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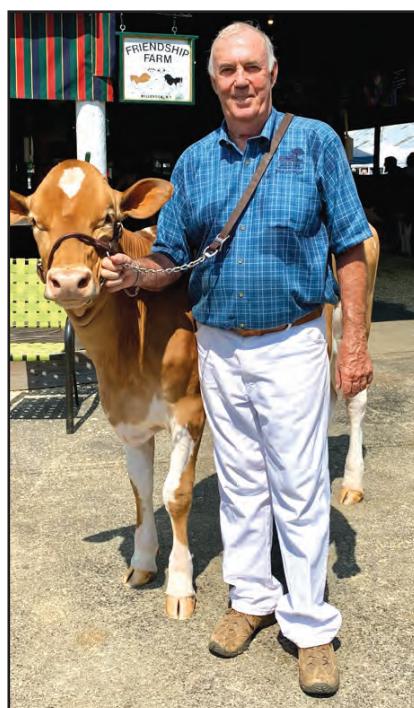
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INSIDE: Youth in Agriculture supplement

Dick Whalen celebrates 70th year showing at DC Fair

By Curtis Schmidt



Dick Whalen is celebrating his 70th year of showing dairy cows at the DC Fair this week. He plans to have 10 Guernsey cows at the Fair. Courtesy photo

Dick Whalen of Millbrook has had a second home and family for the past 69 years. They are both at the Dutchess County Fair. Whalen is celebrating his 70th year of showing dairy cows at the Fair this week at the 179th DC Fair.

"It's really all about the Fair family and the camaraderie, the commitment to agriculture and the Fair itself," said Whalen. "It's the Fair experience and I've always just loved being at the Fair and the Fairgrounds."

Showing dairy cows is how it all began, but it has become so much more. Whalen has been a member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and the Fair Board of

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179TH DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Sharing a passion: Youth Livestock contestants invite all to annual Sale



The annual Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair is set for Saturday, Aug. 23 at 4 p.m. in the Main Show Ring. Showing their animals above are, from left, Jack Coon (hog), Lyris Pennock (duck), Jackson Crisp (lamb), Hailey Brennan (rabbit) and Tavin Pennock (turkey). In back with the steer is James Roush. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

Jackson Crisp, Jack Coon, Tessa Mashburn, Addison Stapf, Lyris and Tavin Pennock and Hailey Brennan all share a passion for learning about and raising animals. They are just seven of many youth who represent the future of agriculture in the Hudson Valley.

All of them would like to meet you and impart their knowledge and enthusiasm at the Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 23. If you have an interest in the future of our youth, you will make a point of attending the pre-sale event at 2 p.m. to actually meet the youth and the sale itself at 4 p.m. in the Main Show Ring at the Fair.

The Youth Livestock Sale is where the best of the best are on parade after all of

the different shows during the week of the Fair. During the pre-show event, the youth meet with potential buyers and interested fair-goers in an educational and friendly setting.

So, what are the advantages of purchasing animals at the sale? Just read what the youth have to say.

Jackson Crisp is 18 and a member of Golden Fleece and Northern Dutchess Dairy clubs. This is his 13th and final year of 4-H and ninth year participating in the Youth Livestock Sale at the Fair. He will be a freshman at Cornell University this fall, majoring in Agricultural Sciences.

"If you are lucky enough to purchase an animal in the sale, you will be able to custom cut the meat," he said. "For exam-

ple, if you purchase a lamb, you could buy it with a bone-in leg of lamb and another leg boneless and butterflied. The meat you purchase will be custom cut and delivered to you by your seller. You can then fill your freezer with quality local meat to enjoy year-round."

From the personal side, Crisp said, "When you buy from one of these kids, you not only get a firm handshake, smile and a thank you from a 4-H or FFA student, you get quality meat from someone you can trust and talk to."

Tessa Mashburn, 13, is the Commercial Rabbit Species Representative for the Livestock Sale. She asks, "Where can you find animals

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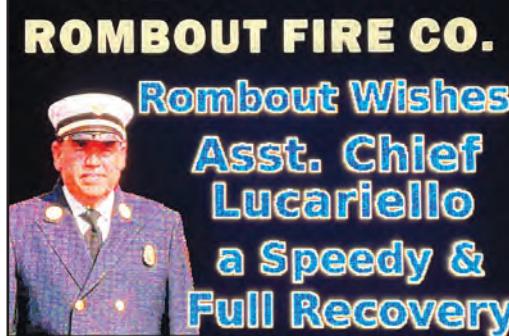
By Kristine Coulter

Rombout Fire Co. Assistant Chief John Lucariello collapsed at a scene on Mountainview Road in Fishkill at 5:19 a.m. on Aug. 11.

According to a social media post by Rombout Fire Co., it was while investigating an active structure fire, that the assistant chief collapsed. He was immediately transported to St Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, Orange County, for treatment, then flown to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, Westchester County. According to the fire company, Lucariello is currently in critical condition under the care of leading cardiac specialists.

According to a fundraising page for the assistant chief on The Yard Foundation (theyardfoundation.org) "(Lucariello's) brothers and sisters in the service, along with paramedics, immediately began life-saving efforts. After being shocked five times, the unthinkable happened: John was pronounced dead." The statement on the site continues, "Five minutes later, in a moment that doctors say they've never seen before, John began breathing again on his own. His heart started beating. He was flown to Westchester Medical Center and is now under the care of cardiac specialists, holding on in critical but stable condition."

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The Rombout Fire Co. wishes a speedy recovery to Asst. Fire Chief John Lucariello. He collapsed at a scene on Aug. 11. Courtesy photo

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Red Hook Boat Club celebrates court's decision that Town's zoning change was 'improper'

By Richard Wambach
& Kate Goldsmith

The Red Hook Boat Club held a press conference on Monday, Aug. 18, to celebrate State Supreme Court Justice Maria G. Rosa's recent ruling that the Town of Red Hook failed to meet the "hard look" requirement in its SEQRA review when it made changes to a zoning law impacting the Red Hook Boat Club.

The requirement is there to prevent agencies from "rubber-stamping" projects instead of considering potential environmental consequences.

In February, the Boat Club filed an Article 78 lawsuit against the Town of Red Hook, challenging the zoning changes. In a previous interview with this paper, Boat Club Commodore Richie Ross stated that the changes were made with a design on taking the club's property by eminent domain. In July, the Red Hook Town Board did vote to proceed with an eminent domain takeover, by a count of 3-2.

At the press conference set against the backdrop of the Hudson River, Boat Club members were joined by local dignitaries, fellow boating organizations and other supporters. All club members, residents and dignitaries spoke of the continuing

need for solidarity in opposing the Town of Red Hook's takeover.

"Today, I speak not only on behalf of our club, but as an advocate for thousands of residents, boaters, and landowners whose voices have been repeatedly ignored," said Ross.

Regarding the zoning changes, Ross said, "What was presented as a benign amendment to zoning laws turned out to be a calculated maneuver – one designed to pave the way for eminent domain. This wasn't about improving river access or offering scenic views of the Hudson. This was about power. Power wielded swiftly, without transparency, and without the support of the very community it would affect."

Noting Rosa "found that the town's amendments to local zoning laws were improper," Ross noted, "This ruling is not just a legal win for the Red Hook Boat Club; it is a clear and forceful condemnation of the town's actions. Judge Rosa understood the dangerous precedent at stake, and her decision reaffirms an essential truth: unchecked government power will not stand."

Ross emphasized that the ruling is an important first step.

"This fight is not over, but make no mistake: the tide has turned," he said.



Taking part in a press conference on Monday, Aug. 18, were members of the Red Hook Boat Club, local dignitaries and supporters from other boating organizations across the state. All speakers emphasized the continuing need for solidarity in opposing the Town of Red Hook's takeover of the Boat Club by eminent domain. Pictured, from left, are Red Hook Boat Club member Elijah Bender, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Red Hook Boat Club Commodore Richie Ross, Mohawk Hudson Council of Yacht Clubs Commodore Chad Shufelt and Vice Commodore Chris Gillespie and DC Legislature Chairman Will Truitt. Photo by Richard Wambach

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Directors for over 40 years.

"With all of the meetings and events, it really is a second home. It's about care and respect for all of the other individuals in the organization and working together. I've seen the Fair evolve and I've been part of the decision-making process to help the Fair grow. With the business side, it's been a lot of learning and hard work," he said.

And with the Fair itself, Whalen said he "hasn't missed a day in all of these years – and that includes all of the extra days in setting up with the animals."

How it began

This all began (where else?) at the Fair in 1953. He and his parents were driving home from the Fair and he made the statement from the back seat: "I want to show cattle at the Fair."

His parents owned the Friendship Farm near Millbrook and were very supportive. "They encouraged me right off the bat," Whalen said. "But my dad was busy with the banking business, so my mother became the real support figure for me, day in and day out."

He initially joined the Baby Beef program with 4-H clubs because it was the most popular one at the Fair. But there was a problem. "I soon found out that the beef kids sent their animals to the butcher and I didn't want any part of that," he

said. For him, showing and raising cows was also about the relationship that he developed with the animals.

He joined the Southern Dutchess Dairy 4-H club – and in 1954 with a cow named "Gracious Jewel," Whalen made his debut showing at the Fair. "I was just 12 at the time, and I had a keen interest. I loved 4-H and the Fair and stayed the whole week in the 4-H dormitory," he said. "It was my first time away from home."

However, he also learned to "obey rules, the responsibility involved in taking care of the animals, looking out for others and learning to work with others."

He continued to show every year until the age of 21. He had several first-place winners, but no grand champions. "Guys like Ray Vail, Henry Beneke, Jack Pulver and Harold Miller were the big winners in the dairy shows all of those years," said Whalen.

He also became more involved in farming and raising the family's growing Holstein herd. He started showing in the Open Class. In 1965, he married Judy – and incidentally had his first grand champion with "Friendship Reflector Carla." "She was the ideal Holstein, very easy to work with," said Whalen. He showed many junior champions and had the grand champion in 1970 with "Friendship Maple Jane."

Switching to Guernseys

By 1978, the Holstein herd numbered 124, but due to changes at the farm, the family started to concentrate on Guernsey cows in the 1990s. He showed the family's first Guernsey – "Tessie" – in 1998. In 1999, "Katie" won both Grand Champion and Supreme Champion honors. "She went on to be the matriarch or foundation cow on two of the most famous Guernsey bloodlines in existence," said Whalen. He also went on to show Katie and other Guernsey cows at national shows around the country.

This year he intends to have 10 Guernsey cows to show at the Fair with the help of his daughter, Donna. "She had her first cow at age 7 and has a strong interest in continuing the tradition," he said.

Whalen said he has "always loved caring for animals. It becomes an important part of life." He also takes great pride in the showmanship part of the shows. "You learn to know what the judges are looking for," he said.

Friendships, like his Friendship Farm, mean everything to Dick Whalen. And the Dutchess County Fair and its people are his "best friends."



Dick Whalen is pictured at the age of 12 with a dairy cow at the Dutchess County Fair in 1954. He has not missed a year at the Fair since that time. Courtesy photo

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that carry a story?" Her answer: "At the Dutchess County Fair Youth Livestock Sale, every rabbit and animal offered is more than a number on a tag, it's the result of months of care, hard work and connection to the land."

She adds, "I raise my rabbits here in the Hudson Valley, honoring the life they live and the joy and nourishment they can provide. Whether you come to find a beloved pet or wholesome local food, this sale is your chance to support 4-H and FFA youth and the future of agriculture, while taking home a piece of our community's story. I hope to see you there!"

Jack Coon is also 13. He shows dairy cows, steers and hogs and is the Youth Livestock Sale Representative for hogs.

His enthusiasm shows in his comments about his favorite hog. "I have three hogs this year, but my favorite is 'Jackhammer.' I'm not a huge 'bond with animals person,' but I really like the way this hog looks and his attitude. Since the first show we went to, he was my showmanship pig. He's like a best friend. I've been around the east side of the country with him at shows and he has done very well. He even helped me to win reserve champion junior showman at the Valley Classic in Luray VA."

Addison Stapf is a 15-year-old member and secretary of the Pine Plains FFA chapter and the president of the Goats and

Glory 4-H club. She is raising two market goats to be shown and sold in the Youth Livestock Sale.

"Twenty-five percent of the money received from the sale will be donated to Willow Roots in Pine Plains to help the people in my community when in a time of need," she said. "The remaining funds will be used for my projects in the future along with assisting me through my journey through FFA by paying for trips to conventions and workshops throughout the year that will better my understanding, of not only my species, but of the agricultural industry as a whole."

Lyris Pennock, 15, is a member of the Stony Ground 4-H Club. She notes that "4-H has been an important part of my life for a long time. Through 4-H, I've learned a lot about leadership and enjoy taking on roles that allow me to share my knowledge with others."

She is the Youth Livestock Sale Poultry Representative, but she works with other species as well. This year, she is raising Tunis sheep, heritage turkeys, geese and ducks.

"I look forward to showing my animals at the fair and having the opportunity to share my passion with others," said Lyris.

Tavin Pennock, 13 is raising and showing Tunis sheep, Heritage Chickens and Turkeys and Bantam Cochins and

Silkies.

"I enjoy working with a variety of species, because it allows me to learn more information. Sheep showmanship is one of my favorite activities to participate in at the Fair," he said. "I really enjoy being a shepherd and it's one of the reasons I wanted to become a Youth Livestock Sale Representative for Sheep. Every year I work hard breeding and caring for my animals, and I enjoy getting to show off all of my efforts at the Dutchess County Fair!"

Hailey Brennan is 16 and going into her junior year at Webutuck High School. This is her 10th year in the Cool Critters Rabbit 4-H club and third year participating in the Youth Livestock Sale.

"I hope to sell my New Zealand rabbits," she said. "Outside of 4-H, I am involved in my school's National Honor Society and student council. With whatever money I make at the sale, I plan on putting some toward my breeding program for future project years, and the rest toward college expenses."



Above, Tessa Mashburn is the Commercial Rabbit Species Representative for the Youth Livestock Sale. Lower left, Jack Coon is the Youth Livestock Sale Representative for hogs. He is pictured with his favorite hog, "Jackhammer." Courtesy photos



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The social value of dancing

To the editor:

The Friday Night Summer music in Red Hook has heard some great bands. One music selection August 15th drew a standing ovation - and for several selections, a number of dancers. (They were) almost invariably older folks. Where are the young people? Hopefully there are some other places where a young man can ask a young woman to dance.

My wife and I have enjoyed dancing from when we first dated, even now in our 80s.

I missed a lot of enjoyment by not learning how to dance until almost seventeen years old. Some thoughtful teacher had me partner with a young lady on a TV bandstand show, even though I could not dance. Determined to then learn, many good things followed, at parties and school dances.

At college, I was assigned to room with two football players, who were probably hoping for someone other than a shy kid who read the Bible. Our sister school had a "get acquainted" dance, and my roommates and I went. The organizer, perhaps from society, had dance cards, and a band playing sedate music.

But then the band left, and someone put on rock and roll.

By this time, I was a pretty good dancer, and my partner had danced professionally.

We had around 50 people watching us do the Lindy.

Back at the dorm, my roommates looked at me in amazement. Nonetheless, I was soon traded to the intellectuals upstairs for an end, probably helping my grades, if not my former roommates'.

Some years ago, going to a candidates' debate at a high school, I passed a Boy Scout troop, learning dancing with a Girl Scout troop. Don't schools today, as our 8th grade class did, teach students how to dance? (I skipped, helping a younger friend hone stick-ball skills that would help make him a star in high school, but leaving me unprepared for social matters.)

Have your children learn to dance?

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

Math: Our lifeline to financial security

By Irvin M. Miller, Ph.D.

One morning I woke from a terrible nightmare in which I had dreamed that I had lost all of my financial security. This nightmare started with signing up for a new communication service. I was expecting to pay \$10 a month for a three-year service, which using simple math would come to \$360. Before that service even started, the company withdrew over \$200 from my credit card. While it only took a couple of days to withdraw that money, it was going to take several months for it to be paid back. In the meantime, that \$10 a month was going to become \$20 a month. I was snared into a financial trap of my own making.

Then I began looking at some of my other transactions. Several years back, I could pay \$20 for a steak dinner. Today, it is \$40. Well, I was told that it was just inflation. So, I did the math. Tips have gone from 15% to 25%. I have to pay a \$4 fee for using my credit card, but taxes have stayed the same. So there is possibly a 50% increase in my cost because of a change in pricing policy. Over a five-year period, the inflationary cost should

have been \$10.

My conclusion: I have to go out for dinner less often.

I could go on with the dozens upon dozens of other transactions that yield the same results.

But, just look at two more. The United States has a \$35 trillion debt that threatens the financial stability of this country. We have exacerbated that debt while lowering our taxes. How do we do that? The math tells us. Unless you understand math beyond simple addition and subtraction, you cannot explain the situation.

Today, we are preparing for a "tulipmania" that is beyond our non-mathematical understanding. It can be easily be shown that cryptocurrency is on the way to create an enormous financial crisis that could take decades to be corrected.

In talking with friends, none of us have any idea how cryptocurrency works. We know that to sustain cryptocurrency and the internet, huge amounts of energy are required to maintain the associated data bases. There are costs to maintain any financial system. When we do the math, how much will these technologies cost?

There are other costs such as transac-

tional and security costs that could be many times the cost of transactions, such as today's wire transfer costs. We could save a lot of money on security costs by removing oversight restrictions.

My math skills have saved me thousands of dollars over the years. While I still have the skill, with my current-day experiences, I no longer have the capability to prevent legal and illegal fraud from accomplishing its goal.

But wait, I misspeak. If you improve your math skills, I do!

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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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"We ask for the public's understanding and respect as we navigate this situation," stated the Rombout Fire Co. in the post, which added, "We appreciate your support and understanding."

The statement on the Yard Foundation notes, "To his family, John is "truly the

best man in the entire world." To his fellow firefighters and the community he swore to protect, he is a dedicated leader for whom the fire service is life. He has spent his career answering the call for others in their darkest hour."

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Comptroller completes regular audit report of jail commissary accounts

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has completed its audit report of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Jail Inmate Commissary, Commissary Profit, & Inmate Welfare Fund Bank Accounts for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Periodic auditing of these accounts is required under New York State Law 9 CRR-NY 7016.1 and is subject to review by the New York State Commission of Correction. The last audit performed by the Comptroller's Office was for the period March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and was released in December 2021.

While the recent report found that all cash and funds were handled appropriately, the Comptroller's Office continues to recommend that the DCSO implement comprehensive, written policies and procedures for each commissary-related account, with policies that clearly define roles, responsibilities, and internal controls. An administrative financial staffing shortage continues to account for an improper segregation of duties, as well as timely completions of bank account reconciliations and required submissions to the Department of Finance.

"Sheriff Kirk Imperati is building up a strong staff to manage the accounts of the

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Implementing the recommendations of our audit report will further strengthen the Sheriff's financial operations," said Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. "Our report recommends, among other things, drafting policies and procedures for handling commissary accounts and segregating duties within financial processes."

"The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is committed to transparency, sound fiscal management, and full compliance with New York State Regulations," said Sheriff Kirk Imperati. "We appreciate the audit team's work and will continue to build upon these recommendations to strengthen our operational practices and ensure accountability moving forward."

The Comptroller's Office also identified \$86,642 in unclaimed inmate funds held in the County's Jail Trust and Agency account. According to Opinion 88-14 issued by the New York State Comptroller, counties are expected to either transfer long-unclaimed funds to the General Fund or submit these funds to the OSC Office of Unclaimed Funds. Following this finding, the Department of Finance transferred \$48,375 to the County's General Fund account.

Registration for Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic starts Aug. 20

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) will once again partner with the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARS) to offer a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82 in Hopewell Junction. The event is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required; registration opens Wednesday, Aug. 20 at hvars.org.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents and \$15 per pet for non-residents. All dogs must be on a leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years with proof of prior vaccination. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year. Microchipping will also be available at a cost of \$45 per pet, and a one-year distemper vaccine for \$25 per pet.

In New York State, rabies vaccinations are required for all cats, dogs, and domes-

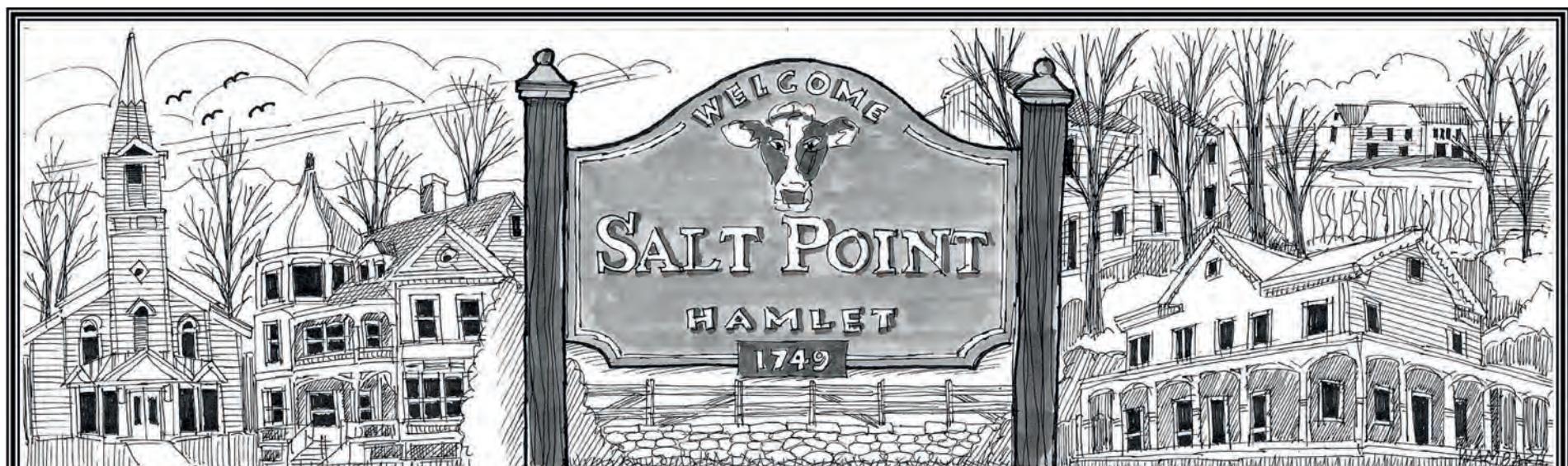
tic ferrets by the age of four months. Revaccination is then required on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus. Owners can be fined up to \$200 if they fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep them up to date.

This vaccination clinic is the second of three such rabies clinics hosted by DCDOH and HVARS in 2025; the final will be held before the end of the year, and details to follow as the date nears.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact with any animal, please contact DCDOH at 845-486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 845-431-6465 on nights and weekends. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps to ensure the safety of their animal.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCDOH at ehs@dutchessny.gov.

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Black history and baseball: Who were the New York Gorhams?

By Morgan E. Maier

On the banks of the Hudson River, Newburgh is less synonymous with America's pastime than home of the baseball bat, Easton, Pa. But both cities were represented by the East Coast's most successful all-Black exhibition baseball club, well before the nation organized the Negro Leagues. The New York Gorhams operated from 1886-1892, representing cities across the tri-state area.

The Hudson Valley Renegades recognized the Gorhams in a game last week at Heritage Financial Park.

So how did the Gorhams come to shape baseball in the Hudson Valley?

While the Gorhams were named for a Black Manhattan bar owner, others employed the monikers of professional teams, like the Gorhams' rival Cuban Giants. Originally the New York Giants, the Cuban Giants drew up a more stylized nickname after playing some winter matchups in Cuba.

In the prominently white enterprise that was 19th-century baseball, the Gorhams and Cuban Giants represented cities in the Middle States League, hosting visiting teams who needed a financial boost. Rather than threaten to fold, teams could meet payroll require-

ments in these matchups and know the Gorhams and Cuban Giants could draw a crowd, win or lose.

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For a few seasons, the team played in the Middle States League that was made primarily of white clubs. Many matchups with such teams, primarily made of college students, featured parades, brass grandiose, and a fair amount of marketing. Ambrose Davis, the original player-manager and first Black club owner of salaried players,



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learned how to draw the interest of other teams — and spectators — in these contests.

Think Globetrotters, or Savannah Bananas, before social media trends rose such daring play to fame. The Gorhams were known for their ability to keep one-sided games entertaining, with acrobatic catches and in-game entertainment that could keep an audience engaged. Even a 25-4 score, as was the first-ever game between the

Gorhams and Cuban Giants.

As the Gorhams' home in 1887, Benkard Heights in Newburgh hosted a long-awaited midsummer victory. With a 4-3 win in exhibition game, the New York became the first victor over the Cuban Giants that didn't feature a white man on the roster. The gutsy play of Oscar Jackson sealed the win, scoring on an infield single. The

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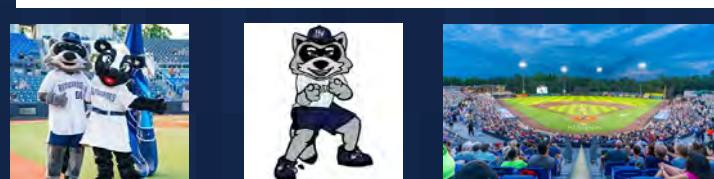
League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greensboro PIT	34	14	.708	-	6-4	L1
	Hudson Valley NYY	31	16	.660	2.5	7-3	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI	27	20	.574	6.5	6-4	W1
	Aberdeen BAL	22	25	.468	11.5	5-5	L1
	Brooklyn NYM *	20	28	.417	14.0	5-5	W2
	Wilmington WSH	20	28	.417	14.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greenville BOS	25	23	.521	-	5-5	W1
	Bowling Green TB *	24	24	.500	1.0	3-7	L5
	Hub City TEX	24	24	.500	1.0	3-7	L2
	Rome ATL	20	27	.426	4.5	7-3	W5
	Asheville HOU	19	28	.404	5.5	5-5	W2
	Winston-Salem CWS	19	28	.404	5.5	4-6	L2



Home Schedule

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		
			Hudson Valley Big Apples Presented By Apples From New York Big Apples Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union		
09/04/25	vs. Greensboro	06:05 PM	Copa De La Diversion: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Presented By Cafe Con Leche Fireworks Friday Presented By D. Rohde Home Services		
09/05/25	vs. Greensboro	07:05 PM	Rascal & Rosie's Anniversary Party Rascal & Rosie Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By WRWD		
09/06/25	vs. Greensboro	05:05 PM	Fan Appreciation Day Sunday Family Funday		
09/07/25	vs. Greensboro	02:05 PM			



Renegades roll in final series vs. IronBirds

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades (31-16) concluded the extended homestand with one last series against the Aberdeen IronBirds (22-25) ... for good. The Baltimore Orioles affiliate is being phased out of the South Atlantic League to join the MLB Draft League. Despite being no-hit for the first time since 2006, the Renegades won the final series, taking four of six from Aberdeen in the team's final matchup.

None, then one - Hardly 24 hours after being held to the goose egg end of a no-hitter, the Renegades bounced back on August 17 with a 1-0 victory. It was a one-hit wonder, as IronBird Maikol

Hernández's third-inning single proved to be Aberdeen's final offensive stand. Matt Keating (3-1, 2.79 ERA) earned the win, pitching two hitless innings in relief of Cade Smith (5.0 IP, 5 K, 1 H). Bryce Warrecker closed with his fourth save of the year. The lone Renegades run came in the sixth inning, as a Josh Moylan sacrifice fly scored Dillon Lewis. Lewis finished with two of the Renegades' four hits on the day. The Renegades picked up a game on the Greensboro Grasshoppers (34-14) with the finale win, pulling to two games behind Greensboro with just three weeks to go in the season.

Viva La Rivas - Xavier Rivas set a Renegades record on August 15, fanning 12 IronBirds on the way to his first High-

A win. Aberdeen hit Rivas for one run in the first, but he quickly settled in. A four-run first frame boosted the lefty down the stretch, as Kaeden Kent went yard to erase Aberdeen's lead with a two-run blast. High-A opponents are hitting just .098 against 2024 draft pick Rivas, who went seven strong to preserve a few bullpen arms. Tony Rossi's team-leading seventh save shut the door on Aberdeen in the ninth, securing the third series win for Hudson Valley.

First five - Hudson Valley scored in each of the first five innings on August 14. Back-to-back RBI by Core Jackson and Tyler Wilson got it started. Lewis followed with his 11th High-A home run in

the second. Lewis was responsible for half of the 10 runs, with a spectacular performance (3-5, 5 RBI) that included an RBI double to clear every duck from the pond. Kyle Carr held the lead for six innings, striking out five while allowing one run on three hits. Seven 'Gades runs came with two outs, including all five Lewis RBI.

Three weeks remain in the regular season, and the Renegades trail Greensboro by two and a half games. Up next, Hudson Valley will hit the beach for a sandy bout with the Jersey BlueClaws (27-20), who hold the third position in the SAL.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Yankees' draft picks join Renegades roster

By Morgan E. Maier

The New York Yankees saw 38 picks taken in the 2025 draft before they could make their first move. Shortstop Dax Kilby marked the first of the team's 19 picks. With baseball season approaching its final month, Hudson Valley Renegades fans finally got a peek at the latest prospects to bring speed, southpaw power and experience to the High-A roster. Debuting in their first full Renegades series, we have the three-man infield of Kaeden Kent, Connor McGinnis, and Core Jackson, plus outfielders Camden Troyer and Robbie Burnett.

Kaeden Kent, Texas A&M (3rd Round, No. 103)

A .290 career hitter as an Aggie, Kent earned the full-time starting shortstop role in 2025, his junior campaign. As a sophomore, he was the offensive foundation of the first A&M team to reach the College World Series final. His 10-for-24 (.450, 7 RBI) performance in Omaha earned All-Tournament Honors. Kent was a highly touted prospect for his power hitting, one of eight Aggies selected in this draft. He's a lefty bat that throws with his right, and Kent's power-hitting prowess and ability to draw walks bode well for the infielder's development.

Core Jackson, Utah (5th Round, No. 164)

With the arrival of Core Jackson, the Renegades have another southpaw in the batter's box. Given the Yankees' propensity for lefty hitters, this added pickup is no surprise. As a 'Gade, Jackson has taken reps at second base and shortstop, and batted fourth in the cleanup. Such displays of versatility can be highly valuable at the High-A level.

Robbie Burnett, Georgia

Undrafted free agent signee Robbie Burnett joins the Renegades after four years as a Bulldog. He ended his college career at Georgia after three seasons at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. The outfielder holds a notable knack for speed, including a Georgia program-tying four stolen bases in a single game. He hit .307/.477/.693 and launched a career-high 20 home runs as a senior. Burnett was named a First-Team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and appeared at four fielding positions for Georgia. He was a semi-finalist for the Golden Spikes and Dick Howser awards, honors based on character, athletic ability, and sportsmanship. Still early in his Hudson Valley career, Burnett checks many boxes of a solid acquisition.

Connor McGinnis, Houston (10th Round, No. 314)

Texas native Connor McGinnis started 30 games for the University of Houston in his junior season. Though his collegiate career ended with an injury, McGinnis was an extra-base machine, leading the team in doubles. The second baseman hit .343 in 31 appearances as a Cougar with 25 RBIs and eight multi-hit games. He garnered national attention at the Division-I junior college level as a Blinn College Buccaneer, hitting .538 to propel his team to the championship title. That season, McGinnis hit .399 with seven 3+ RBI performances on his way to third-team All-American honors. As the Yankees organization prioritizes strong infield development, McGinnis' smooth swing should be a good addition to the middle positions.



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Camden Troyer, Liberty University (12th Round, No. 374)

The Yankees took Camden Troyer on the draft's second day, after the outfielder's career season at Liberty University. He scored 54 runs in 56 starts, posting 44 RBI and a .300 average. He led the team

in on-base and slugging percentages, compiling a .926 OPS with 10 home runs. Troyer played three seasons at Liberty, amassing a .265 career batting average and known for his difficulty to punch out. Troyer notched three hits in his first four Renegade appearances.

Honor Flights offer once-in-a-lifetime experiences for veterans

There's nothing more amazing than watching a community unite around its veterans. We see that here in Dutchess County at events like our monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies, our annual "Red, White & You!" Veterans Picnics and County Executive Sue Serino's veterans pasta dinners. Another amazing celebration of our heroes takes place in just two short months.

Veterans from throughout the region and their dedicated supporters will take flight on Oct. 18, when the latest Hudson Valley Honor Flight lifts off from Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, Orange County. Like the three dozen missions before it, this 37th Hudson Valley Honor Flight is just that: a flight, free of cost to the participating veterans, that takes them to Washington, D.C., for a reflective trip to view their memorials in our nation's capital and be honored for their selfless service. The emotional, introspective day begins with a warm send-off from well-wishers at the airport and concludes with a large rally as these veterans deplane and arrive to a hero's welcome back at the terminal.

If you've ever witnessed an Honor Flight event as I have, or been lucky enough to be part of one, you already know: This is not just simply a daylong trip. It's more than a free flight to Washington. It's a gift, a solemn remembrance, a salute and a long-overdue thank you to the brave men and women who have made our nation great.

When they returned home from their service – be it years or decades ago – many of these men and women never received the welcome they deserved. Some don't speak of their sacrifice and still carry the wounds, both visible and invisible, related to their service. An Honor Flight, though, often heals what medical science can't. These heroes are cheered as they board their early-morning flight, and they're greeted with the dignity and respect they deserve when they land in Washington. Upon the veterans'

landing, back at Stewart, they're greeted by hundreds of grateful supporters – family, friends and strangers alike – waving American flags, holding posters of support and shedding tears of joy and gratitude.

Seeing a young scout salute a veteran they've never met and thanking him or her for their service will soften even the most hardened among us. Smiles and hugs abound as the veterans enter the airport terminal, and memories that will last a lifetime are instantly made. An Honor Flight is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experiences for all who take part, and I encourage veterans to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

The first Hudson Valley Honor Flight lifted off in June 2012 and since then, 2,750 local veterans have flown to Washington to reflect on their services and that of their brothers and sisters at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans War Memorial and others.

Kevin Hathorn, a Navy veteran who works as a counselor in our Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs and took part in the 34th Hudson Valley Honor Flight, said, "We got to walk through the Memorial Parks and saw the Vietnam Wall, Vietnam Nurses statue and the Korean War Memorial. We saw the same gigantic statues that were made at Tallix Foundry in Beacon in their courtyard. It was truly a beautiful day."

The nonprofit Hudson Valley Honor Flight organization, which organizes each flight, asks veterans who would like to fly on future events to apply directly on its website, hvhonorflight.com, or they can download, print and mail their application to P.O. Box 375; Walden, NY 12586.

The Honor Flight organization selects veterans for flights based on the order of their services – World War II, Korean War and Cold War veterans who served before Vietnam will be taken first, for example – and the organization will honor any terminally ill veteran from any



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, seen here during the 2016 Hudson Valley Honor Flight with the veteran she accompanied, Ed Smith, and her father, Momcilo Cvijanovic. Courtesy photo

era. There is currently a waiting list for Vietnam veterans, so Honor Flight organizes encourage all Vietnam Era veterans to interested in taking part in an upcoming flight to join the waiting list.

If you have a veteran in your life, I humbly ask you to share the Honor Flight's story and mission with them and encourage them, if they're interested, in taking part in an upcoming flight. We can all play another vital role in helping Hudson Valley Honor Flight fulfill its critical mission.

Volunteers who accompany veterans on the trip, known as "Guardians," serve as the first line of support on such a special – and admittedly busy – day. From helping vets board the plane, accompanying them around Washington (many need the assistance of a wheelchair), and keeping their energy up throughout a packed schedule, these volunteers help ensure our heroes make the most of their day.

"Being an Honor Flight Guardian in

2016 and seeing the joy on the face of the veteran I accompanied was such a privilege," County Executive Serino told me. "I encourage anyone with a love for our country and the men and women who've protected it to explore being an Honor Flight Guardian. The experience will change your life forever."

Learn more about becoming a Guardian for an upcoming flight on the Hudson Valley Honor Flight website, hvhonorflight.com.

Dutchess County has sent generations of its sons and daughters to defend our freedoms; and the Hudson Valley Honor Flight gives us the chance, if for only one day, to thank those heroes for their service to our nation. I hope you'll take that opportunity. Let's not wait until it's too late. Through the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, we can lift these heroes up, recognize their sacrifice and pay them the honor they've earned. It's more than just a flight; it's the journey of a lifetime.

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Black history and baseball: Who were the New York Gorhams?

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catcher dropped the ball after Jackson made contact, securing the win on Gorhams' home turf. As was customary of many previous Gorhams and Cuban Giants matchups, dazzling defense and crafty baserunning were talk of the speculating crowd.

Baseball Hall of Famer King Solomon "Sol" White documented the win in his work "History of Colored Base Ball." Originally published as the "Official Base Ball Guide," White's work was nearly lost to time, as few copies were printed. The 1995 republication was possible through a found collection of journals and other historic documents to fill missing information.

In the Gorhams post-Newburgh years, their dominance was resounding. Even the most loyal Cuban Giants wanted to be

a Gorham; many left the team in 1981 to join the once-rival team, now nicknamed the "Big Gorhams."

Even Benjamin Harrison, the nation's 23rd president and famed lover of the game, sat for a Gorhams matchup during his term. In the summer of 1891, New York was victorious over the semiprofessional host team in Cape May, N.J.

Sol White, in his second stint with the Gorhams that season, remembered the team as one of the big powerhouses in the era, black or white. Pitchers and catchers were equally talented in the field and offensively, and each player was assigned to his strongest position. He wrote, "Every man a student of the game and experienced, they were a hard team for any club to beat."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 handmade items made by local artists and visit the farm store offering in-season goods. Entry for public is free. Vendors please register using the vendor ticket on Eventbrite. For questions, contact rubyhillfarm@yahoo.com. Visitor passes may be purchased for viewing the farm animals at the farm store. Vendors may sign up online at www.rubyhillfarm.com/events.

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." If one would like to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of one's elected officials, don't miss these sessions. 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.

Rhinecliff community event set Sept. 6

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 information.

Poughkeepsie Elks Flea Market set Sept. 7

The Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge will hold their yearly Flea Market on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 29 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie. There will be 27 vendors on hand. Breakfast and lunch will be available at reasonable prices. Call (845) 454-6660 for more information.

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.

COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING SET FOR AUG. 27

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Wednesday, August 27, starting at 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Legislature's Caucus Room, 22 Market Street, 6th floor, Poughkeepsie.

Public comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

This meeting of the Board of Ethics shall be for the purpose of reviewing complaints received, if any, by the Dutchess County Board of Ethics.

FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In August, the Red Cross will provide free A1C screening – a test commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes – for all donors who make a successful blood, platelet or plasma donation. Fasting is not required for this test, and donors will be able to view their confidential results one to two weeks after their donation in the Blood Donor App or their donor account at RedCrossBlood.org. Donors will receive one A1C test result in a 12-month period.

August also brings changes in routines. Back-to-school plans, the start of fall sports and final summer vacations may be top of mind right now, but patients can't wait. Making and keeping donation appointments can be the difference in a patient's treatment journey.

Help save lives and empower your health! Schedule a time to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Those who come to give through Aug. 28, 2025, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For details on both offers, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Test.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

COLUMBIA

Copake: Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Copake Memorial Park Building, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountainview Rd

Germantown: Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Palatine Park and Youth Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd

Hudson: Aug. 21, 1-6 p.m., St. Mary's Academy, 301 Allen St

Hudson: Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Greenport Rescue Squad, 3 Newman Rd

New Lebanon: Aug. 22, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 732 Route 20

DUTCHESS

Hyde Park: Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., The United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, 1 Church St

Poughkeepsie: Aug. 26, noon-5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Rd

Tivoli: Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Masonic Lodge in Tivoli, 7 N Rd

Wappingers Falls: Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m.-

2:30 p.m., Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Rd

GREENE

Athens: Aug. 28, 1-6 p.m., TGM American Legion Post 187, 94 2nd Street

ORANGE

Port Jervis: Aug. 26, 1-6 p.m., Port Jervis Elks Lodge 645, 35 US-6

Port Jervis: Aug. 29, noon-4 p.m., St Peters Lutheran Church, 31 W Main St

PUTNAM

Carmel: Aug. 25, 2-6 p.m., Putnam Hospital, 670 Stoneleigh Ave

Carmel Hamlet: Aug. 29, noon-4 p.m., Kent Volunteer Fire Department, 2490 NY-301

SULLIVAN

Grahamsville: Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main St

Monticello: Aug. 21, 1-6 p.m., Monticello Firehouse, 23 Richardson Ave

ULSTER

Cotekill: Aug. 23, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Marbletown Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Ave Ext

Ellenville: Aug. 28, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Ellenville Public Library, 40 Center St

Kingston: Aug. 29, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 104 Wurts St

Wallkill: Aug. 21, 1-6 p.m., Wallkill Reformed Church, 45 Bridge St

How to donate blood

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

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

DC COMPTROLLER TO HOLD TOWN HALL AUG. 27 AT STARR LIBRARY

Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair will hold a Town Hall at the Starr Library, 68 West Market St. in Rhinebeck, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The Comptroller continues his series of Town Halls around the county to explain the functions of the Office, findings from recent reports, and will conclude with a Q&A session.

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Rhinebeck Theatre Society to present 'Annie' at The Center

Leapin' Lizards!! Rhinebeck Theatre Society, under the direction of Lisa Delia, brings "Annie" to life with a sparkling double cast. The musical opens on Friday, Aug. 22, and runs weekends through Sept. 7. Performances are set Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.; and an evening show on Saturday, Aug. 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29 and available at www.centerforperformingarts.org or by calling the Box Office at (845) 876-3080.

Before the show, ticket-holders can receive a special behind-the-scenes experience for \$7 per person; this includes a cast member meet-and-greet, photo, and a special keepsake locket.

With a Book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse, and lyrics by Martin Charnin, Little Orphan Annie displays her signature determination and optimism to deal with comically cruel Miss Hannigan's tyranny at the orphan-

age. She meets Sandy the dog during a short-lived clever escape, only to find herself in a two-week stay at the Fifth Avenue mansion of billionaire industrialist Oliver Warbucks. All the while, Annie longs to find her true parents. Can Warbucks and his influential circle of friends help her find them?

The two casts are headed respectively by Emily Hughes and Madisyn Spagna. When purchasing tickets, take careful note of show times and casting. A full cast breakdown is available on the website.

"Annie" features choreography by Maria Coppola and Haley Swetz, a live pit band directed by Laura Evans, and costuming by Heidi Johnson and her team of sewers. The show is co-produced by Wendy Urban-Mead and Duane Joseph Olson.

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



Rhinebeck Theatre Society will present "Annie" at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck from Aug. 22 to Sept. 7. There will be a double cast, one featuring (above) Rik Lopes as Warbucks, Emily Hughes as Annie, and Emma Hempel as Grace Farrell; and the other featuring (left) Angela Dixon as Grace Farrell, Madisyn Spagna as Annie, and David Foster as Warbucks. Photos by Olivia Michaels



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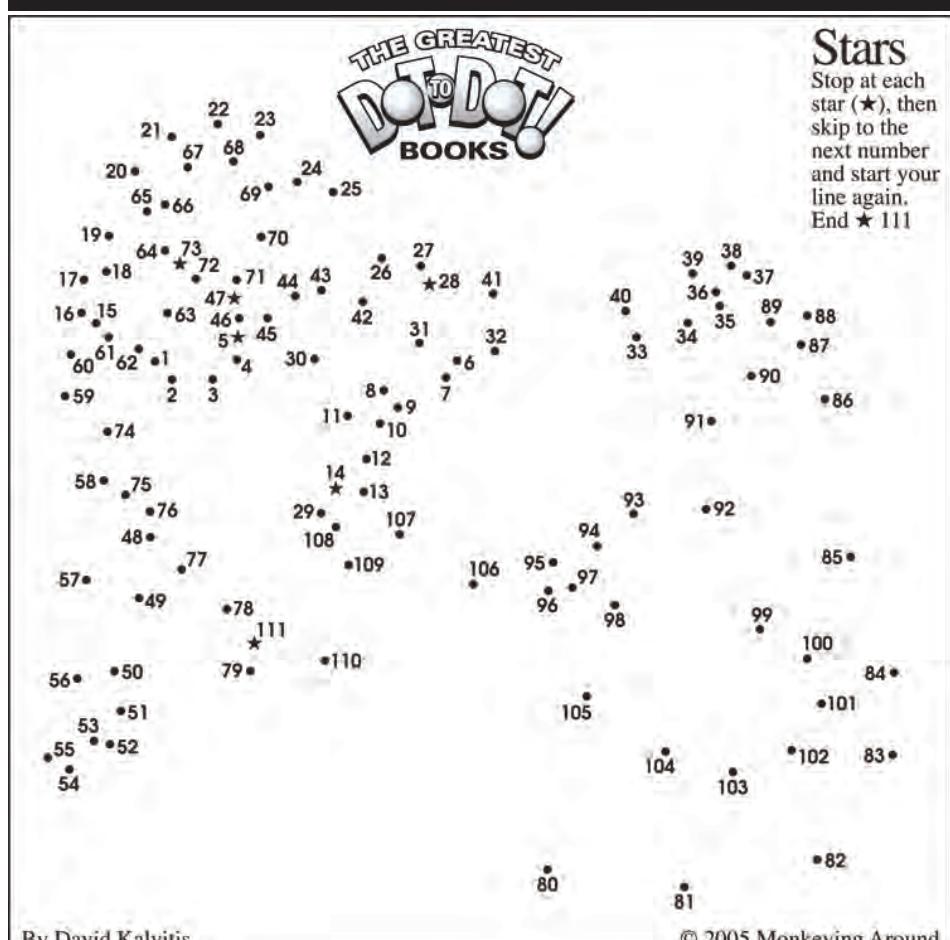
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NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

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.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)





Taste test: Milkweed vs. Willow leaves

Foragers report that milkweeds are poisonous when raw, but may be eaten if cooked. And, although some willows may be consumed raw as survival food, they are not particularly palatable. But, it's not their opinions I'm curious about.

The two "thief" books, "A Thief in Pollinator Paradise" and "A Thief in the Meadow," included characters that were part of the Nymphalidae family of brush-footed butterflies. Specifically, Limenitis archippus, the Viceroy Butterfly, is known to prefer willow leaves. And Monarch Butterflies, Danaus plexippus, consume milkweed leaves. Milkweed is the exclusive food source of their larvae.

Monarch and Viceroy butterflies

Twins, clones, body-doubles, look-alikes, or doppelgangers? Scientifically, Monarch and Viceroy butterflies are Müllerian Mimics, meaning that they are not closely related yet they are both toxic and their warning colors are similar.

They lead very different lives

Unlike most other insects in temperate climates, Monarch Butterflies cannot survive a long cold winter. They are migratory. Their annual life cycle begins at the overwintering grounds (either in Mexico or on the Pacific Coast). It takes three to five Monarch generations, during their migration, to repopulate the rest of the US and southern Canada. The final generation of the year hatches in September and does the return journey to the overwintering grounds. It is the longest generation of monarchs, making a journey of 8 months, while earlier generations may only live a couple of weeks. Their larval stage lasts less than two weeks.

Viceroy Butterflies are found throughout North America. Typically, Viceroy

Butterflies have two to three larval generations per year, with early broods living their life cycles in a few months. In the final generation, the larvae secure a leaf to a branch with silk and construct tube-like shelters. In the spring, after willow leaves sprout, the hibernating larvae start feeding on them. The complete their life cycle in the next several weeks.

Diet

Monarch caterpillars feed on milkweed, which contains toxins called cardiac glycosides. Because of this, both the caterpillar and winged adult are toxic to most predators. (Cardiac glycosides often cause vomiting and sickness. They are potentially lethal in high doses).

Viceroy larval instars continue to develop as they feed on trees in the willow family including varieties of willows, poplars, and cottonwoods. The caterpillars sequester salicylic acid from substances ingested from its host plant. This makes the larva and, eventually the adult butterflies, bitter tasting.

Warning coloration

Aposematism is a term used to describe colors and/or patterns that warn predators that a potential prey species is unpalatable, toxic, or dangerous. Studies have shown that all vertebrates associate red, orange, yellow, and white coloration as signs of danger. Toxic or unpalatable butterflies have evolved color schemes that exploit this phenomenon, and thereby dissuade predators from attacking them. Aposematic signals are beneficial for the predator and prey since both avoid potential harm.

Mimicry

Viceroy and Monarch butterflies use Müllerian Mimicry. This means that they



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Monarch Butterfly. Photo courtesy Valley Visions Robert Righmyer. Below: Viceroy Butterfly at Willow Vale Farm. Photo by Jes Clark

both benefit from looking alike and being toxic, yet they are in different genera, so they are not closely related to each other. Once a predator has become ill from eating one of them, it would likely stay away from both species, saving others of their species from being eaten.

A unique part of the evolution of the Viceroy is its mimetic behavior. In the natural world, mimetic behavior is triggered by predation and the proximity of toxic or unpalatable organisms. Viceroys may have evolved its mimicry adaptations during times when there were numerous unpalatable organisms in its environment.

Viceroy caterpillars, which are mottled brown or olive, mimic bird droppings. A Viceroy in the chrysalis stage also resembles a bird dropping. The adult Viceroys, which resemble Monarchs, mate, and shortly thereafter, females lay their eggs. Viceroy eggs resemble galls (outgrowths) on their host plant's leaves. At all stages, the Viceroy exhibits mimicking behavior to avoid predators.

Taste testing

Like all insects, butterflies have six legs. However, in the Nymphalidae fami-

ly, their front pair is tucked close to their bodies, making them less visible. Brush-footed butterflies, like Monarchs and Viceroys, use their forelimbs for nectar foraging. The "brushes" help feel and taste the nectar that they are feeding on.

The forelegs of Brush-footed butterflies have chemoreceptors which allow them to "taste" with their feet. Monarchs and Viceroys sense that their host plants (milkweed and willow) tastes bitter, but they do not reject it. Instead, they actively feed on, and accumulate compounds in their bodies, which make them distasteful to predators, providing them with a defense mechanism.

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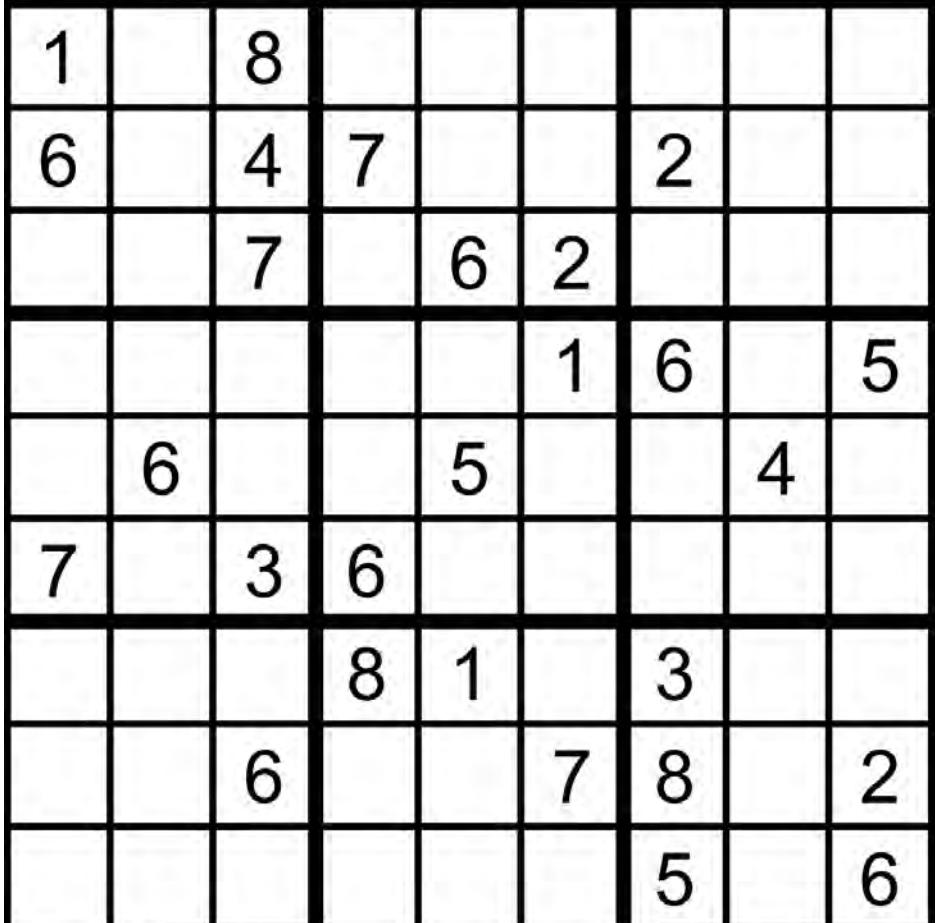
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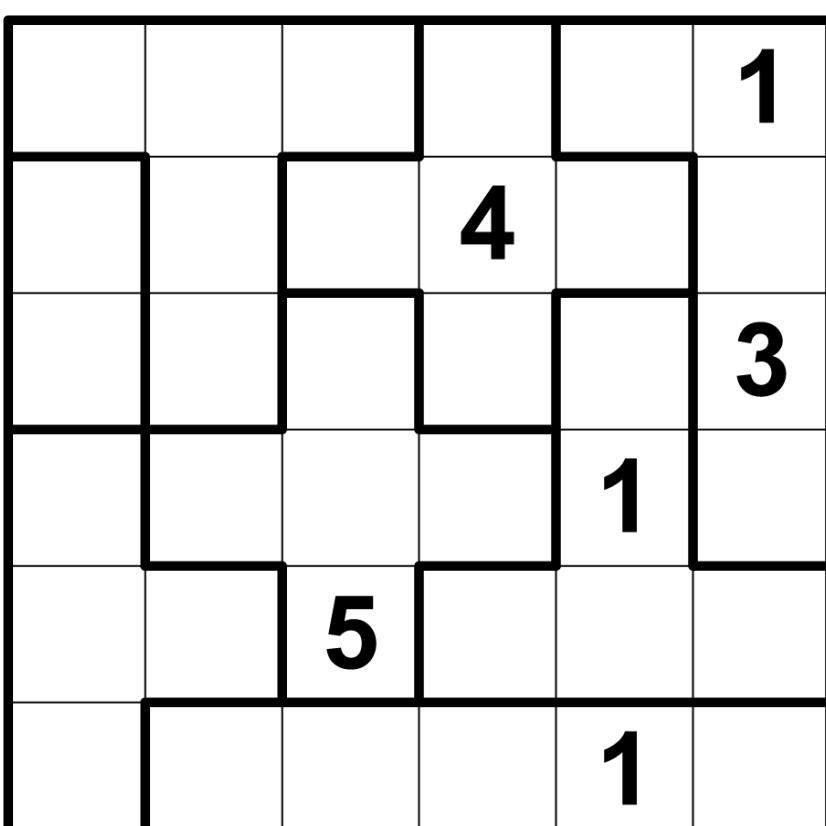
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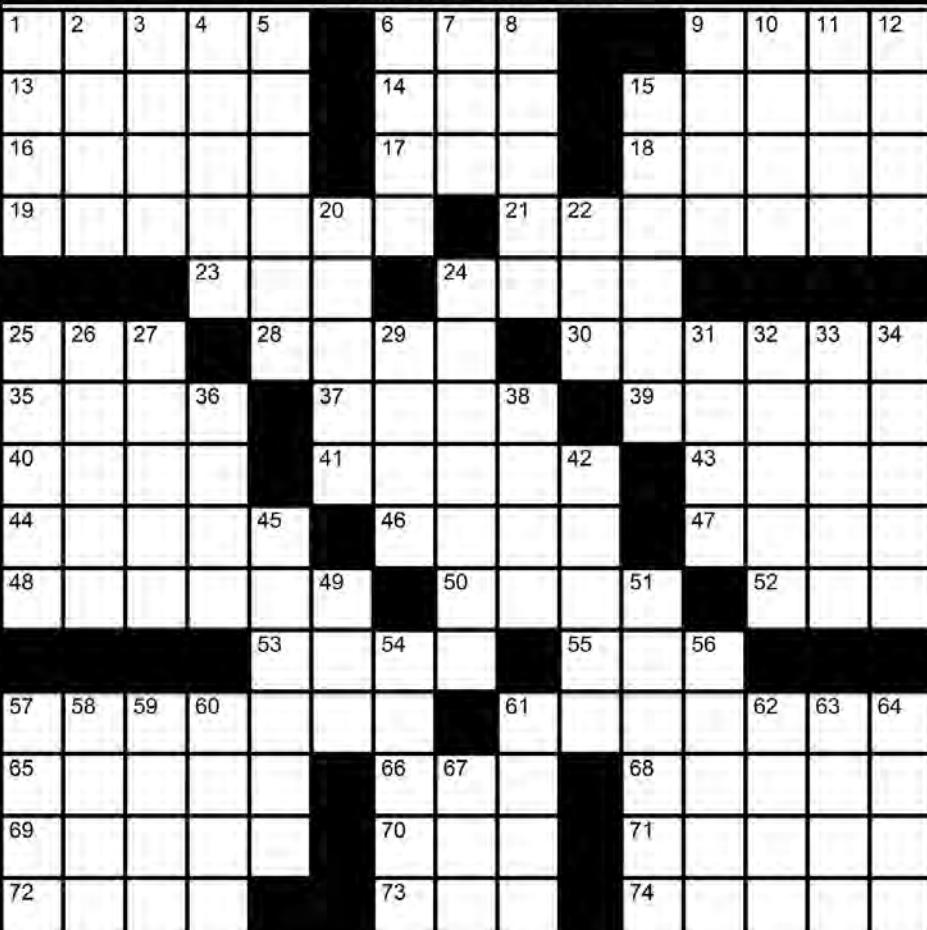
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'Dad? Can I have some money?

Nonna comes to the rescue and the kids enjoy the Festa!

As I write this article, it is August. The season is just starting to turn, and you can almost hear Autumn whispering her song of golden leaves and chilly nights.

Historically, August is the time of year when most of Italy goes on vacation. It brings me back to the last time my entire family went to Italy to visit. If my memory serves me correctly, it was the summer of 1976 and there was a festival in my father's hometown of Monte di Procida.

It was the feast of St. Anthony. The entire town was adorned with lights and decorations, and there was a street fair going on. There was a bicycle race scheduled for the afternoon, as well as other activities. My cousins wanted to take my brother Vinny and I out and of course, we needed money.

Pop was sitting on the porch with my grandmother. I can still picture it. Pop was in shorts and a buttoned-down short-sleeved shirt. He was wearing a quasifedora and was enjoying a glass of red wine. My grandmother was sitting next to him dressed in traditional all black having a small glass of red wine. There was a plate of cheese with home made pepperoni in front of them.

Me: Pop, can Vinny and I have some money?

Pop: Whya you needa the money?

Me: Rossano and Antonio want to take Vinny and I out for the festa and we will need money to buy stuff.

Pop: Whata you need to buy? If you hungry, you come home.

Me: But pop, what if we want to buy something else?

Pop: Ok, here is a quarter. That'll be good enough, no?

Me: What can we get with a quarter? Everything costs more than a dollar.

Pop: Ok then, here is a dollar. You two can share whatever you get.

Me: But Pop....

Pop: Ok, youa no wanna the dollar?

Me: No, no, no, no. That's ok. Pop.

We'll take the dollar.

My grandmother, witnessing the exchange, reached into her black dress and pulled out her handkerchief.

She slowly unfolded it and revealed her unusual wallet. She reached in and removed the Italian equivalent of \$ 10 and handed it to Vinny and I. She then smiled and shooed us away. We looked over to our father. Pop, eyeballed us and started to say something. But Nonna gave him a look and shooed us away, laughing with the knowledge that she was Nonna and my father still had to listen to her.

We took Nonna's \$10 and naturally kept Pop's \$1 also. When Nonna shooed us the second time, we ran before Pop had a second chance to say something.

Vinny and I had the time of our life. We had pieces of fresh coconut, gelato, and pizza while drinking bottles of mineral water. There were street vendors selling fried olives, arancini, and fried seafood. Cannoli's, Zeppole's and espressos. But our favorite was Porchetta Sandwiches. We bought this huge sandwich and shared it while we sat on the curb and watched the bicycle run through the town. We took turns taking bits of the sandwich as the juices ran down our arms.

We knew when we got back that we were going to be in trouble for taking Nonna's money, so we figured we might as well enjoy life while we could. As the sun went down, the street lights came on and we knew it was time to go home.

When we got back, we were surprised to find Nonna sitting on the porch waiting for us, with a huge smile on her face. She was there to run interference with Pop. She asked us if we had fun and was very happy to receive the hug and kiss, we offered her. We went inside sure that we were going to be in trouble.

Instead, Pop brought us up to the roof of the house with Mom to see the fireworks that were about to go off for the festa. We woke the next morning in bed.

We had fallen asleep waiting for the fireworks and Mom and Pop brought us down and put us to bed.

Vinny and I woke up wondering what had happened, talking about the prior day, trying to figure out when we would get our punishment and still talking about the sandwich. Sometimes, punishments are worth the crime. Enjoy the recipe for Porchetta Romana.

PORCHETTA ROMANA

Ingredients

- 1 5-6-pound fresh pork belly, skin on
- 1 (trimmed) 2-3-pound boneless, center-cut pork loin
- 3 tablespoons fennel seeds
- 2 tablespoons crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- Kosher salt
- ½ orange, seeded, thinly sliced
- 6 6" ciabatta rolls

Method

• Put belly skin side down; arrange loin in center. Roll belly around loin so the short ends of the belly meet. If any of the belly or loin overhangs, trim meat. Unroll; set loin aside.

• Toast fennel seeds and red pepper flakes in a small skillet over medium heat until fragrant, about 1 minute. Turn off heat. Add remaining spices and let sit for 15 minutes as the pan cools. Places in a food processor and grind till fine.

• Set belly skin side down. Using a knife, score the belly flesh in a checkerboard pattern 1/3" deep so roast will cook evenly.

• Flip belly skin side up. Using a paring knife, poke dozens of 1/8"-deep holes through skin all over belly. Don't be gentle! Keep poking.

• Using the jagged edge of a meat mallet, pound skin all over for 3 minutes to tenderize, which will help make skin crispy when roasted.

• Turn belly and generously salt both it

and loin; rub both with spice mixture. Arrange loin down middle of belly. Top with orange slices.

• Roll belly around loin; tie crosswise with kitchen twine at 1/2" intervals. Trim twine. Transfer roast to a wire rack set in a rimmed baking sheet.

• Refrigerate roast, uncovered, for 1-2 days to allow skin to air-dry; pat occasionally with paper towels.

• Let Porchetta sit at room temperature for 2 hours. Preheat oven to 500°. Season Porchetta with salt. Roast on rack in baking sheet, turning once, for 40 minutes. Reduce heat to 300° and continue roasting, rotating the pan and turning Porchetta occasionally, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into center of meat registers 145°, 1 1/2-2 hours more. If skin is not yet deep brown and crisp, increase heat to 500° and roast for 10 minutes more. Let rest for 30 minutes. Using a serrated knife, slice into 1/2" rounds.

For the sandwich

• Transfer some of the drippings into a frying pan and heat. Using a serrated knife split the ciabatta roll and put cut side down into the frying pan and toast the roll for a minute or so in the drippings.

• Remove the ciabatta roll, add mozzarella cheese if you wish, and pile sliced porchetta on to the roll. Put the top of the roll on your sandwich and enjoy.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

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Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 29:** "Ode to Provincetown," watercolor artist Joanne Cutler 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 (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: cunneenhackett.org

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/>

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 DiMaggio, 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 present-

tation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O'Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through 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. (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 Miller." 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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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: Circus of Wolves, alternative/indie-rock ensemble that creates a highly distinctive musical fusion, rock, folk, soul, jazz and Brazilian influences. More info on the Facebook event page.

Aug. 22-23: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Aug. 22: Forever Simon and Garfunkel – A Tribute, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Aug. 23: Broken Arrow – The Music of Neil Young, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 day of show. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Aug. 22-Sept. 7: Rhinebeck Theatre Society presents "Annie," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. This production features two powerhouse casts, each bringing their own unique energy and interpretation to the beloved characters. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 3 p.m. Evening show on Sat., Aug. 30, 8 p.m. Tickets \$29.

Plus, before the show, ticket-holders can receive a special behind-the-scenes experience including a cast member meet-and-greet, photo, and a special keepsake locket. Great for families; all for just \$7 per person (in addition to show tickets). (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Aug. 23: Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert, Quitman House, 7015 Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Enjoy some ice cream and a free outdoor concert by this 40-piece symphonic wind band playing Broadway show tunes, classical music, marches & more, 6:30 p.m. This Ice Cream Social is a fundraiser for the Quitman House. If it rains, the concert will be canceled. For more info and updates, check rhinebecklegionband.org.

Aug. 23: Sound Bath for Peace with Ben Brown, Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrell Rd., Millbrook. This is a special after-hours event where sound practitioner Ben Brown uses various musical instruments and the sounds and resonance of the garden to create an immersive sound experience that encourages relaxation and a heightened sense of awareness and connection, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Garden admission tickets and reservations required. www.innisfreegarden.org

Aug. 27: Jazzy Daze Sextet, Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. In-demand area musicians present great music from the American Songbook, Latin & Bossa Nova tunes, plus classic rock 6-8 p.m. Tickets available at the door for \$5 or pay what you will. More info: (518) 329-6293 or tephensanbornPhD@gmail.com

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Arts Mid-Hudson announces 2025 Empowered Artist Award

Applications are open for the 2025 Empowered Artist Award, which provides three unrestricted awards of \$3,000 each to artists living and working in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. The deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 29, at 11:59 p.m.

The Empowered Artist Award responds to one of the most pressing needs artists face today: access to unrestricted funding. These awards are designed to support artists in creating new work, purchasing materials or equipment, accessing educational opportunities, and covering living expenses, empowering them to advance their creative careers on their own terms.

The award was established by Linda Marston-Reid, former executive director of Arts Mid-Hudson, who created the fund upon her retirement after 10 years of service to the region's arts community. Her vision was to uplift and invest in the creative individuals whose work shapes and reflects the cultural vitality of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Arts Mid-Hudson continues this legacy by offering funding that trusts artists to know what they need most.

Application guidelines and eligibility requirements are available on the Arts Mid-Hudson website: www.artsmidhudson.org/empowered-artist-award

"We look forward to assisting artists in their applications to the Empowered Artist Award," said Grants Manager Lilia Pérez.

"Arts Mid-Hudson's Grants Team offers extensive and personalized grant assistance to applicants so they may improve their applications and apply what they learn to other funding opportunities."

Application support for artists

To ensure accessibility and clarity throughout the application process, Arts Mid-Hudson offers a variety of support services:

- Virtual Information Session: A recorded comprehensive information session is available on YouTube and linked on the Arts Mid-Hudson website.

- Weekly Q&A Zoom Sessions: Applicants are invited to attend one of several scheduled Q&A sessions to ask questions and receive additional guidance. These sessions will be conducted via Zoom, and RSVP is required to receive access details.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25, at 11 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28, at 4 p.m.

RSVP via www.artsmidhudson.org

- Personalized Application Assistance: Artists can schedule free, one-on-one appointments with Arts Mid-Hudson's Grants Team for tailored guidance. Sessions are available by phone and can be booked online. Schedule an appointment via www.artsmidhudson.org

For general inquiries, applicants can reach the AMH Grants Team at grants@artsmidhudson.org or by calling (845) 454-3222 ext. 11.

Murder Café to reprise first original whodunit Aug. 22 in Kingston

This Friday, Murder Café will present a public performance of its original whodunit, "Talked to Death." This is the same production staged by Murder Café at Mohonk Mountain House as part of their annual Mystery Weekend in 2024.

This dinner theater performance, which offers music, mystery and comedy, is set Friday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Venue Uptown at the Best Western in Kingston. Tickets are \$65 per person and include a three-course dinner with entrée choice. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.murdercafe.net or by calling (845) 475-7973.

The entertainment is suitable for all ages; costumes are encouraged but not required.

Murder Café owner Frank Marquette wrote "Talked to Death," with the assistance of his wife Kristen and his daughter Irene Marquette. He considers this show a homage to television talk shows of the

1970s. He explains the plot as follows: "You are invited to a night of entertainment and disorder as you attend a live broadcast of The Very Late Show with Les Hope. You will witness the secrets behind the scenes, and the friction between Les and her wacky guests. Someone dies on the air. The show's producer, camera operator, makeup artist, stage manager and guests are all suspects. The audience gets involved when the murder investigation takes place on the air."

"Talked to Death" has interactive elements and those who guess "whodunit" will be eligible for prizes.

The cast features the talents of Ellen Pavloff, Lauren Roberts, Tom Roberts, Steven Giametti, Nicole Perepeluk, Marlene Golia, Keith Prince and Frank Marquette. Murder Café's technical director Amanni Sitz will provide sound.



The cast of Murder Café's "Talked to Death" will present a dinner theater performance on Friday, Aug. 22, at the Best Western in Kingston. Courtesy photo

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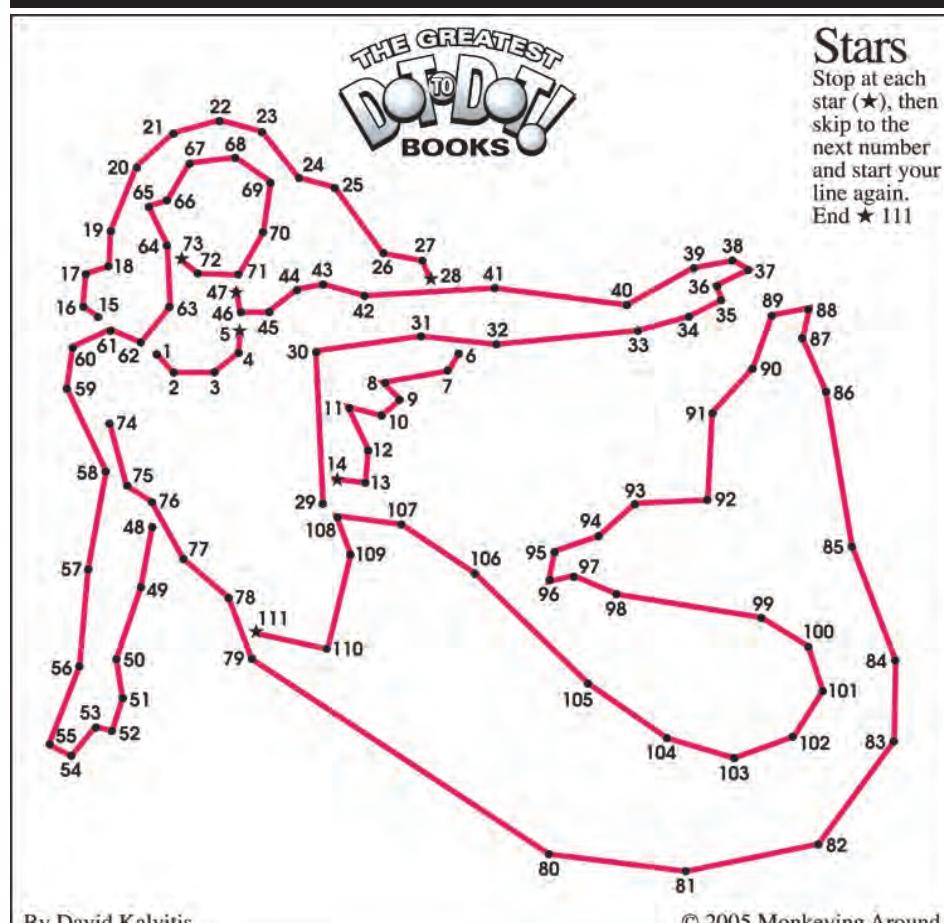
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Robert J. Davis

Robert J Davis of Stormville, NY passed away at home, surrounded by his family on August 14, 2025. He was born January 28, 1961 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Bob loved great times with family and friends, fast cars, and movie marathons. Most of all he loved spending time with his best friend, his wife Loretta Davis (Place) who survives him at home. They were married January 4, 1997 in Florida.

He worked hard as a well drilling foreman until he became disabled 15 years ago.

Bob is also survived by his mother Claire Beaudoin Deal, father Arthur Davis, step-mother Linda Davis, his daughter Sara Garrand, grandchildren Gerard Christie, Alexander & Rebecca Garrand, sisters Suzanne (Jim) Garcia, Magie Pickens, Angel Gibb, Cheryl Bissell, Deidre (Jim) Dwy, Aunt Suzanne (Bucky) Davis, his brother Frank Clay, Uncle Richard Beaudoin, many in laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and his numerous friends whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his Uncle Raymond Beaudoin and cousin Stephen Beaudoin.

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor at the Greenhaven Employee Pavilion from Noon to 4PM on Saturday August 23, 2025 following his 11AM burial at the Beekman Poughquag Cemetery. As Bob would say, come on over but BYOB.

Eleanor Degruccio

It is with great sorrow, yet with heaven's perpetual joy, that our beloved, Eleanor Mary Degruccio (94) of Red Hook, has passed into eternal rest.

Eleanor's story began on July 29, 1931, in the "Hell's Kitchen" section of New York City. She was the eighth of eleven children born to James and Matilda (Stollmer) Dolan. From the start, she carried a spark of wit and warmth that would brighten the lives of all who knew her. Eleanor graduated from the Holy Cross Academy Secretarial Department in 1950, voted the "Wittiest" by her classmates, and was even cast in the local 1948 production of A Swell Play!

A devout Catholic, she grew up attending St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Manhattan. It was there that she later married her loving husband, Cono Vincent Degruccio, on January 8, 1966, with their reception held at the New York Athletic Club.

Through the years, many summers were spent with family in Red Hook, vacationing at Spring Lake Lodge and in the "Big House". Stories of enjoying the lake, attending the Dutchess County Fair, and visiting Howie's Place were always among her fondest memories. Eleanor loved all her family dearly and was especially close to her sisters - Agnes, Margaret, Marion, and Rosemary - and was hardly ever seen without them.

Ellie and Vinny spent many amazing years together in Queens and on Long Island, and in 1972 purchased their home in Red Hook. They both loved to travel - especially by sea - and delighted in trips to Saratoga and Las Vegas with many family and friends. She found enjoyment through her years working and made lasting friendships, but in retirement, made Red Hook their forever home - a place she vowed never to leave. Her best days were those when the door was open for all to enter and her home was filled with love and laughter, especially from all the children who surrounded her.

Eleanor was a longtime communicant of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, where she was always willing to volunteer or donate to every cause. She was a member of Our Lady's Guild, Right to Life, and was a frequent attendee of daily Mass with her sisters and her nephew, Bernard. Both she and her husband were active members of the local chapters of the Elks Club and the VFW, where they formed countless friendships and created many memories in the community they loved and actively served.

Eleanor is the last of her ten siblings to enter into eternal rest, leaving behind her faithful husband, many generations of nieces and nephews, her sister-in-law MaryJane, and many cherished friends. She will always be remembered for her love of others, kindness and generosity, and her unfailing devotion to her faith and family.

Family and friends called on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Burnett & White Funeral Home - Red Hook. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, August 15, 2025, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Red Hook, NY, with interment to follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

A special thank you to Hospice of the Hudson Valley, who made the impossible possible. Arrangements have been entrusted

to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

Leonard Fugaro

Leonard "Lenny" Fugaro, 67, of Lagrangeville, passed away on August 13, 2025, surrounded by his family who he loved so deeply. A loving husband, proud father, cherished grandfather "pop pop" and respected business owner.

Born in Yonkers, NY on January 23, 1958 to Patsy and Vivian Fugaro, Lenny grew up to be a successful business owner. He had a career in owning gas stations that spanned over 35 years. His success, hard work and ability to make business deals earned him the admiration of others.

Beyond his success, Lenny's greatest achievements were at his home. He married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Liz," in 1982, and together they built a home filled with laughter, guidance, and unconditional love. They created a family and a foundation that others commended. Lenny was the steady hand his children could always count on, the most compassionate pop pop, and the man who taught those around him what true dedication looks like.

Lenny was truly one of a kind. Lenny was the toughest yet gentlest giant. He enjoyed making those around him feel like family. Lenny found joy in simple pleasures including visiting his beach house in New Jersey, cheering at his grandkids games, making jokes, treating others to dinner, and visiting the casino. His warm presence, wise words, and generous heart will be dearly missed.

Lenny is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth Fugaro; his four children; Leonard (Crystal) Fugaro, Jenna Fugaro, Chelsea (Dale) Gregory, Nicholas (Alyssa) Fugaro; and his grandchildren, Mackenzie, Leo (Leonard), Bella, Peyton, Sophie, Hudson, and Taytum. He is also survived by his sister Concetta DiGuglielmo; nephews; Joseph and Jonathan DiGuglielmo; as well as, his brother in law Richard Amadio and his niece Maryann Amadio. He was predeceased by his nephew Richard Amadio.

A celebration of Lenny's life was held on Sunday, August 17, at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction, NY. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, August 18, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Lagrangeville, NY, followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Lenny's legacy lives on not only in his family's love, but also in every life he touched through his larger than life personality.

Sister Annette Leone

On August 11, 2025, Sister Annette Leone, at age 83 years old, passed away at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, New York. Sister Annette Leone resided in Hyde Park, NY for almost 50 years of her life where she dedicated her life to the Lord and Jesus Christ at The Millennial Kingdom Family Church Inc., a non-denominational church located in Hyde Park, NY. There Sister Annette helped run the Kingdom Gift Shop Inc., a religious store for all denominations as well as promotional items for various types of occasions and businesses.

Sister Annette Leone also established The Millennial Kingdom Family School Inc., a K-12 Non-Public School at the church about 60 years ago when the church was located in Rye, NY. Sister Annette Leone also supported her much loved Hyde Park community for 50 years by helping the local organizations with fundraisers, and raising public awareness on safety and health.

Sister Annette's most memorable contribution to the church and to the community was her very special gift from the Lord in public relations, where she became close friends with many well-known and highly respected officials in Dutchess County. Sister Annette also dedicated countless hours spiritually counseling people from all walks of life from around the world. Sister Annette loved to hand out her prayer cards and gifts to encourage and make others feel Christ and God's love. I know in the hearts of many Sister Annette will be forever loved, cherished and remembered always.

Sister Annette Leone was born at Westchester Square Hospital in the Bronx, NY on July 3, 1942 by her parents Laura and Girolomo Leone who are deceased. Sister Annette Leone loved her memories growing up in the Bronx especially her high school graduation at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sister Annette has two siblings, Lawrence Leone who currently resides in Virginia, and Elaine Leone who is deceased. Sister Annette was blessed with 7 children, oldest to youngest Stephen, Janine, Valerie, Rosey, Abraham,

Isaac, and Sarah and 21 grandchildren. All Sister Annette's children, grandchildren, close family members and friends especially enjoyed her cooking, baking, crocheting and knitted gifts.

Sister Annette Leone will always be remembered for being a loving, and caring mother, grandmother, Sister in Christ, and a true friend to all. Sister Annette Leone is an inspiration to all to keep fighting each and every day for all that you love especially your family and give each day and your life to the Lord and His Heavenly Beloved Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The Wake and Funeral for Sister Annette Leone were held at The Millennial Kingdom Family Church Inc. on Aug. 15-17.

Thank you for all the love and support for Sister Annette Leone throughout the years and May God's Blessings be with you and your family always. Arrangements were entrusted to Joseph J. Darrow Sr. Funeral Home, Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY. To send online condolences, please visit www.darrowfuneral-home.org

Elaine MacBrien

Elaine MacBrien, 89, of Hyde Park, NY, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 8, 2025, with her family by her side. Born December 3rd, 1935, in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of Lew Hungerford and Irene Fackina Hungerford. She went on to work for many years as an Executive Secretary at Central Hudson, where she was admired for her dedication, grace, and professionalism.

Elaine married Albert MacBrien on December 6th, 1953, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and adventure. They shared 69 cherished years of marriage until Albert's passing in 2021.

Elaine was a creative soul who found joy in entertaining, interior designing, crafting, and spending time with her family. She enjoyed golfing and skiing, and she especially loved traveling to the family cabin in Lake Minerva, a place that held countless memories and deep meaning. Her faith was also an important part of her life, and in her younger years she was a proud member of the Holy Rosary Society. She also enjoyed volunteering at Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park and Mills Mansion in Staatsburg giving tours.

She is survived by her children; James MacBrien and wife Karen, Lewis MacBrien and wife Teri; and her daughter Jan Preston. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her four-legged friend Missy.

In keeping with her wishes a private funeral service will take place. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery in Poughkeepsie. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations to Roosevelt Fire District, P.O. Box 394 Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com

Mary Parker

Mary Chase Parker, 88, passed away on July 31st, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1936. Mary was married to the love of her life, Joseph R. Parker, for more than 65 years. In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by her four devoted children: Joseph G., Heather, Scott, and Tara; four grandchildren: Joseph M., Nicole, Brianna, and Nikki; and two great grandchildren, Olivia and Joseph N. Parker; niece and nephew Deborah and Sterling Chase; cousin/honorary son Daren Dorm; several step-grandchildren, step-first and second great grandchildren; as well as many relatives and dear friends. She is predeceased by her loving parents, grandmother, and brother: John Sterling Chase, Mary Katherine Chase, Laura Hughes, and John Sterling Chase II. Mary received her bachelor's degree in education from Bowie State Teacher's College in Maryland. She completed graduate courses at Columbia University and other higher education institutions.

A lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she was dedicated to education and social justice throughout her life. As a teacher and an administrator, she advocated for children with disabilities and people who were discriminated against in the workplace. After a long career, Mary retired from the Wassaic Developmental Center. She remained active in the community for many years, volunteering on the boards of the New York State Division for Youth (DFY), Mid-Hudson Historical Society, and the United Way. She also volunteered for St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook at Uncle Al's Thrift Shop and she especially enjoyed singing in the choir. Her ardent love of tennis led her to play in several

local parks, tennis clubs, and regional tournaments, where she also served as captain of her team. Mary found her greatest joy spending time with her family. She shared her love freely, and without condition, bringing warmth and laughter to every family gathering, no matter how large or small. Our love for her endures "until the 12th of never."

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel at Marist University in Poughkeepsie, NY., August 30 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Joseph R. and Mary C. Parker Scholarship fund: maristparkerscholarship.org.

To share memories or offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com.

Jean M. Slavik

Jean M. Slavik, 92, lifelong area resident passed away peacefully on Monday, August 4, 2025, surrounded by her family. Jean was a devoted, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a beautiful, giving person who always thought of others before herself. Jean believed in living a life of love and laughter and was devoted to her Christian faith which helped to sustain her through difficult times.

Born November 21, 1932, in Rhinebeck, NY, she was the daughter of the late William and Viola Hunt. She was a 1950 graduate of F. D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park and was voted "best dancer" along with her then high school sweetheart, Dick, in her senior yearbook.

Throughout her life, Jean was a caregiver to friends and family. She gave to others, rarely asking anything for herself. Raised on dairy farms as a child, Jean embraced a work ethic that served her throughout her life. As a young woman, Jean worked as a telephone operator in Poughkeepsie, NY. Jean became a stay at home mother when their daughters arrived, taking joy in being a Girl Scout leader, cheerleading coach, and proud homemaker. Later, she worked in the Hyde Park Central School District as a teaching assistant at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School, and later as a library assistant at Haviland Middle School until her retirement.

Active in her community, Jean was a former member of both the Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church and Hyde Park Methodist Church, singing in the church choir and volunteering for parish committees. Jean was also a former volunteer with Hyde Park Meals on Wheels. An avid golfer, Jean played for many years with Dick and friends in Hyde Park and in Florida, where they were 'snow birds' for many years. Jean loved watching any type of sport, jigsaw puzzles, walking, reading, and crafting. She loved horses, bird watching (especially loons and hummingbirds!), and most of all, spending precious time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and dear friends. When her grandchildren arrived, they became the joy of her life. Jean loved watching them play sports, ride horses, and she was there for them whenever needed.

Jean will be remembered for her positive outlook on life, beautiful smile, quiet confidence, and kind spirit. Jean along with her husband, Dick, maintained the ability to enjoy silliness and laughter with friends and family throughout her life. Jean will also be remembered for her deep faith and how that faith remained with her throughout her life.

Jean was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Richard "Dick" Slavik in 2019 whom she had married on May 31, 1953, in Hyde Park, NY at the Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church. Jean and Dick were high school sweethearts and remained so throughout their lives. Although bravely carrying on without her life companion, Jean never quite got over the loss of Dick whom she cared for and loved her entire adult life.

In addition to her husband, Jean was predeceased by her parents, William and Viola Hunt, her sisters; Shirley, Helen "Sis", Betty, her brother, William, and many dear friends. She is survived by her two daughters, Judy Hein (Kevin Hein); and Carrie Keegan (Matt Latvis); four grandchildren, Michael Coppola, Dominic Coppola, Ally Keegan, and Andie Keegan (Sam Ayers), and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church, Hyde Park, followed by a Christian service. Burial is in the family plot at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park. Jean's family respectfully requests memorial donations to Meals on Wheels of Greater Hyde Park, C/O 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538. (www.mealsonwheelsofhpd.org). Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SU-PREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS ACTION TO CLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 2025-51502 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCA FACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs JAMIE ALFARO, CHRISTIE ALFARO, STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B., FREMONTIN-VESTMENT&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 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

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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 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 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

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the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending 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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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:

181 Tinkertown Road, Salt Point Appeal #1087 Grid# 6564-01-295747

Area Variance Requests: The applicant would like to install a 16'x36' inground pool and 12'x20' shed in front of the face of the residence, which is against Pleasant Valley Zoning Code.

SAID Meeting will take place on August 27, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration open for Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Event set for Sept. 13 at Dutchess County Fairgrounds

The County's second Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Event of 2025 will be in northern Dutchess on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6596 Route 9 in Rhinebeck. Registration opened on Aug. 13, and residents are encouraged to sign up promptly as these popular events fill up quickly and the new northern Dutchess location is certain to attract many new participants.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of items such as cleaners, pesticides and electronic waste. Proper disposal of these materials helps protect the environment and ensures a healthier community for future generations.

Advance registration is required. Residents can register online via www.dutchessny.gov using a credit card to pay the \$10 registration fee, or can register and pay by check by calling (845) 463-6020. Checks should be made payable to "Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance" and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Registration is limited to the first 400 households. Events are first-come, first-served, and registered residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location.

This is the second of three such collections the County is hosting this year, with the third and final event scheduled for Oct. 18 in

Poughkeepsie. These events are part of a full slate of recycling events and activities that the Division of Solid Waste Management hosts throughout the year. Other upcoming events include the Home Composting Workshop, the third of a series, on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 in Poughkeepsie.

Acceptable items: Product Containers Marked: "Warning," "Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive"

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GOLDEN LIVING

GOLDEN GATHERING RETURNS SAT. SEPT. 27

The scenario: you've got one day to gather as much information as you can about aging services in Dutchess County. That one day is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's the annual Golden Gathering for older adults, and it's happening at Arlington High School at 1157 NY 55 in Lagrangeville. No RSVP is required.

It's presented by County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, along with New York State Senators Michelle Hinchey and Rob Rolison, with support from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust.

The Golden Gathering is the single largest annual event of its kind in Dutchess County, and it's continuing to grow. More than 70 exhibitors from various organizations and service providers will offer information on topics ranging

from health care and financial services to housing options, legal advice and more.

Representatives from OFA and other Dutchess County Government and New York State departments and divisions will also be on hand to inform residents about how they serve the community every day.

The Golden Gathering includes health screenings, entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and dozens of informational tables geared toward the interests and needs of area older adults, their families and caregivers.

Flu shots will be available at the Golden Gathering while supplies last. If you plan on getting a flu shot, bring your insurance card.

'FRANK AND DEAN' RETURN FOR ANOTHER FREE SHOW

Registration opens this Thursday, Aug. 21, for the sounds of "Frank and Dean" with the Tony T Orchestra. It's our annual free end-of-summer concert at the

Grandview (176 Rinaldi Blvd., Poughkeepsie), on Monday, Sept. 22, at 1:30 p.m.

This time the band is playing Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin's hits, complete with stage banter, and adding popular dance classics from the '60s, '70s, '80s and beyond with their vocalist Sandra.

Registration is required for the event, which is open to all Dutchess County residents over the age of 60. Seats fill up quickly, so reserve your seat by calling the Office for the Aging during business hours at 845-486-2555.

We cannot accept reservations requested by voice mail, email or text message.

WHEN'S THE SENIOR PROM? (NOTE: NEW REGISTRATION OPENING DATE)

Fear not, Dutchess County seniors haven't missed the chance to sign up for the Annual OFA Senior Prom coming up on Monday, Oct. 20.

We'll open the event for reservations on Friday, Sept. 5 (new date).

We can tell you that this year's theme is "Masquerade Ball," the prom date is Monday, Oct. 20, from noon to 4 p.m., and the music will again be provided by the full Bob Martinson Band. Many thanks to the Pines at Poughkeepsie for their support.

EAST FISHKILL 8/27 OFA PICNIC AT CAPACITY

Reservations are full for the OFA Summer Picnic for older (60+) residents of the Town of East Fishkill, coming up on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The full picnic schedule, including links to pictures from past picnics, is available at dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics.

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

Community partners invited to be part of 2025 Golden Gathering

As preparations are underway for the 2025 Golden Gathering, the County's premier annual event celebrating and supporting local older adults, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, New York State Sens. Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinchey and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) invite local businesses, non-profit organizations and service providers to sign up now to be part of this impactful and popular event. This year's Golden Gathering will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington High School in

LaGrange.

Rolison said, "The Golden Gathering is one of the most impactful and informative events we host for seniors across Dutchess County. We're proud to connect our older residents with the resources, services and support they deserve – but we can't do it alone. It takes a community to care for our seniors, and we're grateful to everyone who helps make this event possible each year."

Serino said, "The Golden Gathering is a cornerstone event for our older adults community. It's also a great opportunity

for local organizations to showcase the programs and services that make Dutchess County such a great place in which to age with grace and independence. Whether you run a local pharmacy, offer home repair services, provide transportation or support caregivers, this is the event to be part of. We want our older adults to know what's available to them, and we can't do that without our community partners."

Hinchey said, "Our Golden Gathering event will make it easier for seniors across Dutchess County to connect with the services and support they deserve to live healthy, happy, and independent lives. If you're a local business or non-profit that offers a program or service that could help seniors in our community, we invite you to be part of this impactful day!"

The Golden Gathering welcomes hundreds of seniors and their families from across Dutchess County each autumn for a free, one-stop showcase of information, services, screenings and giveaways tailored to the unique needs of older adults. From health care and wellness to recreation, nutrition, housing, transportation

and volunteer opportunities, the event connects older adults with resources that empower them to age safely, actively and independently. New this year, the event will also include organizations and businesses who have employment opportunities for older adults.

Businesses and organizations that participate in the Golden Gathering will have the opportunity to: connect face-to-face with hundreds of local seniors, their families and caregivers; distribute materials, samples or giveaways that highlight their services; offer health screenings or demonstrations; and promote employment opportunities for older adults.

Space for Golden Gathering vendors is limited and often fills up quickly. There is no fee to participate, but each organization must register in advance to secure a table. Businesses, non-profits, service providers and community groups interested in participating are urged to reserve their spot as soon as possible by contacting Giselle Garibello, Sen. Rolison's Constituent Relations Coordinator, at garibell@nysenate.gov or (845) 229-0106. Tables and chairs will be provided.

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!"

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

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

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