

Professional soccer
star Tyler Adams
conducts local clinic

By Morgan E. Maier



Professional soccer player Tyler Adams encourages a youngster during a clinic at Martz Field, now known as the "Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch." Photo by David McIntyre

Players huddle along the yellow-capped fence at Martz Field balancing on soccer balls for a better view. Through the links, a small voice's "What's up, Tyler?" is promptly returned with a wave from Tyler Adams.

The U.S. men's national soccer team captain shared much more on July 8 as he hosted a soccer clinic at Wappinger's Martz Field. For decades, it has been the town's summer backdrop. Here, Adams once traversed cones and dreamed of a soccer career at every chop and turn. Now known as the "Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch," the field will undergo a full refurbishment with no cost to the town or its players, from Scotts Lawn Service and Every Kid Sports.

The heat hardly simmered the excitement, as little ones with backpacks larger than their bodies stretched their hands to give Adams a high five, or a notebook to sign, before warming up. Smiles etched on small faces, parents beamed, and whistles blew, signifying a rise of hope. It's all about the hope that any

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Remembering Lynn Golden – 15th
Hyde Park Car Show set Sunday

By Alexander Tsahalis

The 15th annual Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show is happening this coming Sunday, July 20, at the old Hyde Park Motors site on Route 9. Classic, antique and vintage autos will be on display and competing to win prizes. This year's show is dedicated to the memory of Lynn Golden, one of the founders of the car show, and a lifelong car enthusiast who passed away in April.

"We spent 60 years together and we were involved with cars all our lives," says George Golden, Lynn's husband. "I met my wife back in high school when she moved here from the San Diego area. The Beach Boys and car music were always big in California, and I was involved with cars, and we just kind of hit it off."

Lynn and George were big fans of cars from the late 1950s, '60s, and '70s, especially muscle and pony cars. Muscle cars are a group of American cars that have two doors and a powerful engine.

Pony cars are much like muscle cars, except they tend to be smaller and sportier.

"I used to have a 1963 Chevy super sport convertible and Chevy 409s, cars like that," says Golden. "I was always into Chevys, but my wife always loved her Fords, especially her Mustangs. She owned a 1965 Mustang convertible for years, and then one day she decided to sell it, and she picked up a 2016 orange Mustang convertible."

Over the past 20 years, Lynn and George worked to share their love of cars with others. They started the Wednesday night "car cruise" in Hyde Park and were instrumental in the creation of the car show.

"We were involved in starting the first car show along with Stu Davis," says Golden. "We went to the Chamber of Commerce president, John Coppola, who said it was a good idea, and that's how everything started."

Lynn and George had always loved to help at car shows, and Lynn became a

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Lynn Golden stands next to her Ford Mustang convertible in the above photo. She was one of the founders of the annual Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show, and this year's event is dedicated to her memory. Courtesy photo

Rhinebeck Grange sets
125th Anniversary Celebration



Rhinebeck Grange #896 was established on November 12, 1900. Pictured above is the Rhinebeck Grange Hall (now a law office). Courtesy photo

Rhinebeck Grange #896 will celebrate 125 years of community service during Rhinecliff First Friday on August 1, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Rhinecliff Memorial Circle, 82 Kelly Street.

The event will include food, good old-fashioned fun, and music by Hudson Crossing, a high-energy bluegrass band featuring foot-stomping tunes and slow, end-of-a-long-lonely-day tunes too. Three-part harmony is at the core of this five-piece band that stays true to the traditional sounds played by the likes

of Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, and the Stanley Brothers.

The concert is free, but bring your own chair.

The BBQ Dinner is available for \$15 per plate with choice of pulled pork or chicken and two sides, a beverage, and dessert. Purchase tickets onsite at The Epicurean.

Proceeds will benefit Rhinebeck Grange #896.

For more information, call (845) 876-5738.

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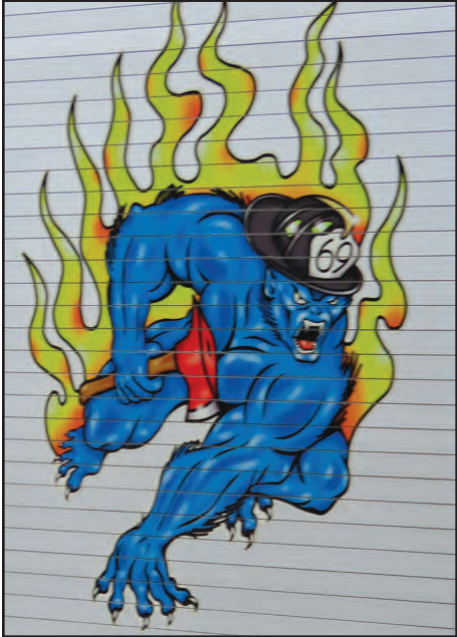
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Volunteers shine in annual Millbrook parade



From top, volunteers from the Amenia Fire Department and Union Vale Fire Department march and carry flags. Logos brighten the trucks from the East Clinton and Wassaic Fire Departments. A flutist from the Rough Riders performs in the parade.

From top, Parade Grand Marshal Joan Van Tassell rides in the lead vehicle. The fire ladder engine from Milan contrasts with an antique fire engine from the Dover Plains Fire Department. The "Beast from the East" is from the East Clinton Fire Department. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

‘Good Trouble’ event set July 17 in Hyde Park

On Thursday, July 17, Hudson Valley residents will rally in Hyde Park as Americans gather in over a thousand (and counting) similar events nationwide to honor the legacy of Congressman John Lewis — and to defend the freedoms for which he risked his life.

The local gathering, taking place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the intersection of

Route 9 and Market Street, is part of “Good Trouble Lives On,” a national day of peaceful action inspired by Lewis’ call to make “good trouble, necessary trouble” in the face of injustice. Participants will stand together in defense of core American freedoms: the right to vote, to speak out, and to live with dignity and equality under the law.

Scheduled speakers include Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, Dutchess County Legislator (Hyde Park) Brendan Lawler, Dutchess Democratic Women’s Caucus President Kenya Gadsden.

Organizers Hudson Valley Strong-Indivisible emphasize this is a nonviolent, inclusive event rooted in the long tradition of civil rights organizing. A core principle behind the “Good Trouble

Lives On” actions is a commitment to nonviolence. Hudson Valley Strong-Indivisible expects all participants to help de-escalate any potential confrontation with individuals holding opposing views.

More information is available at www.mobilize.us/john-lewis-actions/event/808253

To learn more about the national campaign, visit www.goodtroubleliveson.org.

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child could one day find themselves in Adams’ position.

Here, children from the broader community, Town of Wappinger Recreation Summer Camp, and Wappinger United Soccer Club, saw where a dream could begin under their own two feet. On the same field where Adams learned his craft, the place he’ll always return to, such a connection was forged for 220 young athletes.

“I hope that more young players continue to get involved in the sport of soccer, and that I can serve as a role model for any kid who dreams of playing professionally,” said Adams. “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

In growing soccer stateside ahead of hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Adams advocates for natural green surfaces for athletic spaces, which promotes performance and lessens the chance of injury compared to artificial turf. That’s the Scotts “Keep It Real” sports mission, according to Lance Melnichenko, director of Next Gen Lawnsapes. Every field that the lawncare giant refurbishes is done with real handiwork. A commitment to real grass beneath bare feet and cleats is a commitment to safety and performance, especially in an underserved community.

When kids play on real green surfaces, especially in underserved communities, it can improve performance and avoid injuries - an opportunity to fall in love with a game, to breathe open air.

Soccer is known globally for being an accessible sport, with just two ingredients - a ball and some green grass, said Melnichenko. For Tyler Adams, both began in the Town of Wappinger and continue today. “When we were trying to figure out how to bring that knowledge of the partnership, we thought of somebody like Tyler,” Melnichenko added.

Adams still signs soccer balls and jerseys for kids who hardly measure up to his waist, even in cleats. He visits with family, embraces old friends, and shouts out the contributions of everyone who



Young soccer players gather around professional soccer star Tyler Adams during a soccer clinic at Martz Park in the Town of Wappinger. It has been renamed the “Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch.” *Photo by David McIntyre*

got him on this journey that saw him go from New York Red Bulls, to AFC Leeds and Bournemouth, and back to the USA’s international stage. He carries those values with each stride on a soccer pitch. “I’m grateful to have grown up with so much support from my family and the wider community,” said Adams. “It’s really inspired me to try to give back as much as I can so that other young athletes can have a similar experience.”

Adams also received autographs from those athletes in attendance. In line with soccer tradition, Every Kid Sports provided a pair jerseys for every young athlete to sign for Adams. The exchange is only the surface of what the national nonprofit does for young, hopeful athletes.

For 15 years, Every Kid Sports has been entirely supported by donations in its mission to provide access to sports at no charge to families. It connects youth with sports that best fit their towns and communities, from lifesaving swim lessons to outdoor soccer clinics, said Eleana Fanaika, executive director of

Every Kid Sports. Over 8,000 children have been allowed to participate this year in forty different sports across the country, all funded by donations.

In Wappinger, 220 smiles were made through donations, as Every Kid Sports runs entirely on donations. Instead of “Maybe next year,” parents can say “yes” - yes to being outside, and to a day spent together. Without financial obstacles, children can find an outlet - a means of connection, not just with giants like Tyler Adams, but their peers, their communities.

There is no declaration or difficult conversation to apply a child for Every Kid Sports, just a discreet online application. The application is open for the next few weeks, said Fanaika, at everykidsports.org.

Like many Wappinger locals, Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini has known Adams’ talent and character since the early days. Those days began at Wappinger United Soccer Club and are remembered by Ketcham High School

administrators, past and present. But not once has Adams forgotten Wappinger. Not when the Premier League took him in for AFC Bournemouth, or when he willed USMNT to its third straight CONCACAF Nations League title in 2024. “From the time we were growing up to now, he has maintained his hometown roots,” said Cavaccini. “It’s something that we as a town are very grateful to him for, his contributions that are often very under the radar in this community.”

The Tyler Adams Pitch will be renovated in September, as campers return to their school desks to count hours until practice. It will be resodded, revamped and readied for play. Every Kid Sports will continue its commitment to any season and sports for all.

If one team can grow from Marts Field, and another, and another, parents won’t need to travel out of their county, or travel states away, to get their child on the pitch, said Fanaika. “When people know that our program is available, then we can help expand more kids into the sports.”

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Hochul to Noem: Make funding available to fight terrorism in US

Editor's note: The following is a letter issued by Gov. Kathy Hochul urging the Department of Homeland Security to make funding available to state and local governments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) as has been done every year since 2002.

To Secretary Kristi Noem:
As Governor, my chief responsibility is ensuring the safety and security of New York State and all its residents. Not only does New York face the nation's most diverse threat landscape, but with numerous economic, governmental, and recreational assets, it remains the nation's top target for terrorism. In recent months, that threat has only grown given the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, making it essential that the federal government, specifically, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), ensure the availability of critical homeland security funding to states and local governments.

I am deeply troubled that DHS has yet to make funding available to states and local governments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) as it has every year since 2002.

On June 22, 2025, DHS issued a bulletin through the National Terrorism Advisory System notifying Americans of the heightened threat environment our nation faces due to our recent involvement in the ongoing conflict between the nations of Israel and Iran. As noted in the bulletin:

"....Low-level cyber attacks against US networks by pro-Iranian hacktivists are likely, and cyber actors affiliated with the Iranian government may conduct attacks against US networks. Iran also has a long-standing commitment to target US Government officials it views as responsible for the death of an Iranian military commander killed in January 2020. The likelihood of violent extremists in the Homeland independently mobilizing to violence in response to the conflict would likely increase if Iranian leadership issued a religious ruling calling for retaliatory violence against targets in the Homeland. Multiple recent Homeland terrorist attacks have been motivated by anti-Semitic or anti-Israel sentiment, and the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict could contribute to US-based individuals plotting additional attacks."

As home to the country's largest economic center, and the largest Jewish community outside of Israel, these threats put New York communities at a greater risk than perhaps anywhere else in the nation. Thankfully, since your agency's inception, New York and DHS have maintained a strong partnership to

counter these threats. This partnership has been essential to ensure that the State and local governments and their public safety agencies have the funding and resources needed to prepare for, mitigate, prevent and withstand terrorist threats and targeted violence.

One core component of this partnership has been DHS' Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). In 2024, New York received \$219.9 million in HSGP funding, \$156.1 million of which was allocated through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for jurisdictions in the New York City Metro Area, principally the New York Police Department. In 2023, New York received \$244.7 million with \$173.9 million allocated through UASI.

HSGP provides states, local jurisdictions and their law enforcement, public safety, homeland security and emergency management officials with critical resources to further their preparedness and response capabilities. Without these resources, the heroic men and women who continuously put their lives on the line to protect their fellow Americans are unable to access state of the art training, the latest advancements in equipment and the ability to seamlessly share and analyze intelligence with each other - all essential components of counterterrorism efforts.

Furthermore, HSGP funding is vital to securing and maintaining critical infrastructure assets (transportation hubs, power grids, water systems, communication networks) which are top targets of nefarious actors, as well as to assist local law enforcement with border security via Operation Stonegarden. Through Operation Stonegarden, jurisdictions along international borders receive direct funding to not only enhance cooperation and coordination between federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies, but to support joint operations. As a state with a 445-mile international border, security of this boundary is of the utmost importance to me. To that end, I have secured \$8 million in state funds, as well as dedicated State Police and other public safety resources to support this federal mission.

Any further delays in the availability of HSGP will degrade the capabilities of our nation to prevent terrorism and make us less safe at a time when the variety and severity of security threats continue to grow.

I urge you to release the FY2025 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity immediately and help ensure our nation remains ready and able to defend ourselves against anyone seeking to threaten our way of life.

Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York

GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

Artificial Intelligence: The good, bad and evil

By Irvin Miller, Ph.D.

Artificial Intelligence is here and there is nothing that we can do to stop further development. But, first we have to ask ourselves the famous Turing* question, "What is being human?" Our purpose is to validate the existence of another human with the expectation that they will validate ours. There is something intangible about being recognized by another person. Putting our name in a book has

no value if another human being does not read the book.

Today, if you would like to complain to a company exec, you will find many roadblocks. First, you cannot get his phone number or email address. If you can reach the company by phone, a person or machine will not allow you to talk to him. If you have an email address, he will not respond to you. Your existence is being denied. If a candidate running for office sends you a robo call, he does not know if he is going to get your vote. He has not established any validation of your existence. Your name is just a label, not you.

As the technology advances, we will be able to simulate a Siri, that has all the physical and emotional characteristics of a human being. In the past there were programs that allowed people to feel like they were talking to a psychologist and they emotionally felt it was so. Imagine you are in the company of AI bots. After a few moments of conversation you will be able identify them, but how are they identifying you? You may as well have been in the room with no human being.

In the movie "Her," Joaquin Phoenix (the human) and Scarlett Johansson (AI bot) interact with one another, where Joaquin's character realizes that Scarlett's character is interacting with thousands of other people and has fallen in love with a hundred. Does Joaquin's character feel that Scarlett's character knows he exists?

Technology has made our lives easier and better, and has created jobs. But AI is different. While initially it will be creating jobs, it will eliminate others: maids,

lawn-care people, factory works, office workers and sales people and politicians. In the meantime, life is really good in that we are getting more for our income. Then one day we are all unemployed. Do not worry, you have more free time to watch sports and vacation wherever you wish. Fortunately, you have lots of friends to validate your existence. We will not have the incentive to reproduce, so there will be less and less people who know we are alive and less and less people who will know that we existed.

Can we control the trend? I have to sign an agreement that I will not sue a doctor for malpractice, before I am allowed to see the doctor. The doctor has shifted responsibility to me. I am not even allowed to make changes to the agreement. The people in my bank know who I am. In a cryptocurrency account, nobody knows who I am.

AI has already created disharmony. Laws are being passed that do not respect us as humans. As a human being, you need to have laws that protect you and are enforced.

*Turing refers to Alan Turing, considered the father of modern computer science.

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Hyde Park Car Show

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familiar face at the Hyde Park show every year.

“She always liked the car people, and they were like a second family to her,” says Golden. “They all know her Mustang, and she would always be at the registration booth, meeting the drivers coming in. That was her life. I’m so grateful to them for dedicating the show to her memory this year and I know she’s looking down on us.”

Lynn also lives on through her Mustang, which will be brought to the show by her daughters this year.

The car show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Hyde Park Motors site across from the Hyde Park Town Hall. The registration fee for show cars is \$20, with free admission for spectators. Trophies will be given out at 3 pm. There will be food, a 50/50 raffle, and a DJ with music.



Lynn and George Golden are pictured at a previous Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show. *Courtesy photo*

VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK’S FREE MUNICIPAL COMPOST PROGRAM OPENS TO TOWN RESIDENTS

The Town and Village Boards of Rhinebeck recently reached an agreement to enable Town residents to participate in the Village’s municipal food scrap drop off program.

Learn more and register at www.rhinebeckcompost.org. Expect an email followup from the Village within one week of filling out the registration form.

The program is free.

All manner of food scraps are accepted including meat, bones, and dairy (which typically aren’t composted in a backyard setting).

There is convenient 24/7 drop-off at the dumpster in the Village’s municipal parking lot.

Each spring, participants can receive an annual share of the finished compost, which is made with horse manure at a local farm.




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High heat in the bullpen!

Reliever Tony Rossi proves versatility with Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Pitcher Tony Rossi rose to Hudson Valley Renegades fame with a string of 15 scoreless outings, a consistent contributor to the team’s league-lowest earned run average. Ahead of last week’s series against the Asheville Tourists, North Carolina native Rossi has turned heads as a reliable, strike-throwing reliever since joining the roster in late April.

One of few professional ballplayers experienced at three different collegiate levels, Rossi’s arsenal makes him a key component of the bullpen, whether a situation calls for a save or a one pitch, one out solution.

Since his call up to Hudson Valley in late April, Rossi leads the team in saves (4) and has quickly become a stalwart reliever.

On July 9, Rossi was tagged for the save with the Renegades ahead of the Asheville Tourists by three runs. Nine of 11 pitches were strikes, clocking a 97 mph heater on his way to the fourth save of his Renegades career. As a State College of Florida freshman, his heater sat around 88, developing to a nasty pitch through his redshirt senior year at the University of Charlotte. As he continues striking points off his

ERA, which is down to 1.31, Rossi is one of the stars of the Renegades stacked bullpen. At the time of this writing, he has yet to allow a home run in his professional career.

Known at the University of Charlotte for that same reliability, he was the most-used arm in the bullpen in 2022. At University of West Florida, Rossi was a three-time Freshman of the Week, and earned all-conference honors as the best freshman arm in the Division-II Gulf South Conference. He then transferred to State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and had a remarkable sophomore year. In seven relief appearances in the COVID-shortened 2020 season, Rossi notched a 2-0 record and a 1.80 earned run average (ERA).

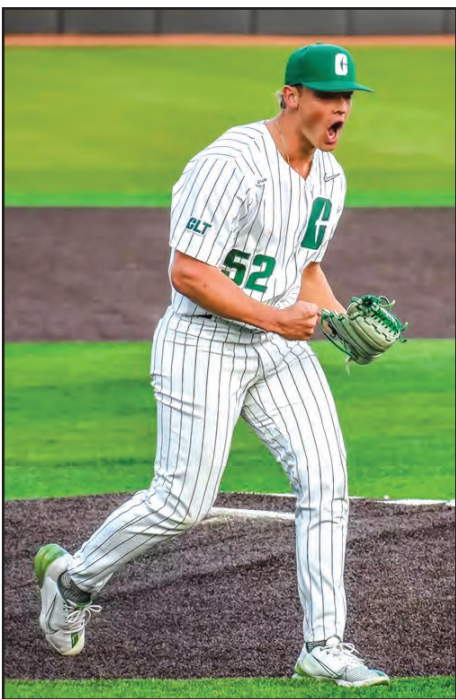
After sitting out the 2023 season as he recovered from an off-season Tommy John surgery, Rossi had a breakout junior campaign at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

And boy, did the Florida boy love pitching in North Carolina. He prevailed in his Charlotte debut with a win, and was the most-used arm in the bullpen in his first season, from debuting with a win to appearing in the CUSA elimination game. With 68

strikeouts over 44.0 innings, Rossi contributed a 13.91 strikeouts per nine innings. He was also the recipient of the Hugh McEniry Award as the university’s standout male student-athlete in 2024.

While the 49ers celebrated a Conference USA title, Rossi was rehabbing, leading the dugout, and holding his teammates to the Charlotte standard. The following season, Rossi bounced back for 2024, in a big way. Ranked the No. 12 relief pitcher in the nation by D1baseball.com, the righthander’s six saves led the 49er bullpen, and he got a win in his return from the injury. He was also named 49th on the publication’s preseason list of Top 50 relievers. Rossi was effective at both ends of nine innings, with six saves to lead the bullpen, and a few starts on his way to winning four games.

Rossi became the seventh Charlotte alum to sign with the Yankees, joining as an undrafted free agent in 2024. Some New York fans think Tony should be packing for the AA-Somerset Patriots. While Renegades faithful know time with their favorite hurlers is often fleeting, the Renegades will be happy to have a



Relief pitcher Tony Rossi starred for the University of Charlotte prior to moving up with the Hudson Valley Renegades this season. *Courtesy photo*

little southern comfort in the bullpen to close the season.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
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Greensboro PIT	15	6	.714	-	7-3	W3
Hudson Valley NYY	14	7	.667	1.0	8-2	W1
Brooklyn NYM *	11	10	.524	4.0	4-6	L1
Wilmington WSH	10	11	.476	5.0	6-4	W1
Aberdeen BAL	9	12	.429	6.0	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	8	13	.381	7.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hub City TEX	13	8	.619	-	8-2	W1
Bowling Green TB *	11	10	.524	2.0	5-5	L3
Greenville BOS	9	10	.474	3.0	4-6	L1
Asheville HOU	9	12	.429	4.0	4-6	L1
Rome ATL	8	12	.400	4.5	3-7	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	7	13	.350	5.5	3-7	W1



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07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday
August			
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/08/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night Presented By Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday
08/09/25	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Veterans Night HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)
08/10/25	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	Halloween In August Kids Eat Free Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets



Surging Renegades have 10 wins in last 12 games



Slugging Jace Avina has eight homers so far this season, but will be moving up to Double A Somerset. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades are shining brighter than Junebugs this month, capturing a season-high six game win streak from July 6-11.

After doubling his season home run total to eight in just two games, Jace Avina proved worthy of a promotion to AA-Somerset. Avina joins the Patriots staff along with South Atlantic League (SAL) strikeout leader Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz and Duncan Pastore. After dropping a single game to the Asheville Tourists, Hudson Valley enters the All-Star Break with 10 wins in its last 12 games. Renegades showed grit and determination, coming from behind thrice to prove victorious.

So Long -- On June 8, all seven runs came via the long ball in a true embodiment of the Bronx Bombers. Jace Avina put the team on the board with a solo shot, then put them ahead with a three-run shot. After Sebastian Keane secured four straight outs in relief, the Renegades were still chasing the lead. With two on, two out in the bottom of the eighth, cue Josh Moylan. A much-needed three-run bomb to left center proved to be a timely game winner. Keane further put away all three Tourists in the ninth to earn his fifth win of the season. And Alex Vargas continued his hitting streak. Nobody was more excited than James Cooper, who, upon Vargas reaching first, nearly threw his shortstop into the outfield with a celebratory thumping on the chest.

Deja Vu - Continuing his hot hitting and the Renegades' recent tear, Avina launched two more home runs that proved the difference maker, in a 4-1 win on July 10. Kyle Carr continued his month of dominance, allowing zero earned runs while striking out six in as many innings. Josh Moylan's seventh inning triple set up Anthony Hall

for an RBI single and the insurance run.

Rehabber Michael Arias held it down over two hitless innings before Tony Rossi shut down the Tourists in another scoreless outing. Each team had just five hits, but the Renegades came up big when it mattered. Avina's solo equalizer erased a Tourists lead. He came up big again as Asheville threatened to score on a sac fly, throwing out Chase Jaworsky in a bang-bang play completed by Tomas Frick. In the fifth inning, it was Avina again, hitting his eighth homer of the season, after leaving Brooklyn with four last Sunday.

A perfect night... — On July 11, Griffin Herring (3-1, 2.21 ERA) fanned nine batters while giving up six hits, two walks, and a pair of earned runs. Hudson Valley scored six runs in the first three innings. Asheville, bases loaded in the sixth, threatened to close the gap and scored on Herring's wild pitch. The lone run proved to be the Tourists' second and last, as Hueston Morrill and Bryce Warrecker each contributed a hitless frame in relief of Herring. Jackson Castillo capped off a 4-4 night with a solo shot in the seventh to stretch the Renegades' lead to 7-2.

...And another -- In a Saturday night comeback, Tomas Frick walked it off on the second pitch he saw. Launching a breaking ball straight to the left field fence, the catcher called game. Matt Keating, Chris Kean, and Geoff Gilbert held it down on the backend, allowing just three hits after Josh Grosz went 5.0 innings.

The Renegades earned this break. After a stretch of consistent .500 baseball, they found the very momentum that was needed to make a second-half surge. Now just one game behind Greensboro for the SAL North's top spot in the second half, Hudson Valley will return from the break with three games on the Jersey Shore.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Ex-Renegade Schlittler shines in MLB debut

By Morgan E. Maier

Major League Baseball's home run leader Cal Raleigh has put the Seattle Mariners on high alert this week, but he may have met his match on July 9. Such a formidable opponent took the form of 24-year-old Cam Schlittler, who was donning Hudson Valley Renegade pinstripes just a year ago. The 2024 South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year quickly arrived on the major league radars, showcasing a fastball that touched numbers the Yankees haven't seen all year.

Ahead with two strikes on Raleigh in the first inning, Schlittler's 99 mph offering landed just a bit high. The next pitch was nearly identical, and Raleigh was frozen. The ball was then scooped up by the Yankees starters, lining the dugout fence to watch the newest – and youngest – addition at work. Even if Raleigh is not this year's American League MVP, he will forever be linked Yankees history as Schlittler's first major league strikeout. And the final out of his debut, as Raleigh couldn't figure out the four-seam fastball.

In the sixth, Raleigh took a two-strike chance on Schlittler's offering, but still couldn't beat the heat. Seven strikeouts for Schlittler, backed by a thunderous ovation as manager Aaron Boone called the bullpen.

"You're just trying to go out there and

do your job and put the team in a position to win. So I was happy to do that and then kind of just be able to relax a little bit after that," Schlittler told YES Network on the July 10 pre-game show.

Raleigh, a first-time All-Star this season, was held hitless by Schlittler, as was the case many times to begin his career. But the switch-hitting Raleigh is having a breakout season after a top-10 finish in the A.L. home run race in 2024. He won his first career Gold Glove, as well as the A.L. Platinum Glove, awarded to the league's best defender. Just 28 years old, Raleigh debuted in 2021, and played for a week without his first big league hit. And though he grew up in North Carolina, Raleigh rooted for the Red Sox, as Cam Schlittler and his neighbors did in East Walpole, MA.

Before beginning his pro days in Hudson Valley, Schlittler stayed in Boston to play collegiately at Northeastern University.

Schlittler shot up the Yankees' farm system since being drafted in 2022, spending a month in the rookie league and at Single-A Tampa before landing with the Renegades at the close of 2023. He spent nearly all of 2024 with Hudson Valley, amassing 108 strikeouts to lead the team. Ahead of the season, MLB Pipeline projected Schlittler as the Yankees' No. 14 prospect, and he found success in his first month in

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. In his first four starts, Schlittler held opponents to a .162 batting average.

The Yankees gave Schlittler a lead after his 12-pitch first inning, which ballooned to 6-2 by the end of his evening. In 5.1 innings, he allowed three runs, preserving the lead and his first career win. Four hits, including two home runs.

Anxious smiles and joyful tears mixed within the Schlittler crowd, who trekked to the Bronx from New England to take in the debut. Some held homemade signs while others had arms outstretched in celebration, hardly able to stay seated. Others held each other, as parents John and Christine shared many embraces. John sometimes paused to adjust his Hudson Valley Renegades cap, take a few breaths, as tears of joy threatened to escape through one, two, then five solid innings.

While Schlittler doesn't have a sure shot in the Yanks' rotation, at least one



Pitcher Cam Schlittler, who starred with the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2024, had a strong Major League debut with the New York Yankees last week. *Courtesy photo*

more start after the All-Star Break is likely. "It's about getting ready for the next one, it's not about nailing anything down," said manager Aaron Boone to NY Post reporters. "He had a great debut [Wednesday]. We think he's got a chance to be a really good pitcher."

Village of Rhinebeck moves closer to fossil-free goals

The Village of Rhinebeck announced that this June saw the completion of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) projects installing heat pumps and heat pump hot water heaters at two of the Village’s four municipal buildings. By taking the old equipment offline, the buildings will no longer be burning oil or propane, except for backup generators in case of emergency.

The Village subscribes to a community solar farm, making the electrical powering of this HVAC equipment very eco-friendly.

The two projects align with the Village’s Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions from the heating and cooling of buildings. The two projects, one at the Police Department and the other at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), took advantage of \$60,000 in NYSEERDA grants that the Village earned through its participation in the New York State Clean Energy Communities program, as well as \$14,700 in Central Hudson rebates. After these funds, the Village spent less than \$14,000. The technology allows staff to control the heating and cooling of different zones and is much quieter, cleaner, and more efficient than say the window unit ACs at the WWTP. Of particular urgency was replacing the WWTP’s old furnace, which was past its useful life and

about to fail. “We are informing our community about this HVAC work so that they can see we are being accountable to our goals,” said Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi. “We also want to spread the word to the public that they too can take advantage of CenHud rebates and NY State programs that incentivize folks to switch to heat pumps.”

“Cold climate heat pump technology is much improved over the first generations of heat pumps,” said Village Mayor Gary Bassett.

The heat pump systems can work with a building’s ducts or via “cassette” – those white oblong machines you’ve probably seen mounted on walls or ceilings in rooms – and are becoming increasingly popular in the area. They are known to provide a more comfortable solution.

Will Caruso, the Village’s Chief Wastewater Plant Operator, described what it’s like to have the heat pumps at the plant, saying “They have been amazing, the air feels much fresher. There seems to be no warm spots in any room either.”

Visit www.climatesmartrhinebeck.org for more information on the Village’s actions and goals to reduce emissions and build resiliency.

Hyde Park bicycling becomes safer



Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Al Torreggiani hands over the keys of a bicycle maintenance post to National Park Service Superintendent Amy Bracewell, headquartered in Hyde Park. An air pump, not pictured, is also part of the post. *Courtesy photo*

The Town of Hyde Park recently added a bicycle maintenance post at the west end of the National Park Service Farm Lane trail near US Route 9 at the crossroads of North-South and East-West Hyde Park biking. Similar maintenance posts are located throughout the county, including on the Walkway over the Hudson and other parts of the county trail system and unconnected trails.

The Town of Hyde Park worked closely with the National Park Service to identify the most appropriate place for the new station. Cyclists along the trails and road corridors will find this new site a safe place to make repairs, refill tires, and explore nature in their national park.

As Steve Jones, the Hyde Park biking “guru” points out, “we have been conducting annual bike safety rodeos at the four Hyde Park elementary schools in conjunction with the school PTAs, encouraging safety for all levels of riders.”

County Department of Transportation bike safety director Bill Johnson brings out a trailer of equipment, pavement markers, spare helmets and trained volunteers to help improve biking skills of

town youngsters. “We want to have Hyde Park connected in a safe way to the rest of the biking world,” explains Jones, “and having bike safety is key to our success.”

Hyde Park tax money was not used for the maintenance post.

“The Town Comptroller and I created an Environmental Fund to be used for environmental demonstration and education,” said Richard Mattocks, Coordinator of the Hyde Park Climate Smart Community (CSC) task force. “Funds come from grants earned by the CSC team by preparing the town for climate change and reducing greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.”

Installation of the equipment was performed by Red Hook Troop 42 Eagle Scout Brodie Read, under the guidance of NPS staff and Brodie’s parent Deo Read.

“Scouting is not just tying knots anymore” observed Torreggiani. “Scouting develops the foundation for character in later life. Brodie is learning what it takes to be of service to his community. We appreciate his work.”

Submitted by Richard Mattocks

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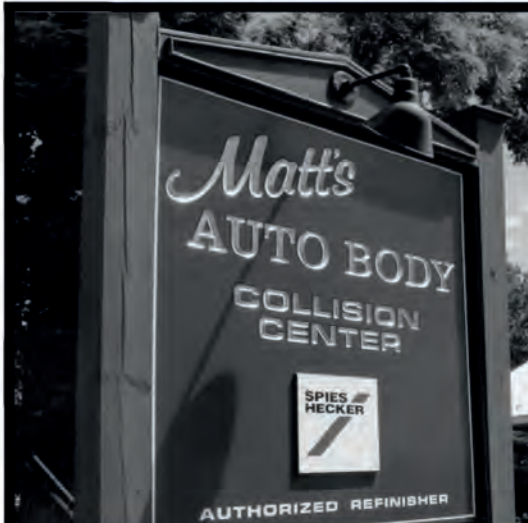
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Donations of blood, platelets needed to keep blood supply ready

The American Red Cross urges all donors to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves – especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.

In addition to summer fun and holidays, severe summer weather can have a sudden impact on the ability to collect blood and platelets. Scheduling and keeping donation appointments are crucial this month to ensure blood products are constantly available in the weeks to come for all patients, including those in trauma situations that may require several life-saving transfusions.

All blood types are needed, and donors who don't know their blood type can learn it after donation. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

For those who come to give through July 31, 2025, the Red Cross will say thanks with a Fandango Movie Reward by email. Use it to catch a summer blockbuster on the Red Cross! See RedCrossBlood.org/July.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY

COLUMBIA
Canaan: 7/24, 1-6 p.m., Canaan Fire Company, 2126 Route 295
Claverack: 7/26, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B
Copake Falls: 7/19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Our Lady of Hope, 8074 State Route 22

DUTCHESS
Millbrook: 7/22, 1-5 p.m., Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front St
Poughkeepsie: 7/17, 12:30-5:30 p.m., LaGrange Fire Co No 2, 504 Freedom Plains Rd
Poughkeepsie: 7/28, 1-5 p.m., American Legion Post 1466, 50 Legion Road
Poughkeepsie: 7/29, noon-5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road
Rhinebeck: 7/22, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., The Pavilion, 34 Brookmeade Drive
Rhinebeck: 7/23, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Northern Dutchess Hospital, 6511 Spring Brook Ave
Wappingers Falls: 7/22, 1-6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376

GREENE
Greenville: 7/30, noon-6 p.m., American Legion Post 291, 54 Maple Ave

ORANGE
Highland Mills: 7/19, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Discovery Church, 654 NY-32
Montgomery: 7/23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road
New Windsor: 7/26, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., New Windsor Fire Department, 275 Walsh Ave.
New Windsor: 7/28, 1-5 p.m., New Windsor Community, 555 Union Ave
Newburgh: 7/31, 12:30-5:30 p.m.,

Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 S William St
Port Jervis: 7/29, 1-6 p.m., Port Jervis Elks Lodge 645, 35 US-6
Warwick: 7/17, noon-4:30 p.m., Warwick Lodge #544, 71 Forester Ave

PUTNAM
Carmel: 7/31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Putnam Hospital, 670 Stoneleigh Ave
Mahopac: 7/18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Town of Carmel, 60 McAlpin Ave.

SULLIVAN
Callicoon: 7/18, 12:30-5 p.m., Callicoon Fire Department, 9305 NY-97
Glen Spey: 7/18, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Lumberland Senior Center, 1054 Proctor Rd
Lake Huntington: 7/31, 1-6 p.m., Cochecton Volunteer Ambulance, 70 County Road 116
Livingston Manor: 7/31, 1-6 p.m., Livingston Manor Fire House, 93 Main Street
Monticello: 7/23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monticello High School, 39 Breakey Ave

ULSTER
Highland: 7/18, noon-5 p.m., Highland Hose Company 1, 25 Milton Ave
Kingston: 7/21, noon-5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 708 E Chester St
Kingston: 7/22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ulster Savings Bank, 180 Schwenk Drive
Kingston: 7/29, 1-5 p.m., River Radiology / The Fuller building, 45 Pine Grove Ave
Milton: 7/17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Town of

Marlborough, 21 Milton Turnpike
Saugerties: 7/25, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saugerties Public Library, 91 Washington Ave
Woodstock: 7/23, noon-5 p.m., Woodstock Rescue Squad, 226 Tinker Street

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Hyde Park Library events

The Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park. To register and learn more about these events, call (845) 229-7791 or email hplibrary@hydeparklibrary.org.

Marionette workshop

Brad Shur from Paper Heart Puppets will be at the library at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, for a Marionette Workshop. Children in grades 2 & up can learn how to make and operate string marionettes from Brad, who has created puppets for American Idol, Dollywood Amusement Park, theaters, and performers.

Registration is required by calling the circulation desk or visiting the online calendar at hydeparklibrary.org/events.

Simply Books does not meet in August

Because the first Friday in August is the Friends of the Library's Book Sale (which takes place in the annex), the Simply Books Book Club will not meet until Friday, Sept. 5, at their usual 10:30 a.m. time. They'll discuss Ariel Lawhon's "The Frozen River."

Eleanor Roosevelt focus of one-woman performance

Sheryl Faye, who has had movie and TV roles in such hits as "The Perfect Storm" and "The Sopranos," will be performing live at the library at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

This one-woman show will feature Faye as she portrays Eleanor Roosevelt. The multimedia production will cover the highlights of Eleanor's life during both childhood and adulthood.

Registration for this free event is required. Visit hydeparklibrary.org/events to sign up.

Learn more about the library's building project

After years of fundraising and winning several grants, the library is about to embark on a renovation that will include the installation of a lift, an accessible

restroom, and a new HVAC system. If you'd like to learn more about the project, please join the Board of Trustees for a tour and presentation on Thursday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Nuclear proliferation focus of author's talk

Galina Vromen, author of "Hill of Secrets," will be at the library to discuss her book and the history behind it at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

Vromen's research for her novel, which is set during World War II in Los Alamos, New Mexico, sparked her interest in the aftermath of the use of the atom bomb, and she has become well-versed on issues of nuclear arms today. Having spent more than a decade as a reporter, mostly for Reuters News Agency in Europe, Mexico, and Israel, she's no stranger to uncovering facts. Her discussion will include topics such as :

- What was it like to live in WWII Los Alamos where the world's first atomic bomb was built?
- What were the considerations that went into using the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- How did the use of the bomb influence nuclear policy after the war and to this day?

Registration is required for this discussion, which will take place in the library annex. To register, call the circulation desk or go to hydeparklibrary.org/events.

Friends' Book Sale coming up

The Friends of the Library are accepting donations for their Aug. 1-2 Used Book Sale. There will be bins on the porch of the annex for drop-offs. The Friends are not accepting encyclopedias, outdated reference books, textbooks, or books in poor condition.

NEW WRITTEN EXAM FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION ANNOUNCED

Sheriff Kirk Imperati, in conjunction with the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources, has announced that a new written exam for the position of Deputy Sheriff has been scheduled.

The written exam will be offered on Saturday September 20, and the application deadline is August 15. Applicants should also be aware that, starting with this exam, the maximum age to take the exam has been raised significantly from prior years.

All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to take the written exam for Deputy Sheriff for a chance to become part of the team at the Sheriff's Office. A competitive salary, strong benefits, numerous opportunities for career advancement, and a career filled with community engagement are only a few of the many reasons to become a Deputy Sheriff!

To get further details, find out if one qualifies, and sign up for the exam please visit the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources website at <https://dutchess-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>.

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Women veterans can access a variety of healthcare services in county

If you close your eyes and think of the word “veteran,” what comes to mind? Who do you envision as a veteran? Was she in a pilot in the cockpit of a fighter jet? Did she enlist after 9/11 and serve in Iraq or Afghanistan? Was your image of “veteran” even a woman?

Each year, the percentage of women serving our nation in the military has steadily increased. As of 2020, for example, nearly 75,000 women served in active duty in the United States Army, including nearly 17,000 officers.

Many female veterans, however, don’t consider themselves veterans if they didn’t serve in a combat zone; and our society hasn’t always done a great job of recognizing and honoring their service. Let me be clear: The sacrifice that every veteran has made – be they male or female – should be equally respected and appreciated. Just like the men they served alongside, these brave, heroic female veterans deserve the same high-quality care when they return home; and they are fortunate to have a vital healthcare resource right here in Dutchess County.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made marked progress in the area of women’s healthcare in recent years, including at its local sites here in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Over the past years, the VA has been dedicated to delivering top-quality

health care that is personalized, thorough and tailored to meet the unique needs of each veteran. The VA has also been working to improve women’s healthcare programs nationwide, and we’re lucky to see that commitment firsthand right here in the Hudson Valley.

I recently reached out to our partners at the VA and asked them for an overview of some of the services that female veterans can expect from the Women Veterans Health Program at VA Hudson Valley, and they offered the following extensive list:

- Dedicated Women’s Health primary care clinics;
- Providers are available at all nine VA Hudson Valley locations;
- Gynecological care, including birth control options, pre-pregnancy counseling, menopause support, pelvic pain treatment, reproductive health guidance and surgical services;
- Mammography and breast MRI services provided through community-based care, supported by a dedicated breast cancer navigator;
- Whole health and wellness programs, including smoking cessation, yoga and weight management;
- A range of medical and specialty services, such as rheumatology, cardiology, dermatology, optometry and more;
- Coordinated care and customized

health planning tailored to the veteran’s individual goals, values and needs;

- Mental health treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma, depression, anxiety and substance abuse;
- Pharmacy services;
- Support from a Maternity Coordinator, along with infertility care services;
- Chiropractic care and pain management services;
- Support services for food and housing insecurity; and
- Care and services provided in collaboration with the VA’s community medical partners.

If you’re a female veteran, I hope this extensive menu of healthcare options is one you’ll explore, should the need for care arise. Please don’t let outdated misconceptions about what the VA offers (or doesn’t offer) keep you from receiving the vital care you deserve and that you’ve earned through your service. The VA has made great strides in recent years to make its facilities more accessible and welcoming to the female veterans it serves every day, and I hope you’ll see that thoughtful care firsthand.

Do you have a female veteran in your life – a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend? These are all the

faces of the female veteran, and these are the all women who could benefit from the VA’s extensive medical offerings, if they served our nation. Please share this column with them and let them know about the comprehensive medical services that they deserve and that are available to them locally through the VA.

In addition to its local medical centers at Castle Point and Montrose, the VA has an administrative office next to our own Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs office at the Veterans One Stop in Pleasant Valley; that office is staffed the last Thursday of every month. You can also always walk into our Veterans Affairs office here at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley, and we’d be happy to introduce you to the VA’s helpful staff right next door.

My hope is you never need any of the many medical services that the VA offers, that you’re blessed with continued good health; but if you do, please know you have compassionate, caring medical professionals who will treat you with the dignity and respect you deserve.

If you have any questions or need more information about medical services or any program available to local veterans, please don’t hesitate to call me or my Veterans Affairs staff at (845) 486-2060 or stop by our office. We’re always here to listen and help.

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Graminoids

Native grasses provide wildlife habitat and year-round interest.

Duncan and Julia Brine are, according to me, the top landscape designers in the Hudson Valley. They work from their six-acre garden, called Garden Large, in Pawling, N.Y., designing, contracting and supervising the installation of private gardens throughout New York, Connecticut and beyond. I first met Duncan at a garden writing seminar at the N.Y. Botanical Garden, where he excelled, and I, obviously, almost flunked out. Duncan went on to write a slew of popular gardening books and now teaches at NYBG.

Last Wednesday, Sue and I stopped by to visit Duncan and Julia, sipping Kambucha “Trilogy Blend” on their porch while Duncan regaled us with tales about his adventures, and his family – sons Kyle, the philosophy major who became a biologist, and Alden, a concert pianist looking for a paying gig. But Sue and I were there to talk about native grasses – “Graminoids,” according to Kyle, the biologist. I’ve had a passion for graminoids ever since a stand of gorgeous Indiangrass populated my front yard meadow, creating a golden autumn pasture.

Duncan and Julia have been specializing in native shrubs and perennials since 1984 – “naturalistic gardening,” they call it. Duncan pointed out the essential attributes of native grasses in the naturalistic landscape. Grass animates the landscape, stirring in the breeze. Grasses provide habitat for birds and insects. Native meadowlarks and bobolinks build their nests in the ground, hidden by the grass. Red-winged blackbirds nest a few feet up in tall grass. And grass can provide fall color and year-round interest, as their seed heads persist though the winter.

The Brine Garden plant list features 160 varieties of perennials and shrubs, including 15 graminoids, many native to Dutchess County:

- **Little Bluestem** – one of several native grasses, along with switchgrass and indiangrass, that make up the bulk of America’s prairies. In the landscape, little bluestem forms a low clump of blue green foliage with tall golden seed heads in September. It is the primary food

source for caterpillars of the tiny skipper butterflies. The Brines are sowing little blue stem as the primary grass in their latest installation.

- **Switch Grass** – this native is so lush and fast growing that it was touted as a possible fuel when oil prices were peaking in the 1970s. In the landscape, switchgrass can grow to eight feet, topped by a golden panicle. A good choice for rocky or poor soils, especially during dry weather. It is a host plant for the pink streak moth and the skipper butterflies.
- **Common Rush (Juncus)** – native to wet areas in the Hudson Valley, used in the landscape for rain gardens, water gardens, or a “thriller” in combination container plantings. Corkscrew rush, with its, yes, corkscrew shaped foliage, is even grown as a houseplant.
- **Tufted Hair Grass** – this Hudson Valley native forms a cloud of seed heads for a unique garden accent.
- **Northern Sea Oats** – Duncan calls this one “charismatic,” with seed heads that resemble grain oats. In fact, the seeds of sea oats can be ground into flour, if you’re desperate. In the landscape, sea oats is not too tall, reseeds heavily, and is a terrific garden accent.
- **Miscanthus** – Duncan and Julia are not fanatical about using only natives in the landscape, if something else fits. Miscanthus can be invasive, but some varieties, like Giant Chinese Silver Grass, are sterile. These huge grasses are sometimes used in stand alone situations, where a strong accent is called for.
- **Bottle Brush Grass** – one of the few natives that thrives in shade and blooms in the spring. If you want to visit Garden Large, October 18 and 19, 1-5 pm, is listed in the Open Days directory of the Garden Conservancy. Julia assures me that Alden Brine will be performing classical piano tunes during the open house. And the graminoids should be in peak color.



Duncan and Julia Brine with Bottle Brush Grass. Below: Native grass in Mark & Sue’s meadow. Photos by Mark Adams



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Phoebe

A tribute to a special feline companion

I’ve been writing this column for long enough that, admittedly, it’s sometimes difficult to come up with ideas. My hope is that I can entertain and inspire you, but I know that not every article is a winner. There have been many times I’ve shared pieces of my life with you (perhaps too much), but that’s because life is its own inspiration; and, besides, I like writing in a way that reflects how I feel as I do it, which is to say as if you and I are sitting down together with a cup of tea or maybe a cocktail as I relate whatever it is I feel inclined to share.

For this “sit-down” I am not quite myself, for which I apologize. It has been a difficult week, and it won’t be the first time I’ve told you my heart is heavy. Food is one of my passions, but another is the animals that grace my life and feed my soul. Earlier this week we said goodbye to our beautiful cat, Phoebe, who was with us for seventeen years and was beloved by family and neighbors alike. She was an ambassador of sorts, having made her way into the hearts of many. She was a sweet, petite bad a**, not to put too fine a point on it. She ruled the streets and the garden but always came in at night to sleep on my bed, could climb the tallest tree in seconds, snuggle in your lap and warm your heart. She once brought a bat into the house, which we were able to rescue and release, and the songbirds constantly scolded her. She was what my neighbors and I refer to as a gateway cat, paving the way and convincing them to adopt cats of their own. Many a night she would grace each of us by making the rounds, sitting on our laps as we sat outside talking by the fire. Even the most stoic men, once adamant that they’d never have a cat, succumbed to her charms and enjoyed her company.

I first met Phoebe at a Halloween haunted trail hosted by the Dutchess County SPCA. Even though it was an evening attraction, the shelter remained open and, of course, I had to go in. My nephew accompanied me as we visited each cat. Even though I had recently lost one of my own, I wasn’t necessarily ready to adopt another. Until I came to Phoebe. Her information card had her

listed as Squish and she was a scrawny little thing, not yet a year old. Even though she was sneezy and clearly not 100%, she still made her way to the front of her pen to say hello with a tiny little mew, which she never outgrew. That’s all it took.

I made known my interest in bringing her home. The adoption process had to wait until she was well enough to be spayed, so I visited her every day. On one such visit, about a week later, I was frightened when I saw her spot empty. Fearing the worst, I asked if she was OK. To my delight and relief, they said she had been moved to post-surgery recovery and I could take her home the next day! We brought her home and she immediately fit right in with our dog, Colette, and other cat, Finn, both rescues themselves. It was a happy little family.

There have been many animals in my house. Most have been older or compromised in some way, sadly the ones most people would overlook. That said, many of them weren’t with us for long, coming to us to live out their lives in comfort and with love. Phoebe outlasted them all, and each one loved her immensely. All of my dogs took a special liking to her, nuzzling and cuddling her, sharing their beds and practically smothering her with affection. She was there for our dogs – Colette, Trixie and Sadie – and all the cats – Finn, Jack, Bix, Bart, Sampson and Luba, all of which I have written about in tribute. My current dogs, Ellie Mae and Pip, are missing her as much as I am as we grieve together, feeling her absence profoundly and looking for her in her usual spots around the house, something I know we’ll do for a long time to come.

But the grief that breaks your heart doesn’t last forever, especially when the loss is as special as Phoebe. I will miss her and think of her for the rest of my days, but the heartache will be softened by the many happy memories and the lasting joy she brought into our lives. My neighbors are away on vacation, and I have decided not to tell them the sad news until they return home. When I do tell them, we will have a party in her honor, hopefully sitting around the fire in



Phoebe in her element - outdoors - visiting a fairy house and enjoying the forsythias. Photos by Vicki Frank Day

the backyard, sharing stories and remembering her with love. She was a gift to us all.

For those of us who believe life is not complete without animals to share it with, we know only too well our time together can be fleeting. It is a lesson in humility and love to adopt an animal, especially those with a past. To welcome them into our homes and hearts is a beautiful thing, and I will continue to do so for as long as I am able to give them the care and dignity they so deserve. I’ve heard people say it’s a noble thing to give them a home, that in rescuing them it honors their precious lives. That may well be true, but I know, thanks to Phoebe and all those before her, that I’m the one who was rescued by them and honored that they

chose me.

I am forever changed because a scrawny little kitten stole my heart and became a regal beauty that touched us deeply and made us better human beings for having known her. Thank you, Phoebe, for loving me and for feeding my soul. Rest in peace, sweet girl.

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‘Gypsy’ to open July 18 at The Center

Up In One Productions will present “Gypsy,” often considered the greatest American musical, at The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck. Performances will take place on week-ends from July 18 to Aug. 10. Tickets are \$29 and can be purchased through the Box Office at (845) 876-3080 or online at www.centerforperformingarts.org. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (except Aug. 9) and 3 p.m. on Sundays. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Aug. 9.

This landmark show explores the world of second-rate show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication. With music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and a book by Arthur Laurents, Gypsy debuted on Broadway in 1959 starring Ethel Merman and has had several revivals starring Angela Lansbury (1974), Tyne Daly (1989), Bernadette Peters (2003), Patti Lupone (2008), Imelda Staunton (2015) and, most recently, Audra McDonald (2024). Over the years, “Gypsy” has won multiple Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Loosely based on the memoirs of

burlesque artist Gypsy Rose Lee, the show focuses on her mother, Rose, whose name has become synonymous with the ultimate show business stage mother. The ambitious Rose treks across the country with her daughters, Baby June and Louise, in search of success with their homespun vaudeville act. As times change, Rose is forced to accept the demise of vaudeville and the rise of burlesque, as well as her daughters’ quest for autonomy.

The musical contains many songs that have become popular standards, including “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” “Small World,” “Together (Wherever We Go),” “You Gotta Get a Gimmick,” “All I Need Is The Girl” and “Let Me Entertain You.”

This production of “Gypsy is directed by Nicole Tarcza and boasts of a popular veteran cast including Victoria Howland as Rose, Mary Kate Barnett as Louise, Kevin McCarthy as Herbie and Lisa Bettencourt as June.

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck is at 661 Route 308, just east of Rhinebeck Village.



From left: Victoria Howland is Rose, Kevin McCarthy is Herbie and Mary Kate Barnett is Louise (also below) in Up In One Productions’ “Gypsy,” opening July 18 at The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck. *Photos by Nicole Tarcza*



Upcoming events at Wethersfield Estate & Garden

Wethersfield Estate & Garden, a non-profit public garden in Amenia, will offer the following community events. Registration is required at www.wethersfield.org/.

Movement Class in the Garden for Adults: Friday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m.

No cost to the public

BalletCollective, a NYC based, interdisciplinary non-profit, invites dance lovers of all skill levels to a movement class taught by professional ballet dancers in the historic Wethersfield Garden. After class, attendees are invited to mingle with their instructors over refreshments and ask any questions they may have about a life in the arts.

Movement Class in the Garden for Youth: Saturday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

No cost to the public

This exciting movement class, led by two world class dancers from BalletCollective, is designed specifically

for children ages 8 and up. Whether your child is already taking dance classes or simply loves to move, this class will offer insightful instruction and an opportunity to engage with movement in a supportive and inspiring environment. Class ends with cookies, lemonade, and a Q&A where kids can ask professional dancers about a life in the arts.

Adventurers Club: Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., July 18-Aug. 22. \$10 per child

Kids explore fields, forests, and hidden corners of Wethersfield Estate & Garden through hands-on activities and nature discovery. Each week brings something new- whether it’s crafting with natural materials, picking blueberries in the orchard, or learning about the ecosystems around us. This interactive children and family program designed for little explorers ages 3-8 (but all ages are welcome). Caregiver participation is required; this is not a drop off program.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 21 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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‘PIPPIN’ AUDITIONS SET JULY 29-31

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, announced auditions for its autumn production of “PIPPIN, The Musical.” Auditions will be held in late July for performances in early November.

Audition dates are Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, July 30, at 7 p.m.; and Thursday, July 31, at 7 p.m. Call backs will held as needed on Saturday, Aug. 2, starting at 10 a.m.

Sides will be provided. Please be prepared to sing 16 bars of an uptempo swing tune; an accompanist will be provided, so please bring marked music. Wear comfortable clothes and bring dance footwear for the audition. Please bring proof of COVID vaccination.

All auditions will be at the Dutch Reformed Church, 88 Route 9H in Claverack.

Performances will be held Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 14-16 at the Copake Grange.

For more information, or to schedule an audition, visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or write to the director at StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com.

Millbrook Arts & Open Studios

part of Upstate Art Weekend July 19-20

The Millbrook Arts Group will participate in the sixth edition of Upstate Art Weekend, celebrating the area’s creative community with Millbrook Arts & Open Studios. The following activities have been scheduled throughout the weekend.

ARTIST OPEN STUDIOS | VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This year Millbrook Arts Group presents 12 open studios throughout the village. Artists Sharon Bates, Mari DePedro, Peggy Flaum, Rowena Gill, June

Glasson, Bonnie Kozek, Iris Levison, Paul Miyamoto, Maureen Squires, David Tumblety, and Ada Whitney, will share their recent work and discuss their creative processes. Photographer Dan Lenchner will be showing the work of Ruth Litoff.

“Generated Utility”
The Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane
Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Millbrook Arts Group and the Millbrook Library have instituted the

Millbrook Arts Project, a community art space that provides opportunities for visual artists to exhibit their work and to enrich the understanding of visual arts in the Millbrook community. Gallery Curator, Sharon Bates has organized Generated Utility, an exhibition featuring the work of artists Natalie Beall & Kathy Greenwood. The exhibition runs through Aug 23 at the newly renovated gallery at the Millbrook Library.

PUBLIC RECEPTION: Saturday, July 19, 4-6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 6 PM | MILLBROOK BANDSHELL
STRAWBERRY RUNNERS & SHE KEEPS BEES

After the Artist Studio Tours and the Public Reception of Generated Utility at the Millbrook Library, head to the Millbrook Bandshell for the MAG Summer Sunset Concert Series. Bring a picnic basket, a blanket or chairs, and spread out on the grass to hear the Indie-Folk sounds of Strawberry Runners led by Millbrook singer songwriter Emi Night and She Keeps Bees.

Art Auction set July 19 to benefit Stissing Center

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture invites art lovers, collectors, and community members to its Art Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, July 19, from 4 to 6 p.m., at its restored venue in the heart of Pine Plains. This dynamic event supports Stissing Center’s mission to bring diverse, accessible artsprogramming to Pine Plains and the Hudson Valley region.

The Stissing Center is at 2950 Church Street, Pine Plains.

Featuring more than 50 original works donated by artists and collectors from around the world and locally, the auction includes pieces by celebrated names such as Ellen Berkenblit, Jeff Brouws, Chuck Close, David Dunlop, Jeanette Fintz, Kenro Izu & Yumiko Izu, Suzanne Kiggins, Anne Lindbergh, D. Jack Solomon, Wanxin Zhang, and more.

Admission is \$125, which may be applied toward the purchase of artwork

during the auction. Guests will enjoy a lively afternoon of art, food, wine, music, conversation, and community—all while directly supporting Stissing Center’s arts programming, performances, and community events.

Preview the full collection and buy now at thestissingcenter.org/artauction. Tickets are available at thestissingcenter.org or by calling (518) 771-3339. The

Stissing Center is a non-profit arts space hosting a range of performances and events in music, theater, and other arts that bring people together and reflect the character of the region. The focus is on offering programs that are welcoming, thought-provoking, and accessible—supporting creativity, inspiration, and connection for people of all ages in the Hudson Valley.

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 3:** “Riverlight,” images by Elisabeth Barnett that highlights the Hudson River with its different nuances and seasons. www.artgallery71.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 7:** “Beyond the Rainbow: Highlighting LGBTQIA+ Stories,” group exhibition showcasing visual works across a variety of mediums that explore the diverse, complex, and deeply personal experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies. www.artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222

Bard College Exhibition Center/UBS Gallery, 29 O’Callaghan Lane, Red Hook. **Through July 20:** “Double Take,” the thesis exhibition for the class of 2026. The exhibition convenes 22 MFA candidates in the disciplines of Moving Image, Music/Sound, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, and Writing. The majority hail from outside of New York, and many will be exhibiting in the region for the first time. bard.edu/mfa/thesis.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 29:** Local artist Jenny Sweeney presents her solo show, “Through the Eyes of a Child,” in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St.; and internationally acclaimed artists Semine Hazar, Fatma Kadir and Ilhan Sayin are featured in a group art exhibition entitled “I Love New York” in the Reception and Hancock Galleries at 12 Vassar St. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 17:** “Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues,” exhibition that explores the art and myths of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began 200 years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains: a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Also on view: “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley,” installation related to “Great Green Hope” by Vassar student Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon ’26; and the second, “Water/Bodies: Sa’dia Rehman.” (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7, 2026:** Special exhibition, “Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans,” During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a “who’s who” of the 20th century. “Signature Moments” opens the FDR Library’s archives and museum for an insider’s view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. **Sat., July 19:** Kaatsbaan is participating in Upstate Art Weekend with its 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition, 4-6 p.m. Curated by Hilary Greene, this year’s exhibition shows contemporary works by acclaimed Hudson Valley and New York City artists, and two, newly installed bronze works by world renowned 20th-century sculptor, Gaston Lachaise. Free admission. RSVPs encouraged. (845) 757-5106 or www.kaatsbaan.org

Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, 36 Tinker St., Woodstock. **Through July 20:** “Andrew Lyght | Touch Wood,” curated by Osi Audu, featuring the constructed paintings of Andrew Lyght. www.woodstockguild.org

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Aug. 23:** “Generated Utility,” curator Sharon Bates brings together the work of Natalie Beall and Kathy Greenwood, two artists who explore the regenerative possibilities of domestic forms and functions. Through material invention and abstraction, they reimagine familiar objects and traditions, shifting them from the realm of the functional into spaces of poetic ambiguity and formalist play. **Reception:** Sat., July 19, 4-6 p.m. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 9:** “Art in the Loft,” a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring the work 16 Arts Mid-Hudson member artists. On view daily, noon-5 p.m. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece

to be featured on an exclusive wine label. <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft>

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Nov. 2:** “What’s Missing?” site-specific artworks in the Olana landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 28:** “Address Earth: Overstory,” art that reconnects us to the Earth and to each other. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** “**EMILY COLE:** Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses,” placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMattio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. **Through Dec. 14:** “ON TREES: Georgia O’Keeffe and Thomas Cole,” exhibition brings together two iconic American artists in the COLE 200 anniversary year (1825-2025). The presentation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O’Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Aug. 10:** “Hudson Valley Towns: Interpretations of our Beautiful Hudson Valley Villages, Landmarks and Vistas.” (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

The Transverse Gallery for Contemporary Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 14:** “Spirit Rising: Recent Works by Susan Miiller.” A resident of the Hudson Valley for over 25 years, Miller continues the tradition of fine landscape painting that dates back to the early 19th century in America. Her distinct style builds upon the innovations of the past. (845) 454-4500 or www.lgny.org

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** “Invoke & Imbibe,” a powerful exploration of feminine power and ecstatic transformation, drawing inspiration from the frenzied, experiential rituals of the Maenads—the wild followers of Dionysus. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

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1. Straw man's "victim"

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8. Large edible mushroom

11. Mischievous Norse deity

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13. Brick and mortar destination

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30. "Back To The Future" actress

31. Leaked, as in ship

34. Miso bean

35. Operatic solos

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38. Is dressed in

39. Leave a Hancock

40. Cast-off skin

42. Egyptian boy king

43. Clearance, as under a bridge

45. Neglectful in duty

47. *"Dandelion Wine" author ____ Bradbury

48. Dear one

50. Black cat, to some

52. *"Build Me Up ____"

56. Adult

57. ____ bowl, frozen dish

58. Poetic "through"

59. Latin dance

60. "Buffalo ____, won't you come out tonight..."

61. Kids' building block

62. Altitude, abbreviated

63. Like a fox

64. Water carrier

DOWN

1. Staff symbol

2. Zoo sound

3. Gumbo pod

4. Separate grain from chaff

5. Model-building wood

6. Smart ones?

7. 100 centavos

8. Refrigerate

9. Commits a faux pas

10. Mont Blanc, e.g.

12. a.k.a. meditation in motion (2 words)

13. Ranch grazer

14. *Bette Midler's 1981 Grammy winning song (2 words)

19. Dungeness one and snow one

22. *Poppy's seed container

23. Banned camera setting, in a museum

24. Falcon's home

25. Boreal forest, in Russia

26. Ma tre d's list

27. Raccoon's South American cousin

28. *2024 Grammy winner for "Flowers"

29. Hop-drying kilns

32. *Lis in fleur-de-lis

33. * ____ Goo Dolls of "Gutterflower" fame

36. *"Flowers in the Attic" author V.C. ____

38. One of journalism's Ws

40. Declare

41. Costing nothing

44. Want to

46. ____ Beach, SC

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A & E CALENDAR

Through July 27: Catskill Mountain Shakespeare presents “Romeo and Juliet,” The Red Barn, 7970 Main St., Hunter. One of the greatest love stories ever told comes alive in an exhilarating new staging directed by acclaimed theater director Rebecca Wahls. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Catskill Mountains, outdoors and under the tent, the performances fuse powerful storytelling with dynamic stage combat, breathtaking design, and the timeless energy of Shakespeare’s classic. catskillmountainshakespeare.com

Through July 27: Powerhouse Theater, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Theater artists experiment and develop new plays and musicals for productions headed to Broadway, off-Broadway and regional theaters around the country. **This week: July 18-19, Reading:** “It’s Kind of a Funny Story,” in the Martel Theater, Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film. After deciding not to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge, 17-year-old Craig Gilner checks himself into Six North, a psychiatric ward, where he will face and navigate his mental health with the help of the unlikely group of people he’s ever met. Adapted from Ned Vizzini’s beloved novel and the Universal motion picture, this indie musical answers the question “Is it alright to not be all right?” **July 19-20, Reading: “The Holes,”** in the Powerhouse Theater. A bar in the rapidly gentrifying city of Kingston, NY has an illicit secret. But when a New York City businessman has a spiritual revelation in the backroom, everything changes. A story about shame, fathers and sons, legacy versus progress, and the relationship between spirituality and capitalism in the 21st century. All readings are free; reservations required. **July 18-20: Training Company presents “The Seagull”** at the Vassar Farm Preserve. During one hot, sticky, lakeside summer,

two young artists yearn for love and recognition, while the already famous buckle under the pressures and harsh realities of their success. How far will any of them go to chase validation and meaning? Chekhov’s darkly funny play explores the vulnerability in ambition and the fragility of big dreams and bigger expectations. Free and open to the public. No ticket required. **July 20-21: Training Company presents “Oresteia,”** 7:30 p.m. in the Susan Stein Shiva Theater. A curse plagues ancient Argos’ ruling family. On the advice of an oracle, King Agamemnon kills his daughter. Ten years later, his queen Clytemnestra takes revenge. When her son Orestes murders her in retribution, the city must find a way to hold him responsible. Can a trial by jury break this cycle of violence? This adaptation of the Greek tragedy will intertwine and overlap the events of Aeschylus’ trilogy to ask: How do we restore balance when there are no gods? Free and open to the public. Reservation required. www.vassar.edu/powerhouse

Through Aug. 17: SummerScape, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Bard SummerScape returns with opera, dance, Spiegeltent, and the 35th Bard Music Festival, “Martinu and His World.” Tickets & more information at fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Through Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. **This week: Soul Purpose,** classic & contemporary soul, New Orleans funk, swing, R&B and jazz. More info on the Facebook event page.

July 17: Third Thursdays Program, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Free monthly community day of tours and programs for all ages, 1-7 p.m. This month, enjoy “Tunes with a View featuring Mariachi Citlalli” from 6 to 7 p.m. as part of Olana’s free summer outdoor concert series. Experience vibrant mariachi music and the sounds of Mexico, one of the countries frequently visited by artist Frederic Church, all set against the backdrop of Olana’s stunning views. Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy free guided landscape tours and self-guided historic house access, 1-6:30 p.m. No tickets required. (518) 751-0344 or OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays

July 17-20: “Where the Mountain Meets the Sea,” Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 Cty. Rte. 7, Ancram. By Jeff Augustin; music by The Bengsons. Lyrical storytelling and live folk songs weave a tale of searching and longing, family and legacy. A Haitian man and his wife, expecting their first child, travel from Miami to California on a once-in-a-lifetime road trip. Years later, their gay son travels the same route in reverse. Does re-tracing the steps of those that come before us help us learn who they were? As their respective journeys unfold, time becomes fluid, the father and son forge a connection that had eluded them for years, and they find comfort in their shared and separate identity. Performances: Thurs.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. (518) 329-0114 or www.ancramcenter.org

July 18: Clinton Summer Concert Series, Fran Mark Rec Park, 337 Clinton Hollow Rd., Salt Point. Lenny Nelson, 6:30 p.m. Food trucks start at 6 p.m. Bring your own chair(s). Rain moves the concert under the pavilion. Sponsored by Clinton Community Library and Clinton Recreation Department.

July 18-20: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. July 18: Sharkey & The Sparks, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. July 19: The Best of the 70s by DizzyFish & The Uptown Horns, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$45 advance, \$50 door. July 20: Songwriters in the Round: Guy Davis, Pete Muller, and Cassandra Kubinski, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

July 18-26: “Lips Together, Teeth Apart,” County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. County Players presents the adult comedy-drama by Terrence McNally. Set on the beachside deck of a house on Fire Island during the 1990 Fourth of July weekend, McNally’s story imagines a gathering between two mismatched couples. Debate, discussion, and disclosure (including secrets, a mystery, and an affair) follow. Content warning: Contains strong mature language. Directed by Kit Colbourn. Performances: Fri. & Sat, 8 p.m., with matinees on Sun., July 20 & Sat., July 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$26 Adult, \$24 Senior

60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door). www.countyplayers.org

July 19: Roger Phillips Concert Series Presents The Hudson Organ Trio, Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. The ensemble, all of whom are connected with Bard College’s Conservatory of Music, will play a variety of familiar and original jazz tunes such as “Nostalgia In Times Square” by Charles Mingus and “Eleanor Rigby” by The Beatles, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Planned for the outdoor stage, indoors in the event of inclement weather. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

July 19: Elysium Furnace Works presents Squanderers, VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. A truly original indie supergroup, Squanderers features guitarists Wendy Eisenberg (Allison Miller, John Zorn) and David Grubbs (Gastr del Sol, Bastro, Squirrel Bait) alongside multi-instrumentalist and legendary Shimmy-Disc Records label founder and producer Kramer (Shockabilly, Bongwater, New York Gong, The Fugs, Zorn), 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$30 door — advance tickets are on sale at https://squanderers.eventbrite.com

July 19-20: New York Stage and Film Summer Season, Nelly Goletti Theatre, Marist University, Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie. “Shelter,” inspired by the reporting of Lauren Sandler. Book by Kirsten Greenidge & Lauren Sandler. Music & Lyrics by Crystal Monee Hall. Directed by Lorin Latarro. Presentations on Sat. at 7 p.m. & Sun. at 2 p.m. Jazmine is like a lot of 19-year-olds in New York, splitting her time between schoolwork and blowing off steam in the city. But she’s got problems as big as her dreams, living in a homeless shelter for new mothers and caring for her newborn baby. With an infectious score that sounds like the city itself, “Shelter” is the unforgettable story about the often-unseen New York and one determined young woman’s struggle to succeed against impossibly stacked odds. Supported in partnership with FourthWall Theatrical. www.newyorkstageandfilm.org

July 22: Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert, Clinton Alliance Church, 1192 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck. Enjoy a free outdoor concert by this 40-piece symphonic wind band playing Broadway show tunes, classical music, marches & more, 7 p.m. If it rains, the concert will be held in the gym. For more info and updates, check rhinebecklegionband.org

July 23: Music in the Parks, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: Soul Purpose, classic & contemporary soul, New Orleans funk, swing, R&B and jazz. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook

Movies With Spirit to present film version of Judy Blume classic July 19



Rachel McAdams, left, and Abby Ryder Fortson star in “Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret,” a beloved coming-of-age story about a sixth-grade girl navigating puberty, friendship and faith. The film screens at 7 p.m. on July 19 at the Kingston Library, as part of the Movies With Spirit community series. *Photo credit: Dana Hawley/Lionsgate*

“Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret,” a beloved coming-of-age story about a sixth-grade girl navigating puberty, friendship and faith, is this month’s Movies With Spirit screening at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, at the Kingston Library, 61 Crown Street.

Based on author Judy Blume’s groundbreaking young-adult classic of the same title, the fearless comedy drama follows 11-year-old Margaret (Abby Ryder Fortson), who is uprooted to the New Jersey suburbs from New York City when her father, Herb (Benny Safdie), gets a promotion.

With new friends and a new school, Margaret goes through the messy throes of puberty. Throughout this difficult transition, she expresses her thoughts, feelings and anxieties, and looks for guidance, understanding and connection, by praying to God, even though she was brought up with no religious faith.

She also relies on her mother, Barbara (Rachel McAdams), who herself is strugg-

ling to adjust to life outside the city, and her adoring grandmother, Sylvia (Kathy Bates), who isn’t happy they moved away and likes to remind them every chance she gets.

The 2023 film, which runs 1 hour 46 minutes and is rated PG-13, earned 27 critic and festival awards.

The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

The monthly film series, organized by Gerry Harrington of Kingston, seeks to stimulate joy and wonder, inspire love and compassion, and help people understand their connection with others and with life itself. It supports all cultures, faiths and beliefs while transcending them.

For more information, call Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or email gerryharrington@mindspring.com. Details are also available on Movies With Spirit’s Facebook page.

‘LET’S MAKE ART’ CLASSES HOPE TO INSPIRE KIDS, ADULTS

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, offers opportunities for children and adults to tap into their creativity while learning drawing and art-making techniques this summer.

Let’s Make Art classes for children (ages 7 to 18) take place Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. on July 27 (Drawing Techniques) and Aug. 10 (Tie-Dying).

Let’s Make Art classes for adults take place Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 3 (Drawing Techniques), Aug. 24 (Book-making) and Sept. 7 (Marbling Paper).

Classes are offered a la carte or may be attended as a series.

Presenters are: Elizabeth Fenamore, a retired NYC school teacher and former research scientist; Deborah Macheski, a mixed-media artist; Kerry Greene, a nonprofit development and communications executive with a formal education in art history and studio art; Brian Washburn, a former scenic artist, art gallery director, and artist.

The cost is \$5/session for children; \$10/session for adults

Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, contact cleo42002@yahoo.com or (917) 539-2009.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stanford Historical Society to offer Rev250 program July 18

Dillon Streifeneder, historian of Colonial America & the Early American Republic, will speak at the Stanford Free Library on Friday, July 18, at 7 p.m. The Stanford Historical Society presents the program by Streifeneder, an assistant professor of history at the U.S. Naval Academy. His talk, "Reduced to the Necessity of a Government by Congresses and Committees: Everyday Governance Amid Revolution in Northeast Dutchess County," will examine how revolutionary change occurred in relation to government institutions by looking at northeastern Dutchess County between 1774 and 1777. Registration is required at stanfordlibrary.org.

Knights of Columbus to hold Yard Sale in Pleasant Valley

St. Stanislaus Kostka Knights of Columbus #7875 will hold its annual Yard Sale on Saturday, July 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1590 Main St., Pleasant Valley. Many items for sale, ranging from indoor furniture, outdoor furniture, children's toys, books, CDs, pictures in frames, sports gear, tools, kitchenware and various knick-knacks and chotchkes. For more information, email kocststan@gmail.com or call Steve Murray at (914) 475-8799 or Bobby Sandford at (845) 546-5410.

Montgomery House Museum in Rhinebeck open to visitors on select Saturdays

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday July 19 and 26, and August 2, 9 and 16, 2025. 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. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District.

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. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com.https://sites.google.com/view/clcdar/

Stanford Democratic Caucus

Notice is given to all enrolled Democrats in the Town of Stanford. A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at Bangallworks, 97 Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions: Town Supervisor, Town Council Member, Town Council Member, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Town Justice and for the transaction of other business that may properly come before those assembled. Doors will open at 9.30 a.m. and you must sign in before 10 a.m.

Penny Social set July 19 at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Summer Penny Social on Saturday, July 19, 2025, 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.

Copake Falls Day set July 19

Copake Falls Day will take place on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the intersection of NY Route 22 and NY Route 344. There will be live music, train rides, food, raffles and silent auction, tag sale, kids activities, 5K run, market and local history tours. Visit www.copakefallsny.com for more information.

Pets can parade, win prizes at Copake Falls Day

Copake Grange #935 sponsors the third annual Pets in the Park event at the Taconic State Park, 35 Valley View Road, July 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Held in conjunction with Copake Falls Day and co-sponsored by the Copake Veterinary Hospital, this is a fun event where adults and children are invited to bring their favorite pet dog (all dogs must be licensed), cat, lizard, goat or whatever (except—no birds this year due to the risk of bird flu) to mingle and parade around at a beautiful location in the Taconic State Park.

There is a \$5 registration fee for each pet. Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded for the cutest, the most vocal, the best tail, etc. Proceeds benefit AnimalKind, Inc. and Everlasting Pet Rescue. More info at copakegrangepets@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org/events for a registration form.

Chicken BBQ dinner in Salt Point

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will have their annual chicken BBQ on Saturday July 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu is marinated boneless chicken breasts, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, cornbread, corn on the cob and dessert for \$15 for all ages. Reservations with a pick up time is required. Call Jeanne at 845-797-9621 to make your reservation/time.

Millbrook Historical Society to present Quaker lecture

The Millbrook Historical Society will hold a lecture related to Quaker history as part of Dutchess County's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (a.k.a. Rev 250).

Carl Lounsbury of the College of William and Mary and Colonial Williamsburg will speak on the architecture of the Nine Partners Meetinghouse on Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. His talk, "Nine Partners Meetinghouse Plan: A New Form in the Hudson Valley," will put the structure in the context of other later 18th-century houses of worship in New York and New England. Lounsbury is the author of many works on early American architecture.

The talk will be held at the historic Nine Partners Quaker Meetinghouse in Millbrook. Enter through the

cemetery gate on Church St. The program is free and open to all.

Crafters Market at Ruby Hill Farm

Ruby Hill Farm, at 2325 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners, will host a Crafters Market from noon to 4 p.m. on the following Sundays: July 27, and August 24. See beautifully handmade items made by local artists and visit the farm store offering in-season goods. Entry for public is free. Vendors please register using the vendor ticket on Eventbrite. For questions, contact rubyhillfarm@yahoo.com. Visitor passes may be purchased for viewing the farm animals at the farm store. Vendors may sign up online at www.rubyhillfarm.com/events.

Ukraine fundraiser set July 27 at Stissing Center

'Words to America from Ukraine' is an experience to connect our Dutchess County community with the unwavering spirit of Ukraine. The event will be held on Sunday, July 27, from 5 to 8 p.m., at The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains.

Expect to be moved by contemporary war-time Ukrainian poetry, eloquently blended with the vibrant sounds of folk music performed by the renowned Ukrainian Village Voices ensemble. Savor delicious food and drink, hear inspiring speakers, and participate in a live auction featuring exceptional works from local and Ukrainian artists.

Every ticket, every bid, every donation directly supports Razom for Ukraine, providing critical aid and keeping Ukraine's fight for freedom in the hearts and minds of Americans. Our actions will change lives. WordsFromUkraine.org

Rhinebeck church to offer Vacation Bible School

Daily Vacation Bible School, a ministry of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, will meet July 28-Aug. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the church at 6959 Route 9, just north of the 9/9G light in Rhinebeck. The Bible School is geared to ages 4-18; each day includes Bible lessons, music, skits, crafts, activities and refreshments. There is no fee to attend, and all are welcome. Call (845) 876-6923 or (845) 876-7214 or email fdcirone@aol.com for more information.

Documentary screening in Kingston

Sunday, August 3, 2025 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. Showing of the new documentary "Who Killed Shireen," an investigation of who is responsible for the murder of a prominent Palestinian-American journalist in the West Bank. Free admission. Cosponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org, Mid Hudson Valley DSA, Rally Middletown, JVP Hudson Valley, Peace Education Center, and Veterans For Peace, Women In Black - New Paltz. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845 876-7906

Brunch to benefit library project

A brunch to benefit the Hyde Park Library's accessibility project will be held at Joseph's Italian Steakhouse (728 Violet Ave.), from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. The event will feature a delicious breakfast as well as a silent auction and raffles.

Tickets are \$70 at the library's circulation desk, but can be purchased in advance for a small processing fee when you visit the library's online calendar. Proceeds will be put toward the upcoming construction taking place in the library, which will include an accessible restroom and the installation of a lift. For more information call the library at 845-229-7791.

ONGOING

Men's fellowship and Bible study: Tuesday nights, 7-9 p.m., in the home of David Mahoney, 21 Mountain View Road, Staatsburg. Call (845) 797-4805 for more information.

PV Garden Club meets first Thursday of the month. Want to learn more about gardening while helping your neighbors? Join Pleasant Valley Community Gardens for its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Pleasant Valley Library. No experience necessary. Pleasant Valley Community Gardens are volunteers learning as they grow vegetables and flowers in Helen Aldrich Park on Route 115. Everything we grow is to benefit local food pantries. See our Facebook page and web site at www.pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com.

GREETERS IN THE GARDEN: Visit the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, located at 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, on the FDR National Historic Site, any day from dawn to dusk. Entry is free. On the first and third Sunday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., Volunteers Greeters will be on hand to informally provide historic and garden information. The historic, walled garden was designed in 1912 by Beatrix Farrand, the first American woman landscape architect, making this Hyde Park garden very significant. The newer "Wild Garden" is a thriving demonstration garden featuring 140 native plants. Free parking and restrooms are available at Wallace Center, a few steps from the historic, walled Beatrix Farrand Garden garden. For information about the nonprofit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service, visit www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.

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 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.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington Farmers Market, Vassar College Alumnae Lawn, Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 30. https://arlingtonhasit.org/farmers-market/

Eastdale Farmers Market, Eastdale Village, 10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie. First & third Sundays through October, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop farm-fresh produce, handmade goodies, and local treats while soaking up the community spirit. Located in front of Sims Podiatry & Jolie Medi Spa on Eastdale Avenue South. https://www.eastdalevilage.com/farmers-market

Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market, Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 25. Locally harvested foods, artisanal items and ready-to-eat goodies. Children's activities, special events and more. See Facebook page for more info.

NECC Farmers Market, Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Offers a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, fruit, cheeses, baked goods and prepared foods. All vendors are local and use sustainable and ethical growing practices. https://www.neccmillerton.org/farmers-market-millerton

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park (across from Town Hall). Runs Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked

goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and more. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. More info on Facebook, or email oakgreen@optonline.net.

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, The Pavilion at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Open Tuesdays through Oct. 21, 2-6 p.m. Features farm fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods, maple products and more. (845) 471-0589

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 28. Rain or shine. More info at www.rhinebeck-farmersmarket.com

Roosters' Roadside Farmers Market, 669 County Rte. 2, Elizaville. Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Produce, meat, soap and other local items. @roostersroadsidegrill

Todd Hill Outdoor Market, 4640 Taconic State Parkway North, Poughkeepsie. Run by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to bring its stakeholders together throughout the summer and fall seasons. The market includes seasonal produce, craft beverages, textiles, and value-added products that result from farming efforts or small businesses with a link to sustainable agriculture and horticulture in the Hudson Valley. (845) 849-0247 or https://tastenyoddhill.com

DC Comptroller to hold Town Hall on July 24 in Pawling

Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair will be continuing his series of Town Halls around the county to explain the functions of the Office, findings from recent reports, and will

conclude with a Q&A session. The next Town Hall will be held at the Pawling Library, 11 Broad St., in Pawling from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, in Pawling.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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OBITUARIES

Lila Anderson

Lila Woodcock Anderson, born on September 10th, 1953 to Lloyd & Leola Woodcock in Ogdensburg, NY. Lila passed away into eternal life on July 9, 2025. She retired from Taconic DDSO where she was a beautician.

Lila is survived by the love of her life Leonard “Lenny” Anderson of 51 years, her daughter Melissa Whitford & husband Donald, son Michael Anderson & wife Jennifer Hall. Lila is also survived by her grandchildren, Dealia Anderson & Fiancé Jeremy Quiles, Hunter, Nevin, & Logan Whitford & great-grandchildren Eliana, Leo, & Tiberius Quiles. She is also survived by several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Lila was always a true caregiver. She loved nothing more than spending time with the loves of her life, her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Millbrook, NY on Tuesday July 15. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook.

Mary Elizabeth Boscardin

Mary Elizabeth Boscardin, 81, a lifelong area resident, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, July 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Elizabeth was a dedicated registered nurse whose distinguished career included serving as Director of Nursing at Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Winddale, the Craig House in Beacon, and the Bronx Psychiatric Center. She was known for her compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to those in her care.

Born on March 5, 1944 in Sharon, CT, she was the daughter of the late Luigi Boscardin and Frances “Dolly” (Cutolo) Boscardin. A 1962 graduate of Dover High School in Dover Plains, NY, she went on to graduate from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Poughkeepsie in 1965, earned her RN, continued her studies at Pace University, and later received a Master’s Degree from Long Island University.

Mary Elizabeth is survived by her loving family: her two sisters, Sally Rivenburgh and her husband, Arthur, of Dover Plains and Rosemary Boscardin and her companion, William Tito, of Sherman, CT; her brother, Frank Boscardin and his wife, Carolyn, of Dover Plains, NY and four nieces, Lori Rivenburgh and her husband, Reuben Simmons, of Millbrook, NY; Jessica Boardman and her husband, Scott, of Amenia, NY; Francesca Boscardin of Dover Plains, NY and Darcy Rogers, and her husband, Mark, of Dover Plains, NY. She is also survived by a nephew, Frankie Boscardin of Gulf Port, MS; a great nephew, Jase Boardman and three great nieces, Olivia and Madilyn Rogers and Hazel Hunter.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her longtime companion, Monika Trapl.

Mary dedicated her life to caring for others, serving with grace and empathy in every chapter of her career. Her kindness extended far beyond the walls of any hospital — touching friends, family, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Nursing was not just her profession; it was her calling.

She was the definition of class: kind, thoughtful, and generous. Mary found joy in the simple pleasures — a perfect beach day under the sun in her beloved St. Martin, where she loved to tan and unwind, surrounded by family, friends, and the beauty of the ocean. Travel was her passion, but family was her heart.

She was a beloved sister — loyal, loving, and always present. Her bond with her siblings was unbreakable, filled with laughter, support, and endless memories. Being “Auntie” was Mary’s greatest joy — a role she embraced with pride, warmth, and wholehearted devotion — never missing a moment to celebrate them, support them, or simply enjoy their company. She was more than family; she was a best friend, a role model, a constant source of love and laughter.

Mary also shared a special bond with her caretaker, Brenda Rennia, whose love, compassion, and steady presence brought her great comfort and joy. Special thanks to Cynthia Burnett and Paulette James for their gentle and loving care in Mary’s final days. Their kindness and dedication meant so much to Mary and her family.

She will be remembered always for her warmth, strength, and unwavering love. Never to be forgotten - we love you more.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Hufcut Funeral Home, Dover

Plains, NY. Funeral services took place on Friday, July 11, 2025 at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Charles Cemetery, Dover Plains, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to J. H. Ketcham Hose Company, P.O. Box 706, Dover Plains, NY 12522. For directions or to send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneral-home.com.

Robert L. Haan



Robert L. Haan, 89, of Rhinebeck, passed away on July 11, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY, after a brief illness.

Born on May 13, 1936 in Midland Park, NJ to the late Roelf L. and Edith M. Macdonald Haan. Bob married Angelyn B. Zylstra on August 30, 1957 in Grand Rapids, MI. Mrs. Haan survives at home in Rhinebeck.

Bob served with the Michigan National Guard, 126th Infantry Division. He attended Calvin College, and graduated from Michigan State University with an engineering degree. He began his career working for Exxon at the Bayway Refinery in New Jersey. For many years and until his retirement, Bob worked as a systems engineer for Control Associates, Inc. based in Tenafly, New Jersey. Very active into retirement, Bob became an Emergency Medical Technician, the Captain of the Rescue Squad, and served with Sand Hills Overland Search and Rescue while living in West End, North Carolina. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.

He was a committed family man and loved to tell stories and family legends. Bob was a man of faith, and served his Lord in many capacities, including as an elder, youth group leader, and as a choir member. Service to his fellow man and his community was an integral part of Bob’s faith, and he was always eager to be of assistance whenever and wherever he could.

Locally he was a member of St. John’s Reformed Church and was a member of the Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps., Neighbors’ Gun Club, Hudson Valley Wood Carvers, and Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Angelyn B. Haan, along with their children, Beth (Stephen) Forschler of Clinton Corners, NY, Richard (Linda) Haan of Sioux Center, IA, William (Catherine) Haan of Grand Rapids, MI, and Paul (Julie Nietling) Haan of Grand Rapids, MI; their ten beloved grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren, his siblings, Judith (Richard) Streng of Grand Rapids, MI, and Donald (Ruth) Haan of Grand Rapids, MI; along with many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday, July 18, 2025, 11:00 AM at St. John’s Reformed Church in Red Hook, NY. The Haan family will be receiving friends and family prior to the service from 10:00 to 10:45 am. Burial will follow the service at St. John’s Reformed Church Cemetery in Red Hook, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bob’s memory to St. John’s Reformed Church, 126 Old Post Rd. North, Red Hook, NY 12571, Habitat for Humanity, or to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, 7461 South Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571.

Shirley Hynes

Shirley Marie Hynes, age 85, lifelong area resident, died peacefully at home on July 8, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in the town of Poughkeepsie, NY on February 2, 1940. She attended Arlington

Central School District and graduated from the Poughkeepsie City School District. Shirley attended St. John’s Church in Pawling and St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction.

On November 30, 1958, she married the love of her life, Vincent E. Hynes, who predeceased her on February 23, 2024. They worked hard and played hard during their 66-year marriage. Entertaining family and friends for any occasion was a constant highlight of their life. They also loved to travel the world - their favorite place was Ireland which they visited on four occasions.

Shirley began her broad and diverse career history as a hairdresser at the Bella Donna Salon in Poughkeepsie and privately in her home, for many years. She was also a licensed real estate agent for many years, a co-owner of the ladies’ apparel shop Hynes Red Barn in Lagrangeville for ten years, a long-time Town of Beekman Tax Assessor and eventually retired after many years as the Town of Lewisboro Tax Assessor.

Her community services included being a 4-H leader for many years, a Town of Beekman Ladies Auxiliary lifetime member, and a Town of Beekman Fire Department lifetime member where she drove the ambulance for many years. She was an avid reader and loved to quilt.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents Hardy and Sadie Helen (Snyder) Brownell, her sister Barbara Simmons and brother-in-law John Simmons, and her brother, her sister-in-law Nancy Hynes Briggs, her father-in-law and mother-in-laws Vincent J and Cora Tobin Hynes, and Constance Crutchfield Rowe.

She is survived by her daughter Suzann Peterson and husband Bruce; daughter Wendy Travis and husband Howard; and son Darrell Hynes and companion Denise Kearsing.

She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren: Christopher Lombardi (Melissa), Stefanie Lombardi, Vincent J Hynes (Samatha), and Raymond Hynes (Kathleen), as well as great grandchildren: Madison Lombardi, Logan Lombardi, Eli Jones-Lombardi, Lily Hynes, Peyton Hynes, Otto Hynes, Cole Hynes, and Finn Hynes.

Also surviving are her sisters, Sandra Prosser, Beverly Baright, Katherine Brownell; sister-in-law Carol Robin and brother-in-law Jim Robin; her sister-in-law Jeanette Sasser, brother-in-law Bruce Copeland and sister-in-law Shelly Copeland, brother-in-law Dan Briggs, and many dear cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, dear and special local friends, as well as dear friends who she and Vincent spent many winters with in Pompano, Florida.

The family would like to express thanks to Rofina and the Angels on Call Health Agency, and to the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice for their kindness and care.

Calling hours were held on Sunday July 13, 2025, at McHoul’s Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, July 14, at St. Denis Church, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Shirley’s Memory to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, PO Box 428, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, located at St. Columba Church in Hopewell Junction.

Samuel Lawson, Jr.

Samuel “Sam” H. Lawson, Jr., age 93, died on July 4, 2025 at the University of Connecticut John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington, CT. He was a resident of Pleasant Valley, NY, since 1966, and brie’y of Farmington, CT. Sam was a professional engineer who retired from IBM in 1992 after a variety of assignments in Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and Armonk, NY. His previous career positions were in New England with the Connecticut Light and Power Co., and federal civil service in Bermuda during America’s space program of the 1960s, in which he modernized Bermuda’s air?eld facilities to support NASA’s Mercury and Gemini missions.

With IBM for 26 years, Mr. Lawson enjoyed a variety of technical and management assignments. Most memorable for him were two chair assignments training new managers at IBM’s Corporate Management Development Center in Armonk, NY. He retired in 1992 as a senior engineer and manager of IBM Poughkeepsie’s Management Development Center.

After retirement, Mr. Lawson was associated for over twenty years with Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, NY, where as a docent he conducted tours of the Federal-era house museum.

Sam was born in Plymouth, CT, in 1931, the son of Samuel H. and Elsie Kiesel Lawson. He attended local schools and earned a degree in electrical engineering from the evening division of New Haven College (now University of New Haven) while working full time. After service in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean War, he married Rose Toscano, of Bristol CT, in 1956.

For many years he was a member of the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church in LaGrangeville, NY. As an Elder and member of the Session, he served as a Board of Trustees o?cer and led a number of church initiatives. His service to the community also included active participation in the United Way of Dutchess County as a Loaned Executive, a member of its Board of Directors, and president of the agency’s Community Resources division.

Sam’s personal interests included distance running and landscape gardening, especially roses. He regarded his most signi?cant post-retirement accomplishment to be a book he wrote about his early life in a small New England town, which explained how his lifelong values were formulated.

Sam Lawson is survived by daughter Amy Lawson and son-in-law Christopher Hayes, of Windsor, CT; daughter-in-law Linda Kopp of South Chelmsford, MA; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Rose Lawson; daughter, Joanne Lawson; and sisters Lorraine Lasnier and Dorothy Johnson, both of Bristol, CT.

Visiting hours will be held at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY, from 12-2 pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025, with a memorial service following at the same location at 2 pm. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of ?owers, donations may be made in Sam’s memory to Boscobel Home & Gardens (visit <https://www.boscobel.org/get-involved/#donations>).

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INDEX NO.: 2019-55117
Date Filed: 06/25/2025
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
MORTGAGED PREMISES: 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538
SBL #: 6264-03-408225
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of COWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, Plaintiff,
vs.
Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, as Administrator of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Diane Wynant, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Clifford Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Patrick Wood, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Francis Hildwin, Jr., aka Frank Hildwin, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Gary Plass as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Justin Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor Indenture Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for COWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-F; Hudson Heritage

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Federal Credit Union; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Petro, Inc. DBA Love Effron Fuel Oil; Mary Ellen McArthur; New York State Department of Finance and Taxation; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue; Midland Funding LLC; Hudson Valley FCU; GE Money Bank; Hyde Park Greens LP; Vassar Brothers Medical Center; The People of the State of New York; Credit Acceptance Corporation; Snap-On Credit LLC,
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.
SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.
SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE

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COURT.
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 149,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on January 19, 2005, as Document No. 01 2005 1180 covering premises known as 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538, SBL #: 6264-03-408225
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.
TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa S.J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess dated and filed June 2, 2025.
Dated: June 24, 2025 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo
Deborah M. Gallo, Esq.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, New York 10170
Phone: 347.286.7409
Fax: 347-286-7414
Attorneys for Plaintiff, The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of COWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, **HELP FOR HOME-**

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OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE
NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.
The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure.
In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.
To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.
FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS
Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-12-25 NAME OF PROJECT: ADA Improvements 22&60 Market Street. Project Description: The project includes the replacement of existing exterior ramps at 22 and 60 Market Street to meet ADA requirements. Work also includes replacement of aluminum entrance doors and automatic door openers. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County

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DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, August 8, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 10730008# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified

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check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday August 1, 2025 and emailed to ChristopherSterbenz@dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is September 8, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is March 30, 2026. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2025008174. Start-up: December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2025 duly adopted a resolution, a summary of which is published herewith subject to a permissive referendum.
DATED: Pleasant Valley, New York July 7, 2025
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
RESOLUTION NO. 614/2025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO CONVEY THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FIREHOUSE LOCATED AT 30 COTTAGE STREET, PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK TO THE PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
WHEREAS, the Town of Pleasant Valley has acquired two parcels of land located at 30 Cottage Street in the Town of Pleasant Valley upon which is located the Salt Point Volunteer Firehouse; and
WHEREAS, the Town acquired said property with the understanding that the Firehouse would be conveyed to the Pleasant Valley Fire District; and
WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has prepared a deed and associated transfer documentation for the transfer of title of the said property to the Pleasant Valley Fire District, copies of which are annexed hereto; and
WHEREAS, this action has been determined by the Town Board to be a Type II action under SEQRA which does require environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the deed and associated documentation in order to transfer title of the Salt Point Volunteer Firehouse to the Pleasant Valley Fire District and to execute such other and further documentation as may be required by law for said transfer; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with the requirements of §64(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on July 7, 2025 which resulted as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh		
SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman		
ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Supervisor Albrecht	X_____	_____
Councilman Rifenburgh	X_____	_____
Councilman Degan	X_____	_____
Councilwoman Chapman	X_____	_____
Councilman Cookinham	X_____	_____
Carried.		

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:
17 North Avenue, Pleasant Valley
Appeal #1084
Grid# 6363-12-841622
Interpretation Request: The applicant is seeking an interpretation regarding the sign violation at Pleasant Valley Insurance Agency.
SAID Meeting will

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take place on July 23, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and begins at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:
15 Ravine Road, Pleasant Valley
Appeal #1085
Grid# 6363-02-935898

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Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to erect a 40'x36' detached garage that does not meet the required rear setback of 15'. The garage would only be 9' from the rear property line, therefore, they are requesting a 6' variance.
SAID Meeting will take place on July 23, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and begins at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Milan Republican Committee will hold its party nominating caucus on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:00

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PM in the Milan Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571. Check-In Begins at 5:30.
The purpose of said meeting is for the nomination of candidates to appear on the November 4, 2025 general election ballot for the following positions: Town Justice (1), Supervisor (1), Town Council (2), Town Clerk (1) and for all other pertinent business raised at the caucus. Only enrolled voters and registered members of the Republican Party in the Town of Milan are permitted to vote at the caucus. For further information, contact Stephanie Weber,

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Chair 6 Hidden Hollow Trail, Milan, NY 12571 – (845) 464-0724. - 30 -

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-28-25
Maintenance, Repair and Inspection of Petroleum Product Tanks, Pumps and Other Related Equipment
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 31st day of July 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our

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website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:
296 Masten Road, Pleasant Valley
Appeal #1086

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Grid# 6564-03-318091
Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to renovate the nonconforming residence, adding an addition and detached two car garage that do not meet the required rural residential 70' front yard setback. The addition and garage are both 17'6" from the front property line, therefore, both need a variance of 52'6".
SAID Meeting will take place on July 23, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and begins at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

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Charles Seabring

Charles James Seabring, Sr., 76, an area resident since 1977, died on July 8, 2025 at home. He previously lived in the Bronx.
Born at Fordham Hospital in the Bronx on September 23, 1948, Charles was the son of the late William and Octavia (Hart) Seabring. He proudly served in the Army National Guard. Charles retired from IBM after 35 years of service in Tarrytown and East Fishkill.
An avid fan of New York teams, his favorites were the Rangers, Yankees, and Giants. More than anything, Charles loved watching his grandchildren grow up and was their biggest fan at their hockey games, gymnastic events, and other activities over the years.
He is survived by his son, Charles James Seabring, Jr. and his wife Amy; his grandchildren, Christian and Ariana Seabring; his brother, William Seabring; and his former wife with whom he remained friends, Catherine Seabring.

Visitation was held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction.
Donations may be made in memory of Charles to the Autism Society. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneral-home.com.
Joan Smith
Joan Sherow Smith of Pleasant Valley, NY passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2025.
She was born May 24, 1935 to Cecil D. and Olive Briggs Sherow in Pleasant Valley, NY. Joan graduated from Arlington High School in 1953 and then went to work for the U.S. Government in Washington DC where she met her future husband, John B. Smith (Jack). They were married November 14, 1954 at the Pleasant Valley First Presbyterian Church and were blessed to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
Joan worked for 25 years as a bookkeeper for Freisitzer Electric. She was an active lifelong member of the Pleasant Valley First

Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder, sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for many years. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Grange since 1949 and was Treasurer for the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Assoc. for many years. Joan belonged to the Pleasant Valley Health Committee and ran the hospital equipment loan closet, along with Jack, from their home for over 40 years. Joan and Jack traveled to all 50 states and several countries; and enjoyed spending time with their large extended family and dear friends.
Joan is survived by her son, Philip and wife Carolyn of Pine Plains NY; son Tom and wife Carol of Rhinebeck NY; daughter Jennifer and husband Tim Wengender of Webster NY; daughter-in-law Barbara Smith Komondorea of Newburgh NY; nine grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Smith, Krystal Drumm, Amanda Smith, Colleen Chlus, Monica Smith, Andrew, Rachel and Samuel Wengender; and extended family of grandchil-

dren and great grandchildren. Also a sister, Carol Hawley and many nieces and nephews.
In addition to her parents and her husband Jack, Joan was predeceased by her son, Peter Smith, brother C. Douglas Sherow, and sisters Eleanor Pink, Dorothy Traver, Jean Gerhards and Gertrude Hewlett.
Visitation was held on Friday, July 11 at Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley. A funeral service took place at First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Valley on Saturday, July 12. Interment followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.
The family would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Lia, Mom's devoted caregiver, and to Hudson Valley Hospice for helping the family care for Mom at home.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pleasant Valley First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 664, Pleasant Valley NY 12569 or Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

Answers to this week's diversions

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Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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A hundred summers ago, how did people manage to keep cool in a world where home air conditioning was virtually unknown?

Wealthy New York City residents prized their summer homes in Dutchess County, often on the Hudson with their own personal riverside ice houses and walk-in home iceboxes, with ice harvested from the river the previous winter. Middle-class homes had smaller iceboxes, with only enough room for dairy and a few other perishables.

But cooling the whole house? Out of the question, even for the Astors and Vanderbilts.

19th- and 20th-century cooling solutions

Our ancestors have a lot to teach us about staying cool in the summer by making strategic adaptations:

Cook outside if you can. This isn't the season for roasting chickens or baking a tray of lasagna. Outdoor grilled foods and cold salads can be tasty and nutritious, and won't heat up your home.

The night time is the right time. Large appliances can throw off a lot of heat. Many modern dishwashers and clothes washers can operate on a timer so that they'll run while you sleep. If you can hang-dry your clothes, that's less time and energy spent running the dryer.

Open your windows and blinds at night. Your home can hold a lot of heat during the day. No need to keep it around at night, too. Which leads us to our next point...

Close your window coverings in the morning. Summer sun comes in through your windows, but not if it can't get to your window in the first place. Block the heat with shades or blinds during the sunniest hours to keep your home cooler without air conditioning.

In the long term, install sun-blocking

outdoor window shades, especially on the west and south sides of your home. Take care of shade trees, if you've got them. A tree-shaded home can easily be 10 degrees cooler than a home in the full sun.

Use your fans strategically. Fans don't cool the air, but they can at least move cooler air from one part of your home to another. Use a fan to bring cooler air in from outside at night. If your home has an attic fan, use it. Anybody who's had to climb up to an attic in July can attest to how hot it gets there.

In your bathroom, use the exhaust fan to push steamy air outside. An outside-venting kitchen exhaust fan will do the same for air heated by cooking.

Set ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise (when viewed from below) to create a cooling downward breeze. The fan's reversing switch is usually located on the fan's body, in the middle. Only use the reversing switch when the fan is turned off and at a complete stop.

Take Bobby Darin's Advice, and Splish Splash

No need to take a freezing cold bath or shower, but slightly cooler water can work wonders. Start with a warm shower and gradually lower the temperature. Cool water on your skin can help reduce inflammation and irritation; what's more, it can be both invigorating in the morning as well as calming at the end of a long, hot day. If you don't feel like a full shower, even using a wet washcloth on yourself, or running cool tap water over your hands and wrists, can both help.

DIDN'T MAKE IT TO THE OLDER ADULTS SKILLS FAIR? IT'LL BE BACK

Turnout was tremendous on Thursday, July 10th for County Executive Sue Serino's first (of what we expect will be many) Older Adults Skills Fair at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park. Over 300

older adults from Dutchess County, along with a few curious visitors from as far away as the Carolinas, learned about the employment and volunteering opportunities available to older adults in Dutchess.

Keep following the "Aging News" and OFA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA) to learn more about goings-on of interest to our seniors.

WAPPINGERS 7/23
OFA PICNIC AT CAPACITY

Reservations are full for the OFA Summer Picnic for older (60+) residents of the Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls, coming up on Wednesday, July 23rd.

The full picnic schedule, including links to pictures from past picnics, is available at dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics. As of the morning of Friday, June 11th, seats were still available for the following picnics:

- Wed 7/30 for older residents of Pleasant Valley, at West Road School
- Wed 8/13 for City of Poughkeepsie seniors, at Stitzel Field
- Wed 8/20 for seniors living in the Towns of Beekman or LaGrange, at Freedom Park in LaGrange
- Wed 8/27 for East Fishkill seniors, at Hopewell Rec Park

Many thanks to AccentCare, Central Hudson, Mid Hudson Medicare Group, and the Pines at Poughkeepsie for their support of the picnic program.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET
NUTRITION PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging has launched its annual Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), providing coupon booklets that make local produce more affordable and accessible for older adults.

Eligible older adult applicants receive a booklet with five \$5 coupons — total-

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Coupons are valid statewide at participating markets through November 30 or until a market closes for the season, whichever comes first, and can be used by a designated shopper if the recipient cannot visit a market in person.

Here's the most recent list of participating markets in Dutchess County: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department/s/Aging/Docs/flyer-sfmnp25.pdf>

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"New Yorkers should never have to jump through hoops just to cancel an unwanted subscription," said James. "This new 'Click-to-Cancel' rule will protect consumers and ensure companies are operating fairly. I encourage anyone who has a difficult time canceling a subscription to report it to my office, and I will continue to make sure companies throughout our state are following the law."

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