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Chabad of Beacon to celebrate High Holy Days

By Kristine Coulter

Chabad of Beacon will host a Rosh Hashanah dinner on Friday, Sept. 11, followed by services on Shabbat Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

This experience is described as “authentic, relatable, welcoming, and engaging for adults and children alike.”

“Celebrate the New Year together with our community and enjoy a real sense of family, togetherness, and inspiration as we experience the holiness and meaning of Rosh Hashanah. And, of course, enjoy plenty of delicious food,” said Rabbi Shaya Itkin.

What message does the rabbi hope people take away from the service and dinner for Rosh Hashanah?

“Your connection to God is not defined by what you did yesterday or even over the past several years. What matters is how you approach today and the year ahead. Find a way to make this year special. Take something meaningful upon yourself, be there for others, and look for ways to bring more goodness into the world,” Itkin said.

What is planned for Yom Kippur, Sept. 20-21?

“Join us for a meaningful day of prayer, singing, and inspiration as we come together as a community. Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to step away from the physical for a day and focus completely on the spiritual—on our souls, our purpose, and our connection to God,” said the rabbi.

Itkin remarked, “Labels don’t make the difference. Conservative, Reform, Orthodox — those labels may be useful on paper, but what truly makes a difference is action. We are all connected, and every one of us has the ability to do something good and make the world a better place. We’re looking forward to celebrating the High Holidays together!”

Visit chabadbeacon.com to make reservations and for more information.

Local education officials look forward to new school year



Phase 1 work was started at John Jay High School during the summer months. Pictured are Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk (fourth from left) with Town of East Fishkill Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro (third from left) and members of the Capital Project Team.

-Photo courtesy Wappingers CSD

By Kristine Coulter

Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk and Beacon City School District Board of Education President Flora Stadler recently commented on the beginning of the new school year.

Wappingers CSD ready to begin ‘a most productive and rewarding’ school year

“We look forward to welcoming our students back for the first day of school

on Tuesday, Sept. 8 to begin a most productive and rewarding 2026-2027 school year,” said Bonk.

District administration, staff and personnel have been preparing for the new school year during the summer months.

“We have had a very busy and productive summer in Dutchess County’s largest school District and the 9th largest in the State of New York as our \$153.77 million Capital Improvement Proposition, which was

approved by our voters in 2025, has begun,” said Bonk via email. “The project is expected to take place over several years, and will include additions to our junior high schools, which will create more opportunities for grades 6-8, and more room in our elementary buildings. It also includes essential improvements to our athletic facilities, and many other structural upgrades and repairs district-wide.”

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Up, up and away! Hot-Air Balloon Festival returns to Tymor Park Labor Day weekend

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation Inc. will present the 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival at Tymor Park in the Town of Union Vale from Sept. 4 to 6. This community gathering, backed by event sponsors Bottini Fuel and Q92.1 FM, guarantees an exciting Labor Day weekend packed with thrilling activities and memorable experiences for the whole family.

Revel in the magic of over 100 scheduled hot-air balloon flights throughout the weekend, showcasing a stunning array of colors and designs against the scenic Hudson Valley backdrop. Embark on a full hot-air balloon ride or savor the views from a tethered flight. Activities will proceed rain or shine, with hot-air balloon launches contingent upon wind and weather conditions for the safety of all participants.



The 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival at Tymor Park will take place in Union Vale from Sept. 4 to 6.

-Courtesy photo

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Colorful hot-air balloons will dot the sky this weekend as the 35th Annual JPMorganChase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival takes place Sept. 4-6 at Tymor Park in the Town of Union Vale.

-Courtesy photos



Hot-air balloons will fill the sky in Union Vale from Sept. 4-6.

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Don't miss the mesmerizing hot-air balloon illumination moon glows and fireworks displays after sunset. Witness the wonder of the Two by Two Animal Haven sponsored by Arbor Capital Wealth Advisors, a traveling animal program to educate the public about animals, their welfare and conservation, captivating audiences throughout the day. And, attend informative pilot presentations titled "All About Ballooning," offering insights into the art and science of hot-air ballooning.

Enjoy a diverse selection of food trucks offering local flavors, browse Hudson Valley artisanal crafts, and explore retail vendors offering unique keepsakes. Enjoy local craft beverages in the Millbrook Vineyards & Winery Beer and Wine Tent, where you can dance and delight in live music performances from Everything Else, Generation Next, and Iron Cobra.

Also included with your admission, have fun with games in the Children's Zone and Family Activities area brought to you by Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. Here, you can participate in rodeo roping, giant Jenga, corn hole, giant chess, table tennis, Drone Zone Obstacle Course, and much more. Additionally, enjoy the return of the popular Bubble Zone and Ride On Car Rentals, perfect for kids ages 3 to 8, letting the little ones hop behind the wheel of their own electric mini-vehicle and cruise around a fun, designated course.

Start your day with morning yoga with the balloons courtesy of Pellegrino Healing Center on September 5 and September 6. Free with admission, you can watch the sunrise, relax during the yoga class, and enjoy the view of the hot-air balloons taking flight in the backdrop.

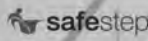
Admission into the festival requires an advance reservation. The afternoon/evening admission is \$26.95 per person; morning admission is \$13.95 per person; a weekend all-access pass is \$39.95 per person; and admission is free for children under 3. New this year is a VIP Experience admission for \$175 per person. This includes VIP parking, VIP line admission, access to the VIP section of the Beer & Wine Tent, a VIP bathroom trailer, and entry to the VIP Elevated Experience - a private picnic-style area overlooking the balloon launch field.

Tickets are available exclusively online at balloonfesthv.com, and no tickets will be sold at the gate. Free parking is offered for all attendees. You must have a reservation to enter the parking areas.

For questions, visit the FAQ page at balloonfesthv.com or call the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation Balloon Festival Hotline at 845-454-1701.

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Part of the tree removal/parking lot expansion at Myers Corners Elementary School.

-Photos Courtesy Wappingers CSD



The roof demolition at Wappingers Junior High School during the summer.

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According to Bonk, Phase 1 includes:

- A full renovation of the Large Group Instruction rooms Roy C. Ketcham High School and John Jay High School;
- Early stages of work on the new turf field and press box at John Jay High School;
- Other building improvements throughout the District.

“Many of these (building projects) are not “pretty” but they are so vital: roof repairs, sidewalk repaving, adding ADA-accessible ramps, and expanding parking lots, just to name a few,” commented Bonk.

The superintendent explained, “To complete this work, we have entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). This agreement to use local labor will not only expedite the process and minimize disruption; it will also promote work opportunities for those within the District and surrounding areas and establish pathways for apprenticeship programs for our students. “We are very proud to partner with the labor unions, to keep the work local and offer more opportunities for our students and community.”

The top priority of the Wappingers CSD remains the safety of our students and staff, said Bonk.

“We continue to prioritize student men-

tal health services and offer expanded services in those areas. We will continue to partner with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office and our local municipalities to provide an expanded law enforcement presence in our 15 schools. I am grateful to Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, and the Town Supervisors, Mayors, and Village and/or Town Boards in the Town of East Fishkill, Town of Fishkill, Village of Fishkill, Town of Poughkeepsie, Town of Wappinger, and Village of Wappingers Falls for their ongoing collaboration and commitment to a safe school environment for all,” he remarked.

The partnership between the Wappingers CSD and Dutchess Community College was highlighted by the superintendent.

“This pilot program, for the 2026-27 school year, will allow high school students to take FRS 100, College and Career Seminar, a one credit DCC course, at no charge to the family or student. This pilot program is made possible by a grant secured by DCC. Wappingers CSD is currently registering high school students to take the course, but we are anticipating enrollment to be approximately 380 students,” he said. According to the DCC website, “the course is designed to introduce students to college success skills and college life in general.”

In addition, the PTECH (Pathway to Early College High School Program at Roy C. Ketcham High School) in partnership with DCC and DCBOCES Cohort 1, will begin their first year at the Center for Business, Industry and Innovation at DCC Fishkill. This year, we welcome the third cohort to begin Year 1 at Roy C. Ketcham High School,” explained Bonk.

There are changes at some of the school buildings.

“Mr. Anthony Giovannazi, who once

served as an Assistant Principal at Roy C. Ketcham High School, and most recently served as a Middle School Principal in the Hendrick Hudson Central School District, will serve as Interim Principal at Roy C. Ketcham High School through the spring of 2027. Mr. James Mackin, who once served as an Assistant Principal at John Jay High School, and most recently served as an elementary school principal in the Hendrick Hudson School District, will serve as Interim Principal at Myers Corners Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year,” noted Bonk.

Beacon school officials look forward to welcoming back students

The students in the Beacon City School District (BCSD) will head back to class after Labor Day.

BCSD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl stated in his Superintendent Update message, “I am so excited to welcome back new and returning staff this week! I want to share a huge thank you to our custodial and grounds staff, office staff, technology team, administrators, and every individual who worked so hard to get everything ready for this school year! I can’t wait to see all of our PK-9 students on September 8 and the rest of the high school students on the 9th!”

Flora Stadler is the president of the district’s Board of Education.

“As we head into the school year, I’m excited about the rollout of the 9-period day at Rombout Middle School. I think it’ll give students more opportunity to explore their interests and help prepare them for high school,” stated Stadler.

She added: “And for our students: Just remember that this is your time to grow and to learn about the world. So, stay focused, but don’t be afraid to ask for help when you need it. I can’t wait to see what you all achieve this year.”

Beacon Elks donate \$500 to Women’s Program at VA



In August, Beacon Elks Lodge 1493 donated \$500 in supplies to the Women’s Program at Castle Point VA. Pictured is Allan Rios, Volunteer Services at VA Castle Point campus.

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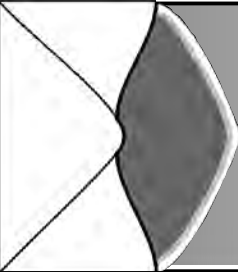
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Block Party shows what community can accomplish together

To the Editor:

On Saturday, August 22, I Am Beacon together with Key Food hosted our 11th Annual Back 2 School Block Party at South Avenue Park, known to many locals as Loopers, and this year was our biggest yet when it came to participation, attendance, and the number of resources and giveaways available to local families.

What makes this event special is that it continues to grow because of the willingness of our community to come together.

This year's Block Party brought together representatives from local organizations, churches, businesses, schools, and public agencies. The Beacon Fire Department joined us with multiple fire trucks, while the Beacon Police Department brought squad vehicles and officers who spent time connecting with families. We were also joined by representatives from the Dutchess County Department of Health and Dutchess County Department of Mental Health, along with CareFull MD, Salem Tabernacle Church, St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, Fareground, MVP Health Care, Beacon Teachers Association, Twins Athletics, Mountainview Dental, A Little Beacon Blog, Astor Services Head Start, Beacon City School Transportation, Beacon Girl Scouts, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club, Growing and Empowering Myself and My Sisters Inc., D.R.E.A.M., The Foundation for Beacon Schools, NAMI Mid-Hudson, the Conservation Advisory Committee, Howland Public Library, Land to Learn, and South Avenue PTO.

A special part of this year's event was the participation of Sun River Health, our Title Sponsor, who brought their mobile health unit to the park and provided additional health information and resources to families.

The morning got started with Twins Athletics hosting a free basketball clinic for elementary school children, which was very well attended and a great way to kick off the day. That was followed by three Beacon Hoops All-Star games. We are grateful to the teams from Newburgh and Twins Athletics for bringing teams to Beacon and helping make the games possible.

The Block Party wasn't just about resources, it was also a celebration. I Am Beacon

member Bernard Gadsden along with Mo Alhadjaji and I Am Beacon's own board member Junior Dabashi, kept the grill going throughout the event, helping provide food and create the welcoming atmosphere that has become part of the Block Party. DJ Big Will kept the music going throughout the afternoon. Line dancing was a hit adding to the energy and fun for everyone.

Of course, an event of this size doesn't happen without support. We are incredibly grateful to this year's sponsors and partners: Sun River Health, Hudson Highlands Properties, The Roundhouse, State Farm – Caitlin McVicker, Beacon Teachers Association, Stewart's Shops, Mountainview Dental, CareFull MD, MVP Health Care, Staples – Wappingers Falls, Twins Athletics, Joker Ink, and Salem Tabernacle Church.

We also want to recognize the organizations and community members who helped collect donations leading up to the event, including Compass Arts through their summer concert; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Poughkeepsie); Howland Public Library; Christ Church United Methodist (Beacon); Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club; and Tabernacle of Christ Church Assembly of God (Beacon).

And while the names of our sponsors and community partners are important, events like this truly depend on people willing to roll up their sleeves and help. Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave their time before, during, and after the event. From setting up and unloading to distributing supplies, assisting families, directing participants, and cleaning up, your work is what allows I Am Beacon to put an event like this together.

At noon, the Block Party officially kicked off and we distributed 230 bags to school-age children and families throughout the event. We are especially grateful to Sun River Health for providing additional bags which allowed us to serve even more students this year.

But the work doesn't stop with the Block Party. The donated supplies will continue to be assembled and distributed through our Class in A Bag program which I Am Beacon operates in partnership directly with the Beacon City School District. Through this program, school supplies and hygiene products are provided to students and families who need additional support throughout the school year.

The 11th Annual Back 2 School Block Party was a great day, but more importantly, it was another reminder of what can happen when a community shows up for its children.

To every organization, business, church, sponsor, volunteer, donor, City department, school partner, and community member who helped make this year's event possible: thank you.

This is what community looks like.

Reuben Simmons
Executive Director
I Am Beacon

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

Aug. 1: Traffic Stop-Verplanck Avenue-Shane M. Christie, 48, of Poughkeepsie, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Vehicle 3rd * miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

Aug. 4: Traffic Stop- Main Street-Joshua Souza, 37, of Milwaukee WI, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Vehicle Operation 3rd.

Aug. 4: Warrant Check – Wolcott Avenue- Rashid D. West, 42, of Poughkeepsie, was processed on an open Warrant.

Aug. 4: Auto Accident- Caller reported damage to his vehicle as a result of a hit-and-run accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 5: Traffic Stop-Herbert Street-Christopher J. Bottone age 55 of Beacon, was charged with Operating Motor Vehicle Impaired by Drugs 1st & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

Aug. 5: Lost Property-North Brett Street- Caller reported losing her wallet. Report taken.

Aug. 8: Disturbance-Edgewater Place- Caller reported someone tried to get into his apartment. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 8: Traffic Stop- Willow Street-Skyla-Rose M. Crawford, 23, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nc & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

Aug. 9: Dispute-Main Street- Caller reported a verbal disturbance. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 9: Dispute-St. Lukes Place-Emanuel Ramos, 37, of Poughkeepsie, was charged with Burglary 2nd.

Aug. 10: Assist other Agency- North Avenue-Vincent A. Borish, 37, of Beacon, was processed on an open Warrant of Arrest.

Aug. 11: Traffic Stop-Main Street-Jordan I. Jacobson, 54, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle 3rd & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

Number of Calls: 253
Auto Accidents: 10
Domestics: 5

Musical events at Howland Cultural Center

The following are events at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon.

Cat Guthrie brings you her show, “Nine Lives: Original stories about love, loss and resilience” along with the vocal group, Satin Dolls at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5. Nine Lives is a cabaret musical that walks the tightrope between hilarious reality checks and moving drama. Inspired by real-life events, this original show traces a raw, funny, and song-filled journey.

For tickets at \$20 advance. The Americana band, Tannersville, in a full concert, will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept.6. For more than five decades, Tannersville has created songs that illuminate the extraordinary beauty woven through ordinary lives.

Scott Williams’ richly crafted songs - brought to life through inventive arrangements, expressive musicianship and gorgeous harmonies.

Tickets at \$20 advance are now on sale at bit.ly/Tannersville-HCC.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7, the Sept. 9 issue of the Beacon Free Press will have an early deadline. All ads and editorial must be received by Thursday, Sept. 3. Contact cschmidt@sutchessnews.com for more information.

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Local baton twirler Leyla Addor earns spot on Team USA

By Matthew Fetzner

For 13-year-old Leyla Addor, representing Team USA at the 2027 World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations (WFNBTA) Inspiration Cup could only be described as “an amazing feeling.”

“It makes me extremely happy that I was able to make Team USA,” said Leyla. “I think that it’s an amazing feeling, and I love that I get to go with some of my friends.”

The Poughquag native will travel to Italy in March 2027, where she will compete in the Inspiration Cup Preteen Two Baton event. She was also named to the Inspiration Cup 19–24 Alternate Duet Team, along with Giuliana Weglinski of Millbrook. Both athletes are members of the Silver Starlites baton twirling team, a Hudson Valley-based competitive organization.

“I’m excited because I also get a trip to Italy,” Leyla added. “I’m a part of a team where all of my friends are like my family. It helps because I’m close to my teammates.”

In order to make the national team, Leyla had to compete in a qualifier and meet a lengthy list of criteria. At the qualifier, she competed in three of the four possible events: strut, duet, and two baton. Leyla placed fourth in strut and second in duet, which made her team the alternate. She also placed top three in two baton, earning her a spot on Team USA.

“Going to the Inspiration Cup is just another opportunity to bring what she has been doing to another level,” said her mother, Catherine Addor. “She has the opportunity to see a lot of the international competitors. She’s obviously really excited for the event, and she’s worked



Leyla Addor will take part in the World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations Inspiration Cup in March 2027 in Italy.



Thirteen-year-old Leyla Addor will travel to Italy to take part in the World Federation of National Baton Twirling Associations Inspiration Cup in March 2027.

-Courtesy photos

really hard to get to where she is now.”

The mission goal for the Inspiration Cup is clear, according to the WFNBTA website, which states, “To inspire the next generation of twirlers to dream big, work hard, and believe that one day they can stand among the very best at the World Championships. Here, confidence is built, motivation is ignited, and dreams take flight. Because today’s inspired beginner is tomorrow’s world-class champion.”

Competitive baton twirling combines athleticism, dance, flexibility, coordination, strength, and precision. It’s no easy feat. Over the next few months, Leyla will continue training for her routine at the Inspiration Cup while also training with Giuliana, her duet partner, for their event. Preparation has always been a focal point in Leyla’s twirling career thus far. Catherine even recalled one moment that highlighted Leyla’s dedication to the

sport from a young age.

“She was at a contest once and her coach was doing her hair,” said Catherine. “Leyla was probably eight or nine at the time, but her coach said, ‘You know I was talking to my mom about you, and I told her that I think I have the next world competitor on my hands.’ Since the time she started, she’s been hyper-focused. Her dedication is the thing that impresses me the most.”

Dutchess County ranks in top 10 in nation for technology use

From County reports

Dutchess County has once again been ranked among the nation’s top ten counties for best technology practices, marking the 23rd consecutive year it has earned this distinction. The 2026 Digital Counties Survey, conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), ranked Dutchess County 9th in the nation among mid-size counties for its work to strengthen cybersecurity, streamline service delivery, and responsibly apply innovative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). These ongoing efforts are led by the County’s Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS), which continues its long tradition of providing secure, innovative tools to support County employees, residents, and businesses.

“Dutchess County continues to prioritize smart, responsible technology investments that improve how we serve our community,” said County Executive Sue Serino. “The entire team at OCIS, under the leadership of Steve Oscarlece, is to be commended for their commitment to innovation and to making everyday interactions with County Government faster, easier, and more accessible.”

GIS Tools and Innovation

Dutchess County is consistently recognized for delivering cuttingedge and secure technologies for employees, residents, and businesses. Among the most highly used resources are the County’s Geographic Information System (GIS) applications, including the renowned ParcelAccess application, which offers detailed property information for more than 110,000 parcels through a user-friendly, web-based interface. ParcelAccess attracts more than 775,000 unique IP addresses each year, viewing nearly 26 million pages.

A recently added GIS tool, the

Agricultural District Viewer, enhances and streamlines the application process and expands transparency for application review.

Combined, the County’s GIS applications and open data portal received more than 107 million webpage hits over the past year.

Accessibility Improvements

OCIS remains committed to ensuring all online information and services are accessible to people of all abilities. Over the past year, the OCIS web team reviewed and updated digital documents on www.DutchessNY.gov to meet new ADA accessibility standards, well ahead of the federal 2027 compliance deadline.

Responsible Use of AI

The County is also focused on the ethical and secure implementation of AI technology to improve efficiency and support limited staff resources. One example is the AI-powered call assistance tool, EVA, currently being piloted by the Department of Community & Family Services to help manage call volume and expedite SNAP application processing. To ensure responsible use of emerging technologies, County Executive Serino’s AI Task Force has developed comprehensive policy guidelines addressing privacy, ethics, transparency, and risk management.

Cybersecurity Leadership

As technology evolves, so do the methods used by bad actors to attack organizations. Cybersecurity readiness remains a top priority for Dutchess County, helping mitigate the potentially exponential costs of cyber incidents. OCIS conducts ongoing security assessments and has recently implemented improvements for advanced threat detection, stronger routing, and redundant connectivity.

Shared Service Collaboration

OCIS also supports local organizations

and municipalities by partnering with Marist University to host annual technology-focused summits. This year’s Hudson Valley AI Summit, held in June, highlighted best practices for AI integration, workforce benefits, and ethical considerations.

“We are committed to pairing innovation with security so that every new tool truly benefits our employees and residents,” said OCIS Commissioner Stephen Oscarlece. “From advanced GIS applications and improved cybersecurity defenses to more accessible web services and thoughtful AI implementation, our work centers on delivering technology that is safe, reliable, and easy to use. These efforts

help ensure County operations remain resilient, efficient, and responsive.”

“One of the clearest trends this year is that leading counties are moving beyond individual technology projects. They are connecting their investments and priorities, and building the governance, leadership, and organizational capacity needed to sustain success over time,” said Rob Lloyd, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Government. “Through responsible AI, stronger data practices, and workforce investments, this year’s winners are creating foundations that will help their organizations adapt and serve their communities better into the future.”

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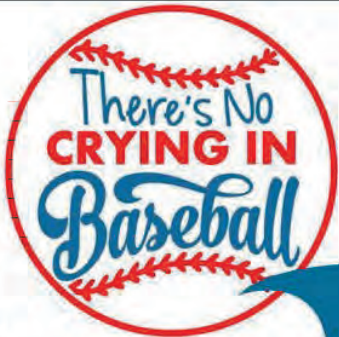


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Taking a look at playoff possibilities going into the final week of SAL play

By Morgan E. Maier

Fans of the Hudson Valley Renegades in recent seasons surely remember the runner-up campaign in 2023 and the “almost-had-it” of 2025. This year, the Renegades don’t need to finish first to become championship contenders, thanks to the half-and-half Minor League Baseball season format.

In the South Atlantic League, the first- and second-half winners of the North and South divisions receive the postseason’s bids (four total).

The Renegades seemed quite far from the 79-win team of last season, but a rapid offensive turnaround — and hot streak at the peak of summer — found Hudson Valley back in the running this time, and just two games out of the picture. The Greensboro Grasshoppers remain the winged,

chirping obstacle to the Renegades’ playoff position. With the Frederick Keys still in first place and six games remaining, Hudson Valley must finish either second to Frederick or first overall to earn their bid.

Last season came down to a final game, Hudson Valley having a watchful eye on the Greensboro Grasshoppers. In 2025, Hudson Valley lost its season finale after splitting the second-to-last bout against Brooklyn. The Renegades won the final series, but couldn’t overcome the second-half deficit. They finished the Brooklyn series one game out of playoff position, fighting the perennial nuisance Greensboro Grasshoppers.

Here’s how the South Atlantic League North Division leaders are shaking up in the regular season finales.

1. Frederick Keys vs. Brooklyn Cyclones
Key Factor: Sammy Stafura
Division-leading Frederick goes toe-to-

toe with the Cyclones, who are still smarting from an at-times clobbering in their previous series with Hudson Valley. Stafura was critical to Greensboro’s trouncing of the Renegades last season. A recently minted New York Mets prospect after being traded from the Pittsburgh Pirates, Stafura arrives at the Cyclones’ final spin with a SAL postseason resume and much to be glad about - such as fifth-place Brooklyn faring far better this year than the parent club in Queens.

2. Greensboro Grasshoppers vs. Asheville Tourists
Key Factor: HomeTrust Park
Take it from the name of the Tourists’ turf: Asheville needs to trust its home field advantage. The Grasshoppers are 22-8 on the road this season. Half of those losses occurred at HomeTrust in back-to-back-to-back-to-back fashion, back in June.

3. Hudson Valley Renegades vs. Wilmington Blue Rocks
Key Factor: The 2026 Schedule

Hudson Valley last faced Wilmington just three weeks before their final scheduled meeting. If the Renegades remember, four out of six is not hard to reach. At that last meeting, in the second week of August, the Renegades were acclimating to the roster changes.

The squad is mostly new from last season’s disappointment. Nearly complete with their climb up the North Division standings, Hudson Valley leads Wilmington by just one game. They’ll need to gain at least three on Greensboro to secure second place, so long as Frederick keeps its hold on the top spot.

The nature of the league proves the postseason is any team’s game — and at this stage in the season, the Renegades could make a case for the division’s most surprising playoff candidate. Stay tuned!

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Frederick BAL *	36	22	.621	-	6-4	W1
Greensboro PIT	36	24	.600	1.0	7-3	W2
Hudson Valley NYY	34	26	.567	3.0	7-3	L1
Wilmington WSH	33	27	.550	4.0	7-3	W1
Brooklyn NYM	31	28	.525	5.5	6-4	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	19	40	.322	17.5	2-8	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	32	27	.542	-	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	31	28	.525	1.0	6-4	L1
Greenville BOS	30	30	.500	2.5	5-5	W1
Rome ATL	26	33	.441	6.0	4-6	L1
Asheville HOU	25	34	.424	7.0	2-8	L1
Hub City TEX	23	37	.383	9.5	4-6	L2



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades split series vs. Cyclones to stay in hunt for playoff spot

By Morgan E. Maier

A playoff push blipped the Hudson Valley Renegades’ radar this week, and the Brooklyn Cyclones breezed out of Heritage Financial Park with a series split. The home team’s winning streak rose to nine games, as bullpens influenced results for better or worse. Hudson Valley has six more games to make the playoffs; thanks to offensive rebounding in the last week of August, Hudson Valley ascends the South Atlantic League standings.

Blown in 8th - Brooklyn broke up the Renegades’ win streak on August 26, putting up seven runs in the 10th inning. David McCann had three runs batted in (RBI) in the 11-5 loss. Brooklyn stole 4 bases in the game. Hudson Valley left 14 runners on base. It was an outing most forgettable for the Renegades bullpen, but it would bounce back collectively later in the week.

Redemption Park - The Renegades were back for the next two, evening the series by Friday, and earning the split on Saturday. In the 5-2 win on August 28, five different Renegades swiped a base on Brooklyn: Jackson Lovich, Enmanuel Tejeda, Eric Genther, Bryce



Kyle West, above, and Willy Montero played key offensive roles as the Renegades split their series vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones last week.
-Photos by Dave Janosz

Martin-Grudzielanek, and Willy Montero. Winning pitcher Allen Facundo went 6.0 innings, picked off a runner, and struck out five. Brian Landry and High-A newcomer Jose Ledesma combined for a shutout relief outing, combining for three hits and three walks the rest of the way.

The 7-3 Renegades win the next night came from the usual sources. Kyle West



scored Jackson Lovich with another first-at-bat RBI, evening the game at

one after one inning. Lovich scored a solo home run. West later scored on a McCann home run, and Camden Troyer got across on a Brooklyn wild pitch. Dean Toigo and Hans Montero had fifth-inning RBIs to cap the scoring, adding a respective double and single to the Renegades’ lead. Brooklyn had an opposite response to their baserunners, stranding eight, before failing to reach base after the sixth inning.

Hello, Hans - Hans Montero introduced himself quickly to the New York Mets’ High-A affiliate, with three multi-hit performances in his first three career matchups against Brooklyn. The 22-year-old infielder added a stolen base and a walk on August 27, a 5-2 loss for the Renegades. Montero was 6-for-10 on the series, adding a double to five singles.

The Renegades are emerging on their final stop of the season, keeping a close eye on Greensboro and their playoff window closing with each day. The regular season stand rests in Delaware, where the Wilmington Blue Rocks are looking to make their own end-of-season push.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Martin-Grudzielanek knows all about end-of-season competition and heroics

By Morgan E. Maier

Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek has been at the core of the Hudson Valley Renegades’ recent resurgence. Promoted to High-A exactly a year after making his professional debut, the former University of Southern California (USC) Trojan is adjusting well to his new end-of-season digs.

He lands in the Hudson Valley in his second professional season, but baseball has driven Martin-Grudzielanek to various corners of the country.

The sport is in his blood, after all, with a father who played 15 MLB seasons, and a mother who played for the prestigious softball program at UCLA.

After spending one season at UCLA, Martin-Grudzielanek transferred cross-town to USC, where he played for three

years. Though the Toronto Blue Jays selected the Trojan in the 20th round, Martin-Grudzielanek returned once more to Los Angeles at summer’s end.

Martin-Grudzielanek’s final collegiate season saw a .294/.364/.433 in 60 games, including a 5-RBI day against top rival Minnesota on April 26. He notched 71 hits, scored 44 runs, and knocked in 41, among the team leaders in the latter two categories.

He helped the program break a six-year playoff drought, and caught headlines with a 12-run rout of a ranked Texas Christian University team in their first contest of the 2025 NCAA Tournament.

Another American League East team again called Martin-Grudzielanek’s name on the final day of the draft, as the New York Yankees made him the 614th pick of

the player draft. As a pinstriped prospect, Martin-Grudzielanek has played third base, shortstop, and second base, with the most appearances as a Renegade (13) coming at third base.

Martin-Grudzielanek has offered three separate five-game hit streaks in August. His most recent (snapped on August 30) stretched back to the previous Jersey Shore series. In five games against the Brooklyn Cyclones, Martin-Grudzielanek was 4-for-16 (.250) with four runs batted in. Martin-Grudzielanek’s two-run home run on August 24, his first in High-A, got Hudson Valley ahead for good in an eventual 4-1 decision.

Right: Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek
-Courtesy photo



CFHV to celebrate philanthropy at 30th Garden Party; 2026 honorees named



The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will recognize, clockwise from left, Dutchess County residents Michelle and Daniel Lepore, pictured with their children; Jean and Ken Kearney, from Putnam County; and Ulster County residents James Hoover and John Aubry.



CFHV’s Community Grants and capacity-building programs, which have invested more than \$3 million in nonprofit organizations throughout Ulster, Putnam and Dutchess counties since 2000 and awarded nonprofit organizations over \$542,000 alone in 2025 alone.

During the event, CFHV will recognize its 2026 honorees from each of the counties it serves, whose dedication to service, philanthropy and community leadership reflects the organization’s mission of inspiring and growing philanthropy throughout the Hudson Valley.

James Hoover and John Aubry are Ulster County residents whose lifelong dedication to conservation, education and public service has left a lasting mark on the region. Through decades of volunteer leadership with organizations including the Mohonk Preserve, Stone Ridge Library and Mid-Hudson Library System, they have helped preserve natural resources, expand access to knowledge and enrich countless lives.

Jean and Ken Kearney of Putnam County have leveraged decades of leadership in real estate development to help expand affordable, workforce, senior, veteran and artist housing across the Hudson Valley. Beyond their professional accomplishments, the Kearneys have demonstrated a deep commitment to charitable giving, nonprofit leadership and creating opportunities that strengthen the place they call home.

In Dutchess County, the entrepreneurial success of Michelle and Daniel Lepore and family has been matched by an unwavering commitment to giving back. Through charitable investments and the establishment of a donor-advised fund, the Lepore family continues to create new opportunities for organizations working to improve the quality of life throughout the Hudson Valley.

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information are available at www.communityfoundationshv.org/event/s/garden-party-2026, ensuring CFHV can continue investing in nonprofits and initiatives that create lasting impact across the Hudson Valley.

-Courtesy photos

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) will celebrate the power of philanthropy and recognize community leaders from across the region at its 30th Garden Party on Sept. 27 from 2–5 p.m. at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston.

The 2026 honorees are:

- James Hoover and John Aubry (Ulster County)
- Jean and Ken Kearney (Putnam County)
- Michelle and Daniel Lepore (Dutchess County)

A tradition since 1994, the Garden Party is CFHV’s signature fundraising event, bringing together donors, non-

profit partners, leaders, business professionals and community members to celebrate those who help strengthen the Hudson Valley.

“This event celebrates those whose generosity and leadership make the Hudson Valley a stronger, more vibrant place to live,” said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. “For more than 30 years, the Garden Party has brought people together to honor those who give so much of themselves while raising critical resources that help local nonprofits thrive.”

Proceeds from the event support

Online registration now open for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling in Rhinebeck

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management is hosting the County’s next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event of the year on Saturday, Sept.19. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 Route 9, in Rhinebeck. Registration is required. The fee is \$10 per household, and space is limited to the first 400 registrations.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “These Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events offer our community an easy, safe way to clear out unwanted items while protecting the environment. This is a great opportunity to get rid of some clutter while helping ensure these materials and equipment are handled and disposed of responsibly.”

This popular recycling event is open to Dutchess County residents. Residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling 845-486-2841. Checks should be made payable to “Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance” and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Registered residents should plan for wait times upon arrival at the event, particularly if arriving when the event first opens.

Accepted items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A complete list of accepted items is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

For information about how to safely dispose of a wide array of items throughout the year, check out the Division of Solid Waste Management’s online Recycling Encyclopedia.

To learn more about the Division’s various programs to reduce waste, including the upcoming Home Composting Workshop on September 28th, visit their webpages at www.dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.

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Do Not Bring

Latex or oil-based paints, ammunition or explosives, asbestos products, latex driveway sealer & building or construction debris, tires, furniture, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, air conditioners, radioactive materials, scrap metal, metal drums or empty containers, motor oil, car batteries, alkaline or rechargeable batteries.

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Will a man who speaks 9 languages ever be able to communicate with his wife?

‘The Language Archive’ opens Sept. 11 at County Players

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, is proud to continue their 69th Season with the quirky comedy of the Heart by Julia Cho: “The Language Archive.” This Main Stage production, directed by Kit Colbourn opens Friday, Sept. 11 with additional performances on Fridays & Saturdays Sept. 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Will a man who speaks nine languages ever learn to communicate with his wife? Will the last two speakers of a soon-to-be dead language break their vow of silence? The lives of five people are imaginatively woven together as they discover that no matter how many words they can speak, it’s the heart’s language that matters most - a fable about the limits of language in matters of the heart.

This production features the local talents of Vinnie Cuccia, Rich Hack, Stephanie Hepburn, Janet Nurre, Ted Odell, Bill Peckham, Jenn Propfe, Elan Riggs, Julie Seltzer, & Doug Woolley. Of this production director Colbourn says, “In this funny and heartwarming play, actors will at times directly address the audience, taking them on an irresistible journey exploring how we connect with

each other. With simple and fluid staging using light, sound, music, and projections on a minimal set, this very human story unfolds with sometimes hilarious, often touching moments that show us what it can mean to be fully understood.”

Tickets are \$29 Adults; \$26; Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door) and Children Under 12. Individual tickets are available ONLINE IN ADVANCE of performance dates at countyplayers.org and the BOX OFFICE is OPEN for IN-PERSON sales one hour before each performance. For information, visit <https://countyplayers.org/show/the-language-archive/>.

This production of “The Language Archives” is supported by Bronze Show Sponsor: MLC Masonr, and is presented by arrangement Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. [dramatists.com](https://www.dramatists.com). Hudson Valley Credit Union is proud sponsor of County Players’ 69th Season.

County Players Falls Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for the hard of hearing. If you require wheelchair accessibility please contact our Box Office at 845-298-1491.

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The cast of “The Language Archive,” which opens Sept. 11 at County Players in Wappingers Falls.

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Obituaries

Joan E. Moruzzi



Joan E. Moruzzi, 94, passed away peacefully at home on August 27th, surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born on November 2, 1931, in Wappingers Falls, the daughter of Mario and Emilia Paggi.

Some people measure a life by years. Others measure it by accomplishments. Those who knew Joan Elizabeth Paggi Moruzzi know her life was measured by something far more enduring—faith, family, kindness, and love.

Born in 1931, during the Great Depression, she entered a world where families learned to make do with what they had, and gratitude was often life's greatest treasure. As a child during World War II, she collected ration stamps and

waited for news of her five siblings who were in the military overseas. Those early years of uncertainty helped shape the quiet resilience, patience, and steadfast faith that would become the hallmarks of her life.

The 1950s brought new opportunities and adventures. She crossed the Atlantic to Europe and traveled to Cuba just before the Cuban Missile Crisis. After graduating from Krissler Business Institute, she began her career as an Executive Secretary at IBM, where she met the man who would become the love of her life and the devoted father of their five daughters. Together they built a home in the Village of Wappingers Falls filled with love, laughter, unwavering support, and a deep Catholic faith that became the foundation of their family.

She had a wonderful sense of style, from her matching shoes and carefully coordinated outfits that filled her closet to the unforgettable red-and-white Ford Fairlane with rosy-pink upholstery that became part of her family legend. That love of beauty continued as she delighted in dressing her daughters in matching outfits throughout their childhood.

Over nearly a century, she witnessed extraordinary changes in the world—from transistor radios to smartphones, from black-and-white television to streaming video, from telegrams to text messages, from horse-drawn wagons to self-driving cars, and from the earliest days of aviation to space exploration and artificial intelligence. Through every remarkable advancement, she remained grounded in what mattered most: her faith in God, her devotion to her family, and her generous heart.

To her family, she was a constant source of warmth, wisdom, humor, strength, and unconditional love. She possessed a quiet grace that never sought attention but touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. She lived through nearly a century of change without ever losing the kindness, compassion, dignity, and gentle spirit that defined her.

A woman of deep Catholic faith, she trusted God's guidance throughout her life and found comfort in His promises. Her faith sustained her through life's joys and its challenges, and she met her final days with the same courage, peace, and hope that had carried her for nearly ninety-five years. And even as her strength faded, she continued to live fully—surrounded by family, sharing meals and stories, welcoming visitors, and finding joy in the simple moments that had always mattered most. She showed us that life is meant to be lived until the very end, and she did just that—with grace, gratitude, and love.

She is lovingly survived by her five daughters: Anne Marie and her husband Mario Pelella of Saratoga Springs, NY; Teresa and her husband Bruce MacRae of Falmouth, MA; Carla and her husband Philip Murphy of Ridgefield, CT; Margaret and her husband Warren Boldrin of Montgomery, NY; and Laura and her husband Chuck McKinney of Yarmouth Port, MA.

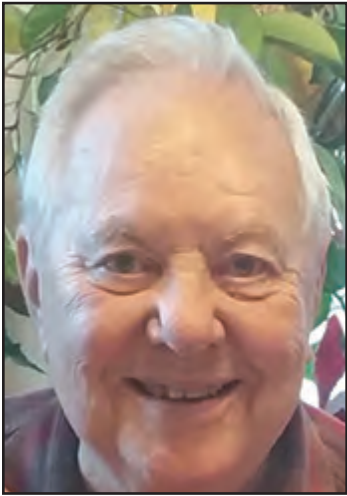
Joan was Mamma Bear and Grandma Joan to her 14 grandchildren whom she dearly loved: Mary, Mario and Grace Pelella; Rebecca (Gregory Leya), Kendall (Matt Caple) and Lilybet MacRae; Erin (Corey Brosz), Eva and Andrea Murphy; Evan and Emily Boldrin; and Kristina, Patrick (Jazmine) and Christopher (Rachel) McKinney. Joan was also GiGi to her 9 great-grandchildren: Amara, Cecelia, Cooper, Peter, Cyrus, Benjamin, Turner, Maxwell and baby Caple. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Victor Moruzzi, with whom she shared a lifetime of love and devotion. Joan is also preceded in death by her eight siblings and their spouses: Clatilda Paggi, Ann and Edward Leonard, Hugo Paggi, William and Sara Paggi, Joseph and Bernice Paggi, Raymond and Louise Paggi, Marie Paggi, and Margaret and Robert Manny.

She leaves behind a family who will forever cherish her example, her stories, her contagious laughter, and the countless ways she taught them—simply by the way she lived—that love is the one thing that never goes out of style. She was our foundation. Our inspiration. Our greatest blessing. Although our hearts are broken by her passing, we rejoice in the promise of the Resurrection and give thanks for the extraordinary gift of her life.

Prayer of the Rosary to be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, September 2nd at DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 E. Main St., Wappingers Falls, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11 am, at St. Mary's Church Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, followed by burial in St. Mary Parish Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Alexander W. Hubner



Alexander W. Hubner, 101, of Wappingers Falls, NY passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 21, 2026.

Al was born in Brooklyn, NY to Alexander W. Hubner, Sr. and Helen (Haferkorn) Hubner on June 29, 1925. A devoted husband, family man, and a proud World War II veteran we celebrate his lifetime of dedication to his family, community, and country.

In 1943, at the age of 18, Al was drafted into the U.S. Army and was eventually assigned to the 94th Infantry Division. On August 6, 1944, the 94th Division left NYC on the Queen Mary and sailed to Scotland. They remained in the UK for about a month and then shipped to Utah Beach, Normandy, France arriving 94 days after D-Day.

Shortly after landing in France, Al was identified as having German language fluency and subsequently was assigned to the 1st

Battalion, 376 Infantry Regiment, Battalion Headquarters Intelligence. Al fought and conducted intelligence patrols and interrogations in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Al was promoted to sergeant, fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and northern France campaigns as well as the occupation of Czechoslovakia after the war ended. He received the Bronze Star and is most proud of his Combat Infantry badge. He was honorably discharged in February 1946.

Upon returning home, Al completed his college education in the evening at City College of New York while working full time. He received his degree in Business Administration in 1950. He continued working in New York City before joining IBM Poughkeepsie NY in 1951. He was eventually promoted to IBM World Trade where he had assignments in Scotland, England, India, Japan, Argentina, and Brazil. Al loved to embrace and understand the cultures of the countries he visited. Al retired from IBM in 1988 with 37 years of service.

Al married Virginia F. Langton on July 27, 1952 and maintained a loving and supportive relationship of 72 years. Ginny, his lifelong partner, sadly passed in October 2024. Together they raised four children – Kurt Hubner, Steven (Jana) Hubner, Linda (Doug) Hubner, and Andrew (Gwen) Hubner. Al worked full-time but was also very engaged in family life and volunteer services. He taught accounting at Dutchess Community College, volunteered with his son's and daughter's Scout troop, was a lifelong member of IOOF Lafayette Lodge 18 and VFW Post 5913, and was involved with the Knights of Columbus and the Elk Lodge. Additionally, through the years he held several positions with the WWII 94th Infantry Division national and state chapters in which he and his wife were actively involved. Most recently Al was celebrated and honored on his 100th birthday by VFW Post 5913, IOOF Lafayette Lodge 18, and was honorary grand marshal for the Town of Wappinger 150th sesquicentennial anniversary parade.

Al and Ginny had many adventures as a couple over the years, as well as with their friends and family. Summer vacations on Long Island, family clam bakes, living two years in England and Scotland while working for IBM, touring the US and Europe, vacationing and visiting with their children, annual army reunions, gourmet club, museums, theater performances, and numerous activities.

Al's life is a powerful example of service, loyalty, perseverance, love, and commitment. From his Army service in Europe during World War II to his years at City College of New York, nearly 4 decades with IBM and the family he and Ginny built together, Al has lived with purpose, steadiness, and heart. Across 101 years, he showed those around him the lasting meaning of duty faithfully carried, work honestly done, and love generously given. Life is made of moments and memories and the richness of life experiences. Al had much to celebrate and be proud of. He has left a big impact on his family and all the people he met and helped throughout the years. He truly embodied the adage of a life well lived and was one of the few remaining Greatest Generation WWII Veterans.

We would like to especially thank the Castle Point Veterans Affairs Home-Based Care Program – Dr. Rose, Nurse Liza, and PT Brian for managing Al's medical care, and also Millie's Home Care Services who provided live-in caregivers Sheryl and John. They provided outstanding care for Al and made his last days very comfortable. Thanks to Micah, Anthony, SallyAnn from Hudson Valley Concierge for providing thoughtful ambulette service in the last years.

Family will receive their friends at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home in Wappingers Falls on Thursday, September 3, 2026 with visitation from 10:00 am to 11:30 followed by funeral services. Interment with honors will follow at Wappingers Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following organizations on behalf of Al Hubner - Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls, or Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

Madeleine B. Troy



Madeleine B. "Maddy" Troy, 93, passed peacefully into God's hands on August 28th.

Maddy was a resident of Dutchess Park in Fishkill since 1961, raising her six children single-handedly after the passing of her beloved husband, Thomas, in 1967. Maddy lived her life for her family. Her faith, work ethic and determination (stubbornness) were instilled in her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Maddy worked as an office manager for almost forty years at various local businesses.

Maddy was joined in Fishkill by her sister, and best friend, Nancy Bohlin, "Sis," in 1968.

Maddy was predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Lucille Topazio, her brother Vincent Topazio, sister Nancy, and son Anthony. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Thomas F. Troy and his wife, Paula; Joseph T. Troy and his wife,

Lee; June Troy, (wife of Anthony); Mary F. Foley and her husband, David; Judey T. Troy and her wife, Angelina; and Vincent A. Troy and his Fiancé, Joanne.

Maddy was the proud grandmother of Danielle Hagstrom and her husband, Larson; Jessica Mannhaupt and her husband, Mike; Kayla Farrel and her husband, Brian; Max Foley and his wife, Rizina Hakimiyan; Jesse Troy; Thomas Foley and his wife, Corie; Nataliene Pugliese and her husband, Brian; Thomas M. Troy; Madeleine E. Troy; Mark Troy and his wife, Emily; and Anthony J. Troy. Maddy adored her great-grandchildren, Giella, Penelope, and Axel Hagstrom; Walker and Sunny June Pugliese, and all those yet to come.

Maddy is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews, Ronald LaBarge and his wife, Donna; Toni Ann Griffen and her husband, Steven; Lucille Smith and her husband, Kevin. Her great nieces and nephews Nicole Hocutt and her husband, Doug; Steven Griffen and his wife, Mary Beth; Ryan Griffen and his wife, Lauren; Ronald LaBarge and his wife, Meghan. Her great grand nieces and nephews Mara and Lucas Hocutt; Oliver and Ella Griffen; Quinn Labarge.

Maddy was beloved by many friends and neighbors over the years, and the family wants to especially thank her lifelong neighbors Philip and Paul Colangelo for their continual support, as well as Ms. Wendy Hare for caregiving during the last 3 years of Maddy's life. We would also like to thank Judy DiMattia and Kerri Clerc for contributing greatly to Maddy's care in her final months.

A funeral service washeld at the McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, September 1st, 2026. The family received visitors at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow immediately in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Yonkers.

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ACROSS

1. Invitation request, acr.

5. Workout unit

8. Prohibit

11. Affirmative response

12. Type of lure, pl.

13. Small silvery fish

15. Seed covering

16. Gumbo vegetable

17. Like Siberian winters

18. *"Murder, She Wrote" amateur sleuth

20. Descartes's "therefore"

21. *Apparition investigated in a Scooby-Doo cartoon

22. ____ Air in L.A.

23. *Arthur Conan Doyle's detective

26. Deposit, in Paris

30. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase (2 words)

31. Always, in Rome

34. "She ____ blue velvet..."

35. From then on

37. Am is to I as ____ is to we

38. Prison-related

39. International Civil Aviation Organization

40. Window-shop

42. "He ____ and drank the precious words..."

43. Announce

45. *Agatha Christie's Hercule

47. Ryder Cup participant

48. Fern leaf

50. Charitable contribution

52. *"The Pink Panther" Inspector

55. Diver's breathing device

56. Vietnam neighbor

57. Bald eagle's home

59. Bother

60. Highland tongue

61. Get checkmated

62. Cribbage piece

63. Like certain nurse

64. Ginger cookie

DOWN

1. Shag rug

2. Lord's worker

3. Colorado skiing destination

4. Mucus in lungs

5. Adherents of Sikhism

6. Wading bird

7. Russia's 1917 abdicator

8. Titanic's inanimate foe

9. "The Sun is ____ a Star"

10. Unknown power

12. Humorous

13. Blind followers

14. *Raymond Chandler's hardboiled detective

19. Not those

22. Quilting gathering

23. Orthodox Judaism adherent

24. Chilled (2 words)

25. Cancer-treating machine, acr.

26. *Carolyn Keene's amateur sleuth

27. Navigational aid

28. Inspiration for poets and musicians

29. Get a new tenant

32. Stud's companion

33. Trained instructor at a country club

36. *Peter Falk's Lieutenant

38. Lowly workers

40. Lingerie item

41. *Nick to Nora in The Thin Man series

44. Analyze

46. Paragons

48. Bell-bottoms bottom

49. Fowl perch

50. Skin problem

51. Miner's black one

52. Ball of yarn

53. Same as eon

54. Major one in the sky

55. Tree juice

58. Casual affirmative

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Clockwise from top left, handlers work with newborn calf "Dolly" in the Salute to Agriculture tent under the watchful eye of Mom "Adelaide." Mackenzie and Ryleigh O'Dowd of Millbrook visit "Sweet Treat" the calf on the red carpet. Stilt Circus performers entertain the crowds. Dock Dog Kermit takes a flying leap. Dennis DeSario of Wappingers Falls won a blue ribbon with his green peppers. Fairgoers enjoy the Genesis ride from Powers Great American Midways. Tara Rogers of Beacon won a blue ribbon with her Pecan Bars. Jeremiah Jones of Pine Plains won a blue ribbon with his fruit pie.

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