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Car show season in full swing with Locust Grove, Hyde Park events



More than 600 vintage cars will present a hint of the grandeur of another time at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie on July 14, a time when elegant carriages, and later horseless carriages, came up the drive to the mansion. Pictured above is a 1935 Plymouth. Courtesy photo



On Sunday July 21, more than 150 antique cars and hot rods will gather in the center of Hyde Park for the 14th annual Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show. Courtesy photo

By Jim Donick

The aroma of car polish in the evening is wafting from countless garages in the Hudson Valley as the car show season is in full swing and enthusiasts work hard to prepare their vehicles for the shows.

The season, as is usual, started out with the big show in Rhinebeck in May and now moves into high season with a major show nearly every weekend, as well as countless smaller gatherings, sometimes called "cruise-ins," in parking lots at diners, pubs, fire halls, and various other places with suitable parking.

The next two of the larger events, the highlights of the July portion of the season, take place at the Samuel F. B. Morse estate, Locust Grove on July 14, and the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce show in the center of Hyde Park on July 21.

Locust Grove

First up, on July 14th, is the annual gathering on the elegant grounds of the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie. Presented by the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts with the Locust Grove administration, the show is a major fundraiser for Locust Grove.

Millbrook Fire Dept. honors Life Member, learner Bownas



Millbrook Fire Department President Matt Rochfort, left, is pictured with this year's Parade Grand Marshal Ted Bownas. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

For Ted Bownas, Past Chief and Life Member of the Millbrook Fire Department, life has always been about learning – and he doesn't plan to stop learning any time soon.

The guy who remembers wanting to be a fireman since the age of six will be honored as the Parade Marshal at this year's Millbrook Fire Department Parade on Saturday, July 13. The parade, the main event of the Millbrook Fire Department's Block Party, steps off at 6

p.m. and moves through Franklin Avenue.

"Since I was small, I've been obsessed with learning," says Bownas. "I loved to figure out something I didn't understand, or learn how something works that I didn't know. The fire service is just an extension of that - you never stop learning, you never stop teaching, you never stop finding out something new."

His obsession with learning and fire departments began as a child when his Dad's company took a contract with the Minneapolis

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Fire Department to conduct manpower studies, develop hiring and testing based on the tasks required by the job, and create a hiring process. That's called "HR" (Human Resources) today, but Bownas notes in the mid-1970s, it was still a new field.

"My Dad took us kids to visit a number of times, and I vividly remember watching how the fire trucks worked, how they (firemen) turned out for a call, the brass pole, the boots and coats, etc.," said Bownas. "I saw one station where the (fire) engine had been in a fender bender and while they were waiting for it to get repaired, they put a giant bandaid with a sad face over the dent in the front corner. I was like six, and I thought that was hilarious."

When he was in his teens, the family moved to the Red Oaks Mill area of Poughkeepsie and he had friends in high school who were junior firemen. "I wanted so badly to join, but my Mom wanted no part of me running in and out of the house at all hours for calls, so she put her foot down and I kept watching," said Bownas. "A few years later, I'd met and visited with some friends at college who lived in Millbrook, and I loved the area, so I found an apartment there, and within a few months I came into the firehouse and asked about joining the ambulance corps. My EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class had five other young guys near my age who belonged to

Millbrook Fire Department, so it didn't take much prodding from them for me to sign up for firefighting classes, too."

Rising through the ranks and attending "tons of training sessions," he was elected 1st Lieutenant in April of 2003 - April 2005, Captain April 2005-April 2006, Assistant Chief April 2006-April 2007 and Deputy Chief April 2007-April 2010.

"I ran for chief in 2010, served 13 years in that position, and every day of it was a privilege," said Bownas. "I'm honored to have had my company place that trust in me for so many years, and I hope I repaid that trust by leading the department fairly and progressively."

He has worked night shift almost his entire career at his "real" job, and said, "It has allowed me to be available for a lot of fire department stuff."

Bownas also said his fire service experience would've been very different without the support of his family. His wife, Kim, is as active in the fire department as he is, currently serving as EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Captain in Millbrook.

"We support each other wholeheartedly in our respective roles," said Bownas. "It's been a few decades of taking turns going to calls or meetings, so the kids could be where they needed to, or swapping places to make sure we got all of our monthly reports done and still got dinner made. It's a team effort, and I've got the best teammate I could ask for."

Millbrook Fire Dept. set for Block Party, parade

By Curtis Schmidt

The annual Millbrook Fire Department Block Party will be Thursday, July 11 through Saturday, July 13 from 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. with the Fireman's Parade beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

There will be Bouncy houses, Gambling Wheels, 50/50 Raffle with a drawing done each evening, Games for the kids, Bingo and Food and Beverages.

Thursday evening will feature music from Jesse Barto (DJ Gourmet) from 7 - 11 p.m. Friday evening will feature the Heavy Guage Band from 7 - 11 p.m.

A total of 17 Fire Departments will be marching in Saturday's parade, with 13 departments from Dutchess County, 2 from Columbia County, and 1 from out of state.

Singing the National Anthem prior to the parade will be Jamie Arleo, daughter of Millbrook Fire Department members Shelley and Dave Hollingsworth.

The Grand Marshal of the parade is Millbrook Fire Department Past Chief and Life Member Ted Bownas.

The parade line-up, which begins at 4:30 p.m., will begin at the top of Franklin Avenue and proceed down Franklin Avenue around the Veterans Green left onto Front Street to the firehouse.

Coming into the Village of Millbrook from the Gate House will be shut down at 4:30 p.m. with only Fire Department Apparatus being allowed. All fire department personnel driving personal cars should enter the Village via Front Street, Church Street, and the Bennet light. Also, STANFORD ROAD is CLOSED due to the bridge being out.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Needlework Flea Market set July 10

July 10: Skylkill Chapter's Needlework Flea Market. Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA) will be holding its annual flea market. Find notions, supplies, kits and tools to support the projects you enjoy. Find yarn for knitting or crocheting, threads for stitching, fabric for quilting or books and patterns for new inspiration. Cash or Checks only. Doors open at 10am and close at 1PM. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

Sunset Yoga at Ruby Hill Farm

Join certified instructor Brenda deMartine for gentle yoga on July 11 at 7:30 p.m. Stretch and strengthen the body, mind, and spirit in this beautiful outdoor farm setting. This is the perfect yoga class for beginners and families. Please bring a yoga mat, pillow, and blanket. Brenda has over 40 years experience in teaching yoga and holds a BSS Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies focusing on Holistic Health. The cost is \$20 for singles, and/or \$30 for families. Ruby Hill Farm is located at 2325 Salt Point Tpk., Clinton Corners.

Bear Creek Farm Market

Join us at Bear Creek Farm Farmers Market Saturday, July 13th for a day filled with fun, fresh produce, and family-friendly fun. Our farmers market is renowned for its local produce. Featuring this week Cousins Lobster Truck. With ample parking and a cozy porch, it's the perfect spot to relax and enjoy the day! 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at 108 Hunns Lake Road, Bangall.

Stanford Grange sets Penny Social July 13

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Summer Penny Social on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced), calling begins at 7 p.m., and the Grange Hall has air conditioning! There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Summer items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale (please don't bring outside food - it takes money away from the kids). For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or the Stanford Grange Hall at (845) 868-1700.

Sewing & Crafts for a Week

Come join us at Madi's Way for a week of fun and activities at Ruby Hill Farm on July 15-19, 10 am-3 pm. Available for all children ages 9 - 15, a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn new skills. The week will include a variety of ocean themed sewing projects, including making a mermaid sleeping bag, a sea turtle bag, and a personalized game board/wall hanging. The week will also include yoga, painting, lawn games,, and visiting some of the animals on the farm.

Free rabies clinic set July 20

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) and the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA) continue their partnership hosting their next free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, July 20, at Poughkeepsie Town Hall, located at 1 Overocker Road, from 8 a.m. to noon. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required; registration is open at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Vanderbilt Garden Association offers tours

Every third Sunday of the month through Sept. 21, Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are July 21 and Aug. 18.

Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on the 40th anniversary of the F.W. Vanderbilt Association, the Vanderbilt ownership and the mission of the not-for-profit Vanderbilt Garden Association to rehabilitate and maintain the plants, shrubs and trees within the formal gardens as they were in the 1930s just prior to Frederick Vanderbilt's death in 1938.

For more information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Rhinebeck church offers Vacation Bible School

Grace Bible Fellowship Church will hold its Vacation Bible School July 22-26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Bible School is for children ages 4 through teens and is free of charge. The church is at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G in Rhinebeck. Contact Pastor Frank L. Cirone at (845) 876-2122, (845) 876-6923 or fdcirone@aol.com for more information.

Chicken BBQ at Salt Point church

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ dinner on Saturday August 3rd from 4-6:30PM with take out only. Tickets are \$15 for all. Menu includes Boneless BBQ Chicken Breast, corn on the cob, pasta salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread and a delicious dessert. For your take out reservation pick up time, call 845-266-8233 or 845-797-9621.

Clinton Alliance Church Blood Drive

Clinton Alliance Church hosts Blood Drives and we always ask for your help in posting them. The first one is Monday August 12th from 3-7:30/p.m. It will be held in our Youth Center at 1192 Centre Road in Rhinebeck. Walk-ins are always welcomed, but the New York Blood Center requests donors to call them at 800-933-2566 to schedule their requested donation time. This to insure they have enough staff and machines.

FARMERS MARKETS

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Road (Route 9, across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June-October. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and much more. New vendors always welcome. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Tuesdays, 2-5:30 p.m., May 21-Oct. 29. (845) 471-0589 or info@mhdcm.org

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

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Most car shows have significantly more primitive facilities. Great warm food is always available, prepared and presented by Coppola's Bistro of Hyde Park. The food is served in the visitor center where one can eat in air-conditioned comfort at a clean table with comfortable chairs. Families can also wander the grounds and can get a tour of the mansion itself. Additionally, the estate's carriage house contains a number of elegant horse-drawn carriages from the 19th century. It's always worth a peek.

It is noted that the best viewing of the cars is likely before 2 p.m. when, after the prize presentation, many begin to depart. The event takes place rain or shine.

Cars older than 1999 are eligible to compete in the judging for 60 trophies awarded in informal classes - Hot Rods, Antiques, Sports and Imports, as well as special interest cars and classes representing various eras of the automobile's history. The judging method is called "French Judging," which means the cars are judged on their impact to the viewer for what they are. Ferraris compete against Volkswagens and neither has an advantage or a disadvantage. Tire treads are not scrutinized to find left over road dirt and perfect originality is of less import than "does the car seem right?"

This year's event reminds us that July 14 is an important French holiday, often called "Bastille Day." It is roughly the equivalent of America's 4th of July and is a celebration of the nation's independence from its historic monarchy. France is the oldest ally of the United States. To celebrate holding the Locust Grove Car Show on the 14th of July, there will be a special award, "The Locust Grove Bastille Day - 2024 Prize." The trophy is based on the Statue of Liberty, one of France's great gifts to our country. To this day it also symbolizes the friendship between the two nations.

In addition to the prizes each entrant receives a memento of the event.

Ken Snodgrass, the executive director at Locust Grove notes that the annual car show is "one of our biggest and most enjoyable fund raisers." Two years ago

the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts presented the estate with a record donation, \$14,000. The event was nearly rained out last year, so the donation was a little smaller. "With good weather, we expect a record turnout," says Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts president, Mike Butler. "Our record number of cars in the past has been about 600. This year one of the other big shows across the river that is often on our date, has been moved to the end of the month. Many of those cars will likely come to Locust Grove and we could see 700 or 800 show cars. There is plenty of room under the trees."

When asked about the needs of Locust Grove that will be met with the proceeds of this event, Snodgrass said, "We receive no government funding, which makes this even more important to us. We've had some wild weather over the last couple of years and our trees are in need of some tender loving care. We can clean up and shape up some of the storm damage to many of the glorious old trees on the estate. We also need to replant where storms have taken down some of the older trees." He notes that much of the aesthetic attraction of the car show at Locust Grove is being able to see so many beautiful cars parked in the shade of magnificent trees. "This year's show will help ensure that possibility continues long into the future," said Snodgrass.

The show runs from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cars will begin arriving around 9 a.m. The cost are: Spectators: \$10 per person, cash only at the gate, kids under 12 are free. Car Show Entrants: Cars older than 1927 enter for FREE! Entrants with later cars will pay \$20 at the door.

Hyde Park

The following weekend, on Sunday July 21, will see over a 150 cars gathered in the center of Hyde Park for the 14th annual Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show. Event chairman Stu Davis notes that the affair is again being held on the grounds of the old Hyde Park Motors, with easy access to the entire village, including shops and cafes. The location turns the event into a total Hyde Park "community happening."

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First Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts Family Fun Day in Poughkeepsie



First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie, hosted its inaugural Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 29 at the church. In addition to handing out more than 250 free hot dogs, along with chips, lemonade and ice cream, there was facepainting, cupcake decorating, and arts and crafts activities for the kids. Courtesy photos



The lawns of the Locust Grove estate in Poughkeepsie will host a wide variety of antique and classic cars, plus hot rods and many more on July 14. Below: This 1940 Packard Convertible Coupe is an example of the many classic autos that will be featured at Locust Grove on July 14 and in Hyde Park on July 21. Courtesy photos



Davis notes that the event is one of the largest fund raisers for the chamber and the proceeds all stay in town to help pay for banners and holiday decorations and other Hyde Park improvement projects. Additionally the money has gone to fund scholarships for Hyde Park students going off to college. "Last year we gave out two fifteen hundred dollar scholarships," says Davis, "and we hope to do that again this year."

Always a popular event, the Hyde Park car show expects another banner year in 2024. The local fire department is always present with their antique engine. There will be lots of antique and special

interest cars as well as a wide variety of custom Hot Rods. There is food to be had as well as music from a DJ.

Davis also notes that last year there were six electric vehicles present and several presentations on the care and feeding of them, as well as the cost of acquiring and running them and their effects on the environment took place. "They'll be back this year," he says.

The cost to spectators is free, while entrants pay \$10 to pre register of \$15 at the gate. There are dash plaques for the first hundred cars.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the prize presentation around 3 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

Antique Quilt Show has huge opening day

To the editor:
The Clinton Historical Society had a very successful opening day on Saturday, July 6, for our summer exhibit "Antique Quilts: 1850-1930." Besides 22 quilts and one 1858 coverlet on display, our co-curator Stacy Whittaker, textile historian, provided two fun quilt-related games and gave a very informative talk about the quilts at our opening reception. Here are the numbers:

- 45 - visitors
- 32 - voted for "Best of Show" (via ballot)
- 14 - rated the show (via ballot)9 "Excellent" and 5 "Very Good"
- 2 - new memberships (family, individual)
- 1 - publication sale
- 1 - consultation by Stacy with a visitor who brought a collection of antique quilt blocks
- Written comments: "Awesome show", "Great show, very informative", "Very amazing collection."

Our sincere thanks to Stacy, without whom this exhibit would not have happened. Many thanks also to Curtis Schmidt, editor the Northern Dutchess News, for giving us front page coverage (again). My random poll of 9 visitors asking "How did you hear about our exhibit?", 6 responded "Northern Dutchess News!"

See you at the show, which runs every weekend through Sunday July 28, from 1-4 p.m. each day at the 177 Creek Meeting House at 2433 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners.

Craig Marshall
Vice-President

Clinton Historical Society and co-curator of Quilt Show

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Inn at Bellefield named official hotel partner of the Friends of the Walkway

Located just 2.5 miles from the Poughkeepsie entrance to Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park on Parker Avenue, the brand-new Inn At Bellefield in Hyde Park, New York has been named the official hotel partner of the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization.

Centrally located in the mid-Hudson Valley - a world-class hospitality and culinary destination - the Inn at Bellefield is an all-suite hotel with fully equipped kitchens, plush beds with crisp linen, separate living rooms, and complimentary breakfast with seasonal offerings every morning. It sits directly across

from The Culinary Institute of America, and guests can experience upscale service and indulge in signature local wine, craft beer, and more at the Inn at Bellefield's on-site lounge called The Storyteller.

"We're excited to name the Inn At Bellefield as the official hotel partner of the Friends of the Walkway," said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. "Walkway Over the Hudson connects all there is to see and do in the Hudson Valley, which certainly requires more than a day. Now everyone can extend

their stay with a room at the Inn At Bellefield and really experience all our region has to offer."

The support of the Inn At Bellefield will directly benefit beloved Walkway events, programs, volunteers, and more. It stands as a leading example of how dedicated community members can partner with the Friends of the Walkway to positively impact the more than 625,000 people that cross the span each year.

For additional information about available opportunities, visit walkway.org/partnership.

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Sweet's Funeral Home of Hyde Park presents grant to Anderson Center

Sweet's Funeral Home of Hyde Park recently presented a grant to Anderson Center for Autism from the Matthews Aurora Children's Foundation.

Matthews Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization, which supports local children's charities across the United States. Matthews Aurora™ Funeral Solutions and Matthews Cemetery Products are proud to partner with our Funeral and Cemetery customers to support all aspects of child

welfare. Participating funeral homes and cemeteries can apply to sponsor grants for child-focused non-profits in their local communities.

Grants are awarded three times a year, and participating funeral homes and cemeteries present the grant award to their sponsored charitable organizations. Since its inception in 1992, the Foundation has granted nearly \$5 million to community-based, nonprofit children's organizations nationwide.

Pictured from left are Rob Sweet of Sweet's Funeral Home, Christine Wolcott, Program Dev. Manager of Anderson Center for Autism and Frank Mauriello, Matthews Aurora. *Courtesy photo*

Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP unveils vision, celebrates with donation to DCSPCA



Pictured, from left to right, are partners A.J. Iuele, Karen Hagstrom, Kenneth Stenger, Jessica Glass and Ian Lindars with Dutchess County SPCA alum Alyssa. *Courtesy photo*

In celebration of its next chapter, and to mark founding partner Kenneth Stenger's 45th year in business, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP (Stenger Glass Law) has donated \$1,000 to the Dutchess County SPCA.

The Dutchess County SPCA – an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill shelter – strives to create a community in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect; this funding will help the organization continue its mission of sheltering animals in need, securing permanent homes for adoptable pets, and providing practical and educational resources to the public to promote the highest standards of animal care.

Following its recent rebrand, Stenger Glass Law has prioritized community engagement, supporting a variety of local nonprofits that positively contribute to our community, such as the Dutchess County SPCA and Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, among others.



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Historic Hyde Park stroll on July 17

The Hyde Park Library is partnering with the Hyde Park Historical Society, with the help of Hyde Park Historian Carney Rhinevault, to offer a walking tour of the historical sites and places. The

stroll is set for Wednesday, July 17 from 10-11 a.m.

Register at hydeparklibrary.org. The library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park.

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Aberdeen	BAL	8	7	.533	4.0	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore	PHI	6	9	.400	6.0	3-7	W1
Wilmington	WSH	5	9	.357	6.5	4-6	L1
Brooklyn	NYM	5	10	.333	7.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRIK
Bowling Green	TB	10	4	.714	-	8-2	W6
Greenville	BOS	8	7	.533	2.5	6-4	W1
Asheville	HOU	7	7	.500	3.0	4-6	L1
Hickory	TEX	7	8	.467	3.5	5-5	L3
Winston-Salem	CWS	7	8	.467	3.5	6-4	W3
Rome	ATL	*	5	10	.333	5.5	1-9



Renegades retire Jersey #33 for World Series champ Davis

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades have bestowed a rare honor.

The Renegades retired 2015 World Series champion Wade Davis' jersey number 33 in a special pre-game ceremony on Saturday night at Heritage Financial Park before the team's game against the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Davis pitched for the Renegades during the 2005 season, going 7-4 with a 2.72 ERA in 15 games, striking out 97 batters in 86.0 innings. He reached the Major Leagues with Tampa Bay in 2009, and pitched for the Rays, Kansas City Royals, Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies.

One of the most-decorated players in Renegades history, Davis was a 2015 World Series Champion with Kansas City, a three-time Major League Baseball All-Star, finished in the Top-10 of the Cy Young Award voting twice, led the National League in saves in 2018, and was a clutch performer in the playoffs with a career 1.80 ERA in 30 playoff games with eight saves including 9.0 innings in the World Series with a 0.00 ERA and 18 strikeouts.

Davis joins catcher Kevin Brown (No. 45) of the 1994 club as one of two Renegades players to have their numbers retired. The team has also retired No. 42 for Jackie Robinson and No. 94 for original



Wade Davis pitched for the Renegades during the 2005 season, going 7-4 with a 2.72 ERA in 15 games, striking out 97 batters in 86.0 innings. Courtesy archive photo

mascots Rookie and Rene. The retired numbers will be displayed on the exterior of the WMCHealth Club Lounge in the left field corner of Heritage Financial Park.



Players Statistics																		
PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	
1 JaredSerna SS	HV	76	297	49	76	22	0	12	52	37	58	10	6	0.256	0.346	0.451	0.797	
2 OmarMartinez C	HV	63	216	33	53	9	1	9	30	49	59	0	0	0.245	0.388	0.421	0.809	
3 JaceAvina CF	HV	65	250	36	71	22	0	8	41	29	72	4	1	0.284	0.367	0.468	0.835	
4 GarrettMartin RF	HV	45	147	26	31	9	2	7	24	16	55	6	1	0.211	0.314	0.442	0.756	
5 RafaelFlores 1B	HV	57	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285	0.403	0.466	0.869	
6 RocRiggio 2B	HV	60	221	45	50	16	3	5	23	46	49	15	2	0.226	0.375	0.394	0.769	
6 JesusRodriguez C	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332	0.412	0.507	0.919	
6 KikoRomero 3B	HV	43	134	17	30	8	0	5	16	22	58	5	1	0.224	0.354	0.396	0.75	
9 JoshMoylan 1B	HV	61	208	29	52	8	1	3	22	34	61	1	2	0.25	0.363	0.341	0.704	
10 AntonioGomez C	HV	7	22	2	4	0	0	2	5	3	6	0	0	0.182	0.269	0.455	0.724	
11 KyleBattle LF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174	0.316	0.304	0.62	
11 ChristopherFamilia LF	HV	16	55	6	8	1	0	1	5	6	20	0	0	0.145	0.254	0.218	0.472	
11 TylerHardman DH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237	0.292	0.339	0.631	
14 BeauBrewer 3B	HV	29	79	8	20	6	0	0	9	8	17	0	0	0.253	0.322	0.329	0.651	
14 JuanCrisp P	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14 BrennyEscanio 3B	HV	13	42	5	12	6	0	0	7	2	12	2	1	0.286	0.311	0.429	0.74	
14 ColeGabrielsson RF	HV	52	153	20	28	10	1	0	12	23	46	8	3	0.183	0.326	0.261	0.587	
14 AnthonyHall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	0.091	0.286	0.091	0.377	
14 DJLeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715	
14 NelsonMedina CF	HV	44	142	11	17	2	1	0	14	13	67	7	0	0.12	0.197	0.148	0.345	
14 AlexanderVargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716	
14 JorbitVivas 2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313	0.389	0.375	0.764	

Pitcher Statistics																				
PLAYER	TEAM	G	IP	W	L	S	SV	E	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	BB/K	ERA/HR	ERA		
1 CamSchlittler P	HV	3	3	2.97	13	13	0	0	0	63.2	42	29	21	6	3	32	81	1.16	0.183	
2 BenShields P	HV	3	2	2.75	14	7	0	0	0	52.1	35	19	16	5	4	10	71	0.86	0.185	
3 SebastianKeane P	HV	6	6	4.98	14	14	0	0	0	65	60	37	36	6	5	32	61	1.42	0.249	
4 MattKeating P	HV	3	1	4.11	25	0	0	0	2	3	46	34	23	21	7	0	18	58	1.13	0.199
5 ColeAyers P	HV	2	3	3	29	0	0	0	3	6	45	36	19	15	3	3	17	55	1.18	0.214
6 BaronStuart P	HV	5	2	3.36	12	12	0	0	0	61.2	53	24	23	2	3	25	54	1.26	0.237	
7 KyleCarr P	HV	0	5	5.95	14	14	0	0	0	59	64	47								



Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades earn split of 6-game series vs. Brooklyn

By Rich Thomaselli

It was a different kind of week.

Usually, the Hudson Valley Renegades and other franchises in the South Atlantic League play a six-game series at one location.

And usually, teams play a Tuesday through Sunday schedule. But last week was different because of the Independence Day holiday.

Hudson Valley played Brooklyn in six games, three of which were in Brooklyn before switching back to Heritage Financial Park. And the series began on a

Monday with the day off being on Sunday, July 7.

The Renegades lost three of the first five games – before coming back to win the finale, 5-4 on Saturday night for a split of the six-games.

It started well enough. Behind a dominating outing from Baron Stuart, the Renegades earned a 5-0 victory over the Cyclones on Monday night at Maimonides Park.

The Renegades dropped the next two games before returning home to an enthusiastic crowd. In front of a record-breaking crowd of 6,176 at Heritage Financial Park on Independence Day, Hudson

Valley earned a 6-0 win over Brooklyn. Blane Abeyta was stellar in his first home game with the Renegades since 2022. The right-hander tossed six scoreless innings allowing just four hits and struck out five without walking a batter.

Abeyta (1-1) earned his fourth quality start of the season and first with the Renegades. The Cyclones were 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position against Abeyta. Hudson Valley brought eight batters to the plate in the first against Cyclones starter Dakota Hawkins (3-3). Roc Riggio led off the frame with his 16th double of the season, and a Jared Serna bloop double moved Riggio to

third. A three-run homer by Omar Martinez put the Renegades in front 3-0. Martinez was 2-for-4 with a home run, is ninth of the season, and three RBI.

Hudson Valley lost on Friday night, 8-3.

In Saturday's win, Stuart was tremendous again vs. the Cyclones, tossing six innings of one-run ball. The right-hander earned his fourth quality start of the season with the Renegades, and fifth overall. In two starts against Brooklyn this week, Stuart allowed just one run in 12.2 innings while inducing 16 groundball outs.

The Renegades are on the road this week for six games vs. Jersey Shore.

Renegades' Ben Shields named 'Pitcher of Month,' moves to AA

By Rich Thomaselli

Hudson Valley Renegades pitcher Ben Shields has been named South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Month for June, Minor League Baseball announced. Shields is the first Renegades player to win a weekly or monthly award during the 2024 season, and is the fourth Renegades player to ever win a High-A East/SAL monthly award.

In June, Shields went 2-1 with a 2.03 ERA in five starts while allowing only 13 hits and six walks. He led the SAL with 37 strikeouts, striking out an astonishing 36.3 percent of batters faced in the month. He set and then tied his career-high with nine strikeouts in each of his final two starts of the month – on June 22 at Greensboro and June 28 against Wilmington while walking one batter and allowing five hits combined.

Shields was promoted to the Double-A Somerset Patriots on July 2.

"Ben was fun to watch all month. Not

only has he been his typical self – dominating the strike zone and collecting strikeouts using his plus breaking pitches – but he's worked on adding pitches and continually refining his development in the process," said Renegades pitching coach Spencer Medick. "He has been a model for efficiency on the mound and has certainly earned his recent promotion to Double-A."

Shields, 25, was signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Yankees on July 14, 2023 after a collegiate career spent at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and George Mason University. He was named a 2nd Team All-Atlantic 10 Conference pitcher in 2023, where he led the A-10 in strikeouts and tied for the league lead in wins.

In recognition of his award, the Renegades will make a \$500 donation to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center Health Network in Shields' name.



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GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

'Making it work' for huge July 4 crowd and hoping for a great 2nd half & playoffs

Editor's note: The Hudson Valley Renegades have a first-year general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.

You had more than 6,100 fans on July 4. Where did they all fit?

It's a great question. I hope that people that were there felt like they were comfortable. Our goal was to not pack it in like sardines, but pack it in so much that we didn't have to turn anyone away. So actually the day before we cut off sales in the general admission and we started to

get creative with some of our group areas. But we did find that single-game ticket buyers were obviously looking to find their fireworks show in the Hudson Valley and they chose us. Groups were a challenge because July 4th is very popular. But between the WMC Health Club Lounge in left field and the barbecue area, we made at work.

What was the atmosphere like for the July 4 game?

It was great. People were really into the game and it was nice to catch a W. I think our team definitely thrives on the bigger crowds. They feed off that energy.

It was really fun to be a part of. It was a really good atmosphere.

Dividing the season into two halves gives the players a fresh start. Does it do anything for management?

The biggest thing is really the playoff race, and in a perfect world we would have clinched the first half, like last year. It gave us more time for preparation. But if we win the second half, we'll make it work. One of the pros of winning the second half is the way the playoffs are structured you are guaranteed more home games. For us, we would just be happy to be there.



Youth track club members compete at USATF Nationals, AAU Junior Olympic regional event

Two Dutchess County youth track clubs - Poughkeepsie City Striders and River Cities Athletics - had athletes competing in two premier youth track and field meets - the AAU Region 1 Junior Olympic qualifying meet June 27-30, 2024 at Lincoln Park, Jersey City, New Jersey, and the USATF outdoor youth nationals at Icahn Stadium, Randalls Island, New York City, June 24-29.

Six athletes, representing Poughkeepsie City Striders, qualified for the AAU Junior Olympic National Championships July 29-August 3, 2024, being held at Truist stadium, University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, North Carolina. They include the following:• Asha Rashid Scherrer, Town of Poughkeepsie, finished second in girls age 9 1500m run, with a time of 6:08.37, and third in girls age 9 800m run, with a time of 3:09.9. Azariah Powell, Town of Poughkeepsie, finished third in girls age 14 Shotput, with a best throw of 25' 1" with a 6 lb. implement. Dwayne Ridenhour, Town of Poughkeepsie, finished third in boys age 12 Shotput, with a throw of 25' 8" with a 6 lb. implement.

• Aiya Dawkins, Town of Pleasant

Valley, finished fourth in girls age 13 200m Hurdles, with a time of 32.77.

- Darrin Bennett, Town of Poughkeepsie, finished fourth in boys age 13 400m dash, with a time of 58.89.

- Jordan-Anthony Powell, Town of Poughkeepsie, finished fourth in boys age 12 80m Hurdles, with a time of 16.38. At the USATF outdoor youth nationals, representing River Cities Athletics-

Nathaniel Johnson, rising junior at John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction, finished second in the boys age 17/18 400m finals with a time of 48.14. Johnson also finished 5th in the boys 17/18 200m final, with a time of 22.09, and 6th in the boys 17/18 100m dash with a time of 11.09. During the high school scholastic season, on June 7 and 8, 2024 in Syracuse, Johnson won the New York State outdoor track and field championship in the boys Pentathlon event, scoring 3389 points. Previously, at the Section 1 state qualifying meet on May 31, 2024, held at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, Johnson set a NYS all-time sophomore class record in the boys Pentathlon, scoring 3684 points.

Scam alert: Asking for participation in USPS survey

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office warns the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases, the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators asking victims to participate in a United States Postal Service (USPS) survey. The perpetrators mail the victims a fake, but official-looking letter from the USPS, which informs them that they've been chosen help provide better service by participating in the survey. The letter goes on to say that in order to do this they will need to cash a bank check that comes with the letter, then proceeds to give them step-by-step instructions on what to do with the money. At this time the Sheriff's Office has one report of someone receiving this letter, and that person recognized it as a scam before cashing the check or giving any money. If anyone receives a letter like that, they are urged to not follow any of the instructions and contact the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at 845-486-3820.

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- If you receive correspondence from someone that you don't know asking for money but instructing you to keep the matter confidential and not inform anyone about it, it's most likely a scam.

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.

- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them use caution as it is likely a

scam.

- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

- If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.

- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call/email/letter you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

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OFA has options for volunteers all over Dutchess County who prefer to stay closer to home. You can help with activities and meals for older adults at any of our eight Friendship Centers, located in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and South Amenia (Wassaic).

If you'd prefer getting out of the house, you're a promising candidate to be a volunteer driver in our Home Delivered Meals program. Wherever and whenever you're able to drive, we'll work with your schedule. Volunteers who use their own vehicles for deliveries can be reimbursed for the cost of fuel.

One volunteering option that works for homebodies and travelers alike is to become a volunteer caller in OFA's fast-growing "Friendly Calls" program. Aside from a brief orientation at our Poughkeepsie headquarters, "Friendly Calls" can be done from wherever you are: at home, at work, on vacation, anywhere there's a good phone signal.

If you like to stay physically active, we can always use extra pairs of hands at OFA Summer Picnics. We're about halfway through the summer schedule, so you still have plenty of time to pitch in. The picnic schedule is at www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics. We're going to be busy at picnics every Wednesday through the end of August, except for August 7th.

If multitasking appeals to you, try becoming a volunteer class leader in our Senior Exercise and/or "A Matter of Balance" programs. You'll get your own exercise in while helping others to do the same. No experience in leading exercise classes is required. OFA provides the training. Senior Exercise classes take place year-round, while "A Matter of Balance" typically schedules eight once-a-week sessions in the fall and spring.

If you worked in an office before retiring, those communications skills can come in handy. With the annual Medicare Open Enrollment program coming in the fall, we're looking for volunteer counselors in our Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), to help older adults get to a place where they can make the best possible decisions regarding any changes to their health insurance.

As always, if you're a good communicator in languages other than English, you're even more valuable as an OFA volunteer. Thousands of older Dutchess County residents arrived here from other countries; and while they can get by with the English they've learned along the way, being able to communicate in their native tongue often works better for them.

Visit www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer to find out more about volunteering, email ofa@dutchessny.gov, or call us during business hours.

SUMMER 'THRIVE60+' NEWSLETTER NOW OUT

In case you missed it when it arrived in your inbox last month, check out the Summer 2024 issue of OFA's THRIVE60+ newsletter at www.dutchessny.gov/thrive60. You can also find back issues of THRIVE60+, and back issues of this weekly OFA E-newsletter at www.dutchessny.gov/agingnews. For those who aren't on the internet, a limited supply of the print version of THRIVE60+ is available at every public library in Dutchess County. For senior centers, civic organizations, senior housing developments and businesses with a large older clientele, a limited supply of newsletters may be available. Email bjones@dutchessny.gov for details, or to be added to the email list for future OFA newsletters.

We publish THRIVE60+ quarterly, along with a Medicare-focused "Medicare Spotlight" newsletter in September. You'll receive all these newsletters when they publish, along with your Aging News emails.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Once again, qualifying Dutchess County older adults have an opportunity this summer to improve their nutrition while supporting local farms, thanks to New York's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). To qualify, a Dutchess County resident must be at least 60 years of age and receiving benefits through public assistance, SNAP, HEAP, or Section 8 housing. Alternately, an older adult may qualify if household income is below 185% of US poverty guidelines. To find out more about qualifications, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Residents of low-income housing complexes may be able to find out more about SFMNP from their residence manager. We will distribute a limited number of SFMNP booklets across the county from our main office in Poughkeepsie, and to qualifying participants of our OFA Friendship Center and Home Delivered Meals programs throughout the County. SFMNP booklets will be distributed at the OFA main office only on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m., while supplies last.

Distribution at OFA Friendship Centers is available by appointment. OFA Friendship Centers are in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Pleasant Valley (Tri-Town), Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and South Amenia/Wassaic. See www.dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition for Friendship Center contact information. Each booklet contains five checks valued at \$5.00 each. Treat the checks like cash to avoid loss or theft. Customers redeeming SFMNP checks will not receive cash change, so use the whole check whenever possible. SFMNP checks cannot be exchanged for cash. Distribution will continue throughout the 2024 growing season for as long as supplies last. SFMNP checks can be used until November 30th or a participating market closes for the season, whichever comes first. Leftover checks from 2023 or earlier years are no longer valid.

For the latest county-by-county list of participating local markets, go to www.agriculture.ny.gov/farmersmarkets. New markets often enter the program in the summer and fall, so check back regularly.

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larly. Eligible recipients must personally sign the Statement of Eligibility Form to receive SFMNP checks. Checks cannot be mailed to eligible older adults. Proxies may not pick-up and sign for checks. A valid Power of Attorney (POA) may sign for and pick up SFMNP coupons for an eligible older adult. A variety of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs may be purchased with SFMNP benefits.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT OFA PICNICS...

If you can volunteer at any or all remaining picnics, please reach out to OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at bjones@dutchessny.gov. We can use volunteer help setting up and breaking down picnic tables and chairs, and bringing food and drinks to picnic guests with mobility challenges. Here's the rest of the 2024 picnic schedule: Wednesday 7/10 – City of Beacon picnic at Memorial Park

Wednesday 7/17 – North East/Millerton, Pine Plains, Stanford and Millbrook/Washington picnic at Stissing Mountain High School, Pine Plains Wednesday 7/24 – Wappinger picnic at Robinson Lane Park Wednesday 7/31 – Pleasant Valley picnic at West Road School Wednesday 8/14 – City of

Poughkeepsie picnic at Stitzel Field Wednesday 8/21 – East Fishkill picnic at Hopewell Rec Park Wednesday 8/28 – Beekman/LaGrange picnic at Freedom Park, LaGrange Many thanks to The Pines at Poughkeepsie, AccentCare, and Central Hudson for their support of the picnic program.

UPCOMING 'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS

More opportunities to join OFA's "Friendly Calls" program as a volunteer are coming up!

- Tuesday, July 16th, 10 am
- Monday, July 22nd, 3 pm "Friendly Calls" volunteers must be at least 18 years old. You can find out more about "Friendly Calls" at www.dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls, by emailing Friendly Calls coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov, or by calling 845-486-2555 during business hours.

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Clinton Library to host program on Borscht Belt

Local author, musician and historian Alex Prizgintas will present "Borscht Belt Artifacts: Relics of the Catskill Resort Age" by the Clinton Community Library in Rhinebeck, on Thursday, July 18 at 12:30 p.m.

"The history of the Borscht Belt, particularly how it was a melting pot for so many cultures when it came to cuisine, entertainment, music, and so many other aspects of American history" said Prizgintas. "What is even more tragic is how this history has vanished so quickly, which is why I have dedicated myself to collecting relics from the old hotels, resorts, and bungalow colonies." Since Prizgintas began collecting items from the Borscht Belt ten years ago, awareness for this aspect of our local past has rapidly expanded with the opening of the Borscht Belt Museum in Ellenville, the

ongoing Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project, and a number of both films as well as books that have been published. "Seeing this history finally receiving the recognition it deserves is incredibly rewarding, and I am honored to be a part of this new chapter for the memories of the Borscht Belt."

Prizgintas an advisory board member of the new Borscht Belt Museum of Ellenville, he did not live during the age of the grand hotels and bungalow colonies but is nonetheless fascinated by what artifacts remain.

"Beyond their revolutionary architecture and nexus of cultures, I was always drawn to how the Borscht Belt intersected with many of my other historical interests—principally railroads," says Prizgintas. "With thousands of items from each of an estimated 926 hotels and bun-

galow colonies, this program covers a broad history of the Borscht Belt extending back to the earliest records of summer agricultural colonies in the late 1830s. From here, I showcase five unique items from my personal collection that all have a special place amidst the hearts and hands that shaped this region of New York."

As a staple of all these lectures, this event will feature displays of historical artifacts allowing the audience to visibly and tangibly view the region's past.



Alex Prizgintas. Courtesy photo

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HV Renegades recognize 4-H Green Teen program

Saturday, June 29 was a very big day for youth participants of the Green Teen Workforce Development program. Based in Beacon, the Green Teen program empowers urban youth to be effective community change-agents by immersing them in the local food system.

Up to 24 youth are employed by Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County in Green Teen each year. They learn life and work skills through hands-on experiences in farming and gardening, health and nutrition, entrepreneurship, and leadership.

On the morning of Saturday June 29, Renegades players Baron Stuart and Beau Brewer volunteered to work alongside teens in the garden. It was a fabulous experience as the Green Teen youth were able to take pride in sharing their knowledge and enjoy Baron and Beau's support as they grow food for their community.

The game kicked off at just after 7 p.m. with Green Teen member Angel Ojeda throwing the ceremonial first pitch! Part way through the game, Green Teen was featured on the big screens with Program Manager Samantha (Sam) Brittain and the some of the teens describing their program and explaining its' impact on the lives of participants.

Later Sam spoke in a live interview on the pitch. Nobody listening could mistake her passion and commitment to the program: "I felt an immeasurable amount of pride watching my teens be recognized for all of their hard work, dedication, commitment, and love for their community."

Green Teen members were honored to be chosen as the honorees for Saturday Night's Hope Week event. Our gratitude goes to the Hudson Valley Renegades and all involved in providing this opportunity for the youths and support for the program. It was a special and meaningful night.



Green Teen youth and staff proudly promote their program at the Hudson Valley Renegades game on June 29 at Heritage Financial Park.

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Renegades players join Green Teen gardeners



Green Teen member Angel Ojeda throws the ceremonial first pitch in the HV Renegades game on June 29. Photo by Dave Janosz



Renegades players Baron Stuart and Beau Brewer join members of the Green Teen gardening program to maintain their garden at the Beacon Recreation Center. Courtesy photo

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by luigi coppola

BBQ at my Uncle's

Luigi's day gets ruined by an unexpected dinner item.

Growing up, we always ate different things. It never occurred to us that it was weird until we started going to school and heard of the exotic concoctions from our classmates. Rabbit was something we ate quite often. Chicken gizzards were standard fare. Of course, calamari and scungilli, but only because back then no one really knew of it yet. Eel was another one.

However, one thing that came across

our table was something I just couldn't stomach.

I was around 7 years old, and we were eating at my uncle's house. He had just gone hunting on his property and brought back what he had caught.

Dinner at my uncle's house was always fun. A long table would be set up outside under this huge grape vineyard with bottles of homemade wine, crusty bread, bottles of Pellegrino and 7-up.

Grace would be said in Italian, then salad and pasta would be served with fresh grated Parmesan cheese.

Conversation would be centered on our gardens, whose wine was better and how our relatives in Italy were getting along. As young children we were expected to keep our voices down, not interrupt the adults. A quick look from our father, usually at me, was enough to quiet the kid section.

The salad and pasta plates were cleared and the day's catch was brought out. Three big, heaping plates of roasted ... black birds.

Beak and feet still on them, eyes staring at me. Roasted so any left-over feathers would just melt off. I couldn't stop staring at them. It was as if they were talking to me asking how my day was going.

My father reached over and put one on my plate. So now I am up close and personal with this crow of death and I am expected to somehow eat it.

My head was swimming, my heart was pounding, I was sweating. I closed my eyes and tried thinking it was nothing more than a small chicken, but then I opened my eyes and Woody Woodpecker is still looking at me. I heard my father talking to his brothers and I figure if maybe, just maybe I waited long enough I could slink out and escape from my grim reaper bird of prey.

I could hear crunching and I was getting sicker by the moment. I went to get a piece of bread to try to settle my stomach. Pop caught me before I could eat it. He said no more bread until you eat your dinner. EAT MY DINNER?! I was scared of my dinner. How was I going to eat my dinner? So I just sat there. I was begging for anything other than the vulture to be on my plate. I think I would've eaten grass if it was on my plate.

I think I must have sat there for a good

half hour before my father took pity on me and took my chicken hawk off my plate and placed it on his. He gave me a piece of bread and told me to go off and play. I jumped out of my seat as if it was on fire.

So next time your little Billy refuses to eat pasta with sauce on it, tell him the story of Luigi and Sea Gulls of Death.

Please enjoy this recipe for Chicken Picatta, because I don't think you want a recipe for Crow Stew. Buon Appetito!

CHICKEN PICATTA

Ingredients

4 (6 ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1/4 cup flour
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup white wine
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup chicken stock
3 tablespoons capers
2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 pinches salt
2 pinches black pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley

Method

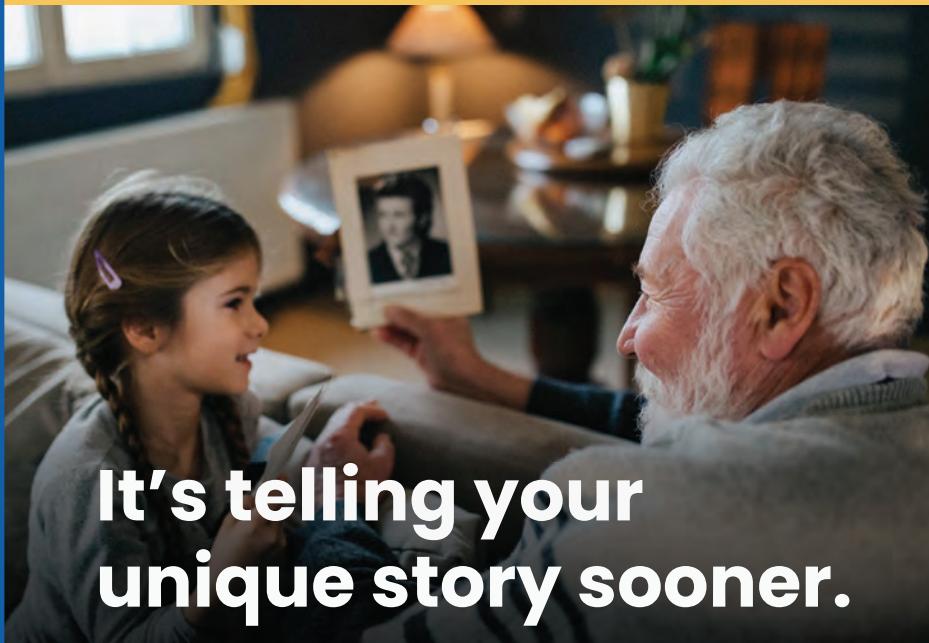
Place each chicken breast between 2 sheets of heavy-duty plastic wrap. Pound breasts to 1/2-inch thickness using a meat mallet or small heavy skillet.

Spread flour into a wide, shallow dish. Press chicken into flour to coat completely.

Melt butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook chicken in hot butter mixture until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear and the outside color is a golden brown. Remove chicken from skillet to a paper towel covered serving platter and cover with a lid to keep warm.

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Bread: Connecting Hudson Valley history and science

New York was referred to as a bread-basket colony in the 1700s because wheat was a significant crop. Mills, which processed the wheat, were located on waterways flowing toward the Hudson River. Some of those mills, or remnants of them, still stand as a testament to New York's agricultural history.

Hudson Valley milling history

Within a short drive from Dutchess County you can find Philipsburg Manor on the Pocantico River in Sleepy Hollow, Tuthilltown Gristmill on the Shawangunk Kill in Gardiner, and Montgomery Mill on the Wallkill River. In Dutchess County, structures at Murphy Grist Mill on Whaley Lake Stream in Poughquag and the Pleasant Valley Mill Site on Wappinger Creek remain.

But the milling of flour for bread was more ubiquitous in Dutchess County than those few structures would indicate! In fact, there is an ambitious plan afoot to showcase one of the many mills that operated along the Landsman Kill in Rhinebeck in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Beekman Mill Project (<https://www.beekmannmillproject.org/>) proposes to build a working 18th-century grist mill on the site of the original Colonel Henry Beekman Mill in Rhinebeck. (The organization's 501(c)(3) status is currently pending and Director Brian Plumb is looking for qualified board members.) If plans for the mill

come to fruition, visitors may experience a greater connection between the breads they consume and the history and science involved in bringing that particular nutrient to their table.

Science: To understand flours, first learn about flowers

Grains (wheat, as well as rye, oats, and others) are milled because they are hard to digest. Milling of grains removes the outer layer (bran) and germ (embryo) from main the source of protein and carbohydrates (endosperm). Finely ground endosperm is what white flour is made from.

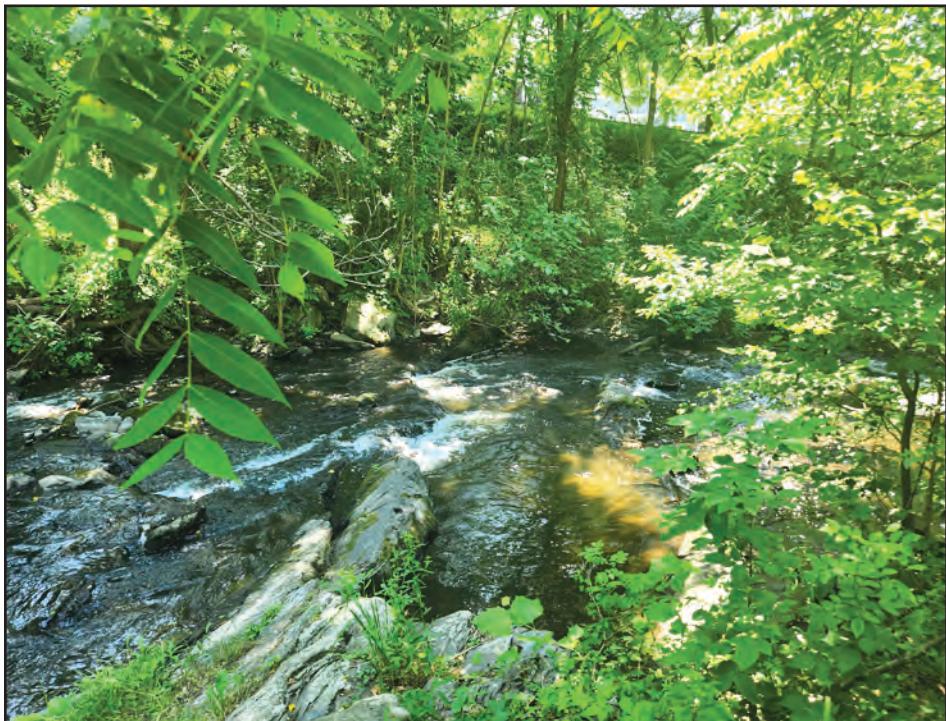
Most plants, including grass, reproduce with flowers. Some grains are members of the grass family. Wheat is one such grain.

Wheat spikes have two rows of tiny flowers (inflorescences) called spikelets. The spikelets are made up of florets. Each floret houses a tiny pistil and stamen. Pistils, being the female flower parts, contain ovules and ovaries. Once fertilized, the ovules develop into kernels (seeds) and the ovaries develop into fruits. A grain's small fruits and seeds are dry and fused. They are difficult to separate without milling.

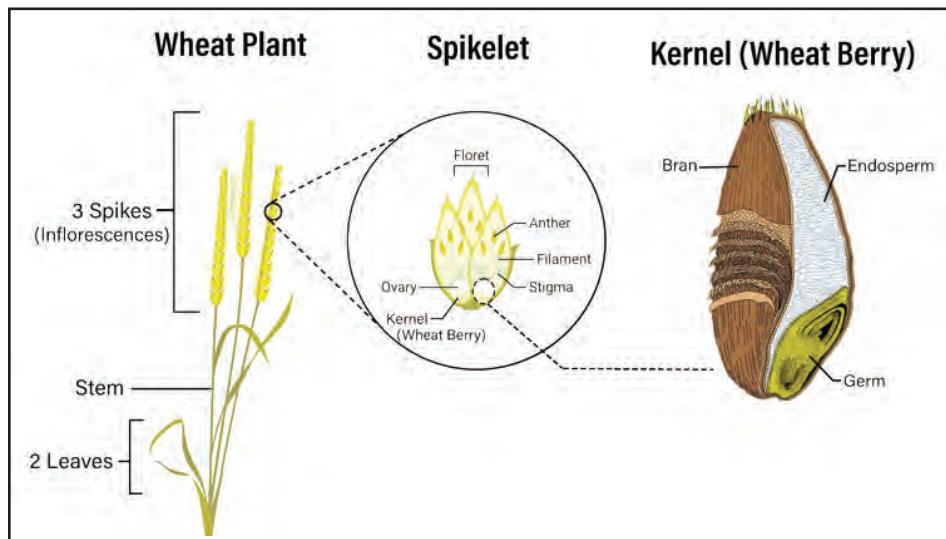
Nutrition in flour

Removing the bran and germ from grain kernels produces a lot of waste. In the 1800s, most people ate bread that was

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The Landsman Kill in Rhinebeck supported the operation of many mills in the 18th and 19th centuries. Photo by Francine Wizner. Below: This wheat diagram illustrates the various parts of the plant. Diagram courtesy of Rebecca Smith Paul



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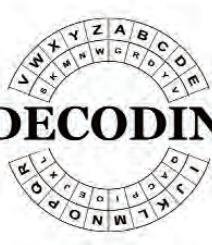
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By Bill Jeffway

Beauty, they say, is in the eye of the beholder. That is certainly true among the summer wildflowers we find around us in Dutchess County. Whether a non-native flower is a thing of beauty, or a noxious enemy to be eradicated, or both – can be seen in the evolving narratives surrounding Purple Loosestrife (*lythrum salicaria*) and Oxeye Daisy (*leucanthemum vulgare*).

From its founding in 1914, the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) has always included the study of plant life as a fundamental part of understanding of our local history.

Perhaps the best-known contribution is the collaboration of DCHS's Helen Wilkinson Reynolds and photographer Margaret DeMott Brown, and the brilliant Vassar College Professor and Botanist, Edith Roberts. Together they published the landmark "The Role of Plant Life in the History of Dutchess County" in 1938. Its many pages include charts, maps, and photographs as well as narrative.

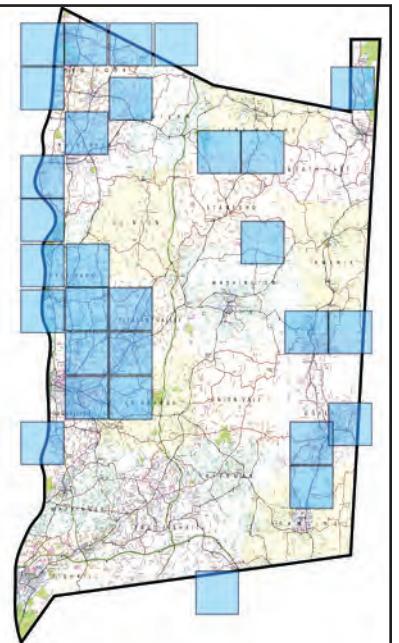
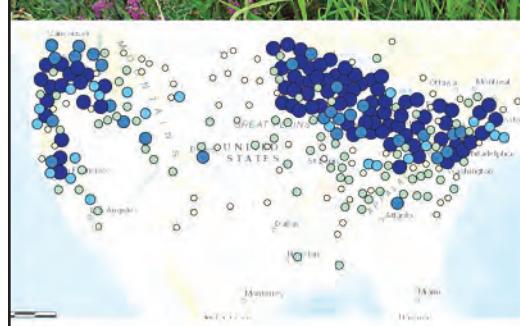
But for this exercise, we will draw from the charming and conversational 1931 publication "Stories of the Wildflowers" by DCHS founder Dr. J.

Wilson Poucher. It was a summary of a series of local newspaper columns.

Purple Loosestrife

Poucher reports that locals, right after the Civil War (so in the late 1860s), upon noticing the emerging Purple Loosestrife, gave it the name of "Rebel's Weed." At the time it was said to have been brought back (whether intentionally or accidentally it is not reported) by northern soldiers returning from battles in the southern U.S.

Poucher wrote in 1931, "There is a prevailing tradition that it was in some way brought home by the returning soldiers of the Civil War and the common name for it at the present time among the good people along the Wallkill [in Ulster County] is Rebel Weed. I am inclined to believe that is simply a coincidence. I can find no account of it growing anywhere south of Delaware. It is not a native, but one of the many wildflowers imported from Europe. It gradually spread from marsh to marsh, from the Wallkill to the Hudson River, then gaining a foothold in Dutchess. It appeared for several years in



Clockwise from top left: Contemporary image of Purple Loosestrife, extrapolated map indicating the greatest concentration in Dutchess County, both courtesy of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management. National distribution of the plant, courtesy of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Species (NAS) information resource for the United States Geological Survey. Notice its lesser presence in the U.S. South.

clusters here and there until, at the present time [1931] it fills all our marshes. I do not know anything that surpasses the beauty of the view in late summer."

Indeed, Poucher was right about its origins. It originated in Europe, not the southern United States and appears to have been introduced after 1830 and now covers a wide area of North America.

Time was kind to the flower as the negative connotations related to the use of the word "rebel" and "weed" were lost as that name went out of fashion. By the 1940s, we could expect to find Eleanor Roosevelt writing about the beauty of Purple Loosestrife on her Val Kill estate in Hyde Park each August in her nationally syndicated "My Day" column.

Today, however, there is no doubt that Purple Loosestrife is an invasive plant that crowds out both plant and animal life and biodiversity.

There is another non-native wildflower that was initially falsely attributed to the "rebels" of the southern U.S.

Oxeye Daisy

Dr. Poucher actually gave more credence to the idea that the Oxeye Daisy came from the south. Poucher described the oxeye daisy as "first seen in Georgia after Sherman's army had made its famous march through that state to the sea...the seeds were very likely to have been transported in the hay that every

army carries along as fodder for its horses."

No contemporary account of the origins of the Oxeye Daisy in the area describe such a possibility, instead its source is credited to Europe and western Asia. It is generally understood that its introduction was much more likely an intentional introduction because of its simple beauty and hardiness. It is now described as "naturalized" across the continent indicating it has comfortably settled in for the long haul.

The conundrum is reflected in two articles in the Poughkeepsie Eagle News in the late 1800s. In 1897 we find instructions on how to create a delightful hat for a young girl out of Oxeye Daisies. Two years later, in 1899, the same newspaper published an article under the heading "How to destroy the Oxeye Daisy," declaring it can be eliminated "if precaution is exercised."

No doubt both "weeds" flourish because they are at the same time invasive, and beautiful in the eyes of many.

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Above left: Image from the 1897 Poughkeepsie Eagle News suggesting using the Oxeye Daisy for hats for young girls. Above right: 19th century image. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden describes the Oxeye Daisy as native to Europe and western Asia and introduced to North America as an ornamental plant. *Images courtesy of DCHS*



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Marker on Route 9 in Rhinebeck where the proposed Mill Museum might be located. Below: Landsman Kill historic sign. Photos by Francine Wizner

dark and fibrous. White bread (made from wheat flour) was too expensive to be a daily staple for many.

Changes in farming practices and production methods moved large-scale grain production westward. White bread became cheaper (and less nutritious) as a result of the mechanization of agricultural practices, the introduction of huge flour mills, and the development of continuous flow bakeries.

By the late 19th century, people were choosing soft, white bread over darker bread. White bread was seen as "pure." White flour was a "finer" product that was viewed as higher quality.

The pendulum swings back

In the later 20th century, people became more concerned about food production methods. Folks started wanting less food processing, preservatives, artificial colors, and flavors, sugar and sodium. Consumers no longer aligned white flour with high social status and value. In a reversal, now whole grains are perceived as having superior nutritional value and white bread is associated with ignorance of nutrition.

What can we learn?

The protein and carbohydrates in flour,

as well as the process of activating yeast, provide many learning opportunities. These are great for classroom teachers, as well as for motivated students and parents who want to create engaging kitchen activities. If you are interested in learning more about the science connection to bread, check out <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/store/p446/flour-gluten-bread-activities-bundle.html> and <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/store/p447/chemical-and-physical-leavener-recipes-enrichment-cross-curricular.html>, as well as others at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/teaching-resources.html>.

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That's Italian!

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Pour white wine, lemon juice, capers, and garlic into the pan. Bring the liquid to a boil while scraping the browned bits of food from the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon; cook at a boil until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Add the chicken and let simmer for 2-3 more minutes, garnish with parsley.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

Millbrook Arts & Open Studios sets creative events July 20 - 21

The Millbrook Arts Group is participating in the fifth edition of Upstate Art Weekend, July 20-21. This connective annual event for locals and tourists alike, celebrates the cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York and Millbrook Arts & Open Studios aims to celebrate the creative community in Millbrook.

The Millbrook events include the following:

- Pop-up Exhibition at The Thorne Center, 3323 Franklin Avenue - where you will receive the Artists Open Studios schedule of events. In addition, The Thorne Center has opened their first floor to the public and The Millbrook Arts Group is presenting a pop-up exhibition of work by Sharon Bates, June Glasson, Ty Gundrum, Lauren Lancaster, Dan Lenchner, Paul A Miyamoto, David Tumblety and Erik Daniel White, artists from the Millbrook Community.

- Artist Open Studios - Sharon Bates, Mari DePedro, Peggy Flaum, June Glasson, Cannon Hersey, Dan Lenchner,

Paul Miyamoto and David Tumblety will be opening their studios to the public. Visitors can learn about the creative processes of these diverse artists and view their recent work. In addition, Iris Levinson will be hosting a pop-up of her work at 3280 Franklin Avenue.

- On the Map Exhibition, Millbrook Library Gallery, 3 Friendly Lane - The Millbrook Arts Group will present a group exhibition titled curated by Sharon Bates, Founding Director of the Albany Airport Art & Culture Program, from a pool of artists who responded to MAG's first Open Call. The exhibition will be on view at the Millbrook Library Gallery through July 31. There will be a Public Reception on Saturday,

July 20, 4-6pm to celebrate artists: Jim Allen, Mickey Baroody, Peggy Flaum, Mark Garnot, Ty Gundrum, Emily Herberich, Claudia Munro Kerr, Martin Fraser Lewis, Daniel Walworth, and Erik Daniel White. Refreshments will be served.

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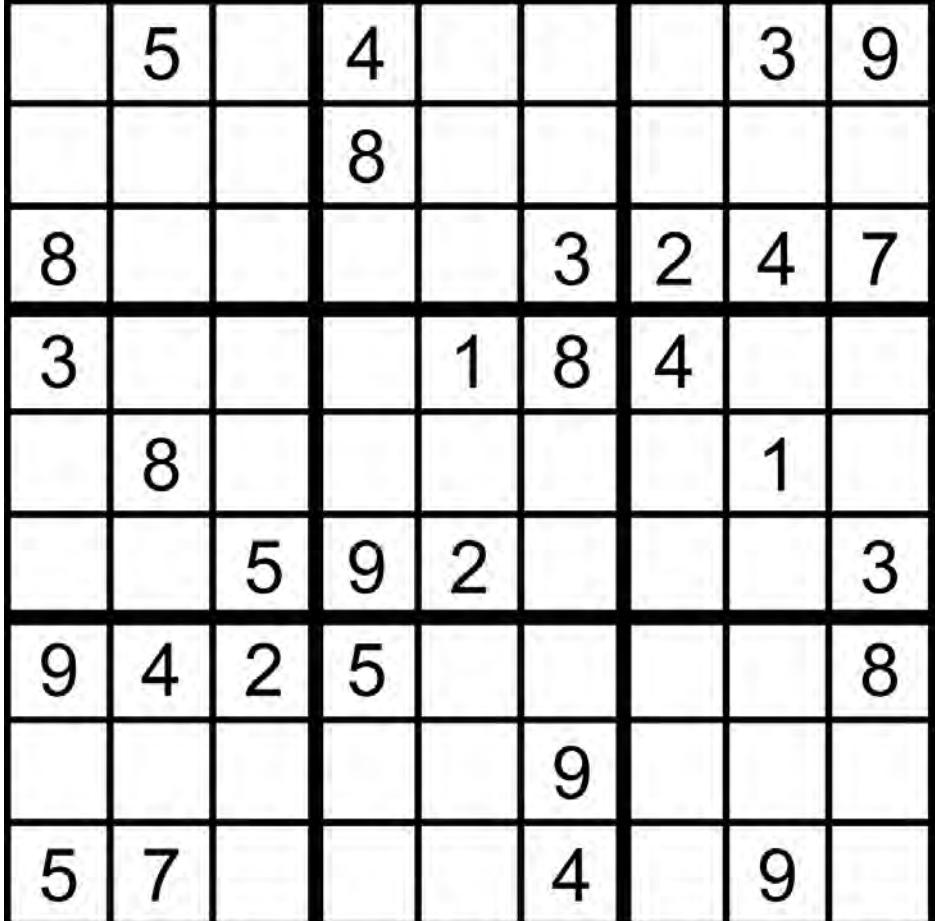
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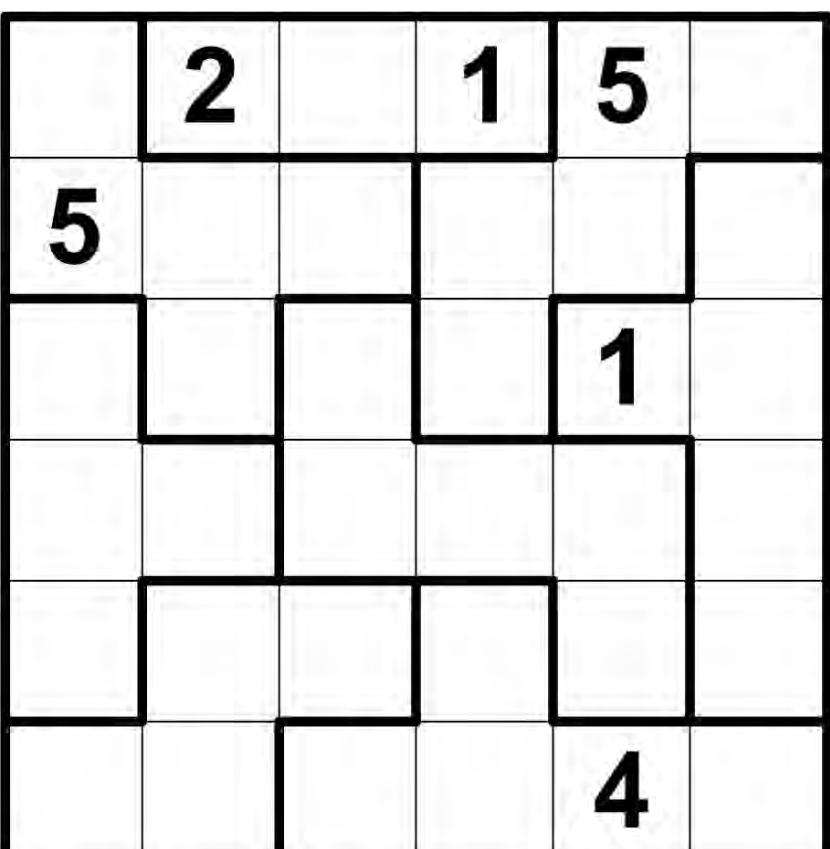
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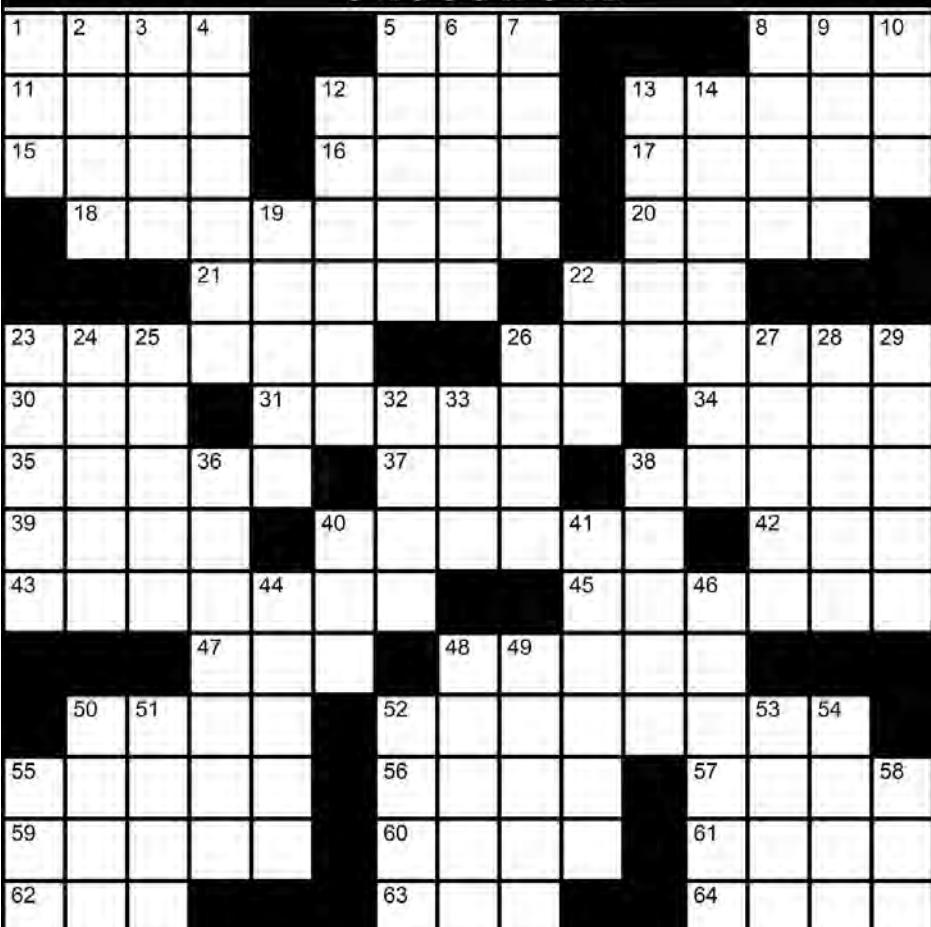
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- Hankering
- At the summit of
- Glass ingredient
- TV and radio
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- Low-ranking worker
- Pinnacle
- Pig's digs
- *Royal procession carriage
- E in baseball box score
- **"Wheel in the Sky" band
- Star bursts
- "_____ Elise"
- Suez or Panama
- Carl Jung's inner self
- *Type of locomotive
- Surfer's stop
- Like anchor aweigh
- Easternmost state
- Serengeti grazer
- *Perambulator, for short
- Black and white sea bird
- *Ancient Greek ride
- Top of a steeple
- Kitchen meas.
- Reunion attendees
- Poets' feet
- Smaller size than small
- *a.k.a. water wheel
- Hole-borer
- Baby's first word?
- Speedy steed
- Boorish
- Russian autocrat
- 90-degree pipes, e.g.
- "Peace Train" singer-songwriter
- Increase

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MOVIES WITH SPIRIT TO SHOW 'THE INTOUCHABLES' JULY 13

Omar Sy, left, and François Cluzet star in the award-winning French comedy drama "The Intouchables," based on an inspiring true story. The film is to be screened at 7 p.m. July 13 at the Kingston Library, 61 Crown St. in Kingston, as part of the Movies With Spirit community film series. Courtesy photo by Weinstein Co.

Opening reception for 'Fluid Fusion' July 13 at LAND Gallery in Pawling



An opening reception for "Fluid Fusion: An Artistic Journey through Color & Creativity" by Christy Bonaiuto will be held on July 13 at LAND Gallery in Pawling. Pictured: "Jellyfish" by Christy Bonaiuto. Courtesy of the artist

LAND Gallery in Pawling, and the Sherman Artists Association announce a new show, "Fluid Fusion: An Artistic Journey Through Color & Creativity" by Christy Bonaiuto. Her acrylic pour painting designs of fluid movement and ever-changing patterns are creations of color and delight. Her camera captures are breathtaking. The opening reception is Saturday, July 13, 3-5pm and an artist demonstration Sunday, July 14, 1-2pm. The show is from July 5 - 31, 2024. For more information, visit www.landgalleryonline.com or www.ShermanArtists.org.

"I start with an idea in my mind and the art decides where to take me!" says Bonaiuto. "It is a fun journey with colors and emotions that brings me through the other side to a unique one-of-a-kind piece of art." Her acrylic pour painting has been a gateway into the resin world in which she also create jewelry, games and other treasured gifts. She has also been a photographer for over 18 years, expanding from nature photography to people and enjoys capturing special moments.

Bonaiuto has a bachelor's degree in Journalism Layout Design with an emphasis in public relations from the University of Oklahoma. She is a member of The Great Hollow Photographers Club, Sherman Artists Association, Gallery 25 in New Milford and a board member on the Sherman Commission for the Arts in Sherman, Conn.

The Sherman Artists Association is sponsoring the Featured Artist Shows at LAND Gallery which includes the work of some of the most highly regarded photographers and painters in the local area. There is also a curated artisanal gift shop that sells a selection of locally handmade fine art and gifts. The Gallery is located in the heart of the Village of Pawling and does photography workshops, walks and other artistic events. Find us at: 30 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling.

For more information about the Sherman Artists Association, visit www.ShermanArtists.org.

For more information, visit www.landgalleryonline.com or Facebook: LANDGalleryinPawling.

Gen. Montgomery House Museum open on Saturdays in July



The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday in July and August 1, 13 and 17. The House, located at 77 Livingston Street, is the oldest clapboard house in the village of Rhinebeck. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston Montgomery,

resided there in 1773 while building Grasmere. This is an opportunity to view the many items that have been donated over the years.

Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. For more information, call 845-871-1777.

-Courtesy photo

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

Calling all young artists for the Hyde Park Library's July-August gallery display! They are asking the youngest community members to reflect on the summer reading library theme, "Adventure Begins at your Library" through art.

Children and teens of all ages are encouraged to participate. All other artworks will be due at the library on July 12. Sign up at hydeparklibrary.org.



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A Celebration of Literature at Ancram Center for the Arts July 13-14

Finished your Netflix queue and unsure what to watch next? Uninspired by the offerings at the local movie theater? Here's an antidote to the summer screen blahs: live readings of electrifying fiction over two days at Ancram Center for the Arts.

On Saturday, July 13 at 7:30pm, Crystal Radio Sessions, the curated fiction reading series back for its sixth season at the Center, will feature these notable writers: Jo Ann Beard (Maybe It Happened and The Longest Night); Jackelyn Hoy (Breaking); and Kyra Simone (The Smallest of Hearths). Actors Thomas Rothacker and Erin Lindsey Krom will conjure a Paris apartment fire, a childhood afternoon, a woman's goodbye to her best friend, and an encounter with a mysterious babysitter.

On Sunday, July 14, at 3:00pm, Ancram Center will host a 150th birthday celebration for Willa Cather (1873-1947), one of the most singular and treasured American writers of the 20th century. A peer of Edith Wharton who was admired by Henry James, Hemingway and Faulkner, Cather was an author who wrote against the grain of her own cultural moment, when Modernist experimentation was in vogue. Sticking to her own style, Cather wrote in steadfast, even plain language about the lives of settlers

on the prairies during the homesteading era of the late 19th century. In recent years scholars have rediscovered Cather's groundbreaking fiction (O Pioneers!, My Ántonia, One of Ours, The Professor's House, Death Comes for the Archbishop) and consider her to be a canonical American writer. This performance, created in partnership with the Willa Cather Foundation and directed by Darrah Cloud, features readings from Cather's fiction and letters performed by actors Dean Temple and Anne Undeland. The performance follows readings at Symphony Space (hosted by Ken Burns, a huge advocate for her work), Boston Athenaeum, New York Society Library, Kaatsbaan Arts Center, and UCLA.

Tickets for both events are available at www.ancramcenter.org.

Ancram Center for the Arts is an award-winning theater located in New York's Hudson Valley. Housed in an historic Grange Hall, Ancram Center has since 2016 presented groundbreaking theater and musical performances by nationally recognized theater artists. Ancram Center for the Arts receives significant annual support from the New York State Council on the Arts and in 2023 was awarded a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. For tickets and information visit www.ancramcenter.org.

HUDSON VALLEY POLLINATOR GUIDE JULY 18

Hudson Valley Pollinator Guide will be held at the Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. Avalon Bunge, ecological restoration projects manager with Partners for Climate Action, will provide an overview and action guide.

The library is at 82 Kelly St. in Rhinecliff.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)
Mon. 07/15, Mon. 07/22, Mon. 07/29
at 9:30 AM

Wed. 07/10, Wed. 07/17, Wed. 07/24.
Wed. 07/31 at 9:30 AM

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Storytime on the Dot
Tue. 07/16, Tue. 07/23, Tue. 07/30 at 10:30 AM

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Audience: Children & Caregivers

Mah Jongg
Tue. 07/16, Tue. 07/23, Tue. 07/30 at 2:00-4:00 PM

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels are welcome. (Optimistic Aging)

Audience: Adults & Seniors

All Level Yoga (in person & online)
Wed. 07/10, Wed. 07/17, Wed. 07/24.
Wed. 07/31 (online)

Sun. 07/14, Sun. 07/21, Sun. 07/28

10:00 AM (in person or online)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. You may also participate online. Please plan according to your comfort and needs as class is held indoors.

Audience: Adults & Young Adults

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)
(Optimistic Aging)
Fri. 07/12, Fri. 07/19, Fri. 07/26 at 11:00 AM

Join Samantha for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-495-0755.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Zumba
Sat. 07/13, Sat. 07/20, Sat. 07/27 at 9:00 AM

Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Audience: Adults

Free Tech Help
Thu. 07/11, Thu. 07/18, Thu. 07/25
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Thursdays this Summer between 1PM - 5 PM or call the library at (845)-495-0755 to book an appointment.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club
July Selection: The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James

Thursday July 11, at 2:00 PM

Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Global Literature Book Club
July Selection: A Shining by Jon Fosse

Monday July 15 at 7 PM

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focuses on exploring the world through literature. We discuss novels from around the globe, selected by members of the club. These works provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

Audience: Adults

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Abstract Art

Saturday July 13 10:30 AM

Art full of emotion! After looking at various pieces of abstract art, create your own work of art based on an emotion you choose. What colors represent that emotion? What types of line, shape, texture? Learn how mistakes can transform into purposeful looking marks and how different colors and mark making skills can convey many emotions while exploring the world of abstraction.

Audience: Kids & Teens, All Ages

Advanced Care Planning Seminar with Hudson Valley Hospice

Monday July 15 11:00 AM

Hudson Valley Hospice and the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State believe end of life care decisions should be available to all regardless of ethnicity, race or religion. Join us on Monday, July 15th at 11AM for some light refreshments and a conversation with Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, Lisa Wilson, about the importance of making your health care choices known.

Lunch & Learn: The Borscht Belt Artifacts from the Catskills Resort Age

Thursday July 18 12:30 PM

Did you ever visit one of the famous Catskill Resort Hotels of Sullivan or Ulster Counties? Do you remember the golf courses and swimming pools, well-manicured lawns, ballrooms, and theaters? Of course, we cannot also forget the famous or someday-to-be famous comedians and other performers who entertained the guests and the delicious food that has traveled around the world. These institutions that once populated the famed Borscht Belt were cultural melting pots bringing the best elements of entertainment, cuisine, and hospitality together. As each hotel closed, it is often through only the remaining artifacts that we can visualize the hearts and hands that shaped this exciting past.

Come remember these memories with Alex Prizgintas on July 18 2024. A historian, musician and lecturer.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

AARP Driving Course

Monday July 22 at 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Take the AARP Smart Driver classroom course and you could save 10% on your car insurance!

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See website for registration details

Audience: All Ages

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Yoga with Kristin

Sundays @ 10:00 am

All levels welcome in cozy Morton Hall. The classes are breath-based with an emphasis on thoughtful sequencing and alignment so that practitioners can move with stability, awareness, and grace. This is a drop-in class and all are welcome. Please bring your yoga mat, a blanket, and blocks if you like. \$12 suggested donation; You can purchase a pre-paid card for 10 sessions and get a free 11th class via check or PayPal.

Knit 'n Knatter

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 3 p.m.

Come to knit, crochet or just for the confab. We will drop purls, collaborate on projects, and work on our own. We'll meet in Morton Hall where there is plenty of room to spread out. All are welcome.

Marcia Bricker Halperin Photos

"Kibbitz & Nosh:
New York City's Vanishing Cafeterias" Exhibition: July 10 - August 20

Kibbitz & Nosh is Marcia Bricker Halperin's photographic series and recently published book that showcases the character and charm of New York City's classic self-serve restaurants. Filled with memorable faces, she created portraits that captured the liveliness and sorrow of urban life. Paying homage to their unique architectural features, colorful signage, and eclectic interiors, the black and white archival prints capture the essence of iconic establishments such as Dubrow's Cafeteria, Horn & Hardart Automats, and the Garden Cafeteria on the Lower East Side, as they faced the challenges of a rapidly changing city between 1975 and 1985.

The images celebrate the cultural significance of these gathering places while highlighting their ongoing struggle for

survival amid the city's ever-evolving landscape.

Marcia Bricker Halperin is a lifelong Brooklynite and frequent Rhinecliff visitor. Her photographs have been included in several exhibitions including the Brooklyn Museum, International Center of Photography, and the Edward Hopper House Museum.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.marcibricker.com/>.

No Joke Improv

Saturday, July 13 @ 7:00 pm

Come see The Improv Comics perform games such as Whose Line, Scenes From a Hat, Secret, Bad Day, and Doo-Wop. Everything you see will be made up on the spot. Show may not be suitable for all audiences. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

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Partners for Climate Action Present:
"PollinateHV Action Guide"

Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for a deep dive into the Hudson Valley Pollinator Action Guide, a project of Partners for Climate Action (PCA).

Avalon Bunge, Ecological Restoration Projects Manager at PCA, will provide an overview and orientation to the Action Guide, your go-to resource for protecting threatened native pollinators using locally native plant species. This comprehensive online toolkit is designed to support gardeners and land managers at all scales in creating pollinator habitat, from small urban gardens to multi-acre wildflower meadows. The Action Guide covers a variety of techniques for site selection and preparation, plant selection and sourcing, and project installation and management; and includes an in-depth plant list targeted to support nearly 100 of the Hudson Valley's most vulnerable pollinators.

We'll also discuss practical lessons learned from four "case study" plantings installed in 2023.

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show

Friday, July 19 @ 8:00 pm

Featuring: talented local musicians. Donations to benefit Morton are suggested.

Artist Talk with Marcia Bricker Halperin

"Kibbitz & Nosh:

New York City's Vanishing Cafeterias" Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:30 pm

Please join Marcia Bricker Halperin for an author talk on Kibbitz & Nosh: When We All Met at Dubrow's Cafeteria. The book unfolds in the mid-1970s as a photographic series and book about a unique dining establishment that was

more than just a place to eat for a generation of Jewish New Yorkers.

The book is a recent winner of an award from the Jewish Book Council.

The project began when Ms. Halperin sought refuge in Dubrow's Cafeteria, during the depths of winter, from a photography project capturing street life in her Brooklyn neighborhood. The interior of the cafeteria was grand and ultra-modernistic, with huge windows, mirrored and mosaic walls, sweeping amoeba-shaped ceilings and atmospheric murals. Filled with memorable faces, she created portraits that captured the liveliness and sorrow of urban life in that vanished world.

Registration requested. We will have books available for purchase

For additional information, please visit <https://www.marcibricker.com/>.

Oblong Books Presents:

Laura van den Berg,

STATE OF PARADISE: A Novel in conversation with Paul Yoon

Thursday, July 25 @ 6:30 pm (at Morton)

Laura van den Berg's State of Paradise is an interlocking and page-turning whirlwind. She will talk with author Paul Yoon about her new novel that tells a ghostly story, far stranger than either reality or fiction.

Laura van den Berg is the author of the story collections What the World Will Look Like When All the Water Leaves Us, The Isle of Youth, and I Hold a Wolf by the Ears, which was named one of the ten best fiction books of 2020 by TIME, and the novels Find Me and The Third Hotel, which was a finalist for the New York Public Library Young Lions Fiction Award and named a best book of 2018 by more than a dozen publications. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Strauss Living Award and a Rosenthal Family Foundation Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Bard Fiction Prize, a PEN/O. Henry Award, and a MacDowell Colony Fellowship, and is a two-time finalist for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award.

Paul Yoon is the author of The Hive and the Honey, Once the Shore, which was a New York Times Notable Book; Snow Hunters, which won the Young Lions Fiction Award; The Mountain, which was an NPR Best Book of the Year; and Run Me to Earth, which was one of Time's Must-Read Books of 2020 and longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. A recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, he lives in the Hudson Valley, New York. .

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COLLEGE NOTES

LEWISBURG, PA – Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. Local students include:

Cameron Baravalle of Millbrook, 2024, International Relations and Italian Studies;

Josie Duggan of Millbrook, 2026, International Relations and Spanish;

Alexander Marks of Poughkeepsie, 2027, Civil Engineering;

Katie McAvoy of Poughquag, 2027, Mathematics;

Dana Nguyen of Stormville, 2026, Economics and Psychology.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

LEWISBURG, PA – Bucknell University celebrated nearly 900 graduates from the Class of 2024 on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Cameron Baravalle of Millbrook received a B.A. in International Relations.

The class represents over 60 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engineering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 32 U.S. states and 21 nations.

NEW PALTZ, NY – UNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Local students include Kiersten Barkstrom of Red Hook, Ariana Bianchini of Pleasant Valley, Syd Bonelli of Hyde Park, Kevin Briccio of Salt Point, David Brown of Pleasant Valley, Danielle Bunn of Pleasant Valley, Olivia Burgevin Hallstein of Tivoli, Abigail Canales Castrejon of Tivoli, Matthew Colton of Hyde Park, James Derbyshire of Rhinebeck, Emily Gormley of Poughkeepsie, Anna Hampston of Pleasant Valley, Taylor Moshinski of Rhinebeck, Johnny Ngo of Poughkeepsie, Michelle Vera of Poughkeepsie.

WEST HARTFORD, CT – The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 964 students received graduate and undergraduate degrees as part of the class of 2024.

Among the members of the graduating class are:

Zachary Glynn, Poughquag - College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts;

Darien Tanner, Poughkeepsie - College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions - Bachelor of Science.

BOSTON, MA – Emmanuel College in Boston has named Madison Lapine of Clinton Corners to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

WEST HARTFORD, CT – Leah Sucato of Hyde Park has received the degree of Master of Science from the University of Hartford's College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions.

Leah is one of 964 students who received graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the class of 2024.

NEW YORK, NY – Michael J. Kaake of Hyde Park graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in May 2024 as a Presidential Scholar with a degree in Advertising and Design.

ALLENBROOK, PA – Congratulations to Muhlenberg College students named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Local students include Serena Albahary of Rhinebeck.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

FLINT, MI – Jacqueline Kocik graduated from Kettering University during its 2024 commencement ceremony on June 15 at the historic Atwood Stadium. Kocik, of Red Hook, earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

ROCHESTER, NY – The following students were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Juliana Pucci of Pleasant Valley, who is in the 3D digital design program.

Daisy Matus of Millerton, who is in the biomedical engineering program.

Emma-Rose Scagnelli of Clinton Corners, who is in the biomedical sciences program.

Meredith Michetti of Pine Plains, who is in the biotechnology and molecular bioscience program.

Job Sava of Salt Point, who is in the computer engineering program.

Lily O'Carroll of Amenia, who is in the computer science program.

Kelly Scattergood of Rhinebeck, who is in the environmental sustainability, health and safety program.

Kujo Seymour of Red Hook, who is in the environmental sustainability, health and safety program.

Andrew Jameison of Red Hook, who is in the game design and development program.

Sean Goodman of Hyde Park, who is in the mechanical engineering program.

Jake Halpern of Rhinebeck, who is in the mechanical engineering program.

Max Weiler of Red Hook, who is in the mechanical engineering program.

Alexander Gruber of Red Hook, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Paavo Hegley of Staatsburg, who is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

Matthew Dignan of Millbrook, who is in the packaging science program.

Joshua Bay of Pine Plains, who is in the software engineering program.

Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

ROCHESTER, NY – Rochester Institute of Technology conferred nearly 4,500 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2023-2024 academic year. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May.

The following local residents received degrees:

Matt Haering of Pleasant Valley received an MS in applied statistics.

Paavo Hegley of Staatsburg received a BS in mechanical engineering technology.

Alexander Gruber of Red Hook received a BS in mechanical engineering technology.

Juliana Pucci of Pleasant Valley received a BFA in 3D digital design.

Emma-Rose Scagnelli of Clinton Corners received a BS in biomedical sciences.

ELMIRA, NY – Alexander Gross of Hyde Park was among the graduates celebrated at the 166th Elmira College Commencement on Sunday, May 19. Gross earned a Bachelor of Science.

Robbin Gerber of Holmes was among the graduates celebrated at the 166th Elmira College Commencement on Sunday, May 19. Gerber earned a Bachelor of Arts.

ALLENBROOK, PA – Congratulations to Muhlenberg College's Class of 2024! The College's Commencement honored graduates in a ceremony held in downtown Allentown's PPL Center on May 19. Local students include:

Jane Carney of Red Hook: Jane Carney graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. - Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Dance Major and Philosophy Major.

Serena Albahary of Rhinebeck: Serena Albahary graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. - Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Dance Major.

Riley McHale of Lagrangeville: Riley McHale graduated with a B.A. - Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Finance Major and a Business Administration Minor.

ONEONTA, NY – Edward Sablinski of Pleasant Valley was recognized with a platinum-level leadership milestone through SUNY Oneonta's Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program. Sablinski is studying Psychology at SUNY Oneonta.

ONEONTA, NY – Isabella Torre of Clinton Corners was recognized with a silver-level leadership milestone through SUNY Oneonta's Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program. Torre is studying Psychology at SUNY Oneonta.

SCRANTON, PA – Filacheck of Lagrangeville was among The University of Scranton's outstanding master's and doctoral degree graduates recognized at its graduate commencement events the weekend of May 17-19. Filacheck received the Outstanding Student Award for Special Education.

ONEONTA, NY – Two hundred fifty-seven SUNY Oneonta students earned Provost's List honors for the spring 2024 semester, including these local students: Kathryn Johnston of Poughkeepsie, Alexander LaFalce-Dooling of Poughkeepsie, Thomas Rzeznik of Stormville, Alex Santana of Pawling, Tyler Tompkins of Wingdale, Catherine Wellington of Dover Plains, Hannah Williams of Stormville, and Arman Yasin of Lagrangeville.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

TROY, NY – Nearly 900 students were named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Local students who received this recognition include:

Jillian Foreman of Hyde Park, who is studying in the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography academic program.

Mariah Oviatt of Hyde Park, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program.

Tara Wagner of Red Hook, who is studying in the Nursing academic program.

Syndi Koster of Rhinebeck, who is studying in the Respiratory Care academic program.

Claire Finnegan of Rhinebeck, who is studying in the Nursing academic program.

Hailey Putorti of Staatsburg, who is

studying in the Dental Hygiene academic program.

The Dean's List recognizes those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of 3.00 to less than 3.50 and who received no grade of "D," "F," "I," "Z," or "W" on their record for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

TROY, NY – More than 1,500 students were named to the Spring 2024 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Local students include:

Ryan Romani of Hyde Park, who is studying in the Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technical Services academic program.

Zinnia Cintron of Hyde Park, who is studying in the Health Information Management and Technology academic program.

Kaitlyn Cope of Millerton, who is studying in the Health Sciences academic program.

Thomas Dunlavey of Millerton, who is studying in the Public Administration Studies academic program.

Kaylee Shufelt of Millerton, who is studying in the Polysomnography academic program.

Megan Meccariello of Pine Plains, who is studying in the Accounting academic program.

Benjamin Winstral of Red Hook, who is studying in the Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technical Services academic program.

Amber Greer of Salt Point, who is studying in the Dental Assisting academic program.

Gabriella Grant of Tivoli, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Peyton Grant of Tivoli, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Alexander Hedhili of Wassaic, who is studying in the Exercise Science academic program.

Each fall and spring term, the college's President's List names those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of between 3.5 and 4.0 and who received no grade of "D," "F," "I," "Z," or "W" on their record for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

ONEONTA, NY – Two hundred fifty-seven SUNY Oneonta students earned Provost's List honors for the spring 2024 semester, including local students Leah Brody of Red Hook and NJ O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

ONEONTA, NY – More than 1,100 SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean's List honors for the spring 2024 semester, including local students Alycia Camacho of Pleasant Valley, Madison Knapp of Red Hook, Thomas Westpfal of Pine Plains, Christopher Whitten of Salt Point, and Joshua Youngquist of Rhinebeck.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

WILKES-BARRE, PA – Aiden Plant of Salt Point was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the spring 2024 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

OBITUARIES

Suzanne A. Brand

CLINTON CORNERS - Suzanne A. Brand, 85, a local resident for over 60 years, died June 24, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie.

Born January 28, 1939, in Plymouth, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Albert E. and Melba T. (Buecker) Weber.

Suzanne graduated from Bremen, Indiana schools and went on to get a nursing degree in 1961 from Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. She loved nursing and worked at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie for almost twenty years before she had to retire due to her health in 1980.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park where she enjoyed chairing the Hostess Committee for many years along with cooking dinner for the Men's Club. Her love was always shared through her cooking whether it was at home or in a public forum. She took great pleasure in cooking for the West Point Military Band when they came to Hyde Park for the summer concert series. She created beautiful and delicious cakes for special events.

Suzanne was a gifted artist whose paintings hang in various homes. She loved flowers which was evident in the gardens she created as well as her involvement in the Vanderbilt Garden Association.

She was active in the Mid-Hudson Lyme Disease Support Group for many years and spent countless hours researching and creating educational materials.

Mrs. Brand loved creating through arts and crafting and spoke of new ideas through her final days in the hospital. She designed many of the features at her home and there was nothing she couldn't do until her health began to deteriorate.

The phone was her connection to people in her later years, and she enjoyed keeping in touch with her high school classmates, family and friends.

On June 30, 1962, in Bremen, Indiana, she married Ronald P. Brand. They lived for a time in Burlington, Vermont (Ron's hometown) before moving to the Hudson Valley. Mr. Brand survives at home.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two children, Christine K. Brand of Clinton Corners, and Terrance A. Brand and wife, Trina A., of Derry, NH; and grandson, Thaddeus A. Brand.

She is also survived by her two sisters, Patricia Vroom of Indiana, and Jeanne Crowe and husband, James, of Arizona, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family appreciates the care she received during her final weeks at both Northern Dutchess Hospital and then finally at Vassar. She fought so hard for so long and is now at peace.

In keeping with her wishes, there were no calling hours and graveside services and burial were private in the Lake View

Cemetery, Burlington, Vermont.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. (www.cancer.org). She would have also appreciated anyone making blood and platelet donations as she spoke of that during her final week on earth.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfunalralhome.com.

Parker Gentry

MILLBROOK - Parker Gentry, 64, died July 2, 2024, after a brief illness. She was at her home in Millbrook, New York, surrounded by her family.

Encircled by friends was also how Parker lived, and often they were joined by horses, dogs, golf clubs, skis, tennis rackets, polo mallets, shotguns and fly rods. She was Joint Master of the Millbrook Hunt for 15 years and was a beloved and popular presence in every aspect of the Dutchess County sporting and social scene.

She was both tomboy and bombshell. As down to earth as she was elegant, and as energetic and enthusiastic as a young spaniel, of which she had two. Ever seeking adventure with a dose of mischief along the way, she could have been a heroine from the pages of a romance novel.

Parker was as real and authentic as her soft Southern accent, as brave as a lioness, and as funny and bawdy as the jokes she told - of which the punchlines were often delivered with one of her signature contagious laughs.

Born December 26, 1959, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Parker was raised in Asheville on her family's farm by Hugh and Martha Gentry. She got her first BB gun at 7 and traded up from there, shooting clays and joining in local quail hunts and dove shoots. With an upbringing between the two towns, Parker and her three siblings were raised in beautiful rural settings but were also exposed to the prosperous tobacco, textile, and banking industries of the South.

Parker went on to study Political Science and Economics and graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1982.

After school, Parker moved to New York City and made a career of her love of guns and the outdoors working for the erstwhile Harris Publications, then publisher of numerous titles including those specializing in guns and hunting. In the 2011 book Chicks with Guns by Lindsay McCrum, Parker tells a tale on herself that captures both her competitive spirit and her humility, with humor and grace: Asked to join a prestigious ladies sporting clays team, she was confident in her ability (in shooting and in all things) to watch the experts and to mimic them. In her first contest in the Federation Internationale

de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse (FITASC), she marveled at her luck in having France's best shot on her squad. When her turn came, she set up for every target exactly as he had. "It wasn't until I missed 25 targets that a teammate pointed out that, in fact, he was a left-handed shooter. Once I recovered from my embarrassment, I decided to learn to shoot my own game."

Parker was fearless and full of life. She was always making plans, hosting gatherings, seeing friends, flying across the world for a safari or a ski run (off-piste of course). If you had a dollar for every woman who fancied being Parker and for every man who just plain fancied her, you'd be wealthy indeed. And that is fine. But those same folks would tell you that Parker's friendship was wealth beyond measure.

Surviving Parker are sisters Elizabeth (Bill) St. John (Cullman, Alabama) and Catherine Madison Gentry (Millbrook, New York) and brother Hugh Gentry (Honolulu, Hawaii), nephew and nieces John, Elizabeth and Ava Quartararo and Hunter and Parker Gentry.

A service will be held at the Mashomack Preserve Club Wednesday July 10th, 2024 at 4:00pm.

For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook.

Joyce K. Kerzner

LAGRANGEVILLE - Joyce K. Kerzner, 82, an area resident since 1963, passed away on June 28, 2024 at the Grand at Pawling.

Born in New York City on December 11, 1941, Joyce was the daughter of the late David and Lillian (Valentine) King and grew up on Long Island. Joyce was employed as a secretary in the athletic department of Arlington High School for over 23 years, and then continued to work as a substitute into her 70s! She was the only non-athlete inducted into the Arlington Athletic Hall of Fame.

Joyce enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, and visited destinations including Russia, China, South America, and Europe. She was also an avid gardener. Most of all, she was a proud grandmother, and dedicated her time to attending their games and events.

On April 20, 1963 At Our Lady of Assumption Church in Copiague, Long Island, Joyce married Kenneth J. Kerzner. She is survived by Kenneth after being happily married for 61 years. She is also survived by her children, Christine Dondero and her husband John of Greenville, SC, Matthew Kerzner of Memphis, MO, and Gregory Kerzner and his wife Lauren of Red Hook; her grandchildren, Lindsey and Michael, Regan, and Karl and Madeline; her sister, Janet Jaeger; her former daughter-in-law, Nancy Kerzner; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, July 2 with a service. Please visit Joyce's Book of Memories at www.mchoufuneral-home.com.

Delevan F. Wolcott

RED HOOK - Delevan F. Wolcott was born on November 24, 1929 in Red Hook, NY. He was the son of Florence (Stickles) Wolcott and Frank C. Wolcott.

After graduating from Red Hook High School, he married Judy Tappen of Germantown. He worked on the family farm in the Town of Milan before transitioning to the construction trade. He eventually started his own building business, Wolcott Builders, constructing high-end residential homes in the area for over 40 years. Wolcott Builders continues under family ownership to this day and is one of the largest custom residential building companies in the Northern Dutchess County area. Del was also involved in creating subdivisions at Kerr Road, Hinterlands, and Buttonwood in the Rhinebeck area, and Echo Valley and Trow Boulevard in the Red Hook area.

Del was instrumental in the originating Roe-Jan Sand and Gravel in the Town of Milan. He served several years on the Town of Rhinebeck Board as a Councilman and as a Director of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank from 1974 to 1999. He enjoyed working with his horses, both riding and driving. Del and Judy played an integral role in planning and maintaining horse trails for the Rhinebeck Landsman Kill Trail (LKTA).

In addition to his wife Judith (Tappen) Wolcott, he is survived by a son, Albert Wolcott (spouse: Barbara), two daughters, Holly W. Mauskapf and Stacy W. Tomaselli (Mike). He is survived by eight grandchildren, Alicia Fofana (Salim), F. Lucas Wolcott, Sara Weinberg (Lee), Hayley Carlock (Adam), Michael Mauskapf (Rachel), Adam Mauskapf (Megan), Wesley Tomaselli, and Travis Tomaselli (Sam), and 11 great grandchildren. He is survived by sister, Vivian Quinn of Poughkeepsie and many nieces and nephews.

Del was predeceased by sisters, Lucille Holden, Arlene Farrell, and Doris Lawson, as well as a nephew, Ray Farrell and nieces, Joanne Evans, Kathleen Mahoney, Bonnie Molinaro, and Mary Quinn.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

Friends and family called on Friday, July 5, 2024 at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 6 at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook. Burial immediately followed at Elizaville Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

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(7/1/2024)
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Funds raised from each light adopted endows the care of the light for five years and directly enhances the park and its surroundings

For the first time, the community is invited to participate in a unique naming opportunity at Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park and "adopt" one of the 454 solar lights that adorn the bridge's northern railing. When a light is adopted, the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization installs a personalized plaque on the light with a customizable message for all to see. Solar lights are available for adoption with a donation of \$1,500 and all funds raised will maintain each light and its surroundings for five years.

"The Walkway is a place where people from all walks of life can come together and be on equal footing. It's a place where neighbors meet, friends gather, and

strangers can become friends," said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway. "The Adopt-A-Light program not only helps us raise vital funds to directly support our programs, operations, and maintenance, it's also an extraordinary way for Walkway supporters to let every visitor know what the park means to them."

Adopting a light is the ideal way to commemorate a special occasion, share a birthday wish, welcome a new baby, congratulate a graduate, honor someone important, make a marriage proposal, or let the Hudson Valley know that you love the Walkway and want to see it thrive. Each light is individually numbered from 001 - 454, allowing adopters to choose one significant to them, and with lights spanning the entirety of the 1.28-mile span, you can choose your view, too.

Each installed plaque measures 4" tall by 12" wide and is affixed to the light of the donor's choosing. Inscriptions can be a maximum of 44 characters, with 22 centered in each row. This tax-deductible, exclusive naming opportunity is open to individuals, families, and local businesses.

In 2022, the Friends of the Walkway

and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation engineered and installed 454 custom-designed solar lights to the northern railing of Walkway Over the Hudson. These lights improve safety and security in the park, enhance popular events like Walkway at Night and the July 4th Fireworks Spectacular, and illuminate the Walkway to the Hudson Valley after dark.

For complete information and to begin the process of adopting a light, visit walkway.org/adopt.

About Friends of the Walkway Over the Hudson

Supported by a diverse coalition of members, donors, and corporate sponsors, the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization is responsible for raising funds to enhance The Walkway Experience, support capital improvements, and host innovative events that engage Hudson Valley residents and visitors while contributing to the vitality of the region. Working in close partnership with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Bridge Authority, activities supported by the Friends of the Walkway include the volunteer

Ambassador program, electric tram, tours of the bridge, interpretative signage in the park, providing accurate and important information to visitors via the Walkway's website and social media channels, the Walkway's membership and merchandise offerings, and much more. To learn more about how your support can improve the Walkway Over the Hudson and the communities of Poughkeepsie and Highland, visit walkway.org.

About Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

Connecting the City of Poughkeepsie and the Hamlet of Highland in the Hudson Valley region of New York State, Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is a renowned tourism and recreation destination visited by more than 620,000 people each year. Standing 212 feet above the river's surface and more than 6,700 feet (1.28 miles) long, the Walkway is the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. The park provides unique access to the Hudson River's breathtaking landscape for pedestrians, hikers, joggers, bicyclists, and people with disabilities. The park is open daily from 7 a.m. until sunset, weather permitting. For more information, visit walkway.org.

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