike Polasek. "It combines incredible history, breathtaking views and an atmosphere that allows for unforgettable experiences across Carnwath Farms for our clients. We're honored the Town of Wappinger chose Simply Gourmet to help bring this vision to life."

Located just minutes from Metro-North's New Hamburg train station, approximately 70 miles north of New York City, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms offers a unique blend of history, accessibility and modern amenities. The restored venue, located on a former estate originally built in 1850, features an elegant indoor space accommodating more than 300 guests, and picturesque outdoor locations throughout the property with expansive lawns, including a hilltop ceremony site with sweeping panoramic views of the

Hudson River Valley.

Founded in 2008 by a Dutchess County native, Simply Gourmet offers comprehensive wedding and event packages designed to simplify the planning process from start to finish. Event menus offer an elevated take on approachable, comfort fare paired with high-level hospitality. Clients can choose from buffet, plated or family-style dining, full beverage service featuring beer, wine and liquor, as well as outdoor ceremony and cocktail hour options. All-inclusive event packages begin at \$199 per person, including the venue rental fee. As part of its services, Simply Gourmet also coordinates staffing, rentals, event setup and breakdown, allowing hosts to enjoy a stress-free celebration while every detail is professionally managed.

"The Chapel at Carnwath Farms represents years of planning and investment to create a one-of-a-kind event destination for our community and the Hudson Valley," added Town of Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini. "Simply Gourmet shares the vision we've had for this venue from the beginning. Its commitment to quality, hospitality and creating exceptional experiences makes it the perfect partner as we welcome guests to this remarkable property."

Originally part of the historic Carnwath Farms estate, the property has served many purposes throughout its more than 175-year history. Following years of thoughtful restoration and investment by the Town of



The Chapel and grounds at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park offer an inviting setting for weddings and other special gatherings.

Wappinger, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is Wappinger's newest and most enchanting event venue. Once a place of quiet reflection, this former religious sanctuary has been thoughtfully transformed into a destination where historic char-

acter meets contemporary elegance, preserving an important piece of the Hudson Valley's heritage.

For more information about weddings and events at The Chapel, or to schedule a tour, visit townofwappingerny.gov/the-chapel-at-carnwath-farms.

Vassar Temple announces High Holy Day Services

Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of Sept. 11, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of Sept. 20. The congregation's clergy Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom,) and there will be professional security present.

Please visit the website www.vassar-temple.org for the complete service schedule.

No fee is involved, but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray our expenses are appreciated. The congregation is also accepting donations of nonperishable foods for its annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit a local food pantry. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive congregation located in Poughkeepsie and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

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Heart of the Fair

Agriculture has long been the centerpiece of the county fair.

For most of us who grew up in this area, the Dutchess County Fair marks the end of summer. As a child it was the last hurrah before school started up again, but it was so much more than that. Ours was a “fair family”: we were there every day in equal measure enjoying all it had to offer and participating in various ways over the years. I’m in my 60s now, and so much has changed. It certainly isn’t the fair I grew up with, but it’s a great tradition and we continue to support it and all it stands for.

County fairs across the country were an important part of a nation that thrived in large part due to agriculture. The earliest fairs, which began in the 1800s, were all about farming and showcased livestock, crops and the latest in machinery and farm equipment. Farmers and their families gathered to see the latest developments in agriculture and participated in competitions for the best livestock, homegrown produce and baked goods. They met to share ideas, get advice and showcase the best of what they raised. Non-farming families gained an understanding of agriculture they otherwise wouldn’t have had. As more people attended over the years attractions, musical acts, food vendors and carnival rides were added, and many fairs were extended from a day or two to a week. But always the heart and soul has been agriculture.

Unlike the six-day extravaganza it is today, the first Dutchess County Fair was a two-day event held in Washington Hollow, a hamlet of Pleasant Valley, in October at a field behind a hotel. (The

year was 1842 when there were only 27 states and farming was the lifeblood of the growing nation). It alternated between another Washington Hollow location and Poughkeepsie before finding its permanent home in Rhinebeck in 1919. For a full history, I recommend visiting the official website, dutchessfair.com. It’s a fun and interesting read.

When I was a little girl, the Dutchess County Fair was still a traditional county fair that not only showcased local agriculture, but many vendors and food booths that highlighted local organizations, church groups and farmers as well. You could get coffee and donuts from the Vagabond Drum Corps booth, sandwiches from local church booths, turkey soup from the turkey booth and chili from the firemen’s booth. I fondly remember sipping Fitchett Brothers chocolate milk while petting their ponies, Ike and Mike. 4-H was thriving (and still is) and the vegetable, craft and flower competitions were abundantly full of local fare. People went as much to see their neighbors as they did to watch the sulky races, buy penny candy and explore the midway. There were things we looked forward to that could only be done at the fair, like that cold cup of fresh apple cider for a dime, making a beeline for the double Ferris wheel with the heady aroma of sausage and peppers leading the way and seeing all the livestock that filled every building on Livestock Hill. My sister and I always loved that our dad wore a western shirt, cowboy hat and boots to the

fair, further marking it in our minds as a special occasion.

Later on, fair time was more hands-on for our family. In my preteen years I entered artwork in the Craft Building. I worked the Belgian Waffle booth once, which was the topic of a past article and my first real foray into food service. Later still, my nephew showed cows in 4-H for many years,so we spent a lot of time on “The Hill.” I created many displays in connection with Adams Fairacre Farms and helped coordinate cooking demos when they still had the Williams Lumber kitchen setup. My parents have worked the information booth and in the Horticulture Building, and my sister and I entered and displayed vegetables grown on her farm, taking a fair few red and blue ribbons, something we’re still very proud of. I bought my goat, Sarah, from one of the farmers as a 40th birthday present for myself and it was one of the best things I’ve ever done. Now my nephew and his fiancé participate very successfully in Dock Diving with their border collie Toaster, and my parents, sister and I help out with the flower show in the Horticulture Building.

A lot of people go for the food, musical acts, the rides and to buy the latest gadgets, but I hope they also appreciate the fair’s farming core. I guess I just want people to experience our past and the ties to agriculture that started the fair tradition in the first place.

It’s encouraging to see people growing their own vegetables, raising chickens and supporting local farmstands and markets. The flower and vegetables competitions

at the fair have had a resurgence of participants over the last few years, another hopeful sign. I know it will likely never be the fair I once knew, but I hope the interest generated by homesteading trends is more than just that and produces a new generation of farmers. Until then, let’s keep supporting local growers however we can. And be sure to visit 4-H Hill if you go to the fair.

It’s a testament to the Hudson Valley that our roots are still very much in agriculture, even though the years have not always been kind to farmers. For hundreds of years, they have shown us what courage, tenacity, respect and hard work can do, a legacy well worth remembering and honoring. You don’t need to have grown up here to see what a shame it would be if fields of grazing cows, crisp apples and open, fertile farmland became no more than a memory, replaced by solar fields and condominiums. As with many places across the nation, agriculture has been at the very heart of our Valley, and it’s our legacy to be proud of and to respect and preserve. I’m grateful there’s still a place we can go to, even if only once a year, to remind us of that.

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.

Mid-Hudson Library System joins Readersfirst

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) Board has unanimously voted to join ReadersFirst. ReadersFirst is an international coalition of libraries that works to improve how readers access library e-books and digital content by advocating for user-friendly platforms and fair digital lending practices.

As more readers have discovered the convenience and accessibility of e-books and digital audiobooks, libraries across the Mid-Hudson region must invest more in collection development to meet community demand for both print and digital

items. Unlike print books, however, digital materials are licensed rather than owned, and those licenses expire after a set period or number of checkouts, requiring libraries to pay again to continue offering the same titles.

“By joining ReadersFirst, the Mid-Hudson Library System is supporting efforts to advocate for more sustainable and equitable digital lending models that help libraries serve their communities effectively,” said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, “Readers should

have the right to access information and literature in the format they are most comfortable with.”

Those who wish to support library access are encouraged to donate to their local library or to the MHLS eBooks/downloadable Audiobooks fund (<https://midhudson.org/donate/>) established by MHLS to strengthen library collections and expand access to books and digital materials throughout the MHLS service area.

Clarification

In the Aug. 19th edition, in the story Steven D. Ziskind Memorial Scholarship awarded to local firefighter Morgan Doughty, the members of the Wiccoppee Fire Co. initiated the scholarship and the Ziskind family, who did not initiate it, offered their support.

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Obituaries

Dr. David V. DiMarco



Dr. David V. DiMarco, a life-long resident of Wappingers Falls, NY, died suddenly at his home on August 19, 2026, at the age of 71. He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on February 23, 1955, son of the late Henry A. & Dolores L. DiMarco. He attended St. Mary's School in Wappingers Falls and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, class of 1973. He later went on to Union College and the University of Padua in Italy, ultimately graduating from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1981.

David worked as an orthopedic surgeon for almost 40 years and was a founding partner of Orthopedic Associates of Dutchess County. After he retired from OADC in 2020, he came out of retirement to treat the Veterans at Castle Point. He

was happiest caring for his patients - who called him "Doc" - while his colleagues called him "DVD." He loved his work.

When he was not treating patients, he was lifting weights, stalking the BMW lot for the newest M5, and adding to his endless tie collection. He also enjoyed the simple pleasures like anchovies and snacking on peanut M&Ms. His favorite activity was spending time with his family, listening and laughing to the same stories repeatedly.

On October 9, 1983, in Orange, NJ, he married the love of his life, Shari M. Gilbert, who survives him at home. Along with his beloved wife, David is survived by his three daughters: Jaimee (Brian), Alexa (Zachary), and Erika; though we can't forget about his granddog, 'Shay.' He is also survived by his four brothers, whom he affectionately referred to as Hank (#1), Larry (#3), Robert (#4), and Gerry (#5), and a host of nieces, nephews, friends & colleagues. He leaves behind a legacy of laughter, love and unmatched style. Rest Easy - you've earned the victory lap.

His Family received Friends on Saturday, August 22 at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY; where a Prayer Service and Remembrance was offered. Interment will be private at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donation to be made to either VA Hudson Valley HCS - Castle Point Campus, 41 Castle Point Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692 Dallas, TX 75284.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory of David, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Eleanor De Gori



Eleanor De Gori, 86, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2026, surrounded by family. Born to Bruno De Gori and Maria Grazia Russomanno, she was fiercely proud of her Italian roots in Cardinale, Calabria.

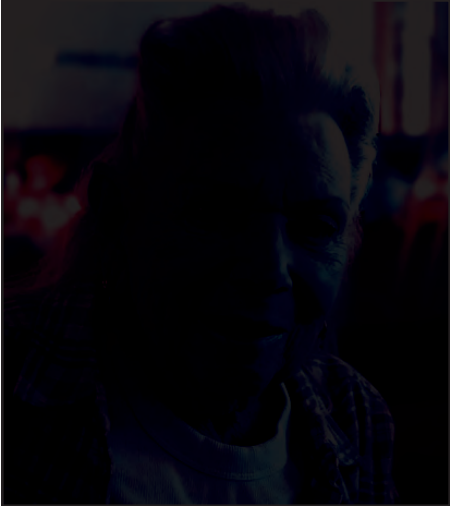
Eleanor dedicated many years of hard work to General Motors, beginning at the Tarrytown, NY, plant before relocating to Youngstown, Ohio, where she eventually retired. Throughout her life, she was guided by deep faith, wonderful food, and devotion to family.

Eleanor is survived by her sons, John and David Duffy; her daughter-in-law, Mardy; her grandson, Michael; her twin sister, Lucia; and her loving nieces, nephews, and friends. She is reunited in heaven with her parents, grandparents, and her brother and sister.

As per Eleanor's wishes, there will be no viewing or wake service. Her Family will gather to honor Eleanor's Life with a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 10am at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, followed by entombment to the Community Mausoleum at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, New York.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Jeanne Doris Marcojohn



Jeanne Doris Marcojohn, a longtime Wappingers Falls resident, passed away peacefully at Vassar Brother Medical Center in Poughkeepsie on August 21, 2026; at the age of 92. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on March 27, 1934, daughter of the late Alfred and Evelyn (nee King) Montegari.

Jeanne worked for many years lab technician specialist at the IBM plant in East Fishkill, NY; until she retired.

Jeanne was a longtime member of the Dutchess County Pistol Association (DCPA), and was a known marksman. She had participated in several Empire State Games, where she won medals for her performance.

Jeanne also enjoyed cooking. She was an artist, she loved painting, but most of all she loved spending time with

her family.

Jeanne is survived by her two daughters Jeanne Kassof of Walnut Creek, CA and Paula Marcojohn Calli and her husband Tim Calli of Wappingers Falls, NY; she is also survived by her granddaughter Danielle Calli, 2 great-granddaughters Kalynn and Korina, and 1 great-grandson Juaking. Her brother and sister, Frank Montegari and Adele Palmieri, and several nieces & her nephew. And we can't forget about her many cats, particularly 'Ben' and 'Roman' whom she loved dearly.

Along with her beloved husband Lawrence 'Al' Marcojohn who passed away after 35+ years of marriage on December 3, 1998; she was predeceased by a grandson Jason Redenti, and her two brothers Raymond and Paul Montegari.

Her Family & Friends will gather to remember and celebrate her Life on Wednesday, August 26 from 4-7pm at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. Interment will be private at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, New York.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Cary Institute researchers reveal findings in Lyme Disease Ecology

For more than 35 years, researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, New York have been studying how interactions between acorns, rodents, ticks, predators, and climate shape Lyme-disease risk in people. A new paper, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, details nine of the research project's most surprising findings to date. Several are outlined below.

"On balance, these surprises have enriched our knowledge of this system, helping us to inform management of tick-borne disease risk," said lead author Richard Ostfeld, a Cary Institute disease ecologist who co-directs the research program with Shannon LaDeau. Ostfeld added that many of the findings would not have been possible without the decades of data the project has collected so far, which helps the team to statistically distinguish real trends and drivers from random events and correlations. "Studies of this depth and length are incredibly rare," said LaDeau. "This research has followed an ecological community — including oak trees, mammals, and microorganisms — examining how interactions like predation, parasitism, and competition shape the system over time. The evolution of understanding summarized in this paper is something you simply cannot get without such a long-term and system-focused study."

White-tailed deer are less important than previously thought - When Lyme disease was first recognized in the United States in the 1980s, some researchers assumed white-tailed deer played an important role in spreading the disease, because deer killed by hunters in the fall often carry large numbers of adult ticks. Although deer do not infect ticks with the Borrelia pathogen, the logic was that more abundant deer might feed more adult female ticks, which would then be able to lay more eggs and produce more immature ticks.

However, after several decades of intensive research, the long-term study on the Cary Institute's campus — a forested ecosystem spanning 2,000 acres in New York's Dutchess County — has not found a statistical relationship between deer abundance and the density of nymphal ticks, the life stage of ticks that is most likely to spread Lyme disease to people.

"We had detected a weak positive relationship between deer and subsequent nymph abundance over short subsets of the data," said Ostfeld, "but the whole data set in its entirety shows no such thing."

Mice matter more - While deer abundance wasn't associated with the number of nymphal ticks, mouse abundance was. The long-term study has shown that a strong mouse year boosted the next year's number of nymphs by about 40%. White-footed mice

are a high-quality food source for blacklegged tick larvae, and also happen to be very good at passing Borrelia burgdorferi bacteria to them.

Ticks that acquire Borrelia as larvae can transmit the bacteria when they feed as nymphs. This is the life stage that is most likely to infect people.

The acorn effect - The project has revealed that acorn masting — when a large number of oak trees drop their acorns at the same time — creates a food bonanza for mice, boosting their populations the following year, and nymphal ticks the year after that. Thus,

a large acorn crop reliably predicts higher numbers of nymphal ticks two years later.

Mouse numbers don't predict the proportion of Lyme-infected ticks - The researchers expected that, just as a large mouse population boosts the number of nymphal ticks, it would also boost the percentage of nymphal ticks that are infected, since mice are so good at transmitting Borrelia burgdorferi. And in the early days of the monitoring program, the scientists observed this trend. But as the years wore on, the relationship disappeared.

"It kept me up at night," said Ostfeld, "because it meant that my understanding of how the system works was incomplete or wrong."

Eventually, the data suggested an explanation. Even though mice might be more abundant in some years, other hosts — such as skunks, squirrels, and opossums — might be more abundant as well. Most of those hosts are not very good at spreading Borrelia burgdorferi to ticks, and thus reduce the prevalence of Lyme bacteria in nymphal ticks.

So the infection prevalence in the nymphs really depends on how all the larval tick meals are distributed across all the hosts," explained Ostfeld. "It would have been convenient if one host predicted that for us, but that has not been the case."

Extreme temperatures don't kill ticks in the wild - Lab work had previously suggested that blacklegged ticks are killed by extreme heat and extreme cold events, but Cary's field studies found that in natural environments, the ticks beat the heat and cold presumably by sheltering deeper into soil and leaf litter. The team has, however, found a trend: years that are warmer overall predict lower-than-normal numbers of nymphal ticks. In contrast, warmer years are good for mouse populations, so this mix of effects will be important to continue monitoring.

Continuing the legacy - The big takeaways from the long-term monitoring program are that the ecological dynamics governing Lyme disease risk are complex but predictable. Knowing that mouse abundance, but not deer abundance, is linked to higher numbers of nymphal ticks — and that severe winter weather may not substantially reduce tick populations — can help public-health officials anticipate periods of elevated Lyme disease risk and guide prevention efforts. There is still much to learn about ticks and the ecological variables that impact their chances of spreading diseases to people. In particular, one big research frontier will be sorting out how climate change is influencing ticks, their hosts, and oak trees. "You would expect that a warming climate, which makes life better for the mice, would eventually make life better for the ticks, but we have not seen that so far," said Ostfeld. "We need to know what to expect from the different manifestations of climate change, which are sometimes warmer and drier, and sometimes warmer and wetter. The time of year when it's very warm also matters to ticks, oaks, and acorn production."

Since the project began in 1991, the Dutchess County, New York study site has experienced climate change, landscape change, invasive species, and more. The authors

plan to continue studying how ticks and their hosts respond to these evolving conditions, and how human health may be affected in the future.

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‘White Glove Tour’ at Mount Gulian Historic Site in Sept.

Mount Gulian Historic Site will offer its exclusive White Glove Tour three Wednesdays in September – Sept. 2, Sept. 16 and Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.

This special tour highlights items from the collection that are rarely on display. Following a tour of the house and grounds, visitors will have the opportunity to wear the trademark curatorial white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective of the past.

“We rarely offer our “White Glove” tour to the general public,” said Elaine Hayes, Executive Director. “We hope out of town visitors, our neighbors, and local residents will stop by and avail themselves of this unique opportunity.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to hold and examine artifacts representing

300 years of Mount Gulian's history, which spans from Native American times, through the Colonial Era, the American Revolution, and the Golden Age of the Hudson Valley. Items selected for this tour include a Verplanck family bible from the 17th century; documents and artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries; women’s and men’s Victorian era clothing; military artifacts and more!

Admission for the “White Glove Tour” is \$20 adults; \$18 seniors; \$10 children; free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public and may be purchased day of the event. Registration is strongly suggested.

To register, please contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org. For further information visit www.mountgulian.org.



Right: The White Glove Tour will be offered on three Wednesdays in September - Sept. 2, 16 and 30, at Mount Gulian Historic Site.

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Polar Plunge participant Nicole Wojnar named Athlete of the Month for August

Special Olympics New York and the New York Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (NY ABLE) congratulate Nicole Wojnar on being named August 2026’s Athlete of the Month.

Over the past year, Nicole has led by example and stepped outside her comfort zone, improving her health and overall wellbeing. She’s also been a regular participant at the Dutchess Polar Plunge and Law and Order Nights. Whether it’s on or off the field, Nicole continues to demonstrate the true meaning of being an athlete and leader.

“Nicole is always there for her fellow athletes,” said Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman. “Her determination, teamwork, and positivity make her an excellent recipient for this month’s award.”

To earn eligibility for Athlete of the Month, athletes must exhibit leadership in one or more of the following: Achievement in Sport, Sportsmanship

(respect for coaches, officials, opponents, teammates), Character (playing by the rules, honesty, integrity), and

Commitment to Improvement and Perseverance. Athletes are considered for this honor

based upon recommendations by Special Olympics New York staff, coaches, fans, and the community.

this week’s puzzle solutions

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Sudoku solution

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as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 for the proposal known as Fishkill Commerce Center identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6155-00-940402, located at 387-485 US Route 9, consisting of ±62.39 acres, in the PI (Planned Industry) and the AQO (Aquifer Protection Overlay) Zoning Districts; for the following approval and permits:
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· **Freshwater Wetlands/Water-**

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course/Water Body Permit (Town Code Chapter 82, Section 82-9 E.) - for proposed disturbance within the Town of Fishkill regulated Wetland/Water Body/Watercourse.
All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.
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THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ACROSS

1. Eye affliction

5. Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"

8. Cured pork product, pl.

12. *Every lap you run in gym class completes one

13. Ripped

14. Throw up

15. Mythological ship

16. Agitate

17. Like worthless promise

18. *"Go to the ____'s office"

20. Hatchling's home

21. Wasted on the young?

22. "Amazing!"

23. * ____ Core, academic standards

26. *"Rock N'Roll High School" band

30. Be obliged

31. Orange ____ tea, pl.

34. Of low density

35. Earthenware pots

37. Farm layer

38. Bagpipes sound, in Scotland

39. Vessel's "spine"

40. "Mary, Mary quite contrary" place

42. Radio knob, abbr.

43. Blended family family member

45. Trotters

47. Owned

48. San Diego baseballer

50. Castle defense

52. *a.k.a. lunch room

56. " ____ little cubby all stuffed with fluff"

57. Knight's breastplate

58. Bit of smoke

59. Willow twig

60. Pub arrow

61. Popular street-lining trees

62. Post-deductions amount

63. Opposite of WSW

64. Somebody ____

DOWN

1. Dueler's blow

2. Unit of pressure

3. Jellystone Park denizen

4. Amerigo to America

5. *Plagiarize, technically speaking

6. Heep of "David Copperfield"

7. *School signaling device

8. *Unwelcome load

9. Current unit, pl.

10. Catcher's catcher

11. Chester White's home

13. Three in one

14. Animal toxin

19. Poultry houses

22. "It ____ a dark and stormy night..."

23. Too many in the kitchen?

24. Baby owl

25. Free-for-all

26. Tear

27. Lacking guile

28. Baseball fielding mistake

29. "She ____ sea shells..."

32. * ____ Academy, online study aid

33. " ____ the land of the free..."

36. *Reading building blocks

38. Stall call

40. *Character in Greek Mythology reading assignment

41. Firstborn

44. Nymph chaser

46. Diminutive

48. Like nature worshipping, e.g.

49. Flamb

50. Dante's Beatrice, e.g.

51. Passing mention

52. Relinquish

53. Small brook

54. Doctrines

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56. *Unit in measurement and weight math lessons

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get growing!

by mark adams



Carnwath Farms at the Fair

Come see dahlias and other prize-winning flowers this week at the Dutchess County Fair.

Kate Cahill, who has spearheaded the Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden at Carnwath Farms, is hoping to win Best in Show at the Dutchess County Fair, for the third time. Out of the 1,500 dahlias planted at the farm, she plans to pick out 10 for the Tuesday, August 25 show, and 10 to enter on Friday, August 28. You can see the winning dahlias, and lots of other prize winning flowers from ageratum to zinnias, all week, until the fair closes Sunday night, upstairs at the horticulture building on “Livestock Hill.”

Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park is a fairly recent addition to the Hudson Valley’s world famous constellation of historic properties, purchased by the Town of Wappinger in 1999 and restored (an ongoing project) by the volunteers at Friends of Carnwath Farms. On a recent tour led by Friends V.P. John Weber, accompanied by Friends president Jessica Sarrantonio, I learned that the original home was designed by the famous naturalist Andrew Jackson Downing in 1850 for William Henry and Lydia Willis, who named it “Carnwath” after a Scottish manor house they had visited. After several changes in ownership, the original estate wound up as a 99-acre preserve on the banks of the Hudson River, with three miles of hiking trails, a beautifully restored chapel, and the Frances Reese Cultural Center, which houses the Sports Museum of Dutchess County (it doesn’t have anything about me – I looked).

In 2022, Courtney and Brian Kolb

founded Carnwath Community Farming, presently 10 acres of 20 garden plots rented by community members who grow their own flowers and vegetables. Part of the Community Farm is home to Kate Cahill’s Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden, where Kate tends the dahlias she enters in the Dutchess County Fair, and at the upcoming Wappinger Dahlia Show, September 19 at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. (More info at [dahlias_in_tow](#)). Kate has been growing dahlias since age 14, even breeding new varieties, and cataloging heritage varieties like “Old Red” from the Catskill Mountains. Kate claims that America’s first dahlia competition was held in Wappinger in 1901. I asked Claude, and he agrees!

Dahlias are native to the highlands of Mexico and Central America. They won’t survive our winters, so Kate has to dig up the fleshy tubers and store them in dry shavings over the winter, replanting all 1,500 each spring. Rich soil, fertilizer and natural pest controls are important. Powdery mildew, I’ve heard, can be prevented with a spray of watered-down milk.

Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph (“Joey”) Cavaccini was and is a driving force behind the success of Carnwath Farms. As an unusually young town historian, he researched the history and founded the Friends of Carnwath Farms to kick-start the restoration. At age 14, he was the lead curator of the Sports Museum. When Joey was elected town supervisor, he seized the opportunity to



From left: Jack, Olive, Courtney and Brian Kolb, with Kate Cahill. Olive Kolb is entering six projects in 4-H competition.

-Photos by Mark Adams



Dahlia Old Red

personally oversee the renovation of the chapel and the ongoing work to make Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park a Hudson Valley jewel.

Meanwhile, my granddaughters are also entering dahlias in the Dutchess County Fair. Stop by the horticulture

building to see if they’ve toppled the Carnwath Farms dahlia dynasty.

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

Learn about the Litterbug app at Howland Public Library on Aug. 30

Promoting a clean environment is an economic and recreational opportunity, poses a new phone application, Litterbug, now available for beta testing by iPhone users.

The creator of Litterbug, Elias H. Bloom, is developing a new way to monetize and gamify litter collection through the phone app. Bloom is seeking public feedback on the beta version of Litterbug, which is available, along with a user guide at the app website: [peas.phd/litterbug](#).

Litterbug beta testers can use the app to scan litter, share litter collection efforts on and off platform with social media apps, and post litter collection spots using a built-in map. Gamified ecology aspects currently include collectible badges, a retro style leaderboard, and XP rewards to feed in-app

litterbugs which undergo metamorphosis.

Users can also simulate tipping and bounties for litter collection sites, using in-app test funds at no user expense. Bloom plans to form a cooperative for Litterbug, and any profits will be shared among members proportional to their litter collection efforts.

Bloom will be hosting an informational session, including a field excursion to demonstrate the app, at the Howland Public Library, in Beacon, on Sunday, Aug. 30, from noon -1:30 p.m. Spots are limited and attendees are encouraged to register beforehand at the link on the Litterbug website.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an iPhone 12 or higher with a minimum of 3GB of storage available.

Five actors to portray 25 roles in ‘The Trial’ at Savage Wonder

Savage Wonder will stage its own adaptation of Franz Kafka’s “The Trial” for four Saturdays in September, translated from German and directed by Founding Artistic Director Christopher Paul Meyer. Five actors play twenty-five parts.

“The Trial” plays Saturdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at The Parlor at Savage Wonder, 141 Main Street, Beacon. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner, cocktails and live music. The performance begins at 7 p.m. Thirty seats. Tickets are \$50, all-inclusive, and are available at [SavageWonder.org](#) and through Eventbrite.

Josef K. wakes up one morning and there are two men in his bedroom. They know his name. They will not say what he did. They tell him he is under arrest, spend ten minutes talking to each other about moisture and mice, and then suggest he go on to work.

Nobody in this play gets an answer. Not from the court, which never convenes. Not from the lawyer, who cannot help. Not from the clerk, who is genuinely sorry and is not permitted to say why.

The first people to hear it thought it was funny. Max Brod, who published the novel after Kafka’s death, wrote that when Kafka read the opening chapter aloud to his friends, “we friends of his laughed quite immoderately. And he him-

self laughed so much that there were moments when he couldn’t read any further.” Productions since have mostly gone the other way, into dread and nightmare. This one goes back to the room where everybody was laughing.

Kafka began The Trial in 1914 and never finished it. He was a lawyer at an accident insurance institute, assessing injury claims by day and writing at night.

Five actors play twenty-five parts. In a court where nobody identifies themselves and the judge is never present, the faces keep changing.

The production is staged in Savage Wonder’s “flash-to-bang” style, the company’s method since its founding: the cast rehearses the day of and performs that night, fully staged and ambitiously blocked, with no props, no costumes, and actors on book.

Featuring, Ana Anderson (GNIT, Private Lives, The 39 Steps, Speed the Plow and Savage Circus at Savage Wonder; Ride Down Mt. Morgan, regional), Mike Labbadia (a company regular at Bedlam Theatre; The Actor’s Nightmare at Savage Wonder), Dylan Crow (What the Butler Saw and GNIT at Savage Wonder; the feature film As The Heathen Does), and Viet Vo (Black Curtain Society at Savage Wonder). Casting is by Jenn Haltman. Tech direction is by Joshua K Boniello.

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.

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