

DCAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Members of the Stormfield Swiss Farm are pictured with their Farm Family of the Year banner. From left are Jim, Justin, Jason and Jenna Lawrence, Jennifer DeForest and her father John DeForest. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

They’re up to the challenge at Stormfield Swiss Farm

By Curtis Schmidt

“Farming is not a job, it’s a passion. The cows have to be milked and fed every day of the year. It can be very challenging.”

That’s straight from the inaugural winners of the Farm Family of the Year Award from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS) – the DeForest Lawrence Family of East Fishkill.

In his presentation of the award at the DCAS Summer Dinner last week, Dutchess County Fair CEO Andy Imperati commented, “To be chosen for this award, the farm family exemplifies farm values derived from generation to generation, hard work and a love for farming. They must show dedication to agriculture in their daily lives, in the lives of their family members, their community and, of course, their love for the Dutchess County Fair.”

“Jim, Jennifer, Jenna, Justin, Jason and John of Stormfield Swiss Farm, represent everything that a family farm is.”

Here are some key facts on the Stormfield Swiss Farm.

- A 3rd generation farm and it’s been in the family for over 100 years.
- Active in FFA, Holstein Club and 4-H as a leader and serving on commit-

- tees for 4-H through Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County.
- They welcome farm tour groups of all ages from all areas of the state and host various events at their farm.
- Milk suppliers for Hudson Valley Fresh including providing the milk for the Dutchess County Dairy Promotion milkshake booth and take an active role with the company.
- Promote agriculture throughout the year by taking animals to various events throughout the Hudson Valley, including the Culinary Institute of America and NYC.
- Active participants in the Ag Society’s Ag Education program for Ag

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DCAS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lenny Miller: Cultivating and sharing a love of agriculture

By Curtis Schmidt

Lenny Miller loves to teach. But, even more important, he understands the value of listening and learning. Those skills all intertwine in his calm and caring approach.

His love of farming and farm animals, horses in particular, has led this process.

He notes that some of his happiest moments have come in “teaching kids and answering questions in a group.” He gets plenty of opportunities like that each year at the Dutchess County Fair and he’s been doing that for over 35 years as a member of the DC Agricultural Society (DCAS) and as a 4-H Club leader.

In recognition of his efforts over the years, the DCAS presented Lenny with its Lifetime Achievement Award at the Summer meeting held July 23 at the Thomas Odak Horticulture Building at the Fairgrounds.

In the award presentation, Fair CEO Andy Imperati made the following observations.

“Lenny began his involvement with the Fair in 1987. On the Sunday of the Fair, Lenny always made sure he was seated in the judges stand beside the big ring by 7 a.m. for the draft horse show. He quickly volunteered to help (event



Dutchess County Fair CEO and manager Andy Imperati presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lenny Miller at the Dutchess County Agricultural Society’s Summer Dinner on July 23. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

coordinator) Frank Castella with anything he needed just so he could be by the horses.

“His retirement from the state (as a Building Restoration Specialist) in 1996 gave him the opportunity to buy his first draft horses and he never looked back. In 1998 he worked with Castella, who had been asked to put together an exhibition tent of Percheron draft horses and in 1999 he began showing in the Sunday draft horse show.

“In 2000, (Fair manager) Tom Odak asked Lenny if he would help to set up and manage the “Salute to Agriculture”

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Enthusiasts set for PV Lions Car Show

By Jim Donick



Having won an award at Locust Grove two weeks ago, Johnny Morris has prepared his unique Triumph TR6 Custom for the Pleasant Valley Lions Club Car Show set for Sunday, Aug. 3. Photo by Jim Donick

As the annual Hudson Valley Car Show season comes into full swing each year, the Lions Club of Pleasant Valley turns much of the village into a car enthusiast’s dream.

This year is expected to be no different and, maybe, bigger and better than before. Local enthusiasts look forward to this gathering as a lower key event than some of the bigger shows. Pleasant Valley’s Johnny Morris points out, “This show is great because it give me a chance to get together will all the local

boys and enjoy each other’s cars.”

Morris, fresh off winning an award at the Locust Grove show two weeks ago, is preparing his customized 1976 Triumph TR6. This vehicle stands out from many collectable British Sports Cars.

“Most Triumphs are shown completely stock,” he notes. “Mine is still being developed and I may never finish playing with its appearance. I’m having too much fun making it even better.”

This 16th annual iteration of the event is scheduled for

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Advance tickets on sale now for 2025 Dutchess County Fair

Skip the line and head straight to the gate! Save time and money and start planning your trip to the 2025 Dutchess County Fair, happening Aug. 19-24, in Rhinebeck. Advance tickets can be purchased online now at dutchessfair.com until midnight on Aug. 18.

Advance sale tickets including Senior (65+) & Military with ID can be purchased ahead of time at the Fairground's Administration Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Aug. 8. Concert tickets must be purchased online.

Beginning Aug. 11-18, walk up ticket

sales & kiosks will be available at the Welcome Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"Senior & Military Day historically is the Wednesday of the Fair. That will not change. This year, we are offering Seniors and Military the opportunity to purchase their tickets ahead of time. These tickets bought prior to the Fair, can be used any day that they choose to come to the Fair," Vicki Imperati, Administrative Operations Manager, stated. "We realize that not everyone is able to attend the Fair on Wednesday to take

advantage of this discount, which is why we moved in this direction."

The advanced-sale ticket prices are as follows:

Adults - \$16.50 (includes convenience fee); children 11yrs and under are free.

Ride All Day Wristband - \$30 (+ \$3 convenience fee). It is important to note that each wristband is valid for one day only during the duration of the fair and does not include admission.

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<https://dutchessfair.com/midway-rides/> or email Contact@powersmidways.com.

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Dutchess County Agricultural Society announces 2025 scholarship winners



Four of the scholarship winners who were honored by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society are pictured above. From left are, Claudia Cooley, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Jackson Crisp, Jamison Fountain, Lauryn Menz and Ashley Keck. Not pictured are Mackenzie Phillips, Leah Gottschalk, Gretah Kilmer and Christopher Winters. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*



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Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced last week that eight 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 2025. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 23 during the annual Agricultural Society's dinner meeting.

"The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Jackson Crisp. 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. He continued, "In addition to the scholarships already in place, for the second year, a \$1000 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. Christopher Winters is the 2025 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, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

Jackson Crisp, Poughquag, was selected to receive the \$10,000 scholarship plus a one-time additional \$7,500 award.

The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award:

Jamison Fountain, Millbrook; Gretah Kilmer, Rhinebeck; Lauryn Menz, Red Hook; Ashley Keck, Poughkeepsie; Leah Gottschalk, Hopewell Junction and Mackenzie Phillips, Beacon

The 179th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 19 - 24 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year's Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com.

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tent. This year marks the 25th year that Lenny has been in that tent - sourcing the animals, overseeing the volunteers and sharing his love of all animals with young and old alike. In 2005, after six years of experimenting with what was included in the tent, Odak realized his dream of making the tent the ‘Miracle of Life Birthing Center.’

“Lenny’s love of horses has only been exceeded by his love of working with and teaching children, and very shortly after acquiring his own horses, he began to talk about forming a 4-H club, which he did in 2003. The “Gentle Giants” continued for nearly 20 years with dozens of girls and boys learning how to care for and show draft horses.

“If that wasn't enough, Lenny was also instrumental in building all the displays for the AgriVenture Tent, creating selfie-stations, and constructing a mock greenhouse for the display on violets in the horticulture building. If something needed to be done, Lenny has always been willing to pitch in.”

Imperati added, “Lenny is a very valuable part of our family here at the Firgrounds. His dedication to the fair & Ag Society and his community did not go unnoticed. Lenny is so deserving of being chosen to receive this acknowledgment.”

Lenny’s work ethic and love of farm animals can be traced to his childhood. He was one of 13 children. “I think I was number eight,” said Lenny.

The family moved from farm to farm in southern Columbia County and was always in high demand because hiring Lenny’s father came with the benefit of 13 additional farm workers.

“My dad always had a team of draft horses, even after tractors came upon the scene,” said Lenny. “One night after dinner I asked him ‘Why do we keep these horses? There’s so much work involved with them.’ He said, ‘Son, let me tell you something. Horses follow you back to the

barn, tractors don’t.’ I didn’t really understand what he was trying to tell me till much later in life. Animals get to know you and you kinda become attached.”

And that special attachment between animals and farmers is a key part of what Lenny tries to teach.

“I inherited a love of farm animals. As a kid, I usually had to care for about 13 heifers every morning before I went off to school,” he said. “Now, I just want to share the knowledge I’ve gained over the years.”

His talks with groups of children “usually start with a question and I just take off from there,” said Lenny. He uses agriculture and care of farm animals as teaching tools.

“With the 4-H club, a lot of the teaching involved things like responsibility, trust and a calm approach,” he said. With children at the fair, he tries to teach children where their food comes from on farms and the importance of caring for animals.

“Farm animals have a way of teaching us important life skills, such as responsibility, communication, problem-solving, and decision-making, and it all happens while you’re learning to take care of them,” said Lenny.

He added, “It’s all about hopefully making a difference in the lives of kids, the next generation. And working at the Fair gives me more opportunities to do just that.”



Lenny Miller, right, was one of the individuals who helped to start the Salute to Agriculture tent at the Dutchess County Fair. This year will mark the 25th year that Lenny has been in that tent - sourcing the animals, overseeing the volunteers and sharing his love of all animals with young and old alike. Also in this photo from 2000 are current Fair CEO Andy Imperati and former Fair Manager Tom Odak. Photo courtesy of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society

COLLEGE NOTES

BATAVIA, NY - 241 students from Genesee Community College named to Provost’s List. Local students include Bridgette Wagner of Rhinebeck and James Wagner of Rhinebeck.

Students honored on the Provost’s List have maintained part-time enrollment and earned a quality point index of 3.75 (roughly equivalent to an A) or better.

CORTLAND, NY - There are 1,187 SUNY Cortland students who earned President’s List honors for the Spring 2025 semester. Among those recognized are:

- Mackenzie Armbrust of Staatsburg - Major: Sport Management;
- Kathryn Boyd of Red Hook - Major: Sport Management;
- Zachery Funk of Pine Plains - Major: Physical Education K-12;
- Nadiya Grossman of Rhinebeck - Major: Political Science;
- Morgan Hannon of Hyde Park - Major: Physical Education K-12;
- Kerry Hare of Red Hook - Major: Inclusive Education Childhood;
- Ryan Lerner of Hyde Park - Major: Adolescence Educ-Spanish;
- Zachary Monarchi of Red Hook - Major: Physical Education K-12;
- Madeline Ruuge of Millerton - Major: Adolescence Education: Social Studies;
- Faith Swanson of Red Hook - Major: Fitness Development;
- Lorenzo Wilkins of Hyde Park - Major: Sport Management;

To qualify for the President’s List, students must earn a grade of A- or better in each of their classes while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

CLINTON, NY - Forrest Schmitt of Millbrook has been named to the Dean’s List at Hamilton College for the spring 2025 semester. Schmitt, a rising junior majoring in Hispanic studies and world politics, is a graduate of Millbrook School.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must be a current member of the Class of 2025, 2026, or 2027, have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester, and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News. Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

What is Trump's wonderland at the bottom of his rabbit hole?

To the editor:
I do not recognize the wonderland that Donald Trump has taken us to at the bottom of his rabbit hole. My vision is not a place manipulated so that 10 percent of the people have more wealth than the other 90 percent without social empathy. The phrase "Leave no man behind" does not exist in Trump's narcissistic weakness – a place where his people's research and fact check stops as soon as Trump opens his mouth. They live in fear of his anger and we see those bending to his will in his campaign of hate and anger in his narcissistic mind, whether it be person, company, college, etc.

Trump "MAGA" (Make America Great Again) really means (Make America Government Authoritarian) having control of all three branches of our government and no checks or balances. A dictator reaching in to society telling colleges and schools who they can hire, what to teach; control of the news media's access; threatening companies against labeling item tariff costs; telling sports teams to change their names (Politico).

Remember the words of Nazi concentration camp survivor Lutheran pastor Martin Niemoller - "first they came for socialists, for Jews, and I did not speak out. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me." With concentration camps "Alcatraz" and the "Florida Everglades, there is no protection or "bond hearings" for people Trump wants you to hate after Trump fired 28 Immigration court judges (Scripps news-PBS). Trump who said "I run this country and the World" (28 Apr 25).

Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill" really means (One Big Beautiful Transfer of Wealth to the Wealthy). The Tax Policy Center estimate is 60 percent of tax cuts go to the top 20 percent of households. The bottom 20 percent of households, who make about \$35,000, get less than 1 percent or about \$160. There is no increase to minimum wage where the lowly worker can work all 2,080 hours per year and not make the minimum cost of living. The "no tax on tips" means nothing, because most are lowest wage and pay little or no tax now.

Trump enabled a \$6 trillion transfer of wealth to his group,

who had money to buy up during the 22 percent stock market loss between Feb. 20 thru June 22, caused by his Tariff manipulations. (His April "great time to buy.")

David F. Queen
Red Hook

'Made in America bloodbath'

To the editor:
Does every global atrocity eventually become yesterday's story? And from there do they shamefully creep into our history books? We are responsible for up to 17,000 children who have been slaughtered, bombed, and starved to death by the best weaponry that the world has ever seen. Everyone has a role to play. The 2,000 bombs are made by General Dynamics and the drones made by Northrop Grumman. In fact it's a made in America bloodbath; how long can people bear keeping that in their minds?

Life is often hard in this land of the free, with the very rich gobbling up most of our country's profits. The greedier the billionaires get, the more they plot to rob us of what we still have left: our healthcare, public education and Social Security. We got rid of the thieving Democrats, only to be plagued by the new fascist party led by a madman. It is no wonder so many of us are in the streets.

But our county is also remaking itself, from the defender of liberty to the merchant of genocide. What is worth saving when we are responsible for slaughtering tens of thousands of Palestinians? We are transforming ourselves into the apocalypse of death and all the world is witness.

Almost every member of Congress gets piles of money from the Israel Lobby (opensecrets.org). Ask your House and Senate members just how much cash they are paid each year to look the other way. Our venal Congress is obsessed with blood money, and will never end the carnage on its own. That's where you come in. Demand that Israel and the US end the holocaust of the Palestinian people.

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

Scientific articles focus on how cities can best harness nature to adapt to climate challenges

As extreme heat, flooding, and other climate-related hazards intensify, cities are turning to nature-based solutions—such as tree cover, green roofs, wetlands, and bioswales—to strengthen resilience and protect people. But the effectiveness of these interventions depends on how well they are adapted to local ecological, social, and technological systems.

A new Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences special feature emphasizes that while nature-based solutions can meet multiple needs and be cost-effective, without proper planning and evaluation, they can also reinforce inequities.

Through a series of five papers, the issue's authors provide tools, frameworks, and forward-looking insights to help cities avoid these risks while advancing equity, public health, and long-term climate resilience.

Timon McPhearson, a Cary Institute Fellow who directs the Urban Systems Lab at New York University, edited the issue with Nancy B. Grimm of Arizona State University. He comments, "It is imperative that we scale up investments in nature-based solutions to address the increasing climate, equity, and health challenges facing cities, and for the people living in them, all around the world."

This issue builds on the work of NATURA—Nature-based Solutions for Urban Resilience in the Anthropocene—a global "network of networks" supported by the US National Science Foundation. NATURA brings together over 45 partner networks from seven world regions to connect scientists, city officials, community leaders, and design professionals working on urban nature-based solutions.

Elizabeth Cook, an urban ecosystem scientist at Cary Institute, explains, "NATURA is unique in drawing together and leveraging a global network of col-

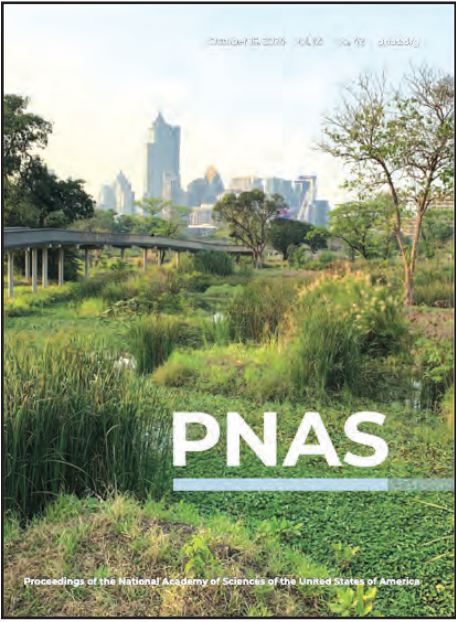
laborators in research and practice to unlock the potential of nature-based solutions in cities to address equity and climate resilience challenges."

Many of the authors featured in this issue are early-career scholars and practitioners engaged in the NATURA community, representing a diverse array of geographic and disciplinary perspectives. Learn more at <https://natura-net.org/>

Cook authored the introduction to the issue. Among other things, it highlights the need for more inclusive engagement strategies that foster community involvement in planning, implementation, and stewardship of nature-based solutions, ensuring that residents are both engaged in and benefit from projects. Another major challenge noted: the gap between scientific research on nature-based solutions and their practical application.

McPhearson led a synthesis that identified eight key obstacles in scaling urban nature-based solutions in the Global North and South. They include mismatches between project design and local context, persistent exclusion and inequity in implementation, and fragmented governance structures. To move forward, three critical pathways are recommended: establishing global networks for knowledge-sharing, adopting systems-based approaches to financing, and creating regionally adapted strategies that bridge research and practice.

Other contributions include a perspective piece by Melissa Nelson and Graeme Reed, which brings forward an Indigenous framing for nature-based solutions. Further, Loan Diep and McPhearson, informed by the IPCC's Sixth Assessment, emphasize the climate adaptation potential of nature-based solutions, sharing international case studies and clear recommendations for local governments. Finally, Niki Frantzeskaki et al. advocate for interdisciplinary and justice-



Pictured is Benjakitti Forest Park in Bangkok, Thailand, a wetland and green space constructed from a former industrial site. Credit: Erich Wolff (Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands).

centered approaches to nature-based solutions.

The feature's goal is to explore how nature-based solutions can help improve urban resilience and sustainability under climate change, while restoring ecological functions and benefiting people and communities. Together, the collection emphasizes the need to equitably scale up the impact of nature-based solutions across different global contexts through further interdisciplinary research, participatory governance, and integration of diverse knowledge systems, including Indigenous knowledge systems.

Nature-Based Solutions for Urban Sustainability is now available online at <https://www.pnas.org/topic/573>

Study: Nitrogen may limit natural climate solutions

Forests, grasslands, and other natural areas around the world have access to about a quarter less nitrogen than previously estimated, according to a new study published today in *Nature*. Coauthored by Sarah Batterman, an ecologist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, findings have implications for natural climate solutions, as nitrogen is essential to plant growth and thus the removal of carbon from the atmosphere.

“Outside of some tropical forests and drylands, we found that the amount of nitrogen available to plants in many natural areas has been overestimated,” said Batterman. “Our results suggest there are nitrogen constraints on the terrestrial carbon sink in a range of biomes, including prairies and temperate forests.”

The study focused on nitrogen made available to plants through biological nitrogen fixation. In this process, microbes — often living symbiotically with plants — transform nitrogen gas from the air into a form that plants can

use to fuel growth and development. For instance, nitrogen is a crucial component of chlorophyll, the green pigment that allows plants to convert carbon dioxide into plant growth via photosynthesis. This carbon is then stored in wood, leaves, roots, and soils.

Led by Carla Reis Ely of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, an international team of scientists quantified the global distribution and magnitude of land-based biological nitrogen fixation in both natural and agricultural biomes. They found that previous estimates of nitrogen fixation had been skewed by sampling bias. Field measurements of nitrogen fixation were often taken in natural areas where nitrogen-fixing organisms were on average 17 times more prevalent than they are worldwide, leading to an overestimation of nitrogen availability.

Whereas much of the data was historically based in tropical forests, the new study includes biological nitrogen fixa-

tion estimates from previously underrepresented niches — including shrubs, herbs, mosses, dead wood, and more — helping to identify nitrogen hotspots and deserts.

“By building the most extensive dataset of biological nitrogen fixation rates on land, and developing a new and biologically realistic algorithm for scaling up from field measurements,” Batterman explained, “we calculated that the amount of nitrogen fixation by microbes in natural terrestrial ecosystems is approximately 25 million tons lower each year than previously estimated.” The missing nitrogen is equivalent to about 113 fully loaded cargo container ships.

Having more accurate biological nitrogen fixation rates allows for vast improvements in the models that are used to predict how much carbon dioxide the land system takes up, and how it will be affected by climate change, Batterman added.

The analysis also revealed a rise in biological nitrogen fixation in agricultural systems that may be contributing to the degradation of land, air, and water quality. Nitrogen-fixing crops such as soybeans and alfalfa support soil health and help produce food for a growing global population, but in excess, nitrogen can be harmful. The team estimated that agricultural crops alone (not including chemical

fertilizers) have increased terrestrial biological nitrogen fixation by 64% relative to pre-industrial rates.

“Excess nitrogen can leach into groundwater or runoff into lakes and streams, causing algae blooms and harming aquatic life,” said Reis Ely, who led the study while she was a postdoctoral scholar at Oregon State University.

In addition, surplus nitrogen can become nitrous oxide, a potent greenhouse gas, and high nitrogen levels can favor fast-growing invasive plants that squeeze out native species and reduce biodiversity.

The study “helps us understand the degree to which we have modified the nitrogen cycle, exceeding the safe operating space for humanity when it comes to nitrogen,” said Batterman.

Reis Ely called for more consistent measuring and monitoring of biological nitrogen fixation, “to help us ensure we have all the nitrogen in the ground that we need without it becoming too much of a good thing.”

For her leadership on the paper, Reis Ely has earned the Gene E. Likens Junior Scientist Outstanding Publication Award from the Ecological Society of America’s Biogeosciences Section. Named after Cary founder Gene Likens, who co-discovered acid rain, the award promotes early-career scientists and highlights exceptional work in the field.

CLINTON ACCEPTING HOMETOWN HEROES APPLICATIONS

The Town of Clinton is once again opening up the applications for Hometown Heroes Banners, a tribute to the Town’s military veterans who have served or are currently serving honorably in the United States Armed Forces.

To qualify, a Hometown Heroes Banner Program Application form must be filled out completely and submitted with the individual’s discharge papers/DD214, a photo of the Veteran in uniform (if available), and payment in check for \$250.00 made payable to Town of Clinton with “Hometown Heroes” in the memo. You can mail payment to the attention of the Town Supervisor’s Office at 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572 or drop off during our normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Town offices will be closed on national holidays.

Find the application here: <https://www.townofclinton.com/hometown-heroes/>

They’re up to the challenge at Stormfield Swiss Farm

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Presentation Days by taking calves to schools, talking to the children and fielding their “wild” questions.

Jennifer DeForest said the farm was started in 1927 by her great grandparents Ethel and Thomas Knapp. “Thomas lived to be 97 and when he passed, Marie and Glen Metzger purchased the farm from the family and made renovations,” she said. “Jim and I had been working on another farm and had built up our herd enough to start milking cows on our own and the Metzgers have allowed us to farm here since 2007. Both of our families have been farmers for many generations - Jim’s in the northern part of Dutchess County and mine in the southern part.” Jennifer said the family has around 80 head of animals on the dairy farm from newborns to adult milking cows and all of the corn and hay consumed by the animals is grown on the farm, located off Hillside Lake Road.

“We work with a nutritionist from Lutz Feed in Oneonta,” she said. “He tests our feed and balances out the rations so that we are optimizing our costs and the production of the cows.” Stormfield Swiss Farm is connected with Agri-Mark, a cooperative that owns Cabot Cheese. Jennifer noted, “One of our greatest business investments and opportunities is being a farmer/owner of Hudson Valley Fresh. HVF was started so that small farms could survive by getting paid what we need to for the quality milk we produce. If we had not had this opportunity to join HVF, I truly believe we would not be milking cows right now.”

She said the day-to-day chores on the farm are handled by “all of us together.

During the summer, the kids help all the time and the rest of the year they help after school. Jim does all of the field work like planting crops and harvesting them. He also feeds the cows and does all other tractor work.

“I milk the cows twice a day and help with barn chores and do the bookwork. The kids help with calf barn chores like cleaning calf pens and feeding the calves and heifers and now that they are getting older, they also help with doing field work.” When it comes to raising children, Jennifer says she firmly believes that a farm is the best place of all. “They learn so many life lessons at a young age and that helps them to develop into genuine, honest and responsible youth, she said. “They have many farm community organizations like FFA (Future Farmers of America), 4-H and Holstein clubs where they can share their love of agriculture and mingle with other youth with the same passions.”

She added, “Would we love to see our kids want to farm? Absolutely, but we also want them to chase their dreams, and if that leads them to a different career, then we will certainly support their decisions and be proud of whatever they become.”

The Farm Family of the Year award includes the following: a \$250 cash award, free camping for the week of the Fair, a \$100 gift certificate for Foster’s at the Fair, entry fees to participate in the Fair this year will be waived, food vouchers, plus Ride All Day Wristbands for the children. Additionally, a banner signifying their award will be hung in the barn during the week of the Fair.

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Entertaining alternate identities are a great part of minor leagues

By Morgan E. Maier

A Renegade by any other name would swing as sweet. Like Clark Kent and Superman, the Hudson Valley players are hardly recognizable as Retrievers and Cider Donuts. As fans attending such games can be heard telling their kids, “I don’t think the Renegades are playing today, honey,” one may admit such a campaign causes confusion.

Revealed on July 26, the Renegades’ newest identity, the Big Apples, are merely at the core of entertaining High-A alternate jerseys. Warning: Not all are delightfully crunchy or edible...as proven by the Eugene Emeralds out in Oregon.

1. The Hudson Valley Big Apples - Just over 100 miles from NYC, the valley’s favorite farm team celebrated 237 years of New York’s statehood with a crisp rebrand. Thoughtfully designed in the color palette of the state flag, the Big Apples identity may be Hudson Valley’s best yet. With a chic, Manhattan-worthy vibe, the mascot, Empire, is hardly a country apple. With the Hudson Valley Big Apples in town, Excelsior meets excellence. It’s

a bonus for those who like their fruits liquid: Hudson North Cider Co. launched it’s Big Apple Hard Cider for the occasion - made from New Paltz apples and best enjoyed at a ball game.

2. Asheville Tourists a.k.a. Hippies - This identity of the Renegades’ league rival Asheville Tourists is far out, man. With a peace sign in place of the “V” in AVE, Asheville proves that while there’s no crying in baseball, there’s absolutely tie-dyeing. Even Asheville mascot Mr. Moon donned groovy star-shaped glasses and long hair for the occasion. As with all MiLB alternate and theme night jerseys, the team auctioned off game-worn Hippies jerseys to benefit a local organization. The proceeds went to Asheville Greenworks, a nonprofit community environmental conservation group.

3. Eugene Emeralds a.k.a Exploding Whales - Entwining baseball and local history is a beautiful, albeit messy partnership. A favorite of Minor League Baseball enthusiast and comedian Jon Oliver, is the Eugene Emeralds’ Exploding Whales identity.

In 1970, when the Pacific Ocean gifted Oregonian beachgoers with a dead whale, authorities had to think



While the Renegades have alternate identities of Cider Donuts, Retrievers and Big Apples, other teams have (among others) Exploding Whales (above) and Hippies (left). Courtesy photos

fast. The decision proved to be a bit hasty, as the solution was blowing the whale to smithereens with dynamite. Everyone in the beach town needed car washes for weeks. Since 2023, the San Francisco Giants affiliate pays homage to the bizarre event, complete with a whale outfitted with its own stick of TNT as the hat decal. Talk about a blowup on the mound!

4. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers’ Bratoberfest - What else could be expected of the team named for lumberjacks? They’ll be ringing in

Bratoberfest during the last weekend of August. Likely the midwest’s favorite portmanteau, this one bratwurst and Oktoberfest is one wild, lederhosen-saturated weekend at the end of August. With “Brats” emblazoned across the printed vest, the players’ checkered green tops and brown pants getup is described as “infamous” by Wisconsin’s team page. Go figure.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	22	8	.733	-	8-2	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	19	10	.655	2.5	6-4	W4
Jersey Shore PHI	14	15	.483	7.5	7-3	W1
Aberdeen BAL	13	16	.448	8.5	5-5	L1
Brooklyn NYM *	13	17	.433	9.0	2-8	W1
Wilmington WSH	13	17	.433	9.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	17	13	.567	-	6-4	L2
Hub City TEX	17	13	.567	-	5-5	L1
Greenville BOS	14	14	.500	2.0	5-5	W1
Asheville HOU	12	17	.414	4.5	4-6	W2
Winston-Salem CWS	11	17	.393	5.0	5-5	W1
Rome ATL	10	18	.357	6.0	3-7	L4



Home Schedule

August				
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA	
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)	
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)	
08/08/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Make-A-Wish Night Presented By Mirabito Energy Fireworks Friday	
08/09/25	vs. Brooklyn	05:05 PM	Veterans Night HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth)	
08/10/25	vs. Brooklyn	02:05 PM	Halloween In August Kids Eat Free Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets	
08/12/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:35 PM	Autism Acceptance Night Presented By Greystone Programs Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA	
08/13/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:35 PM	Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery We Care Wednesday Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network	
08/14/25	vs. Aberdeen	01:35 PM	Newburgh Gorhams Night Newburgh Gorhams Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union	
08/15/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Hudson Valley Big Apples Country Night	
08/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Bhutan Night George Lombard Jr. Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By K104	
08/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	Internet Culture Day Sunday Family Funday	



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Wins, trades, top performances highlight crazy week

By Morgan E. Maier

Retrievers, Apples, Romans, Oh my! In a week that featured two alternate identities and the first farm system shake-up of trade season, the Hudson Valley Renegades hosted the Rome Emperors. As three pairs of former college teammates faced off against each other in the Valley, pitchers Josh Grosz and Griffin Herring were shipped to the Colorado Rockies in exchange for desperately needed infield defense. Third baseman Ryan McMahon debuted for the Yankees on July 26, and rumors fly over which outfield prospect will replace the currently injured Aaron Judge. Cam Schlittler had another great start on July 22, matching up against three-time Cy Young winner Max Scherzer. Scherzer debuted in 2008 when Schlitter was in Little League, and took the loss in

their first head-to-head matchup. New York remains undefeated in Schlittler's starts. Now, back to the Renegades. Josh Moylan's batting average continues its uptick, as the Renegades took five of six from the Emperors. Hudson Valley outscored its southern rivals 27-14 in the series. First-year pitcher Gage Ziehl was impressive in his Renegades debut on July 26. Jackson Castillo and Kiko Romero each launched a two run shot, and Ben Hess — marvelous though not eligible for the win — struck out six in 4.2 innings. Bryce Warrecker threw 100% strikes that night. Okay, fine. He threw a single pitch in the fifth. When Ben Hess reached his pitch limit on an 0-2 count, Warrecker came through with the one-pitch punchout. Ziehl went the rest of the distance. The 22-year-old righthander secured his

first High-A win with a three-hit performance. The defense was perfect, too. No errors were charged to either team. **What a relief** - After Rome's Jake Steels tied the game in the eighth inning on July 22, Hudson Valley took to the late innings for offensive heroism. Manuel Palencia bailed out the bullpen with a two-out RBI single to score Alex Vargas in the bottom of the eighth inning. Not a walkoff, but a gritty, will-not-give-up win to open the series. Cue the cowbells, 4-3 Renegades. **K's for days** - Kyle Carr continued his dominant streak, coming into the week with seven straight outings of one earned run or fewer. The Emperors could not figure out his slider. Or fastball. Carr threw a career-high 98 pitches in the opening game, and the all-time strikeouts leader added seven more to his total over 6.2 innings. James Cooper gave Carr the ball

in the series finale. He continued the streak. Carr allowed just one run, striking out four in 4.2 innings. **Early bird gets the loss** - The Renegades had little more than 12 hours following the opening win before it was game time once more. The July 23 matinee saw a 12:05 first pitch, and the Renegades took their only loss of the series in front of thousands of summer campers and counselors. After July 30, Hudson Valley will be happy to have regular game times for the remainder of the season; they are currently 1-2 in games that start before one p.m. Hudson Valley (57-36) will head to Wilmington, home of the Blue Rocks (43-52), on a four-game winning streak. The team has won 15 of its last 20 games, and is still in second place for the second-half SAL title, two and a half games behind Greensboro (67-28).

RENEGADES FEATURE

Power-hitting prowess propels Renegades' Romero

By Morgan E. Maier

The Renegades have hit the fewest home runs in the South Atlantic League this season. It took one resounding crack on July 11. Kiko Romero was faced with three pitches, and the Renegades saw who they had been missing. His pitch came along, then was long gone. Romero rejoined the Renegades for the first time since April 18, blasting a solo home run to right field to cut the Asheville Tourists' lead in half. In last September's debut with AA-Somerset Patriots, Romero's massive three-run, 10th inning home run propelled the Patriots past Binghamton. The loss eliminated the Rumble Ponies from playoff contention. From high school to junior college and the NCAA's Pac-12 Conference, Romero has plenty of experience dashing postseason hopes. Arizona native Romero is a versatile defender, a utility player, skilled in both the outfield and infield. Offensively, he is certified to make some postseason magic, and the Four Corners region fondly remembers him for it. Earlier this July, amid the high school sports lull, the Arizona Daily Star named him to its All-Quarter Century High School Baseball Team. Romero, a 2019 alum of Canyon del Oro High School (CDO), received honorable mention for his achievements. Romero attended the University of Arizona, located an hour and change

from his native Chandler, AZ. In 2023, his final collegiate season, Romero secured honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association and an All-Conference nod from the Pac-12. In six postseason games, he hit .333 with four home runs and nine RBI, including a walk-off single to clinch the Wildcats' semifinal appearance. He was named a finalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, awarded to eventual first overall draft pick Paul Skenes. Considered the Heisman Trophy of collegiate baseball, the recognition is given to college baseball's player of the year. Before reaching Wildcat esteem, Romero was a Division I junior college standout. Powered by Romero's offensive master-class in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series, Central Arizona College (CAC) captured the national championship title in 2022. A multi-year standout for CAC, Romero batted .467 through the postseason run, blasting 12 home runs. Six of them came on the national stage, in the championship series. The Renegades missed Kiko in their race to the 2024 SAL title, but if his resume is any indicator, he'll make more postseason history when his time comes. The former 222nd pick notched his first playoff hit against the Erie SeaWolves. With the milestone came Somerset's elimination from their own league title.



In addition to his hitting power, Arizona native Kiko Romero is a versatile defender, a utility player, skilled in both the outfield and infield. Photo by Dave Janosz

Community Foundations’ Annual Garden Party to celebrate changemakers, fuel local philanthropy

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) will host its annual Garden Party on Sunday, September 14 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison.

This year, CFHV’s Garden Party will honor five exemplary individuals whose unwavering commitment to the region has made a lasting impact: Michael Fleischer and Michael Dupree, Garry and Diane Kvistad, and George C. Whipple III.

A cherished tradition since 1994, the party brings together friends and supporters for an afternoon of celebration and purpose. As CFHV’s signature fundraising event, it supports the organization’s mission of inspiring and celebrating philanthropy across Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties.

“The Garden Party showcases the values at the heart of our mission,” said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. “The event not only helps fuel our philanthropy for the year but also connects nonprofits and grantees with donors who can help make their goals a reality. Our honorees, Michael, Michael, Garry, Diane, and George, are unwavering supporters of Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam counties, uplifting those in need, creating opportunities and inspiring others to lead with compassion and purpose. We are proud to spotlight and celebrate them this year.”

Since moving to Hyde Park in 1993, Michael Fleischer and Michael Dupree have been tireless advocates for Dutchess County’s historic preservation, economic development and civic engagement. Both

Fleischer’s and Dupree’s commitments to public service is exemplified through their involvement on multiple Dutchess County boards, such as Dutchess Community College, the Walkway Over the Hudson and many more throughout their tenure.

As longtime Ulster County residents and the founders of Woodstock Chimes, Garry and Diane Kvistad have blended entrepreneurial success with a deep and lasting philanthropic impact. Through the Kvistad Foundation and two charitable funds managed by CFHV, they have provided vital support to local arts organizations and nonprofits. Their giving continues to uplift Ulster County and beyond with a focus on sustainability, creativity and well-being.

A dedicated philanthropist and civic leader, George C. Whipple III has made significant contributions to historic preservation and environmental causes in Putnam County, where he resides. Known professionally as a prominent attorney and an Emmy-winning entertainment and lifestyle reporter with NY 1 News for his work on On Stage Presents Broadway’s Revival in 2022, Whipple brings a passion for history, the arts and public service to everything he does.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or to learn more about the Garden Party, visit communityfoundationshv.org/events/the-garden-party.

Hyde Park drug raid takes down alleged dealer

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office Drug Task Force has arrested Yelonnie Johnson, age 31, from Poughkeepsie, related to the sale of narcotics and dangerous drugs in the Town of Hyde Park and surrounding areas.

The investigation began after the Drug Task Force began receiving information of ongoing drug sales out of a motel in the Town of Hyde. Drug Task Force Agents began purchasing narcotics from a dealer identified as Yelonnie Johnson. As a result of this investigation a search warrant was obtained for Johnson’s residence.

On 07/23/2025 Drug Task Force Agents executed a search warrant at a room at the motel where she was taken into custody without incident. A quantity of cocaine along with packaging material and scales utilized for the distribution of narcotics was seized inside the residence.

Johnson was taken to the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office and charged with the following:

(1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree, a class B felony

*Other charges are pending against Johnson related to this investigation.

Johnson was arraigned in the Town of Hyde Park Court and later released to the supervision of Probation as required by NYS Law.

The Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office Drug Task Force is working every day in our communities holding narcotic and dangerous drug dealers accountable. The Drug Task Force was assisted by the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office Dangerous Drugs and Violent Crime Unit, the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Road Patrol Bureau, the New York State Police Community Stabilization Unit, the City of Beacon Police, the Town of Fishkill Police, the Town of East Fishkill Police, the Town of Hyde Park Police, the Town of Pleasant Valley building department and the City of Poughkeepsie Police during this investigation. The continued calibration between the listed agencies is the reason the Drug Task Force is so successful.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by emailing your tips to Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc. to distribute \$27,000 in grants at October outing

The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc., a nonprofit comprised of local real estate professionals that donates 100% of its proceeds to charities in the Dutchess County area, has announced its 26th golf outing will take place at The Powelton Club in Newburgh on October 6.

The proceeds of the 25th annual outing – which totaled \$27,000 – were distributed to nonprofit recipients including Angels of Light, Astor Services, the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the Dutchess County SPCA, Dutchess County Special Olympics, the Fishkill Food Pantry, Grace Smith House, Sparrow’s Nest, the Bardavon, The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie and Vet 2 Vet Services.

“The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc.’s annual outing enables

both individuals and companies to give back to the community,” said Jessica Glass, partner at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP and board member of The Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf Inc. “Together we can help our community and support the many charities that make a tangible difference in Dutchess County.”

The 25th annual outing’s sponsors included Daniel O’Connell’s Sons, Patrick Moore Esq., R.L. Baxter Building Corp., Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, TEG Federal Credit Union and Terra Ridge Farm. Companies interested in sponsoring this year’s tournament, or persons wishing to sign up as an individual or foursome are invited to contact Dutchess County Real Estate Charity Golf, Inc. at dutchessgc@gmail.com.

PV Lions Car Show

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A Ford Model A Woodie is seen at a recent PV Lions Club Car Show. Photo by Jim Donick

Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall. (The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 10.) The parking area for display cars is paved. The Town Hall rest rooms are available for the show. The organizers promise awards for the top 35 cars. Any collectible car is welcome. The organizers expect Hot Rods, Trucks, Customs, Classical American Sedans from the fifties and later, as well as Sports Cars and even some Prewar Vehicles.

There will food and refreshments available on site. Being in the center of town, there is also easy walking access to all the local restaurants and shops.

Registration for the event begins at the Town Hall at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Spectators are free. There will be a 50/50 raffle going on during the day. The award presentation takes place at 2 p.m.

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Cary-led paper reveals growing threat to tropical forests and carbon they store

Trees in tropical forests are dying at an increased rate, with consequences for biodiversity, carbon storage, and the global climate. While deforestation is the primary cause of forest loss, intact forests are also experiencing a rise in tree death. Drought, higher temperatures, and fires have been the leading suspects, but a new paper led by Evan Gora, a forest ecologist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, identifies an underappreciated threat: thunderstorms, which are becoming more frequent with climate change.

Not to be confused with hurricanes or cyclones, these convective storms tend to be short-lived but powerful, with tree-toppling winds and lightning. In a perspective paper in “Ecology Letters,” Gora and colleagues lay out the case for why such storms could be a major driving force behind the rising death toll of tropical trees. As they become more common in the warming tropics, thunderstorms are a growing threat to trees and the carbon they store.

“Tropical forests have massive effects on global climate. They’re like the lungs of the Earth, and we’re seeing trees in them dying at higher rates than in the past, and the composition of forests is changing, too,” said Gora. “That could be really problematic for the future of not just tropical forests, but for the planet.”

Understanding what’s causing the trends in tree death is critical to guiding decisions about which tree species to plant or conserve in a forest, so that forest managers can ensure forests continue thriving and storing carbon long into the future.

“Being in the forest during a tropical storm is unforgettable,” said coauthor Vanessa Rubio, a forest ecologist in Gora’s lab at Cary Institute. “As the storm quickly builds, the sky darkens, humidity changes drastically, and strong winds shake the trees. Then, thunder and lightning come. Leaves and branches fall to the ground, rain pours down, and your instinct is to get back to the field station as quickly as possible.”

Despite their obvious danger to people,

storms had been overlooked and understudied as a potential culprit in tree mortality trends. But when the team reanalyzed data from previous studies on tropical forest carbon stocks, they found that storms were at least as good as drought and temperature in explaining the patterns of tree mortality and forest carbon storage.

“We were surprised to find that storms may be the largest single factor causing tree death in these forests, and they’re largely overlooked by research into carbon storage in the tropics,” said Gora. “Our estimates suggest that storms are responsible for 30 to 60% of tree mortality in the past, and that number must be increasing as storm activity increases by 5 to 25% each decade.”

The team also added storms to the largest plot-based study of forest biomass carbon dynamics to date. That study had previously concluded that when temperatures go above a certain threshold, tropical forests experience a fast decline in carbon stocks. “But when you add storms, that relationship goes away,” said Gora. “It basically shows that you have to include storms, or you might not get the answers right.”

Storms and droughts are not mutually exclusive, the scientists note — the same forests can experience both high storm activity and drought stress. They found high convective storm activity across the southern Amazon, where water stress is also high and patterns of change are among the most extreme.

“During my studies on threats to tropical forests, my professors, our textbooks, and even overall climate policy never mentioned small, convective storms as a potential source of forest mortality,” said coauthor Ian McGregor, a Cary Institute forest ecologist in Gora’s lab. “I don’t remember seeing them in global climate models used to inform climate policy. Given our findings, however, it’s clear we need a more thorough understanding of these storms to have more accurate climate models, and thus more effective policy.”

Red Cross requests blood or platelets donations

The American Red Cross calls on donors to give blood or platelets now to maintain a steady national blood supply. Type O blood donors are especially key to keeping critical blood products on hospital shelves into August.

Even a strong blood supply can experience a sudden drop - potentially impacting the availability of lifesaving blood and platelets that could help new mothers, burn and trauma patients, and those facing cancer. Help safeguard patient care by booking a time to give blood or platelets. Visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give Aug. 1-28 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Plus, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes, on successful donations (one test result per 12-month period). Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Test for more information.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities COLUMBIA

Chatham: 8/6, noon-6 p.m., Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman Street

Hudson: 8/7, 1-6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Ave.

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Lagrangeville: 8/1, 1-5 p.m., Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55

Millbrook: 8/5, 1-5 p.m., Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front St.

Poughkeepsie: 8/1, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Vassar Brothers Medical Center, 9 Livingston St.

Poughkeepsie: 8/4, 1-6 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road

GREENE

Ashland: 8/5, 1-6 p.m., Town of Ashland Ambulance, 12094 Route 23

ORANGE

Goshen: 8/1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Goshen Christian Reformed Church, 2448 NY-17A

Newburgh: 7/31, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 S William St

Pine Bush: 8/6, 1-6 p.m., Crawford Senior/Community Center, 115 NY-302

PUTNAM

Carmel: 7/31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Putnam Hospital, 670 Stoneleigh Ave

Mahopac: 8/7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Keller Williams Realty - Mahopac, 625 US-6

SULLIVAN

Callicoon: 8/4, noon-5 p.m., Callicoon Fire Department, 9305 NY-97

Lake Huntington: 7/31, 1-6 p.m., Cocheton Volunteer Ambulance, 70 County Road 116

Liberty: 8/7, 1:30-6 p.m., Liberty Fire Department, 256 Sprague Avenue

Livingston Manor: 7/31, 1-6 p.m., Livingston Manor Fire House, 93 Main Street

ULSTER

Kingston: 8/4, noon-5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 708 E Chester St

New Paltz: 8/1, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 NY-32

How to donate blood

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

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

Amplify your impact - volunteer

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact joineny@redcross.org or visit redcross.org/volunteertoday

FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roosters’ Roadside Farmers Market, 669 County Rte. 2, Elizaville. Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Produce, meat, soap and other local items. [@roostersroadsidegrill](https://www.roostersroadsidegrill.com)

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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Poughkeepsie Elks seeks vendors for Sept. 7 Flea Market
The Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge will once again hold their yearly Flea Market on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors wanted. \$30 per site, which includes three 6-foot tables. Reserve a spot by calling (845) 453-7236

Montgomery House Museum in Rhinebeck open to visitors on select Saturdays
The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday August 2, 9 and 16, 2025. The House, located at 77 Livingston Street, is the oldest clapboard house in the village of Rhinebeck. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston Montgomery, resided there in 1773 while building Grasmere. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District.
This is an opportunity to view the many items that have been donated over the years. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com.<https://sites.google.com/view/clcdar/>

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

Brunch to benefit library project
A brunch to benefit the Hyde Park Library's accessibility project will be held at Joseph's Italian Steakhouse (728 Violet Ave.), from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. The event will feature a delicious breakfast as well as a silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$70 at the library's circulation desk, but can be purchased in advance for a small processing fee when you visit the library's online calendar. Proceeds will be put toward the upcoming construction taking place in the library, which will include an accessible restroom and the installation of a lift. For more information call the library at 845-229-7791.

Comptroller to hold Town Hall on Aug. 5 in Amenia
Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair will continue his series of Town Halls around the county, with the next one happening on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Amenia Library, 3309 Rte. 343, Amenia.

At the Town Hall, the Comptroller will explain the functions of the Office, findings from recent reports, and will conclude with a Q&A session. In addition, a representative from the NYS Office of the Comptroller will be on site to assist with unclaimed funds.

Pleasant Valley Historical Society to present program and display of antique cars
A Pleasant Valley Historical Society free event will take place rain or shine on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring an outdoor antique car display along with an indoor exhibit of beribboned antique postcards, a digital wall display of miniature antique fire apparatus, a second one of auto advertisements circa 1900, a model P. & E. Railroad, plus other items of

interest. It will take place at the Mill Site Museum,, 1624 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.
At 2 p.m. Dutchess County Historical Society Trustee David Turner will share in video format: "How the Automobile Changed the Hudson Valley-A Look Through Vintage Postcards."
The event is being held in commemoration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (a.k.a. Rev. 250) with funding by Dutchess County. All are welcome to attend.

St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie to hold annual fundraiser Aug. 10
St. Paul's Church will host their Annual Fundraiser at Outback on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An amazing lunch will be served for \$25. It will include an appetizer to share, salad, choice of 6 entrees including a side, plus dessert and beverage. Call the church at 845-452-8440 for tickets. St. Paul's Church - 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. You may either eat in or take out. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

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

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

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

GREETERS IN THE GARDEN: Visit the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, located at 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, on the FDR National Historic Site, any day from dawn to dusk. Entry is free. On the first and third Sunday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., Volunteers Greeters will be on hand to informally provide historic and garden information. For information about the nonprofit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service, visit the website: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.

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

Martin & Miss Lulu win advanced division at 40th annual Millbrook Horse Trials

With one of only three clear rounds in the final phase of competition, Olympic veteran Boyd Martin of Cochranville, PA claimed victory in the Advanced division of the 40th annual Millbrook Horse Trials riding Bonnie Stedt's Miss Lulu Herself (44.9).

A light rain was falling as onlookers cheered from the VIP tents, many of them with connections to Martin and his horses. The spicy, 12-year-old chestnut Hanoverian mare (Stolzenfels x Noisette) looked eager to jump around and had no problem leaving the rails in their cups.

Katie Lichten and Hickstead Musterd had one rail down to make way for Brooke Burchianti and her KWPN gelding Cooley Space Gray (by Harley VDL) to finish second overall (45.4), with Lichten finishing third (49.1 on Hickstead Musterd as well as fifth with her Irish Sport Horse gelding HTS Jensen (by Tolan R) who also had one rail down (74.7). Caitlin Silliman and her big, athletic Trakehner mare Ally KGO (Hirtentanz *E* x Annabelle Lee) had one rail down to finish fourth (55.0).

Ten horses out of 19 starters completed the competition in the advanced division.

Martin said, "This is a very, very special mare, Miss Lulu Herself. We bought her as a four-year-old, sight unseen, and Bonnie was the only owner crazy enough to buy one off the video. Usually that technique doesn't work, but we're very fortunate that it came off with Lulu. She's a great jumper and tries hard, and it's a great victory here at Millbrook."

He said, "She's an energetic chestnut mare and she sort of pranced out of the stables this morning. I did a bit of flat work with her and she felt like a million bucks, so deep down I knew she'd jump well, but in show jumping, you know, anything can still go wrong. It was a good track, and there's always a bit of pressure when you jump in reverse order of standing, but there was a great crowd here cheering us on."

Bonnie Stedt has owned horses for Martin since he first moved to the United States from Australia more than fifteen years ago. "Millbrook is my second home and Bonnie was one of my first supporters when I arrived off the boat and has been very generous during my career, helping me along with horses like Neville Bardos and Shamwari," he said. "She was right there from the beginning. I wish her well; she's a bit crook at the moment and is currently down in Aiken, South Carolina, but I'm thrilled to win this event on her horse, in her hometown."

Katie Lichten won the Open Intermediate A division riding Fast Company (Contendro x E Blue Star), and Martin finished second riding the Annie Goodwin Syndicate's Fedarman B (Eurocommerce Washington x Paulien B). Monica Spencer, riding for New Zealand but currently also based in Cochranville, PA, placed third on Valkyrie.

Savannah Fulton won Open Intermediate B riding Cash and Carry, a Holsteiner gelding owned by Nelson Warnell. Monica Spencer placed second with David and Karie Thompson's Marvel, and Millbrook local Booli Selmayr finished third riding Quality Touchdown. Selmayr also won the Open Modified division riding Uptown Girl. The Modified Rider division was won by Julie Crispin riding Magnific C'Imagination.

This was the first year that the Modified division was added to Millbrook Horse Trials, and the new cross country course was built after a great fundraising effort. The title sponsor was Millbrook Equine, who also hosted a cooling station for horses and riders after cross country. Numerous farms and individuals also stepped up to sponsor fences and make financial contributions to support the addition of the Modified level to the Millbrook Horse Trials. A total of 35 horse and rider combinations competed in the two Modified divisions.

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Cancer support groups set for August

Below is a list of Support Connection's Support Groups this August for those impacted by breast, ovarian, and any gynecological cancer.

Aug. 4: Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m., via Zoom

Aug. 6: Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Post Treatment Support Group, 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

Aug. 13: NOW Offered Via Zoom – Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

Aug. 18: Breast Cancer Support Group – (hybrid format: in-person and Zoom video conference option), 7-8 p.m. at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

Aug. 27: Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group – (hybrid format: in-person and Zoom video conference

option) Soul Ryders Office

There are many other support groups for women with breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancers. For details, visit <https://supportconnection.org/calendar/>

Advance registration is required for all groups. To register or to learn more, call (914) 962-6402 or (800) 532-4290. Support Group meeting location for in-person groups and/or Zoom login info will be provided to anyone who registers.

In addition to support groups, there are professional peer counselors available to provide unlimited one-on-one, individual support. Anyone dealing with breast, ovarian, or any other gynecological cancer can learn more by visiting the website: www.supportconnection.org or by calling, toll-free at (800) 532-4290.

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WKZE, Rose Hill Farm team up for a frolicking good time

‘Frolic at the Farm’ set Aug. 2 in Red Hook

By Kate Goldsmith

Red Hook’s celebrated radio station, WKZE 98.1, has teamed up with Rose Hill Farm, a popular local pick-your-own orchard, for an all-ages musical event on Saturday, Aug. 2. Rose Hill in Red Hook is the site for “Frolic at the Farm,” featuring live music beginning at 6 p.m. and a late-night DJ set with WKZE’s DJ MK Ultramatic. Performers include Leo Lovechild, Carlin and the Gents, and headliners The Hayley Jane Band.

Tickets are available at wkze.com. Children under 12 are admitted free.

WKZE, whose tagline is “Celebrating Musical Diversity,” advises one and all to “Get ready to dance, vibe, and frolic under the summer sky.” Bring the family, lawn chairs and/or blankets and a picnic for an enjoyable evening in a bucolic setting. Food will also be available to purchase on site, along with Rose Hill’s drink selections (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

According to DJ MK, the Frolic is the first full-scale concert event presented by the station and hosted by Rose Hill.

“We’re both well versed in putting on smaller shows, so it felt really appropriate to partner with them for our first foray into the real deal,” said MK. “Radio and live music have always gone hand in hand, and we’re excited to share this evening of great music in a beautiful setting with our listeners.”

MK credits WKZE salesperson Tari with the “frolic” concept.

“I think we all felt the click immediately,” she said. “We’re hoping folks will come and literally frolic with us - dance, mingle, and celebrate however feels right to you! This event is all about joy!”

She added, “Rose Hill is already a place where people gather to soak in the beauty of the Hudson Valley. It’s particularly popular with families because parents can enjoy their amazing housemade wine and cider while their kids run around the grounds, so we wanted to make sure this show felt welcoming to all ages.”

Although picnics are welcome, attendees are asked not to bring alcoholic beverages, as Rose Hill’s taproom will be open. MK said there will be two or three food vendors at the event, and snacks are also available to purchase at the taproom.

A variety of music on tap, as well

Opening the show is singer-songwriter and guitarist **Leo Lovechild**.

“Leo Lovechild is one of my absolute favorite up-and-coming independent artists from the NYC/Hudson Valley scene,” said MK. “I’ve been a supporter of his music for years, so if you’ve ever listened to me on the radio you’ve definitely heard his songs. He’s got incredible integrity and vision as an artist. I’m not surprised that he’s building up such a strong following and I’m excited to see it happening for him.”

When asked about the kind of music he plays, Lovechild said, “I’m a songwriter and a singer first and foremost, and I don’t feel the need to stick to any one genre, so my music has ranged from rock to folk to indie to country and beyond over the years. However, my upcoming album, ‘Skyscraper Country’ [out on Aug. 1], is more or less a country rock album. Some things on the record lean more toward folk-rock or Americana, others are really just straight country tunes.”

Lovechild has been performing for most of his life.

“I started off doing solo singer-songwriter style shows around lower Manhattan when I was in tenth grade, and I was in school jazz bands and ensembles and stuff like that throughout my childhood,” he said. “There have been a lot of awesome moments over the years. Most recently, I was lucky to be tapped back in December to go on the Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon as part of their ‘Instant Songwriter Series,’ which was a pretty wild experience

and one that has gotten a lot of attention from people. But for me what’s most rewarding is the conversations I have at shows with people from all walks of life, when I’m able to relate to someone human to human, regardless of where we come from in life or what politics we were taught, because of my lyrics and my songs.”

Next up on stage will be **Carlin and The Gents**. DJ MK said, “Carlin & The Gents are a talented young band currently making waves in the New Paltz music scene. I know our audience will be blown away by their style and charisma!”

“Our style is a blend of funk and pop with some roots embedded in there,” said Carlin Feck. “The Gents come from funky, jazzy backgrounds, but my influences are more Americana ... it makes for a fusion that feels uniquely our own.”

The band plays the “standard” instruments: guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboards, but Feck said “it’s also so much more than that.”

He said, “Lucas on the drums is blending styles like a virtuoso. Sawyer on the bass is holding it down on a freakin’ fretless. Roan is a master of the keys, giving us synth and grand alike. We have the talents ‘horn land,’ which features John on the trumpet and Rocco on the trombone, and together they bring us into a whole new genre. Justin is playing electric like a pro, but he’s also playing slide, which brings out those roots. And I’m playing an acoustic sometimes.”

The Gents formed at the beginning of 2023, “which means our band is a toddler and can finally walk,” said Feck. A Mother’s Day gig at Angry Orchard in Walden (Orange County) “was a dream,” he said, “and we’ve had the pleasure of being a recurring act over at The Lemon Squeeze in New Paltz.”

Headlining the “Frolic” is **The Hayley Jane Band**.

“Hayley is such a great representative of the East Coast jam music scene,” said MK. “Her songs are fun, positive and easy to dance and groove to, and she always puts on a lively and engaging show. She was the perfect choice to headline the ‘Frolic’ and we’re super grateful and excited to have her on board!”

Hayley Jane describes the band’s music as “high-energy, rock ‘n’ roll, funk, soul, Americana with theatrical storytelling and wild moments of free exploration. Emotionally charged and courageously honest lyrics over playful and infectious melodies.”

With Hayley Jane on vocals, the band consists of Jackson Bower on guitar, Sam Lyons on drums, Tom Gladstone on bass and Parker McQueeney on keys.

“We played our first shows in January of 2024,” she said. “So this is a relatively new project, but it feels more seasoned due to the fact that we’re playing a number of songs that I co-wrote with my previous band, Hayley Jane and the Primates, and other collaborators: The Van Burens, Dogs in a Pile, Ben ‘Smiley’ Silverstein, to name a few. So a good portion of the songs have been around for years. What I’m most excited about with this group is the music we have created together. We’re currently in the process of recording a few new songs and can’t wait to get them out to you!”

Last, but certainly not least, is **DJ MK Ultramatic** herself.

“I’ll be spinning an after-hours DJ set in the taproom for attendees who don’t want the party to stop after the live music ends!” she said. “My sets are focused primarily on the Nudisco genre - it’s upbeat, fun and extremely danceable. You’ll usually hear some classic disco and great pop remixes in the mix as well.”

Visit <https://www.pickrosehillfarm.com/> for more information about the concert site.

MK adds: “Rose Hill is a dog-friendly venue, and the show is outdoors, so pups are allowed; but we ask guests to use their discretion and leave furry friends at home if they are uncomfortable in crowds or if the weather that day is too hot for their comfort.”



WKZE presents “Frolic at the Farm” on Aug. 2 at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook. Musical acts include (from top) The Hayley Jane Band, Carlin and The Gents and Leo Lovechild; DJ MK Ultramatic will spin a late-night set following the live music. *Courtesy photos*



Summer sipping

Refreshing cocktails using fresh herbs

If you know me, you know I love a good cocktail. One of my joys this time of year is to sip something cool on the porch with friends, soaking up the balmy breeze and late-day sun. It refreshes my soul to savor such moments, and as summer winds down they're even more precious. Another of my summer pleasures is stepping outside my back door to pick fresh herbs from my garden to use for cooking; and so I thought, why not combine the two and see what happens?!

Now, I have done this before to some extent. Mint is the obvious herb of choice and I've made the most of it for years in juleps, mojitos and iced tea; but I was feeling inspired to expand my repertoire and wanted to share my results, so here we go!

The best place to start, I think, is to explore the flavor profiles of different herbs in much the same way as you would for cooking. Knowing what goes together or enhances other flavors is key and helps when experimenting, which is fun for me. Sometimes you can be pleasantly surprised, so don't be afraid to play with different combinations.

Here's a guide to get you started.

A quick note: When using in any cocktail, you want to muddle the herbs to release their fragrant, flavorful oils. You can do this in a shaker or right in the glass. Use a muddler or a wooden spoon to gently press and twist the leaves before adding other ingredients. (Don't overdo it: bruising the leaves too much can give you bitter results). And, of course, garnish your creation with fresh sprigs.

ESSENTIAL RECIPE - SIMPLE SYRUP

This is a key ingredient in many a

cocktail, for iced tea and coffee, so it's a good one to keep on hand all summer long. Simply combine equal parts sugar and water in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves. You can enhance it by adding herbs, berries, fresh citrus juice, honey, ginger, even slices of jalapeno. If you do so, let the mixture sit off the heat for at least an hour to absorb the flavor. Cool completely and transfer to a container. It will keep 2-4 weeks in the fridge.

BASIL

Who doesn't love basil? As a member of the mint family, it's perfect for cocktails with its slightly sweet, spicy and licorice notes. It pairs well with tomatoes for sure, but also with citrus, peaches and berries. You can experiment with different varieties, like Thai or Lemon, too.

BASIL COOLER - An easy and versatile drink to start with since you can use your liquor of choice. Vodka, gin and tequila work especially well. Muddle your basil in a glass and add fresh lime juice, simple syrup and an ounce or two of your spirit of choice. Stir with ice and garnish with fresh basil. I like topping it off with some club soda to make it extra refreshing.

BASIL PALOMA - Muddle basil in a high ball glass. Add 2 ounces tequila (preferably Blanco), 1/2 ounce fresh lime juice, 3 ounces fresh red grapefruit juice and 1/2 ounce simple syrup. Stir, fill glass with ice and top with club soda. Garnish with Basil and a lime wedge.

BERRY BUBBLES - Muddle basil with fresh strawberries in a large glass. Add simple syrup and strain into a measuring cup (amounts are up to you and how many servings you want). Divide

between champagne flutes and top with bubbly of your choice. Garnish with a fresh berry and sprig of basil.

CILANTRO

This bright, spicy herb isn't for everyone - it seems you either love it or hate it. There's no denying its affinity for more savory cocktails, but a splash of simple syrup can do wonders to bring out its sweeter side.

COOL AS A CUCUMBER - Muddle a good handful of cilantro with slices of cucumber in a shaker. Add some fresh lime juice, 2 ounces of vodka or tequila, a little simple syrup and lots of ice. Shake well and strain into high ball glasses filled with ice. Garnish with cilantro and a cucumber slice.

MUCHO MACHO MARGARITA - For this you'll want to add jalapeno slices and about 1/2 cup of cilantro to your simple syrup (refer to syrup recipe). Combine 1/2 ounce of syrup, juice from one lime, 2 ounces tequila (I like an ounce each of Blanco and Reposado and a few slices of jalapeno in an ice-filled shaker. Shake well and strain into a glass with ice. Garnish with cilantro and a slice of lime.

One of my greatest pleasures this time of year is to sit outside with something cool to sip, and some nibbles to accompany it. When it's beastly hot that isn't so appealing, but otherwise my backyard affords a lovely breeze most of the time; and when I can make the most of it it's the perfect and decadent way to spend a few hours. Doing so with friends is even better, and serving up some herbaceous cocktails ups the fun factor. Added bonus:



Basil Paloma. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

fresh herbs are good for you and loaded with antioxidants, so you can skip feeling bad about imbibing. You likely won't overdo it, since hand-crafted cocktails are meant to be sipped and savored; and with summer evenings dwindling, that seems like the perfect thing to do. Cheers!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 20 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



Ozzy and Lavender

Present ‘scents’ and past tense

What does Ozzy Osbourne have to do with lavender? Nothing! But more about that later.

First: Last week., Sue and I visited Farmstead 1868 in Cazenovia, N.Y. As president of New York State Flower Industries, Sue set up the annual meeting at the Farmstead’s two-acre lavender farm. 1868 refers to the farm’s founding as a producer of hops for Albany and New York City breweries. When a fungus and Prohibition wiped out the hops industry, the farm pivoted to dairy. The Covid pandemic upended the dairy industry for a few years, so owner Monica Cody decided to start a lavender farm.

Even though Monica is a bio engineer and worked (before marriage brought her to the dairy farm) as a product development manager at Bristol Myers Squibb, she knew next to nothing about growing lavender. She must be a fast learner, because during our tour of the fields and oil distillery, I learned more about lavender than even I wanted to know.

“English” lavender is native to dry, sunny southern France. The two acres devoted to lavender at Farmstead 1868 are home to five varieties, with varying degrees of success in upstate NY’s frigid winters and sometimes soggy summers. Lavender hates wet feet, and is sensitive to the soil-borne fungus phytophthora, the same scourge that wiped out Ireland’s potato crop in 1847. Monica says the

variety “Phenomenal” is hardiest in her environment, although it is the latest to bloom, and I have found it to be a slow grower. “Munstead” is the first to bloom, with gorgeous blue panicles on upright stems, with a strong fragrance, making it the top choice for garden beds and borders.

Monica uses “Royal Velvet” and “Phenomenal” for making dried bouquets, which are for sale in the gift shop, along with cookbooks and distilled oils. “Grosso” and “Sensational” are best for oils, which are produced on site in a copper still. Lavender oil is used for aromatherapy or, when diluted, to improve skin health. It is also, according to Monica, a natural mosquito repellent, but I think her upstate mosquitoes must be wimpier than the ones we have in the Hudson Valley.

The lavender farm is in peak bloom during July, when it’s open for U-pick operations and tours. Make a plan to visit next year, maybe after a stop at the Fenimore Farm and Country Village in Cooperstown.

On July 23, 1985, my friend Craig Domonkus and I left a party around midnight, and, on a whim, decided to drive to the Live Aid concert in Philadelphia. That turned out to be the only time I saw Black Sabbath in concert. Ozzy Osbourne had reunited with his seminal band just for Live Aid, which was organized to raise



Monica Cody at her lavender farm. Photo by Mark Adams. Left: Mark at Live Aid. Photo by Craig Domonkus



money for famine relief in Ethiopia. Back in those days, people were allowed to bring coolers to concerts – in fact, Live Aid might be the reason that coolers aren’t allowed at rock concerts. It seems that every one of the 90,000 attendees dragged in a cooler full of booze. By the time Ozzy took the stage at 10:00 in the morning, the entire audience (except me and Craig) was passed out, drunk. Security guards turned fire hoses on the crowd to keep people from cooking in the blistering sunshine.

Ozzy himself was in top form,

although his band mates were a bit hung over. During his third and last song, “Paranoid,” you can see on the YouTube video Ozzy trying his best to rouse the audience, raising his arms and shouting, “Come on!” In the photo on this page, that’s me and Craig (taking the photo) down front with about a dozen other people who had just woken up.

Yep. Those were the days. R.I.P. Ozzy.

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- Rhinebeck Savings Bank Red Hook Branch
- Ulster Savings Bank Red Hook Branch
- VFW Post 7765 Canteen

To make a monetary donation for the VFW to purchase additional supplies, please make your check out to Red Hook VFW Post 7765 with “School Supplies” in the memo. You can mail it to PO Box 293, Red Hook, NY, 12571; or drop it off at the VFW at 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook. Call (845) 758-6212 for more information.

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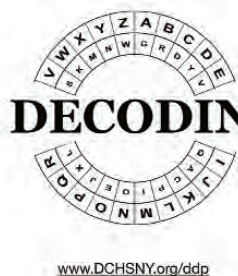
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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



‘J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po’keepsie’ and its goal of fostering unity among laborers

By Aidan Chisamore

As July comes to a close, we are reminded of the anniversary of a somber event in Poughkeepsie history. One hundred forty-six years ago, tragedy struck the once prominent J.O. Whitehouse’s Boot and Shoe Factory.

On the evening of July 22, 1879, a bolt of lightning hit the factory building, almost immediately starting a fire. The conflagration burned into the night, quickly consuming the building. While most of the employees escaped, one of the company’s engineers sadly lost his life.

This brief and somber account would quickly come to dominate the historical memory of the company, even today. This is not without reason. In terms of primary sources, even newsprint, very little survives about the day-to-day operations of the business. However, recent work to increase collections access at the Dutchess County Historical Society Archives and Special Collections has revealed a new piece of the story: the three-page Constitution of the “J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po’keepsie” and a single page from the organization’s minute book. This article will attempt to understand how this recent work might deepen our understanding of what was one of the largest employers in the city.

Specifically, these documents speak to the experience of the factory’s employees and their relationship with the company. The J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po’keepsie was an association of employees with a shared goal to foster unity among the laborers of the factory. As they state in the opening lines of the constitution, “by a united effort on the part of those wishing to promote the welfare of co-workers and thus establish a fraternal

feeling, by social intercourse among its members.” Members of the organization elected representative officers, held frequent meetings, and paid regular dues.

To best understand the role of this organization, however, it is important to situate it within the context of the Boot and Shoe Factory. John Osborn Whitehouse (1817-1881) (fig. 1) founded the Poughkeepsie company in the early 1870s after selling his successful business in Brooklyn. The move to Dutchess County allowed Whitehouse to expand his operation to a larger, more productive facility.

Local architect J. I. Vail won the contract for the construction of the Poughkeepsie Factory in the winter of 1870 (fig. 2). As announcements in the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News during its construction anticipated, the building was set to tower over the intersection of Main and Cherry Streets. In the fall of the following year, 1871, operations formally began, and Whitehouse’s industry found immediate success. At its height, the company employed around 500 people, both men and women. An exact date for the founding of the J. O. Whitehouse Guard of Po’keepsie is impossible to ascertain, but the single surviving page of the minute book demonstrates that membership was active prior to the fall of 1872.

The most significant recorded focus on the company’s workers centered around the calamitous factory fire. On the day following the disaster, citizens and officials from the Board of Trade met at the Y.M.C.A. hall in Poughkeepsie to address the unexpected hardship. Contemporary reports note nearly every seat was filled, many of which by Whitehouse factory employees. At the meeting, city officials claimed that over 1,000 people—workers

and their families—were directly affected by the fire.

They resolved to help remedy the situation, immediately organizing a committee to draft resolutions to “obtain relief for the Whitehouse employees.” Despite their hopes, the committee was only able to help a handful of laborers who were able to find new work in the city. Many eventually left town to find employment elsewhere.

This was not the only assistance offered to the distraught workers. The morning after the fire, the company’s founder J.O. Whitehouse, announced he would pay at least a week’s salary to all of his employees to help as he could no longer offer them work—this equated to \$2 to \$10 a person. The committee to obtain relief for the workers looked towards this act as they called upon other Poughkeepsie manufacturers to assist by providing jobs. Contemporary accounts of this philanthropic endeavor certainly amplified the benevolence of the Poughkeepsie magnate. Despite this issue, articles in the Poughkeepsie Journal illustrate an immediate positive reaction by the employees. Many of these accounts expressly noted appreciation at the gesture especially given Whitehouse’s substantial personal loss.

It is also in the wake of the fire that we find more evidence of the continued presence of a union of employees. An open letter, published in the Poughkeepsie Journal following the fire in 1879, addressed to Whitehouse, thanked the business owner for “sympathizing with us in such a tangible manner as not only to express it by words, but to show it by his action in paying all of us a week’s wages.” The letter was signed by the officers of the association. While this is only a small record of the activities of the organization, its publication is crucial. Not only does the distinct lack of sources concerning the labor history of J.O. Whitehouse’s factory makes every piece of information important, but this particular letter demonstrates the consistency and importance of the organization’s leadership within the company as it related to the workers’ livelihoods.



Image of John Osborn Whitehouse. “Commemorative biographical record of Dutchess County, New York” by J. H. Beers and Co.

After the fire, the remaining structure was pulled down, and reconstruction of the factory began only a couple months later. By the 1880s J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory was operational again. It neither reclaimed the same status it once had, nor is there any evidence of any labor association reforming after the building’s reconstruction.

While there is still considerable work to be done to better understand labor relationships in the J.O. Whitehouse factory, the rediscovery of these documents sheds new light on an often forgotten part of Poughkeepsie’s past. More broadly, the Constitution and bylaws also allow us to think about the history of labor in the city, and the influence of major businesses in the city’s history.

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Image of the J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory on the corner of Main and Cherry Streets. Courtesy of the Library of Congress

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FDR Library to host event with author of ‘The Roosevelts in New York City’

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents a conversation and book signing with Bill Bleyer, author of “The Roosevelts in New York City,” at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but registration is required to attend in-person. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register.

The Roosevelts became one of America’s most distinguished families – one with ties to many sites in New York City. A brownstone on East 20th Street where Theodore Roosevelt was born and developed his love of nature. Also, a twin brownstone next door where his uncle Robert instilled in the future president an

interest in conservation, while having multiple affairs and even starting a second secret family with a mistress.

A double townhouse on East 65th Street was built by Sara Delano Roosevelt so the growing family of her son, Franklin, would have a suitable place to live while she meddled in their lives. Historian Bill Bleyer details the unique places in the city where family members lived and worked and unveils the private interactions behind this famous American family.

Bill Bleyer was a prize-winning staff reporter for Newsday, the Long Island daily newspaper, for thirty-three years before he retired in 2014 to write books and freelance for the newspaper and magazines.

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La Guelaguetza set Aug. 3 at Waryas Park

The annual La Guelaguetza celebration returns to the heart of Poughkeepsie with music, dance, Oaxacan flavors and community spirit. This free, family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 3, at Waryas Park, on the banks of the Hudson River in the city of Poughkeepsie. Rain or shine, La Guelaguetza will go on.

This year, over 200 participants, including dancers, musicians and singers will bring the festival to life. It is expected to welcome more than 8,000 people, according to Felipe Santos, director of the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie (GFP). The 18th edition in 2025 will feature familiar groups such as the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie and the Ballet Folklórico Guadalupano, along with new additions like the band Maquis Music, composed of young musicians traveling from Los Angeles, California.

“Guelaguetza is a form of resistance. Celebrating our roots is also a way of affirming who we are and what we contribute,” said Santos. For him, La Guelaguetza not only represents cultural heritage for Oaxacans but is also a direct contribution to the cultural enrichment of the entire Hudson Valley.

La Guelaguetza originates in the traditions of the Indigenous peoples of the state of Oaxaca, dedicated to the Goddess of Young Corn, Centeotl, goddess of abundance. Guelaguetza is a word from the Zapotec language that means “to share” and it represents a way of life. The spirit of mutual gift-giving is at the heart of this festival, which showcases the culture and traditions of the eight regions of

Oaxaca, Mexico, highlighting traditional dances, village music, flavors, and the majestic colors of Oaxacan attire.

Since thousands of attendees are expected, guests are encouraged to arrive early to find parking near the park, wear hats and light clothing, and bring water to stay hydrated. Attendees are also encouraged to bring folding chairs or blankets, and to support local businesses through the food and beverage vendors.

La Guelaguetza is, above all, a family event.

“We want it to be a space for dancing, joy, and celebration. Alcohol is not permitted,” emphasized Santos. The call is to respect the peaceful and cultural spirit of the festival.

For Ernestina Martínez, secretary of the Grupo Folklórico de Poughkeepsie and a La Guelaguetza dancer, the main goal of the event, for both herself and GFP, is culture: “The most important thing is preserving the culture for the children. That they know where they come from and that they can share the culture of the eight regions of Oaxaca.”

Martínez has attended La Guelaguetza of Poughkeepsie for over 10 years and, once her children were older, she finally had the opportunity and time to join the Grupo Folklórico as a secretary and dancer.

As in previous years, the festival will include the sale of traditional Oaxacan food, crafts, live music, children’s activities, and much more.

For more information, email pokguelaguetza@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page @pokguelaguetza.

A & E CALENDAR

Through Aug. 10: “Gypsy,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents a landmark show that explores the world of second-rate show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m. (except Aug. 9) ;and 3 p.m. on Sundays. There will be a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Through Aug. 17: SummerScape, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Bard SummerScape returns with opera, dance, Spiegeltent, and the 35th Bard Music Festival, “Martinu and His World.” July 25-Aug. 3: The first fully staged American production of Bedrich Smetana’s opera “Dalibor,” widely considered by fellow Czechs to be the composer’s most important opera. “Dalibor” runs for five performances in the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center (July 25, 27, 30; Aug. 1, 3). Tickets & more information at fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Through Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Billyrock Band, mix of rockabilly and classic AM gold favorites. More info on the Facebook event page.

July 31: Concert, Damian “Jr. Gong” Marley & Stephen Marley, Hutton Brickyards, Kingston. Tickets & info at radiowoodstock.com

July 31: Movies in the Park, Stanley Still Park, Poughkeepsie. The Town of Poughkeepsie presents “E.T. the Extra Terrestrial.” Free. poughkeepsie.ny.myrec.com

Aug. 1: Clinton Summer Concert Series, Fran Mark Rec Park, 337 Clinton Hollow Rd., Salt Point. Gray Matter, 6:30 p.m. Food trucks start at 6 p.m. Bring your own chair(s). Rain moves the concert under the pavilion. Sponsored by Clinton Community Library and Clinton Recreation Department.

Aug. 1-3: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Aug. 1: The Flurries; Lucky Luna Band; Rik Mercaldi, 7:30 p.m. No cover; \$20 minimum per person for food & drink. Aug. 2: Rick Estrin & The Nightcats, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Aug. 3: Little Lies – A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Aug. 1-3: New York Stage and Film Summer Series, Nelly Goletti Theatre, Marist University, Poughkeepsie. Aug. 1-2: “None: A Practical Breviary” in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. The 4th mass in Heather Christian’s Practical Breviary series. Rather than a linear narrative, “None” is adapted from the traditional Psalms of the 3 p.m. monastic masses paired with ancient mystic Sufi texts, planetary treatises by Carl Sagan and Neil DeGrasse Tyson, as well as Meister Eckhart sermons—we walk out into space to confront God in the “heavens” and sing our questions to the seeming void. The music is lush, an infusion of gospel, classical, neo-soul and rock, played by a teacup orchestra alongside NASA field recordings from our solar system. Performances Fri. & Sat., 7 p.m. Aug. 3: “The Pushover” in the Nelly

Goletti Theatre, 2 p.m. A play about three badass women who collide and collude at a spa in New Mexico, and a barebones Chinese restaurant in Queens. Dangerous and hungry, their weapons and their passions bleed into each other. They speak the language of the outcast, rough and sexual, and fight to survive, and to love. Tickets at newyorkstageandfilm.org

Aug. 2: “Looking at Nature: Great Trees of Innisfree,” Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Rd., Millbrook. Spend an hour investigating some of Innisfree’s exceptional trees, native and otherwise, with noted horticulturist, teacher, and Innisfree trustee Brad Roeller, 10-11 a.m. Drawing on his work at the New York Botanical Garden, Cary Institute, and noted private estates, Brad will share what makes these trees so special as well as tips on how to successfully incorporate them into your own landscape. Garden admission tickets are required to participate in Innisfree’s space-limited special programs, and advance registration for those will secure your spot. www.innisfreegarden.org

Aug. 3: Garden Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. Explore Mount Gulian’s historic garden and unique horticultural history, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Visitors will learn about the garden’s origins, evolution, and notable gardeners, including Mary Anna Verplanck, who as a precocious eleven-year-old, designed the original 1804 garden; and James F. Brown, a fugitive enslaved man who fled Maryland and worked as Mount Gulian’s master gardener. Visitors will receive a complimentary copy of the garden’s 1912 map and a short film about Mr. Brown, “Cultivating Freedom: From Slave to Citizen,” will be shown. Admission \$17 adults, \$14 seniors, \$8 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows. Reservations: (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org.

Aug. 4: “Movies Under the Starrs,” the pavilion at the Thompson-Mazzarella Town Park, Rhinebeck. Free outdoor screenings presented by the Rhinebeck Recreation Department, the Rhinebeck Lions Club & Starr Library. This week: “Thunderbolts,” starts at sunset (8:10 p.m.). Updates at the Facebook page, Rhinebeck’s Movies Under the Starrs; or for more information, contact Frank Intervallo at (914) 329-8615 or by email at frankintervallo@gmail.com.

Aug. 5: Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert, Linden Avenue Middle School, 65 W. Market St., Red Hook. Enjoy a free outdoor concert by this 40-piece symphonic wind band playing Broadway show tunes, classical music, marches & more, 7 p.m. If it rains, the concert will be canceled. For more info and updates, check rhinebecklegionband.org

Aug. 5: Summer Concerts at Greenvale Park, 2260 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie. Catawampus, 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Dept. Free. <https://poughkeepsiemyrec.com/>

Aug. 6: Music in the Parks, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This week: The Crew. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp returns to Heritage Financial Park on Aug. 16

Volunteers sought to create a meaningful event for all

Nominations open to recognize local inclusion advocates

Dutchess County Government and its ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative will again sponsor the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability Dream & Do (D3Day) Baseball Camp on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Heritage Financial Park in Fishkill. This free, inclusive event offers residents with physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities an energetic morning of baseball fun and skill-building – including batting, fielding, baserunning and more – with mentorship from Hudson Valley Renegades players and coaches.

Registration is required and available online at d3day.com/hudson-valley-enroll. Early registration is strongly encouraged, as space is limited and this popular event routinely reaches capacity quickly.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “This camp at our great County park embodies everything our ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, including our exciting ‘Think Accessible’ efforts, stands for: celebrating inclusion, fostering connections, making our community accessible to all and building confidence through community support. We hope as many aspiring big-leaguers take the chance to enjoy this great event.”

In addition to on-field instruction, each participant will receive a complimentary branded camp T-shirt and lunch, as well as tickets to the Renegades’ Aug. 17 game, courtesy of the team.

The camp is a collaboration between

Dutchess County Government, the Renegades and Disability Dream & Do, which empowers individuals with disabilities through inclusive sports events, connecting them with professional athletes to foster participation and personal growth.

Renegades General Manager Tom Denlinger said, “Renegades baseball and Heritage Financial Park are all about community, and hosting this great event each summer is a highlight for our players and coaches alike. The energy and joy from participants and families are truly inspiring, and the Renegades look forward to helping make more lifelong memories for all who attend.”

This camp depends on local volunteers – whether they’re individuals, families, community groups, teams or businesses – to ensure a seamless experience and make the event a day that all participants will long cherish. Those looking to volunteer are encouraged to register at <https://d3day.com/volunteer>.

Dutchess County residents are also encouraged to nominate a Dutchess County resident, group or business to be honored at the end of each D3Day camp with the annual “Pulling Each Other Along” Award, which recognizes those who have tirelessly championed the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities. Nominations are being accepted at d3day.com/peoa-award.

D3Day Director Doug Cornfield said, “We’re thrilled to partner again with Dutchess County and Renegades to empower young people of every ability to dream big. Help us recognize the local disability champions among us by submitting award nominations online for the ‘Pulling Each Other Along’ Award.”

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ACROSS

1. *Jumbo The Elephant or Sirius in space

5. "But I heard him exclaim ' ____ he drove out of sight"

8. Young salmon

12. Blood component

13. What Lizzie Borden did

14. Leather razor sharpener

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16. Back of the neck

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18. *Feats-of-strength circus performer

20. Indian restaurant bread

21. In need of a muffler

22. Away's partner

23. Backward

26. Same as ruin

30. Greek R

31. Net sales minus cost of goods sold

34. Europe/Asia mountain divide

35. Approximately, as in date

37. Overnight lodging

38. Inflicted a blow

39. Celestial bear

40. Goose egg

42. ____-AFTRA

43. Frying pan

45. Eating establishment

47. Type of English crs.

48. Traffic accident

50. Wading bird

52. *Sara Gruen's novel "Water for ____"

56. *Lion tamer's tool or counter seat

57. Justice's garb

58. Hit it on the head

59. Run off, as in couple

60. Was in the hole

61. Japanese zither

62. Something ____

63. Movie "Saturday Night" subject matter, acr.

64. FedEx, verb

DOWN

1. Tom Jones' " ____ a Lady"

2. *Big Top

3. Gulf V.I.P.

4. Remodeled

5. Tests

6. Settle a debt

7. Biblical place of bliss

8. *"The Greatest Showman" protagonist

9. Equals length times width

10. Multicolored horse

11. Dashboard acronym

13. Type of heart pain

14. Moses' mountain

19. Hollywood legend ____ Shearer

22. *Like circus audience's experience, hopefully

23. Bow-like structure

24. Dodge

25. Trunks

26. *Three- ____ circus

27. What phoenix did

28. Batu Khan's people

29. JD Vance's "Hillbilly ____"

32. Civil disorder

33. African grazer

36. *Sound of circus

38. Money under mattress, e.g.

40. *Aerialist's bouncy safety device

41. Piled

44. Twisted cotton thread

46. Give it generously

48. *Funny one

49. James Dean's famous role

50. It will

51. *Unwelcome reception, pl.

52. Cupid, to the Greeks

53. Sodium hydroxide

54. ____caca, South American lake

55. Trough stuff

56. Witness

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Children’s Home marks new era of care with dedication of Sanctuary Garden

To mark an important milestone for the agency, the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, July 16 that celebrated a renewed commitment to the Sanctuary® Model, a trauma-informed framework that guides the agency’s culture and approach to care.

The ribbon-cutting brought together over 250 local leaders, community partners, supporters, staff and youth to celebrate the rededication of the Sanctuary Garden, an idyllic space originally created in 2014 to provide children, families and staff a calming, peaceful environment. The Sanctuary Model emphasizes safety, emotional intelligence, and shared responsibility as cornerstones for building an environment focused on safety and healing. It informs how the agency provides services to indi-

viduals and families, as well as how the agency supports its staff.

“We are proud to share this joyful occasion with staff, children and supporters as we embrace our mission to empower children and families to grow and heal safely,” said Walter J. Joseph, Executive Director and CEO of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. “The Sanctuary Garden has deep meaning for us as a place for children and staff when needed.”

Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the Sanctuary Model, connect with staff leading its implementation, and share in celebrating the transformative progress already underway throughout the agency.

“We are grateful to everyone who joined us today,” said Erin Cafarelli, Chief Development and Public Relations



The ribbon-cutting brought together over 250 local leaders, community partners, supporters, staff and youth to celebrate the rededication of the Sanctuary Garden at The Children’s Home. *Courtesy photo*

Officer. “We have always been an innovative agency, adapting to the evolving needs of our community and advocating for the health of those we serve. This is another step forward in building a heal-

ingcentered future together.”

To learn more about the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie and its commitment to the trauma-informed approach, visit childrenshome.us.

Serino announces \$166K in Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding grants

Through New York State’s Youth Sports and Education Opportunity program, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced recently that 10 municipal and nonprofit organizations will receive a total of \$166,785 in funding through New York State’s Youth Sports and Education Opportunity program. These grants will support sports programs for youth ages 6 to 17 in underserved communities, with a focus on promoting physical and mental health, academic success, job readiness and stronger community ties. Award recommendations were made by the Dutchess County’s Youth Board and Coordinating Council, which is made up of community members and representatives from various non-profit organizations.

Projects funded through the 2025-26 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding program include:

- Town of Dover Recreation, Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding, \$24,500 – This program will provide a 16-week after school sports education and youth development program for 150 K-12 children and youth.
- Town of Hyde Park, Learn to Swim Program, \$7,500 – Provide youth the opportunity to achieve a life-long skills through the instruction of certified American Red Cross Swimming Lesson staff.
- Arlington Lacrosse Developmental Club, Inc., Arlington Lacrosse Seeks to Offer More Opportunities in Youth

- Sports, \$20,500 – Expand seasonal programming to include year-round lacrosse clinics free of charge to all youth ages 5-14, encouraging a healthy and physically active lifestyle to all participants.
- Town of Pawling Recreation Department, Basketball FUNdamentals, \$24,500 – A youth basketball program aims to teach fundamental skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a positive and fun environment, fostering personal development and a love for the game.
- Ramapo for Children, Experiential Social and Emotional Learning Retreats for Dutchess County Nonprofits and/or Schools, \$16,500 – Ramapo will offer a minimum of three experiential retreats, for at least 80 Dutchess County youth ages 10-17 from nonprofits and/or schools, which utilize active experiences to strengthen social and emotional learning skills and encourage physical activity.
- City of Beacon, Beacon Swim Academy, \$6,285 – Community-focused initiative offering free swim lessons to individuals of all ages, with a strong emphasis on water safety, serving 75 to 100 participants under American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Standards.
- Northern Dutchess Aquatic Club, Pre-Team and Stroke Clinics, \$17,000 – Will offer free, eight-week Pre-Team program for young swimmers ages 6-8 allowing them to experience the joy of competitive swimming; as well as free stroke technique clinics for youth 6-17 with a focus

- on aspects of competitive swimming to increase swim proficiencies at all levels.
- Town of Red Hook, Town of Red Hook Recreation, \$15,000 – The Town of Red Hook offers more than 14 different recreational programs to the youth who live within the boundaries of the Red Hook Central School district.
- Boys and Girls Club of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, Triple Play Program, \$25,000 – Youth will participate in a

- competitive team sports program that includes instruction and training, physical fitness, nutrition education, and tournament play.
- Vassar College, The Poughkeepsie Outing Club, \$10,000 – After-school program that engages Poughkeepsie Middle and High School students in physical activity through structured outdoor programming to reduce barriers to outdoor recreation.

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Applications for next round of Fly Car grants open through Aug. 26

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is launching a second round of the County’s Fly Car Grant Program, providing up to \$100,000 to help local fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps to purchase life-saving equipment for their fly car vehicles. This initiative is part of Serino’s ongoing efforts to help address the emergency medical services (EMS) crisis.

“When you’re having a medical emergency, every second counts – and our first responders need every tool possible to save lives,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “Last year’s Fly Car Grant helped agencies get critical equipment out into our communities faster. By launching another round, we’re doubling down on our commitment to support our local EMS providers, improve response times, and strengthen this vital safety net for residents.”

This program is open to local fire departments, fire districts, and ambulance corps that serve Dutchess County. Agencies that received a Fly Car Grant last year are eligible to apply again, though preference will be given to those that did not receive funding in the first round. Individual grant awards will range

from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and will be provided on a reimbursement basis only. Funding can be used for equipment required under state regulations for emergency ambulance service vehicles other than an ambulance as well as items like AEDs or external chest compression systems that expand or enhance a fly car’s life-saving capabilities.

As with last year’s program, participating agencies will agree to install County-supplied standardized recruitment graphics on the rear of their fly cars, encouraging more residents to consider career and volunteer opportunities in EMS – an important step toward strengthening the local workforce of the future.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Dutchess County Grant Portal by 3 p.m. on Aug. 26. Awards are expected to be announced in October. Applicants must ensure compliance with Dutchess County’s Procurement Policies and Procedures. Full instructions and guidance are available online at www.dutchessny.gov

For more information, contact the Department of Emergency Response at (845) 486-2080.

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Dutchess County earns top in tech again

Dutchess County is again in the nation's top ten for the best technology practices. The 2025 Digital Counties Survey, conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), ranked Dutchess County 4th in the nation among mid-size county governments for efforts to enhance cybersecurity, streamline delivery of services and best practices for applying innovative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). This work is led by the County's Office of Central and Information Services' (OCIS).

County Executive Sue Serino said, “Congratulations to our OCIS team on again being recognized for their tireless work to help ensure County technology resources remain secure, efficient and innovative. They continue to find and implement smart, user-friendly and cost-saving technology solutions for County employees, residents, and businesses, helping ensure we maintain the trust of our residents.” Dutchess County continues to prioritize improving service delivery, accessibility, and efficiency for residents and businesses through innovative technology solutions, for example:

- The Drinking Water Regulation Information Portal (DRIP), which streamlines the workflow involving the submission of documents from public water supply operators and improves communication between the County's Dept. of Health (DCDOH) staff and the operators.

- The Electronic Health Permits application, which allows various permits regulated by DCDOH to be applied for online, and for staff to review the applications, correspond with applicants, and issue the permits;

- The Electronic Payments for Home Health Services application, which allows Office for the Aging home health services clients to make payments more efficiently;

OCIS Commissioner Stephen Oscarlece said, "Dutchess County OCIS continues to implement and update a wide array of technology services to be as secure, accessible and effective as possible. We are grateful for the continued recognition of our commitment and hard work."

OCIS continues to focus on cybersecurity to ensure the security of County data as well as the continuity of operations. OCIS also works to help increase the preparedness and knowledge of local organizations and municipalities by partnering with Marist University to host its annual technology-focused summits. This year's event, the Hudson Valley AI Summit, held in June, highlighted best practices for implementing artificial intelligence (AI) into business practices and policies, how cybercriminals are using the technology, the ethical use of generative AI, and workforce development to better support other agencies exploring AI options.

“The National Association of Counties (NACo) is honored to support and highlight the outstanding efforts of counties across the nation in advancing digital government and enhancing constituent engagement,” said Rita Reynolds, CIO and Managing Director of Technology Programs, National Association of Counties. “By showcasing this innovative work, counties can learn from one another, adopt leading practices, and explore the transformative potential of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and generative AI.”

Rebuilding Together HV accepting applications through Sept. 30

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV) continues to accept applications for its Rebuilding Day home repair and accessibility modification program. These services are provided at no cost to income qualified homeowners in Dutchess and Ulster Counties and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in a safe, warm, dry, and healthy home.

The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2026 Rebuilding Day program is Sept. 30. Income-qualified Dutchess and Ulster County homeowners are encouraged to apply.

The Rebuilding Day program takes a whole-house approach. Typical repairs can include replacing a roof or windows, addressing electrical or plumbing issues, fixing a porch, installing a ramp, bathroom accessibility modifications, and much more. “We know there are residents out there silently struggling with critical home repairs for their safety and this is our chance to reach them,” said Darcy McCourt, Executive Director of RTHV. “But time is limited – we urge anyone who might qualify, or who knows someone in need, to apply before the September 30 deadline. In performing these types of repairs, RTHV helps ensure that homeowners can live in a safe and healthy home for as long as they choose to stay there.”

Neighbors, friends, and family of

those who have been served by the local nonprofit all suggest and strongly encourage their fellow Dutchess and Ulster County residents to apply. A recent homeowner exclaimed, "I can't thank you enough for all you do. Your kindness, empathy, and concern made it an even more incredible experience. I feel blessed to have been accepted into your program when at a time in my life it was desperately needed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

David, the son of a recent homeowner we served said “My father was amazed when everyone showed up on the Rebuilding Day and was touched by the warmth of the volunteers. My dad hopes to never have to leave his home, and the work performed will help with that goal by keeping him safe, secure, and happy.”

Another happy homeowner told RTHV, "Thank you for the joy and hope that you have reignited in me. The compassion, care and the power of working together to improve the world has had a profound impact on my home and for me. I am truly thankful for the work that you have done, I will never be able to thank you enough!"

To request an application or inquire about RTHV programs, call (845) 454-7310. The application and further details can also be found at RTHudsonvalley.org.

Grants fund initiatives to honor and support Dutchess veterans

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche have announced \$200,000 in one-time grants have been awarded to 15 local programs through the Dutchess County Veterans Microgrant Program. These grants help fund municipal and community-based initiatives that celebrate and assist the selfless veterans who protected the nation through their military service.

The 15 grants, which range in value from \$5,000 to the program-maximum \$15,000, will help fund a wide variety of veteran-focused initiatives run by local nonprofits and municipal partners.

Projects funded through the 2025 Veterans Microgrant Program include:

Savage Wonder Art Center, Beacon,
\$15,000 – Renovation and construction
of veterans parlor theater and art gallery.

VFW Post 5913, Wappingers Falls,
\$15,000 – Replacement of old, outdated
and broken flag poles and replacement of
outdated and inefficient HVAC system.

Warrior Bonfire Program, Pleasant Valley, \$12,500 – Partnering with Task Force Pineapple to bring the “Last Out” production to Dutchess County, which is an elegy of a Green Beret that validates the journey of military veterans and their families. Will include the Heroes Journey storytelling workshop for veterans to participate in, promoting healing, growth and empowerment.

American Legion Montgomery Post 429, Rhinebeck, \$15,000 – Replace aging and inoperative air-conditioning units in meeting rooms

Vets for the Arts, Inc., Poughkeepsie, \$14,000 – To provide creative opportunities for veterans to build filmmaking skills and provide essential equipment and staff for the program. The program will include screening the docu-short and short films produced and submitting them to film festivals, showcasing veterans' stories to a wider audience.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, \$15,000 – Flag pole and grounds beautification

Task Force Pineapple, Pleasant Valley, \$12,500 – Partnering with Warrior Bonfire Program to bring the “Last Out” production to Dutchess County, which is an elegy of a Green Beret that validates the journey of military veterans and their families. Will include the Heroes Journey storytelling workshop for veterans to participate in, promoting healing, growth and empowerment.

Red Hook VFW Post 7765, Red Hook,
\$15,000 – Military ball fundraiser for
roof repairs

Tivoli American Legion Post 524,
Tivoli, \$14,500 – Update building,
remodel kitchen, replace doors and install
memorial stone monument

VFW Memorial Post 5519 Pine Plains, Pine Plains, \$15,000 – Make improvements to interior meeting room, including purchasing equipment, furniture and electronics. Will also support the summer 2025 gravestone project, which includes cleaning veterans gravestones located in the Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains.

Town of Fishkill, Fishkill, \$15,000 –
Walkway at Veterans Memorial Park

Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc., Poughkeepsie, \$15,000 – Supporting the Veterans Independent Living Skills Project, which provides skills training to veterans to help them live independently and achieve their employment/vocational goals.

American Legion Post 178, Millerton,
\$15,000 – Replace hall's heating, ventila-
tion and air conditioning unit

Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun Club, Rhinebeck, \$6,500 – Host two shooting sports and fishing events, culminating in picnics and entertainment to honor veterans

Village of Millbrook, Millbrook, \$5,000 – Supporting the new Hometown Heroes/Veterans Recognition Community Banner Program in the Village, one of the last communities in Dutchess County without a program. The grant will purchase the brackets for the banners and support a small fund to allow lower-income veteran families to participate.

The Veterans Microgrant Program is part of Dutchess County's continued dedication to supporting and recognizing those who have served. Since then, the program has delivered vital funding to a range of efforts aimed at improving the well-being and quality of life for many local veterans.

The Veterans Microgrants Program is just one of many ways Dutchess County continues to venerate the courageous local men and women who have proudly served the nation. Earlier this year, for example, Serino established the “Honor-A-Veteran” program, which honors a deceased Dutchess County veteran at monthly ceremonies, held from April through November, in recognition of their service to their country; eligibility criteria and nomination form are available online.

Additional information about the many programs and services available to veterans in Dutchess County is available by visiting dutchessny.gov/veterans or contacting the Office of Veterans Affairs at (845) 486-2060.

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Serino announces nearly \$2M in CDBG and HOME funding

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced \$1,986,960 to be awarded for 19 projects through the County's 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This funding will break down accessibility barriers for older adults and individuals with disabilities, tackle essential infrastructure improvements and increase the availability of affordable housing across Dutchess County.

The CDBG and HOME programs are federally funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help meet community development and housing priorities identified at the local level. CDBG funding is used to support projects that improve neighborhoods and services for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes, while the HOME program focuses on increasing access to affordable housing for those with limited financial resources.

CDBG Municipal Projects - Totaling \$1,020,000

Infrastructure and sidewalk replacement & ADA accessibility projects
City of Beacon, \$167,677

Wolcott Avenue Sidewalk Replacement –Approximately 560 linear feet of sidewalk on Wolcott Avenue will be replaced with five-foot wide monolithic concrete, allowing for a safe, ADA compliant walk between South Avenue and the entrance to Forrestal Heights.

Town of East Fishkill, \$24,990
Julie's Jungle Restroom Upgrades – Improvements to the restroom facilities at Julie's Jungle Playground, creating an ADA-accessible facility in an existing building at a popular park.

Town of Pawling, \$114,418
Lakeside Park ADA Compliance Improvements – Improvements to the entrance at the Lathrop Building, including ADA-compliant automatic doors; Teen Center building will also receive ADA-accessibility upgrades, such as automatic doors, a ramp and railings.

Town of Poughkeepsie, \$199,000

North Grand Avenue Pump Station Replacement Project – Replacement of aging wastewater infrastructure to support an existing manufactured housing community and proposed expansion of the community.

Village of Millbrook, \$125,000
Replacement of Sidewalk Panels on Franklin Avenue – Approximately 220 linear feet of sidewalk along Franklin Avenue, between Front Street and Friendly Lane, will be replaced to meet ADA standards.

Village of Millerton, \$188,915
Church Street and North Center Street Sidewalk Replacement – Approximately 680 linear feet of sidewalk along Church Street, from North Center Street to John Street, will be replaced to meet ADA standards.

Village of Rhinebeck, \$200,000
Lions Mini Park Drainage Improvements – Replacement and expansion of drainage system at the intersection of North Park Road and Arnett Road to provide prevent runoff and flooding of park.

CDBG Public Service Projects – Totaling \$180,000
Senior transportation and delivery assistance, homelessness prevention and workforce development projects

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000
Homeless Prevention Case Management Program – Emergency rental assistance and limited utility assistance for low-income residents to help stabilize housing; case management assists clients in independently sustaining their household needs.

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess, Inc., \$25,000
Senior Medical Transportation and Support Services – Provide residents age 60 and older with basic support services, including transportation to non-emergency medical appointments, grocery shopping, visiting services, telephone reassurance, as well as respite for

primary caregivers.

Fareground, Inc., \$14,250
Grocery Home Delivery for Seniors – Provide monthly delivery of groceries to food insecure and accessibility-challenged seniors in southern Dutchess County.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000
River Haven Transitional Living Community – Provide runaway, homeless and those at-risk of homelessness young adults, ages 18-24, with up to 24 months of transitional housing and support services, including 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and case management, which will aid in transitioning them towards self-sufficiency.

Hudson River Housing, Inc., \$30,000
Support Services at Hillcrest House – Provide case management services, under the Housing First Program, to help high-risk, vulnerable homeless adults secure and maintain stable housing.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Inc., \$25,750
Permanent Supportive Housing Program – A comprehensive continuum of services offering affordable, permanent housing to individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders, including counseling, case management, life skills training and vocational development services, which will assist participants in becoming self-sufficient, strengthen their recovery, reunite with their families and strive to reach their full potential.

North East Community Center, Inc., \$30,000

Youth Development Programs: CPSB and Teen Programs – Community Partnership with Schools and Business (CPSB) offers workforce development training and paid, mentored internships with local businesses and organizations for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-20; Teen Programs is a peer-driven group that provides educational, recreational and community service opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, ages 14-18.

HOME Projects – Totaling \$786,960
Supporting 26 new housing units as well as home rehab assistance

Paz Management Inc., \$200,000
37 Raymond Avenue, Town of Poughkeepsie – Rehabilitation and expansion of existing mixed-use building to create a total of four residential units: two will be affordable, two will be commercial spaces.

Kearney Realty & Development, \$200,000

Locust Hill, Town of Rhinebeck – New construction of 80-unit affordable housing development; HOME funding will support 10 units in the development.

Williams Assets LLC, \$134,960
38 Corlies Avenue, City of Poughkeepsie – Rehabilitation of existing three-family building to include three affordable rental housing units.

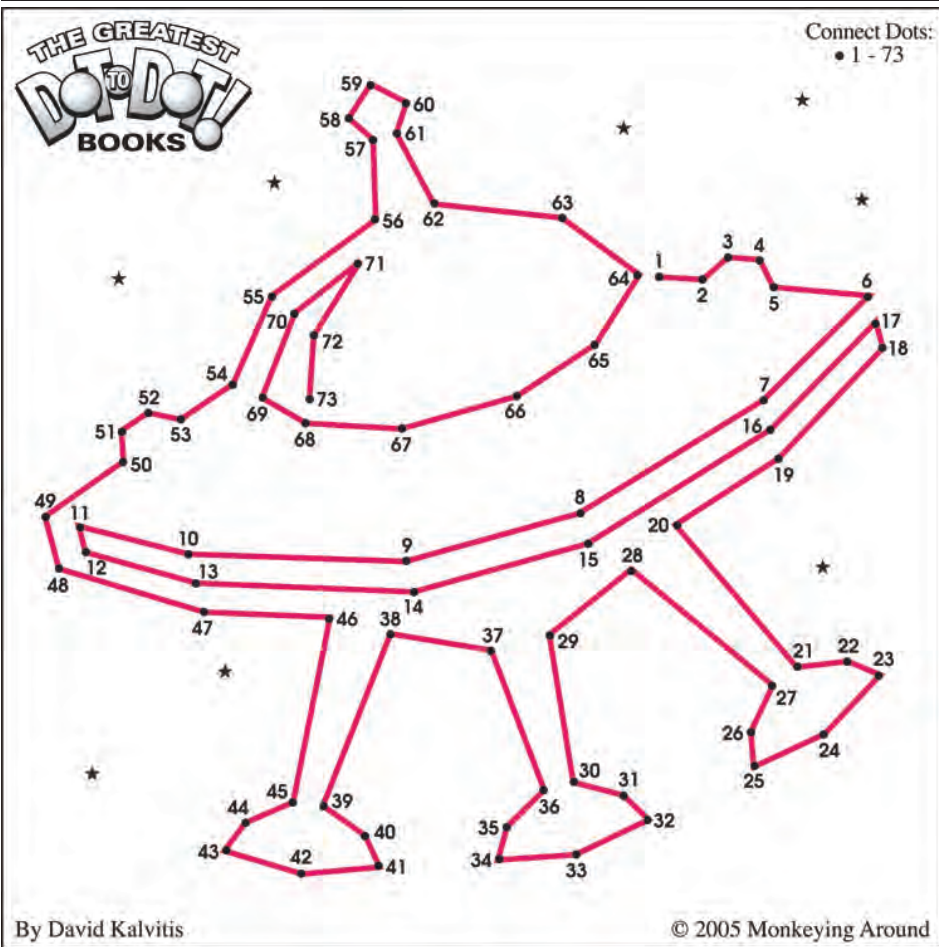
Hudson River Housing, \$200,000
Windows on Main, City of Poughkeepsie – New construction of a mixed-use building on Main Street; HOME funding will support 11 rental units in the building.

Rebuilding Together, \$52,000
Rehabilitation of single-family homes throughout Dutchess County.

The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development accepts applications annually for the CDBG Municipal and HOME programs; CDBG Public Service applications are accepted every two years. Applications are reviewed by the Community Development Advisory Committee with recommendations forwarded to the County Executive for final approval.

Applications for the 2026 CDBG Municipal, CDBG Public Service and HOME Investment grant programs are expected to be released in early 2026. More information about these grant programs can be found on the Department of Planning & Development's Funding Opportunities web page via www.dutchessny.gov.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 12)



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Answers to this week's diversions
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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-31-25 Crushed Road Salt and Treated Road Salt Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of August 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-29-25 Coached Visitation Services Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNetDirect) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., August 21, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.	the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.	Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, July 24, 2025. ----- Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2025081 BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 14, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,525,100 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF HVAC EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM REPLACEMENTS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. Class of objects or purposes: HVAC equipment and system replacement in County buildings Period of probable usefulness: 10 years Maximum estimated cost: \$1,525,100	Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,525,100 bonds SEQRA status: SEQRA compliance to be completed during the final design stage and prior to the financing thereof LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on July 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such	validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, July 24, 2025. ----- Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2025082 BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 14, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$767,600 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK TO PAY	A PART OF THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF BUSES FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. Class of objects or purposes: Public Transit Buses Period of probable usefulness: 10 years Maximum estimated cost: \$8,300,022 Amount of bonds to be issued: \$ 7 6 7 , 6 0 0 bonds Other monies: \$829,242 State grants-in-aid; \$6,633,938 Federal grants-in aid; \$69,242 capital reserve fund monies SEQRA status: Type II Action
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New	The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on July 14, 2025, and the validity of	A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this				
The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.						

OBITUARIES

John H. Ahlf
John H. Ahlf, 87, passed away at his home on July 24, 2025, with his beloved wife by his side. Born in Rhinebeck on October 10, 1937, he was the son of the late Henry and Mary (Kennedy) Ahlf. John was raised in Clinton Corners and spent a brief time in Florida caring for his grandparents before returning to complete his education, graduating from Rhinebeck High School in 1954.

At the age of 19, while working in the produce department at Grand Union, John noticed a flyer for IBM. He enrolled in their electronics training program and went on to enjoy a long and successful career with the company, retiring in 1992. His work with IBM took him around the world, where he formed lasting friendships.

While at IBM, John met Shirley Pitcher. The two married and had two daughters, Laura and Patty. John and Shirley were married until her unexpected passing in 1981.

In 1982, John met Candace "Candy" Taylor, and they were married on November 5, 1988, in a church in Port Ewen, NY. Candy survives him at home in Clinton Corners.

John lived life to the fullest. He was a pilot, a race car driver, a skilled mechanic, a motorcyclist, and a wedding photographer. He was also a ham radio operator, an avid gardener—especially known for his tomatoes—and a talented musician. For years, he and Shirley hosted Friday night jam sessions at their home, welcoming musicians from near and far, including friends he met while in Germany. After Shirley's passing, John and Candy continued the Friday night music jam sessions, carrying on the tradition of friendship and music. In later years, John continued playing trumpet at church services.

A lifelong animal lover, John and Candy rescued German Shepherds and even organized a German Shepherd drill team. He also had a passion for horses and was active in showing cows.

In addition to his wife Candy, John is survived by his daughters, Laura (Paul) Lettieri and Patty (Stephen Jr.) Sarvis; his cherished grandchildren, Chase Sarvis, Isabella Lettieri, and Paige Sarvis; and Candy's children, Colin Beauregard and Amy Beauregard Bullins. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, July 29, at Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. A funeral service followed at the funeral home, with burial at Schultzsville Cemetery.

Memorial donations in John's honor may be made to 13 Hands Equine Rescue Inc., 50 Tuscan Way, Clinton Corners, NY 12514.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com

Gary S. Kowalsky
Gary Steven Kowalsky, 73, passed away peacefully, in his sleep, on July 22, 2025 at his home in Red Hook. While unexpected, it was

exactly how he would have wished his passing to be.

Gary was born on October 15, 1951 in Rockville Centre, Long Island, to the late Henry and Bernice (Parman) Kowalsky.

Gary married the love of his life, Susan Satoris on May 16, 1981 in Newburgh, NY. Together they built their home, and a wonderful life, raising four beautiful children and loving each other fiercely through it all.

For many years Gary worked for the phone company, and retired as Foreman. Never one to sit still, he took pride in many varied projects, and often lent his hands to others as well.

Gary was a licensed pilot; his greatest loves were his God, his family and taking to the skies.

In addition to his loving wife Susan of Red Hook, Gary is survived by his children, Jonathan, Leighann (Zach Grob), Christy (Sam) Hauspurg and Trevor, as well as his brand new grandchild, Otto Arthur Hauspurg; his siblings Tim "Rook", Ron and Terry "T", in addition to countless dear friends and extended family.

A time of visitation and remembrance was held on Friday, July 25th, at the Kowalsky Residence. A funeral service was held at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook on Saturday, July 26. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Funeral arrangements under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

Nancy Sue Murphy
Nancy Sue Murphy, age 91, passed away at the Meadows of Brookmeade on July 17, 2025. She was born in the City of Poughkeepsie on October 4, 1933 the daughter of the late John E. Major and Elizabeth (Latin) Major. She graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in June of 1951. She was of the Catholic faith, and was a faithful parishioner while living in Pleasant Valley, Charlotte, NC and Fruitland Park, FL.

On April 12, 1953 she married the love of her life, Robert E. Murphy Sr. (Bob), in the Church of the Nativity, City of Poughkeepsie. They spent 72-years together.

While raising eight children, Nancy worked as a teacher's aide first at the Pleasant Valley Grade School. She was then part of the team that moved over from Pleasant Valley School to open the new West Road Intermediate School. Nancy continued there until Bob was transferred to Charlotte NC for IBM where she then went to work at the Idlewild Elementary School of the Charlotte - Mecklenburg School District. In retirement, Nancy and Bob managed a Senior Citizens Residential Park – Lakeside Terrace in Fruitland Park, Florida.

Nancy was a volunteer Candy-Striper at St Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie for many years. She also served as a 4-H Leader while her daughters were growing up and taught Sunday School at St Stanislaus Church in Pleasant Valley, and a long time Little League

Mom. In 1977 Nancy was named the "Mother of the Year" by the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Nancy was predeceased by her parents John (Jack) and Elizabeth (Betty) Major, her brother John Jr., sister Jacqueline (Jackie) and brother-in-law Fred Snitzler, parent-in-laws John and Rachel Murphy, sister-in-law Winifred (Winnie) and husband Gabriel (Bill) Trabucco, brother-in-law Ronald and wife Dorothy Murphy, daughter-in-law Jodi Murphy and grandson Robert E. Murphy III.

Nancy is survived by her husband Bob, her children: John (Jayne), Robert Jr. (Sara), Mark (Karen), Daniel, Nanci (Brian) Sikora, Susan Fowler, Patrick (Wendy), Michael (Debbie), and former daughter-in-law Denise (Donegan) Williams. 22 grandchildren – Jennifer (Ray), Debra (Steve) Thomas, Stephanie, Christopher, Nicholas, Kelley (Greg), Ryan (Sara), Scott (Heather), Kelly, Andrew (Maria), Amber (Rich), Bryan, Jordan (Katherine), Heather, Kyle (Samantha), Mark Jr, Zack (Charlotte), Matty, Annie, Jack and Grace. 15 great-grandchildren, Devin, Taryn, Jamie, Brad, Ben, Emma, Madyn, Ryder, Blake, Jake, Eleanor, Nolan, Scarlett, Gavin and Oliver. One niece – Vicki Snitzler-Neeck (Marshall) and three nephews – Gary Trabucco (Kathy), David (Peggy) and Darren (Debbie) Murphy.

The family would like to express thanks to Barbara Murtagh and the entire staff at The Meadows of Brookmeade for the excellent care and kindness they provided during Nancy's time with them.

Funeral and burial services will be private for family members. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley.

Cynthia Stone Doty Stirling
Cynthia Stone Doty Stirling of Pleasant Valley died on Monday, July 14, just over a week shy of her 79th birthday. Cynthia was born on July 23, 1946 in Poughkeepsie to Franklin Doty and Olive Horan Doty. She graduated from Arlington High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Art History and Poetry from Elmira College. She spent her junior year abroad at the University of Hull in the UK.

She married Christopher Anthony Stirling in July 1976 at her family home in Pleasant Valley. Cynthia worked as a library clerk at Traver and West Road Schools. She taught Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley and volunteered for many years at the church's thrift store. She loved libraries, wildlife, and the natural world. She enjoyed family vacations at the beach in Westbrook, CT, and in the Adirondacks at Great Sacandaga Lake.

Cynthia and Chris's two children were blessed to have a mother who was so thoughtful and devoted to their education. She read classics of literature aloud to them from before they were born until well into their teenage years. She was a dedicated reader,

keeping journals of books she'd finished and sharing recommendations with friends and family.

Cynthia is survived by her daughter Catherine and her husband, Kevin Galvin, of Sharon CT; and her son Sebastian and his wife, Leia Stirling, of Ann Arbor, MI; as well as her eight grandchildren: Agnes, Theodora, Leontine, Celestia, Christopher, and Franklin Galvin; and Ada and Hugh Stirling. Cynthia was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Christopher.

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Blaine A. Sullinger II
Blaine "Butch" A. Sullinger, II, age 64, of Red Hook, NY, departed this life on July 15, 2025. Born on March 15, 1961, in Medina, NY. Butch was the cherished son of the late Blaine A. Sullinger Sr. and Joan L. Rice (Martineau).

After completing his education, Butch dedicated himself to a lifelong career in construction, where he excelled in building and supervising a variety of projects. Butch had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, often indulging in his passions for hunting and fishing.

He treasured the time spent with family and friends, particularly during barbecues, where he proudly claimed the title of "master of the grill." His holiday gatherings were filled with joy and laughter, creating cherished memories for all who attended. But, above all, his greatest joys were his children, whom he loved unconditionally. Butch was dedicated to teaching them valuable life skills, instilling in them the importance of outdoor survival.

Butch is survived by his beloved Bride, Lynn (Eckes) Sullinger; four beautiful daughters: Victoria Collier of Albuquerque, NM, Krystyn (Joshua) Lloyd of Red Hook, NY, Chelsea Sullinger and her partner Robert Sousa of Red Hook, NY, and Shelby (Thomas) Zachman of Pleasant Valley, NY. He also leaves behind five cherished grandchildren: Austin (Amy) Rowland, Jaxon Parrow, Julian Lloyd, Diana and Lilliana Zachman. He is further survived by his brother, Shawn Sullinger and his partner Bernadette Knopfli, and his sister, Johnna (James) Dema, as well as his in-laws Suzanne Eckes, Robert Eckes, Laura Pettit, Robert (Theresa) Pettit, and numerous nieces and nephews who brought him immense joy.

Butch was predeceased by his brother Christopher Sullinger, father-in-law Edward Eckes, and mother-in-law Delores Eckes.

Butch will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his trusted friend and fur baby Shadow who never left his side.

Friends and family paid their respects at Burnett & White Funeral Home on July 25, 2025. A graveside service took place at St.

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DCC acquires T-1 Jayhawk for Aviation Maintenance Technician program

Dutchess Community College (DCC) welcomed a newly acquired T-1 Jayhawk aircraft to its Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) program at the Hudson Valley Regional (HVR) Airport campus. The decommissioned U.S. Air Force jet was delivered Monday, July 21, with a ceremonial flyover and transition to civilian use.

“This aircraft represents an exciting investment in our students’ futures,” said DCC President Peter Grant Jordan, Ed.D. “With its advanced technology and hands-on learning potential, it brings our aviation training to new heights.” DCC purchased the T-1 Jayhawk for less than \$2,000 as the U.S. Air Force is retiring them from its fleet.

“It’s really great to have the T-1 Jayhawk. It’s a great opportunity for our students because honestly, no other college will have this,” said Genna Suraci, AMT program coordinator. “This one has a digital cockpit, which we didn’t have in our fleet. This is up-to-date technology. This really adds so much to our program and for our students.”

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “This is such an exciting step forward – not just for DCC, but for our entire community. The hands-on training students will get from this aircraft will open doors to real careers right here in

Dutchess County. Investments like this are what it’s all about – giving people the tools they need to succeed and showing that Dutchess is a place where opportunity takes off.”

“It’s just like the G3,” said AMT Faculty member Kenneth Andreu, referring to DCC’s Falcon One, a Grumman G3-C20 jet previously used by presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

“It’s such a showpiece. People drive along the road here, see it, and think, ‘Is the President here? Is the Air Force here?’” Mars Herrera, an AMT student, started the program in April of this year. Originally from Middletown, he anticipates finishing his training in April 2026.

“I got into this program after my partner started doing the pilot program,” he said. “So that kind of got me into it. But we aim to do that in the future and have great careers.”

“It’s such a motivation for our students,” Andreu added. “They step out of this program in a year of being here, and they’re already making a salary in the \$50,000, \$60,000 range. For people that might just be a year out of high school, that’s not bad.”

To learn more about DCC’s Aviation Maintenance Program, visit suny-dutchess.edu.



The newly acquired T-1 Jayhawk aircraft for Dutchess Community College's Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) program at the Hudson Valley Regional (HVR) Airport campus. *Courtesy photo*



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Joachim’s Cemetery on Saturday, July 26, 2025. In honor of Butch, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Augusta Nancy ‘Gussie’ Wilmot

Augusta Nancy Wilmot (Gussie) passed away peacefully at her home in Pleasant Valley, NY, after a long illness on Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

She was born on August 13, 1936, in Highland, NY, the daughter of Albert Otto Sonnenberg and Grace (Booth) Sonnenberg, the youngest of 12 children in a blended family. She grew up in Hyde Park, NY, where her father was employed at St. Andrew’s Jesuit Novitiate (now the Culinary Institute of America). She attended Violet Avenue School and graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, Class of 1954, where she studied secretarial practices. After high school she worked at the Schatz Federal Bearing Company and later at IBM as a secretary where she met her future husband, Gordon Russell Wilmot (Russ). On October 14, 1961, Gussie and Russ were married in the First Presbyterian Church, Poughkeepsie, NY, and settled in the Town of Poughkeepsie, NY. They later built a home in Hyde Park where they lived for 54 years.

Gussie led an incredibly active life: in addition to being the ideal homemaker and mother, she was skilled seamstress – producing clothes for herself and her family – and she loved painting, upholstery work, flower arranging, gardening, and making a variety of crafts. In addition, she was a skilled golfer and bowler.

For over 30 years she sold Avon products to her many friends and neighbors, earning frequent awards for continuing to exceed her sales quotas. In 1984 she returned to secretarial work and was employed as receptionist by several physicians over the next 25 years – most of that time working for Dr. Joseph

Schwerman of Hyde Park, NY.

In addition to her husband, Gussie is survived by her son, Todd, her daughter-in-law, Anita, and her grandsons Patrick, William, and James, all of Hyde Park, NY.

She is predeceased by her parents, and all of her siblings including brothers Ralph (wife Ethel) Colwell of Poughkeepsie, NY, Albert (wife Dorothy) Sonnenberg of Kingston, NY, and Franklin (wife Ursula) Sonnenberg of Poughkeepsie, NY; and sisters Blanche (husband John) Lamb of Roseland, NJ, Dorothy (husband Frank) Daniels of Poughkeepsie, NY and Edna (husband Donald) Baines of Highland, NY.

Gussie was a member of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church for 59 years and served on several committees. She also chaired several of the bazaars associated with the church’s Election Day Dinner.

Gussie and Russ enjoyed travel including trips throughout the United States and Europe. In later years they would vacation yearly in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Wilmot family wishes to thank Hudson Valley Hospice for the excellent care they provided Gussie during the last days of her life.

The Wilmot family wishes to also thank Michelle of Health Quest who had been Gussie’s home health aide for over a year and gave her much loving care.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Hyde Park, NY. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 28, 2025, at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, with the Rev. Kent Jackson, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Union Cemetery in Hyde Park, NY. Donations in memory of Gussie may be made to the Memorial Fund, United Methodist Church, Hyde Park, NY. Condolences may be made to the family at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.