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Art Studio Views returns on Labor Day weekend

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weekend,” said Joanna Hess, director of ASV. “This event is not only a celebration of art but also a chance for our community to come together and experience the power of creativity. This event promises to be a highlight of the holiday weekend, blending cultural enrichment with the joy of artistic discovery.”

She added, “Whatever your interest, the tour has something for you – painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolors and inks; collage & mixed media makers working with found objects; printmakers; photographers; and ceramic artists whose work ranges from functional with a bit of funk thrown in for good measure. It’s all here for you to discover.”

Throughout the weekend, guests can anticipate intimate guided tours led by the artists, and some demonstrations, providing insights into their creative processes and inspirations.

Hess explains, “Before our big weekend, The Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, located in the Courtyard in Rhinebeck, and the Red Hook branch of the Ulster Savings Bank (on Route 9) are hosting the ASV exhibits through August, which are perfect opportunities to preview the artwork of the participating artists.”

Open studio tours create a vibrant culture in the community. Follow the bright yellow Art Studio Views signs along the route to find these private studios.

Attendees are urged to pre-plan their personal tour by visiting the ASV website, artstudioviews.com, where more information on each artist and sponsor can be found. Maps are available at ASV

Headquarters: Art Gallery 71 (artgallery71.com); the Betsy Jacaruso Studio & Gallery (bestsyjacaruso.com); Equis Art Gallery (equisart.com); and Tivoli Artist Gallery (tivoliantartistsgallery.com).

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“Visitors are asked to support the independent businesses that support the arts in our community, which enables us to produce this free public event,” said Hess. Art Studio Views is grateful for the generosity of this year’s Platinum & Gold Sponsors: The Henry L. Kimelman Family Foundation; The Loewi-Lemberger Kaplan Charitable Fund; Stewart’s Shops (with 4 stores on ASV); Acadia HR; Corcoran Country Living; Dave’s Plumbing & Heating; Law Offices of Karen Tobias, Kathy Schmidt Studio, Luxe Optique, Oki Doki Clary Art Center, Rhinebeck Rotary; and Zulch Tax Consultants.

Whether you’re a seasoned art aficionado or simply curious about the local creative scene, Art Studios invites you to join us this Labor Day weekend for an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, but please leave your pets at home.



Participant artists include (clockwise, from top left) sculptor Owen McGettrick of Rhinebeck, painter Vivian Todini of Rhinebeck, photographer Val Shaff of Germantown and painter/printmaker Sandra Spilke of Rhinebeck. Below: Look for the bright yellow signs along the road. *Courtesy photos and image*



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DC Fair team embraces social media to spread excitement with mix of platforms

By Morgan E. Maier

Before cows, crowds, and sweet corn ice cream can arrive at the Dutchess County Fair, its organizers needed a way to connect folks with the influx of information that the festivities require.

The key was tapping social media, where information can quickly - and creatively - spread across channels. From TikTok posts to a smartphone app, and a podcast from the Agriculture Society, the digital world has no shortage of facts ahead of this year's run, August 25-30.

This year's crop of campaigns has risen to the top of social media feeds, gathering eyes of closest fair fans and soon-to-be frequenters through their carefully crafted posts. Instagram, TikTok and YouTube are the main draws, while the DCF app gives updates to vendors and visitors as quickly as possible, all in one shop. Together, these campaigns are public information, wrapped in a digital, digestible bow.

"Social media lets us meet people where they already are. A grandstand announcement or a Dock Diving Dogs clip or reel can reach someone scrolling

at 11 p.m., who never would've seen an ad or heard a radio spot," said Beth Malsbury, who has handled the fair's social media for 15 years.

Through the years, Vicki Imperati, the fair's administrative operations manager, organized a super team of social media mavens for the challenge. With Malsbury, Margaux Miller, Jenny Lang, and summer intern Annie, this group turned their varied ideas and perspectives into a brand-elevating collection of content.

At Malsbury's recommendation, the fairground's online presence pivoted from transactional, promotional posts to engaging creatives. The key was to do so while staying true to the fair's character and history.

"At its core, this is about keeping a 180-year-old tradition relevant to people who get their information in six-second increments now, without losing what makes it timeless," added Malsbury.

With a combination of video and graphics to showcase the best of the fairgrounds' offerings, the social media team employs a mix of platforms to engage audiences within Dutchess County and beyond. Content ranges from the know-

before-you-go tips to vendor spotlights, trending video and graphic formats.

The "Legacy of Agriculture and Community" podcast, presented by the Dutchess County Agriculture Society, promotes the multigenerational impact of local farms. Part agriculture, part history, the podcast teaches viewers everything they may not know about Dutchess County agriculture, according to Imperati.

"There are so many people within the community that are true agriculturists. And their mission is the same: getting word out about how important farmers are. Their stories need to be told, and this is our way of getting the word out," Imperati added.

The team introduced a foodie-friendly segment, "Food Days to Celebrate," that concentrates Instagram Reels (short-form videos) on the Fair's favorite treats, from candies to custards and corn dogs.

In addition to the widely popular podcast snippets, Miller's approach to TikTok thrives on the behind-the-scenes. These, alongside sneak peeks of fair staples, are more to an audience than the

"inside scoop."

"There's so much in our little valley, and a variety of different things. It [social media] just exposes people to all that we have to offer," said Miller.

The reach stretches beyond the six days of summer fun; year-round, the social accounts promote other events happening on the same fairgrounds, including the Wine Festival, and car, country, and cattle shows.

For Imperati, the creative element heightens the team's Fair excitement, the kind that takes root deep in people who join the industry.

"We always have fun, but the excitement in doing these things and the ideas we come up with, and the positive feedback that comes back from everybody, I think, for us, it's the satisfaction of making people smile," she added.

Now on the cusp of fair season, the ideas don't stop there. Connect with the Agriculture Society podcast @DCASinc on YouTube, Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Facebook and Instagram, and @dutchesscountyfair on TikTok.

Barretts preserve the art of weaving

By Matthew Fetzer

While weaving may be an outdated practice in modern-day culture, Bruce and Zelma Barrett of Century Museum Village are keeping the tradition alive through their efforts to share its history with others.

The Barretts know all about weaving, as Bruce started over 60 years ago. He later taught Zelma, his wife, how to weave in the 1970s. They have been doing it together ever since. With decades of experience in weaving, the two regularly demonstrate different techniques and tools used at the turn of the 20th century.

"We use frame looms a lot," said Zelma. "We are making place mats right

now. We're making table runners, fancy table runners, wool rugs. Sometimes we weave those with cotton fabric. We call that rag weaving because at the time that it was introduced you would save your clothes, mount them up in a bag, and then when you were ready to make your rug, you would take everything out of the rag bag and use that."

Bruce and Zelma have been a part of Century Museum Village for nearly 20 years. As larger looms were donated to the museum, located at the fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, the Barretts were quickly drawn to the opportunity to use them and share their knowledge with visitors.

Looms are devices used to weave threads together to make fabric. With looms on display at the museum, as well

as other accessories from the late 1800s and early 1900s, visitors have a chance to see what life was like over a century ago.

"We have a loom that people can try," she said. "If they'd like to try weaving and see what it was like, they have the opportunity to do so. Sometimes we have a line of people waiting for that loom, and it goes all the way down the aisle."

The public also has a chance to see how the Barretts "warp" their looms, which is a method of preparing the lengths of thread on the loom.

"We measure out our warp in front of everyone, and they're always fascinated by what we're doing," she added. "My husband always said that we need to show people exactly how everything

works, and that's what we try to do."

Despite weaving's declining popularity in the 21st century, the Barretts have continued to do what they love. They will be in attendance at the Dutchess County Fair for all six days of the event, working 11-hour shifts each day inside the museum.

"I think that it's very important to look back on what things were like," she said. "A lot of the time we tend to belittle those things, but things were not easy back then. People come and look at some of the things that we do and I think that many of them leave feeling surprised. They call weaving a 'dying art,' but there are many weavers in this area and I can promise that it's not dead yet."

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Youth Livestock Sale is a great teacher for all

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and FFA youth throughout the county leading up to the sale at the Fair.

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Advised by Michelle Hicks (DCYLS Chairwoman), Jim Barey (Dutchess 4-H Program Manager), and Debbie Scannell (Dutchess 4-H Club Leader), the committee works throughout the year to prepare 4-H youth and educate the public about

the annual sale. Members also explore the marketing efforts involved in raising and promoting livestock for the food supply.

The junior committee takes part in educational tours and meetings that allow them access to the local and national livestock industry. Past trips have included attending livestock sales for all species, as well as touring restaurants specializing in farm-to-table outreach plans for a direct look at marketing within Dutchess County. Sessions like this allow committee members to develop leadership and marketing skills to use in their own livestock plans.

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Barrett announces \$75,000 funding for Dutchess Outreach

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) announced that she has secured \$75,000 for Dutchess Outreach. This funding will help Dutchess Outreach source locally grown food from farms in the 106th Assembly District and support the operation of the Farm Stand, a mobile food pantry program in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

For over 50 years, Dutchess Outreach has worked consistently to combat food insecurity in Dutchess County, providing fresh, local foods to those in need.

"Our Hudson Valley region is blessed with world-class farms that have fed our region for generations. As a longtime advocate for combatting food insecurity, I believe the solution starts in our own backyard – sourcing local food from our small and midsized farms to feed our communities," said Barrett. "I am thrilled to secure \$75,000 in funding for Dutchess Outreach to purchase food from local farms here in the 106th Assembly District and to continue supporting their successful Farm Stand in a Town of Poughkeepsie, a mobile food pantry that distributes thousands of pounds of food to local families."

"We are incredibly grateful to Assemblymember Didi Barrett for this \$75,000 investment in our community. At a time when more families are struggling



Assemblymember Didi Barrett, center, is pictured with staff members from Dutchess Outreach. *Courtesy photo*

to afford healthy food and local farmers are facing tremendous economic pressures, this funding allows us to address both challenges at once," said Renee Fillette, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach. "This is exactly the kind of investment we need: one that strengthens

families, supports farmers, and builds a more sustainable and resilient local food system. We are deeply grateful to Assemblymember Barrett for understanding that these issues are connected and for continuing to champion solutions that benefit the entire community."

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling event coming to Rhinebeck on Sept. 19

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management is hosting the County's next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event of the year on Saturday, Sept. 19. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, located at 6636 Route 9 in Rhinebeck. Registration is required. The fee is \$10 per household, and space is limited to the first 400 registrations.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "These Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events offer our community an easy, safe way to clear out unwanted items while protecting the environment. This is a great opportunity to get rid of

some clutter while helping ensure these materials and equipment are handled and disposed of responsibly."

This popular recycling event is open to Dutchess County residents. Registration is under way and residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling (845) 486-2841. 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.

Registered residents should plan for wait times upon arrival at the event, particularly if arriving when the event first opens at 8 a.m.

Accepted items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A complete list of accepted items is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

For information about how to safely dispose of a wide array of items throughout the year, check out the Division of Solid Waste Management's online Recycling Encyclopedia. To learn more about the Division's various programs to reduce waste, including the upcoming

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Fan Appreciation Night on Aug. 28 to feature Mega Fireworks Show

The annual Fan Appreciation Night celebration at Heritage Financial Park on Friday, Aug. 28, will now feature a MEGA Fireworks Show presented by D. Rohde Home Services to finish the night with a bang, the Hudson Valley Renegades have announced.

MEGA fireworks shows at Heritage Financial Park have been

limited to Independence Day celebrations in the past and are longer and feature more fireworks than the traditional fireworks shows at the ballpark.

“Nothing says Hudson Valley summer like fireworks over Heritage Financial Park,” said Dan Rohde, owner of D. Rhode Home Services. “We’ve been serving families here for

years, and being able to help make this one a MEGA fireworks show is our way of giving something back to the community that built this company.”

Fan Appreciation Night presented by D. Rohde Home Services will feature all kinds of fun, prizes, and more to kick off the final weekend of Renegades baseball at Heritage Financial Park in the 2026 regular

season. The Renegades battle the Brooklyn Cyclones, the High-A affiliate of the Mets, at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are available for Friday’s game online at the Renegades website, over the phone by calling the Ticket Office powering every play presented by Central Hudson at (845) 838-0094, or in person at Heritage Financial Park during business hours.

Heritage Financial Park to host Big Apples Fest on Oct. 17

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced the return of Big Apples Fest to Heritage Financial Park on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After its successful debut in 2025, the Second Annual Big Apples Fest will once again feature fun for the whole family.

Big Apples Fest is a free communi-

ty event at Heritage Financial Park featuring live music, seasonal beers, games, inflatables, crafts, and of course, apples. Parking for the event is \$15 on the day of the event, or \$10 when purchased in advance (plus taxes and fees).

There is limited vendor space still available for Big Apples Fest.

Interested vendors can contact Josh Watson-Lewis at josh@hvrenegades.com.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

‘How sweep it is!’ Renegades win six on Jersey Shore

HV trails front-runners by just one game going into final week.

By Morgan E. Maier

A red-hot Hudson Valley Renegades summer is getting down to the wire with a six-game sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws last week. A few extra-inning escapes, defensive devastation for the BlueClaws, and offensive flurries all week marked fun in the Jersey sun for Hudson Valley.

The Renegades –with their current eight-game winning streak - are now in 3rd place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League, but just one game behind leaders Frederick (Md) and Greensboro (NC).

The Renegades return home to face the Brooklyn Cyclones for their final regular season homestand this week.

High Fives - The Renegades had plenty of high fives last week, including two wins while scoring exactly five runs. In the first game of the August 21 double-header, Hudson Valley scattered six hits across seven innings. David McCann contributed three runs to the effort, reaching third on a fifth-inning error that scored two runs, then scoring himself on a wild pitch. Jersey Shore mustered a run in their final offensive frame, but the Renegades took the 5-1 win. Hudson Valley took a 2-0 win in the nightcap behind a stellar Luis Serna, who struck out seven and allowed just two hits in 5.2 innings.

Maika Niu continued his impressive

High-A start, launching a three-run home run in the 5-4 win on August 23. A three-run first inning set the tone for Hudson Valley’s afternoon; the first four in the lineup – Eric Genther, Jackson Lovich, Kyle West, and Niu – combined for six of Hudson Valley’s 10 hits.

10’s again - Robbie Burnett tied it at five in the ninth inning of the series opener; the Renegades offense said “double or nothing” in the tenth. Hans Montero took first cut with an RBI single. Emmanuel Tejeda and Dean Toigo then hit back-to-back RBI singles. With the bases later loaded with two outs, Genther iced the game with a three-run double. The Renegades won 10-5 after a quick 14-pitch outing by Thomas Balboni Jr.

Hudson Valley took to the 10th again on August 22, thanks to an untimely Jersey Shore fielding error. The BlueClaws kept Hudson Valley scoreless outside of one second-inning run, an RBI single from McCann. The wait would be worth it for the visiting team, as Genther knocked in Lovich for the 2-1 win.

Dean’s List - Toigo reached base in all four games he appeared in this series. Toigo went 3-for-5 with an RBI on August 18. He led off the ninth inning with a double, then scored the game-tying run. Starting in right field again in the series finale, Toigo added two hits. In his first 11 professional games, Toigo hit .333/.404/.904 with 6 RBI and 5 extra-base hits.



Infielder Jackson Lovich had a stellar week for the Renegades and scored the winning run in a 2-1 victory over Jersey Shore on Aug. 22. Photo by Dave Janosz

Outfielder Tiogo catches eyes with hitting, fielding in debut week

By Morgan E. Maier

Outfielder Dean Toigo made his professional debut for the Hudson Valley Renegades in August, catching early eyes with his timely hitting. The 23-year-old, a prized offensive producer at three levels of collegiate baseball, shows early promise in the High-A batter’s box.

Toigo was the New York Yankees’ 20th-round pick of the 2026 draft. He has amassed a .333 batting average and .904 on-base plus slugging (OPS) in his first 11 games as a Renegade.

Toigo played one season in Tempe as an Arizona State Sun Devil, where he produced 20 home runs and 59 runs batted in (RBI). Before arriving as one of ASU’s highest-touted transfers, Toigo received honors in the Mountain West Conference as Co-Player of the Year. He

finished 2025 with a 1.127 OPS for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Rebels. Before UNLV, Toigo played two years outside of the NCAA, logging time with Cypress Community College and Hope International University of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

His fifth and final year of college eligibility was with the Sun Devils, where he caught eyes with clutch outfield catches and a mid-season offensive turnaround. He ended the year with 57 hits in 44 games, according to the ASU Athletics page. Toigo later earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention.

Toigo contributed largely to the Renegades’ recent sweep of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, August 18-23. Playing in four of six games, Toigo was 6-for-10, including two multi-hit performances.



Dean Toigo, right, is pictured with Hudson Valley teammates Bryce Martin-Grudzielanek and Jackson Lovich. Photo by Dave Janosz

Simply Gourmet named exclusive caterer as Chapel at Carnwath Farms opens for booking

In preparation for The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park’s full restoration, Simply Gourmet has been selected as its exclusive catering partner, bringing full-service wedding and event catering to one of the Hudson Valley’s newest and most distinctive venues. Weddings, corporate events, galas, show-ers and private celebrations are now book-ing, with venue tours currently available. This partnership marks an exciting expan-sion for Simply Gourmet, adding to the locally owned company’s growing portfo-lio of full-service wedding and event experiences across the Hudson Valley.

“The Chapel is unlike any venue in the Hudson Valley,” said Simply Gourmet’s Founder/Chef and Culinary Institute of America alum, Mike Polasek. “It com-bines incredible history, breathtaking views and an atmosphere that allows for unforgettable experiences across Carnwath Farms for our clients. We’re honored the Town of Wappinger chose Simply Gourmet to help bring this vision to life.”

Located just minutes from Metro-North’s New Hamburg train station, approximately 70 miles north of New York City, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms offers a unique blend of history, accessibility and modern amenities. The restored venue, located on a former estate originally built in 1850, features an ele-gant indoor space accommodating more than 300 guests, and picturesque outdoor locations throughout the property with expansive lawns, including a hilltop cere-mony site with sweeping panoramic views of the Hudson River Valley.

Founded in 2008 by a Dutchess

County native, Simply Gourmet offers comprehensive wedding and event pack-ages designed to simplify the planning process from start to finish. Event menus offer an elevated take on approachable, comfort fare paired with high-level hos-pitality. Clients can choose from buffet, plated or family-style dining, full bever-age service featuring beer, wine and liquor, as well as outdoor ceremony and cocktail hour options. All-inclusive event packages begin at \$199 per person, including the venue rental fee. As part of its services, Simply Gourmet also coordi-nates staffing, rentals, event setup and breakdown, allowing hosts to enjoy a stress-free celebration while every detail is professionally managed.

“The Chapel at Carnwath Farms repre-sents years of planning and investment to create a one-of-a-kind event destination for our community and the Hudson Valley,” added Town of Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini. “Simply Gourmet shares the vision we’ve had for this venue from the beginning. Its com-mitment to quality, hospitality and creat-ing exceptional experiences makes it the perfect partner as we welcome guests to this remarkable property.”

Originally part of the historic Carnwath Farms estate, the property has served many purposes throughout its more than 175-year history. Following years of thoughtful restoration and investment by the Town of Wappinger, The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is Wappinger’s newest and most enchanting event venue. Once a place of quiet reflection, this former reli-gious sanctuary has been thoughtfully



Mike Polasek (right), Founder and Chef of Simply Gourmet, is pictured with Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph D. Cavaccini. The Chapel and grounds at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park offer an inviting setting for weddings and other special gatherings. *Photos courtesy of Zoe Golden-Johnson (Zoe's Camera)*



transformed into a destination where historic character meets con-temporary elegance, preserving an important piece of the Hudson Valley’s heritage.

For more information about weddings and events at The Chapel, or to schedule a tour, visit townofwappingerny.gov/the-chapel-at-carnwath-farms.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Morton Library to host Rhinecliff Street Safety Community Conversation on Sept. 8

All are welcome to a community chat about Rhinecliff street safety on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., at Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. The Mill Road Preservationists will present an infor-mational meeting about the proposed brewery project and its effect on Rhinecliff roads and resi-dents.

Vassar Temple announces High Holy Day Services

Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of Sept. 11, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of Sept. 20. The congregation’s clergy Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom,) and there will be professional security present.

Please visit the website www.vassar.temple.org for the complete service schedule. No fee is involved, but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray our expenses are appreciated. The congregation is also accepting donations of nonperishable foods for its annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit a local food

pantry. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive congregation located in Poughkeepsie and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

For further information, and to sign up to attend, please contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

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

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

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

Registration is now open for sponsorships, golf, and dinner. Attendance costs \$175 for golf, \$175 for dinner, and \$250 for golf and all meals. To register, contact the church office (845) 677-3064 or office@gracemillbrook.org or co-chair James Prudden (914-482-3525 or james.pрудден@gmail.com).

den@gmail.com). Registration can also be com-pleted online at www.gracemillbrook.org. Registrations required by August 31.

Golf outing to support Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley

Chip In To Rebuild will be held on Oct. 2 at the Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland. The 34th annual outing will benefit Rebuilding Together. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. A day of fun, fundraising, and friendly competition. One’s par-ticipation helps to ensure safe and healthy homes for people in need. For more information, visit <https://rthudsonvalley.org/event/>.

Bowl for Community Action Partnership in October

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County will hold a fundraising event at Spins Bowl, at 1677 Route 9 in Wappingers Falls in October and wants you to take part in the action. “Bowl for ACTION” will take place on Friday, October 9, and will feature team participants, raf-fle prizes, food and more. Check in for the event is 5:30 p.m. To find out more about sponsorship opportunities and to register for the event, go to www.BowlforACTION.org.



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New Jeff Beck bio offers in-depth look at career of groundbreaking musician

By Kate Goldsmith

Innovative English guitarist Jeff Beck's career spanned six decades, from rock 'n' roll's infancy until his untimely death from a bacterial meningitis infection at age 78 in January 2023. That career didn't follow a straight path; like many musicians who can truly be called artists, Beck's trajectory was more like a zigzag roller coaster. His signature style and sound, crafted to perfection over the years, was the hallmark that yielded him numerous accolades and the admiration of his colleagues and legions of fans around the world.

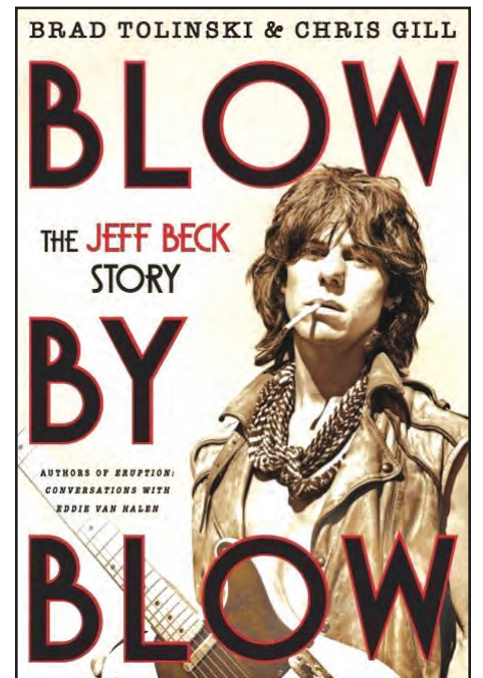
"Blow by Blow: The Jeff Beck Story" (2026, Da Capo Publishing) is an aptly named biography. The title references Beck's landmark jazz fusion album, but it also alludes to the pugilistic tendencies that side-swiped his career at times, as well as literal blows to his body from various accidents that left him with chronic maladies, including severe headaches. Authors Brad Tolinski and Chris Gill – both respected music journalists – have

brilliantly captured this mercurial artist through extensive interviews with Beck himself, as well as his friends and collaborators including Jimmy Page, Johnny Depp, Narada Michael Walden, Rod Stewart and many others.

Writing about all things guitar comes naturally to Tolinski, who edited Guitar World magazine for more than two decades, and Gill, a regular contributor to Guitar World. Their bona fides are unquestionable. That is a fact, and it's also a "heads up" to any non-guitarists who pick up the book. The authors do a deep dive into much of Beck's album-making career, describing the studio environment in granular detail, including the equipment, effects and personnel on various tracks. It's guitarists talking about guitars to guitarists; but even if it's over most of our heads, one can appreciate the historical documentary "Blow by Blow" provides. I often found myself putting down the book to listen to a particular track the authors were discussing, hearing it with new ears and additional respect for the creative process.

Music lovers who pick up this book will recognize names from many different genres of music associated in some way with Beck, from the early 1960s to the 2020s. In addition to his work with The Yardbirds; Beck, Bogert & Appice; the Jan Hammer Group; and various incarnations of The Jeff Beck Group, he was an in-demand guest artist on a range of projects by Stevie Wonder, Ozzy Osbourne, Roger Waters, and several others.

Best of all, "Blow by Blow" is a musical time machine. It's fascinating for those of us who weren't at rock 'n' roll's infancy to imagine what a novelty it was to hear Les Paul's guitar or Gene Vincent's vocals for the very first time. Those strange and amazing sounds shook the earth for young Jeff Beck and others of his generation. It infused them with a fervor and a purpose, and the music-loving public has been enjoying the fruits of their discovery for decades. Tolinski and Gill certainly make the case for Beck's place in that pantheon of players.



"Blow by Blow: The Jeff Beck Story"
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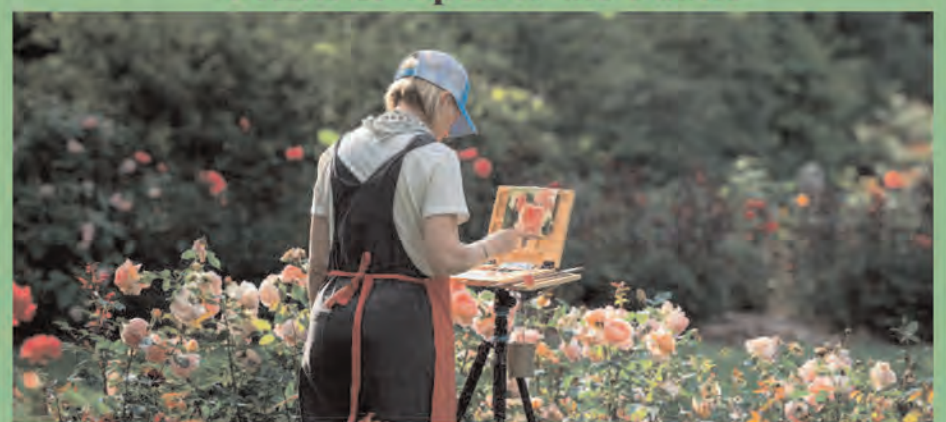
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Carnwath Farms at the Fair

Come see dahlias and other prize-winning flowers this week at the Dutchess County Fair.

Kate Cahill, who has spearheaded the Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden at Carnwath Farms, is hoping to win Best in Show at the Dutchess County Fair, for the third time. Out of the 1,500 dahlias planted at the farm, she plans to pick out 10 for the Tuesday, August 25 show, and 10 to enter on Friday, August 28. You can see the winning dahlias, and lots of other prize winning flowers from ageratum to zinnias, all week, until the fair closes Sunday night, upstairs at the horticulture building on “Livestock Hill.”

Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park is a fairly recent addition to the Hudson Valley’s world famous constellation of historic properties, purchased by the Town of Wappinger in 1999 and restored (an ongoing project) by the volunteers at Friends of Carnwath Farms. On a recent tour led by Friends V.P. John Weber, accompanied by Friends president Jessica Sarrantonio, I learned that the original home was designed by the famous naturalist Andrew Jackson Downing in 1850 for William Henry and Lydia Willis, who named it “Carnwath” after a Scottish manor house they had visited. After several changes in ownership, the original estate wound up as a 99-acre preserve on the banks of the Hudson River, with three miles of hiking trails, a beautifully restored chapel, and the Frances Reese Cultural Center, which houses the Sports Museum of Dutchess County (it doesn’t have anything about me – I looked).

In 2022, Courtney and Brian Kolb founded Carnwath Community Farming, presently 10 acres of 20 garden plots rented by community members who grow their own flowers and vegetables. Part of the Community Farm is home to Kate Cahill’s Wappinger Heritage Dahlia Garden, where Kate tends the dahlias she enters in the Dutchess County Fair, and at the upcoming Wappinger Dahlia Show, September 19 at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls. (More info at [dahlias_in_tow](#)). Kate has been growing dahlias since age 14, even breeding new varieties, and cataloging heritage varieties like “Old Red” from the Catskill Mountains. Kate claims that America’s first dahlia competition was held in Wappinger in 1901. I asked Claude, and he agrees!

Dahlias are native to the highlands of Mexico and Central America. They won’t survive our winters, so Kate has to dig up the fleshy tubers and store them in dry shavings over the winter, replanting all 1,500 each spring. Rich soil, fertilizer and natural pest controls are important. Powdery mildew, I’ve heard, can be prevented with a spray of watered-down milk.

Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph (“Joey”) Cavaccini was and is a driving force behind the success of Carnwath Farms. As an unusually young town historian, he researched the history and founded the Friends of Carnwath Farms to kick-start the restoration. At age 14, he was the lead curator of the Sports Museum. When Joey was elected town supervisor, he seized the opportunity to personally oversee the renovation of the chapel and the ongoing work to make Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park a Hudson Valley jewel.

Meanwhile, my granddaughters are also entering dahlias in the Dutchess County Fair. Stop by the horticulture building to see if they’ve toppled the Carnwath Farms dahlia dynasty.

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



From left: Jack, Olive, Courtney and Brian Kolb, with Kate Cahill. Olive Kolb is entering six projects in 4-H competition. Left: Dahlia “Old Red.” Photos by Mark Adams



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UKULELE MARVEL JAKE SHIMABUKURO AT TOWNE CRIER AUG. 28



Jake Shimabukuro, a world-renowned ukulele virtuoso whose groundbreaking artistry has redefined the instrument for the 21st century, will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Friday, Aug. 28, at 8:30 p.m. Hailed as the “Jimi Hendrix of the ukulele,” Shimabukuro has captivated audiences across the globe with his masterful technique, innovative spirit, and deeply expressive performances that seamlessly blend elements of jazz, rock, classical, blues, folk, and traditional Hawaiian music. Over the course of his career, Shimabukuro has released numerous acclaimed albums, collaborated with an array of legendary artist — including Bette Midler, Yo-Yo Ma, Jimmy Buffett, Ziggy Marley, and Mick Fleetwood—and performed everywhere from the Sydney Opera House to the Hollywood Bowl and the Kennedy Center. His most recent projects showcase both his dazzling technical command and his growing focus on emotional storytelling through music. The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. Visit www.townecrier.com for tickets and more information. *Courtesy photo*

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EXHIBITIONS

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



and Resilience” group exhibition. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery are open Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but visitors should stop by 9 Vassar St. first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar St. Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. More info about the artists at cunneen-hackett.org. *Pictured: “Wonder” by Meghan McDonough. Courtesy image*

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 30:** “Atelier 17: Myths in Motion,” part of “The Atelier 17 Project,” a series of exhibitions and programs commemorating the centennial of one of the 20th century’s most influential printmaking workshops, which was founded by Stanley William Hayter in Paris in 1927 and was renowned for its spirit of collaboration, experimentation, and technical innovation. **Through Sept. 20:** “A Living Legacy: Gifts from Lynn Gross Straus,” The exhibition celebrates the life and generosity of Lynn Gross Straus (1925–2023), Vassar Class of 1946, a philanthropist, adventurer, avid art collector, and champion of early childhood education. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through Dec. 6:** Special exhibition, “Declaring the Revolution: America’s Printed Path to Independence -- Historical Works from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection.” Between 1765 and 1783, the 13 American colonies, once separate possessions of Great Britain, strove to become a self-governing, democratic alliance with a shared identity and destiny. This struggle is known as the American Revolution. In the process, 18th-century Americans defended their liberties as citizens, protested their second-class political status, organized economic boycotts, established fighting forces and shadow governments, and affirmed their legal bonds with one another. This was all done through “declarations” of various kinds, which were all expressed through the dominant medium of the time: print. The supreme example of printed democratic aspirations is the Declaration of Independence. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Hessel Museum of Art, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard),

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is multidisciplinary artist Shirley Parker-Benjamin and photographer Onaje Benjamin. At 12 Vassar St., painter Meghan McDonough presents her artwork in the Reception Gallery, and visual artist Mukta is showcased in the Hancock Gallery. **Sept. 1-Oct. 30:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be painter and illustrator Liliana Washburn. **Sept. 1-Oct. 20:** At 12 Vassar St. there will be a group exhibition curated by artist Barbara Todd on sustainability entitled “What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience” in the Reception and Hancock Galleries. **Free Public Art Opening Receptions** will be held on Friday, Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m. for Liliana Washburn and the artists participating in the “What Comes Back: Renewal

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

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Aug. 28-Oct. 17:** “The State We’re In,” exhibition by Brian Cirno, June Glasson, Jeff Wigman & Yu Yan. **Opening reception:** Fri., Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m. www.millbrooklibrary.org

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

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Sept. 4:** “Photos of Rhinecliff,” photographs by Bruce Murphy. Library open hours for exhibition (845) 876-2903

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Sept. 18:** Artwork by local resident Tatiana Rhinevault. She works in several mediums, including watercolor, acrylic and oil, utilizing rich, dark colors in combination with diffused window light to create images that are simultaneously calming and magnetic to the eye. Learn more at www.TatianaRhinevault.com.

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

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 30:** “The Five Freedoms,” a national juried group exhibition highlighting the five freedoms outlined in the First Amendment: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of the Press, Freedom to Assemble, and Freedom to Petition the Government. **Artists Talk:** Sun., Aug. 30, 1-3 p.m. www.womenswork.art

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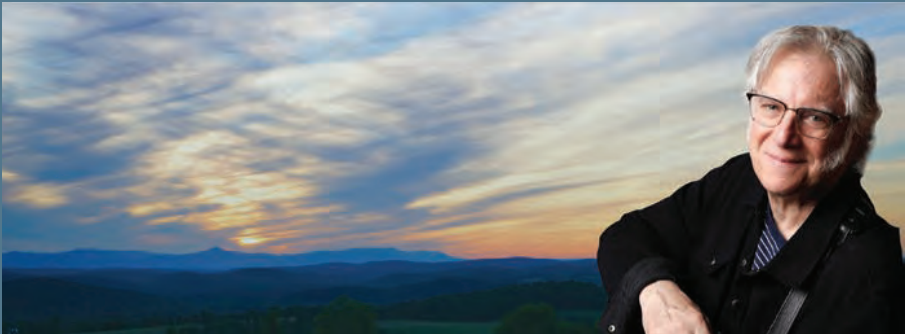
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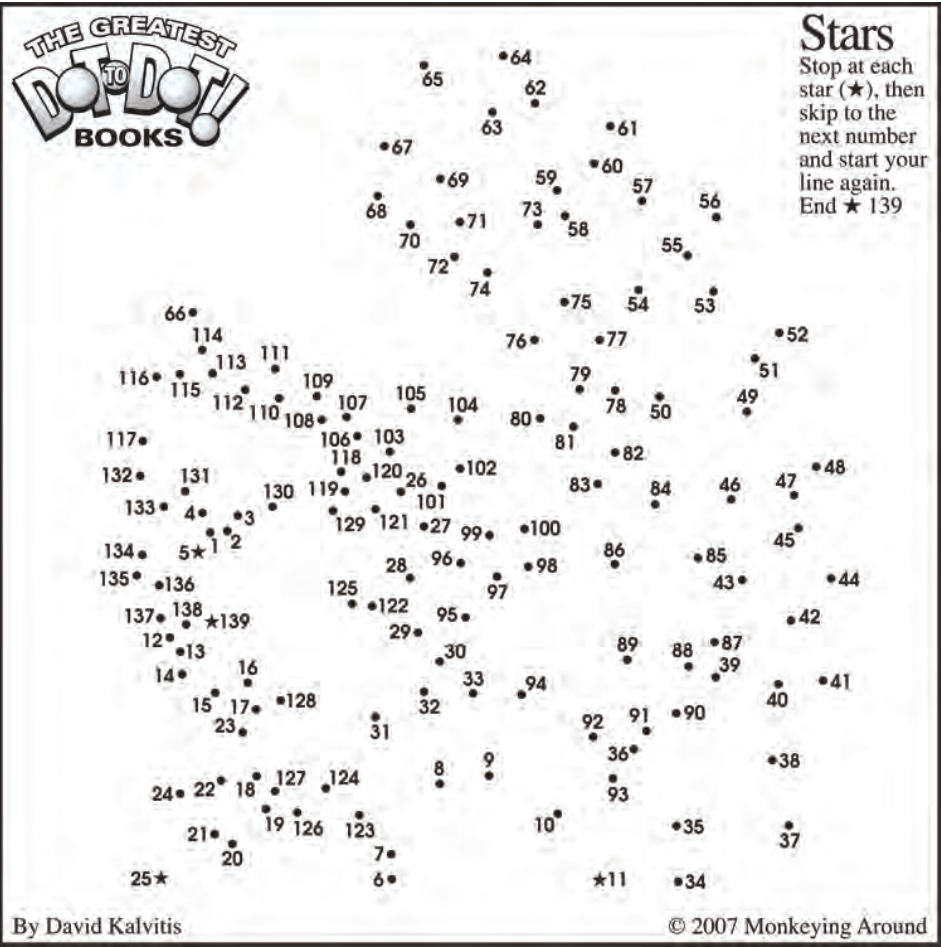
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- Bit of smoke
- Willow twig
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- Popular street-lining trees
- Post-deductions amount
- Opposite of WSW
- Somebody ____

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- Dueler's blow
- Unit of pressure
- Jellystone Park denizen
- Amerigo to America
- *Plagiarize, technically speaking
- Heep of "David Copperfield"
- *School signaling device
- *Unwelcome load
- Current unit, pl.
- Catcher's catcher
- Chester White's home
- Three in one
- Animal toxin
- Poultry houses
- "It ____ a dark and stormy night..."
- Too many in the kitchen?
- Baby owl
- Free-for-all
- Tear
- Lacking guile
- Baseball fielding mistake
- "She ____ sea shells..."
- * ____ Academy, online study aid
- " ____ the land of the free..."
- *Reading building blocks
- Stall call
- *Character in Greek Mythology reading assignment
- Firstborn
- Nymph chaser
- Diminutive
- Like nature worshipping, e.g.
- Flamb
- Dante's Beatrice, e.g.
- Passing mention
- Relinquish
- Small brook
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- Part of church
- *Unit in measurement and weight math lessons

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Heart of the Fair

Agriculture has long been the centerpiece of the county fair.

For most of us who grew up in this area, the Dutchess County Fair marks the end of summer. As a child it was the last hurrah before school started up again, but it was so much more than that. Ours was a “fair family”: we were there every day in equal measure enjoying all it had to offer and participating in various ways over the years. I’m in my 60s now, and so much has changed. It certainly isn’t the fair I grew up with, but it’s still a great tradition and we continue to support it and all it stands for.

County fairs across the country were an important part of a nation that thrived in large part due to agriculture. The earliest fairs, which began in the 1800s, were all about farming and showcased livestock, crops and the latest in machinery and farm equipment. Farmers and their families gathered to see the latest developments in agriculture and participated in competitions for the best livestock, home-grown produce and baked goods. They met to share ideas, get advice and showcase the best of what they raised. Non-farming families gained an understanding of agriculture they otherwise wouldn’t have had. As more people attended over the years attractions, musical acts, food vendors and carnival rides were added, and many fairs were extended from a day or two to a week. But always the heart and soul has been agriculture.

Unlike the six-day extravaganza it is today, the first Dutchess County Fair was a two-day event held in Washington Hollow, a hamlet of Pleasant Valley, in October at a field behind a hotel. (The year was 1842 when there were only 27 states and farming was the lifeblood of the growing nation). It alternated between another Washington Hollow location and Poughkeepsie before finding its permanent home in Rhinebeck in 1919. For a full history, I recommend visiting the official website, dutchessfair.com. It’s a fun and interesting read.

When I was a little girl, the Dutchess County Fair was still a traditional county fair that not only showcased local agriculture, but many vendors and food booths that highlighted local organizations, church groups and farmers as well. You could get coffee and donuts from the Vagabond Drum Corps booth, sandwiches from local church booths, turkey soup from the turkey booth and chili from the firemen’s booth. I fondly remember sipping Fitchett Brothers chocolate milk while petting their ponies, Ike and Mike. 4-H was thriving (and still is) and the vegetable, craft and flower competitions were abundantly full of local fare. People went as much to see their neighbors as they did to watch the sulky races, buy penny candy and explore the midway. There were things we looked forward to that could only be done at the fair, like that cold cup of fresh apple cider for a dime, making a beeline for the double Ferris wheel with the heady aroma of sausage and peppers leading the way and seeing all the livestock that filled every building on Livestock Hill. My sister and I always loved that our dad wore a western shirt, cowboy hat and boots to the fair, further marking it in our minds as a special occasion.

Later on, fair time was more hands-on for our family. In my preteen years I entered artwork in the Craft Building. I worked the Belgian Waffle booth once,

which was the topic of a past article and my first real foray into food service. Later still, my nephew showed cows in 4-H for many years,so we spent a lot of time on “The Hill.” I created many displays in connection with Adams Fairacre Farms and helped coordinate cooking demos when they still had the Williams Lumber kitchen setup. My parents have worked the information booth and in the Horticulture Building, and my sister and I entered and displayed vegetables grown on her farm, taking a fair few red and blue ribbons, something we’re still very proud of. I bought my goat, Sarah, from one of the farmers as a 40th birthday present for myself and it was one of the best things I’ve ever done. Now my nephew and his fiancé participate very successfully in Dock Diving with their border collie Toaster, and my parents, sister and I help out with the flower show in the Horticulture Building.

A lot of people go for the food, musical acts, the rides and to buy the latest

gadgets, but I hope they also appreciate the fair’s farming core. I guess I just want people to experience our past and the ties to agriculture that started the fair tradition in the first place.

It’s encouraging to see people growing their own vegetables, raising chickens and supporting local farmstands and markets. The flower and vegetables competitions at the fair have had a resurgence of participants over the last few years, another hopeful sign. I know it will likely never be the fair I once knew, but I hope the interest generated by homesteading trends is more than just that and produces a new generation of farmers. Until then, let’s keep supporting local growers however we can. And be sure to visit 4-H Hill if you go to the fair.

It’s a testament to the Hudson Valley that our roots are still very much in agriculture, even though the years have not always been kind to farmers. For hundreds of years, they have shown us what courage, tenacity, respect and hard work

can do, a legacy well worth remembering and honoring. You don’t need to have grown up here to see what a shame it would be if fields of grazing cows, crisp apples and open, fertile farmland became no more than a memory, replaced by solar fields and condominiums. As with many places across the nation, agriculture has been at the very heart of our Valley, and it’s our legacy to be proud of and to respect and preserve. I’m grateful there’s still a place we can go to, even if only once a year, to remind us of that.

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

Joe Baer to present new one-man show about P.T. Barnum at Morton Library Sept. 26-27

“P.T. Barnum! The One and Only!” is Joe Baer’s new one-man show, set for its world premiere on Sept. 26-27 at Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. Doors open a half-hour prior to showtime.

An electric 60-minute solo theatrical

event that challenges everything you thought you knew about history’s greatest showman, P.T. Barnum. This unique production steps away from the modern Hollywood myths to look at the real history of this legend through the eyes of a charismatic apprentice who learned from the master himself. Far from being a heartless con man, this high energy the-

atrical lecture proves Barnum was a visionary mastermind, driven by a radical desire to entertain.

The cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at Eventbrite. Proceeds benefit The Rhinebeck Grange and Morton Memorial Library.

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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



How the Dutchess County Fair shaped the focus of horse breeding

By Bill Jeffway

Among the images we see in the recently discovered and restored movies of Rhinebeck in September of 1919 is the parade of prize-winning horses at the Dutchess County Fair. We see prize-winning categories like “general purpose horses” and “general purpose farm team shown to wagon.” This is very telling.

The Dutchess County Fair, as it emerged from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society founded in 1806 with an initial “fair” in 1806, was constitutionally created to serve “none but farmers [who] shall be ordinary members of the society.” This was an organization for the common farm family. There were sporadic fairs until 1841 when New York State passed “An Act to Promote Agriculture” and the roots of the modern Dutchess County Fair were firmly established.

An 1890 editorial article in the Rural New Yorker reflected its focus on the common farmer by reporting that “the horse show just closed in [New York] city is considered the most successful ever held.” The article acknowledged that the races attracted wealthy people who could afford to lose nine horses in pursuit of a single high-performing winner. The editorial argued, however, that such fairs were also relevant to the average farmer who could breed solid, useful “coach horses, roadsters, hunters, Hackneys, and Shetland and Exmoor ponies.”

In a jab at the wealthy, the editorial stated, “Hackney-type horses were in good demand too, chunky and handsome animals wanted by those who liked to show themselves off in the park.” The distinction between horses for fashion, and horses for usefulness continued.

Reflecting continuity of purpose in 1919, the Society had declared that it would be a “Dutchess County fair for Dutchess County folks.” While the names of river estate owners like Roosevelt did show up, they showed up through the lens of contests like the “best potato” contest with their head gardeners representing them.

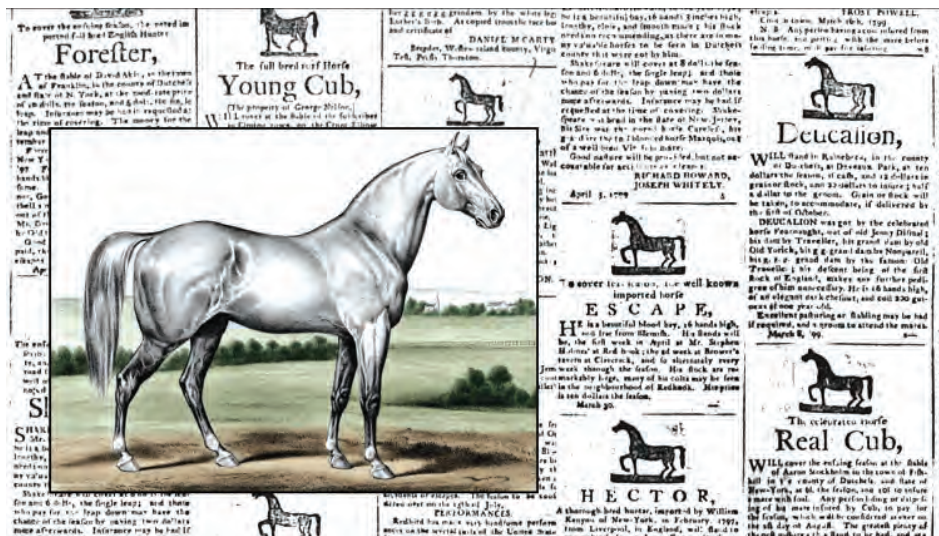
A triumphant Rhinebeck Gazette reported just after the 1919 fair, “The low price of admission, coupled with our refusal to avail ourselves of the opportunity to derive a revenue from the leading of concessions of an improper or questionable character, removes any impression that a desire for pecuniary gain was the animating motive of those who brought the fair to Rhinebeck.”

These dynamics of what makes a horse have, or offer, a particular value – support for the average farm family in the county, vs. horses as a kind of entertaining investment for the wealthy to dabble in, vs. the dark shadow of gambling – can be found going back a generation before the county fair as we know it today even started.

European influence

Europeans had brought horses into the Hudson Valley with their earliest settlements in the 1600s, but the middle stretch of the valley developed slowly; Dutchess County itself was not settled in earnest until the 1750s. Within another generation, however, the county was shaping the future of American horse breeding in ways that would only be realized much later.

In March of 1796 (and at least two subsequent seasons), Cornelius Van Ranst, who owned a farm and mill north of the Pine Plains village center at the Columbia County border, advertised an imported English Thoroughbred stallion named



An 1860 depiction of the horse Messenger by Currier & Ives. Messenger was foaled in England in 1780 and died in 1808. In the background are images of a separate supplement to the Poughkeepsie Eagle of 1798, showing the many horses being offered for breeding. Although Messenger stood out among them at Cornelius Van Ranst's Pine Plains farm, no one could have known how consequential the horse would become. *Courtesy of DCHS*

Watch for information related to the premiere of restored 1918 and 1919 movies taken in familiar Rhinebeck settings at the Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Messenger for stud.

Van Ranst knew Messenger had raced successfully in England and published the winning purses recorded from 1783 to 1785. The horse was imported in 1788 and earlier owned by Henry Astor, brother to John Jacob Astor. Messenger had already stood in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Long Island.

What Van Ranst could not have known was Messenger would become the foundation sire of the Standardbred breed – virtually every trotter and pacer racing in harness today traces back through his great-grandson, Hambletonian 10, foaled in 1849.

Messenger's influence didn't stop at harness racing. His descendants also shaped the American Saddlebred and Tennessee Walking Horse breeds, and he appears in the pedigree of major American Thoroughbred flat racers, including Man o' War, Seabiscuit, and Whirlaway. Few horses imported to America have left a wider or more durable mark on the breeds that followed, and Dutchess County was home to Messenger breeding hundreds of “covers” in his three seasons in Pine Plains.

Days of racing

In 1798 a headline in the Poughkeepsie Eagle shouted, “Sportsmen take notice!” It contained both an invitation and a warning. The invitation was three consecutive days of racing, in three-mile, two-mile, and one-mile heats, with entries taken at the courthouse on Market and Main Streets. A “fair” (which at the time meant only buying and selling, perhaps the way we use “book fair” today) ran alongside the races each morning, where “gentlemen may have an opportunity of purchasing or selling at private sale or auction.”

Then came the warning: a gambling table known as an E.O. (Even/Odd, the forerunner of the roulette wheel) had “heretofore exhibited at the Dutchess County races,” has since been judged to be an “unequal game” with “a tendency to corrupt the morals of the people,” and was strictly forbidden, along with “any other game of unequal chance.” An 1802 New York State law began to draw clearer lines between was legal and desirable, and what was a public nuisance and offence. The law defined where a horse race could be held, allowed a purse or premium to be paid, but prohibited betting on the result.

In 1919, the Dutchess County Fair had nearly not survived to see the year at all. The First World War had forced its cancellation twice, and the fairgrounds (then Springbrook Park) in Rhinebeck had briefly become a staging ground for parades related to the war effort. Movie images from these patriotic exercises are also among the rediscovered movies.

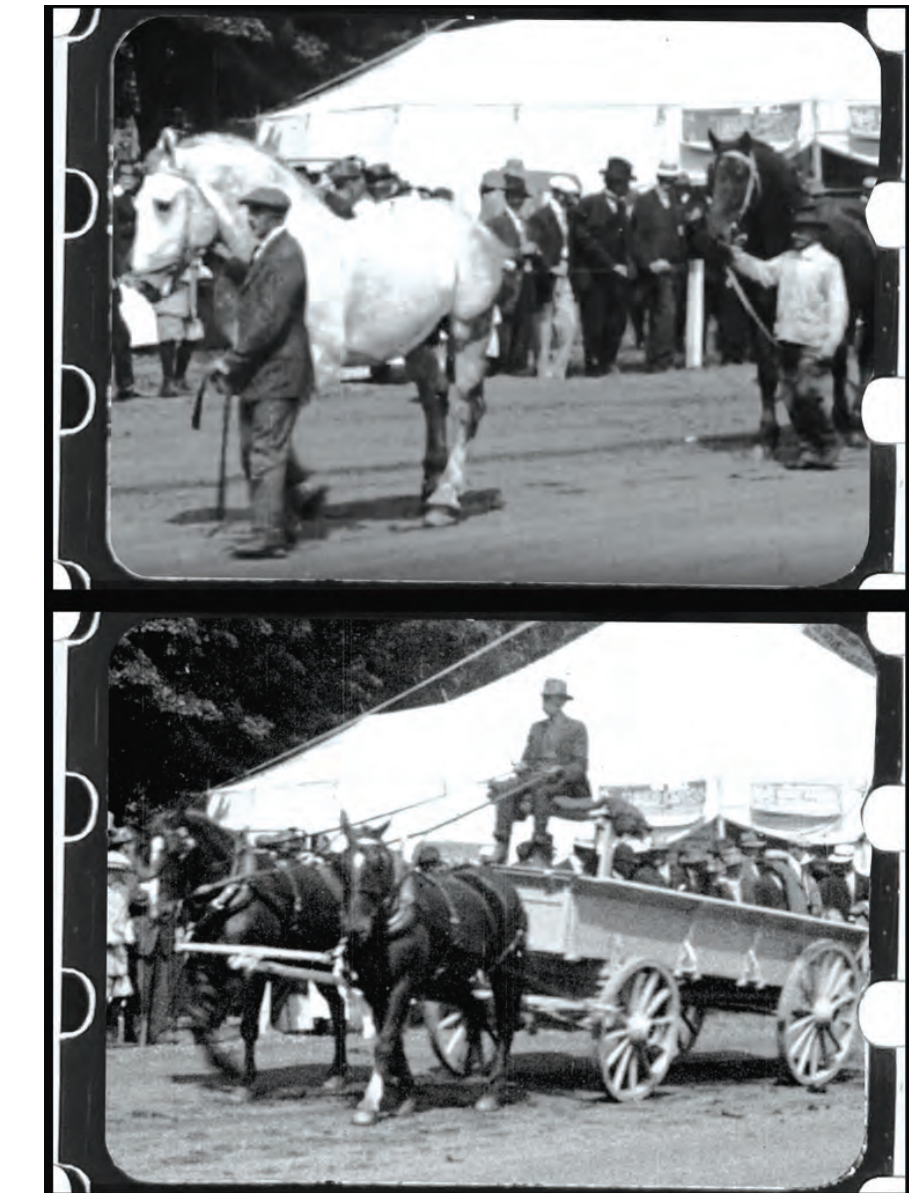
Returning to the 1919 prize-winning horses, those being honored are not racing stock and they are not stud prospects bound for someone else's fortune. They are farm teams, pulling wagons, judged in front of a crowd for strength and training and usefulness. The fair was staying true to its support of the Dutchess County farmer. Betting on the outcome of horse races and gambling was permitted in New York State at the time, but in highly regulated ways that kept changing but were prohibited at any county agricultural fair like that Dutchess County.

The fairgrounds in Rhinebeck today have no rigged wheel of chance tucked between the barns, no auctioneer taking bids on a horse's future. Instead, we find show rings, judged classes, a fairer competition, and a pulling contest not unlike the one that wagon team won in 1919. The horse today is almost entirely show and heritage rather than transportation or income, and yet the fair still insists on judging it the old way, on skill and condition and training, not on fashion or wager.

That is the quiet inheritance worth ending on. Nobody in 1919 could have known the reorganized fair would outlast the horse's working life nearly entirely; that tractors and trucks would empty the local barns of their horses within a generation. But the standard they set that year, that a horse earns its ribbon by being good at what it does rather than by being expensive or lucky, is the same standard that continues at the County Fair in Rhinebeck today.

[Special thanks for important contributions from Melody Moore's ongoing study of the history of the Dutchess County Fair].

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Movie clips from September 17, 1919 show the parade of winning horses at the Dutchess County Fair, its first time in Rhinebeck for 40 years, where it has remained ever since. Prizes were in support of effective, hard-working animals, while there was a growing awareness that “horsepower” would soon be coming from gasoline-powered engines. *Courtesy of DCHS*

A & E CALENDAR

Through Aug. 30: Dutchess County Fair, 6636 US-9, Rhinebeck. Exhibits, music, food, a variety of vendors and much more. Wed.-Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. www.dutchessfair.com

Through Sept. 6: "Groundhog Day The Musical," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents the critically acclaimed musical inspired by the hilarious film starring Bill Murray, and features a book by original co-screenwriter Danny Rubin and a sharp, witty score by Tony Award nominee, Tim Minchin (Matilda the Musical). The cheery townsfolk of Puxatawny, PA are ready for their favorite Groundhog to predict an early spring. After disdainfully covering the rodent's negative forecast, Phil Connors, a seasoned, big-

city weatherman, awakens the next day only to discover it's February 2nd again. And again. And again. Will Phil accept that he is doomed to repeat the same day over and over? Or will he find the courage to change himself and his fate? Parental discretion advised (age 13+). Performances: Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.cenferforperformingarts.org

Aug. 28: Christopher Hoffman, The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Christopher Hoffman brings a wide-ranging creative practice to The Grace Note, blending cello, composition, and improvisation into a singular live experience, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

Aug. 28-30: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Aug. 28: Jake Shimabukuro, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$60 advance, \$65 door. Aug. 29: Forever Simon and Garfunkel – A Tribute, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Aug. 30: The Wankers, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Aug. 28: Red Hook Summer Lawn Concert Series at "Eat-N-Go," 7509 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Free live summer concert series at Eat-N-Go every Friday night, 6-8 p.m. This week: Soul City. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup may be subject to change.

Aug. 29: Artists in the Garden, Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield Mansion, on

the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Two free events will bring the power and beauty of art into the garden. Artists in the Garden juried exhibition (held at the Wallace Center), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring artwork created in or inspired by the Beatrix Farrand Garden, celebrating the beauty, complexity, and restorative value of gardens and nature. Watch multiple local artists giving live demonstrations of their various artistic talents: painting, sketching, photography, and more. Garden visitors, both adults and children, can observe the artists, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., ask questions, learn and enjoy – and are welcome to bring their own supplies and try their hand. Several artists will offer hands-on demonstrations. Free and accessible

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Stissing Center to present ‘Frankenstein’ four ways on Aug. 29

Film, live chamber music, fan art and an interview with a very special guest

On Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m., a cinematic classic unites with innovative musical vision at Stissing Center for Arts & Culture in Pine Plains. Audiences are invited to experience the classic horror movie "Frankenstein" (1931), starring the legendary Boris Karloff, in a whole new way: accompanied by the world premiere of a chamber ensemble score by composer Michael Shapiro, performed live by the Argus String Quartet, with pianist Steven Beck. Praised as "vivacious" by The New Yorker, Shapiro's score ebbs and flows alongside the film, bringing new emotional depth to its iconic imagery and heightening its terror and humanity.

At the heart of the score is the mirrored relationship between Henry Frankenstein and his creation.

"The monster is the doppelganger of Henry Frankenstein," Shapiro notes, a connection reflected musically in

unexpected ways. Dark, driving themes underscore the doctor's ambition, while the monster is accompanied by music that is at times gentle, haunting, and deeply sympathetic. Shapiro's full orchestral version has already been performed by more than 80 orchestras worldwide.

The evening offers more than the film and live score. Stissing Center will open the program with an interview featuring a very special guest: Sara Karloff, Boris Karloff's daughter. The event will also include a special showing of Frankenstein-inspired fan art from the collection of Stissing Center's Executive Director, Patrick Trettenero.

"We are thrilled to present the world premiere of this new chamber score alongside one of the most exciting special guests we've ever welcomed: Sara Karloff, daughter of the legendary Boris Karloff himself," said Trettenero.

Tickets are \$30-\$50, available at stissingcenter.org or by calling (518) 771-3339.

Stissing Center, at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains, is a non-profit arts space that partners with artists, organizations and audiences to curate diverse, high-quality programming that inspires, entertains and connects people of all ages.



On Saturday, Aug. 29, Stissing Center in Pine Plains will present a special screening of the 1931 classic horror film "Frankenstein" starring Boris Karloff. The film will be accompanied by a score composed by Michael Shapiro (photo by RandyMatusow) and performed live by the Argus String Quartet with pianist Steven Beck. Sara Karloff, Boris' daughter, will make a special appearance. Courtesy photos



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

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\$335K in grants awarded to enhance libraries, firehouses, town halls, and community spaces

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced that more than \$335,000 has been awarded to support 14 community-centered projects through the 2026 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program. Funding was made available through a competitive grant process open to municipalities, fire departments/districts and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The MIG funding helps strengthen vital community infrastructure and enhance safety and accessibility at local facilities including town halls, fire stations, libraries, parks and other community gathering places.

The MIG grants, which require a 100-percent local match as part of the application process, reflect a shared investment in meaningful improvements that benefits residents across Dutchess County.

Serino said, “When we invest in our libraries, firehouses, town halls and other community spaces, we are investing in the people who rely on them every single day. We are proud to support our local

partners who stepped with strong proposals and matching funds and we look forward to seeing these upgrades make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.”

Projects funded through the 2026 Municipal Investment Grant Program include:

- Arlington Fire District, \$25,000 - Replace the boiler system and repair the existing oil tank at Fire Station 4, located on Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie.
- Beekman Fire District, \$25,000 - Construct a storage training building to protect district vehicles and securely store training equipment.
- Beekman Library, \$25,000 - Replace the roof on the library, which serves as a community gathering space and provides publicly accessible programs for residents in southeastern Dutchess County.
- City of Poughkeepsie, \$22,692 - Install a new fire alarm system at its Station 1 Firehouse, located on North

Clover Street.

- East Clinton Fire District, \$25,000 - Install a permanent emergency backup generator system at the district’s new firehouse.
- Poughkeepsie Public Library District, \$25,000 - Replace the video surveillance systems at the Adriance Memorial and Boardman Road Branch libraries, located in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, respectively.
- Starr Library, \$20,000 - Replace the ceiling insulation to improve climate control as part of ongoing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, enhancing a key community space in northern Dutchess County.
- Town of Beekman, \$25,000 - Install a permanent emergency backup generator at the town’s highway department facility.
- Town of East Fishkill, \$25,000 - Install an automatic fire alarm and carbon monoxide detection system at the town’s police department headquarters, located

on Route 52.

- Town of Hyde Park, \$22,398 - Replace the existing security entrance doors at the town’s police department headquarters, located on Cardinal Road.
- Town of North East, \$25,000 - Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant bathrooms at the new town hall, which will be located on Route 22.
- Town of Union Vale, \$20,000 - Install Americans with Disabilities ADA-compliant door openers at the main entrance of the Town Hall.
- Town of Washington, \$25,000 - Install energy-efficient windows throughout Town Hall.
- Village of Millbrook, \$25,000 - Implement several energy-efficient improvements, including the installation of new lighting within Village Hall and throughout Village-owned or Village-maintained streetlamps and the installation of new windows on the second floor of Village Hall.

MILLBROOK COMMUNITY DAY SET SEPT. 19

Millbrook Community Day is returning on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the heart of Millbrook. This annual event brings together residents, local businesses, community organizations, and visitors for a celebration filled with family-friendly activities, live entertainment, delicious food, shopping, and much more.

Highlights will include live musical performances, The Bubble Bus, bounce house, food trucks, sidewalk sales, a Scarecrow Contest, The Great Millbrook Bake Off, and a Farmers & Makers Market featuring local vendors and artisans.

For more information, visit www.millbrooknewyork.com/community-day-2026

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- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press “1” after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

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parking, café, and restrooms are available at the Wallace Visitor Center. Although free, visitors are encouraged to make a reservation at the BFGA website: www.BeatriceFarrandGarden.org.

Aug. 29: The Azkana Trio, Beatrice Farrand Garden, Hyde Park. Chamber concert in the historic walled garden, 6:30 p.m. Program to include works by Florence Price, Astor Piazzolla, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Pytor Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and Camille Saint-Saëns. A special feature will be a pre-concert “kids-up-front” mini-concert at 5:45 p.m. by the Azkana Trio, curated to share the sounds, instruments, and tunes that will fascinate kids of all ages. Visitors can bring picnics & lawn chairs. Reservations encouraged. www.BeatriceFarrandGarden.org. Reservations encouraged.

Aug. 29-30: Concerts, Opus 40, Saugerties. Aug. 29: Akwesasne Freedom School Benefit, a celebration of and fundraiser for the Akwesasne Freedom School (Kanien’kehá, Mohawk Nation) featuring various artists and culture bearers, 5-8:30 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$100. Aug. 30: Cumbia Vortex: Chicha Libre, North America’s psychedelic cumbia pioneers Chicha Libre launched the first psychedelic cumbia and chicha wave in North America in 2006 with its debut album Sonido Amazonico on Barbès Records - a tribute to ’70s Peruvian tropical rhythms & psychedelic sounds, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets \$30-\$160. opus40.org

Aug. 29: “Frankenstein,” Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. A cinematic classic meets a striking new musical vision in this special screening of “Frankenstein,” starring Boris Karloff, featuring the world premiere of a chamber ensemble score by composer Michael Shapiro, 7:30 p.m. Performed live by the Argus String Quartet with pianist Steven Beck, this reimaged score brings new emotional depth to the film’s iconic imagery. The evening begins with a Q&A

with Boris Karloff’s daughter, Sara Karloff. Tickets \$30-\$40 advance, \$40-\$50 door. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

Aug. 29: Millbrook Arts Group’s Summer Concert Series, Bandshell, Franklin Ave., Millbrook. County Line Bluegrass, traditional bluegrass, 6 p.m. Free. www.millbrookartsgroup.org

Aug. 29, Sept. 5-6 & 11-12: Annual Festival, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Activities and arts performances. See www.kaatsbaan.org for complete schedule.

Aug. 30: Guided Hike: History Hidden in the Woods, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills and Norrie State Parks might be? The beautiful park land was once the setting for grand Hudson Riverfront estates. This 2-hour guided hike will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh’s founding as a gentleman’s farm in the 1700s to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. 10 a.m. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain, requiring study footwear. Free. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Sept. 2, 16 & 30: White Glove Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. This special tour highlights items from the collection that are rarely on display. Following a tour of the house and grounds, visitors will have the opportunity to wear the trademark curatorial white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective of the past. 1 p.m. Admission \$20 adults; \$18 seniors; \$10 children; free for children under 6. Registration is strongly suggested by calling (845) 831-8172 or emailing info@mountgulian.org. More info: www.mountgulian.org

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BIDS SOUGHT

The Town of Milan is seeking bids for the following highway materials for the year 2027.
1. Abrasive Sand for snow and ice control, which must meet item D-1402: processed or natural material sand specifications of Dutchess County - price per ton, FOB and delivered
2. Item 4 Gravel - price per ton, FOB and delivered
3. Bank Run Gravel - price per ton, FOB and delivered
4. Bituminous Concrete - all types, price per ton, FOB
5. Washed Crushed Stone - size #1 and #1A, price per ton, FOB and delivered
6. Crushed Stone Fill - various sizes, price per ton, FOB and delivered
7. Crusher Run - price per ton, FOB and delivered
For specifications, contact the Superintendent of Highways at (845) 758-5164. Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk on or before 2:00 p.m. 9/18/2026. Bids will be publicly opened at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 at 7:00 p.m. 9/21/2026. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelope clearly marked "BID". A non-collusion bidding certificate must

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accompany all bids. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Awarded FOB materials shall be available for purchase by other political subdivisions of New York State as allowed by New York State Municipal Law. By Order of the Town Board
Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF MILAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a regular meeting held on the 17th day of August 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Milan, New York duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$179,366.51 FROM THE TOWN'S HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND ACQUIRING A TRUCK FOR USE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.
Dated: August 19, 2026
By order of the Town of the Town Board
Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND THE SUM OF UP TO \$400,000.00 FROM THE TOWN'S BRIDGE AND CULT- VERT FUND, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE MILAN CULT- VERT REPLACEMENT BUNDLE PROJECT.
Dated: August 19, 2026
By order of the Town of Milan Town Board
Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS.

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 9, 2026 at 7:05PM o'clock, p.m., on Local Law D of 2026, "ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS."
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: August 19, 2026
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW C OF THE YEAR 2026

"AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF CHAPTER 6, CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN CODE"

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-67-26
Rental and Cleaning Service for Safety Clothing, Work Apparel, and Indoor Weather Mats
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-81-26
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of September 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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

OBITUARIES

Lis Kollmar
MILLBROOK – Lis Kollmar died at the age of 89 in her home in Millbrook, NY, on August 16, 2026. She is survived by her three children Erichsen, Alex, and Birgit and her three grandchildren, Peter, Ilse, and George Erich. She was a beloved daughter to Hans and Gerda, a loyal sister to Hasse and Agnes, a loving aunt to Karen and Frederik, a devoted wife to Erich, and a loving mother and grandmother. She was a translator for the Danish Foreign Service, the manager of Jomsborg Productions, a CPA at Munns & Dobbins and a CFO at Mary Manning Walsh in NYC. It was a life well lived and full of many wonderful memories. She was much loved and will be truly missed. In honor of her memory, please make a donation to the Dutchess County SPCA at dcspca.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook, NY. To leave an online condolence please visit www.HudsonValleyFuneralHomes.com

George Ose
HYDE PARK – George Edward Ose, 90, of Hyde Park, NY, died on Thursday, August 20, 2026.
He owned and operated Georgie O's, Hyde Park, NY.
Calling hours are from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. The funeral mass will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, 185 Hudson View Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com
Neil Secor
PLEASANT VALLEY – Neil Eylers Secor, 81, passed away unexpectedly at Vassar Brothers Hospital on July 24, 2026. Neil He

was born June 7, 1945 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the son of Clarence and Dirkje Secor. He was a resident of Pleasant Valley, NY for over 40 years.
He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Christine, his adored son Jared (Amanda), his cherished grandson Allan, and faithful dog Jack. Also surviving are his sister-in-law Mary Secor, brothers-in-law Jeff Coffin (Judy), and Makoto Takashina, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his brothers Donald and Richard Secor and sister-in-law Joanne Brauman Takashina.
Neil attended Arlington Schools and SUNY New Paltz. A man of many talents and interests; he was a gardening expert, artist, musician, bass fisherman, kite maker, historian, great cook and an animal lover, adopting many pets. Smart and witty, Neil could talk at length on a variety of topics.
Neil began working at Adams Fairacre Farms as a teenager when it was a small stand on a working farm. He assisted Don Adams in

building the first Adams Garden Center, eventually becoming head of procurement. Neil was employed by the respected Adams family for most of his life apart from 15 years starting in the 1970s, when he was a buyer and sales representative with Arett Sales. After recently retiring, Neil returned to Adams to the delight of customers and staff to assist in the Garden Center on weekends to share his wealth of knowledge on the early days of Adams and how to have a perfect garden.
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GOLDEN LIVING

One day, you won't be here to read this newsletter

We hope that day is many years from now, but let's use this week's issue to promise ourselves to do whatever we can, as soon as we can, to make things easier for whoever will put our affairs in order after we're gone.

Don't leave your family a scavenger hunt

They'll be grieving you. It's no time to leave them in the additional role of detective, trying to decipher your wishes.

Make your wishes known. That sums up what you need to do, but what about the details?

There are plenty of books on end-of-life planning available at libraries and bookstores. What follows is the condensed version, to hopefully jump-start the necessary conversations.

Everything in its place

At a minimum, you'll need a sturdy box and at least a few folders to keep things organized.

Many of us have hidden a supply of "just in case" money around our homes. This would be a great time to remember where, lest one of your descendants throw away the owner's manual to your 1974 Lincoln, the one you traded in 40 years ago. The owner's manual still has \$500 stashed inside. You won the money in a poker game you weren't supposed to be at. (Your secret is safe with us.)

Besides any cash around the house, keep your bank and investment information in this box.

What else goes into the box?

- If you're online, consolidate your logins and passwords, then print them out.
- Make a list of people who should be notified after your death.
- Will there be subscriptions that need canceling?
- Locate your home's deed and other property information. Into the box it goes. Can't find your deed? Reach out to the Dutchess County Clerk's office: 845-486-2120.
- Organize your medical and pharmacy information, insurance policies, legal documents and advance directives, car/truck documentation, and other end-

of-life wishes - not only your own, but for family as well. Remember your pets, too.

Again, this is the minimum basic version of what needs doing. For those of you with end-of-life legal questions that may need resolutions, contact OFA for information about simple wills and other documents.

The idea is to collect and organize all the important information about your life, and then hope it won't need to be used for many years to come - but, when it is, your descendants will appreciate it as one last gift to them, and miss you rather than grumble about your habit of using your Social Security card as a bookmark.

Have the last, last word

If you're feeling creative, there's nothing stopping you from writing your own obituary, just the way many couples getting married write their own vows. It's another thing you can do to ease the burden of family members trying to recall the most important parts of your life from memory, while they're grieving.

Don't know where to begin other than name, date, cause of death, next of kin, those who predeceased you, and notable accomplishments? You can ask friends and family what it is about you that they cherish the most, the stories they'd tell at the wake. You don't have to be famous to leave behind a great obituary. You need only to be loved.

If you have a cause or preferred way for people to memorialize you, definitely add this to your obituary.

Writing your own obituary can be an exercise in living well. Along the way, you may learn what you want more of, or less of, in the time you have left.

And now ... let's live

We each get just one body and mind to work with. Let's make the most of ours. OFA has plenty of ideas when it comes to the physical activity, mental stimulation and good nutrition that'll maximize the likelihood that you live the longest, happiest life possible. Reach out to us for more at ofa@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2555.

Watch your inbox on Thursday, Aug. 27

That's all we want to say for now.

Prom registration opens Sept. 4 (new date)

Registration opens on Friday, Sept. 4, for OFA's annual "Senior Prom," to be held from noon to 4 pm on Monday, Oct. 19, at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

As subscribers to OFA's "Aging News" emails, you'll receive a link to this year's prom registration form.

This year's theme? Hawaiian Luau.

After 15 years holding the price of prom admission steady at \$20 per person, the per-person price of admission for the 2026 prom will be \$25.

Many thanks to The Pines at Poughkeepsie for their support of the Prom.

OFA Public Comment Forums in September

Our two annual Public Comment Forums offer a unique opportunity for older adults and caregivers to speak directly to OFA leaders and members of the OFA Advisory Board, about issues that matter the most to you, whether it's housing, transportation, OFA services or another concern on your mind.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10:30am, OFA Friendship Center - Poughkeepsie, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie

Thursday, Sept. 24, 10:30am, OFA Friendship Center - East Fishkill, 890 NY 82, Hopewell Junction

If you are unable to attend a Public Comment Forum, you can email your comments to ofa@dutchessny.gov, or mail written comments to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

All Public Comment Forum locations are handicapped accessible. Persons requiring special accommodation to take part in a Public Comment Forum should contact OFA during business hours by close of business Monday, Sept. 14.

'Friendly Calls' orientations

Interested in becoming an OFA "Friendly Calls" volunteer caller? We have a volunteer orientation opportunity available at the OFA main office at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie on Monday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. To reserve your seat, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

August/September OFA events

To register for any of the events below, contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 unless noted otherwise.

Thursday, Aug. 27 - OFA Mobile Office Hours, Amenia Library, 3309 NY 343, Amenia, 12 noon-2pm

September:

(Wednesday) 9th - Navigating Medicare, Starr Library, Rhinebeck, 4 pm
(Wednesday) 16th - Navigating Medicare, Poughkeepsie Galleria Community Room, 10 am

(Wednesday) 16th - Scam Prevention with "SilverShield," Stanford Library, 6035 NY 82, Stanfordville, 2 pm - call 845-868-1341

(Monday) 22nd - OFA Mobile Office Hours, Town of Wappinger Senior Center, 20 Middlebush Rd., 1-4 pm

(Wednesday) 23rd- OFA Mobile Office Hours, Hyde Park Library, 2 Main St., 11 am-1 pm

(Thursday) 24th - Scam Prevention with OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones, Tivoli Library, 86 Broadway, 5 pm (registration not required)

(Monday) 28th - OFA Mobile Office Hours, Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way, 9 am-1 pm

Contractor/RFP Sought: OFA Senior Exercise Program (apply by Sept. 3)

The Office for the Aging is seeking a qualified contractor to coordinate and deliver senior exercise and health-promotion programming. We're looking for a provider who can deliver engaging, safe, evidence-based exercise and wellness programming for older adults, including:

- A balance focused program, similar to "A Matter of Balance"
- Tai Chi programming
- Optional additional physical health programming that supports mobility, strength, independence, and overall wellness

Some travel within Dutchess County is required. Scheduling is flexible.

The full Request for Proposals (RFP) is available only through BidNet Direct at this link. Questions regarding this opportunity and RFP can be sent to Sarah Andrews at sandrews@dutchessny.gov, or by calling 845-486-3670. RFPs will be accepted through Friday, Sept. 3.

New speed limit by OFA offices in Poughkeepsie

Not that you would speed, of course ... but if you have plans to stop by the OFA office at 114 Delafield St., note that Delafield falls under the city's new default 25mph speed limit for city streets not already signed for other speeds. You'll see the new speed limit sign when you turn onto Delafield from Route 9.

What we have here is a Bad Joke:

What did one eye say to the other? Just between you and me, something smells.

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