

Rhinebeck Chamber
sets community
forum on Aug. 4

Public hearing
on Rhinebeck zoning
law set Aug. 18

By Kate Goldsmith

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invites the community to a forum on Tuesday, Aug. 4, to learn more about a proposed temporary moratorium on certain applications for land-use approvals for hospitality-related land uses that are pending or may be subsequently filed with the Town of Rhinebeck.

The forum's goal is to "provide an opportunity to review the proposed legislation, discuss its potential impacts, ask questions, and share perspectives in a respectful and constructive setting," according to an email distributed to Chamber members last week.

"As a business organization dedicated to supporting both our local economy and our community, the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce believes it is important that businesses, residents, and stakeholders understand the proposal and have an opportunity to participate in the conversation," stated the Board in the email.

The forum will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location to be announced.

The Chamber offered their key takeaways from proposed legislation:

- The proposal states that it is intended to give the Town time to study and potentially revise zoning regulations related to hospitality uses.
- During the moratorium, new applications for the covered uses would generally not be accepted or acted upon.
- The proposal applies to certain

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Historic appeal is alive with music,
classics for Hyde Park Car Show

By Jim Donick

The 2026 Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show is upon us. Scheduled for Sunday, July 26, the event is all-but-unique in pulling the whole town together for a happening that has become more of a celebration of the community than simply a great car show. Nearly the entire town finds a way to take part.

John Coppola, President of the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, notes, "The Car Show is an event the whole chamber enjoys and supports. On show day, nearly every member of the chamber will be there to help out. Sunday is often the only day off they get from their businesses and they give that to the event."

Rob Sweet of Sweet's Funeral Home has been a supporter of the event from the very beginning.

"It's a great community event and a fundraiser for the chamber," he said.

Event chairman Stu Davis said they are expecting a very large turnout of cars this year.

"One of the major annual shows usually comes right before our weekend," he said, "But that show isn't happening this year."

There will be cars from all over this part of the state, as well as many coming in from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

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The cars on display at this year's Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car show will represent nearly every era and type of car one can imagine. Expect to see antiques from the earliest years of motoring to wild looking hot rods and customs, as well as sports cars and even family sedans. Courtesy photos

Rhinebeck to celebrate its deep
roots in history on July 25

By Cynthia Baer

On Saturday, July 25, the Village of Rhinebeck is sponsoring a local history celebration in honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, and the 260th anniversary of the Beekman Arms. This unique period in the history of Rhinebeck will be explored with a series of Living History

events that will feature an afternoon celebration in the center of the Village on the lawn of the Beekman Arms, in Foster's parking lot and at the American Legion.

Mayor Gary Bassett wrote in his monthly on-line message to the Village, "We all know our Village is steeped in history, and this is an opportunity to celebrate that, as well as our

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Section of West Dover Road in Dover to be closed for feature film production

From County reports

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) announced a section of West Dover Road (CR-20), located in the towns of Dover and Pawling, will be closed from Thursday, July 23, through Sunday, Aug. 9, for a Paramount Pictures feature film production. The film production is a closed set, and the road will be re-opened to all traffic on Monday, Aug. 10.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "We're delighted that Dutchess County has again been chosen as a filming location. Productions like

this bring real economic and promotional benefits to Dutchess County, showcasing the beauty and character of our area and bringing millions of dollars into our local communities. The benefits last long after filming wraps as these productions showcase our communities to wider audiences and support future tourism and investment. We understand the road closure can cause some inconvenience for nearby residents, and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we make this exciting opportunity possible."

A quarter-mile section of West Dover Road near Blackberry Road will be closed, with a detour posted redirecting

traffic over Route 22 via Pleasant Ridge Road and River Road. Residents will have full access to their properties throughout the production. Emergency services and postal services have been notified of the closure to ensure emergency services remain accessible.

Dutchess County continues to attract attention for its scenic beauty, proximity to New York City, and abundant local talent and resources. Recent film and television productions, including Fox's "Best Medicine" series, Netflix's dramedy "The Four Seasons" and the zombie-action-horror film "Zero Protocol," have infused local communities with spending

dollars, from engaging local businesses for construction, painting, catering, tents, cleaning, security, and more. Productions also hire local workers as site managers, camera crews, production assistants, and talent. According to the Hudson Valley Film Commission, film production in the region had an \$86 million economic impact in 2025, including more than \$28 million in Dutchess County.

For more information about Dutchess County as a filming destination, including location scouting, vendor contacts and more, visit Destination Dutchess at <https://destinationdutchess.com/film-in-dutchess>

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Historic appeal is alive with music, classics for Hyde Park Car Show

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"We are particularly happy to have the Harvest Band live at the car show again this year," said Davis. Harvest is one of the longest-standing live bands in this part of the state, having been performing since 1972 and providing Top 40 hits, Motown, disco, classic rock, contemporary country, Broadway hits, and timeless standards - something for every crowd and occasion.

Steve Wanzer, the band's keyboard artist, said, "We enjoy doing the car show. We look forward to walking around the field when we take a break and seeing so many really neat cars and seeing so many folks we know."

Coppola notes that the car show has developed over time into this centerpiece of the Hyde Park summer.

"Back in 2010, George and Lynn Golden came to me with an idea to do a car show, and we were happy to lend our support. The event was later taken over by Stu and Bunny Davis, and they have worked to grow this event into what it has become."

The car show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Hyde Park Motors lot (Across from Town Hall) on Route 9, Hyde Park. Registration for show cars is \$20 starting at 10 a.m., with the trophy presentation at 3 p.m. Motorcycles are welcome. Show cars receive dash plaques and trophies. There will also be food and a 50/50 raffle. Spectators may attend free.

The cars on display will represent nearly every era and type of car one can imagine. Expect to see antiques from the earliest years of motoring to wild looking hot rods and customs, as well as sports cars and even family sedans.

Anthony Vesnaver owns the Hyde Park Vintage Emporium. Beyond being another sponsor of the event, he's also a car enthusiast to his fingertips.

"I'm definitely a car enthusiast myself," he said, "so sponsoring the show was an easy decision. I collect classic Lincoln Town Cars, and one of my favorite things about the hobby is that every car has a story. Whether it's a family road trip, a first car, or something someone has spent years restoring, those stories are what make these events special. Classic cars fit naturally with what we do at the Vintage Emporium. People come to our shops because they appreciate history, craftsmanship and things that have stood the test of time. A great classic car has that same appeal."

"One thing I always notice at car shows," he continues, "is how they bring different generations together. Someone will stop to tell you about the car their parents owned, while a younger person is seeing it for the first time. I love that connection."

Check hydeparkchamber.online/car-show for information, full list of event sponsors and cancellation notices. Rain date is August 2.



Top: Harvest, one of the most beloved bands in the Hudson Valley, will be playing live at the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Car Show on Sunday, July 26. Most of the band members have been together since 1972 and they have played nearly every venue within a couple of hundred miles. The band includes, from left, Steve Wanzer - keyboards, Paul Gilroy - drums, Dennis Blandino - guitar and vocals and Debbie Marchetti - vocals. Bottom: A wide variety of classic autos will be on display at the car show. *Courtesy photos*

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WMCHHealth Network completes hospital integration and unification

Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth) has announced that eight of its hospitals have been unified under a single hospital license, an administrative change that will help WMCHHealth operate as a more connected health system.

Doctors, nurses and care teams will be able to share information more easily, coordinate care faster and better support patients who need advanced services across the network.

Patients will continue to receive care from the same physicians and caregivers at the same local hospitals. WMCHHealth employee pay, benefits, seniority and day-to-day work responsibilities will remain the same.

“This unification strengthens our ability to deliver safe, high-quality and consistent care for every patient we serve,” said David Lubarsky, MD, MBA, FASA, President and Chief Executive Officer of WMCHHealth. “While nearly all of these changes are expected to take place behind the scenes, the benefits for patients, physicians and employees will be felt every day.”

The change includes: HealthAlliance

Hospital in Kingston, Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick, St. Josephs Place skilled nursing facility in Port Jervis.

Margaretville Hospital is not part of this integration to preserve its Critical Access Hospital designation, and most of the network’s nursing homes are also excluded. Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie already operates as a division of Westchester Medical Center.

The integration will help patients benefit more directly from WMCHHealth’s network-wide resources and specialized services while continuing to receive care locally.

WMCHHealth is also advancing plans to unify its electronic medical record (EMR) platform across all hospitals, in alignment with New York State’s Safety Net Transformation Grant strategy to improve stability and quality across safety net providers. A unified EMR will give clinical teams consistent, real-time patient information to support faster, better-informed decisions.

Multiple responders conduct water rescue at Norrie Point

The Town of Hyde Park Police Department issued a release on July 16 with details of a water rescue at Norrie Point State Park in Staatsburg.

On July 16 at approximately 7:20 a.m., the Dutchess County 911 Center received a report of two individuals who had fallen from a cliff approximately 15 feet into the Hudson River at Norrie Point State Park. Due to the nature of the incident, a Water Emergency Response was initiated, with police, fire, EMS, and specialized rescue resources responding to the scene.

Upon arrival, Town of Hyde Park Police officers located the two individuals in the water, both of whom were in distress. Fire department rescue personnel successfully removed both subjects from the water. They were treated at the scene by EMS personnel before being transported to a local hospital. Both individuals were reported to be in stable condition.

The identities of the individuals are not being released due to the medical nature of the incident.

All responding units cleared the scene and returned to service by approximately 9:59 a.m.

The Town of Hyde Park Police Department was assisted by the Roosevelt Fire District, New York State Police, Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Park Police, Fairview Fire District, City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department, East Kingston Fire Department, Hyde Park Fire Department, West Clinton Fire Department, New York City Department of Environmental Protection Aviation Unit, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, Empress EMS, and LifeNet Air Methods.

The Town of Hyde Park Police Department thanked all responding agencies for their coordinated efforts and professionalism, which resulted in the successful rescue of both individuals.

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Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue festival set July 24

Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue will hold “Stars, Stripes & Sanctuary,” a summer celebration and music festival bringing the community together for an evening of live music, food, family fun and connection at the sanctuary on Friday, July 24, starting at 5 p.m.

Held during the national celebration of America’s 250th birthday and the Year of the Horse, the event will transform the 42-acre accredited horse sanctuary into a vibrant community gathering space where guests can experience the mission of people helping horses heal people.

The event will feature live music, local vendors, food and beverages, community partners, interactive experiences, and opportunities to meet the rescued horses who now serve as educators, ambassadors, and partners in healing for veterans, first responders, youth, women, and families throughout the region.

Casual summer attire recommended; boots or comfortable shoes encouraged due to uneven farm terrain. This

indoor/outdoor event will be held rain or shine. Visit www.luckyorphans.org for tickets and more information.

Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue (LOHR), located in Dover Plains, is the only accredited horse rescue in Dutchess County offering equine-assisted programming with licensed and certified staff. Accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, Certified Horsemanship Association, and recognized as a USEF Community Outreach Program, LOHR is known for integrating Thoroughbred aftercare with education, youth development, and community wellness initiatives.

The sanctuary currently provides life-long care to more than 40 rescued horses while offering programs that serve hundreds of individuals annually through equine-assisted experiential learning, youth development initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and community outreach.

Culvert to be replaced in Milan

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) is replacing a culvert on Round Lake Road (CR-52) in the Town of Milan. The roadway will be closed in the vicinity of construction, approximately one-third mile west of the intersection with Milan Hollow Road (CR-15). Access to nearby driveways will be maintained and a detour will be posted directing travelers along State Routes 308 and 199 and Milan Hollow Road.

Project work will include the removal and replacement of the culvert, installing new inlet and outlet headwalls, widening the road to include the addition of 3-foot shoulders, and installing new guiderail to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists. Construction is anticipated to be complete with the road re-opened to traffic, by the end of 2026.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution

near the construction site and on the detour, obey the posted speed limits, and traffic advisory signs and the directions from flaggers near the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Department of Public Works’ Engineering Division at (845) 486-2925.



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Rhinebeck to celebrate its deep roots in history on July 25

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dedication to the principles upon which our nation was founded. It's going to be fun and educational, and a truly local celebration."

According to hotel consultant and historian Stanley Turkel, when the founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, the Village of Rhinebeck was just a small settlement in the woods. The Beekman Arms was initially established in 1704 as a traveler's inn by William Traphagen. The property was called the Traphagen Tavern. Then in 1766, Traphagen's son moved the tavern to the crossroads of King's Highway (now Route 9) and a Native American trail that led to the Hudson River known as the Sepasco Trail. The Beekman Arms took its place of honor in the center of town, where it remains today.

In 1776, just before the outbreak of the American Revolution, the Beekman Arms & Delamater Inn served as a vital strategic hub, refuge and gathering place. Known as the Bogardus Tavern at this time, the building hosted prominent Revolutionary War figures and served as a local military preparation site. The 4th Regiment of the Continental Army performed drills on the front lawn in preparation for the war.

Bogardus Tavern, a sturdy stone and wood structure originally built to withstand possible Native American attacks, served similar purposes during the war with Britain. Villagers took refuge at the tavern while the British burned the then-state capital of Kingston. George Washington, Philip Schuyler, Benedict Arnold, and Alexander Hamilton all slept, drank, ate, and argued there throughout the American Revolutionary War, as well.

The celebration at the Beekman Arms will kick off with a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a battle re-enactment by the 5th New York Regiment on the front lawn. Authentic Living History activities will also take place including American Revolutionary-era music, military drill demonstrations, and camp life presentations. Storyteller Johnathan Kruk will entertain with tales from the era and stories of the Beekman Arms history book.

The Fosters Parking lot will have American flags on display while members from the Dutchess County Historical Society, the Rhinebeck Historical



The celebration at the Beekman Arms will kick off with a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a battle re-enactment by the 5th New York Regiment (pictured) on the front lawn. *Courtesy photo*

Committee and Daughters of the American Revolution will all be on hand to talk about Revolutionary War history, complete with artifacts and interactive displays.

If the weather is hot, cooling centers will be available at Village Hall and local libraries; attendees can also cool off at one of the many shops or their favorite watering hole.

From 2 to 6 p.m., head on over to the Rhinebeck American Legion Post 429 – located just south of the Beekman Arms at 6361 Mill Street – to experience "America 250: Living History Day." Experience 250 years of America's Military and Agricultural Heritage. Revolutionary-era farming, military history displays, Heritage Breed livestock, work-horse demos, antique equipment displays, beekeeping exhibits, fiber arts demonstrations, a victory garden, kid's activities and games, and live workshops will bring the past to life.

John Spencer is the Legion's co-chair with Lisa Baker, chief officer at Heroic Foods, a not-for-profit with a mission to "improve the health and wellness of military veterans as well as the strength of our nation's food supply by creating pathways for veterans to engage in sustainable farming, horticulture, and food entrepreneurship."

Says Spencer, "Lisa came up with the

idea of centering our activities around history and agriculture. I think it is a great idea and it's going to be a lot of fun. There is really something for everyone."

A Revolutionary-era Food Booth will offer a variety of family-friendly food. An adult bar will also be available.

Added Spencer, "I think everybody should celebrate the 250th anniversary. This is a great country and we really wouldn't be here without our brave veterans – the men and women who have fought for our freedom. This event is more than a history lesson. It's a chance to connect with the stories, skills, and spirit that have sustained America for 250 years."

The festivities will conclude with a free fireworks display courtesy of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds parking lot will open at 7 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

Says Mayor Bassett, "Some have questioned why we chose July 25 over the 4th of July. The answer is logistics. We would have had to book portions of the event years ago; and also, the Beekman needed time for their new front lawn to settle and be ready for a crowd. Outside of the deep history of Rhinebeck and the exact day of our celebration, I think it is important to acknowledge not only where we have come from, but where we can go moving forward."

Missing Dover man found after five days

By Kate Goldsmith

Ryan Courtien, former Town of Dover supervisor and the town's current Planning Board chairman, was located at the Harlem Valley-Wingdale train station on Friday, July 17, five days after he disappeared from his home.

Courtien, 49, left his home on the morning of Sunday, July 12, "to do routine yard work," according to a Facebook post by Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. In the same post, Serino said Courtien left the house without his wallet and phone, and that a massive search was being conducted in the region by multiple law enforcement agencies.

On July 15, the New York State Police (NYSP) announced the search in the Town of Dover had concluded, but that the investigation remained active, with additional leads being pursued by the NYSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

In an updated press release on Friday, July 17, investigators announced that Courtien had been observed on July 12 – the day of his disappearance – at approximately 12:38 p.m., exiting a Metro-North train at Grand Central

Terminal and walking toward Madison Avenue. Courtien appeared to be traveling alone.

On the evening of July 17, NYSP were advised by Dutchess County 911 of a possible sighting of Courtien at the Harlem Valley-Wingdale Train Station, located on Wheeler Road in the Town of Dover. Members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, who were in the immediate area, responded to the location and confirmed the individual to be Courtien, who was subsequently transported to a local medical facility for evaluation.

The NYSP thanked the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, assisting law enforcement agencies, the media, and members of the public for their "assistance, vigilance and cooperation throughout the investigation."

On Monday, July 20, Troop K Public Information Officer Krystal P. Paolicelli said, "The investigation involving Ryan Courtien has been concluded, and the case is now closed. Based on the findings of the investigation, no criminal conduct was identified that would warrant an arrest. The reason for his departure remains unknown."

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Brunson, Judge highlight Fanatics Fest in New York City

By Morgan E. Maier

New York's annual Fanatics Fest kicked off July 17 with a massive crossover between two living New York legends. Yankees captain Aaron Judge and Knicks "Captain Clutch" Jalen Brunson joined together for a live podcast taping.

"The Roomates Show," hosted by Brunson and fellow Villanova Wildcat (and NBA champion) Josh Hart is one of the top player podcasts in the league, revered for its comedy and genuine chemistry between the champion players.

Brunson sported a brace on his left wrist, evidence of offseason surgery shortly after the championship win, while Judge wore the relaxation of MLB's All-Star Break.

Since taking the basketball world by storm, the podcast has found fame on YouTube. The live taping at Fanatics Fest drew hundreds of fans to center stage for the conversation. Some outstretched hands held posters. Others were in steady jersey-clad kiddos perched on adult shoulders.

But all in attendance rose when the Judge entered the stage chamber. Chants of "MVP! MVP!" floated through the corner stage. The praise could have been meant for either Judge or Jalen — and was taken with admiration by both.

Three-time American League MVP award winner and the Knicks' NBA

Finals MVP have much in common, though their heights (6'1 and 6'7) would be most commonly found having success within the other's respective sport.

The two talked about the pressures of playing in the biggest sport markets. Leadership qualities of consistency, cool-headedness, according to Judge, are the markers of success for an N.Y.C. superstar. It begins with leaning on teammates, putting the effort in day in and day out.

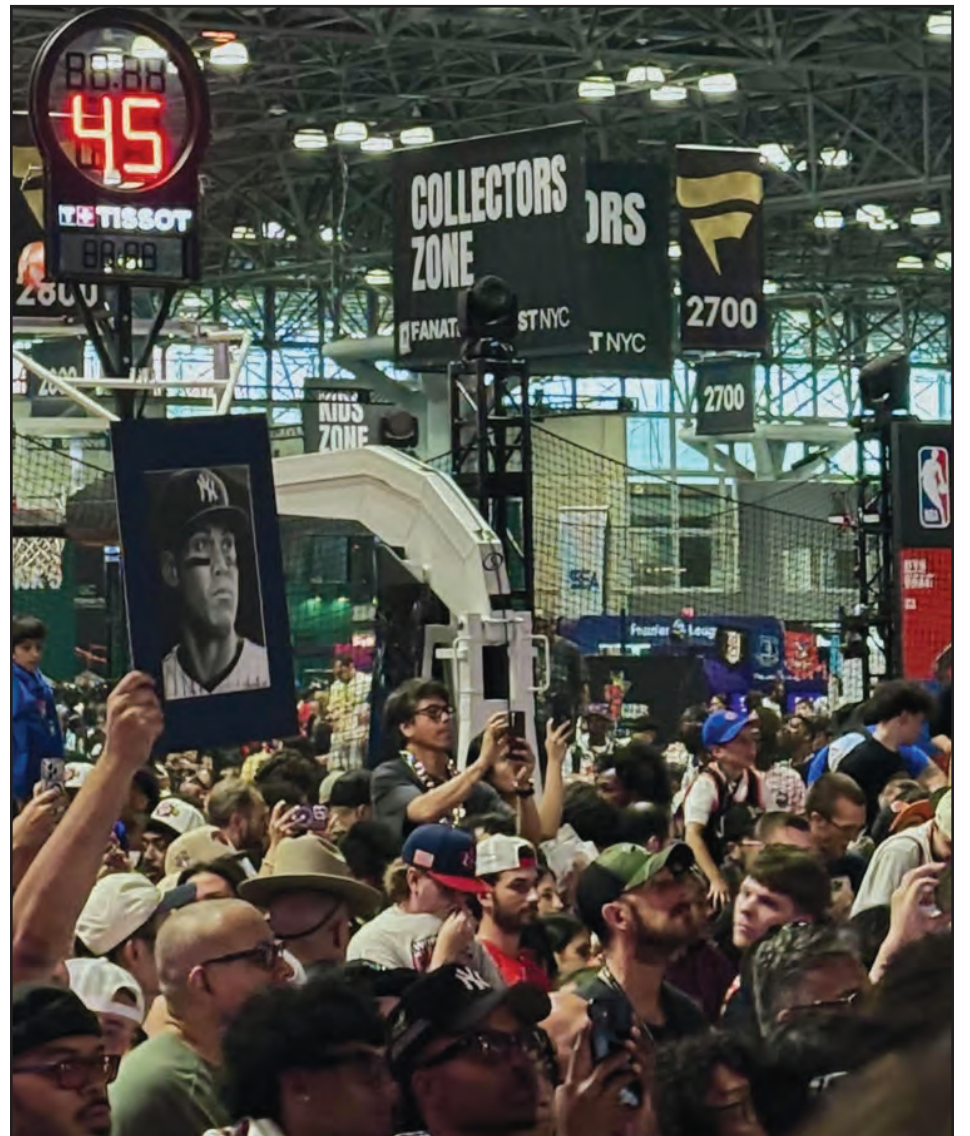
"We're doing everything we can right now to be the best we can be for next season," said Brunson of the Knicks' offseason.

For a weekend celebrating fans, collectors and all things fanatical about the sports teams and players beloved worldwide, it was the perfect collaboration. It had no shortage of off-the-wall occurrences. Hart tossed fresh donuts into the crowd, introducing a surprise appearance by the Sasquatch mascot of Jack Links beef jerky.

What's missing is a World Series ring to go alongside the newly minted Knicks championship. Within New York's latest title Judge sees what's possible. It's what gets him in the locker room every day, the first voice to speak up in a losing stride, he told the room.

The captain vows baseball will soon be back on top in the Big Apple.

The city, still in the throes of confetti on street corners and Central Park watch parties, awaits.



Yankees captain Aaron Judge and Knicks "Captain Clutch" Jalen Brunson joined together for the annual Fanatics Fest in NYC. Courtesy photo

Local youth qualify for AAU Track and Field National Championships

Thirteen members of the Poughkeepsie City Striders track team have seen their hard work pay off, by qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics National Championships, during the track and field portion, which will take place Aug. 3-8 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Led by coaches Damien Powell, Victoria Telesco, Nikki Telesco, Ben Scherrer, Rakim Webb, Peter Van Aken; the athletes that qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics national championships, and the events they qualified in, are as follows:

- Preston Botchway, 8-under, 800m run, 1500m run, Troy
- Prince Botchway III, age 10, 1500m run, Troy, NY
- Carmella Dancey, age 9, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Malika Dixon, age 15-16 group, Shotput, City of Poughkeepsie
- Jordyn Elem, 8 & under, 100m dash, 200m dash, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Gabriella Flanagan, age 14, Shotput, Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Ruben Flanagan, age 11, Shotput,

Discus, Town of Poughkeepsie

- Jeremy Fournier, 8 & under, 800m run, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Noelle Gonzalez, age 14, 100m dash, Hopewell Junction
- Kaison Johnson, age 10, 200m dash, 400m dash, Pleasant Valley
- Jordan-Anthony Powell, age 14, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Asha Rashid-Scherrer, age 11, 800m run, 1500m run, Long Jump, Town of Poughkeepsie
- Oscar Reap-Robilotto, age 12, 1500m run, New Paltz

Poughkeepsie City Striders is a youth track club for boys and girls ages 6-18, with membership welcomed from any local community, sanctioned by both AAU and USATF national governing bodies; emphasizing proper training, hard work, and personal growth - and for some, competing at the highest level of youth competition. The program is designed to meet the needs of all participants, regardless of their performance level. Athletes attend twice a week practices during the indoor and outdoor seasons, and compete at AAU or USATF sanctioned meets.



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RENEGADES FEATURE

Commanding presence!

Tanner Bauman's 6-foot-5 frame sets the stage for southpaw rising through the ranks for Yanks

By Morgan E. Maier

When the New York Yankees drafted Auburn's Tanner Bauman two seasons ago, they got another reliable lefty arm within a formidable prospect pitching staff.

The 24-year-old Jacksonville native was a ninth round pick in 2024. He comes to the midpoint of the season having seen action in Tampa, Hudson Valley and a spell in Somerset this season. With a 3-0 record in 22 games, Bauman has become a repeat apparition from Aaron Bossi's bullpen.

Bauman acted as starter and reliev-

er as an Auburn Tiger, over two seasons in the program. His second and final year in the Tiger orange and blue saw a dominant campaign - particularly in his strikeout and usage. Bauman was second on the team in innings, adding a career-best 6.0 sharp frames in his final Auburn appearance.

Bauman's 6-foot-5 frame brings a commanding presence to the Hudson Valley mound; a 27-12 strikeout to walk ratio bodes well for the southpaw's rise through the Yankee ranks. With a minor league career that has offered seven starts, Bauman has not earned a loss since his arrival to High-A Hudson Valley in 2025.

Bauman does his best work on the road; his earned run average (1.50) a fraction of what he's displayed at Heritage Financial Park this season (8.03). Bauman allowed three straight Brooklyn baserunners on July 17, ending his inning-long outing on two straight strikeouts.



Left-handed pitcher Tanner Bauman has put together a 3-0 record while appearing in 22 games this season with Tampa, Hudson Valley and Somerset. Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	15	9	.625	-	4-6	L1
Wilmington WSH	14	10	.583	1.0	5-5	W3
Frederick BAL *	13	10	.565	1.5	6-4	W2
Hudson Valley NYY	13	11	.542	2.0	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NYM	12	11	.522	2.5	5-5	L2
Jersey Shore PHI	5	18	.217	9.5	3-7	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	16	8	.667	-	9-1	W4
Asheville HOU	15	9	.625	1.0	6-4	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	12	12	.500	4.0	4-6	L3
Rome ATL	10	13	.435	5.5	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	10	14	.417	6.0	5-5	L2
Hub City TEX	7	17	.292	9.0	2-8	W1



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07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/10/26	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Renegades: The Musical! WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/11/26	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Christmas In July WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/12/26	vs. Rome	01:05 PM	Princes & Princesses Day WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/28/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Italian Heritage Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/29/26	vs. Jersey Shore	12:05 PM	Super Splash Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/30/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Video Game Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/31/26	vs. Jersey Shore	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets

August

08/01/26	vs. Jersey Shore	05:05 PM	Faith & Family Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/02/26	vs. Jersey Shore	02:05 PM	Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
08/11/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM	First Responders Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades break loose with pair of wins after All-Star game break

By Morgan E. Maier

turned to their regular season schedule over the weekend, and took twin wins in the July 19 doubleheader. While the Brooklyn Cyclones continue a hardly-thunderous season, the Renegades' snap of offense and bullpen pitching outlasted the Saturday storm warning on Coney Island.

R & R - Sometimes it's a break that makes things better — even if it's a week off, or a night. When the originally June 18 edition was rescheduled for the following day, Roderick Arias and Robbie Burnett bookended the Renegades lineup with five runs batted in apiece. Arias was 2-for-3, a home run short of hitting the Cyclones for the cycle. The ninth batter Burnett had a pair of RBI doubles — including a two out, three-run blast, to complete a 2-for-2 outing.

Bullpen Beasts - Six relief innings. One hit. It became the tale of the tape for the Renegades bullpen on Sunday, where the visitors outscored the Cyclones 19-4 in the doubleheader.

Bryce Warrecker notched his first win of the season in relief of Allen Facundo, who allowed one run and two hits over

4.0 innings. Where Facundo conceded six bases on balls, the relief trio of Warrecker, Thomas Balboni and Willy Sanchez combined for two baserunners the rest of the way. Balboni earned the hold and Sanchez notched the save for a 5-2 victory. Core Jackson was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his 12th home run of the season.

Two-hit Bits - Hudson Valley didn't take kindly to being two-hit in the opener. Luis Durango had both; a pair of singles and a stolen base to get him closest back to home. Brady Kirtner and Tanner Bauman came on in relief of Bryce Cunningham after 5.2 innings. Brooklyn tacked on two down the stretch, as the Renegades' bats stayed silent the rest of the way for the 4-0 loss.

The Renegades next travel to Wilmington to battle the Blue Rocks. Henry Lalane (No. 14 ranked prospect) is projected to start the opener in Delaware, his second appearance since moving to High-A play. With the Renegades trailing the second-place Blue Rocks by one game (as of June 20), the week brings an opportunity to make up ground on the Washington Nationals affiliate.



Roderick Arias continued his torrid hitting pace with a homer and five RBIs as the Renegades rocked Brooklyn in a doubleheader on July 19. Photo by Dave Janosz

RENEGADES EXTRA



Pitcher Allen Facundo, left, allowed just one run and two hits over 4.0 innings in a win over Brooklyn on Sunday, July 19. Bryce Warrecker notched his first win of the season in relief during that game. In the hitting category, Core Jackson was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his 12th home run of the season. Photos by Dave Janosz



KDD Marketing’s Keri Jadrovski joins Ulster Chamber Foundation Board

Deepening its leadership impact in the community, KDD Marketing has announced that Vice President Keri Jadrovski has joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation Board of Directors as a full board member for a three-year term, effective this month. In this role, Jadrovski will leverage her marketing background to help expand the Foundation’s reach while strengthening and driving awareness of existing program offerings.

“The Foundation provides essential resources for emerging and established professionals, particularly for women who want to grow and connect with other professionals in Ulster County,” said Jadrovski. “Whether it’s through opportunities for leadership growth or networking events, these programs are incredibly valuable to the community, just as they have been to me personally.”

The appointment marks a full circle moment in Jadrovski’s work with the

Foundation. Her involvement began with her service on the organization’s marketing committee, where she spearheaded the design and implementation of the Foundation’s new logo and advised on social media strategy.

“Having worked with Keri professionally before she joined the Ulster Chamber Foundation, I knew the expertise and creativity she would bring to our Board, and she has exceeded every expectation,” said Amanda Ludington, board secretary and chair of the Foundation’s marketing and public relations committee. “Over the past year, she has generously shared her knowledge, helped shape our marketing strategy, strengthened our brand and consistently stepped forward wherever support was needed.”

In 2025, Jadrovski graduated from Leadership Ulster, the Foundation’s community leadership development program. As the 2025 class president, she was offered an ex officio seat on the board,

where she has served until her recent appointment to full board member in June 2026.

“Leadership Ulster was a meaningful experience that strengthened my confidence as a leader and motivated me to become more involved in the community,” said Jadrovski. “And now, joining the Board allows me to give back to an organization that helps others build that same confidence and connection.”

Jadrovski is also the vice president of KDD Marketing, where she guides and mentors the marketing and communications team, helping drive business development initiatives and representing the firm at events and conferences.

To learn more about KDD Marketing and its team, visit www.teamkdd.com or follow along on Facebook (@KDDMarketing) and Instagram (@kddmarketing).



Keri Jadrovski

UNION VALE, J.H. KETCHAM HOSE WIN TROPHIES AT PARADE IN MILLBROOK



The annual Dutchess County Firemen’s Convention Parade was held last Saturday in Millbrook and hosted by the Millbrook Fire Department. Congratulations go to the Union Vale Fire Department on winning the Best Overall trophy and the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company on putting the first leg up on the “3-Legged Trophy.” *Photo by Vinny Galvin*

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hospitality and agritourism uses, not all development in the Town.

• The Town’s stated purpose is to review whether existing zoning regulations adequately address potential impacts such as traffic, infrastructure, neighborhood character, environmental considerations, and consistency with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., at Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck.

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ENY 2026 Black & White Show

Here are the results of the ENY 2026 Black & White Show held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on July 17-18.

Hope Miller won the Nancy Vail Memorial Scholarship

Master Breeder: Willow-Brook Farm
Master Exhibitor: Lucille and George Hoffman Jr.

Senior Champion of Junior Show: Coon-Del Unstoppable Callie, the 5 Year Old from Giovanna DiCinto

Reserve Senior Champion of Junior Show: J-Folts Diamondback Countess, the 4 Year Old from the Coon kids

Honorable Mention Senior Animal of Junior Show: Hi-Hope Homecoming Ketchup, 4 Year old from Justin Lawrence

Grand Champion of Junior Show: Mac-Mara Show Up Alastor, Junior 3 year old from the Hoffman kids

Reserve Grand Champion of Junior Show: Coon-Del Unstoppable Callie, the 5 Year Old from Giovanna DiCinto

Honorable Mention of Junior Show: Toc- Farm Detective Ashli from Conner Wills

Senior Champion: Willow-Terrace Cheers KC - Kenneth Beneke's 4 Year old

Reserve Senior Champion: Coon-Del Unstoppable Callie, the 5 Year Old from Giovanna DiCinto

Honorable Mention of Senior show: J-Folts Diamondback Countess, the 4 Year Old from the Coon kids

Grand Champion: 4 year old from Ken Beneke

Reserve Grand Champion: Junior 3 from the Hoffman kids

Honorable mention: Allyndale Lah-tee-dah Junior 3 year old

Intermediate Champion of Junior Show: Junior 3 Year Old - Mac-Mara Show Up Alastor from Lucille and George Hoffman

Reserve Intermediate Champion: was the Summer Jr 2 Year Old , Toc-Farm Detective Ashli from Conner Wills

Honorable Mention: Senior 3 Year Old, Miss Showtime Hadley from the Hoffmans

Intermediate Champions of Senior Show

Senior Show Intermediate Champion: Our Junior owned Junior 3 from the Hoffman kids.

Reserve Intermediate is the Junior 3 Year old Allyndale Lah-Tee-Dah -ET

Honorable Mention goes to Connor Wills and his Summer Two Year Old

Our Junior Champion is the Summer

Yearling Allyndale Salute Bugzee owned by Mark Dicorcia and exhibited by Justine Allyn

Reserve Junior Champion is the Fall Calf, Curr- Vale Major Brat ET from Emily Syme

Honorable Mention in the Spring Yearling: Beslea Eye Candy C- Electra ET from Rick Allyn

Spring Calf Class

1st Place : Lo-Pine Va Later Gator- ET Ex: Krew Lawrence

2nd Place: Windorsville Energy Vienna

Ex: Emily Syme

Winter Calf Class Results

1st: Mac- Mara Hulu Dancer - Adeline McEnroe, George and Lucille Hoffman

2nd: La-Wilsim Hardy Diamond - Mikaela Eigo

Fall Calf class

1st place- Curr- Vale Major Brat - ET: Emily Syme

2nd Place - Bartondowns Damion Holly|: George Hoffman Jr.

Summer Yearlings

1st Place: Allyndale Salute Bugzee: Mark Dicorcia

2nd Place: Watch Hill-TL Master Rio: Scott Davenport

Spring Yearlings

1st Place: Beslea Eyecandy C Electra ET - Rick Allyn

2nd Place: Unforgettable Sidekick Crush - Kaelyn Tompkins

Winter Yearling

1st Place: Watch Hill Alpha Eleanor - ET: Scott Davenport

2nd Place: Cochran Denver Holly - George Hoffman

Fall Yearling Class

Ms Friendship All Stretch: Friendship Farm and Edward Hackett IV

MS Sylvan View Dazzle Emma: Caroline VanAnden

Futurity

1st Place: Willow-Terrace All Silky from Willow-Brook Farm

2nd Place: Hill-N-Hollow Alp Sugar-Red from the Coon Kids

The Summer Jr. 2 year old

Toc- Farm Detective Ashli from Junior member Connor Wills taking 1st place.

Mac-Mara Eye Candy Andy from George Hoffman Jr. was second place.

Junior 2 Year Old Class

1st- Allyndale Energy Bling B&O by Justine Allyn

2nd - Luncrest Alpha Snap owned by Mark DiCorcia

Our 1st Junior animal was 5th - Hill-N-Hollow Anst Abby exhibited by Lillie Coon



1st place Senior Yearling - Friendship All Stretch, owned by Friendship Farm & Edward Hackett IV. From left are Edward IV, Stephanie and Riley Hackett. *Courtesy photo*

2nd Junior was Sage Schrader with Durkacres River Bank Red - ET

Winter Senior 2 Year Olds -

1st: La-Ca-de-le Hancock 13299- ET Exhibitor Tim & Courtney Roberts

2nd: Tollgate Debut Babby Exhibitor Scott Davenport

3rd place and 1st Junior - Deerehaven Warrior Kate from Owen Camburn

Senior 2 Year class was won by the Futurity winner, Willow-Terrace Alig Silky

2nd and 1st Junior - Duncreek Showtime Jello from Hayley Duncan

3rd and 2nd Junior - Extramile Nightcrawler Lambda from George Hoffman

Junior 3 Year Old Class was led by 1st Junior owned Animal Mac-Mara Show Up Alastor from George and Lucille Hoffman

2nd: Allyndale Lati-tee-dah ET from Justine Allyn

3rd and 2nd Placed Junior was another entry from George and Lucille Hoffman with Extramile Nashville Chief

Senior 3 Year Old Class

1st: Watch- Hill Luster- Evey P from Scott Davenport

2nd and 1st Junior: Miss Showtime

Hadley from George Hoffman

3rd and 2nd Junior: UFM-Dubs 1108 Theodora

4 Year Old Cows

1st: Willow Terrace Cheers KC, Kenneth Beneke

2nd and 1st Junior: J~Folts Diamondback Countess from the Coon kids

3rd and 2nd Junior was Hi-Hope Homecoming Ketchup from Justin Lawrence

5 Year Old Cows

1st and 1st Junior: Coon-Del Unstoppable Callie from Giovanna Di Cintio

2nd: Kim-Candy Lu-ten Autumn- Red

Aged cow Class

1st: Apple pts Aleksey Red-et Owned by Ethan and Abby Arsenault Myers

2nd: Willow-Terrace Jordy Gala from Kenneth Beneke

3rd: Schilldale Applecrisp Muffin exhibited by Dave Schillawski

4th and 1st Junior: Millerhurst Tatoo Google from Hope Miller

150,000 Pound Cow

Hope Miller brought the winning entry with Millerhurst Brash Abby

‘Trees for Troops’ earns Christmas SPIRIT Award for Salt Point firefighters

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Board of Trustees of the Christmas Spirit Foundation (CSF) has reviewed nominations and selected Jeff Cady and the Salt Point Fire Company as a recipient of the Christmas SPIRIT Award to recognize superlative support of the Foundation's Trees for Troops® Program.

Cady leads the year-long fundraising campaign of the fire company, along with volunteers from the Pleasant Valley Fire District, to create a large donation of trees in the Hudson Valley. He worked with Hahn Farms, all the fire departments in the district, local sponsors and a tree supplier to load 770 trees in 2025. Almost all of them paid for with funds raised by the team led by Cady.

Cady continues to strive for more

community support including local businesses to do a months-long campaign to raise money for tree donations. This is in addition to the fire department doing a “boots” fundraising campaign all summer. Cady represents an amazing example of getting a whole community involved in helping Trees for Troops be successful.

On the scheduled day for picking up the donated trees, Cady and the Salt Point Fire Company organize a large contingent of local volunteers. Every tree has a special tag attached to it with a personal message of thanks written by the local volunteers.

“I am so proud to be a part of this great project and can't wait to see what next year brings,” said Cady. “Next year we

are going to start a new twist to fundraising and we will be accepting donations all year.”

The Trees for Troops® program has provided a total of 347,390 free Christmas trees to military members and families over the past 21 consecutive years with the help of supporters like Cady. Fresh cut Christmas trees are collected at farms and retail lots before being picked up by the program's partner, FedEx Freight.

As the Trees for Troops® program continues to grow since it first started in 2005, the CSF Board of Trustees recognized that success of the program depends on both civilian and military volunteers and leaders being involved. These individuals support the program in vari-

ous ways throughout the year, including sourcing trees to donate, coordinating volunteer efforts to load/unload trees, raising funds to support the program and/or just creating crucial awareness. In 2018, the Trustees formalized their recognition of individuals/companies for outstanding support of the Trees for Troops® program. This honor is represented by the Christmas SPIRIT Award.

“This program's success depends on many people and organizations getting involved,” said Wendy Richardson, Foundation Chair. “The SPIRIT Award recognizes, thanks and highlights those who do amazing things for the program.”

To learn more, visit www.christmasspiritfoundation.org.

Hochul highlights statewide moratorium on new hyperscale data centers

Establishes regulatory framework

From State reports

Gov. Kathy Hochul held a roundtable with state, business and local leaders from across New York last week to highlight her Executive Order that creates the nation’s first moratorium on new hyperscale data centers, establishing the standards for data center development and creating a blueprint to support localities. The Governor is temporarily pausing state environmental permits for up to one year in order to build a nation-leading regulatory framework that protects ratepayers, the environment, the energy grid and communities across the state.

“Progress shouldn’t arrive with a higher utility bill, depleted water supply or noise pollution, which is why I signed the nation’s first ever statewide moratorium on hyperscale data centers,” Hochul said.

President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social, in part, last week, “One of the biggest Driving Forces in the Future for Jobs, are Data Centers. They are big, strong, bold, and Money Machines for the State in which they are built. Governor Kathy Hochul, for political reasons, has terminated all Data Centers being built, or to be built, in New York State.

“New York State has made a terrible decision. All of this Income, and other Benefits, will be going to Red States, and some Blue, where Data Centers are sought as Cash Cows, with Lower Taxes and Record Setting Jobs. They must pay

for their own Water and Power, and any leftover goes back to the State and local Community. Data Centers are tremendous WINS for the States and Communities that are lucky enough to get them. New York should change its Policy, IMMEDIATELY,” Trump stated, and noted the U.S. should not lose “all of this incredible new Technology, to China, and other countries!”

New York State is experiencing growth in demand for data center development driven by artificial intelligence and other computing operations. The increase in demand has led to proposals across the state for the construction and operation of data centers that could require massive amounts of energy and water to run and cool thousands of computer servers.

Assemblymember Didi Barrett said, “New Yorkers across the state have expressed support for a pause on new hyperscale data centers and common-sense regulations to protect our natural resources, communities and ratepayers. I commend Governor Hochul for her leadership in signing this timely executive order. It’s a critical first step. There is still much more to learn, discuss and do to fully understand the impact of data centers. I look forward to continuing to work with the Governor, Senator Gonzalez and my Assembly colleagues to ensure progress.”

Earlier this year, the Governor directed the Department of Public Service (DPS) to begin the Energize NY proceeding, which will require data centers to either pay more for their energy or supply their

own, allowing the state to keep energy more affordable for New Yorkers. As part of that proceeding, the Governor is now also directing DPS to develop a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for data centers to ensure new data centers coming online are being held to consistent standards. During the development of this GEIS, which will take up to a year, a moratorium will be in place and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will not issue any discretionary permits not already deemed complete. The state will use the GEIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of data centers in the state, including their effect on energy demand, water use and quality, and air quality. Once the State finalizes these standards, the moratorium will be lifted, allowing new data center projects to proceed as long as they follow state, zoning code and other local approvals, it was stated in a release.

The Governor also directed Empire State Development (ESD) to issue a Community Investment Framework (CIF) within 60 days, which will provide clear guidance to local entities to help them negotiate community benefits as part of any large-scale data center deal, including local infrastructure improvements, child care investments, and direct financial support for their community. The CIF will also establish frameworks that provide organized labor a seat at the table and prioritize prevailing wage standards and project labor agreements for data center construction, local hiring, apprenticeships and workforce develop-

ment to maximize economic benefits. This framework will additionally include a formula to help communities assess where to begin investment negotiations. An outline of the CIF is currently available on ESD’s website, and the public is able to submit feedback.

Additionally, the Governor is directing DPS to consider creating a New York Grid Acceleration Fund to require data centers to invest in the state’s aging grid infrastructure and energy needs so all New Yorkers benefit from responsible development, according to the release. The fund could support the procurement of new clean energy supply and establishment of an insurance pool to which developers may need to contribute to protect against speculative large loads that create uncertainty and increase costs. DPS will also consider approaches to require data centers to fund new clean electric generation dedicated to their operations, including but not limited to customer-sited distributed energy resources and battery storage.

Hochul is pursuing legislation to repeal sales tax exemptions for massive data centers across the state.

This year, Hochul launched the FutureWorks Commission to advise on policy and private sector actions to protect the security of workers while harnessing the economic benefits of AI for all New Yorkers. This blue-ribbon Commission is composed of nation-leading experts, workers’ advocates, and business leaders, and will be charged with advising Hochul on how to navigate the AI transition.

County Legislature passes tax incentive to address housing shortage by increasing accessory dwelling units

County reports

The Dutchess County Legislature has announced legislation, sponsored by Legislator Trevor Redl (D-Town of Poughkeepsie), to encourage the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), commonly known as backyard cottages, in-law apartments, and garage apartments; by adopting a New York State property tax exemption authorized under §421-p of the Real Property Tax Law.

The proposed local law would allow Dutchess County to opt into an existing State tax incentive designed to encourage homeowners to create additional housing on residential properties. To ensure the exemption serves its intended purpose, the legislation would limit eligibility to ADUs used for long-term residential housing and exclude units used as short-term rentals, such as Airbnb or VRBO.

Legislator Trevor Redl (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) said, “Accessory dwelling

units are widely recognized as just one way to increase housing supply. ADUs provide flexible housing options for seniors wishing to age in place, young adults entering the housing market, caregivers, and working families, while allowing homeowners to make better use of existing residential properties.”

“To reduce the cost of housing, we need to use every tool in the toolkit, and create a wide variety of housing. ADUs provide gentle infill development, adding housing stock without creating sprawl and without straining services like water, sewer, and the electric grid. I’m proud to advance this common-sense solution,” said Legislator Lisa Kaul (D-Town of Poughkeepsie).

The resolution passed unanimously. The local law will take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and will apply only to accessory dwelling unit projects with building permits issued on or after the effective date.

Grace Church Golf & Dinner benefit set Sept. 14 at Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club

MILLBROOK, NY - On Monday, Sept. 14, Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook will host its annual golf tournament and dinner benefit. Each year, two noteworthy individuals are honored for their outstanding service to Grace Church (Pillar of Grace) and the community at large (Pillar of the Community). This year’s honorees are Cathy Shanks and Skip Ciferri.

As Grace Millbrook’s largest fundraiser, the Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit raises vital financial support for its local programs, including the Millbrook Community Preschool, the Food of Life (Comida de Vida) food pantry, The Lunch Box meal program in Poughkeepsie, affordable mental health services, and a Saturday morning AA meeting, not to mention decades of support for the Church Alliance Senior Housing Program.

The event, which takes place at the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club in Millbrook, includes 18 holes of golf, with tee times at either 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. Golf includes breakfast and lunch, on-course refreshments, golf cart, raffle, a 50/50 cash drawing, and valuable prizes. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with a cocktail hour, silent auction, and an excellent meal.

This year’s Pillar of Grace is Cathy Shanks, a member of Grace Episcopal Church for over 35 years. She has faithfully served as a member of the Vestry and Treasurer. Cathy is currently on the Property Committee and IWC Committee and is co-chair of the Rummage Sale. Cathy’s life partner, Jon Wicker, has been attending Grace since he was a young man serving as an acolyte. Both sons were confirmed at Grace, and one was married by Rev. Calkins 10 years ago. In addition to her

life at Grace, Cathy worked for George T. Whalen Insurance/Marshall & Sterling for over 40 years, retiring in 2024, and continues to work part-time for the Bank of Millbrook.

This year’s Pillar of the Community is Roderick “Skip” Ciferri, a Millbrook-born contractor whose family can boast of having literally built Millbrook, starting when they arrived over a century ago from Italy. Skip joined the family business after graduating from college, and since then has run a successful residential and non-residential building and contracting firm. He has also been a tireless advocate and volunteer for Millbrook and the Town of Washington, serving, among other ways, as town assessor and building inspector for 44 years. Local schools, churches, and the Town Hall have all benefited from his charitable work. Skip is an avid golfer and has served on many boards and volunteer organizations, including the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and the Millbrook Fire Department. He is a parishioner of St. Joseph–Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Millbrook.

Registration is open for sponsorships, golf, and dinner. Attendance costs \$175 for golf, \$175 for dinner, and \$250 for golf and all meals. Sponsorships are available: Sponsors are honored with signage and applauded on Grace Millbrook social media.

To register, contact the church office (845-677-3064 or office@gracemillbrook.org) or co-chair James Prudden (914-482-3525 or james.prudden@gmail.com). Registration can also be completed online at www.gracemillbrook.org. Registrations required by August 31.

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Acclaimed jazz-folk fusion duo comes to Stissing Center Aug. 1

On Saturday, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m., Stissing Center for Arts & Culture welcomes the 2023 Latin GRAMMY-nominated musicians Jorge Glem & Sam Reider for a trailblazing performance that bridges traditional Venezuelan folk music with the innovation and improvisation of American jazz. Making their Hudson Valley debut, the powerhouse duo will perform in the historic Banning Hall for an evening of extraordinary musicianship and cultural exchange.

Only a few collaborations embody the power of music quite like Jorge Glem and Sam Reider who first met in New York City in 2016 during a house party. Glem is a quatrism, and founding member of the acclaimed Venezuelan musical ensemble C4 Trio who joined forces with Reider, an acclaimed American accordionist, pianist, and composer – together with the power of music and friendship they created a genre-defying sound exploring the limitless potential of what music can be.

Their debut record, “Brooklyn-Cumaná,” was released in November 2022 and was promptly nominated for the Best Instrumental Record in the 2023 Latin Grammy Awards. What began as performances in parks and New York City subway stations soon evolved into sold-out concerts at Lincoln Center, SFJAZZ and NPR’s Tiny Desk.

Blending Venezuelan rhythms with jazz improvisation, bluegrass, folk traditions and original compositions, Glem and Reider have become trailblazers in contemporary acoustic music. Their performances celebrate both tradition and innovation, offering an unforgettable experience for jazz enthusiasts, world music lovers and anyone eager to discover music that transcends borders.

As NPR observed, “It’s a very special thing when two musical cultures come together to create something that didn’t exist before.”

Tickets are \$30-\$40 in advance, \$40-\$50 at the door. The Stissing Center is at 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. To purchase tickets and more information, visit thestissingcenter.org or call (518) 771-3339.

Stissing Center is a non-profit arts space that partners with artists, organizations and audiences to curate diverse, high-quality programming that inspires, entertains and connects people of all ages. By supporting creative expression and expanding access to the arts, Stissing Center helps build a vibrant and sustainable community – one that celebrates imagination, strengthens the cultural heart of the region, and contributes to local revitalization.



Jorge Glem & Sam Reider will perform at the Stissing Center on Saturday, Aug. 1. Courtesy photo

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The audacity of galls: They stay on brand

Walk through any forest in springtime, and you will likely find thousands of peculiar bumps, blisters and fuzzy swellings on the emerging leaves and twigs. These are plant galls, and they represent one of nature’s most audacious heists. Interestingly, while these growths are common across nearly every continent, the word “gall” stems from the Latin galla, meaning a round tree swelling—a linguistic crossover completely unrelated to the historic European territory of Gaul.

Gall-causing organisms belong to a diverse guild of specialized parasites, whose behavior is studied under the scientific field of cecidology (seh-sid-OL-uh-jee). Each parasite type uses a unique mechanism to force its chosen plant to grow a specialized home and food source.

Overriding host genetics

In nature, a massive evolutionary divide separates ordinary organisms from these parasites. While typical garden aphids simply suck sap and everyday mites spin webs, gall-formers possess an exclusive biological toolkit. Specialized lineages of insects, mites, fungi, bacteria, roundworms and viruses secrete precise mimic proteins, hormones or viral genetics. These molecular keys override the DNA of a host plant’s immature stem cells, forcing the plant to build customized, nutrient-rich shelters for the invaders.

Developing wasp and aphid larvae find secure nursery shelters within these structures. Mites utilize the humid

bunkers to safely raise multiple generations. Fungal pathogens exploit the distorted tissue to develop and eventually broadcast their spores. Bacterial infections drive direct genomic transformation, creating localized food factories for multiplying clones. Meanwhile, soil-dwelling roundworms warp roots into underground feeding chambers, and specialized viruses manipulate cellular pathways to construct tumorous housings along stems.

The ultimate specialists

These organisms are strict botanical specialists. They are host- and organ-specific, operating within a narrow seasonal window. Because they must hijack the plant’s growth hormones right as new cells actively divide, gall formation is heavily concentrated during the burst of early spring. Once a leaf or branch hardens for the summer, it becomes structurally immune to new manipulation.

This strict requirement means a perfect genetic match is mandatory. Mites specialized for maple leaves cannot spread to a nearby rose bush. Even on a single leaf, different species target completely different tissues. For instance, on hickory leaves, two different species of Phylloxera insects divide the territory: one forms stem galls that restrict water flow and kill twigs, while another forms benign globular galls between the leaf veins.

Universal parasites

While individual species are limited to specific hosts, the phenomenon of gall-making is nearly universal across the



Above: Widespread galls on maple leaves induced by parasites. Photosby Francine Wizner



Possible Oak Marble Gall (left), which targets twigs & buds. It is similar to, but denser than Oak Apple gall (right), which targets leaves. Photos by Francine Wizner

plant kingdom. Golf-ball-sized growths swell on goldenrod stems, bulbous fungus smut warps corn kernels, and bacterial crown galls infect roses. Even non-flowering ferns and mosses are vulnerable. A mature tree can support hundreds of different gall-inducing species. Conifers like pines and spruces are less prone to diverse insect galls because their sticky resin and defensive chemistry repel most attackers, though they still host specialized woolly insects called adelgids.

Cosmetic blemishes or fatal injuries?

These tiny invaders interact with plants through saliva, secretions or molecular mechanisms that trigger localized tissue irritation. Most resulting bumps or fuzzy growths are merely unsightly blemishes. Because they cause insignificant damage to the overall health of a mature tree, experts generally recommend no treatment.

However, location matters. Galls that encircle branches can disrupt the flow of water and nutrients, causing dieback or stunting young trees. Furthermore, galls caused by systemic bacterial infections or aggressive rust fungi can seriously weaken or eventually kill the host plant.

Metabolic drain

In natural ecosystems, close, long-term biological relationships between different species are symbiotic. While some symbioses are mutualistic (benefiting both) or commensalistic (leaving the host unaffected), gall-making is strictly parasitic.

Even when gall damage appears purely benign, it stems from a theft of energy. The invaders hijack the plant’s genetic

programming, forcing the host to divert valuable resources away from its own growth and reproduction to build and feed the enemy’s home. Because the developing larvae continuously consume living tissue, the plant incurs a persistent metabolic drain.

A history of irritation

The word “gall” carries several meanings that these parasitic organisms exemplify. Our gallbladder stores bile, a bitter fluid that helps digest fats. In ancient humoral medicine, an excess of yellow bile—also called gall—was thought to make a person irascible or audacious. Separately, by the 12th century, friction sores on horses were called galls. Over time, the word evolved to mean any skin irritation, and eventually, the act of vexing someone.

Whether inducing a metabolic drain on a host plant, acting as an acerbic substance, or causing a historical medical irritation, galls are living proof of biological audacity. They are bitter, brazen, abnormal growths that literally bend nature to their will.

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Bannerman Castle Trust to host ‘Epic Broadway!’ in collaboration with Broadway in Beacon

By Francesca Oliva

The Bannerman Castle Trust is bringing Broadway to one of the Hudson Valley’s most unique venues in collaboration with Broadway in Beacon. Audiences can experience “Epic Broadway!” on July 24 and 25, with a cast of Broadway and Off-Broadway performers taking the stage on Bannerman Island for two evenings of live musical theater.

“For someone who’s never been, it’s a completely immersive experience,” said Kelly Ellenwood, deputy executive director of the Bannerman Castle Trust and a performer in the production. “You get on the boat, you kind of leave everything behind, and then you get to this magical place, and you get to see a magical show.”

The evening begins with a 25-minute boat ride from Beacon to Bannerman Island. After arriving, guests can explore the historic site before taking their seats for a performance featuring songs from beloved Broadway musicals. Following the performance, guests will hear a lecture about the island and have an opportunity to ask questions.

The production features performers with more than 30 Broadway and Off-Broadway credits, including Tony Award nominee Sean Allan Krill, Mamie Parris, Melvin Tunstall III, Anne Fraser Thomas, Jen Malenke, Will Reynolds, Alex Kunz and several additional performers.

The partnership between Bannerman Castle Trust and Broadway in Beacon grew through years of collaboration with the local arts community. Ellenwood

has worked with Broadway in Beacon founders, Jen Malenke and Will Reynolds, since the organization’s early days, later collaborating with Alex Kunz as the program expanded.

“It was just a natural fit,” Ellenwood said. “We brought everyone together, talked about it and decided to move forward.”

Beyond entertaining audiences, performances like “Epic Broadway!” support the Trust’s mission of preserving and sharing Bannerman Island. In addition to offering guided historic tours, the organization continues to expand its arts programming, encouraging visitors to return and experience the island in new ways.

According to Ellenwood, theatrical programming on the island was conceived by Bannerman Castle Trust

founder and Executive Director Neil Caplan.

“His dream was to produce theater on the island,” she said. “Every year it’s evolved and becomes even more spectacular.”

Over the years, the visitor experience has also evolved, with improved seating and expanded programming helping transform the island into a destination for both history and the performing arts.

“It is going to be a production of very high-caliber performances in an incredibly dramatic setting,” Ellenwood said.

“Epic Broadway!” will be held July 24 and 25 on Bannerman Island. Tickets are limited and are available at bannerman-castle.org. Proceeds from the performances will help fund ongoing restoration efforts on the historic island.

A & E CALENDAR

Through July 25: “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike,” County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Offbeat adult comedy by Christopher Durang. Vanya and his adopted sister, Sonia, live a quiet life in a Pennsylvania farmhouse, while their movie star sister Masha travels the world. When Masha appears for an unannounced visit with her 20-something boy toy in tow, the weekend builds to a fever pitch. Will Vanya and Sonia ever find happiness? Will Masha sell the Bucks County farmhouse out from under them? And will Spike ever put his pants on? Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sat., July 25, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$29 adults; \$26 Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door) and Children Under 12. countyplayers.org or (845) 298-1491

Through July 26: “Company,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck Theatre Company presents Stephen Sondheim’s multiple award-winning musical. On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor Robert contemplates his unmarried state. Over the course of a series of dinners, drinks and even a wedding, his friends explain the pros and cons of taking on a spouse. The habitually single Robert is forced to question his adamant retention of bachelorhood during a hilarious array of interactions. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$29. www.centerforperformingarts.org

Through July 26: Powerhouse Theater, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Annual summer season brings together some of today’s most influential theatrical voices and welcomes the next generation of theater artists as members of the renowned Powerhouse Theater Training Program. This week: July 23: “In This Economy?” Developed and performed by members of the Training Company. “In This Economy?” utilizes the gestural composing language of Soundpainting to create an ensemble-based improvised performance about what things cost. Free. No ticket required. Workshop: July 24-26, “A Simple Herstory” in the Powerhouse Theater. Returning for a rare third residency at Powerhouse, A Simple Herstory is the acclaimed genre-blurring performance project exploring the more than 100 women who have run for President of the United States. This newest installment returns to Margaret Chase Smith and the volatile political climate surrounding mid-20th century Republican Party politics, tracing her evolving political identity amid shifting pressures of ideology, public expectation, and personal conviction. Tickets \$30. Reading: July 25, “Punch Back” in the Powerhouse Theater. A new play for trans students on college campuses in red states in 2025. Free, but reservations required. July 25: New Works Play Festival, written and directed by members of the Training Company in the Susan

Stein Shiva Theater. Free, but reservations required. Call (845) 437-5599 or email phtboxoffice@vassar.edu for tickets and more information.

Through Aug. 2: New York Stage & Film Season, Marist University & Bardavon, Poughkeepsie. This week: July 24: “Daylight,” written by Kate Cortesi, 7 p.m. in Marist University’s Symphonic Hall. New play based on the real-life story of Joe Garcia, a man who served 21 years in prison for murder. July 25: “Menafee,” 7 p.m. in Marist University’s Symphonic Hall. Written and Directed by Quiara Alegria Hudes. During an impromptu conversation on reunion weekend, a dining hall employee learns about the contested artifact he’s been unknowingly working beneath. Suddenly, the students he loves and the college he’s dedicated his work life to take a backseat to questions about justice and integrity. Based on a true story, Menafee examines the shocking act that changed an institution’s history. July 26: “Trip Around the Sun,” 1 p.m. in Marist University’s Symphonic Hall. Written by Jake Brasch, directed by Shelley Butler. Life is good for Phil and Suze in their Florida retirement community. They fill their days with virgin margaritas and Jimmy Buffet karaoke. But the night before Suze’s big birthday cruise, Phil decides to shake things up one last time. www.newyork-stageandfilm.org

Through Aug. 16: Bard SummerScape, Fisher Center & other locations on the Bard College Campus, Annandale-on-Hudson. Annual performing arts festival features music, dance, theater & more. Now playing: July 24-Aug. 2: SummerScape Opera, “The Egyptian Helen (Die ägyptische Helena),” Richard Strauss’ rarely staged opera based on the

Helen of Troy myth, with a libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, directed by Christian Råth, with the American Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leon Botstein. Through Aug. 15: The return of the festival’s majestic handmade mirrored pavilion, the Spiegeltent, with live music, performance, and dancing curated by Jason Collins, emceed by Spiegeltent darling Adrienne Truscott, with Andy Monk hosting the After Hours series. Tickets & more info at fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

July 22-26: Play, Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 Co. Rte. 7, Ancram. “Letters from Max” by Sarah Ruhl, based on the book by Sarah Ruhl and Max Ritvo. Performances: Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets & more info at www.ancramcenter.org

July 23-26: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. July 23: Latin Dance with Beacon Dance Beat, 7 p.m. All seats \$15. July 24: Alash: Tuvan Throat Singers, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. July 25: Chris O’Leary Band, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. July 26: Hayde Bluegrass Orchestra, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

July 24: Red Hook Summer Lawn Concert Series at “Eat-N-Go,” 7509 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Free live summer concert series at Eat-N-Go every Friday night, 6-8 p.m. This week: The Tailgate Band. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup subject to change.

July 24 & 26: Tangent Theatre Presents “Lobby Hero” Play Reading, The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. An intimate reading of Kenneth

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Photographic Scavenger Hunt at Staatsburgh

Staatsburgh State Historic Site invites you to explore the site’s beautiful Hudson River landscape by taking a photographic scavenger hunt challenge. A camera and walking shoes are all that’s needed to complete 10 fun riddles on a loop through the grounds of the historic Gilded Age estate. All ages are invited to participate – play solo or with a group. Learn some of the highlights of the former grounds of the Mills family country estate, exploring the landscape and various buildings. All participants who submit their pictures before October 31 can receive a free ice cream cone, courtesy of Stewarts Shops, while supplies last.

To download the scavenger hunt to your phone, find the signs on kiosks throughout Mills State Park or visit <https://millsfriends.org/virtual/lets-go-outside/>

Complete the hunt and submit your photographic answers via Facebook Messenger (@StaatsburghSHS) or email (staatsburghshs@parks.ny.gov). Anyone completing and submitting all 10 tasks before October 31 will win a coupon for

ice cream, while supplies last. We invite you to post on Facebook or Instagram and tag us or use the hashtag #StaatsburghScavengerHunt.

Participants may also wish to hike the woodland trails beginning at Staatsburgh; have a picnic or stroll along the Hudson River. Tours of the mansion can be reserved at <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS> (there is an admission fee for people over age 12).

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh’s websites at, <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>, www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS, and www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com.

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1. Anti-seniors sentiment

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14. Leo, in Moscow

15. Mood disorder

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17. *It happened on how many nights? (1934)

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39. Polynesian island country

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46. Italian money, 1861-2002

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55. Ensign, for short

57. *Not a wedding (1994)

61. *They were reaping benefits (2011)

65. Silly

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68. Generational divide

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1. Without further ____, pl.

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11. One quark plus one antiquark

12. Spilled the beans

15. Dull surfaces

20. Fertile topsoil, pl.

22. Boat propeller

24. Army bathroom

25. *Fifty of these, to jog her memory (2004)

26. Newton of science

27. Dissect

29. *AOL delivery (1998)

31. Org. with a mission

32. Last letter, to Homer

33. *Pretty one (1990)

34. Nigerian money

36. Part of a hammerhead

38. Villain's rival

42. *When has she been kissed? (1999)

45. Books, in Paris

49. Langley, VA org.

51. Fauna member

54. Peruvian beast of burden

56. Rive Droite and Rive Gauche separator

57. Hand-to-hand combat weapon

58. Unconstitutional and uncommon have it in common

59. Indian flatbread

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EXHIBITIONS

The Church in Staatsburg, 5 Market St., Staatsburg. **Through Aug. 2:** “Artist Books of Loss & Healing,” an exhibition bringing together artist books centered on love, loss, and healing, on view during Upstate Art Weekend, June 25-29. The exhibition features work by over 25 artists working across letterpress and bookbinding, photography and text, drawing and collage, and hand-sewn construction. Exhibition hours June 25-29 are noon-6 p.m. daily. **Closing Reception:** Sun., Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m. Open by appointment and weekends, noon-6 p.m. www.thechurchstaatsburg.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is multidisciplinary artist Shirley Parker-Benjamin and photographer Onaje Benjamin. At 12 Vassar St., painter Meghan McDonough presents her artwork in the Reception Gallery, and visual artist Mukta is showcased in the Hancock Gallery. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery are open Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but visitors should stop by 9 Vassar St. first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar St. Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. More info about the artists at cunneen-hackett.org. *Pictured: Artwork by Shirley Parker-Benjamin*



Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 30:** “Atelier 17: Myths in Motion,” part of “The Atelier 17 Project,” a series of exhibitions and programs commemorating the centennial of one of the 20th century’s most influential printmaking workshops, which was founded by Stanley William Hayter in Paris in 1927 and was renowned for its spirit of collaboration, experimentation, and technical innovation. **Through Sept. 20:** “A Living Legacy: Gifts from Lynn Gross Straus,” The exhibition celebrates the life and generosity of Lynn Gross Straus (1925–2023), Vassar Class of 1946, a philanthropist, adventurer, avid art collector, and champion of early childhood education. (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 Dec. 6:** Special exhibition, “Declaring the Revolution: America’s Printed Path to Independence -- Historical Works from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection.” Between 1765 and 1783, the 13 American colonies, once separate possessions of Great Britain, strove to become a self-governing, democratic alliance with a shared identity and destiny. This struggle is known as the American Revolution. In the process, 18th-century Americans defended their liberties as citizens, protested their second-class political status, organized economic boycotts, established fighting forces and shadow governments, and affirmed their legal bonds with one another. This was all done through “declarations” of various kinds, which were all expressed through the dominant medium of the time: print. The supreme example of printed democratic aspirations is the Declaration of Independence. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Hessel Museum of Art, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard), Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through Nov. 29:** “Uman: In Between,” a solo exhibition exploring over two decades of creative practice by the painter Uman, marking the pathbreaking artist’s most comprehensive survey to date. Featuring more than 100 works, the exhibition will trace the evolution of Uman’s prolific painting practice from the intimate portraits she made in the 2000s to the commanding images she creates today, including two new murals developed for the exhibition. <https://ccs.bard.edu/>

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Aug. 22:** “PLACE | MEANT,” exhibition by Laura Cannamela, Monica Church, Elisa Lendvay, Susan Newmark & Barbara Todd. www.millbrooklibrary.org

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 15:** Arts Mid-Hudson and Millbrook Vineyards & Winery Present 2026 Art in the Loft, a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring 16 AMH member artists. Wine Label Competition: Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through July:** Morton’s Treasures of Backyards, culverts, skeletons, toys, pottery, car parts, and many other odd and wonderful treasures that have been found literally in our back yards. Free admission; purchases of art and donations for the library are welcome. (845) 876-2903

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through December:** “Circles of Influence: Thomas Cole and the American Landscape Movement,” In Thomas Cole’s Library Gallery. New exhibition explores the rapid influence that Thomas Cole and his work had on other 19th-century artists, including Susie M. Barstow, Albert Bierstadt, Ralph Albert Blakelock, Frederic Edwin Church, Mary B. Cole, Thomas Cole, Sarah Cole, Jasper Francis Cropsey, Asher B. Durand, John Frederick Kensett, Mary Josephine Walters, and Worthington Whittredge. **Through December:** “Emily Cole & Valerie Hegarty: LIFE CYCLES” presents a visual dialogue of two craft-based women artists across three centuries: 19th-century artist Emily Cole, daughter of Thomas Cole, and 21st-century artist Valerie Hegarty. The spotlight exhibition juxtaposes more than 30 works of painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole (1843–1913) with a mixed-media installation by Hegarty. The work by Valerie Hegarty was made specifically for the Thomas Cole Site in 2025 and explores the connection between Thomas Cole and Emily Cole and their fascination with cycles of life, while considering Hegarty’s own relationship with her mother. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Aug. 2:** “Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies,” the exhibition explores the dialogue that emerges when an artist creates groups of related works. The show features a diverse range of works by gallery members across all mediums, styles, and sizes: from intimate visual “duets” to expansive four-part “quartets.” (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave., 2nd floor, Millbrook. **Through Aug. 2:** Paintings by Scott Balfe, James Coe and Tarryl Gabel.

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‘Tensions & Triumphs on view at Arts Mid-Hudson

Arts Mid-Hudson is will present “Tensions & Triumph: Art Born from Resilience and Renewal,” a group exhibition featuring the work of Arts Mid-Hudson member artists. On view through Sept. 27, the exhibition explores themes of resilience, transformation, and hope through a diverse collection of artistic perspectives.

Through moments of tension, uncertainty, achievement, and renewal, the featured works invite viewers to reflect on the many ways resilience shapes both individual lives and the collective human experience. Working across a variety of mediums and styles, participating artists offer deeply personal interpretations of overcoming obstacles, embracing change, and finding strength in adversity.

Participating artists are: Lucy Aponte, Corey Devon Arthur, Giuseppe Baez, James Bennett, Joseph Caserto, Lesa Cash, Vitaliia Deriabina, Bobbi Egan, Donna Farahnda, Camille (Cami) Fischer, Rose Gennaro, Ilene Goldman, Kathryn Hart, David Held, Susan Hennelly, Cara B. Hochhalter, Pam Krinsky, Linda Lavin, Jessica Licciardello, Diane-Ellen McCarron, Zelda aka Judith Z. Miller, Manuela Oprea, Polly Perkins, Ulana Salewycz, Jamie Taylor, Rochleigh Z. Wolfe, and Elizabeth Young.

The Closing Reception Artist Talk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The afternoon will also feature a special performance by Zelda, aka Judith Z. Miller, beginning at 1:10 p.m.

The Talk takes place at the Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie.

RSVP at: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=588>.

Admission to the gallery and events is free and open to all. RSVPs are strongly encouraged.

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‘Beloved’ Dover resident recognized during ‘Veteran of Distinction’ ceremony

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs today celebrated U.S. Army Nurse Corps Second Lieutenant (2LT) Helen Slocum-Mostachetti, a beloved Town of Dover resident who served during World War II, at the County’s most recent “Veteran of Distinction” ceremony, held at Dover Town Hall.

Serino said, “Helen’s life reflects the very best of our community. She has served our nation, cared for others and built a lasting legacy of love and dedication. Her story reminds us of the impact one person can have through a lifetime of service. She is a true American hero. It was so special to celebrate with Helen and her family as we honored her as a Dutchess County ‘Veteran of Distinction.’”

Helen Slocum-Mostachetti graduated from Dover High School in 1941, completed her nursing training at then-Vassar Brothers Hospital, and served as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps from 1945 to 1947, caring for wounded veterans at Army hospitals in Texas and Oklahoma. After her military service, she devoted decades to nursing and education in the Hudson Valley, retiring in 1981 before continuing as a school nurse and substitute teacher for the Dover Union Free School District. At the age of 103, Helen is renowned locally for a lifetime of service to her country and community, as well as her enduring love of family, golf, the New York Yankees and New York Jets.

Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “Helen represents the strength and dedication we

honor in all of our veterans. She answered the call to serve our nation and cared for those who sacrificed for our freedom. Her service, resilience and commitment to others are an inspiration to us all.”

Monthly “Veteran of Distinction” ceremonies take place on the second Tuesday of each month from April through November, hosted in the community where the honored veteran resides. This year’s ceremonies are spotlighting members of the Greatest Generation, Dutchess County’s living World War II veterans.

Nomination requirements

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current Dutchess County resident
- Have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge
- Have served during wartime or peacetime; there are no restrictions on service dates or duration

How to nominate

Applications may be submitted:

- Online: dutchessny.gov/veteranofdistinction
- In person: Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
- By email: veterans@dutchessny.gov

All applications must include appropriate military separation documents (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NGB-22, or casualty report).

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, right, and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche, left, joined Helen Slocum-Mostachetti and her family at the County’s “Veteran of Distinction” ceremony on Tuesday, July 14, in Dover. Below, left: Serino is pictured with Slocum-Mostachetti, along with a poster honoring the veteran. *Photos courtesy Dutchess County Gov’t*

WWII Army veteran William Cole memorialized at ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremony in Hyde Park



The family of World War II Army veteran William Cole with Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and members of the Office of Veterans Affairs during the recent “Honor-A-Veteran” remembrance ceremony held last week in Hyde Park. *Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov’t*

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs memorialized the life and legacy of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (SSG) William “Bill” Cole, a respected Hyde Park resident, at this month’s “Honor-A-Veteran” remembrance, held last week at Roosevelt Fire District Station 3 in Hyde Park.

William Cole was a member of “the Greatest Generation,” who answered his nation’s call by enlisting in the United States Army in 1944 and serving with the 5th Infantry Division in the European Theatre during World War II. After returning home, he built a career with IBM and remained deeply committed to his family, church and community as a dedicated parishioner of St. James Church and member of American Legion Post 1303. Known for his humility, generosity and willingness to help others, SSG Cole quietly lived a life of service and sacrifice. He was recognized for his military contributions with the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross in 2001. SSG Cole passed away on Jan. 9, 2007

and is remembered for his courage, loyalty and lasting impact on those who knew him.

Serino said, “William represented a generation that showed great courage and commitment to our country. His life of service, kindness and dedication to his community leaves a lasting example for all of us. Dutchess County honors his sacrifice and the legacy he built through his actions, and we continue to proudly celebrate our heroes like William through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program.”

Dutchess County invites nominations for its monthly “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremonies, held April through November, to pay tribute to deceased U.S. Armed Forces veterans who served in wartime or peacetime. Community members can submit nominations and required military documentation for consideration through the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs, with the next ceremony scheduled for Aug. 20. Learn more and download applications at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran.



Walk-in enrollment at National Purple Heart Hall of Honor on Aug. 8

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will have an all-day walk-in enrollment day to help build the Roll of Honor and preserve the stories of service and sacrifice of Purple Heart recipients from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 8. They will have enrollment information sessions at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to help guide visitors through the enrollment process.

Enrollment forms will be provided and visitors should bring official documentation (such as discharge papers) verifying the award. Staff available throughout the day to assist visitors and you are encouraged to call 845-561-1765 if you have questions about enrolling someone.

As there is no comprehensive list of recipients, we need your help to guarantee that these stories are not lost.

Help us honor these service members for their sacrifices. Admission is Free

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300) New Windsor. For additional information, please call 845-561-1765.

Chris Gibson joins Bard College as Hannah Arendt Center senior fellow and professor of political practice

Bard College’s Hannah Arendt Center recently announced the appointment of Chris Gibson as a senior fellow and a professor of political practice. His residency will begin in the spring 2027 academic semester during the pilot program of the Center’s new initiative, “A Republic, If You Can Keep It,” which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the birth of the American republic. The program aims to address the weakening of the social contract between government and citizens, and offer a renewed focus on constitutional citizenship, civic responsibility, public service, and civilian-military relations. Gibson, a former member of Congress and retired US Army colonel, will also participate in the 2026 Arendt Forum in October.

“I feel called to the Hannah Arendt Center and Bard College to help this new initiative, which I believe is focused on precisely what our country needs right now,” said Gibson, “and towards our future leaders being educated and prepared at Bard.”

Gibson, together with Malia Du Mont ’95, vice president for strategy and policy at Bard, will lead the new initiative that focuses on the weakening of the American social contract and explores different paths to possible renewal. The initiative intends to promote the intellectual and moral virtues, the value of public service, public goods including national security, and the criticality of functional civil-military relations within a flourishing republic.

“We are honored to welcome Chris Gibson as a senior fellow and professor,” said Roger Berkowitz, founder and academic director of the Hannah Arendt Center. “Gibson’s lifelong dedication to public service embodies Hannah Arendt’s call for courageous public engagement. By bringing his experience to the Center at Bard College and together with our esteemed colleague Malia Du Mont, we will create programming that is intellectually serious, practically consequential, and nationally replicable.”

“This critical juncture in the history of American democracy is the right time to launch this effort to reinvigorate student engagement with ideals of democratic leadership and public service,” said Du

Mont. “I’m honored and humbled to work with my colleagues at the Hannah Arendt Center, and especially with Chris Gibson, to bring it to life.”

Chris Gibson is a former US Army Colonel (now retired) whose last assignment was as Commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division. He is also a former three-term member of Congress (departing after term-limiting himself), a scholar of civil-military relations, and a former President of Siena College. Over a 29-year Army career (which started in 1981 as a 17-year old infantry private with the New York Army National Guard before being commissioned through ROTC and serving 24 more years in the Regular Army), Gibson rose to the rank of Colonel, deployed seven times, and received numerous military honors, including four Bronze Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge with Star, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab. During his time in the Army, Gibson taught American politics for three years at the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as a national security affairs fellow at the Hoover Institution (where he earned War College credit). Gibson represented New York in the US House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017 and served as President of Siena College from 2020 to 2023. He holds a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University and is the author of work on national security, citizenship, and the founding principles of the American republic. His most recent book, *The Spirit of Philadelphia: A Call to Recover the Founding Principles*, argues for civic renewal grounded in constitutional responsibility, public service, and republican self-government.

Malia K. Du Mont ’95 is a senior executive and national security professional currently serving as Vice President for Strategy and Policy at Bard College, and as a Senior Fellow at the College’s Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and the Humanities. Previously, she was Co-President of Amur Equipment Finance and a non-resident fellow at the Stimson Center and the Atlantic Council’s Scowcroft Center on Strategy and



Chris Gibson

Security. She has spent much of her career in the Pentagon, where she held multiple positions including Director of Strategy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In that role, she led the team charged with developing and implementing the National Defense Strategy, represented OSD on two National Security Staff subcommittees, and served as an outside reviewer on the National Intelligence Strategy and Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review. Malia helped spearhead the Obama Administration’s Afghanistan Strategy Review, following two years in Kabul and at NATO where she focused on analyzing Afghan politico-military affairs. She was lead author of the Ft. Hood Follow-on Review, coordinating across the defense enterprise on recommendations and interim guidance documents to strengthen the Department’s ability to

counter insider threat. An Army Reserve officer and Afghanistan veteran, she chairs Congressman Pat Ryan’s (NY-19) Veterans and Military Families Advisory Board, represents the Mid-Hudson Valley on the New York State Council on the Arts, and serves on the boards of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, World Affairs Council Mid-Hudson Valley, and Arts Mid-Hudson.

The mission of the Hannah Arendt Center is to create and nurture an institutional space for bold, risky and provocative thinking about our political world in the spirit of Hannah Arendt. The Center’s vision is to empower a plural people to at once (re)discover their unique opinions and political agency and also find common ground to build together a shared world through thinking, listening, and talking with one another. Learn more at hac.bard.edu.

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Dutchess to receive over \$1M for emergency dispatching

Dutchess County will receive \$1,250,992 as part of \$110 million in State funding to improve emergency communications systems and enhance public safety call-taking and dispatching capabilities through the combined SFY2025 and SFY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG) and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant Programs.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the funding last week. “Every moment counts in an emergency, and making sure our communications equipment is ready when we need it is vital to keeping New Yorkers safe,” Governor Hochul said. “Public safety is always my top priority, and this funding will go a long way to strengthen our emergency capabilities in every part of the state.”

Division of Homeland Security and

Emergency Services Commissioner Terry O’Leary said, “Communications is key during emergencies, and our first responders must have the most advanced equipment and technology to ensure a reliable communications system. This funding is vital to support our partners’ efforts to modernize, upgrade and maintain their emergency communications systems, and will make our communities safer by enhancing emergency response across our state.”

Through the SICG-Formula Grant Program, \$90 million is being awarded to support local governments’ efforts to bolster communications networks through Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Systems, expand access to communications-focused training and exercises and maintain communications equipment.

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Karl T. Chorney

Karl T. Chorney III, 84, a lifelong area resident, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at River Valley in Poughkeepsie.

Born on January 18, 1942, in Poughkeepsie, NY, Karl was the son of the late Karl Chorney and Rose (Misiewicz). He graduated from Pine Plains High School before continuing his education at Dutchess Community College. On June 28, 1992, he married the love of his life, Patricia Moore, and together they shared 34 wonderful years of marriage.

Karl proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Army for two years.

For many years, Karl worked as a service technician for Dictaphone Telephone Systems, traveling throughout the country to service and repair telephone systems wherever he was needed. He took great pride in his work and enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life.

Outside of work, bowling was far more than a hobby—it was Karl’s lifelong passion. His dedication to the sport earned him induction into the Dutchess County Bowling Hall of Fame in 1983, a fitting recognition of his talent and many accomplishments on the lanes. He operated a bowling pro shop for 35 years, attended countless national tournaments, and brought home numerous trophies throughout his successful bowling career. Karl also ran the Red Hook Rhinebeck Rotary bowling tournament for many years at 9G/Ro-Lin lanes. Whether competing, mentoring fellow bowlers, or helping others find the right equipment, Karl’s love for the sport was evident to everyone who knew him.

Karl was also an avid hunter who cherished time spent outdoors. He enjoyed the simple routines of life and rarely missed a morning breakfast at the Historic Village Diner in Red Hook, where he was a familiar face, greeted by friends and staff alike. He will be remembered for his steady presence, quiet kindness, and the many friendships he cultivated throughout the years.

Karl is survived by his wife, Patricia Chorney; his sons, Brendon Chorney of Tivoli and Devon Chorney and his wife, Jessica, of Hudson; and his cherished grandchildren, Madison, Siena, and Gabe. He also leaves behind extended family members and many dear friends who will miss him greatly.

In addition to his parents, Karl was predeceased by his brother, Vincent Chorney.

Family and friends are invited to call on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571.

William Meybohm

HYDE PARK – William Dietrich Meybohm’s soul soared to Heaven on July 14th, one day short of his 59th wedding anniversary, at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY at the age of 80.

He was a loving husband, a proud father, grandfather, and great grandfather, and a lover of all sports— especially baseball as he was a lifelong Dodgers fan.

William is survived by his wife Pamela (Rieker) Meybohm, his brother Donald, his

sons Matthew (Marci) and Ethan (Christine), his grandchildren Jared (Sophia) Meybohm, Nicole (Courtney) Gregory, Connor and Tyler Meybohm, as well as Caroline Grier. He is also survived by four great grandchildren, Bryson, Maddyn, and Camryn Gregory and Lucia Meybohm.

Preceding him in death were two half brothers, William and Joseph Balis, half-sister Deloris Crump, and great granddaughter Taytum Danielle Gregory.

Family and friends were received on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Sweets Funeral Home, Hyde Park, NY. Family suggests any donations be made to Sadie’s Place at 22 Fairmont Ave., Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Sadiesplaceny.com

Patricia B. Vogel-Hansen

RED HOOK – Patricia “Patsy” Braig Vogel-Hansen, 85, of Red Hook, NY, died peacefully on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Born on October 22, 1940, in Hudson, NY, Patsy was the daughter of the late Louis Braig and Lucille (A’Brial) Braig.

A proud graduate of Red Hook High School’s Class of 1958, Patsy completed three years of nursing training at Columbia Memorial Hospital and went on to become a registered nurse. She cherished the nursing profession throughout her life. After dedicating many years to raising her family, she returned to the field and spent many years caring for residents at The Baptist Home. Upon retiring, she remained a caregiver to those she loved, always mindful of the wellbeing of her friends and family.

On June 24, 1961, Patsy married her high school sweetheart, Craig. Together they owned and operated Sepascot Home Farm in

Rhinebeck until 1986. While helping manage the family dairy farm, Patsy also devoted herself to raising their two sons, Steven and David, serving as the heart of both her home and the family business.

Later in life, Patsy found love again with A. Richard “Dick” Hansen. The couple married on August 20, 2016, and shared ten wonderful years together, creating many treasured memories.

Patsy had a lifelong love of gardening and found her greatest happiness in spending time with her family, especially hosting holidays at her home. She was known for her quiet generosity. As an active member of the Historical Society of Red Hook, she contributed time, knowledge, and many documents from her collection. One of her favorite ways to brighten the lives of others was by sending thoughtful greeting cards, especially to residents of local nursing homes—a simple but heartfelt gesture that brought joy to many people.

Patsy was predeceased by her son, Steven C. Vogel, in 1987, and her husband of 47 years, Craig D. Vogel, in 2009. She is lovingly survived by her husband, A. Richard “Dick” Hansen of Germantown, NY; her son, David C. Vogel and his wife, Joanne, of Colorado Springs, CO; her grandson Leo Vogel; her grandson Ryan Vogel and his wife, Sarina, of Poughkeepsie, NY; along with extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Patsy’s memory to Historic Red Hook.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

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Loneragan’s critically acclaimed modern classic examines the intersection of morality, authority and conflicting loyalty as two security guards and two police officers test their principles over the course of a few late-night shifts in a Manhattan apartment building lobby. Performances: Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Free (donations welcome), though reservations are required via info@tangent-arts.org. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

July 25: Growing Together: A Tour of Mid-Hudson Gardens, free, self-guided tour of 8 local gardens, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain or shine). Participating gardens include Beatrix Farrand Garden (4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park), Blithewood (75 Blithewood Ave., Red Hook), Clermont (1 Clermont Ave., Germantown), Eden Share (29 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie), Garden of Eatin’ (853 Dutchess Turnpike,

Poughkeepsie), Montgomery Place (55 Montgomery Place, Red Hook), Pleasant Valley Community Garden, (1907 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point), Wilderstein (330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck). www.grow ingtogethergardentour.com

July 25: Movies Under the Walkway, Upper Landing Park, 83 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., followed by the feature film at sundown at approximately 8:30 p.m. This week: “Apple-TV’s—F1.” Free. Shows are sunshine only. Bring blankets and chairs. Free parking at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum & Metro North. www.walkway.org

July 25: Summer Series, Opus 40, Saugerties. Singer-songwriter Emily King, 8-10 p.m. Tickets \$60 advance, \$65 at the door. opus40.org

July 25: Theater Organ Fun! featuring

Zach Frame, Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Interactive musical adventure for the whole family, 10 a.m. Discover how live music brought silent films to life, enjoy the classic Laurel and Hardy short “Liberty,” request your favorite songs, and try the organ yourself. Co-presented with the New York Theater Organ Society. Free ice cream, donated by Stewart’s Shops, served after performance. Free or pay-what-you-can. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

July 25: Film, “Rally Caps,” Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Filmed on the ballfields of Pine Plains and directed by local native Lee Cipolla, “Rally Caps” is an independent coming-of-age story and stars Judd Hirsch, Amy Smart, and Carson Minnear, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

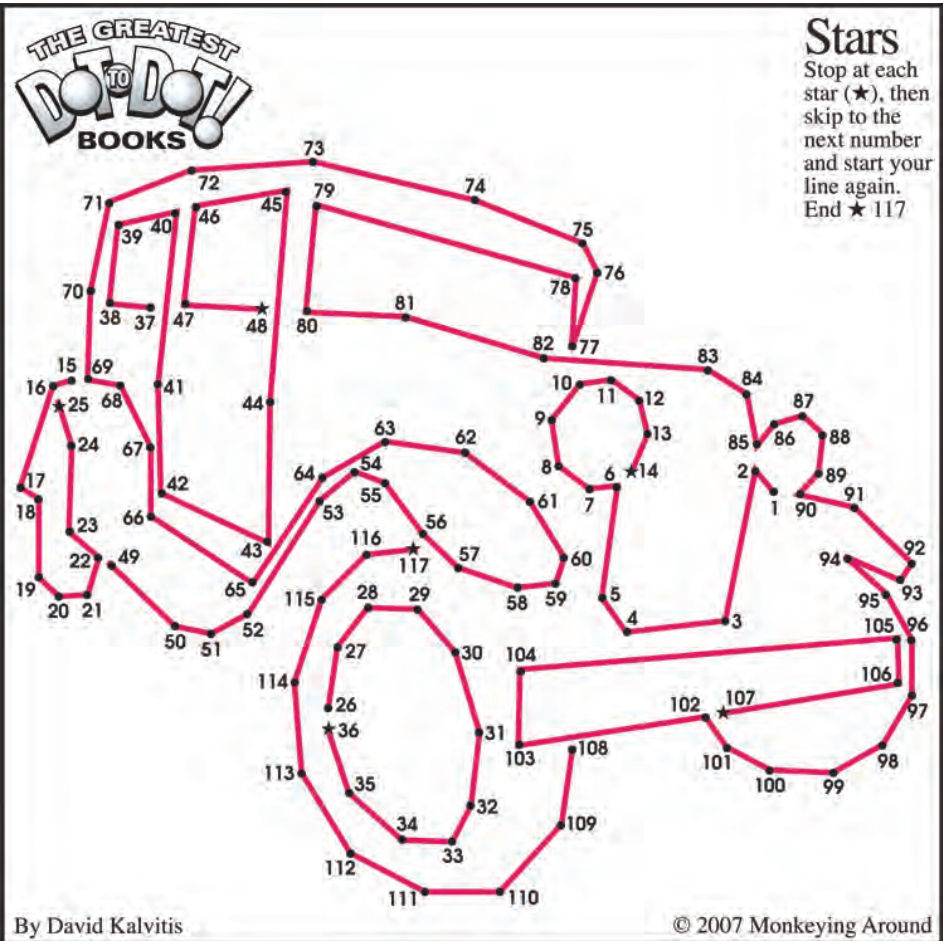
July 28: Rhinebeck’s Movies Under the

Starrs, Thompson-Mazzarella Town Park, Rhinebeck. Free movie series; films start at sunset. This week: “Encanto,” 8:18 p.m. More info on Facebook; or contact Frank Intervallo at (914) 329-8615 or frankintervallo@gmail.com.

July 29: Music in the Parks, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Outdoor concert series featuring Flirtin’ With Disaster, 7 p.m. Rain location: Taconic Reginal OFC-NY Parks, 9 Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. For any cancellations or changes, check the Hyde Park Recreation Facebook page.

July 29: Twilight Music in the Park, Walkway Over the Hudson’s Ulster Welcome Center, Highland. Featuring free acoustic music performances by local musicians from the Hudson Valley, 6-7 p.m., weather permitting. This week: Straight-Ahead Jazz Trio. www.walkway.org

Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 11)



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This week’s answer

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Answers to this week’s diversions

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
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Fire Extinguishers: Inspection, Test, and Maintenance
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th day of July 2026 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 website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO CLOSE A HIGHWAY TO: Town Clerk, Town of Milan, County of Dutchess
This is to certify that the undersigned Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Milan closes a section of highway in the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, known as Torre Rock Road. It is

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necessary to close that portion of the highway between the intersections of Turkey Hill Road and Fitzsimmons Road as an existing culvert pipe/bridge is being repaired or replaced under the provisions of the Highway Law, and the work cannot be properly conducted and completed unless that portion of the above-described road is closed during the time such work is in progress. You are hereby notified that the above-described section of road shall be closed by me on August 10, 2026, for the duration of 45 days.
Executed on this 10th day of July 2026.
Glenn Butler
Supt. of Highways

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-12-26
NAME OF PROJECT: Generator & Transfer Switch Install at 45 & 50 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Project Description: Design of Provisions for a Portable Generator at 45 Market Street and Design of Replacement Life

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Safety Generator at 50 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. 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, 8am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY

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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 Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Lorraine Grant, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 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: 853952224#

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Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank credit) 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 Wednesday July 29, 2026, and emailed to 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 1, 2026; the anticipated substantial completion date is January 31, 2027. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2026017448
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tractor 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.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on June 8, 2026, adopted a local law entitled: LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 6 of 2013, WITH RESPECT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN. The intent of this Local Law is to allow the County's Workers' Compensation Plan Manager to acquire and keep in force during the life of the Plan, an Excess Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Policy, the cost thereof to be paid from the funds of the Plan, or to allow the Plan Manager to join a public group self-insurer pursuant to Section 50(3-a) of Workers' Compensation Law.

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Acopy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours.
JULIE SHIROISHI
Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
Dated: July 17, 2026

WORKSHOP MEETING NOTICE
EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Fire District Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY.
Dated: July 15, 2026
East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners
Carol Mackin,
Secretary

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clinton Food Pantry seeks donations
School's out! Your donations help local families feed their kids nutritious food all summer long. The Clinton Food Pantry, located at the Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church at the corner of Hollow Road and Fiddlers Bridge Road, is open every other Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m., opening again on August 5. Drop off your donations to the Town Clerk's office. If you have any questions, email Carol Mackin: townclerk@clintondcnyc.gov.
Open House at Gen. Montgomery House Museum
On Saturdays through Aug. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open at 77 Livingston Street. 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. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com or Facebook
LaGrange to commemorate America's 250th on July 25.
LaGrange residents to the town's Freedom 250 celebration on Saturday, July 25, from noon to 4 p.m., which commemorates 250 years of America. This event is free for all LaGrange residents and promises to be a fun filled day for the entire family. Enjoy live music, activities for kids, ice cream, plenty of delicious food, and lots of fun as we come together to celebrate our community and our nation's history.
Advance registration is required. To register, please visit lagrangeparksandrec.com or call (845) 452-1972 for assistance.
Living History Day set July 25
Family Fun: Living History Day: America 250 will take place on Saturday, July 25, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Rhinebeck American Legion Hall Montgomery Post 429, 6361 Mill St., Rhinebeck. Celebrate America's 250th anniversary through history, agriculture, service, and community. Its fun for the whole family with displays & exhibits, demonstrations, kids activities and hands-on learning. Contact (845) 876-4429 for more information.
Free tour of 8 local gardens on July 25
Garden lovers, families and community members are invited to experience the beauty and diversity of gardens in the Hudson Valley during Growing Together: A Tour of Mid-Hudson Gardens. This is a free, self-guided garden tour taking place on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine).
This collaborative event brings together historic

estates/gardens, educational programs, and community gardens across the Mid-Hudson region for a day celebrating horticulture, local history, wellness, and community connection. Visitors are invited to visit as many of the gardens as they wish.
Visit www.growingtogethertour.com for participating gardens and more information.
Daily Vacation Bible School
set July 27-31 at Rhinebeck church
Grace Bible Fellowship Church will hold its Daily Vacation Bible School July 27-31 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Ages: 4-Teens. Free. All are welcome. The church is at 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck, 1/4-mile north of the Route 9/Route 9G intersection. For more information, call (845) 876-6923 or email fcirone@aol.com. www.gracebiblefellowshipchurch.org
NYSDOT Open House for Rhinecliff Station project on July 30
At an Open House on Thursday, July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Morton Memorial Library, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and Amtrak will present information about the Rhinecliff Station, Platform and Interlocking Project. View design illustrations and speak directly with NYSDOT and Amtrak staff. Staff will be available throughout the session to answer questions and gather input from residents and commuters.
Morton Library is at 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff.
Goals for Hope set Aug. 2 at Stringham Park
Miles of Hope announced that the 19th Annual Goals for Hope will take place on Sunday, Aug. 2, at Stringham Park in Lagrangeville. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., with the first games kicking off at 8:30 a.m..
Gather your team for the men's or women's divisions and enjoy a fun-filled day of soccer, raffle prizes, and community, all while supporting local individuals and families affected by breast cancer.
Register your team or sign up to volunteer at www.milesofhope.org.
Chicken BBQ in Salt Point
Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 8, 4-6:30 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point. Menu is BBQ boneless chicken breast, corn on the cob, coleslaw, pasta salad, baked beans, cornbread and a dessert for the low price of \$15 for all.
Reservation and pick-up time required by calling Diana at (845) 656-9959.
Milan Community Day set Aug. 8
Milan's Community Day will take place on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Milan Rec Park, 30 Matecki Road, Red Hook. There will be new and exciting events this year along with perennial

favorites.
Activities include Milan's Citizen of the Year and Beautification Awards, line dancing, American Colonial dancing lessons, local food & beer vendors, Gladiator Joust, Minecraft Bounce House, corn hole, pickleball, kickball, craft vendors, nonprofit resources, Field Day games, The Candyman, an antique car show, and dunk tank.
No outside food or drinks can be brought in.
ONGOING
Parkinson's Support Group - at Starr Library Community Room, third Monday of the month, noon-1:30 p.m. The monthly Parkinson's Support Group is a gathering place for those with Parkinson's and their loved ones to create community and share information. The group will meet each month to offer a space for everyone to discuss their challenges and successes, share stories, connect with others who are navigating similar issues, and sift through medical information and the latest news about available treatments. Refreshments and resources provided. Register via the online calendar at www.starrlibrary.org. The library is at 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck.
Chess: First Monday, 7 p.m., at Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck.
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 the website: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.
Volunteer at Vanderbilt Garden: 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 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets, but there are other support tasks such as greeting the public that require no physical labor. 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, e-mail volunteers@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit www.vanderbiltgarden.org.
Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

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STAYING COOL WHILE MINIMIZING YOUR A/C USE

A question came up during a recent conversation among colleagues at OFA, as the nation celebrated its 250th anniversary this month:

How did the Founding Fathers manage to survive summer heat, in Philadelphia, wearing all that clothing ... plus powdered wigs?

It happens that Thomas Jefferson kept meticulous daily weather records, for decades. He generally recorded temperature and other conditions first thing in the morning when temperatures were typically the coolest, then again in the mid-afternoon when the day was at its warmest. On July 4, 1776, he bought himself a new thermometer, which showed a Philadelphia morning temperature of 68 and an afternoon high of 76 – an exception to the rule of scorching summers.

As it turns out, we could learn a few things from the founders’ ways of adapting to the heat, without modern innovations like air conditioning:

- Swap heavy clothing for lighter fabrics: Many colonists put away their woolen clothing in warmer weather, opting for cotton and linen instead. Where formal wear was required, as in Independence Hall, many wore lighter “tropical” wool, and unlined coats and waistcoats.

- The founders also opted for clothing that was lighter in color as well as weight: light grays, cream, beige, and white.

- Minimize heat from cooking: Without electricity or natural gas for cooking, a hearth had to be kept burning around the clock. Many homes used a small “summer kitchen” building to keep heat away from the main home, and to reduce fire risk. We can do much the same by moving at least some of our cooking outside to a grill, and by eating outdoors. Sleeping outdoors was also an option, with everyone from tenement dwellers in New York City to Presidents Wilson and Taft at the White House choosing outdoor sleeping arrangements.

The Founders were big fans of fans

Without electricity, ingenuity was required to keep cooler air moving. Ben Franklin invented a fan powered by a rocking chair, while George Washington purchased a chair fan powered by a foot pedal. Later inventors repurposed wind-up clock mechanisms to power ceiling fans.

With the benefit of electricity, a strategically placed box fan or two can move warm air out of living spaces, with at least somewhat cooler air taking its place. Bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans can move warm air from indoors to outdoors.

Other no-air-conditioning cooling strategies

The “night flush”: It’s got nothing to do with toilets, and everything to do with windows. In the evening, once the air outside is cooler than the air inside, it’s time to open your home’s windows to flush out the warm air and allow a cross

breeze. You should be able to start fresh in the morning with a cooler home, and keep it cooler for longer, if you close your windows the next morning, and close the curtains over any windows that face south or west into the sun.

Do the big cleaning jobs at night: Wait to use your dishwasher and clothes washer until evening hours when temperatures are cooler. Also, consider hanging laundry outside to dry. You’ll save the cost of running the clothes dryer while reducing heat and moisture in the house.

PICNIC SCHEDULE UPDATE

It’s been an unusually hot and smoky week, and that necessitated the rescheduling of the OFA Summer Picnic for older adults living in the Towns of North East, Pine Plains, Stanford or Washington from July 15th to Friday, July 24th .

If you’re an older adult who lives in one of those towns who hasn’t already signed up to be there, there’s still time to sign up for that picnic by calling OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

As of Friday, July 17th, there were still seats available at the other remaining picnics on the 2026 schedule.

July 29 – Town of Pleasant Valley (at West Road School)

August 12 – City of Poughkeepsie (at Stitzel Field)

August 19 – Towns of Beekman and LaGrange (at Freedom Park)

August 26 – Town of East Fishkill (at Hopewell Rec Park)

The full schedule, including Google

Map links and pictures from past picnics, is at www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics. Many thanks to the Pines at Poughkeepsie, Central Hudson, Westchester Medical Center Health Network, and AccentCare for their support of this year’s program.

OFA MOBILE OFFICE HOURS FOR SUMMER

Here’s the summertime list of OFA Ambassador Mary Reedy’s mobile office hours ... thus far:

Thursday, July 23rd, 10am-noon – Tri-Town Friendship Center, 1576 Main St. (US 44), Pleasant Valley (at the Presbyterian Church)

Tuesday, July 28th, 1-3pm – Millbrook Library, 3 Friendship Ln.

Thursday, August 27th, noon-3pm – Amenia Library, 3309 NY 343

To book your half-hour time slot to get your aging services questions answered, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555:

Your local civic organizations or governments can arrange Mobile Office Hours for your home community by contacting OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours or emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov.

And a Bad Joke!

What is the difference between a poorly-dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire!

Viscount Wines & Liquor on NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry

Assemblyman Anil Beephan recognized Viscount Wines & Liquor in Wappinger for its admission to the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry, honoring the business for more than 50 years of dedicated service to the community.

The Historic Business Preservation Registry celebrates businesses that have been in continuous operation for at least 50 years and have made lasting contributions to the economic, cultural, and civic life of New York State.

“Small businesses like Viscount Wines & Liquor are the backbone of our communities,” said Assemblyman Anil Beephan. “For generations, they have served local families, supported commu-

nity organizations, and helped shape the character of Wappinger. It is an honor to recognize their remarkable legacy and ensure their contributions are preserved as part of New York’s history.”

Viscount Wines & Liquor becomes the sixth business nominated by Assemblyman Beephan to be inducted into the Historic Business Preservation Registry during his current term. Previous successful nominations include Royal Auto Parts, Dutcher Golf Course, East Fishkill Provisions & Smokehaus Deli, McHoul Funeral Home, and Page Lumber.

Assemblyman Beephan presented the official Historic Business Preservation Registry certificate to the owners of

Viscount Wines & Liquor in recognition of the business’s longstanding commitment to serving the residents of the Hudson Valley.

“The success of businesses like Viscount is a testament to the dedication

of their owners, employees, and loyal customers,” Beephan added. “I congratulate the entire Viscount team on this well-deserved recognition and thank them for their decades of service to our community.”

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Assemblyman Anil Beephan recognized Viscount Wines & Liquor in Wappinger for its admission to the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry. The business was recognized for 50 years of dedicated service to the community. Photo courtesy Assemblyman Beephan’s Office