

Democratic majority  
of Legislature, Serino  
at odds over approval  
of plan at 26 Oakley

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The proposed settlement agreement concerning a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Street in Poughkeepsie is causing controversy between Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Democratic majority caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature.

Last Thursday, the County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street.

The next day, Serino’s office issued a press release, which stated that Serino “expressed her deep concern following last night’s non-vote by the Democratic Majority of the Dutchess County Legislature to ratify the agreement between the County and the City of Poughkeepsie to move forward with a supportive housing center at 26 Oakley Steet, to be known as the ‘Homeless Outreach & Program Engagement (HOPE)’ Center. The County Executive is calling on the Dutchess County Legislature to convene another special meeting to ratify the agreement to avoid further, real consequences for local taxpayers and the nearly 100 individuals who rely on this vital project.”

Serino said, “Our homeless population does not have an ‘R’ or ‘D’ designation next to their names. This project is not a political issue – it is a human issue. At its core, this is an investment in the safety, stability and compassion for our neighbors who are counting on us and who are already working hard to change their situation. I am calling on the Democratic majority Legislators to keep the politics out of it and keep this project moving forward.”

In an open letter to the residents of Dutchess County, the Democratic

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Local hearing specialist helps fit 400+  
hearing aids in Panama mission trip

By Francesca Oliva

Outside an elementary school in Penonomé, Panama, a long line of people begins to form. People of all ages patiently wait for the chance to receive life-changing healthcare, with many of them having traveled long distances, some even on foot, to reach the temporary clinic. Inside one of the classrooms, Hopewell Junction hearing specialist Byron Robertson prepares patients to receive hearing aids, many of whom have struggled with hearing loss for years.

He was one of dozens of volunteers who participated in the Northeast Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity’s (NEVOSH) mission to Panama earlier this year. Over the course of four days, the audiology team fit more than 400 hearing aids for people who previously had little or no access to hearing health services.

Robertson is a Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist with Cresswell Audiology, Powered By Beltone in Hopewell Junction. He has helped patients improve their hearing through evaluations and hearing aid fittings since 2010. A Marine Corps veteran originally from Louisiana, he moved to New York after meeting his wife and has spent more than a decade helping people with hearing loss reconnect to daily life.

“The NEVOSH mission started with eyeglasses and over the years, they added doctors and audiologists,” said Robertson.



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson of Hopewell Junction is pictured with a young boy he has reconnected with each year since first fitting him with hearing aids. Right: Robertson provides hearing care to a patient in Panama. Courtesy photos



When a spot opened on the NEVOSH audiology team, led by Sara Andreozzi, Robertson was recommended to join by his supervisor. Originally, the team would collect used hearing aids that people donated from all around the country.

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Milan sets new date  
for Community Day

Scheduled Aug. 8  
at Milan Rec Park

By Kate Goldsmith

The Town of Milan is establishing a new tradition this year with its annual Community Day. Historically held in the latter part of September, it’s been moved to 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 along with perennial favorites.

“[The event has] always done very well; this year’s a little different,” said Jasmin Vazquez, clerk to Supervisor Bill Jeffway.

Activities include Milan’s Citizen of the Year and Beautification Awards, line dancing, American Colonial dancing lessons, Gladiator Joust, Minecraft Bounce House, corn hole, pickleball, kickball, craft vendors, nonprofit resources, field day games, The Candyman, a car show, dunk tank and more. Local food and beer vendors will be on hand (no outside food or drinks can be brought in).

The Beautification Award is going to Andy Kaufman and Jean Rhodes, who are restoring an 1810 colonial home they purchased in 2020, originally built by Sebastian Rowe. Learn about the Rowe family’s contributions to Milan at <https://milannyhistory.org/rowe/>.

Citizen of the Year Awards will go to

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Rocky Mancini takes a break with daughter Eileen (left) and wife, Ann, at last year’s Milan Community Day. In addition to delighting children as The Candy Man, Rocky oversees the annual auto show with assistance from Ann and Eileen. Courtesy photo

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# Hyde Park Chamber Car Show brings community together

By Jim Donick

A beautiful summer day brought out all-but record numbers of cars and spectators for the 16th Annual Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce car show. Registration was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., but the field had begun filling well before 8 a.m.

Event chair Stu Davis noted that there were over 180 cars registered by 10:30 a.m. and they just kept coming. Though mostly of American manufacture, the cars ranged in age from the mid-twenties up to relatively modern Mustangs and Corvettes. Even a very tricked out hearse, complete with skeletons in the back seat, made an appearance. There appeared to be something there for nearly any taste.

Asked to name a favorite, event co-chair Harvey Burns thought for a second and then responded, "All of them. I'm a car guy." The field was full of hundreds of car guys and car gals, reflecting a country's more than century-old love affair with the automobile.

Tony, from Wappingers Falls, had come in with a very rare 1951 Kaiser Manhattan sedan. Kaiser is now an almost forgotten manufacturer. He loves the cars of the so-called "forgotten makes" and tells how people smile and wave as he drives down the street or on

the highway.

Kevin Simonsen brought out his 1961 Chevrolet Impala. "It was flooded up to the tops of the doors during Hurricane Irene," he tells us, "And I just got it finished early this summer. It was a pretty big job."

Paul Wellman was standing next to his 1999 BMW Z3 Roadster that he has lovingly maintained. "I re-did the interior and lowered the chassis, then I did some almost understated striping."

The pride of the Hyde Park Fire Department, a 1934 Ford Fire Truck, was among the entries. Kids were invited to sit behind the wheel and imagine being a fireman.

John Watzka's 1945 Army Jeep, complete with various shovels and accoutrements strapped on, looked like it had just come from a cameo appearance in a D-Day re-enactment.

The band Harvest entertained with enthusiasm and great talent. The food trucks were busy all day. Spectators, especially children, wandered around the cars, wide-eyed with enthusiasm.

For the nearly 200 cars, there were nearly 200 stories. Friends, old and new, spent much of the day sharing them and planning for the next show that would bring many of them together again.



In the photos, clockwise from top right, in the trophy presentation are event co-chair Harvey Burns, Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce President John Coppola, trophy winner Randy Rider and event chair Stu Davis. *Photo by Richard Wambach.* The Hyde Park Fire Department had its 1934 Ford Fire Truck on display and kids were welcome to sit in in and imagine being a fireman. Seated in the truck is Lucas Petrella. Mark Ticcony of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point stands by his ultra rare 1968 Dodge Coronet R/T. There was something for nearly every automotive interest. Side-by-side in the bottom photo are a late fifties Chevy Bel Air Sedan, a heavy duty Chevrolet pickup truck and a Ford Model A Roadster. The variety was nearly endless as displayed by Bobby Reddy's beautiful 1934 Ford Two-Door sedan. *Photos by Jim Donick*





# Local hearing specialist helps fit 400+ hearing aids in Panama mission trip

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clean them and make sure that they work so we could give those to the people we served in Central and South America,” Robertson explained.

After his first mission trip to Panama, Robertson spoke to his supervisor Ed Ryan, president of Beltone Tri-State, about the experience and the need for hearing aids. Beltone has now donated more than 500 hearing aids in the past two years and paid travel expenses to allow Beltone employees to participate in NEVOSH.

The first day of the trip involves setting up a local school to be used as a clinic throughout the course of the week.

“There’s probably about 60 people all together, a group of eye doctors, a group of dentists, a group of chiropractors, general medicine, a pharmacy, and the hearing aid clinic,” said Robertson.

Each patient pays a small fee of one dollar to visit the clinic, where they will then be seen by various health professionals depending on their needs. To prepare for hearing aids, many patients will need their ears cleaned, hearing tested and hearing aid fittings.

“It’s a long day, but at the end of it, it’s really rewarding,” said Robertson. “Many of them are waiting in line for hours all day ... at some point, everyone has to go home, and the hardest part is

finding a cutoff point, because the need doesn’t stop.”

A study by Johns Hopkins found that mild hearing loss doubled dementia risk, and moderate hearing loss tripled that risk. The hearing care provided by NEVOSH is life-changing for these patients, allowing them to live healthier and more connected lives which may not have been possible without this important service.

Unlike patients in the United States, who typically return for multiple follow-up appointments, those in Panama often receive just one opportunity for a hearing aid fitting.

“In Panama, I am fitting hearing aids for someone who hasn’t heard, and I set them at a place where I think they can hear better and tolerate it, knowing that I’m not going to be there to help it,” recalls Robertson, “I would say 99% of the time, when my interpreter says, ‘How does it sound? Would you like it any louder or lower?’ they almost all say that it sounds perfect.”

NEVOSH audiologists prepare a year’s worth of batteries, earpieces and maintenance supplies to ensure Panamanians can take care of their hearing aids for many years to come. Interpreters also created index cards with potential issues and care guidelines for



Beltone Hearing Instrument Specialist Byron Robertson (left, black shirt) is pictured with members of the Northeast VOSH and local volunteers. *Courtesy photo*

hearing aids to distribute.

“A big concern like the first year here is that we’re going to go do this for these people, and then there’s no wanting to take care of them when we leave, but when we come back and see that most of the people that we fit are still wearing their earring aids and they’re still working, that’s nice,” said Robertson.

Robertson reflected on one specific moment from his first year on the NEVOSH team, where a young boy visited the clinic for hearing aids.

“He couldn’t hear and he was just not very playful like a little boy should be, so when we tested his hearing and fit him with hearing aids, it almost instantly

changed his personality,” recalled Robertson. Years later, the boy still remembers Robertson and continues to wear his hearing aids.

“I saw him in the crowd and he remembered me, so he ran up to give me a hug,” said Robertson. “I’ve got a picture with him from every year.”

While Robertson spends most of his time helping patients closer to home in Hopewell Junction, the annual trip to Panama has reinforced why he chose the profession in the first place.

“It makes you realize how important what we do is, giving people the ability to communicate with their loved ones,” said Robertson.

## 4-H Goat Advisory Show results



Above: Showing goats are, from left, Logan Waz, Kelsey Bennett and Isabella Clum. Right: Ellie Fell is pictured preparing her goat for judging. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

Here are the results the Dutchess County 4-H Goat Advisory’s American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) sanctioned Dairy Goat and Meat Goat Show held July 18 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

- Best Doe in Show** - Savannah Bishop  
**Alpine**  
Grand Champion - Lexi Armbruster  
Reserve Champion - Lexi Armbruster  
**Oberhasli**  
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**Nigerian Dwarf**  
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Reserve Champion - Patricia Groht  
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Grand Champion - Lexi Armbruster  
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To the editor:  
I have written many letters to the editor expressing my disagreements with President Trump. There is no sense in repeating them. I see him a failure as President and as a person.  
For myself as a vision - a president should be looking to protect the population and making life better for them rather than destroying our country and enriching himself and the group of billionaires (10% families with 90% of wealth) or a dictator trying to take over the world. It comes down to the direction of our country - it should be by every citizen, whose view sum total should control. I realize that a single voice of opposition is like a sigh trying to change the direction of the wind.  
With my wife at 91 and myself 96, I thought concentration on an end should be on happier things. With that in mind, I offer my sonnet written for our 72nd wedding anniversary:  
“I’m in love with you it seems, because you are the girl of my dreams. You are the girl that sits on our balance beam. You are the girl that makes me come apart at the seams. But, in the morning - when the day breaks - you are my sunshine all day.”  
David F. Queen  
Red Hook

## Dutchess County Agricultural Society announces 2026 scholarship winners

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati has announced that seven youths have been awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 22 during the annual Agricultural Society’s dinner meeting.

“The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Nathan Prezzano. Several other awards were given to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture,” said Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society

He continued, “In addition to the scholarships already in place, for the third year, a \$1,000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community. Sawyer Giles is the 2026 recipient of this award.”

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles. The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the



Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship winners for 2026 include, from left, Nathan Prezzano, Hope Miller, Faith Burfeindt, Jasmin Ixcoy, Abigail Connolly and Peyton McFarland. Second from right is Claudia Cooley of Agricultural Society, who presented the awards. Not pictured are scholarship winners Natalie Schultz and Sawyer Giles. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

In addition to the \$10,000 scholarship, Prezzano will also receive a one-time additional \$8,500 award.

The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award: Faith Burfeindt, of Stanfordville, Abigail Connolly of Rhinebeck, Jazmin Ixcoy of Red Hook, Peyton McFarland,

of Hyde Park, Hope Miller of Ancramdale and Natalie Shultz of Wingdale.

The 180th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 25 - 30 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year’s Fair, visit [dutchessfair.com](http://dutchessfair.com). Follow the Dutchess County Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

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## Poughquag resident Alexandra Thut one of 30 nationwide participants chosen for Aspiring Coaches

USTA Coaching and WeCOACH have selected Alexandra Thut of Poughquag as one of 30 nationwide participants to take part in the initiative USTA Coaching Serving All: Aspiring Coaches powered by WeCOACH, one of the organizations’ shared efforts to create more pathways for women in tennis coaching.

The Aspiring Coaches powered by WeCOACH program is designed to support collegiate women tennis players entering the tennis coaching profession, and provide aspiring coaches with practical tools, reflective learning opportunities and ongoing professional support.

Thut is a student-athlete at SUNY Cortland who has spent the past three years helping young athletes develop their skills and confidence on the tennis court. Thut has coached players ages 6 to 18 through youth camps and most recently served as an assistant coach for Superior High School, where she led the junior varsity team. She is passionate about building positive team cultures and

inspiring the next generation of players through mentorship, communication and a love for the game.

As part of Serving All: Aspiring Coaches powered by WeCOACH, future coach Thut will participate in a five-session virtual program and attend a landmark in-person leadership event held at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla, designed to provide them with the education, support and professional network needed to confidently pursue a career in coaching and help shape the future of tennis.

In addition to the program, USTA Coaching will provide Thut with a complimentary WeCOACH membership. The membership provides direct access to WeCOACH’s professional development platform and resources that support continuous learning and leadership development programming.

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# ‘A Day of Music & Nature’ for children set Aug. 22 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

On Saturday, Aug. 22, the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will present a one-day program that will immerse children (ages 9 to 12) into the wonder of African drumming and nature exploration activities. "Rhythm & Nature: A Day of Music & Nature," will be held at the Beatrix Farrand Garden, part of the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, located at 4097 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park. Children may register for the morning session, which is the African drumming session, or the afternoon session, which is the nature activities session, or enjoy the full day of discovery.

Families should register at [https://www.viewcy.com/event/rhythm\\_nature\\_afri](https://www.viewcy.com/event/rhythm_nature_afri). Tuition is free due in part to the grant provided by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Reservations must be made by Aug. 15, and permission forms (required by Aug. 20) will be provided by emailing [ExecDir@bfgahydepark.org](mailto:ExecDir@bfgahydepark.org).

Parents or guardians are encouraged to remain on site. Children attending both sessions must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a lunch to enjoy together during the break from noon to 1 p.m. in the lunch pavilion. Children should wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities. Children should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and a hat.

Rain or shine (covered space available if needed).

Morning Session (9 a.m.-noon) -  
Drums in the Garden with Spero

Experience a joyful, hands-on introduction to adapted traditional rhythms

from West Africa through drumming, movement, storytelling, and games. Children will play authentic hand drums, learn to make music together, and discover the connection between rhythm and the natural world.

Drums in the Garden Highlights include:

Learning adapted traditional rhythms from West Africa on authentic hand drums;

Exploring rhythm in nature;  
Movement and rhythm games;  
Group music-making;  
Building confidence, teamwork and  
creativity.

The session instructor, Spero is a musician, teaching artist, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist whose roots span Ohio, New Orleans, the Choctaw people of the Mississippi Delta, and the south shore of Oʻahu, Hawaiʻi, where she was raised. Her lifelong study of Sabar, a traditional drumming style of the Wolof people of Senegal, inspires engaging workshops that encourage children to learn through music, movement, and joyful participation. Spero regularly teaches at schools, farms, nonprofits, and community organizations throughout the Northeast and is known for creating welcoming experiences where children and adults of all ages feel free to express themselves.

**Lunch Break (noon-1 p.m.)** Families whose children are attending both sessions are welcome to pack a lunch for their child to enjoy between sessions.

Afternoon Session (1-4 p.m.) - Living with Nature Workshop



Children ages 9-12 can enjoy a one-day program that will immerse them into the wonder of African drumming and nature exploration activities at the Beatrix Farrand Garden in Hyde Park on Aug. 22. *Courtesy photo*

Led by Pamela Brown, an experienced elementary teacher and landscape planner, this immersive workshop combines ecology, gardening, art, and outdoor exploration. Young naturalists will investigate insects, birds, and plants while creating hands-on projects to take home. Whether children live in apartments, mini-farms, or suburban homes, they'll leave with a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, the natural world around them.

Living with Nature Activities include:  
Planting a container garden;

Observing insects and building habitat  
for beneficial species;

- Creating botanical artwork;
- Learning bird identification and building a bird feeder;

Using scientific observation tools to explore the Garden.

Tuition is free due to the grant provided by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Reservations must be made by Aug. 15, and permission forms (required by Aug. 20) will be provided by emailing [ExecDir@bfgahvdepark.org](mailto:ExecDir@bfgahvdepark.org).

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caucus of the Legislature stated, “Last Thursday, the Dutchess County Legislature postponed its vote on the proposed settlement agreement concerning 26 Oakley Street. We want to be clear about what that means: nothing was rejected, and nothing was voted down. The agreement remains before us and will return to the agenda. What we declined to do was vote on a major, decades-long commitment of public money - an agreement that had changed just 24 hours earlier - before we had the chance to read it carefully, ask questions, and get answers.

“The reason is straightforward. The project in front of us carries a price tag of roughly \$20 million to build, and the agreement would bind the County to tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars more in taxpayer obligations stretching over the next thirty-five years. A commitment of that size and that length deserves more than a show of hands. Homelessness is a serious problem, and the people it affects deserve a solution built to last, not one assembled under deadline pressure.”

The press release from the County Executive's office noted that "Dutchess County is mandated by New York State to house the homeless and the County is at a pivotal moment in advancing the HOPE Center at Oakley Street that will be a New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)-certified emergency housing facility, serving up to 99 individuals experiencing homelessness with structured support, case management and individualized living plans to create pathways to permanent housing. Last night, the Legislature held a special meeting specifically to address ratifying the agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie and County that was reached through mediation, and ratified

by the City's Common Council on Wednesday."

Serino said, “I am so grateful and proud of how we have worked so hard, across the aisle, with City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and the City’s Common Council to come together and agree on a settlement to move this vital shelter project forward. The Mayor, the Council and my team were all on the same page! At this point, it is solely the Democratic majority of the Dutchess County Legislature who is irresponsibly dragging their feet, proving they are wholly unserious about solving this issue and frankly, it is shameful.”

In its open letter to residents, the Democratic caucus responded with the following: "The County Executive has pushed for a fast vote and a rubber stamp. But this Administration and the Republicans have a long and expensive record of moving quickly and getting it wrong: \$25 million at Dutchess Stadium, the Camp Nooteeming project, the construction of the Stabilization Center. Each began with confident assurances. Each ended with County taxpayers picking up the tab. We are not willing to add 26 Oakley Street to that list simply because we were asked to hurry.

"So we are doing the work. We are reviewing the agreement line-by-line, asking the Administration for the cost projections and the plans that have not yet been provided, and pressing for answers to the questions any responsible legislator should ask before spending public money. When those answers are in hand, we will decide. That is not obstruction - it is the job we were elected to do, and we intend to do it right."

Mike Polasek (R-LaGrange) and minority leader of the Legislature gave the following statement on behalf of the Republican caucus:

“No one was asking legislators to rubber stamp this agreement, and no one was required to vote that night. We wanted to debate it. Members of our caucus had concerns about the Common Council’s change as well, and Thursday was the opportunity to bring those concerns into the open, ask questions of the Administration, and let legislators on both sides discuss the agreement publicly and on the record. We never got that opportunity because the motion to postpone came first.

"26 Oakley is not a new issue. It has been discussed, questioned and debated for approximately five years, and the current agreement has been available since

the middle of June. Due diligence matters, but it did not begin after Thursday's postponement. Members of our caucus have been asking questions and working through this issue for years.

“If additional information is needed, identify what is needed, get the answers and reconvene. The Republican Caucus is ready to meet and have this debate. With state funding, construction costs, taxpayer dollars and services for people experiencing homelessness at stake, there is simply too much on the line to wait until September.”

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## Renegades set Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser on July 30 to support DC Baseball Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame to announce Class of 2026 in special pre-game ceremony

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced that they will be holding a Mystery Ball & Bobblehead fundraiser during their game on Thursday, July 30, to benefit the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame.

There will be over 100 mystery bags filled with signed baseballs and bobbleheads for fans to purchase with proceeds benefitting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame. Among the items in the bags are autographed balls from Gerrit Cole, Carlos Rodon, Francisco Lindor and Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs, and a robust collection of bobbleheads including likenesses of David Ortiz, Bugs Bunny and George Lombard, Jr.

The fundraiser will be part of a special night at the ballpark with the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame announcing its 2026 inductee

class during a pre-game ceremony. The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame will be hosting its annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Sunday, November 8, inside the WMCHHealth Club Lounge at Heritage Financial Park.

“Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame has been a huge supporter of celebrating the history and legacy of baseball in Dutchess County and we are excited for this opportunity to partner with them in 2026,” said Tom Denlinger, General Manager of the Renegades. “This night will not only feature a fun Mystery Baseball and Bobblehead fundraiser benefiting them but also the Hudson Valley’s first opportunity to see the 2026 inductee class, we hope you’ll join us for this special night.”

“The Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame is pleased to partner with the Hudson Valley Renegades in

celebrating our 2026 Inductees,” said Matt Veronesi, Board Member of the Hall of Fame. “The Renegades team has been amazing to work with and we are very excited to announce this year’s inductees at the July 30th game, as well as to bring awareness to our organization, and to then to have our Induction Dinner on November 8th at Heritage Financial Park in the WMCHHealth Club Lounge.”

Mystery Bags will be available for purchase for the price of \$20 for one bag and \$35 for two, limit two bags per person.

In addition to the Hall of Fame announcement, the July 30 game is also Video Game Night featuring a Renegades 8-bit replica jersey for the first 1,000 guests presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. It is also a Thirsty Thursday™ with \$2 Busch Light cans available until last call, 50% off Bud Light cans and

Michelob Ultra drafts for two hours after gates open at the Michelob Ultra Party Patio Container bar, and 50% off Sloop Juice Bomb and Sloop Renegades Lager drafts for two hours after gates open at the Sloop Brewing Co. Beer Balcony.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, with gates opening to Summit Club Members at 5 p.m. and for all ticketholders at 5:30 p.m.

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|-----------------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
| Greensboro PIT              | 18 | 12 | .600 | -    | 6-4 | W1   |
| Frederick BAL *             | 17 | 12 | .586 | 0.5  | 6-4 | L1   |
| Wilmington WSH              | 17 | 13 | .567 | 1.0  | 6-4 | W1   |
| Hudson Valley NYY           | 16 | 14 | .533 | 2.0  | 5-5 | L1   |
| Brooklyn NYM                | 14 | 15 | .483 | 3.5  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Jersey Shore PHI            | 9  | 20 | .310 | 8.5  | 5-5 | L1   |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH |    |    |      |      |     |      |
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
| Bowling Green TB *          | 21 | 9  | .700 | -    | 9-1 | L1   |
| Asheville HOU               | 16 | 14 | .533 | 5.0  | 3-7 | W1   |
| Winston-Salem CWS           | 15 | 15 | .500 | 6.0  | 4-6 | L1   |
| Greenville BOS              | 13 | 17 | .433 | 8.0  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Rome ATL                    | 12 | 17 | .414 | 8.5  | 4-6 | W1   |
| Hub City TEX                | 10 | 20 | .333 | 11.0 | 4-6 | L1   |



| July                                                          |                  |          |                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Super Splash Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 07/29/26                                                      | vs. Jersey Shore | 12:05 PM | WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                                 |
| Video Game Night                                              |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 07/30/26                                                      | vs. Jersey Shore | 06:35 PM | WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                                 |
| WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 07/31/26                                                      | vs. Jersey Shore | 07:05 PM | Fireworks Friday                                                               |
| August                                                        |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 08/01/26                                                      | vs. Jersey Shore | 05:05 PM | Faith & Family Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                            |
| Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary                                  |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 08/02/26                                                      | vs. Jersey Shore | 02:05 PM | Party WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                                           |
| First Responders Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets         |                  |          |                                                                                |
| 08/11/26                                                      | vs. Wilmington   | 06:35 PM | Strike Out Cancer Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets                         |
| 08/12/26                                                      | vs. Wilmington   | 06:35 PM | Agriculture Night Jersey Thursday presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union |
| 08/13/26                                                      | vs. Wilmington   | 06:35 PM |                                                                                |







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## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Renegades split with Blue Rocks, welcome Chestnut for foodie event

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades started a week in Wilmington with a rain washout, a sign of deep waters to come. And although they dipped below .500 overall, the visitors kept heads above water with a series split. Three 10-plus performances, a familiar face in the opposite dugout and a resisted no-hit bid highlighted this bash with the Blue Rocks.

The Renegades return to Heritage Financial Park for a “hole” lot of fun when competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31. After Chestnut competes against a lucky foodie-turned-foe or two, the night festivities will be topped with Friday fireworks.

**Fox Rocks** - Final line notwithstanding, Rory Fox gave the Renegades a complete six-inning performance in the first game of the July 23 doubleheader. In a tight 2-1 loss, the Renegades gave Rory little offensive support. He struck out seven and walked none, but allowed the go-ahead RBI to Wilmington’s Kevin Bazzell in the bottom of the sixth.

**0 for 9** - The Blue Rocks blew steam ahead of the weekend, far beyond the smoke-expelling moose living in the team’s logo – with a burst of offense beckoning a 9-1 win on July 24. No-hit and outscored by nine, the Renegades needed action in the eighth. Cam Troyer came through with a single. Hudson Valley escaped the shutout with a run scored, but the Blue Rocks came away with the decisive victory.

**Comeback Cam** - The Renegades led a late-game charge on July 25, led by Robbie Burnett and Cam Troyer batting back-to-back three-hit nights. Troyer reached all four times he dug in the batter’s box. Burnett brought a tie-breaking blast to get Hudson Valley back ahead by two in the seventh inning. Troyer followed with a single. The only time in consecutive at-bats that both notched a hit sealed the game. Wilmington got one back in the ninth, but Brady Kirtner completed the save to ensure at least the series tie.

**Blue Baron** - Former Renegade Baron Stuart, signed by the Washington Nationals in May after his release from the Yankees organization, was logged as Wilmington’s starter in the finale. The Blue Rocks boosted him with four runs before Hudson Valley battled to a 4-3 deficit in the seventh. The effort saw Troyer tie it in the ninth on a sacrifice fly before the Blue Rocks earned the series tie with a 6-4 walkoff win.

### Coming up

The Renegades return to New York hoping to pinch the last-place Jersey Shore BlueClaws. Jersey Shore enters the week off a series split with the Brooklyn Cyclones. The upcoming homestand piles summer fun high like a favorite ice cream in July. Summer Splash Day on July 29 will have fans soaking in the sun (and then some!), with an early 12:05 first pitch. Local and international sports legends alike will be honored during the homestand, with a fundraiser benefiting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame on July 30.



Rory Fox gave the Renegades a complete six-inning performance in the first game of the July 23 doubleheader. Photo by Dave Janosz. Below: Competitive eating legend Joey Chestnut takes on the Cider Donut Challenge on July 31 at Heritage Financial Park. Courtesy photo.



## RENEGADES FEATURE

# Relief pitcher Brady Kirtner has promising outings in July

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades reliever Brady Kirtner was one pitcher the Wilmington Blue Rocks dreaded seeing in July. Four of Kirtner’s appearances in the month came against the Delaware foes, leading the Renegades to wins in three of them (all stats as of July 26).

A Georgia native, Kirtner has

become a key bullpen piece in late innings and save situations. Blue Rock batters had four hits, seven walks, and two runs against Kirtner this month; the 24-year-old righthander was 2-0 against Wilmington.

Though credited with a blown save, Kirtner captured the win on July 5. In the bottom of the ninth, “Walkoff” Kyle West backed up his

closer with a three-run, game-clinching home run against Wilmington.

It was the first of Kirtner’s back-to-back wins over Wilmington, as the Renegades also called his number at Frawley Stadium on July 22. He was the pitcher of record in the 6-3 win, with three strikeouts in 1.1 innings. That’s a regular statistic for the former Virginia Tech Hokie this

season, as he has struck out 39 batters in 29.1 innings. Kirtner was critical again in the Renegades’ 6-5 comeback on July 25, recording a four-out save to support the offense as they have for him.

Hudson Valley has two series remaining against Wilmington this season — and if he can allow fewer walks, expect Kirtner to come through big when called upon.



Brady Kirtner



# Guardian Revival names Kim Haight to role of Chief Executive Officer

Guardian Revival, a Hudson Valley-based nonprofit focused exclusively on supporting the mental health of military members, veterans and first responders – collectively known as guardians – and their families, at no cost to them, announced the appointment of Kim Haight to chief executive officer, following her service as interim CEO since March. After leading the organization through a period of transition, Haight emerged as the natural choice to continue guiding Guardian Revival’s mission.

Bringing more than a decade of non-profit executive experience in strategy, advocacy, crisis response and mission-driven program development, Haight has provided steady leadership, continuity for staff and partners and a clear focus on sustaining the team’s momentum. Her appointment reflects the board’s confidence in her ability to lead Guardian Revival into its next chapter while keeping the mission grounded in its values of connection, healing and service.

“Kim has led with clarity, compassion and consistency since stepping into the interim role,” said Alex Othmer, former

Navy SEAL and president/co-founder of Guardian Revival. “She has earned the trust of our team and demonstrated the kind of mission-driven leadership this organization needs. The board is confident she is the right person to lead Guardian Revival forward.”

Under Haight’s leadership, Guardian Revival will continue to expand its core programs supporting the growing needs of the military, veteran and first responder community including:

- Another Summit, offering outdoor adventure activities such as hiking, backpacking, canoeing and fly fishing
- Boots & Paws, providing free companion puppies and dog visitation events
- Encore, connecting guardians to free opportunities to learn, play and share music
- Homefront, equipping the families of guardians with support through education, wellness and other experiences
- RISE, delivering wellness workshops, retreats and resources to help guardians recharge
- Dwyer Vet2Vet of Putnam, which Guardian Revival administers to connect

veterans through events, information and resources

Before joining Guardian Revival, Haight, who lives in Poughkeepsie, built a career centered around public service, community resilience and the well-being of vulnerable populations. A graduate of Marist University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in public administration, she served as executive director of The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) and as director of advocacy for the New York State Children’s Alliance – roles that involved cross-sector collaboration with government, law enforcement, mental health providers and community stakeholders. This experience in organizational leadership and partnership-building has strengthened Guardian Revival during this transition and positioned the nonprofit for continued impact in the months and years ahead.

“Guardian Revival’s mission is deeply meaningful and it has been a privilege to serve in this role over the past several months,” said Haight. “I’m honored by the board’s confidence and



Kim Haight

committed to building on the organization’s strong foundation as we continue supporting the guardians and families who rely on our programs.”

## Milan sets new date for Community Day

*continued from cover*

Cathie Gill, Milan’s longest serving Town Clerk, who retired this June; and Patricia and Virginia Sidorik, sisters and lifelong residents of Milan.

“They [the sisters] have spent years volunteering for the Milan Volunteer Fire Department and are politically and socially engaged in the community, helping get deserving candidates for local office on ballots across Northern Dutchess,” said Vazquez. “Virginia also serves on the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Milan.”

Rocky Mancini will reprise his role as the beloved Candyman and is once again organizing the car show with his wife, Ann.

“Rocky and I are actively recruiting for the car show,” said Vazquez. Anyone interested in participating can contact her at (845) 264-4041.

There will be classic field day games such as sack races, tug of war and egg-and-spoon race; as well as Cornhole, pickleball and kickball. Pickleball paddles will be available, but residents are welcome to bring their own.

Vazquez noted the Community Day ad-hoc planning committee includes

Town Board members Clint Bond Jr. and Glenn Weinrich; Vicky LoBrutto, Milan Town Historian and former supervisor’s clerk; and Stephanie Fitzpatrick, a captain on the Milan Rescue Squad, owner of Rustic Tables, and longtime Milan community servant.

“We have a great committee,” said Vazquez, whose goal was to find ways to better engage Milan residents. Among their ideas were the line dancing and American Colonial Dancing activities.

“[Line dancing] has been really kicking off in the Hudson Valley,” she added. “It really brings people together.”

Old Village Fiddler, a group of three musicians, will offer American Colonial Dancing. The group came to Vazquez’ attention through LoBrutto.

Another new event, the Gladiator Joust, is open to all ages, but “all adults should bring a nemesis,” said Vazquez jokingly.

There will be a Minecraft Bounce House.

“Minecraft is very popular with the elementary school demographic,” Vazquez said. “I polled my son and his friends when they were over for a play date.”

The Dunk Tank is also new. When asked who would be getting dunked, Vazquez said, “Most likely ME. It will be a nice reprieve from micromanaging the event.”

There will be craft vendors, face painting, nonprofit resources, a seatbelt simulator demo courtesy of the State Troopers, a display of firetrucks from Milan’s Support Squad, “Touch A Truck” with the Milan Highway Department, ambulance demos by the Milan Rescue Squad and more.

Food and drink options will be available to purchase. Vendors include Rustic Tables, which will offer beer for the first time. The Milan Support Squad will have walking tacos, hamburgers and hot dogs,

pulled pork and sausage and peppers.

Vazquez noted that one down side of changing the date for Community Day was that the ever-popular Bee Bee the Clown is not available.

“Bee Bee has a professional engagement that prevents her from participating,” she said. “It’s so upsetting, honestly.”

All in all, though, it looks like Aug. 8 is a day Milan residents won’t want to miss. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Volunteers are requested to help man some of the family field day games. Contact Vazquez at (845) 264-4041 to sign up.

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# New flowers for 2027

There's always room for new varieties.

New flowers! Why? Don't we have enough varieties of petunias, geraniums and especially coleus (more than 2,000)? Do we really need a yellow petunia when we already have yellow marigolds, yellow zinnias and yellow million bells? Yes, we do!

Farmers and gardeners have been improving crops for thousands of years. It started when someone noticed a stalk of wheat that had especially succulent kernels and saved the seed to plant the following season. This is called mass breeding, and it's still utilized by breeders. For example, a trial at Cornell University planted hundreds of Phlox Paniculata, selecting the one with the least powdery mildew, and used it as the parent for a new variety, the mildew resistant Phlox "David."

Nowadays, in addition to mass breeding, new flowers are created using cross pollination (a male and female from two different varieties), irradiating the seeds, and genetic engineering. In case genetic engineering freaks you out, you should know that flower and vegetable seeds for home gardeners are not genetically engineered, mainly because the research is too expensive for such a small market.

Sue and I visited trial gardens last week, at Lucas Greenhouse in

Monroeville, N.J., and at Penn State University, where breeders showcased hundreds of their latest developments. We also ran a trial at our greenhouse with 88 new flowers that will be released in 2027. At our trial, 70 garden professionals flagged their favorite varieties. Here are a few highlights:

- Vinca Nirvana XDR "Cranberry Halo" – Since vinca has been bred for extreme disease resistance (XDR) it has become the leading choice for garden color all summer long. Before the breeders at Syngenta got to work, vinca was known to collapse during wet weather.
- Gomphrena "Spitfire Pink" – Since the resurgence of locally grown cut flowers, especially for weddings, new colors of this long blooming favorite have been developed to match every possible hue of the bride's dress. Spitfire Pink almost glows in the dark.
- Heliopsis "Sole D' Amore" – "False sunflower" is a winter hardy perennial native to New York state. The variety Sole D'Amore is known as a "native cultivar," meaning that this gorgeous new burnt orange color was bred from the native species.
- Petunias "Cascadia Rim Merlot" – Like vinca, petunia breeding has come a long way since the days when a slight



Left: Petunia Cascadia "Rim Violet," Mark's favorite of the 2027 varieties. Right: Gomphrena "Spitfire Pink" was the top vote-getter among garden professionals who recently attended an in-house trial at Mark Adams Greenhouses. *Courtesy photos*



rain shower would turn the blossoms to mush. Some of the new colors are impossible to describe. My favorite, "Rim Merlot," didn't get a single vote at our in-house trial, so Sue won't be growing it next year. Oh, well, it looks good in our garden, at least.

- Tomato "Sun Peach" – We saw this

last year at the all-new Burpee trial garden at Bard College's Montgomery Place. All kinds of new flowers and vegetables are on display at this garden, open to the public. "Sun Peach" is a delicious new cherry type tomato, early and resistant to cracking. Sue thinks it's more deli-

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# Haiti Project offers a new selection of fabric wall quilts

By Kristine Coulter

One may purchase a quilt – or quilts – from The Haiti Project now.

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“Whenever we sell a piece of art or a quilt, we reserve the funds raised and purchase more of the item. (We do the same for the artwork and handcrafts that we sell!). With a percentage of the profits, we also allocate the funds to one of our six program initiatives that we support,” she explained.

While one may not see the quilts in person, you go to [www.thehaitiproject.org](http://www.thehaitiproject.org) to see the available items.

“Working with our partners in Haiti is always a gift. The plight of Haitian has always been difficult since their country

achieved independence in 1804 from France. But the resilience and will of the people surface with each and every challenge. They are traditionally very religious and filled with hope that things will get better. Women are called “Poto Mitan,” which means that they are the backbone of society - they hold everything together. We met many of the cooperative women in 2017 and were marked at their dedication to succeed,” said Meade.

She added, “Our work for 25 years in the region has impacted the region in a positive way. We cannot “fix” Haiti, that is for the Haitian people to do for themselves but we have and will continue to boost their spirits by providing the very basics for them so they can eat, be educated and have healthcare. That’s our mission! We are grateful to the Vassar students who help us to make our programs happen.”

The 26th annual Art and Handcraft Sale will be at Vassar College on the weekend of Sept. 25-27.

“We thank the thousands of supporters and customers who’ve walked this path with us along the years,” said Meade.



Some of the quilts that will benefit The Haiti Project program initiatives. Courtesy photos



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Pesto is the star of this summer dish.

Summer is all about ease, especially when it comes to eating. In its heat, we tend to slow down, eat lighter and, when possible, spend less time in the kitchen. It's all about impromptu get-togethers, cocktails on the porch, lounging poolside and grilling anything and everything. (In my dreams, anyway. In reality, most of my friends are too far flung or too busy to get together without a plan, and the only pool I have is small and inflatable). Still, most summer evenings see me outside, often with my beloved neighbors, enjoying a nosh and something cool to sip. Nothing exotic but pretty blissful and luxurious if you ask me.

I could easily go all summer without making a "proper" meal but then Reality is there to remind me that I still have to cook. If you're a social butterfly, which I am not, you'll likely understand the feeling. After all the cookouts, parties and vacations so typical this time of year, there's still meal planning to be done. It can be challenging for sure and there are lots of hot summer days left. Thankfully there's lots of fresh local produce to help us through it.

I often turn to what's in season for

inspiration when planning meals and, more often than not, it's rewarding on many levels. The other night, for example, it was getting late and I was hungrier than I'd expected to be after an earlier light nosh. In this situation any other time of year, a bowl of cereal would have sufficed, but it's summer and there were other things on hand to play with. Taking stock of what I had quickly inspired this pasta dish, which comes together in no time and is easily customizable.

A note on the star of this show: pesto. If you have a blender or food processor, it's pretty easy to make your own. Typically it's made by blending fresh basil with pine nuts, oil, garlic and Parmesan cheese, but you can use different greens (kale, arugula, spinach) and nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios) if you prefer. I try to keep pesto in my fridge this time of year to slather on sandwiches, add to eggs or just bring more flavor where needed, like in pasta salad.

**PESTO-CREAM PASTA**

Feel free to make your own pesto for this since the fresher the better. If buying it, I prefer fresh brands over jarred. You'll need at least a cup of pesto for this



Pesto Cream Pasta. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

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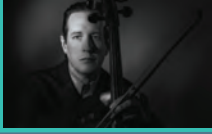
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because, even if it seems over-dressed when you make it, as it sits the pasta will absorb quite a bit. Alternatively, you could swap out the cream and butter for mayo and a squeeze of fresh lemon juice (without heating on the stove). Add any vegetables you want. Mushrooms, arugula, peas and peppers would be good. Make it more of a meal by tossing in cooked shrimp or leftover chicken. Serve it warm or cold.

**NOTE:** This makes quite a bit, so if you aren't feeding a small crowd (4-6) you'll have leftovers, which will keep well in the fridge for 3-4 days. The pasta will absorb quite a bit of the sauce, so you may want to make a little more or just stir in more pesto.

**INGREDIENTS**

1lb rigatoni or penne (the ridges really hold the sauce)

7-8oz (about 1 cup) pesto

2 tablespoons butter

½ cup heavy cream

Crumbled feta (about ¾ cup), divided

Cherry tomatoes, halved (about 2 cups)

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about ¼ cup)

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

**METHOD**

Add pasta to salted boiling water and cook until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving about ½ cup of the pasta water (you may want to add some to the sauce later). Transfer pasta to a large

bowl.

Place cream and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat and whisk until butter is melted. Add pesto and whisk to blend. Reduce heat and simmer 2-3 minutes. Stir in Parmesan and half of the feta. Pour over pasta. If a bit dry or not coating the pasta well, add some of the reserved pasta water (start with 1 tablespoon). Add tomatoes, remaining feta, salt and pepper.

I like it best served warm, but it's also good chilled or at room temperature.

Serves 4-6.

Pesto on its own is a great staple to keep on hand or make fresh with all that fresh basil from your garden. Added to pasta it makes for a perfect summer meal. Add whatever you like, set out a bowl at your next get together (impromptu or otherwise) or steal away and savor a little by yourself. It's an easy, delicious reminder that simple, beautiful foods and the joy they give us are a luxury we can afford and richly deserve. Enjoy!

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# Poughkeepsie's role in the birth of the modular home

By Bill Jeffway

Glass-plate negatives being reviewed by the Dutchess County Historical Society open a window onto a mostly forgotten Poughkeepsie industry.

They are a recent gift of Michael Fitzmaurice. Each glass plate has the words, "H. Ben Pae, Designer and Builder, Poughkeepsie, N.Y." scratched across the bottom. They are likely from around 1916, when Mr. Pae was expanding his construction business beyond "portable" (what we would call modular construction), to more permanent structures.

The New York Portable Bungalow Company moved from Manhattan to Poughkeepsie in 1910 in the newly industrialized district of Fairview, in the city's northern area. Pae was manager at the time and became owner in 1913. The core business was creating small buildings that would be assembled and painted, and then packed into sections and sent by train across the country to be reassembled by lesser skilled persons at low cost.

Fairview was where the Fiat automobile manufacturing plant was located, on the east side of Route 9 across from today's Marist University. On what was likely a typical day, newspapers in March 1910 reported the arrival of four railroad cars of material for Pae, delivered to the "Fiat switch." The bungalow company took over the former farm buildings from the Bech river estate and mansion for manufacturing, marking the time of transition of that area from "gentleman estate farming" to industry. At peak times, they employed 40 carpenters and lesser skilled laborers.

The photographs from the glass plate negatives appear to be the construction of a permanent bungalow, near their factory. A sign on the house matches the description etched into the glass, "designer and builder," suggests Pae had moved to a third stage in the business (designer and builder of permanent homes) after being portable bungalow manager and then business owner.

## Open to the public

Within months of arriving in Poughkeepsie, the plant had become a conspicuous local attraction. A July 1910 newspaper account described one to three small houses regularly standing outside the factory, where they were painted and opened for public inspection. Residents traveling through the neighborhood could watch an unusual manufacturing process take shape: houses were not simply built on scattered lots but assembled in sections at a Poughkeepsie plant, displayed near the roadway, and prepared for shipment. The newspaper account describes three cottages standing outside, including one purchased for delivery to Lake George.

Prices began at about \$350, making the smallest models attractive as seasonal cottages, camps, guest houses, automobile garages, modest residences, and even churches. The company emphasized quality as well as economy. The main construction material was California redwood siding, a durable material well suited to buildings that might face exposed rural or lakeside conditions.

The word "portable" did not mean that an entire house traveled in one piece. Walls, floors, partitions, roof sections, windows, and other standardized compo-



These photos from glass plate negatives show construction of a more permanent home we believe was near the factory of the New York Portable Bungalow Company near today's Marist University. Ben Pae's wife, Elizabeth, died in February of 1914 when daughter Marion was five years old, and son Wilfred was only one. We believe this photograph is ca. 1917 showing his children with the woman he married in 1921, Josephine Masten. *Courtesy of DCHS Collections*

nents were prepared at the factory. These sections were then loaded onto railroad cars to the buyer's property, and joined together. Buildings could later be dismantled and moved. This system differed from mail-order kit houses, which arrived primarily as numbered pieces of lumber that still had to be framed at the construction site by a professional carpenter. Poughkeepsie's company performed more of that work before shipment.

Portable churches became a particularly visible specialty. In 1914, Pae received orders for three churches modeled on one already erected for the First Reformed Church in Arlington on Raymond Avenue. Another was intended for Garfield, New Jersey, while two were ordered by a mission board that reportedly purchased several buildings from Pae over time. Some portable churches were sent abroad.

Newspapers also reported elite local customers like the widow of James A. Roosevelt (President Franklin D. Roosevelt's uncle) who lived at the nearby Rosedale estate, Francis G. Langdon, and Isaac Wheaton of Lithgow. Commissions connected the North Road factory to the world of Hudson Valley estates, demonstrating that sectional construction could serve all economic classes.

The firm also advertised in the Vassar Miscellany, a publication of Vassar College. The advertisements placed the company before an educated audience that included faculty, employees, students' families, and alumni. At a time when the bungalow was gaining popularity as a practical, informal alternative to the large Victorian house, a compact prefabricated dwelling could appeal to families seeking a summer retreat or to indi-

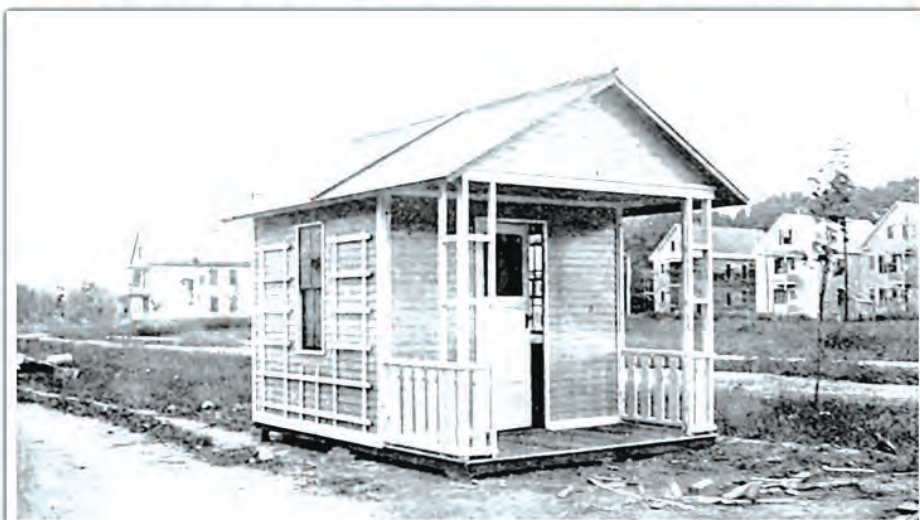
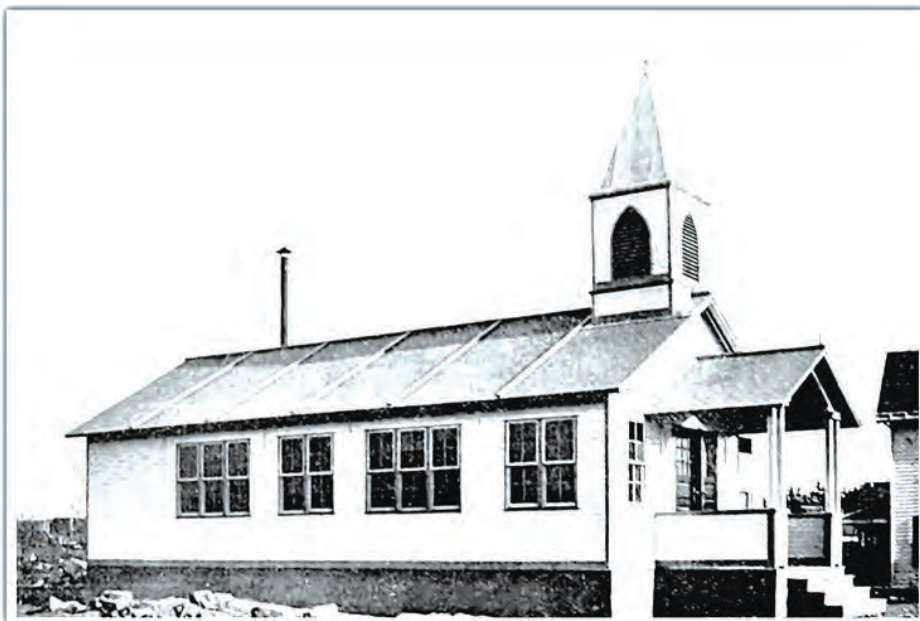
viduals like single women interested in a manageable and comparatively affordable home.

Usually one-and-a-half stories, bungalows offered efficient rooms beneath a broad roof and often included a porch. Its modest scale allowed wall and roof sections to be standardized, assembled under factory conditions, and erected more quickly than a conventionally framed house. Factory production could also reduce waste, limit weather delays, and make costs more predictable. Surviving examples may be difficult to identify today. Once placed on permanent foundations, enlarged, resided, or altered, portable buildings could look entirely conventional.

Further "decoding" work will include identifying a number of individuals in the photos which seem to be a mix of employees and family.

A detailed Pae family history gives us a broader glimpse into Herbert Benjamin ("Ben") Pae, reporting, "He was a musician, artist and photographer, business man, repairer and refinisher of antique furniture." Born in the industrial city of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England in 1876, he came to America with his family when he was just seven years old. He became a naturalized American citizen in September of 1917, six months after the U.S. declared war on Germany and got involved in WW1.

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Top: The First Reformed Church in Arlington was organized in 1910 and its first building was purchased from the Poughkeepsie Portable Bungalow Company. Lower image: "Portable cottage No. 112. 9x9 [feet]. Piazza 9x4 [feet]. Prepaid \$150." From local newspaper advertisements at the time. *Courtesy of DCHS Collections*

## CORRECTION:

Clarification on the photos from last week's Hudson Valley Naturalist column ("The Audacity of Galls: They Stay on Brand"): The brown circular object pictured IN BOTH PHOTOS is most likely an oak marble gall, not an oak apple gall. The photos showed both the exterior and interior of the gall.





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## THEME: KIDS' CLASSICS

## ACROSS

1. Capital of Ghana
6. Pilot's announcement
9. Bog deposit
13. Banned aerosol propellant
14. Lake, in France
15. \_\_\_\_ firma
16. Source of chocolate
17. Sensitive subject?
18. Twig of a willow tree
19. \*Certain secret spot
21. \*Beezus' little sister
23. Half a dozen
24. Final notice
25. CEO's deg.
28. Spew profanities
30. Swamp
35. Gateway \_\_\_\_
37. Boisterous play
39. \*"All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
40. Steak preference
41. Flower's peak
43. \*Butter\_\_\_\_, Hogsmeade beverage
44. Like some East Coast universities
46. Archipelago unit
47. Plaintiff
48. Loads
50. Tiny bit
52. Snoop
53. Bruce and Spike, e.g.
55. Ovine mom
57. \*Pocketful
60. \*Cat's \_\_\_\_
63. \*Lemony Snicket, to Daniel Handler
64. Shel Silverstein's "A Boy Named \_\_\_\_"
66. The company one \_\_\_\_
68. \*Peanut butter and jelly sandwich to a kid
69. Lt.'s subordinate
70. Snail mail replacement
71. Says "What?"
72. As opposed to yeses
73. \*Mystery solver

**DOWN**

1. Half of NFL
2. Rugged rock
3. Cecum, pl.
4. Lion sounds
5. Relating to anode
6. Dashing style
7. \*"It" game
8. Sour
9. 100 centavos, in Mexico
10. Actress Moriarty
11. Equals  $1/2 \text{ b} \times \text{h}$
12. Smoker's lung residue
15. Double drum
20. Beyond suburb
22. Heart to Cupid
24. Reverse one, in the kitchen
25. \*Super Bro.
26. "Music to my ears!"
27. Like thick smoke
29. Same as solos
31. Schneider and Reiner, e.g.
32. Consumed (2 words)
33. Ranch grazer
34. \*Game of apologies
36. Achilles' weakness
38. Ralph Lauren's inspiration
42. Same as metre
45. Yummy
49. \*"\_\_\_\_ Spot Run"
51. Rouse
54. Ruhr's industrial center
56. Swelling
57. Arithmetic operation
58. Piglet sound
59. Cul de \_\_\_\_, pl.
60. \_\_\_\_pool or \_\_\_\_pit
61. Like hard times
62. "The Iliad," e.g.
63. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
65. \*Shedding-type card game
67. \*Like Aesop's fox

## CROSSWORD

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A promotional graphic for Consumer Cellular. On the left, a large, 3D-style "\$25" is displayed, with a speech bubble above it saying "SWITCH & GET". To the right, a dark speech bubble contains the text "Off First Month of New Service!" and "USE PROMO CODE: GZ590". Below this, the "Consumer Cellular" logo is shown in a white speech bubble. At the bottom, a dark banner contains the text "CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913" and a small copyright notice: "© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913".



**Through Aug. 2: New York Stage & Film Season,** Marist University & Bardavon, Poughkeepsie. This week: **July 31-Aug. 2:** “Whistle Down The Wind,” music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Jim Steinman. Tony Award-winning Deaf West Theatre and director Bill Rauch’s (CATS: The Jellicle Ball) reimagining stays true to the original musical as set in America’s Deep South in the late Fifties, while further exploring the world as seen through the eyes of children, both deaf and hearing. This evocative musical fuses epic storytelling with compelling characters to create an unforgettable theatrical experience, now with a deepened perspective through Deaf West’s powerful, visually driven storytelling. Presentation: Fri., July 31, 7 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 1, 8 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 2, 1 p.m., at the Bardavon. **Aug. 1:** “The Death Chronicles (portraits),” written by & featuring dael orlandersmith, directed by Neel Keller. Presentation at 5 p.m. in Marist University’s Symphonic Hall. The play deals with people in the process of dying literally and spiritually. It deals with our lack of acceptance of death and celebrating the people who were here and touched us. [www.newyorkstageandfilm.org](http://www.newyorkstageandfilm.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: **Through 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 Râth, 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](http://fishercenter.bard.edu) or (845) 758-7900

**July 30: Author Event,** Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. What stories are written on American faces, and what do Americans think about themselves? After January 6th, documentary portrait photographer Robert Kalman began approaching everyday Americans across the country asking each of them the same question: “What’s it like for you to be an American?” while offering to make their portrait using a large format, eight-by-ten inch view camera. Four years on the road, 20,000 miles, and 500 portraits and reflections resulted in a significant documentary photo book collection of 76 diptychs. This event includes a discussion of the book and its backstory, Robert’s process of making these portraits, and a hands-on experience that invites the audience to reflect on the same question Robert asked everyone he photographed, 6:30 p.m. Books will be available for sale and signing after the

event. (845) 876-4030 or [www.starrlibrary.org](http://www.starrlibrary.org)

**July 30: Rhinebeck’s Movies Under the Starrs,** Thompson-Mazzarella Town Park, Rhinebeck. Free movie series; films start at sunset. This week: “Everything Everywhere All at Once,” 8:16 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Rhinebeck Recreation, The Rhinebeck Lions Club and The Starr Library, as well as local businesses, organizations and community-minded residents. More info on Facebook; or contact Frank Intervallo at (914) 329-8615 or [frankintervallo@gmail.com](mailto:frankintervallo@gmail.com). Weather permitting.

**July 31: Kazemde George Jazz Trio,** The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. A Brooklyn-based jazz saxophonist, composer, and educator, he plays the full spectrum of musical styles blossoming from the African Diaspora, including Afro-Cuban, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Brazilian, and African-American traditions, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org) or (518) 771-3339

**July 31: 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: Northern Comfort. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup subject to change.

**July 31: Summer Series,** Opus 40, Saugerties. Rock the Quarry Festival, featuring Cindy Cashdollar, Jack Petruzzelli, Will Bryant, Rich Pagano, Ben Zwerin, Gail Ann Dorsey, Sandy Bell, Jay Collins, Storey Littleton & others, 6:30-10 p.m. Tickets \$60 GA, \$75 reserved seating. Rain date: Aug. 2. [opus40.org](http://opus40.org)

**July 31-Aug. 2: “Next Door,”** The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Definitely Human Theatre presents Hanna Kime’s explosive, darkly comedic, and layered (like lasagna) dissection of pseudo-feminist self-actualization rhetoric and the pleasures to be found in proximity to pain. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org)

**Aug. 1: Ancram Center for the Arts’ Second Annual Summer Bash,** The Farm at Pond Lily, 365 W. Pond Lily Rd., Elizaville. The evening, held at a historic Hudson Valley estate nestled among 500 private acres, includes a cocktail reception, buffet dinner, a performance by the acclaimed musical duo The Bengsons, a paddle raise, dessert, and an after party, 6-10 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser will underwrite the Center’s annual programming and its many free educational and enrichment activities, including its community storytelling workshops for area students and adults. Tickets may be purchased at [ancramcenter.org](http://ancramcenter.org).

**Aug. 1: Jorge Glem and Sam Reider,** Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950

Church St., Pine Plains. Latin Grammy nominees Jorge Glem and Sam Reider have blazed an exhilarating musical trail linking the United States and Venezuela, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30-\$40 advance, \$40-\$50 door. [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org) or (518) 771-3339

**Aug. 1: Millbrook Arts Group’s Summer Concert Series,** Bandshell, Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Pulso de Barro, Latin American folklore, 6 p.m. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. [www.millbrookartsgroup.org](http://www.millbrookartsgroup.org)

**Aug. 1: 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: “Mario Brothers Galaxy Movie.” Free. Shows are sunshine only. Bring blankets and chairs. Free parking available at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum & Metro North parking areas. [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org)

**Aug. 1: “Small Space, Serious Veg: Techniques from the Roosevelt Home Garden,”** Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Join Anna deCordova, NPS Horticulturist at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, for an engaging and practical look at growing food in limited spaces, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Drawing on her work in the Roosevelt Home Garden, Anna will share creative, adaptable techniques for cultivating vegetables when space, sun, time, water, budget, or physical capacity are in short supply. Cost \$15. [beatrixfarrandgarden.org](http://beatrixfarrandgarden.org)

**Aug. 1-2: Historic Garden Tours,** Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. Explore Mount Gulian’s garden and unique horticultural history, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Admission \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$9 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Reservations preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows. Reservations: (845) 831-8172 or [info@mountgulian.org](mailto:info@mountgulian.org). ayment may be made day of visit.

**Aug. 1-2: The Mid-Hudson Comic Con,** MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Fans from across the region will gather for the Hudson Valley’s premier pop culture celebration. This high-energy, family-friendly 2-day event showcases the best of comics, anime, gaming, and fandom. Attendees can explore a vibrant exhibitor hall filled with artists, vendors, and unique collectibles, meet special guests from the worlds of comics, film, and voice acting, and enjoy interactive panels and live entertainment throughout the weekend. The convention also features popular attractions like cosplay contests, gaming experiences, and opportunities to connect with fellow fans who share a passion for all things pop culture. Times: Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets & more info: (845) 454-5800 or [MJNCenter.org](http://MJNCenter.org)

**August 1, 14, 21: Guided Landscape Walk,** Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. “What You See and What You Don’t See,” a guided walk through the estate’s grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh’s owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run, 10 a.m. Free. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

**Aug. 2: Cocoon Theatre’s Sunday Soiree,** Church-Hill Barn Theater, 283 Lapla Rd., Kingston. Cocoon will present “Title and Deed,” a critically acclaimed one-man play written by Will Eno and performed by Cocoon veteran Doug Woolley, exploring themes of exile, identity, and the absurdity of life, 4-6 p.m. Performance followed by open discussion & potluck inviting artists and audience to bring a dish/dessert ready to serve and share. Dress for the weather, with a \$20 suggested donation, by cash only (no WiFi available). Parking is limited, carpooling encouraged. [www.cocoontheatre.org](http://www.cocoontheatre.org) or (845) 758-0695

**August 2: Flower Hammering Workshop,** Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. 2 p.m. Flower pounding (or tataki-zomé) is an engaging, sustainable craft that transfers the natural pigments of fresh flowers and leaves directly onto paper. By gently hammering blooms, you release their juices to create unique, delicate botanical prints that are perfect for greeting cards, bookmarks, or wall art. All materials and instruction provided. Light refreshments served. Recommended for ages 14 to adult. Cost: \$12, plus Eventbrite Fee/General Admission. Reservations required: <https://FOMAS.eventbrite.com>

**Aug. 5: Author Event,** Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook. “Peace Is Inevitable,” an early launch of the new memoir about the bombing of Hiroshima and a live event with people in Hiroshima, Japan, 4:40-6:45 p.m. Join Cannon and Indira Hersey for a Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony, which includes interacting with people in Hiroshima, Japan, live at 5 p.m. [www.merrittbooks.com](http://www.merrittbooks.com)

**Aug. 5: Music in the Parks,** Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Outdoor concert series featuring Way Behind The Sun, 6:30 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.

**Aug. 5: 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. This week: Betty and the Baby Boomers/Hudson Valley Folk Guild. [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org)

## Get Growing!

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cious than sun gold – hard to believe.

- Sue and I will be showcasing new varieties at our greenhouses the week of August 10-14, 9 a.m. to 4 pm. Stop by and check it out. The display will be at our production facility, behind the Adams Poughkeepsie store. It’s hard to find, (which is intentional). To get to the production greenhouse, drive past Adams Power Equipment, go straight past

Adams Landscape, turn right, and then try to figure it out from there. Hope to see you next week! And you’ll be able to enjoy a sample of my favorite petunia “Cascadia Rim Merlot.”

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

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# Brookmeade, DCC Foundation announce scholarship winners



Pictured, from left, are Fiona Ferguson, recipient of the Brookmeade Human Services Scholarship; Brookmeade Board Member Carolyn Bernitt; Director of Finance at Brookmeade Tony Chisholm; Director of Human Resources at Brookmeade Jamie Stickle; and Keegan Ferguson, Brookmeade Nursing Scholarship Recipient. *Courtesy photo*

Brookmeade has long believed that caring for a community means investing in its future. In 2024, the organization expanded that commitment by partnering with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to establish two endowed scholarships supporting students pursuing careers in nursing and human services.

As the demand for skilled healthcare and human services professionals continues to grow, and recognizing the financial challenges many students face, Brookmeade saw an opportunity to invest in the next generation of compassionate caregivers, while strengthening the workforce that will serve the Hudson Valley for years to come.

The Brookmeade Human Services Scholarship and the Brookmeade Nursing Scholarship were each established with a \$15,000 endowment each, providing a \$750 annual scholarship to two deserving students pursuing careers that strengthen the health and well-being of our community.

Through these scholarships, Brookmeade is proud to support the Dutchess Community College Foundation's mission of expanding educational opportunities while helping develop the next generation of healthcare and human services professionals.

On May 13, members of the Brookmeade leadership team and Board of Directors attended the Dutchess Community College Honors Convocation, where they met this year's scholarship recipients, Fiona Ferguson, recipient of the Brookmeade Human Services Scholarship, and Keegan Ferguson, recipient of the Brookmeade Nursing Scholarship.

"Supporting students who are pursuing careers in healthcare and human services aligns directly with Brookmeade's mission of enriching lives," said Jamie

Stickle, Human Resources Director at Brookmeade. "We wanted to create opportunities that extend beyond our campus by investing in local students, supporting the Dutchess Community College Foundation, and helping strengthen the workforce our entire community will rely on for years to come."

Meeting the scholarship recipients brought the impact of these endowments to life. Fiona Ferguson, a first-generation college student studying Human Services, shared how the scholarship arrived at a pivotal moment in her life after experiencing the loss of her mother and facing uncertainty about continuing her education. "This scholarship arrived at a moment when I needed it most. It has lifted a significant weight from my shoulders and allows me to focus fully on my academic responsibilities." She also expressed her gratitude, writing: "Thank you for your generosity and for the meaningful impact you make in the lives of students."

Nursing scholarship recipient Keegan Ferguson wrote that Brookmeade's support is helping him pursue a lifelong calling. "Nursing is more than just a job to me. I want to help others and make a positive difference in people's lives." He added that the scholarship provides more than financial assistance. "Receiving this scholarship is not only helpful financially, but also very encouraging. It reminds me that others believe in me and my goals."

The Dutchess Community College Foundation recognized Brookmeade's generosity by noting that these endowed scholarships will continue to support deserving students year after year while strengthening the community through education and civic engagement. Brookmeade congratulates Fiona and Keegan on their achievements and wishes them continued success as they pursue careers dedicated to caring for others.

## EXHIBITIONS

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**Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery**, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 27:** "Tensions & Triumph: Art Born from Resilience and Renewal," a group exhibition featuring the work of Arts Mid-Hudson member artists exploring themes of resilience, transformation, and hope through a diverse collection of artistic perspectives. **Closing Reception Artist Talk:** Sun., Sept. 27, 1-3 p.m. The afternoon will also feature a special performance by Zelda, aka Judith Z. Miller, beginning at 1:10 p.m. [www.artsmidhudson.org](http://www.artsmidhudson.org) or (845) 454-3222

**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. **Closing Reception:** Sun., Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m. Open by appointment and weekends, noon-6 p.m. [www.thechurchstaatsburg.org](http://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](http://cunneen-hackett.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft)

**Morton Memorial Library**, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through July:** Morton's Treasures of Backyards, culverts, skeletons, bottles, 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](http://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](http://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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# Serino establishes new Tick Task Force

As tick populations continue to grow throughout New York State and tickborne illnesses remain a concern for families, outdoor enthusiasts, pet owners and visitors, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino today announced she has established her Dutchess County Tick Task Force, a new advisory panel dedicated to increasing public awareness, strengthening prevention efforts, and advancing science-based and practical strategies to keep our neighbors safe.

Tickborne disease extends far beyond Lyme disease. Dutchess County regularly sees cases of Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichiosis, among others. Last year, there was death relating to Powassan virus, with another recent case confirmed this year by the Dutchess County Department of Health. Powassan virus, while relatively rare, is a potentially serious tick-borne disease that can cause symptoms ranging from a mild flu-like illness to life-threatening neurological disease. Since 2012, there have been 14 confirmed Powassan cases in Dutchess County.

Serino said, "Tick-borne disease is a real and growing threat in Dutchess County, and we cannot afford to be complacent. Too many families have been impacted by tick-borne disease, and it is so important that our neighbors understand how serious these diseases can be. By bringing together experts, advocates, and everyday residents, this Task Force will help us strengthen awareness, improve prevention, and protect our community. Everyone deserves to feel safe enjoying the outdoors, and this effort is about making that a reality."

The task force will bring together residents, local organizations, healthcare professionals, educators, environmental experts and others to serve in an advisory role to the County Executive. They will explore topics such as public awareness and education, prevention strategies, community outreach and partnerships with local organizations as well as opportunities to improve local awareness of the various tickborne illnesses. Members will also lobby New York State for renewed focus on tick-borne disease.

Several prominent local experts and advocates about tick-borne disease have already agreed to participate on Serino's Tick Task Force including:

- Holly Ahern, Professor Emerita of Microbiology at SUNY Adirondack and Lyme Disease Advocate
- Richard S. Ostfeld, Ph.D.,

Distinguished Senior Scientist with the Cary Institute of Ecosystems

- Jill and Ira Auerbach, Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association

Former Dutchess County Legislator Donna Bolner will serve as Chair for this new task force. Bolner formerly served on the Legislature's Deer Tick Control Task Force for 16 years, including 14 years as Chair.

Bolner said, "The Hudson Valley may not regularly experience tornadoes, earthquakes or hurricanes, but tickborne disease is our natural disaster. Fighting tickborne disease is imperative because it impacts all Hudson valley residents in some form or fashion. The best defense against tickborne disease is an excellent offense, which is why education and research is vital to protecting residents."

Serino has been a longtime advocate for tick awareness and disease prevention. When she served in the New York State Senate, she chaired the Senate Task Force on Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases, where she raised awareness, supported tick prevention efforts, and secured more than \$2.5 million for tick-related programs and educational resources for families. As Dutchess County Executive, she has continued that advocacy with Tick Safety signage at all County Parks, her annual "Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen" movie events and distributing tick removal kits and other educational materials at Health Department outreach events including its Mobile Health Unit, among other efforts.

Serino noted, "My family has been impacted by Lyme Disease, and I have long been passionate about tick bite prevention – earning me the nickname the 'Tick Lady' when I talk to students. It is a title I am proud of and I am excited to be working with others who are equally passionate about tick disease prevention."

Community members with an interest in public health, environmental conservation, education or advocacy are encouraged to apply. No specialized experience is required, and residents with a personal interest in the issue are also welcome. Those interested in serving on the Dutchess County Tick Task Force can complete an online application at [dutchessny.gov/tick-application](http://dutchessny.gov/tick-application).

The Dutchess County Department of Health offers additional information about ticks, tickborne illnesses and steps to reduce residents' risk of being bitten by ticks at [dutchessny.gov/ticks](http://dutchessny.gov/ticks).

# Rolison honors Vietnam veteran Nathan 'Nate' Grant during Veterans Hall of Fame celebration



State Senator Rob Rolison honors Vietnam veteran SPC Nathan Grant during the NYS Senate Hall of Fame celebration. *Photo courtesy Senator Rolison's Office*

New York State Senator Rob Rolison recently honored Vietnam veteran SPC Nathan "Nate" Grant during a special induction ceremony recognizing his induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. The event brought together Grant's wife, daughters, friends, fellow veterans, and members of the Poughkeepsie High School Junior ROTC to celebrate a lifetime of military service and community leadership.

Earlier this year, Senator Rolison selected Grant as the 39th Senate District's 2026 Veterans Hall of Fame inductee and formally recognized him during the statewide ceremony in Albany. Saturday's hometown celebration gave members of the Hudson Valley community an opportunity to honor one of their own.

Born in Virginia and raised in rural North Carolina as the youngest of 12 children, Grant grew up in a family where military service was a way of life. Three of his older brothers had already been drafted before he received his own draft notice in 1965 during the height of the Vietnam War. After completing basic training in South Carolina and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Riley, Kansas, Grant deployed to Vietnam in late 1966.

Stationed at Camp Bearcat, Grant served as a Tunnel Rat—one of the most dangerous and demanding assignments of the Vietnam War. Tunnel Rats volunteered to enter narrow, underground tunnel systems used by enemy forces to uncover hidden weapons caches, gather intelligence, and confront enemy combatants in confined spaces with little room to maneuver. The role required extraordinary courage, composure, and selflessness, as soldiers often entered the tunnels armed with little more than a flashlight and a sidearm.

While Grant's military service alone earned the admiration of those in attendance, speakers throughout the ceremony

reflected on the decades of service that followed his return home.

After settling in the Hudson Valley, Grant dedicated himself to ensuring fellow veterans never stood alone. A Life Member of VFW Post 170 and Commander and Life Member of American Legion Lafayette Post 37 in Poughkeepsie, he has spent years organizing food distributions, holiday drives, the post's weekly Burger Burn fundraisers, maintaining the Hero Garden memorial, and participating in Wreaths Across America programs that teach younger generations about the sacrifices of America's veterans.

Known throughout the region as "Nate the Great," Grant has become a mentor, advocate, and friend to countless veterans and community members. His unwavering commitment has earned him numerous recognitions, including being named WPDH's "Vet Who Rocks" and receiving Weekend for Warriors' 2025 honor for his continued dedication to veterans and the Hudson Valley community. During Saturday's ceremony, he was also recognized by Congressman Pat Ryan, a fellow Army veteran, and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, who joined Senator Rolison in celebrating his extraordinary lifetime of service.

Reflecting on the significance of the day, Senator Rolison noted that while Nate Grant's service in Vietnam exemplified remarkable bravery, it is his decades of continued service at home that have defined his legacy. Through his leadership, mentorship, and tireless advocacy, Grant has strengthened the lives of veterans and enriched the Hudson Valley community for generations.

The recent celebration served not only as a recognition of Grant's military accomplishments, but also as a tribute to a lifetime spent answering the call to serve others—a commitment that continues to inspire everyone who knows him.

# County to host second Older Adults Skills Fair

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County's Office for the Aging announce the return of the second annual "Putting Your Skills Back to Work" Older Adults Skills Fair. This dynamic, free event is designed for older adults, ages 55 and older, who are looking to stay active and are interested in meaningful volunteer opportunities or part-time employment. This year's fair will be held on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., at John Jay High School's gymnasium in East Fishkill.

The event will include opportunities to:

- Meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions;
- Connect with nonprofit organizations;
- Socialization with fellow older adults; and
- Enjoy complimentary light refreshments.

Last year's event was attended by nearly 500 local older adults with more than 35 local organizations and businesses taking part.

There is no RSVP required for guest attendance. Businesses and nonprofit organizations interested in hosting a table can call the County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000 or visit [dutchessny.gov/senior-skills](http://dutchessny.gov/senior-skills) to reserve a spot.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) provides services and advocacy to support independence, dignity and quality of life for older adults in the county. From nutrition and wellness programs to caregiver support and employment resources, the OFA is committed to enriching the lives of local older residents. More information about all the OFA offers is available at [dutchessny.gov/aging](http://dutchessny.gov/aging).

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OBITUARIES

Amelia C. Barringer  
TIVOLI – Amelia C. Barringer, 98, of Tivoli, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with her loving daughter by her side.

Born on January 14, 1928, in Kingston, Ny, Amelia was the daughter of the late John and Amelia (Wojcio) Burns.

On October 7, 1949, Amelia married Richard W. Barringer, in Kingston, NY. Together they built a wonderful life, raising their son William and their daughter, Mary, and sharing nearly 59 years of love until Richard's passing in 2008.

Amelia worked for Central Hudson, where she served as a customer service representative. She began her career in the Red Hook office before transferring to Kingston, where she remained until her retirement. She was also a proud member of the IBEW Union during her years with Central Hudson.

A woman of deep faith, Amelia was a devoted parishioner of St. Christopher's Church in Red Hook. She generously shared her talents as a member of the church choir for many years and was also an active member of the Ladies Guild.

Nothing brought Amelia greater joy than spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She acquired a love for watercolor and oil painting and would spend hours creating works. Amelia also found great happiness watching the birds outside her window. She also kept cardinal statues around her home.

Amelia is survived by her daughter, Mary Callahan and her husband, Vincent; her granddaughter, Caitlin Brennan and her husband, Tim; her grandson, Timothy Callahan; her great-granddaughters, Hailey and Cassidy Brennan; and her brother, Robert Burns.

In addition to her beloved husband, Richard, Amelia was predeceased by her son William, her twin sister, Eileen Gafney, and her brothers, Jack and Ronald Burns.

Family and friends were invited to call at Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook, on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 11:00am at St. Christopher's Church in Red Hook. Inurnment will follow at St. John's Reformed Church Cemetery in Upper Red Hook.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Amelia's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Donna Ann Cacciola  
RHINEBECK – Donna Ann Cacciola, 74, of Rhinebeck, Ny, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at her home.

Born on May 13, 1952, in Wexford, Pa, she was the beloved daughter of the late Stanley Kraly and Dorothy Collins Kraly.

Donna was a woman of remarkable creativity, compassion, and determination. A gifted artist from an early age, she received her professional training in Fine Arts at New Mexico Highlands University, where she developed her passion for artistic expression. She later pursued another creative calling, graduating from the prestigious French Culinary Institute and becoming an accomplished pastry chef. Her exceptional talent earned her recognition as a New York Times-featured executive chef. She spent much of her time working at Seasons in Sea Cliff, NY.

Later in life, Donna embraced yet another calling by becoming a nurse. Caring for others allowed her to express the compassion, kindness, and nurturing spirit that defined who she was. Whether caring for patients, friends, or family.

Donna was a deeply spiritual woman whose faith provided strength, guidance, and comfort throughout her life.

Above all else, Donna's greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted mother who cherished the close relationships she shared with her children and took immense pride in their lives. She was an especially loving and dedicated grandmother who treasured every moment spent caring for and nurturing her beloved granddaughter, Caroline.

She is survived by her children, Frank Cacciola and Zoe Cacciola; her cherished granddaughter, Caroline Mountan; her brother, Stanley Kraly; sister in law, Dina Kraly and her lifelong friend, Florence Walsh.

In addition to her parents, Donna was predeceased by her brother, Eric Kraly, and her sister, Janet Kraly.

Roger N. McCauley  
HYDE PARK – Roger N. McCauley, 71, of Hyde Park, passed away on July 19, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Born on September 10, 1954, in Sharon, CT, Roger was the son of the late Harris and Barbara (Yates) McCauley.

Following his graduation from Pine Plains High School, Roger began what would become a distinguished career with the Dutchess County Highway Department. Through years of hard work, dedication, and leadership, he rose to the position of Superintendent, serving the county for nearly 41 years before enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Roger was happiest when he was fishing or spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed the simple things in life - sitting on the porch, grilling and driving to the Hudson River to watch eagles fly and the ships and barges go by. He spent many hours relaxing with old westerns or NASCAR. He loved going to Saratoga to watch the horse races. A classic car enthusiast, he appreciated the craftsmanship and history of vintage automobiles and especially enjoyed his 1975 Chevrolet Nova SS, one of his prized possessions. He adored his family and would stop at nothing to help them be happy, healthy and successful in life. He especially loved celebrating and being with his grandchildren. He was always proud to share stories about them.

Roger found peace outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and appreciated the quiet moments that nature provided. Among his favorite places were the St. Lawrence River, Saranac Lake and Lake Champlain.

Roger is survived by his son, Scott McCauley; his daughter Amy (Matthew) Mergenthaler; his partner Terry Wooden; his grandchildren, Brianna, Myles, and Kelsey; his brother, Nelson McCauley; his longtime friend and former wife, Donna McCauley-Strong.

A celebration of Roger's life will be held on August 22nd, 2026, from 2pm-6pm. We want to welcome all of his friends and family. If you wish to join us to share some fond memories of Roger please contact Amy, Scott or Burnett & White Funeral Home for details.

Memorial donations may be made in Roger's memory to the National Kidney Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

Jeffrey Paul Satta  
MILAN – Jeffrey Paul Satta, 71, of Milan, formerly of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2026, at Kindred Hospital in Passaic, Nj, just one day after celebrating his 71st birthday.

Born on July 19, 1955, in Brooklyn, Ny, he was the beloved son of the late Peter and Evelyn (Saukas) Satta.

Above all else, Jeff was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and

loyal friend. He married the love of his life, Jacqueline "Jackie" Mikulak, on September 27, 1980, at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Brooklyn. Together they built a life centered on family, hard work, and unwavering love.

Jeff was truly a jack-of-all-trades. He spent much of his career serving as a Class A Mechanic for the United States Postal Service and also worked as a meter reader. Gifted with his hands and an incredible work ethic, there seemed to be nothing he couldn't fix or build. Whether helping a neighbor, repairing a piece of equipment, or lending his time to someone in need, Jeffrey never hesitated to offer a hand. Those who knew him often said he would give anyone the shirt off his back.

Jeffrey and Jackie spent most of their lives in the Greenpoint neighborhood of Brooklyn before relocating to Milan just over ten years ago. There, he found the space he had always dreamed of; a place with land to care for, a garage where he could spend countless hours tinkering, and a home that brought him immense joy.

In addition to his wife of nearly 46 years, Jeffrey is survived by his loving daughter, Samantha Satta; his cherished grandson, Sean; his siblings, Timothy Satta of Brooklyn, NY and Kathleen Rouch and her husband, Brian, of Mount Sinai, NY; and several beloved nieces and nephews, Dawn, Nicole (Steve), Kevin, Kyle, Matthew, Katie, and Ryan.

He was predeceased by his beloved son, Jeffrey Satta, on December 17, 2017, as well as his brothers, Joseph Satta and Peter Satta.

Friends and family are invited to call on Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Christopher's Church, Red Hook. Committal services and burial will immediately follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook.

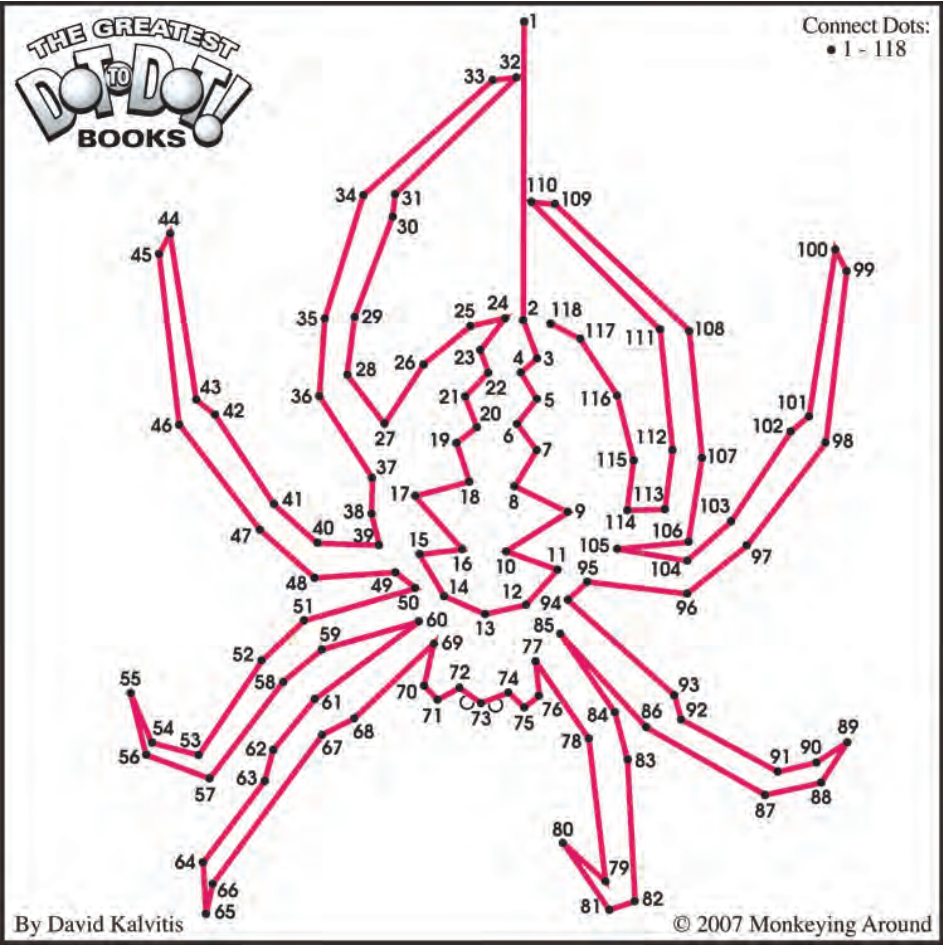
Memorial donations may be made in Jeffrey's memory to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

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Town of Pleasant Valley

Notice of Meeting Schedule Change

The Town of Pleasant Valley has rescheduled the Workshop Meeting originally scheduled for **Monday, August 3, 2026**. The Workshop Meeting will instead be held as part of a combined meeting with the **Regular Town Board Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026**, with a new meeting start time of **6:30 p.m.** We appreciate your understanding and encourage all interested residents to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Milan will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, 2026 at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York

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12571 at 6:55 pm

concerning proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026, entitled, "Local Law Amending Town Code Section § 200-36, Short-Term Residential Rental" pursuant to Article 16 of the N.Y. Town Law and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.

This Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Complete copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the Town of Milan Town Clerk's Office for inspection during regular business hours. All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the date, time and place aforesaid. By order of the Milan Town Board,

Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

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# COLLEGE NOTES

TROY, NY - More than 1,000 students were named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Local students include Mariah Oviatt of Hyde Park, Kristalyn McPhee of Hyde Park, Scarlett Vaccaro of Pleasant Valley, Megan Putorti of Staatsburg, Liz Messina of Staatsburg.

The college's Dean's List recognizes students each fall and spring term who earn a term GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 and receive no grades of D, F, I or Z, or their remedial equivalents. Full-time students must successfully complete at least 12 college credits, and part-time students must complete at least six. A grade of W, remedial coursework and previously attempted courses do not disqualify a student as long as all other requirements are met.

TROY, NY - More than 1,700 students were named to the Spring 2026 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Local students include Briana Hoffnagle of Hyde Park, Annie Paranto of Hyde Park, Michelle Colwell of Hyde Park, Mikayla Stout of Hyde Park, Kaitlyn Cope of Millerton, Jahmal Lee of Pleasant Valley, Melissa Bruno of Red Hook, Michael Kelly of

Red Hook, Chelsea Sullinger of Red Hook, Lorelei Schaefer of Red Hook, Erica Tamburrino of Stanfordville, Elizabeth Lopez-Roberg of Stanfordville, Peyton Grant of Tivoli.

The college's President's List recognizes students each fall and spring term who earn a term GPA between 3.5 and 4.0 and receive no grades of D, F, I or Z, or their remedial equivalents. Full-time students must successfully complete at least 12 college credits, and part-time students must complete at least six. A grade of W, remedial coursework and previously attempted courses do not disqualify a student as long as all other requirements are met.

NEWPORT, RI - The following students were named to the Dean's List during the spring 2026 academic semester at Salve Regina University. Local students include Thomas Langan of Red Hook and Nathaniel Strassberger of Milan.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits.

ALBANY, NY - More than 4,200 students in the Class of 2026 were celebrated during UAlbany's Spring commencement festivities. Among the graduates were an estimated 2,610 undergraduates and 1,580 graduate students, including recipients who completed their degrees during summer 2025, fall 2025 as well as winter 2026.

The following graduates join the ranks of more than 200,000 UAlbany alumni worldwide:

Oluwabukunola Adebajo of Hyde Park, Christopher Augerson of Millbrook, Sarah Barber of Pleasant Valley, Elizabeth Bryant of Red Hook, Emily DePorto of Red Hook, Holly Hammond of Amenia, Isaiah Harris of Staatsburg, Catleen Kelly of Tivoli, Erin Kennedy of Tivoli, Sarah Kittle of Pleasant Valley, Robert Knuschke of Red Hook, Kylie Sullivan of Tivoli, Cheryl Werner of Tivoli, Christian Wert of Red Hook, Hailey Williams of Tivoli.

MADISON, WI - The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Local students include:

Paul Freck of Lagrangeville, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List;

Megan Frinton of Poughkeepsie, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List;

Margaret Weld of Rhinebeck, School of Education, Dean's List.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean of their school or college at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

MEDFORD, MA - Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester. The following students were named to the dean's list:

Minali Abraham-Aggarwal, Class of 2026, of Pleasant Valley;

Christina Bellin, Class of 2028, of Millbrook;

Maya Lahiri, Class of 2026, of Rhinebeck.

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

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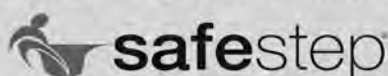
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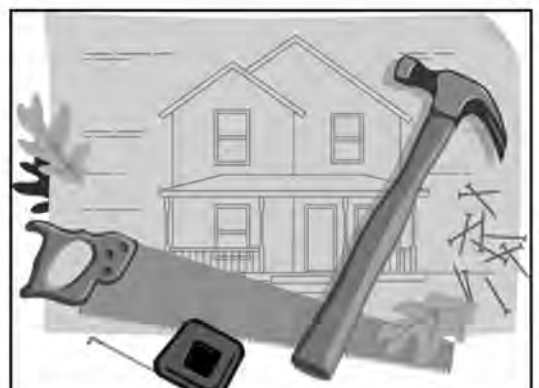
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# GOLDEN LIVING

When we say 'I don't want a handout'

Think back to your first time buying something with your own money: a pack of baseball cards, a toy, an Elvis 45, or a Beatles fan magazine.

Chances are it was also your first experience paying sales taxes, and you've been paying taxes in various forms ever since. The average amount an American will pay in taxes over a lifetime depends on where they live and who's doing the measuring, but it's well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars nationwide. It can pass \$1 million in New York State, where incomes and their accompanying tax bills tend to be higher than average.

And yet, when an older person is offered taxpayer-funded assistance to help them age safely and successfully, in their own homes, they sometimes refuse it. As they see it, it's a handout.

Can you see a million reasons why it's not?

Accepting help: cheaper in the long run

Scenario 1: An 85-year-old becomes too frail to live independently in their own home, and is placed in a facility at an annual taxpayer-funded Medicaid cost of at least \$140,000/year.

Scenario 2: The same 85-year-old accepts help to be able to continue living safely at home for many more years, thanks to adequately funded Dutchess County and New York State community based services. The cost falls to less than \$10,000/year.

That 85-year-old could be any of us. Which scenario would you choose? We hope you'd choose accepting the help.

What we mean when we say 'Help'

Dutchess County leaders consistently step up to fund OFA home-delivered meals, comprehensive case management, personal care, transportation, Friendship

Centers, health insurance counseling, and many other services. Everything OFA does revolves around one goal: to ensure that Dutchess County's estimated 80,000 older adults face the best possible chance of continued long-term independent living. It's what older adults overwhelmingly want, and it's the lowest-cost option for the taxpayer.

Is 'independence' the right word?

Think about the milk in your refrigerator. Chances are you don't own a dairy cow, nor did you grow the cow's food, build her barn, keep her in good health, pasteurize and bottle the milk, build your refrigerator, or supply it with refrigerant, shelving, and electricity.

We hope that helps convey this message: No one is truly independent, even though we often use the term when discussing issues related to our aging.

By accepting help, older adults are not becoming less independent; rather, they are embracing interdependence, the way we're interdependent with the supply chain that brings milk from the cow to the kitchen.

Caregivers who feel frustrated by an older loved one's refusals of assistance need to know that there are several options available for support -most notably, the Office for the Aging.

With the right resources, both an older adult and their caregivers can find the peace of mind they're searching for.

Older Adults Skills Fair - Thursday 8/13 at John Jay High School

Older adults (55+) who are looking for full-or part-time employment, or volunteering opportunities, will want to set aside the afternoon of Thursday, August 13th for County Executive Sue Serino's second free Older Adults Skills Fair.

It's taking place from 2-4pm on

Thursday, August 13th at John Jay High School, 2012 NY 52 in Hopewell Junction.

This event will include opportunities to:

- Meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions;
- Connect with nonprofit organizations;
- Socialization with fellow older adults; and
- Enjoy complimentary light refreshments. No advance guest registration is required. Employers and other prospective vendors looking for a tabling opportunity can contact the county executive's office at 845-486-2000 or visit [dutchessny.gov/senior-skills](http://dutchessny.gov/senior-skills) to sign up while space lasts, or before August 6th, whichever comes first.

OFA Mobile Office Hours for Summer Here's the summertime list of OFA Ambassador Mary Reedy's mobile office hours...thus far.

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

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

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](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov).

OFA Picnic Season update

There are still seats left for the remaining picnics on the schedule:

August 12th, City of Poughkeepsie (Stitzel Field)

August 19th, Beekman and LaGrange (Freedom Park)

August 26th, East Fishkill (Hopewell Recreation Park)

Many thanks to AccentCare, Central Hudson, The Pines at Poughkeepsie, and Westchester Medical Center Health Network for their support.

OFA Tri-Town Friendship Center

Closed Week of 7/27

New flooring is being installed by the center's host, the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley; but it means the center will be closed to senior clients the week of July 27th. Home Delivered Meals will continue their regular schedule.

And another award-winning (not yet, but soon, maybe) Bad Joke!

People are typically shocked when they find out I'm a terrible electrician.

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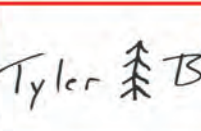
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|  <b>30<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL</b>          | <b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26</b><br><b>7:30 PM</b><br>CONCERT & ADMISSION COMBO - \$45 |  <b>Tyler &amp; Braden</b>                 | <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 29</b><br><b>7:30 PM</b><br>INCLUDED WITH PAID ADMISSION              |
|  <b>JOURNEY</b><br><i>from the Heart</i> | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>AUGUST 27 • 7:30 PM</b><br>INCLUDED WITH PAID ADMISSION     |  <b>PAINTED PONY</b><br>CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO | <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 30</b><br><b>11:30 AM &amp; 5:00 PM</b><br>INCLUDED WITH PAID ADMISSION |

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