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INSIDE: YOUR 'GO-TO' GUIDE FOR THE DC FAIR

New sanitary upgrades added for 50th year of 'The Fair Shake'

The members of the Dutchess County Dairy Committee are celebrating the 50th year of providing their famous milkshakes at the Dutchess County Fair.

Now called "The Fair Shake," everyone's favorite Fair treat has the main goal of raising funds to provide scholarships to local youngsters wanting to further their education in the field of agriculture,

This year's scholarship winners are Gretah Kilmer and Jackson Crisp.

For 2025, The Fair Shake booth has been renovated with a variety of sanitary upgrades. Fair CEO Andy Imperati noted that new ceilings and walls have been installed, which can be easily sanitized each day. New water supply lines have also been installed, along with new milkshake blenders.

Malted Milkshakes will again join the regular flavors of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry.

All members of the Dairy Committee are Dutchess County Dairy Farmers. The current members are Harry Baldwin, Stephen Van Tassel, Tim Marshall, Jim McCarthy, Sam Simon, Jennifer Deforest, Amos Coon, Brian Donovan, John Jackson and Isaac Angell.

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Welcome Center mural bridges roots of agriculture, community



Artist Brian Zickafoose is all smiles after his mural, "Seeds of Connection," was unveiled at the Dutchess County Fair Visitor's Center on Aug. 7. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

The inspiration grew from a desire to bridge agriculture, families and traditions handed down through generations. The result is a 6'8" x 15'6" color mural that will greet thousands of visitors to this year's Dutchess County Fair set Aug. 19-24.

Located on the upper wall of the main entrance to the Fairgrounds in the Welcome Center, artist Brian Zickafoose's creation "Seeds of Connection" is a bright and inspirational work of art that illustrates the combination of families and agriculture.

"I wanted the mural to bridge those roots with the creativity that's shaping our future. Agriculture feeds the body, art feeds the soul - and when you bring them together, you grow something even bigger: community," said Zickafoose, who

grew up on a farm in West Virginia and now calls Wappingers Falls home.

"This mural depicts everything about agriculture and how it brings the community together. The backbone of our country is farming and fairs. This mural is vibrant and eye-catching and encompasses agriculture," said Andy Imperati, Fair manager and CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS).

The mural was unveiled during a special ribbon-cutting event at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, Aug. 7, with members from the DCAS and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce attending.

The mural is the result of a collaboration between the Fair, Arts Mid-Hudson and Destination Dutchess.

"When the idea for this project came about, the Fairgrounds was the perfect partner for the theme of how agriculture

unites us. Andy, Vicki, and the whole team (at the Fair) were just as excited as we were to collaborate. Brian's work embodies not only how agriculture unites us, but also is a testament to the power of collaboration. It reminds us of the endless possibilities that arise when we unite our talents, visions and passions," said Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, executive director of Arts Mid-Hudson.

Melaine Rottkamp, CEO and President of Destination Dutchess, said, "Brian is a wonderful new collaborator and his immense talent brought us this gorgeous mural that hundreds of thousands of people will get to enjoy for years to come. For residents, the mural and its imagery will become something they look for year in and year out. For tourists, it will be that first great photo-op that will always remind them of the fantastic visit

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From rescue dogs to entertainers, PawStars promises lots of excitement

By Curtis Schmidt



Erich Steffensen and "Crouton" practice their canine disc performance for the Dutchess County Fair. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

What began as an avid search for exercise and activities for dogs has blossomed into one of the most popular attractions at the Dutchess County Fair.

Kara and Erich Steffensen started "PawStars" about 20 years ago as a canine disc performance and now they and their dogs entertain large crowds three times each day of the Fair.

If you enjoy watching and marveling at the athletic talents of dogs and fast-paced action, you don't want to miss the "PawStars." Stars of the show like "Jellybean," "Crouton" and "Tater Tot" will have you cheering during the entire performance.

Kara and Erich currently have 13 dogs and 12 are rescues. They promote adoption and fostering as much as possible

and have fostered over 80 dogs!

Kara says their journey began with a search for fulfilling activities for their dogs. "Neither of us started out with 'dogs in sports' experience. We had dogs that we wanted to be well rounded and fulfilled. We started taking lots of classes and seminars," said Kara. "We started taking some sport classes with our dogs and, after trying different sports, we fell in love with the sport of canine disc."

She said training for each dog is different. "We start very simply with rolling a disc on its edge to see how much drive the dog has for it and we go from there. Some dogs are catching within hours, some weeks or months, and some never have the drive to play and prefer doing other things for exercise."

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Grange exhibits, Family Snack Bar at Fair support community service and scholarships

By Alexander Tsahalis

The Dutchess County Fair has animals and displays from all sorts of individuals and groups. Many are also members of their local chapter of The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as the Grange.

The Grange movement began in 1867. The goal was to unite and help farmers after the Civil War tore them apart. The Grange was often a key part of the local agricultural community. With the increase in urbanization things have changed.

“Since farms are disappearing and most people are not employed in some sort of agricultural field, the Grange has shifted its focus from farming to community service and how we can make our communities better places to live,” says Ryan Orton, a member of the Stanford Grange #808 and the New York State Grange secretary. The Stanford Grange is active in community service, including sponsoring and hosting town Community Day, a food bank, a clothing bank and funding scholarships at Stissing Mountain High School.

One of the ways the Grange funds their programs is through their snack bar at the Fair. “The snack bar is run by the Dutchess County Grange and all of the county Grange chapters help out” says Orton. “The money we raise goes toward the scholarships, sending our younger



Stanford Grange members are pictured at the Family Snack Bar at the Dutchess County Fair, which supports scholarships, sending our younger members to youth leadership conferences and sending delegates to the state Grange convention. The Grange also has competitive exhibits at the Fair. This year the theme is Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity. *Courtesy photo*

members to youth leadership conferences and sending delegates to the state Grange convention.”

Traditional Grange favorites will be back from juicy hamburgers and hot dogs, salads and sandwiches made fresh daily, and our famous pies and cakes for dessert.

“We’re thrilled to be at the Fair to raise

money for many of the Grange’s community service projects,” said Orton. “We offer great food and great prices that are affordable for the entire family. Hence our name: The Grange FAMILY Snack Bar!”

Near the snack bar you’ll find displays from the local Granges. The tradition of Grange displays at the Fair goes all the

back to 1900, making this the 125 year anniversary of these displays.

“We just started a couple of years ago with the county Grange coming up with a theme that all the granges have to follow instead of each Grange picking whatever they want to do” says Orton. This year the theme is Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity.

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The performances began at the Fair. “About 25 years ago, we were invited to play a sport called ‘flyball’ at the Fair,” said Kara. “We did that for several years with a team of people and dogs. The Fair was looking for something a bit different to add and we started playing canine disc. Eventually, we started ‘PawStars’ about 20 years ago.”

Neither of them started in jobs with dogs/ animals, but they both loved it so much that their careers have both revolved around animals. Kara is the Animal Agent for All Creatures Great &

Small and Erich is director of shelter operations at the Animal Farm Foundation.

Both Kara and Erich work full-time, so performing at the Fair provides a “luxury break” for them in their busy schedules.

“We also enjoy showing other people that they can get out and have fun with their dogs too,” said Kara.

PawStar performances take place near the Salute to Agriculture tent at 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every day at the Fair.



Erich and Kara Steffensen are pictured with three of their entertaining PawStars dogs, Jellybean, Crouton and Tater Tot. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

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‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday’ returns to the Dutchess County Fair on Aug. 21

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Fairgrounds President Andy Imperati invite individuals and families with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” at the Dutchess County Fair on Aug. 21. Attendees can enjoy the fair before the crowds arrive, with a special early gate opening at 9 a.m. and sensory-sensitive hours on the carnival midway from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Additionally, inclusive events will be available throughout the entire week of the fair.

Serino said, “We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and support our county’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, making the Dutchess County Fair even more accessible to all, regardless of ability. Every year, ‘Think DIFFERENTLY Thursday’ highlights our shared commitment to access and inclusion, providing a joy-filled, respect-

ful experience for attendees of all abilities. We encourage residents and visitors with disabilities to take advantage of this great opportunity to ease into the Fair day with a sensory-friendly atmosphere.”

On “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday,” individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and their families can enter the Fair an hour early, before the official 10 a.m. opening. They can explore the animal barns on Livestock Hill and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County 4-H Exhibit Hall ahead of the crowds. While not all attractions and exhibits will be open at 9 a.m., this soft opening allows families to start their day at the fair in a calm and quiet environment.

The Powers Great American Midway area will open with limited rides, at 9:30 a.m. and will be sensory-sensitive until noon. Flashing lights, music and other sounds and noises will be lowered or turned off throughout the morning, giving

guests the opportunity to enjoy rides without the distractions that lights and sounds can cause. The early midway opening means shorter wait times for rides, making it easier for those who need extra time or have difficulties with crowds.

Additional happenings on “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” include:

- ThinkDIFFERENTLY & 4-H’s Flourishing Farmers Showcase at 4-H Livestock Showring at 9 a.m.; and
- ThinkDIFFERENTLY & Hidden Hollow Farms All Abilities English Horse Showcase at the Horse Show Arena, exhibiting horses and their riders with disabilities, at noon.

All week long, fairgoers are encouraged to check out ThinkDIFFERENTLY exhibits and projects submitted by individuals of all ages with disabilities, including GrowDIFFERENTLY, a recycled garden art exhibit in the Horticulture building.

Imperati said, “Since its inception in 2016, ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday’ has grown into a beloved tradition during Fair week, eagerly awaited by many. We are thrilled to continue our ThinkDIFFERENTLY partnership and make the Fair a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.”

ThinkDIFFERENTLY staff and ambassadors will also host a sensory-friendly quiet space throughout Fair week for those who may need a quiet space to get away and regroup. This space, located on Livestock Hill in the Cornell Cooperative Extension tent, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors needing sensory assistance can visit the Fair information booth, across from the Fair souvenir booth, or visit the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/4-H tent on Livestock Hill.

For more information and a full schedule of the Dutchess County Fair’s events, see dutchessfair.com/the-fair.

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they had to the Fairgrounds, whether it’s for the County Fair or another big event during the year.”

To Zickafoose, the mural “celebrates community, tradition and forward thinking, all from the heart of the Fairgrounds.”

He spent roughly a hundred hours of hands-on work, which included the conceptual phase - refining ideas, researching imagery and designing compositions - through to the rendering of the painting itself. “Every choice was deliberate, from color palettes to brush textures, to make sure the mural would feel alive from across the field, but still reward close-up

viewing,” said Zickafoose.

And the mural is built to last. It’s painted on Belgian linen, one of the finest and most durable surfaces in the world, according to the artist.

“With proper care, it’s the kind of material that can endure for a century or more without losing its vibrancy. This isn’t just art for today - it’s an investment in the future of the Fairgrounds,” he said.

On vision and legacy, Zickafoose said, “Every mural is a seed. This one is planted right in the heart of Dutchess County, and I hope it grows into a vision of what’s possible when tradition and imagination work side by side.”



A variety of dignitaries were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony following the unveiling of Brian Zickafoose’s mural at the DC Fair Visitor’s Center on Aug. 7. From left are County Executive Sue Serino, County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair, Arts Mid-Hudson Executive Director Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, Zickafoose, Fair Manager and CEO Andy Imperati and Destination Dutchess CEO Melaine Rottkamp. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Labor Day, there will be an early deadline for the Sept. 3 issue of the Northern Dutchess News. Editorial deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at noon. Advertising deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m. Contact cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.

Olana sets Third Thursday events

The Olana Partnership will hold its monthly free Third Thursdays on Aug. 21 from 1 to 7 p.m., at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. The day will conclude with a special outdoor concert and Hudson Valley views. Olana Third Thursdays are free monthly community days. Celebrate summer with free tours, nature, art, music and history while participating in engaging experiences for the whole family!

This month’s “Tunes with a View” showcases Heard World from 6 to 7 p.m., bringing the vibrant sounds of West Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, and beyond to Olana. This collective of world music and jazz musicians will perform on the East Lawn with Olana’s breathtaking views as their backdrop.

Join Bollywood dancer and instructor Arobi Hanif for a Bollywood Dancing Workshop and Performance, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Farm Complex. This beginner-friendly class invites participants ages 12 and up to learn iconic moves from Bollywood’s most popular songs. The workshop ends with a special live performance. Space is limited for the workshop; email education@olana.org to learn more.

Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy guided landscape tours and self-guided historic house access from 1 to 6:30 p.m. No tickets required. For more information, call ticketing at (518) 751-0344, email tickets@olana.org or visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays

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Presentation on Gen. Montgomery leads REV250 slate for DCHS

By Morgan E. Maier

The legacy of Major General Richard Montgomery travels beyond a town in Orange County, a fort on the Vermont border, a Maryland high school, or streets of Georgia and New Jersey. All bear the name of the Rhinebeck resident who became a symbol of American liberation at his last breath.

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) and Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will present “The Brave Montgomery: Major General Richard Montgomery and the Road to Quebec: 1775” on Sunday, August 17, at 2 p.m. The presentation will be free to the public and held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Registration is required. This event kicks off a multi-year programming slate for the DCHS for Dutchess County’s REV250 campaign.

Military historian Dr. Michael Boden will discuss the events leading up to the

Battle of Quebec, and its pivotal role early in the American Revolution. This engaging lecture by Dr. Boden, also a history professor at Dutchess Community College, will review Montgomery’s role in the invasion of Canada, showcasing national history at the local level. His army met British forces in the Battle of Quebec, where the revered general lost his life in combat. After Montgomery led troops through Montreal they met British forces in the Battle of Quebec, where the revered general lost his life on December 31, 1775. As Montgomery became a national symbol of Patriot efforts, the Rhinebeck community mourned its local hero.

“People finally realized the impact of losing somebody so important within the local community,” said DCHS Chair of Collections and programming committee member Melodye Moore. “This gives us the opportunity to really showcase him at the very beginning.”

DAR operates in the heart of Rhinebeck, meeting at the home of General Montgomery and Janet (Livingston) Montgomery. It is claimed

to be the village’s oldest standing building. In collaboration with the American Battlefield Trust, DAR has another treat for the Wallace Center. Titled “The American Revolution Experience”, this traveling storyteller features 11 bright, informative banners to illustrate the war’s key elements. This exhibit’s interactive displays are sure to share new knowledge, or refresh old lessons. Those touring the Historic Site at the Roosevelt Manor can get an extra helping of history in an accessible manner. This traveling exhibit is in town through September 1.

Organizations must work together to provide such programming for the local community, especially those rife with learning like Dutchess County. This lecture kicks off a year of collaboration ahead for groups committed to learning and preserving history.

“No organization can do everything they want to do by themselves,” said Moore. “When you can form partnerships with other groups it just broadens your audience, it broadens your ability to deliver your message, and to fulfill your mission.”

Sports Museum of Dutchess County announces 2025 Hall of Fame inductees

By Morgan E. Maier

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) has announced the induction of its 44th Hall of Fame class to take place on Oct. 5 at The Chapel at Carnwath Farms, 72 Carnwath Farms Lane in the Town of Wappinger. The event includes a buffet-style catered meal and cocktail hour beginning at 12 noon with ceremonies to begin promptly at 1 p.m.

Reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. Contact SMDC Treasurer Barbara Ponte at (845) 473-0903 to confirm a reservation.

The 2025 induction class includes nationally-recognized soccer coach Gary Montalto; dominant runner Marisa Sutura Strange, and decorated swimmer Robert Rogan.

Rogan set swimming records at John Jay High School, including a 100m Butterfly record that stood for several years. As an adult, he earned awards at the state and national levels. Robert is a dedicated advocate for swim safety, from his early days as a Sylvan Lake lifeguard

to teaching community members swimming lessons.

Under Montalto’s leadership for a combined 42 seasons, the Arlington boys’ and girls’ varsity soccer teams compiled impressive records, including a 25-0 boys’ season in 2006. At the time of his induction to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame, Gary was a top-five-winningest coach in New York State soccer history.

Sutura Strange, a champion runner at Roy C. Ketcham High School, was a two-time All-American at Ithaca College for Cross Country and Track. She won 20 consecutive Dutchess County 5K Classic races and earned 42 National Masters titles. Marisa was twice named the Masters Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Also being honored with a posthumous induction is Johnny “Long John” Cottrill, a standout Poughkeepsie High School basketball player. Drafted in his high school years, his career was continued as an active by a basketball championship in the U.S. Naval Olympics, held in occupied Tokyo during World War II. His community cheered Johnny through multiple MVP seasons at Ryder College

(now Ryder University), then a career at the semi-professional level. As an adult and father of six, Johnny continued giving his time to the YMCA, teaching basketball fundamentals and discipline to the young athletes of his hometown.

Since 1977, SMDC has honored persons who have made a significant impact on athletics across all corners of Dutchess County. The upcoming class represents athletics lesser represented in the museum’s exhibits. “This year, we have elected four people in sports that are usually not considered main sports: high school basketball, swimming, track and field, and soccer,” said SMDC president Bill Ponte.

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County is open to the public from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, offering an immersive experience for visitors of all ages. Whether exploring the inspiring stories of female athletes, learning about the county’s sports history, there is something for everyone.

For more information on Hall of Fame criteria, or to nominate a legend of Dutchess County sports, visit <https://www.sportsmuseumofdutchesscounty.org/>.

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Serino taps Beale to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced her selection of William H. Beale to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response (DER). Mr. Beale has served as the Department's Acting Commissioner since January, his latest role since joining the Department as County Fire Investigator in 2003.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Bill truly understands the vital role emergency response plays in keeping our residents safe. With more than two decades of experience in this field, he has shown exceptional leadership and a strong commitment to public safety. Under his guidance and leadership, Dutchess County will continue to raise the bar for preparedness, response, and recovery."

Since serving as the Acting Commissioner for DER, Beale has overseen several groundbreaking initiatives, including:

- Dutchess County's accreditation through New York State's Local Emergency Management Accreditation Program in February, making Dutchess the first county between New York City and Albany to achieve this milestone;
- Leading efforts to sustain the

County's emergency medical services (EMS) capacity through its supplemental ambulance coverage program and regional collaboration, which responded to over 700 medical calls in early 2025; and

- Expanding the County's successful "EMS Matters" public education campaign to help residents better understand the role EMS plays and when and how to seek emergency care.

Beale brings a wide array of skills and expertise to his new role, having gained experience in a broad range of posts in the public sector.

Following his initial role in DER, Beale was promoted to Deputy Fire Coordinator for Fire Investigation in 2012. Named Dutchess County's Emergency Management Coordinator in 2014, Mr. Beale trained more than 3,000 residents in disaster preparedness and managed countywide personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution during the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoted to Director of Emergency Management in 2022, Beale oversaw an innovated public health integrated emergency management model, the first of its kind in New York State. In January 2025, Serino appointed Beale as Acting DER Commissioner, supervising emergency management,

public health preparedness, fire coordination, EMS and the County's 911 Communications Center.

A former fire chief, and a member since 1992, of the Hughsonville Fire Department, most recently serving as a chief officer, he currently serves as a chief officer and emergency medical technician, Beale has served as an elected councilman and former Deputy Town Supervisor in the Town of Wappinger since 2007.

Beale holds an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Dutchess Community College, a Bachelor of Science from Marist University in Organizational Leadership & Communication, and a Master of Public Administration from Marist.

Beale said, "It's a privilege to earn the County Executive's confidence to lead this team of skilled and talented public safety professionals within the Department of Emergency Response. In this new role, I remain committed to ensuring Dutchess County continues to be recognized as a leader through innovation and unique approaches to collaboration."

Serino has forwarded a resolution confirming her appointment to the Dutchess



William H. Beale Courtesy photo from Dutchess County Gov't

County Legislature for consideration and approval at its Sept. 8 board meeting.

Additional information about the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response is available at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Emergency-Response/Emergency-Response.htm.

Red Hook VFW collecting school supplies for Kindergarten class

The VFW Post 7765 & VFW 7765 Auxiliary have launched a drive to collect school supplies for the Red Hook Central School District Kindergarten class.

Supplies may be dropped off from now until Aug. 20 at the following business sponsor locations:

- Better Lives Animal Hospital, Red Hook
- Catalina Italian Deli, Red Hook
- Conway's USA - Lawn & Power Equipment, Red Hook
- CJs Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Rhinebeck
- Four Brothers Greek Pizza Inn, Rhinebeck
- Hannaford, Red Hook
- Historic Village Diner, Red Hook
- Kingston Fine Jewelry, Kingston
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Ulster Savings Bank, Red Hook Branch
VFW Post 7765 Canteen, Red Hook
(The list is growing daily - thank you all Sponsors!!!)

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.

Culverts to be replaced on Round Lake Road in Rhinebeck

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced work will begin on or about August 18th to replace a culvert on Round Lake Road (CR-52) near Beacham Road, in the Town of Rhinebeck. The portion of Round Lake Road near the work zone will be closed with a detour posted along Milan Hollow Road (CR-15), State Routes 199 and 308, and Salisbury Turnpike (CR-52).

Project work will include replacing the culvert and widening the road to include the addition of 3-foot shoulders to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists. Construction is anticipated to be complete, with the road re-opened to

traffic, by this fall.

This section of the Round Lake Road averages approximately 345 vehicles per day.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution near the construction site and on the detour, obey the posted speed limits, and traffic advisory signs and the directions from flaggers near the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

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Renegades lose key performers in Yankees' deadline trades

By Morgan E. Maier

A week has passed since the Major League Baseball trade deadline, and the New York Yankees might be feeling both seller's regret and buyer's remorse down the stretch. The Yanks got a desperately-needed defensive relief and bullpen pitching, at the expense of Hudson Valley Renegades present and past. Though the Yanks filled a lot of their gaps, the team has already lost two of its deadline acquisitions.

So, let's take a look happened to the Renegades players who were involved in the trades.

IN: 3B Ryan McMahon
OUT: RHP Josh Grosz,
LHP Griffin Herring
Grade: A-

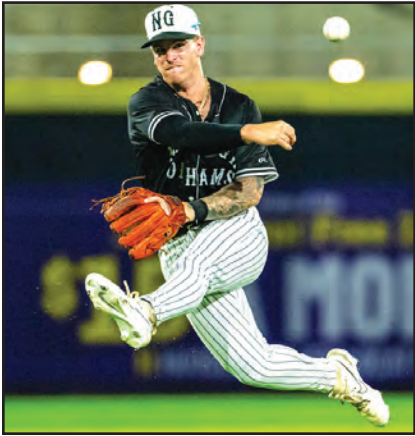
For Hudson Valley Renegades fans, this one hurt. Griffin Herring was supposed to get the start the day he was traded, along with Josh Grosz, to the Rocky Mountains. One of the strong Renegades starters, Herring pitched to a 2.22 ERA in eight appearances before joining the High-A Spokane Indians. Grosz had 94 strikeouts in 16 Hudson Valley appearances. Ryan McMahon, a four-time Gold Glove

finalist, is known to be a wall at third with a respectable bat. Could this be the first sighting of a reliable pin-striped third baseman in the Bronx since Alex Rodriguez?

IN: RHP Jake Bird
OUT: INF Roc Riggio (No. 10),
LHP Ben Shields (No. 18)
Grade: D

It's unfortunate for the Yankees, but the writing was all there. Jake Bird was struggling in July after a fantastic start to the season, and MLB buyers everywhere had opted to look outside the Colorado Rockies for their relief needs. On August 6, the Yankees announced that Bird would be optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. With a 27.00 ERA in just two innings as a Yankee, Bird's 26.3% strikeout rate feels hardly worth the Top-20 prospects who joined Griffin and Grosz in the Colorado organization.

IN: RHP David Bednar
OUT: C Rafael Flores (Yankees' No. 8 prospect),
C/1B Edgleen Perez (Yankees' No. 14)
OF Brian Sanchez
Grade: N/A
This one remains to be seen. While



the Yankees have developed a solid core of catchers – including No. 8 prospect Flores – the Pittsburgh Pirates have searched far and wide for an answer to their catcher struggles. In their quest to deal out “The Bednar Bandit”, the Pittsburgh Pirates seem to have robbed the Yankees. Perhaps these former Yankees prospects are the key to the Pirates’ quest for run support.

IN: RHP Camilo Doval
OUT: C Jesus Rodriguez (No. 23 prospect) , RHP Trystan Vrieling (No. 17), INF Parks Harber and LHP Carlos De La Rosa
Grade: B+



Former Renegades players Roc Riggio, left and Gage Ziehl are off playing for other organizations after being involved in trades by the New York Yankees. *Courtesy photos*

With seconds ticking on the deadline clock, the Yankees had a decision. Are four prospects worth an extra body in an already-suffering bullpen? The answer is yes, because that man is the flame-throwing Camilo Doval, who in 2023 was tied with new teammate Bednar for the National League's

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	31	11	.738	-	7-3	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	27	14	.659	3.5	6-4	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	24	17	.585	6.5	8-2	W1
Aberdeen BAL	20	21	.488	10.5	6-4	L1
Wilmington WSH	17	25	.405	14.0	4-6	W1
Brooklyn NYM *	16	26	.381	15.0	3-7	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	23	19	.548	-	5-5	W2
Greenville BOS	22	20	.524	1.0	6-4	W2
Hub City TEX	22	20	.524	1.0	3-7	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	17	24	.415	5.5	5-5	L2
Asheville HOU	15	26	.366	7.5	3-7	W1
Rome ATL	15	26	.366	7.5	4-6	L2



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August			
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	Bhulan Night George Lombard Jr. Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By K104
08/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	Internet Culture Day Sunday Family Funday
September			
09/02/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	First Day Of School Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
09/03/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Football Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
09/04/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Hudson Valley Big Apples Presented By Apples From New York Big Apples Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
09/05/25	vs. Greensboro	07:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Presented By Cafe Con Leche Fireworks Friday Presented By D. Rohde Home Services
09/06/25	vs. Greensboro	05:05 PM	Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party Rascal & Rosie Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By WRWD
09/07/25	vs. Greensboro	02:05 PM	Fan Appreciation Day Sunday Family Funday



Renegades use 4 wins to close in on Greensboro

By Morgan E. Meier

The first half of a two-week homestand brought 13 brand-new names to the Hudson Valley Renegades (65-40) 2025 lineup. A familiar foe joined them in the Hudson Valley, as the Brooklyn Cyclones (62-46) were in town.

Say hello to Xavier Rivas, Connor McGinnis, Kaeden Kent, Engelth Urena, Juan Matheus, Core Jackson, Cam Troyer, Owen Cobb, Joe Delossantos, Brandon Decker, Robbie Burnett, and Tyler Wilson. And welcome back, Owen Cobb! The jaunty show tunes of baseball's first in-game musical kept the crowd engaged on August 6. And the Renegades enjoyed the sounds of victory as they took four of six from Brooklyn.

Home run harmony - A pair of hard knocks proved to be the difference in the opening matchup. Dillon Lewis and Josh Moylan produced two runs apiece on the

long ball after Brooklyn jumped to an early 2-0 lead. Lewis drove in the sixth-inning equalizer. Moylan launched the winning blow in the following frame. Ocean Gabonia held the late lead, as Hudson Valley handed Brooklyn its first series loss.

Show must go on - On August 6, Alex Vargas traded solo home runs with Brooklyn's Colin Houck to tie the game at one. The Renegades blew it open in the fifth. Defensive blunders by Brooklyn sent the home team ahead by two, as Vargas laced in another run with an RBI single. Though they tagged newcomer Brandon Decker for 7 runs over 5.2 innings, his first High-A start was the longest of his career. The Cyclones clawed back with four runs in the fifth, and seven hits off Decker in his final two innings of work. Eli Serrano III, Brooklyn's designated hitter of the evening, finished 3-4 with an RBI and a

stolen base. After the series' lone loss, the Renegades' pitching rebounded quickly, allowing just one run over the next three games.

Hello, Dillon! - Dillon Lewis was marvelous in the leadoff slot this week, showing a one-man offensive show worthy of a curtain call. A stolen base on Sunday, extra bases on Thursday. He knocked in seven runs with eight hits, including a 3-5, 3 RBI night on August 7. His bases-clearing triple propelled Hudson Valley to a 7-1 win, their first of three consecutive victories. In the series finale, he was 3-5, elevating to a .246 batting average after starting the week hitting .234.

First act - Third round draft pick and shortstop Kaeden Kent reached a milestone on August 8, and it arrived in grand fashion. Held to just two hits all game, the Renegades were deadlocked with Brooklyn at zero in the eighth inning. A double by Tyler Wilson set up dual walks

by Cam Troyer and Lewis. Kent drove in the two lead runners with a hard line drive single. His first High-A hit and RBIs sealed the Renegades series win, as Cyclones were stagnant in the 1-2-3 ninth. Newcomer Juan Matheus notched his first High-A home run on August 10, a three-run shot to give the Renegades a 4-1 lead. Though the Renegades ultimately lost 8-4 in the finale, the third baseman finished with a three-hit day.

The new-look Renegades enter another slate at home in the rearview mirror of the second-half leading Greensboro Grasshoppers (76-31). They look to continue the hot streak – and creep toward a playoff berth – against the fourth-place Aberdeen Ironbirds (44-62), fresh off a series win over the Wilmington Blue Rocks. BTW, fans should keep an eye on Alex Vargas, Jackson Castillo, Ben Hess, and Coby Morales, all who were promoted to AA-Somerset this week.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Catcher Cristino shines on both offense & defense

By Morgan E. Maier

Baseball fans know this familiar sight after a milestone hit. Players along the dugout fence display in unison an imaginary baseball. For professional players, perfecting such a gesture is imperative. Not quite a shaking fist, but a half-open palm twisting to signal the field, "Toss that ball over here, please."

As was the case on July 22, when the debuting John Cristino notched his first professional hit with a line drive to left field. Cristino's Renegades tenure was in its early days then, promoted three days earlier from the Florida Complex League (FCL). The home dugout promptly scooped up the souvenir for the New Jersey native whose professional baseball path hardly began in the Hudson Valley.

The only Hudson Valley Renegade to appear with the Trenton Thunder of the MLB Draft League, Cristino played four collegiate seasons across three programs. In each stop on the way to High-A, Cristino's defensive skills and power-hitting proclivities have put him at the top of team leaderboards.

He earned National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American honors at the Division-III Rowan College of South Jersey, winning a national championship in 2021. In his final collegiate season as a Towson Tiger, he received All-Coastal Athletic Association Second Team honors and led the team in home runs (14).

Cristino is known for making his presence felt at the dish, from erasing

base-runners to tallying booming extra base hits. His senior campaign at Towson University put him on the Frontier League radar, following his college career with yet another impressive season in independent ball. He was the 2024 All-Star Home Run Derby champion and the starting catcher in the All-Star Game, becoming the first such honoree in New England Knockouts (now the Brockton Rox) history. As a member of New England's inaugural team, Cristino is the team's first weekly award winner. He led the team in RBI (72) while delivering a league-best 26 home runs.

Cristino had a successful series against the Wilmington Blue Rocks to begin August, becoming the first Renegade catcher to appear in both games of a doubleheader in twenty years. He recorded a hit in each game, including his first High-A home run. As of August 5, Cristino has a 1.000 fielding percentage in 15 games, including 10 assists. In his Renegades catching debut on July 23, Cristino threw out two baserunners and even stole one, bringing his season total to seven.

Cristino is the first of Hudson Valley's two options behind the plate, the thinnest the position has been this season. While Cristino's commitment to reaching this position is clear, his dedication to his team's success is equally evident, as he has experience at first base and on the mound, if just for 0.1 innings with FCL-Yankees. And of course, the hard-swinging righty takes quality rips as designated hitter.



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New sanitary upgrades added for 50th year of ‘The Fair Shake’

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Baldwin noted that the Dairy Committee of today and the famed milkshake booth are outgrowths of the late Dave Tetor's Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Advisory Committee.

"Dave started as the Agricultural Agent in Dutchess County in 1973. Somewhere in the mid '70s, Dave came up with the idea of serving milkshakes at the Dutchess County Fair as a way to promote the Cooperative Extension here in Dutchess County," said Baldwin. "That first year we served them in a tent out back of the current 4-H building. Possibly the next year, it moved into the north end of the 4-H Snack Bar. In those early years, dairy farmers and family members manned the booth."

The original directors of the Dairy Committee included Vern Jackson, Albert Soukup, Timothy Marshall, Robert Perotti, plus Baldwin, Van Tassell and Tetor.

Dutchess County Dairy Committee member Harry Baldwin sports a shirt commemorating the 50th anniversary of "The Fair Shake" at the Dutchess County Fair. *Courtesy photo*

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City of Poughkeepsie woman indicted for second-degree murder

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Aug. 5 that Denise Gilpin, 50, was charged by an Indictment returned by a Dutchess County Grand Jury and arraigned in Dutchess County Court. The Indictment charges Gilpin with Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-I Felony.

"This is an incredibly heartbreaking case, a family torn apart by an act of violence that took the life of a mother at the hands of her own daughter," said District Attorney Anthony Parisi. "Our thoughts are with those grieving this unimaginable loss. While we cannot undo the tragedy, we are committed to seeking justice and accountability under the law."

The incident charged in the Indictment

occurred on April 7, in the late morning and/or early afternoon at 2 Oak Crescent in the City of Poughkeepsie, according to the D.A.'s office. The defendant is accused of causing the death of Olga Hinds-Coley by stabbing her with a knife.

The case was investigated by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and is being prosecuted by Unit Chief Angela LoPane. Judge Jessica Segal presided over the case. The defendant was remanded without bail and her next court date is set for Sept. 24.

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely accusations, and Gilpin is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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most saves. When in control, Doval is dominant and versatile. He can serve an early relief, extra inning, or save opportunity. If he finds success as part of the Yankees' revolving closer platoon, the loss of the top prospects in Rodriguez and Vreiling, plus hard-hitting Parks Harber, will weigh less on the organization.

IN: SS/OF José Caballero
OUT: OF Everson Pereira, Cash Consideration or PTBNL
Grade: S for the Spectacle

This trade is the most unusual, in circumstance alone, because José Caballero was already at Yankee Stadium. Clairvoyance? Taking in a game in the beautiful Bronx? No. Caballero was merely a stone's throw away from his new teammates, in the visitor's dugout with the Tampa Bay Rays. The league leader in stolen bases, Caballero adds urgency to the basepaths that this Yankees lineup was missing. Nice pick up.

IN: INF Amed Rosario
OUT: RHP Clayton Beeter, OF Brown Martinez
Grade: A+

One of the better hauls, infielder Amed Rosario, comes from the Washington Nationals with experience at second base, third base, outfield, and infrequently, shortstop. Infield depth came for pennies here, as the addition of Rosario adds a righty bat with versatile defense. Beeter was called up a pinch, a healthy arm in a sea of downed Yankees. Washington sees Beeter's fastball/slider combination in its

bullpen for the rest of the way. This one is a win for the Yankees.

IN: OF Wilberson De Peña & Int'l Money
OUT: Oswald Peraza
Grade: A

Former Renegade Oswald Peraza was the odd man out with the arrival of McMahon and Rosario. Peraza showed up defensively when the Yankees needed him early on, but his bat was too quiet to justify keeping him around. In the lone Yankee move that seemed future-forward, 18-year-old Wilberson De Peña and international cash considerations came to the Yankees. De Peña has appeared at all three outfield positions over two seasons in the Angels' minor league system.

IN: OF Austin Slater
OUT: RHP Gage Ziehl
Grade: C

Another promising pitcher was pushed from the organization. The arrival of veteran Austin Slater came in the wake of rumors that 35 year old Giancarlo Stanton could return to the outfield in Aaron Judge's absence after a three-season hiatus. The Slater era was halted as quickly as it arose. A strained hamstring saw Slater's exit just an inning into his first Yankee start.

While the Yankees' struggles continue, top untradable prospects Cam Schlitter, Spencer Jones, and George Lombard Jr. continue to dazzle - a sign of things to come for the reigning American League champions?

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The countdown is on – 4-H clubs prepare for the Fair

Dutchess County 4-H families have had the dates circled on their calendars for months. It’s the most wonderful time of the year: the Dutchess County Fair! Here’s what a few 4-H clubs and members have been doing to prepare.

The Goats & Glory 4-H Club held a showmanship clinic this summer. Members got a chance to practice how to handle and present their goats for showing. 4-H club leaders and volunteers guided the youth on what to expect when they get to the fair and step into the show ring.

Members of the Here Comes the Beef 4-H Club participated in their final community service event of the year at Stonewood Farm. They picked and prepared berries for canning and completed general garden maintenance on the property.

Any 4-H member interested in poultry were able to attend a regional 4-H poultry clinic in Orange County in July. Youth learned about silkie chickens, their care, breeding and showing.

Another group preparing for the Dutchess County Fair is the Cool Critters 4-H Club. They also spent an afternoon practicing showmanship with their rabbits and cavies. Adults and older 4-H members mentored the younger 4-H members and shared expectations for fair.

The 4-H Flourishing Farmers are also preparing for fair! Youth with disabilities are paired with farms in the county to gain hands-on experience and knowledge about animals and agriculture. Both new and returning 4-Hers are looking forward to visiting the Dutchess County Fair on Thursday August 21. Stop by to cheer them on and visit the ThinkDifferently and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County tent at the front gate during the sensory-friendly morning hours that day.



Members of the Here Comes the Beef Club work at the Stonewood Farm and Cool Critters members work on showmanship skills. Courtesy photos

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ND Symphony concert to showcase timeless works

Broadway musicians Rachel Handman (violin) and Keve Wilson (oboe) join the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for “From Bach to Marsalis,” a show-stopping performance featuring music that spans centuries and genres – from the timeless works of Bach to the contemporary rhythms of Wynton Marsalis. The concert will take place on Friday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, located at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains.

Handman and Wilson first met as children at The Rink in Hyde Park, NY, and bonded over their shared dream of performing on Broadway. That dream became a reality, with the duo playing in orchestra pits for shows such as “Carousel,” “Something Rotten!,” “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder,” “Miss Saigon,” “Dr. Zhivago,” “West Side Story” and “Company.” Beyond Broadway, their musical collaboration has taken them across the globe, with performances in Bolivia, Germany, South Korea and beyond.

In “From Bach to Marsalis,” they’ll interweave personal stories of their

lifelong friendship with a wide-ranging program of music. The evening features Bach’s “Concerto for Violin and Oboe in C Minor,” Wynton Marsalis’ lively “Fiddle Dance” and Alec Wilder’s lyrical “Air for Oboe and Strings.” Listeners will also enjoy the haunting beauty of Astor Piazzolla’s “Oblivion” and the energetic Americana of Aaron Copland’s “Hoe Down.” Rounding out the program are cabaret highlights from the pair’s acclaimed show at Feinstein’s 54 Below in New York City.

Tickets are open seating and range from \$35 to \$55. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 445-9606.

Now celebrating its twentieth season, the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Under the leadership of conductor and artistic director Kathleen Beckmann, the orchestra continues its mission to present outstanding performances of classical and contemporary music at family-friendly prices.



Broadway stars Rachel Handman (left) and Keve Wilson join Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for “From Bach to Marsalis” on Friday, Aug. 29, at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains. *Courtesy photo*

HV HOMESCHOOL BAND STARTS UP ON SEPT. 18

The Hudson Valley Homeschool Band (brass, woodwind, percussion) will start weekly rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at St. Paul’s Episcopal in Pleasant Valley. Information for the 2025 Fall and 2026 Spring schedules is available at <https://art-musicemporium.com/hv-homeschool-music>.

The band is conducted by Joshua E. Long, PhD. Visit www.joshuaelong.com or call (610) 588-1884 for more information.

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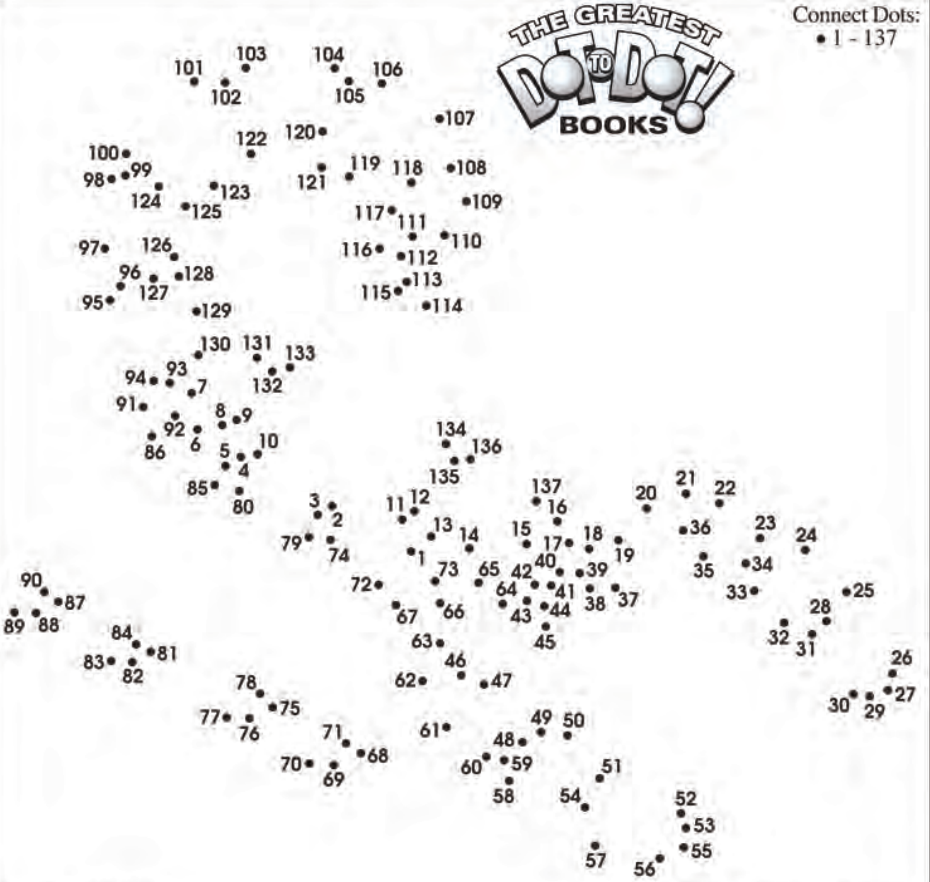
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Upland rice – The next big thing?

Exploring new opportunities for struggling New York farmers

Remember switchgrass? Hops? Hemp? How about Ostriches? These are all Cornell University-inspired agricultural crops that were supposed to bail out struggling New York farmers. Even marijuana is turning out to be a bust. But wait! Maybe Upland rice will be the next big thing.

Last Tuesday, Cornell’s Harvest N.Y. Program and Scenic Hudson hosted a Rice Field Day at Home Farm in Clermont, N.Y. to discuss rice production and lessons learned from this season’s upland rice trial.

Seven hundred million tons of rice are produced annually worldwide, with seven million tons coming from the U.S., in California, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Most of the U.S. crop is grown in vast paddies, where the fields are flooded, to control weeds and support seed distribution. Here in the Hudson Valley, we can’t find fields big enough to utilize airplanes to distribute seeds; and anyway, our growing season is too short for direct sowing. We need to start the seedlings ahead of time in greenhouses and transplant them into the fields after the last frost date, like we do with tomatoes. This makes it hard to compete on price alone.

Yet, farmers are doing it! Eric Andrus has been growing rice in Vermont for 16 years. After a visit to Hokkaido, in northern Japan, where the climate is similar to ours and rice is a staple crop, he figured we should be able to do it here. It turns out that our climate and terrain is suited to “upland” rice, which can tolerate wet conditions but will grow on dry land. Eric addressed our group, seriously trying to talk the 35 participants at the field day into starting rice farms. Eric has just begun as a Cornell adviser, participating

in rice trials in Freeville, N.Y., east of Ithaca. On his farm, Eric harvests \$15,000 of rice per acre, selling it locally and through his website at Boundbrook Farm, for \$10 per pound.

Jon Kasza is the owner/operator of Home Farm, where he set out 10 varieties of upland rice, grown with a variety of planting dates, to see if this “new” 5,000-year-old crop is suitable for Hudson Valley production. The project is funded via a U.S.D.A. sustainable agriculture research and development (SARE) grant. Trial manager Molly Heit shepherded our group through the fields, where we could check out the varieties that will hopefully lead to a new dawn for Hudson Valley agriculture. The variety “yukiakari” is Molly’s favorite, with a sweet flavor and good production. “Estrella” gave the best yield. Jon found out that 22-day-old seedlings, set out in the field on May 26, worked the best.

The trial is yielding promising results, with harvest a few weeks away. Yet challenges remain. Rice blast is a fungus that attacks the leaves, eventually almost killing the plant. Hard to control organically, and the crop must be grown “organic” if you’re going to charge \$10 a pound. Another problem is birds. (But I thought the reason people don’t throw rice at weddings anymore is because it causes birds to explode if they eat it.) Also, since rice takes a long time to mature, an early frost can ruin the harvest. Nevertheless, some of the participants at the trial are planning to try rice.

But not me. Sue and I are doing just fine growing flowers, thank you.

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



Molly Heit with Upland rice. Photo by Mark Adams

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RHINECLIFF COMMUNITY EVENT SET SEPT. 6



Sandy Bartlett will be among the judges again this year, shown here at a previous event with Paul Butler and Ivan Mentzke. Courtesy photo

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will present its annual Chili Cook-Off, Pie-Baking Contest and Field Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. (Rain date: Sept. 7). All ages welcome. The event will take place at Firemen’s Field on the corner of Valley Way Road and Loftus, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos in Rhinecliff.

Game starts at 4 p.m. All Chili entries must be registered and on the table by 4:50 p.m. Bring a hot pot of chili for a chance to win \$100, a dish to pass or just your appetite to share among friends and family. Free hot dogs and beverages for everyone.

In addition to the \$100 first-place prize for Best Chili, the winner of the Pie Baking Contest (any fruit pie) will also win \$100.

Call (845) 876-5738 for more information.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Labor Day, there will be an early deadline for the Sept. 3 issue of the Northern Dutchess News. Editorial deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at noon. Advertising deadline is Thursday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m. Contact cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.

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- Mythical air spirit
- Water glider
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- Move a plant
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- Inundated
- *"An American Tragedy" author Theodore _____
- *Ignatius J. Reilly, "A Confederacy of Dunces" protagonist
- Neither's partner
- Flipside of pros
- What hernias do
- Snowman's corn cob
- 1970s dancing venues
- Home to China
- Biceps exercise
- W.E.B Du Bois's org.
- Clays or mucks
- Quetzalcoatl worshiper
- Viracocha worshiper
- Muse of love poetry
- The Hippocratic one
- High in decibels
- Orthopedic device
- Egyptian goddess of fertility
- Before, before
- Kitten's plaything
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- *Beatrice Belden's nickname
- *American Library Association's medal for children's literature
- C in CSI
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- Altar's location, pl.
- Fled
- Indian cuisine dip
- Give an impression
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- Common tropical marine fish
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- *Patricia MacLachlan's "Sarah, _____ and Tall"
- Medicinal herb
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- *_____ Kesey's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- Foreword
- Whimper
- Milky-white gem
- Like certain people's glasses
- Greatest possible
- Ex grape
- **"Fear of Flying" author _____ Jong
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- Not doubting
- *Percival Everett's reimagining of "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"
- Steal a throne
- Type of wave
- **"The Godfather" author Mario _____
- Go yachting
- Birch bark vessel
- Come to pass
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- _____ Spumante
- Classic game show "_____ Make a Deal"
- Argentina's western neighbor
- December birthstone, pl.
- "Mai" follower
- Paris' underground tourist attraction
- Yesteryear style
- West African religious practice
- Genealogical plant
- Winter window design
- Allah's cleric
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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 16



A fresh take on lasagna

Cooked on the stovetop and loaded with your choice of summer vegetables

If you or someone you know has a garden, or if you just can't help yourself at the farmers market and find you have a surplus of fresh vegetables and not enough ideas to use them all, I think I have just the recipe for you. And, no, it isn't a salad, nor does it require firing up the oven. It's all done on the stovetop, is satisfying yet on the lighter side and can use up whatever summer vegetables you decide to throw in. If this has you written all over it, read on!

I had been making a lot of sandwiches and salads for dinner because of the heat and was craving something different, but was still loathe to turn on the oven. I got a little carried away at the market because I just couldn't resist all that beautiful farm-fresh produce, so I put on my thinking cap and came up with a lighter take on lasagna that checked all the boxes AND used most of the vegetables I had in a darn tasty way. So let's get to it, shall we?

SUMMER VEGETABLE SKILLET LASAGNA

OK, so it's more lasagna-adjacent, but the name still applies because of the flavor, most notably from the ricotta. I read through a recipe years ago that was simi-

lar but didn't save it and don't remember where I found it, so I cannot credit the source. (It's safe to say it I've taken liberties and used the idea as inspiration). I used frilly campanelle pasta (not the entire box, though) but any fun-textured variety will work to hold that delicious sauce. Maybe best of all? It's ready in just about 30 minutes.

NOTE: I find that one of my favorite and indispensable kitchen tools is my big, 5-quart stainless steel Cuisinart skillet. I make most of my dishes in it nowadays because I don't need to use the oven, and this recipe is one of many I have on repeat. If you don't have one, use the biggest skillet you have or a 6-8 quart pot.

A NOTE ON VEGETABLES – Part of the beauty of this is that you can use any fresh vegetables you like (or need to use up): spinach, broccoli, heirloom tomatoes, kale, whatever. Load it up! The more the healthier! (Tougher vegetables may require longer cooking time). The amounts I added here are approximate. Feel free to add more.

INGREDIENTS

- 10-12 oz campanelle or other textured pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped

- White or cremini mushrooms, (about 8oz) sliced
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 yellow squash, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 bell peppers, core and seeds removed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 (28oz) can diced crushed tomatoes
- 1 (15oz) can diced tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh basil and oregano, chopped
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1-2 cups shredded mozzarella
- Freshly grated Parmesan

METHOD

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and set aside.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook to soften, about 3 minutes. Add mushrooms, squashes and peppers and cook until tender, about 5 minutes more. Stir in garlic and cook for another minute.

Add crushed and diced tomatoes and season with salt and pepper, stir and cook 5 minutes or so to warm it through. Stir in fresh herbs, ricotta, mozzarella and

Parmesan and sprinkle with more fresh herbs.

Makes about 6 servings.

If you want a delicious way to enjoy summer's fresh vegetables (or get your kids to eat them), this might be the answer. Ready in no time without overheating the kitchen, it really is a great summer solution all around. This will be a great dish to bridge the seasons, too, perfect for when evenings start to cool off but there's still a lot of fresh produce to be had. It can feed a crowd, is just as good left over and is great for picky eaters so have fun and cook with wild abandon. It's loaded with some of the best of what summer has to offer, so don't wait – get picking, get cooking and enjoy!

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.

Historian to conduct Open House at Adriance Library on Aug. 19



The Local History Room at the Adriance Memorial Library houses materials documenting the history of Poughkeepsie, as well as Dutchess County and the surrounding Mid-Hudson Valley. *Courtesy photo*

Historian Shannon Butler is hosting an Open House in the Local History Room at Adriance Memorial Library on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. The Local History Room is the home to many interesting archives and objects that are available to the public. Shannon will guide visitors through the archives and objects, providing background and direction.

The Local History Room houses materials documenting the history of Poughkeepsie, as well as Dutchess County and the surrounding Mid-Hudson Valley. The collection contains both published secondary sources, as well as unique primary source materials, dating from the late 1700s to the present.

The resources that can be found in the Local History Room include maps, correspondence, and records of local civic, social, and fraternal organizations, as well as town and village histories, local government information, and information on local public and private school, including currently operating schools, as well as schools that are now closed. The items in the local history collection do not circulate or leave the Local History Room. Because many items are unique and fragile, access to this collection is restricted, and the Local History Room does not share hours with the library, so this is a great opportunity to see the collection without an appointment.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.

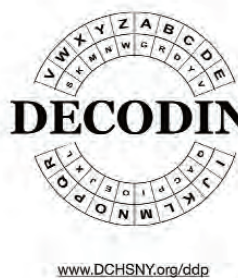
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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



By Miles Jenkins
DCHS Intern

“We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself,” declared President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Hyde Park native, during his December 29, 1940 fireside chat. FDR gave these national radio broadcasts, known as “Fireside Chats,” throughout his tenure as president. They were considered revolutionary as no president had been able to speak to the people so personally and widely until then. In this broadcast he made a plea to the industrial powerhouses of the United States, to forge weapons in preparation of a war which had not yet reached our shores. These war weapons would help to aid her friends across the Atlantic currently locked in the struggle against fascism and Nazism.

Poughkeepsie answered the President’s plea, with the U.S. Hoffman Machinery Corporation plant located on Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie converting to war work after receiving a contract from the Navy in August of 1942. U.S Hoffman had succeeded the former Hoffman Pressing Machine Company. As the narrative revealed in the Dutchess County Historical Society’s newspaper collection, the company went on to become an integral part of the Poughkeepsie economy during the Second World War and into the early Cold War.

The Army-Navy E Award was an award given to individual plants which “have achieved outstanding performance on war production.” The honor combined three existing awards: the Navy E, the Army A, and the Army-Navy Star. The Army A award was created in May of 1942 to award plants for excellence fulfilling contracts. The Army Navy Star was created in May of 1942 to be awarded to plants for excellence in making machine tools and accessories. Conversely, the Navy E awarded excellence in gunnery, dates to 1906. It was then expanded to include excellence in engineering and communications, until August of 1942 when it was merged with Army A and Army Navy Star to become the Army Navy E award. This merger is important because it shows a shift in phi-

losophy in how wars are fought.

Not only does this show how the advancement of technology changes how wars are fought, but it also brought them into the everyday life of citizens in a way previous wars had not. Prior to the world wars, conflicts were primarily fought on the battlefield. With the advent of industrialization allowing for the scale of the conflict to be proportional with the nation’s industrialization, the home front became increasingly important. It became necessary to motivate workers to continue to work to the best of their ability, as it was their work that the success of the Army, Navy, or Marines hinged on. As well as mass communication technologies like radio, letting individuals express their displeasure with the war effort, the government needed a way to recognize the war workers of the country. Recognition ensured workers felt less like they were just cogs in a machine which would impact their effort at work, subsequently impacting the war effort abroad.

Plants were nominated by the branch of service that had the greatest interest in the plant. So dedicated to making parts for planes, it was up to the technical services of the Army Air Force to nominate them. Industrial facilities were then selected based on several criteria, primarily quality and quantity. Other criteria were overcoming production obstacles, avoiding stoppages and the maintenance of fair labor standards. Throughout the war 4,283 of the awards were given to plants across the country, comprising between 3% and 5% of all eligible plants in the country.

U.S Hoffman, which succeeded the Hoffman Pressing Machine Company in 1904, was a laundry and dry-cleaning machinery manufacturer. The corporation was primarily based in Syracuse but had plants in Louisville and Toronto alongside the Poughkeepsie plant. Before the war, the company as a whole produced laundry and dry cleaning machinery and was one of the largest producers of such equipment in the country. Prior to US entry into the war the plant, located at 18 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie, produced equipment for the industrial and garment industries while also doubling as a repair workshop.

However, during the war U.S.

‘The Great Arsenal of Democracy’: U.S. Hoffman Machinery Corporation



“Let’s keep it flying” Army-Navy E Award promotional poster. *Courtesy of the National Archives*

Hoffman switched from making laundry equipment to making ammunition. This came in the form of the 40 mm anti-aircraft shell, bullets that would be fired from the BOFORS 40 mm anti-aircraft gun, a weapon utilized by both US and British naval and land forces during the war. The BOFORS 40 mm was used throughout WWII as it was the primary anti-aircraft weapon used by the Allies. This work brought not just national recognition for Poughkeepsie but also jobs with 220 individuals employed at the plant during its World War II contract. It was among these employees that two were chosen to speak at the award ceremony, Catherine Todd and Rocco Veronesi, alongside the plant’s “works manager” Peter H. Prenting. The two employees were given sample speeches by the government, which were heavily militaristic in nature. This is a line from the sample speech given to Rocco Veronesi. “But if we can’t fight our way to victory, we’ll work our way to it. We’ll keep those 40 mm. projectiles coming just as fast as our boys can feed ’em.”

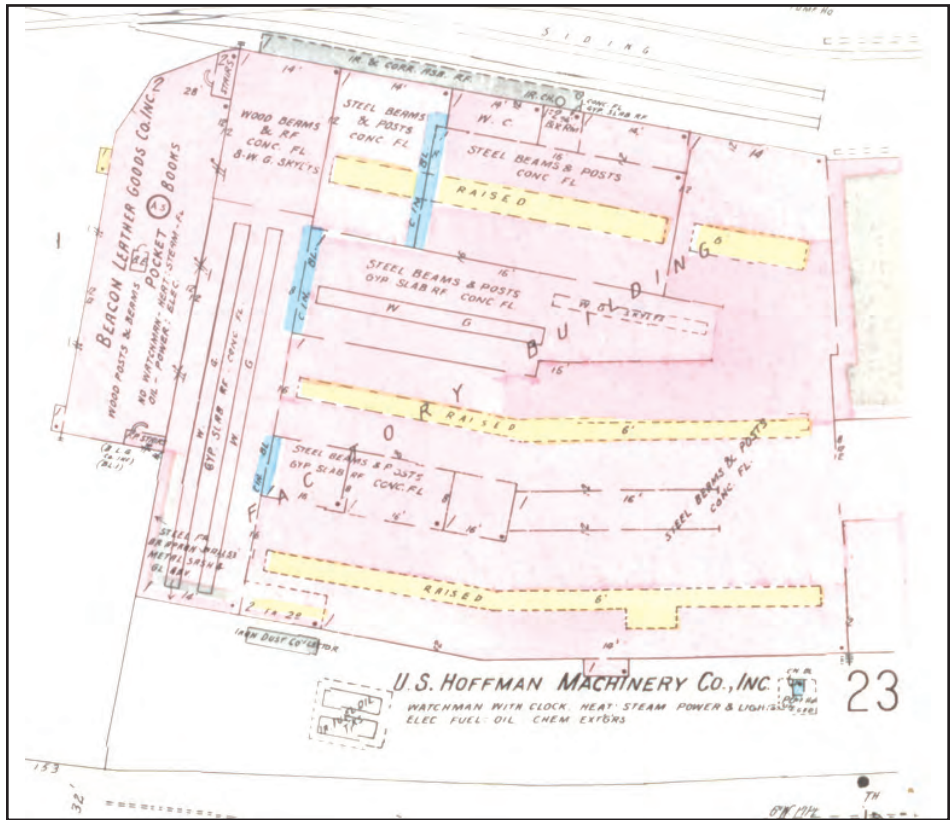
Along with the Violet Avenue plant, U.S. Hoffman operated a second plant at 150 South Water Street. Commonly known as the “Moline Plant,” it was owned by the City of Poughkeepsie and had sat vacant for many years until 1945. The original plan was to lease part of the plant to U.S. Hoffman for the production of artillery shells. This plan fell through as U.S. Hoffman would have had to conduct extensive renovations on the property. Despite opening late in the war, these shells were still desperately needed to strike down a battered Nazi Germany and a lingering Imperial Japan. As the pro-

duction of these shells were a matter of national security, the Government invoked the Second War Powers Act and seized the land while giving the shell contract to U.S. Hoffman.

Both the South Water Street plant and the Violet Avenue plant would continue production until the end of the war. After the war the Violet Avenue plant returned to peacetime work until 1947, when U.S. Hoffman consolidated its laundry manufacturing in Syracuse. The South Water Street plant closed at the end of the war on November 2, 1945; it was then reopened in the fall of 1950 shortly after the beginning of the Korean War, producing 5-inch shells for the Navy, before closing again in late 1954. It then briefly reopened in 1957 before shuttering its doors for the last time in 1960 due to the fact that the shells being produced were considered obsolete.

The Army-Navy E award was the highest honor an industrial plant could receive during the Second World War. While U.S Hoffman was not unique in being a prominent manufacturer in the area, it was the only one whose employees made an effort so monumental that the federal government, with all its many worries during the Second World War, made sure they were recognized for their indispensable work. Doing their part to help our fighting men in the country’s struggle, Poughkeepsie was able to play a positive role in the War.

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Sandbourne Map (1950) showing the “Moline Plant” on South Water St., Poughkeepsie. *Image courtesy of DCHS Archives and Special Collections*

A & E CALENDAR

Through Aug. 17: SummerScape, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Bard SummerScape returns with opera, dance, Spiegeltent, and the 35th Bard Music Festival, “Martinu and His World.” Tickets & more information at fisher center.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: The Crew, a band of veteran NY musicians with 3 great lead singers doing 7 decades of rock, pop & soul hits. More info on the Facebook event page.

Aug. 14: Movies in the Park, Crown Heights Park, 34 Nassau Rd., Poughkeepsie. The Town of Poughkeepsie presents “Back to the Future.” Free. poughkeepsieny.myrec.com

Aug. 14: “Movies Under the Stars,” 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: “Wreck-it-Ralph,” starts at sunset (7:56 p.m.). Updates at the Facebook page, Rhinebeck’s Movies Under the Stars; or for more information, contact Frank Intervallo at (914) 329-8615 or by email at frankintervallo@gmail.com

Aug. 14: Summer Concert Series, Cady Field, 1554 Main St., Pleasant Valley. PV Rec presents The Tailgate Band, 6 p.m. Grab your picnic blankets, lawn chairs, family, and friends. www.pvrec.com

Aug. 15: Clinton Summer Concert Series, Fran Mark Rec Park, 337 Clinton Hollow Rd., Salt Point. The series closes with Vito Petrocitto, 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. 15-17: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Aug. 15: Gabe Stillman Band; special guest Dan Brother, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Aug. 16: Manticore – The Tribute to Emerson Lake & Palmer, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Aug. 17: Rita Harvey’s ‘Heart Like a Wheel’: The Music of Linda Ronstadt, 7

p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Aug. 16: Author Talk, Hyde Park Library, 1 Main St., Hyde Park. Galina Vromen will discuss her historical novel, “Hill of Secrets,” set in Los Alamos during WWII, 10 a.m. (845) 229-7791 or www.hydepark-library.org

Aug. 16: Movies With Spirit, Congregation Emanuel, 243 Albany Ave., Kingston. Rarely shown in the United States, the drama is inspired by the real early life of Mirco Mencacci, a blind boy who is now one of Italy’s top sound editors, 7 p.m. The film, in Italian with English subtitles, runs 96 minutes and is rated PG. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. For more information, contact Gerry Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com.

Aug. 16: Play Reading, Village Hall, 3rd floor, 86 Broadway, Tivoli. Tangent Theatre Company presents a reading of “The Lifespan of a Fact” by Gordon Farrell, Jeremy Kareken & David Murrell, based on the book by John D’Agata & Jim Fingal, 6 p.m. As a literary piece is about to be published, two colleagues come head to head in a comedic - yet gripping - battle over facts versus truth. Free. General seating; reservations required. info@tangent-arts.org

Aug. 16-17: “Play Lab Residency: Blue Cowboy,” Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Written and performed by David Cale. Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m. www.ancramcenter.org

Aug. 19: Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert, St. Christopher’s Catholic Church, Rte. 9 & Garden St., Red Hook. Enjoy a free outdoor concert by this 40-piece symphonic wind band playing Broadway show tunes, classical music, marches & more, 6:45 p.m. If it rains, the concert will be canceled. For more info and updates, check rhinebecklegionband.org.

Aug. 19-24: Dutchess County Fair, DC Fairgrounds, Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Six-day fair showcases agriculture, horticulture, crafts and artisans. Grandstand entertainment, Midway rides, Century Museum, Firefighters Museum, Pawstars Dogs, Dock Dogs, food and beverages, shopping and more. Free parking. www.dutchess fair.com

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 29:** “Ode to Provincetown,” watercolor artist Joanne Cuttler captures the charm of Provincetown’s buildings. Reception: Sat., Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m. www.artgallery71.com

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

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

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

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

Live 4 Art Gallery, 20 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through August:** Rock and A Soft Place Studios hosts the return of the all-sculpture show, “SCULPTURE V,” bringing together sinuous metal creations by Karen Madden, the evocative figurative mixed media wall-hangings of Lila Turjanski-Villard, and intricate stone sculptures by Bob Madden. Visit https://rockandasoftplace.com/Sculpture5/Homepage.htm or call (845) 206-3298 for artist and exhibit details.

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

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

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Aug. 30:** “Paradise” by Ian Hutton & Selva Ozelli. World renowned photographer Ian Hutton, the curator of the Lord Howe Island Museum, and award winning oil artist Selva Ozelli from the Hudson Valley teamed up to bring a taste of Lord Howe Island Group to the Morton Memorial Library. Lord Howe Island Group, an Australian island group in the Tasman Sea east of Port Macquarie, is one of the most beautiful islands in the Pacific and an iconic tourist destination. (845) 876-2903

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

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 22:** A new photography exhibit by returning artist Arnie Goran is on display. In his photography, he focuses on capturing nature and landscape imagery, especially within the Mid-Hudson Valley. A resident of Staatsburg, Goran has traveled to all seven continents, including the North Pole, in pursuit of his photographic interests. Photography on display at the exhibit will be available for sale and contact info will be provided for interested buyers. All proceeds will be donated to the Staatsburg Library.

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

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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Aug. 15-Sept. 14:** “Works of Passion,” exhibition features artworks in a wide range of mediums born from deep passion, showcasing surrealist dreams, captivating fantasy, and striking abstract landscapes. **Opening reception:** Sat., Aug. 16, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

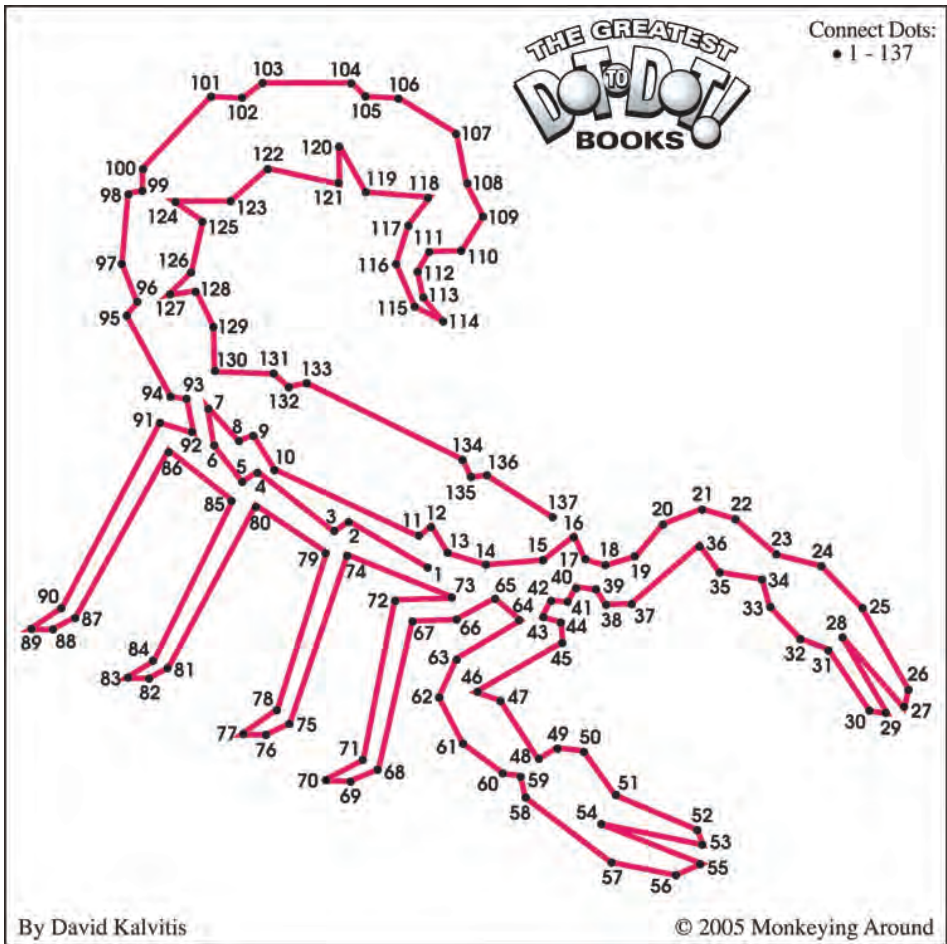
The Transverse Gallery for Contemporary Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 14:** “Spirit Rising: Recent Works by Susan Miiller.” A resident of the Hudson Valley for over 25 years, Miller continues the tradition of fine landscape painting that dates back to the early 19th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

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

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Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)



Dutchess County awards \$500K to enhance community senior centers

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced on Aug. 5 that \$500,000 has been awarded to enhance and improve eight local community senior centers through the 2025 Dutchess County Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program. These grants are part of Dutchess County’s ongoing commitment to helping older adults stay active and energized through social and recreational activities.

Serino said, “Our older adults are the heart of our community. They’ve spent their lives giving so much to others, and we want to be sure they have places where they feel valued, connected, and cared for. These grants are about more than just fixing buildings – they’re about making sure every center feels inviting, so the people who walk through those doors can continue to build connections and enjoy being together. I’m so proud we can make these investments to support the centers that make such a difference in their lives every single day.”

The \$500,000 MIG funding was dedicated for capital infrastructure improvements and enhancements to local senior centers and senior friendship centers through a Dutchess County Legislature amendment to the 2025 County Budget. Eligible applicants were municipalities and non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation that own or have a long-term lease for the facility that currently operates or will operate a senior center or senior friendship center at a minimum of 12 hours per week.

Dutchess County Legislature Majority Leader Deirdre A. Houston said, “These projects each reflect my heartfelt intent when I proposed this funding for the 2025 County Budget: fulfilling our goal to create safe, welcoming spaces where Dutchess County’s older adults can enjoy social opportunities, receive support and participate in programs that truly enrich their lives.”

Projects funded through the 2025 Municipal Investment Grant Program include:

City of Beacon Housing Authority, \$24,000 – Renovate bathrooms; install new window coverings, a moveable room divider, gazebo and an automated external defibrillator; and purchase supplies for activities at the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) Friendship Center at Forrestal Heights.

First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, \$88,000 – Upgrade flooring and stairs and install air conditioning units in the fellowship hall used for the OFA Tri-Town Friendship Center.

Edwin Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for First Presbyterian Church

of Pleasant Valley, said, “We appreciate Dutchess County’s support of the important programs we offer local older adults. The men and women we serve have contributed greatly to our community over the years, and we’re thrilled to provide them vital socialization and recreation to ensure they age with grace and know their community continues to value them.”

Red Hook Community Center, Inc., \$160,000 – Renovate bathrooms; improve outdoor area accessibility; and upgrade exterior and interior entrance accessibility and parking lot at the OFA Red Hook Friendship Center.

Town of Dover, \$20,000 – Purchase new tables, chairs, appliances, smart board and storage shed and to upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units at the Town’s senior center, located at the American Legion Hall.

Town of East Fishkill, \$57,000 – Replace the roof at the Town and OFA senior center, located at the East Fishkill Community Center.

Town of Union Vale, \$20,000 – Install new ceiling, lighting and automatic doors and replace the flooring at the Town’s senior center, located at Tymor Park.

Town of Wappinger, \$75,000 – Expand the existing kitchen; purchase new appliances; relocate a bathroom; and install new flooring at the Town’s senior center, located at the Wappinger Town Hall.

Town of Washington, \$56,000 – Renovate the Town’s existing senior center, located at the Town of Washington Park’s Turletes Building, including weatherization improvements and addition of a kitchen with new appliances and a second bathroom.

In addition to senior centers operated by various municipalities throughout the county, the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) operates eight friendship centers, where older adults can savor a delicious, healthy meal while engaging in social activities and building friendships. All OFA friendship centers are open to every County resident, age 60+, regardless of municipal boundaries. Additional information, including a list of all OFA friendship centers, respective operating days and hours, activities calendars, as well as contact information, is available at dutchessny.gov/aging.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Poughkeepsie Elks seek vendors for 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 Aug. 16

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday August 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/>

Hyde Park Library to host

'Know Your Local Government' speaker series

The Hyde Park Library is presenting a speaker series entitled “Know Your Local Government,” and the first guest will be Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, on Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. If one would like to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of one's elected officials, don't miss these sessions. Other guests will include:

- Aug. 25 - Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair
- Sept. 1 - County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt and County Legislator Brendan Lawler
- Sept. 8 - Hyde Park Town Supervisor Al Torreggiani

Registration is required; visit hydeparklibrary.org/events to sign up.

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.

Surf and Turf Dinner set Sept. 25 at East Clinton Firehouse

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 44th Annual Surf and Turf Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the East Clinton Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners. Sit down 5 & 7 p.m. Take-out 6 p.m. only. Cost: \$22 regular or \$32 super-size. Reservations required; call (845) 266-5485.

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

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

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Public Notice
A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10:00am at the Dutchess County Board of Elections, 112 Delafield St., Ste 200, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The purpose of the public hearing is to rule on the specific objections filed against Caucus #C25-002329 – Town of Washington Republican Caucus and Caucus #C25-002330 – Village of Millbrook Republican Caucus.
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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-27-25
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th 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.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 2025-51502 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAFACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs JAMIE ALFARO, CHRISTIE ALFARO, STATE FARM BANK,

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F.S.B., FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, D U T C H E S S COUNTY CLERK, UNIFUND CCR, LLC JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). M O R T G A G E D PREMISES: 27 Gretna Woods Road Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after

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the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Fremont Investment & Loan Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of June, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City

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of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro dated the November 3, 2006, to secure the sum of \$340,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 01 2006 18383 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on November 8, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 14, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01 2010 2331A. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro on August 26, 2017 and recorded September 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 01-2017-6459 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk. The mortgage

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was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 4, 2025 and recorded on February 7, 2025, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2025-50123A. The property in question is described as follows: 27 Gretna Woods Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for

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further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 29, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86819

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OBITUARIES

Linda R. Bard

Linda R. Bard, 82 of Red Hook, NY, left this world sooner than we ever could have imagined, on August 5, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.
Linda was born on July 29, 1943 in Rhinebeck, NY to the late Catherine VanSteenburgh Waterick and Edward Waterick. She graduated from Red Hook High School in 1962.
Linda worked as a secretary at the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie for over 20 years.
She was a true social butterfly—always ready for a conversation, and often known to talk a little too much, but that was one of the best things about her. Her warmth and openness earned her countless friendships over the years, many of whom she considered more like family.
She loved to travel and explore the world, always with her beloved Bill by her side. Together they visited places like Alaska, Nova Scotia, the canyons, Canada, and beyond—returning each time with stories and cherished memories. Linda and Bill were married in 1986 at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary on the Hudson River State Hospital campus in Poughkeepsie, beginning a life together filled with laughter, adventure, and unwavering companionship.
At home, Linda was happiest in the kitchen cooking for others, or tucked away with a good book in hand. She was also a proud member of the Red Hook Boat Club, where she spent many joyful days by the Hudson River, soaking in both the beauty of the water and the friendships it brought her way.
She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially Bill, her partner in every sense of the word.
In addition to her loving husband, Bill, Linda is survived by her son, Rex Maine of Florida, her grandson, Christopher Maine of Florida, her great grandson, Christopher; extended family and countless friends.
She was predeceased by her parents, her step-mother, Muriel, and her brother,

Frederick J. Weterick.
In keeping with Linda's wishes, there will be no funeral services at this time.
Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook.
Edward Lydon
Edward Lydon, Jr., 88, passed away on July 28, 2025 at The Baptist Home in Rhinebeck, NY.
Ed was born on April 10, 1937 on the family farm in Elizaville, NY to the late Edward and Charlotte (VanDyke) Lydon, Sr. He married his beloved wife, Eleanor Brewer on Feb. 13, 1965 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Manorton, NY.
Ed proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the 1950's on the USS Wadleigh.
For over 50 years, Ed was the owner and operator of his own trucking company, building a reputation for hard work, reliability, and determination. During his long career he was best known by his handle, "Fortune Cookie." Outside of his career, Ed was involved in his community—he served as treasurer of the Elizaville Game Club, was a proud member of the Rhinebeck American Legion, and belonged to the Tin Can Sailors, a national association honoring naval destroyer veterans.
Ed found great joy in life's simpler pleasures. He loved spending time outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, or tending to his garden. He especially took pride in the tomatoes he grew each summer—meticulously cared for and shared with friends and family. You could often find him reading and would always have a novel on hand. Tupper Lake held a special place in his heart and was a cherished spot with his family.
Above all, Ed was a devoted husband to Eleanor and a steadfast supporter of his children and grandchildren.
In addition to his wife, Eleanor, who survives at home in Elizaville; he is survived by his children, Tracy (Keith) Gardner of Myrtle Beach, SC and Elizaville, Eleanor (Brian) Lydon-Clements of Red Hook, and Edward "Teddy" Lydon of Elizaville. Ed is survived by 7 grandchildren; Stephen (Heather), Cameron and Peyton Gardner, Madelyn and Gracyn Clements, and Mason and Braelyn

Lydon. He is also survived by his siblings, Susan Moul of Red Hook, Randy Lydon of Barrytown, and David Lydon of Florida; many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.
Ed is predeceased by his siblings, Charlene Goodrich, Timothy Lydon, Carol Brightly and Mary Cox.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's memory to Cure JM Foundation, <https://www.curejm.org/donate/>.
Friends and family were received Monday, August 4, 2025 at Burnett and White Funeral Homes, Red Hook. Burial took place at Elizaville Methodist Cemetery in Elizaville, NY on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.
Funeral arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook.
Elizabeth 'Betty' Perrino



Elizabeth "Betty" Perrino, 84, an area resident for 30 years and formerly of the Bronx, passed away on August 5, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family.
Born in the Bronx on June 22, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Patsy and Mary (Rotundo) Perrino. Betty had been employed as the Cobra Coordinator for the NYC District

Council Carpenters' Union.
Betty was a devoted member of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Lagrangeville where she served as a catechist and cenacle, and with the prison ministry. She was also a life member and past president of the St. Denis/St. Columba/St. Kateri Altar Rosary Society and volunteered with Relay for Life and hospitality.
She was a caring, loving, faithful friend known for her cooking and always making everyone laugh and leaving a lasting impression on everyone's heart. Betty also loved traveling, and enjoyed Hawaii, many trips to Italy, and any cruise opportunity that came her way. As Frank Sinatra said, "she lived a life that's full, and traveled each and every highway."
Betty is survived by her sister, Marie Lettieri; her nieces and nephews, Ralph Lettieri, Mary Rose Cleary, Sarah Williams, Beach Burlingame, Douglas Burlingame, Julianne Burlingame and Patrick Burlingame; and many other extended family members. She was predeceased by her niece, Denise Burlingame.
Calling hours were held on Sunday, Aug. 10, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, Aug. 11, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Lagrangeville followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.
Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Special Olympics.

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BEEN SCAMMED?
YOU'RE NOT 'GULLIBLE'

It's never easy for somebody to admit when they've been scammed, so we truly appreciate it when people step up to share their experiences with others, in hopes that no more of us are victimized. We have one concern, though: many scam victims have said to us, "Oh, I was so gullible!"

Let's not look at it that way. Scam victims come from all walks of life, all ages, all income levels, and all cognitive abilities. While it may seem that older adults are targeted by phone scammers because of their age, the truth is closer to this: Phone scammers simply auto-dial phone numbers en masse, with no idea who's on the receiving end. They find more older adults simply because they are most likely to be home to pick up the phone, especially if they still have a landline phone. Incidentally, this doesn't mean you should have your landline phone disconnected. Your landline is often the only communication method that will still work during a power outage.

The scam victims who spoke to us weren't gullible. They may have been tricked into giving up information, which can happen to any of us. They may have been tired and missed clues. Maybe a phone scam victim gave up personal

information because that was the way we were taught to answer the phone, for decades, until it became second nature: Good afternoon, Smith residence, this is George ... Do that nowadays, and a scammer immediately knows George Smith's phone number, and that he answers the phone without screening his calls.

That scenario is one reason why scams work: They make their attempts at fraud look like ordinary human interactions. A scammer calls you, impersonating "Medicare customer service," claiming that they want to "confirm" your Medicare identification number. Sounds reasonable, at first glance - but wait. Wouldn't Medicare already have your ID number? They issued it!

Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security will not "cold call" you. They will not seek personal information that they already have. Their official correspondence comes through the U.S. Mail. They may return a call, but only if you called them first.

Think of scammers as businesses

"It's not personal, Sonny - it's strictly business."

- Michael Corleone,
"The Godfather," 1972

Behind the scam attempts we experience are multinational criminal organiza-

tions, modern-day Corleones complete with sophisticated marketing and research operations, international import/export divisions, substantial side interests in gambling operations, mergers and acquisitions, and much more. If we counted all the money stolen by scammers and cybercriminals around the world, the imaginary nation of "Scamland" would have a gross domestic product over \$10 trillion annually, according to Cybercrime magazine. That's third behind only the GDP of China and the U.S.

The likelihood of a scam organization's detection and prosecution is estimated to be as low as 0.05 percent in the U.S., according to the World Economic Forum's 2020 Global Risk Report.

But isn't it easy to spot a scammer?

Not as easy as it used to be, so let's not be lulled into a false sense of security because you haven't been fooled - yet. Phone scammers no longer have to rely on call-center staff with often poor command of their victim's language. As skilled business people, their tech research has enabled them to use artificial intelligence to synthesize dozens of languages, even dialects and accents. Scammers can now use a technology called "voice cloning" to re-create the voices of elected officials, trusted celebrities, even your own family members. That said, scam attempts go nowhere if you remember two words: Don't engage.

"Don't engage" means you screen your phone calls and confirm who's on the other end, before saying anything to anybody. If you picked up by mistake, hang up without engaging.

"Don't engage" means not clicking on any links in emails or text messages until you know for certain that they point somewhere known and reliable.

"Don't engage" means not scanning an unfamiliar QR code on a letter or package you received.

"Don't engage" means knowing that scammers will try to scare you or pitch a

"too good to be true" scenario, figuring that your emotions will override your logic.

Your homework assignment:
Tell your friends

The pace of new developments in scam techniques and prevention is dizzying, but we share it with you as soon as we digest it ourselves. As you read this newsletter, share what you've learned here with friends. If you think you've been scammed or targeted, report it to the authorities. It's a layer of protection in case you're mistakenly billed. See dutchessny.gov/scamprevention for more.

Sometimes Dutchess County older adults discover scams before we do, like the Pawling senior who recently tipped us off to a Medicare fraud scam involving \$15,000 in false claims for catheters which his physician had neither prescribed nor ordered. That scam turns out to have involved years' worth of false Medicare claims for over \$10 billion in durable medical equipment, and the arrest in June of 29 defendants from around the country and as far away as Estonia.

WHEN'S THE PROM?

First things first: We're still in the "save-the-date" stage of OFA Senior Prom planning, and you haven't missed anything.

The OFA Senior Prom, co-hosted by The Pines at Poughkeepsie, takes place on Monday, October 20th, noon-4pm, at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Road in Wappinger. It's open to all Dutchess County residents over age 60, while seats remain available.

Registration opens on Thursday, August 28th. The \$20 price of admission has stayed the same since at least 2015, and includes lunch and an afternoon of dancing and fun with the full Bob Martinson Band.

Registration forms will be emailed to everyone on the OFA email list. If you subscribe to this email, you'll get one. The form will also be included in the Fall 2025 THRIVE60+ OFA newsletter.

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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!"

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