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Renegades face
Jersey Shore**

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades finally have an opponent for the playoffs that start this week. It will be Jersey Shore.

Hudson Valley lost to Jersey Shore on Sunday, 10-9. Coupled with Brooklyn's loss on Sunday, Jersey Shore wins the second half North Division title in the South Atlantic League and hosted the Renegades in Game One of the best-of-three divisional series on Tuesday night.

Game Two, and Game Three if necessary, will be at Heritage Financial Park on Thursday and Friday.

It came right down to the bitter end as Hudson Valley lost four of six games to Jersey Shore, including a split of a doubleheader on Saturday that was necessitated by a rainout on Friday.

The BlueClaws jumped in front early after a pair of errors in the first inning scored Gabriel Rincones against pitcher Brock Selvidge. In the second, Otto Kemp singled and stole second to start the frame. Caleb Ricketts then singled and Erick Brito hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Kemp and double the Jersey Shore lead to 2-0.

Hudson Valley rallied back, scoring a run in the second on a Jared Wegner RBI single that scored Ben Cowles. Hudson Valley tied the game at two on a run-scoring single from Cole Gabrielson in the bottom of the fourth.

The Renegades took their first lead of the contest in the fifth inning against Cam Wynne. After Wynne retired the first two hitters of the frame, Cowles and Antonio Gomez collected back-to-back two-out singles to bring up Spencer Henson,

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**Birthday milestones top list
for Stanford Community Day**By Curtis Schmidt
and Ryan Orton

It's a "Birthday party year" for the Town of Stanford as the annual Community Day approaches on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event will celebrate the 230th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Stanford and the 65th Community Day.

"With these two milestones, we want to celebrate our past and those who came before us while looking to what the future has in store," said Stanford Grange Secretary and Community Day Chairman Ryan Orton. "Our present is important, too. It's who we are today, and we plan to celebrate all this on Community Day."

All events will take place outdoors at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, and surrounding Town of Stanford Recreation Property. Civic Booths from many Town Organizations will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

And since this is a "birthday party year," why not have a baking contest?

A unique feature for this year's Community Day is a Birthday Dessert Contest sponsored by Taconic Distillery. To celebrate, the Community Day Committee created this fun event to see who can create the best birthday dessert to celebrate the Town's 230th



Preparing for the 65th annual Community Day and the 230th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Stanford are, from left, Town Clerk Ritamary Bell, Town Supervisor Wendy Burton, Master/President of the Stanford Grange #808 Jan Brooks and Stanford Grange Secretary Ryan Orton. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Anniversary, said Orton.

Town residents are welcome to create a homemade dessert that can be used to celebrate a birthday. It can be a cake, pie, brownie, ice cream sundae, cookie – anything is possible! However, Orton pointed out that "No mixes may be used; it must be made from scratch!"

Other rules: It must hold at least 1

candle (230 of them may need special permission from the Stanford Fire Company). It must include a list of ingredients, and note name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on an index card or on the recipe.

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**Picnic Shelter dedication to kick off
12th annual Rhinecliff Chili Cook-Off**

By Stacey vanden Thoorn

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company's 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Firemen's Field in Rhinecliff on Saturday, September 16 from 4-7 p.m. will commence with a celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the long awaited Community Picnic Shelter.

Firemen's Field is located on Valley Road, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos.

The Chili Cook-Off competition marks the public's first "official" chance to use the shelter and experience the newly rejuvenated space, which has been

a project near and dear to the heart of Cynthia Baer, Rhinecliff Fire Company secretary, chair of the Picnic Shelter Committee, event coordinator for the Chili Cook-off and President of the Rhinecliff Grange #896.

"This project began for me way back in 2006 when our fire company decided to take the first steps to gain use of this space again. By that time there was just an overgrown baseball diamond and remnants of a basketball court from days gone by. Initially, the Fire Company added drainage and seeded the field and had been maintaining it as an open public

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Cynthia Baer - Rhinecliff Fire Company secretary, chair of the Picnic Shelter Committee, event coordinator for the Chili Cook-off and President of the Rhinecliff Grange #896 - looks at plans for the Community Picnic Shelter. Photo by Stacey vanden Thoorn

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'Stand Up Fundraiser' set Saturday in Hyde Park

By Kate Goldsmith

The Hyde Park Baptist Church will host a fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 16, for Tom Morris, a local man who, on the advice of his medical team, would like to purchase a specialized, stand-up wheelchair, which is estimated to cost more than \$12,000. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 10 Romans Road in Hyde Park.

The fundraiser will feature family fun, craft vendors, food trucks, live music and more.

In 2021, Tom was diagnosed with

transverse myelitis, a neurological condition resulting from inflammation of part of the spinal cord. Prior to this diagnosis, he had undergone surgery on his spine multiple times and had two implants. Several doctors have recommended the standing wheelchair to slow down the deterioration of his muscles and bone density.

Due to the cost of the specialized wheelchair, which Medicare doesn't cover, Tom is looking for a used one that would be sized for him.

Tom grew up in Marlboro and was an art major at SUNY New Paltz. He

Tom Morris is pictured with his wife, Irene Morris, sampling a standing wheelchair that his medical team has recommended he purchase. Tom was diagnosed with transverse myelitis in 2021. An event to help raise funds for this specialized piece of equipment will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Hyde Park Baptist Church. Courtesy photo



decided to move on after college, and went to trade school at BOCES. He later became an electrician, working as a commercial electrician foreman in Poughkeepsie. While he pursued another career path, he continues to use his artistic talents with woodworking projects in his spare time, and gives advice on house repairs to his four sons.

Being in a wheelchair hasn't stopped Tom from helping others here in Dutchess County and beyond. Over a year ago, he started the Hyde Park Medical Equipment Loan Closet. He had a vision to help others because he understands what it is like to be handicapped and all the frustrations that go along with it. Tom has helped hundreds of people in need of medical equipment, not only in Dutchess County, but other counties as far as Westchester. He has developed a small team of men who have assisted him

in lifting and storing hospital beds, and other essential equipment.

The Loan Closet has donated 17 cases of supplies to the Ukraine, as well as equipment to AFYA, an organization that ships worldwide. Tom has also supplied physical therapists in the area with needed equipment.

These projects have been rewarding for Tom and for others he has helped. The reward has been story after story—the relief on so many faces that are not able to afford equipment, and the generosity of those who gave.

Tom's extraordinary goodwill extends beyond the Hyde Park Loan Closet; he also volunteers with the Hyde Park Baptist Church, Samaritan's Purse, Methodist Church Mission Trips, and has networked with various organizations regarding medical supplies.

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space. Since then, people have come and gone, along with the ideas about what could or should be there," said Baer.

She said fundraising began in 2018 with pancake breakfasts, soup sales and grass-root monetary and material donations. Last year, the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company began collaborating with Rhinebeck Grange #896 and Morton Memorial Library to create pollinator patches within the field and garden space designed by Candace Gallagher.

In March of this year, the picnic shelter was purchased and erected by Bay Horse Barns of Rhinebeck. Morton Library contributed more than 100 plants and three trees provided through a Learn Play, Create Grant from Dutchess County, as well as a variety of low maintenance native plants and trees tolerant of moist soil and resistant to deer.

In addition to providing a valuable pollinator habitat, the garden areas will encourage exploration of the entire site, allowing community members to interact with the space. A variety of perennial favorites including Common Buttonbush, Cardinal Flowers, Columbine, various Beardtongue, Prairie Dropseed and Lobelia have been incorporated in an effort to establish lasting benefits for the community and local environment and to encourage a pollinator community of bees and birds. The plants and flowers will be meadow-like as they mature and will establish over the next three years providing continuous blooms from early spring until fall.

Rhinebeck Grange #896 donated four benches made by a neighbor from a tree that had fallen on the property, as well as a rain barrel. Four picnic tables were donated by the Rhinebeck Garden Club and long-time residents, Diane and Larry Cole. Framing wood and rebar was donated by Darin and Dana Page. All the garden labor was done by volunteer members of Rhinebeck Grange #896 and Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company.

The property had been part of the former site of the Rhinecliff School built in 1878, about a block above the Rhinecliff Railroad station. The former school building, which still stands, is now a private residence. The adjacent property, known as Fireman's Field, was deeded to the Rhinebeck Fire company in 1957 by the Rhinebeck Central School District that absorbed the Rhinecliff School.

At that time, community member Gordon Cotting, who had been the school district's head custodian and a veteran member of the fire company, had envisioned the use of the property to be a recreation area for youth and community members to enjoy and visit.

Today, Cotting's hope is a reality with the picturesque multi-purpose outdoor space including the shelter, manicured fields and pollinator garden now available for community members of all ages to enjoy and gather together for anything from an impromptu game of tag or kick ball, a leisurely stroll around the sweetly scented perennials, or to sit back and enjoy the beauty of nature and the outdoors, and perhaps even a picnic.

Festivities and Fun at Fireman's Field begins with a Community Kickball Game at 4 p.m. All Chili entries must be registered and on the table by 4:45 p.m., so bring a hot pot of chili for a chance to win \$100. There is also a fruit pie baking contest with a top prize of \$100. Friends attending are welcome to bring a dish to share, or to just bring your appetite. Free hot dogs and beverages will be provided for everyone. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 17. Call (845) 876-5738 for information.

"I hope that Firemen's Field will continue to be a quiet spot in the Hamlet of Rhinecliff that allows people to engage together with the environment," said Baer. "I hope people see the benefit of having an outdoor place to gather as a community and I hope that I see its full potential in the seasons to come as the plantings mature."

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winners: Age 21-plus and Under Age 21. Judging criteria will be based on General Appearance (20%), Appropriate Texture (20%), Taste & Flavor (20%), Creativity (20%), and Overall Impression (20%). Entries are due to the Stanford Grange Hall (upstairs in the meeting room) by 10 a.m. on Community Day – Saturday, Sept. 16. Judging will take place at 11 a.m. on Community Day, and the winner will be announced during the Grandstand Program at noon.

The winners will receive: Under Age 21 – a bottle of homemade maple syrup, and Age 21+ - a bottle of homemade bourbon cream from Taconic Distillery – all compliments of Taconic Distillery. All entries will be served at the Stanford Grange Snack Bar on the afternoon of Community Day after the winners are announced for a donation to the Town of Stanford Recreation Fundraising Campaign.

The Grandstand Program at noon will feature music by the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus, as well as the presentation of the 2023 Community Citizen Award to a deserving Stanford resident. The 2022 Community Citizen Award Recipients were John & Anne Danko, who are very involved with their Church, Stanford Lions Club, and Forever Young Club.

"Sadly, John passed away earlier this year," said Orton. "He and Ann were perfect recipients for the Community Citizen Award, and we're so glad they received it before John's passing. What an amazing couple who love Stanford."

At the Stanford Town Hall, three events will take place. The Stanford Fire Company will have the 2023 9/11 Memorial placed on Town Hall Hill. Dutchess County's new mobile health clinic will be there, and the Historical Society will unveil another historic marker honoring the patriots of the Town of Stanford who fought in wars and conflicts since the American Revolution.

Daytime events at the Grange grounds begin with the Stanford Business

Association's 7th Car Meet on the Recreation Fields behind the Grange Hall – it's always a huge hit with young and old alike.

Jackie the Magician will return for a thrilling performance near the Recreation Booths at 10 a.m. Music by "Not Donut Records" will be played at the Grandstand from 10 a.m. to noon, as well as 12:30 to 3 p.m. A Bounce House, sponsored by the Stanford Business Association, will be on the Rec Fields from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other activities for Community Day include the Grange's Lloyd Woodcock & Ken Straley Memorial Chicken Barbecue at 1 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869. The Grange Snack Bar will offer breakfast sandwiches in the morning, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and drinks.

Free apples will be given out by the United Church of Christ, and the Bulls Head – Oswego Quakers will have their famous homemade oatmeal cookies free of charge. The Lions Club will sell popcorn, hold a raffle for 15 different items, and have a display of the entries in their Peace Poster Contest made by local children at the Rec this summer.

The Historical Society will have information on Wreaths Across America, Veterans Banners, and Stanford's Historic Houses. The Stanford Garden Club will have their Annual Fall Bulb & Mum Sale, and the Stanford Free Library will face painting and book raffles. Also at the Library, Taconic Distillery will have tastings and sales offered.

The Recreation Department will have games and prizes, information on the ever-popular Haunted Fortress, and the Recreation Fundraising Campaign. Nature will be represented with the Stanford Conservation Advisory Commission. The Stissing Theatre Guild and Pine Plains FFA will represent the Pine Plains Central School District along with the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus. The Stanford Fire Company will



Flags cover the lawn on the hill below the Stanford Town Hall in memory of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The annual remembrance is a presentation of the Town of Stanford Fire Department. The flags will remain up through Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 16. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

have a Fire Truck and Ambulance at the Grange Hall and animals will be featured with pet adoptions by Animal Farm Foundation and a miniature horse and petting zoo, farm information, and animal crackers from 13 Hand Equine Rescue. Multi-cultural collage puzzles made by local artisans will be available for purchase, and they will bring the world to Stanfordville.

The evening program will feature the Red Barn Band performing at the Recreation Pavilion from 6 to 9 p.m. The Grange will host a free ice cream social during the band's performance at the pavilion during this time as well.

For further information on the 65th Annual Stanford Community Day, contact Orton at (845) 868-7869 or e-mail at rorton808@yahoo.com.

Empire State SAR to dedicate Stanford Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial

The Empire State Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) 250th Committee invites all to attend its 250th event in conjunction with the Town of Stanford on Sept 16 at 10:30 a.m. The event will take place at the Stanford Town Hall, Rte. 82, Stanfordville. There will also be a dedication of a sign at the Sutherland Cemetery, across from 300 Market Lane in the town, donated by

Columbia-Mid Hudson Chapter SAR as part of the 250th celebration at 4 p.m.

The Stanford Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial will be dedicated with the unveiling of a sign honoring all who fought for the Town's liberation from British tyranny. Also to be unveiled is a Revolutionary War veterans headstone recently discovered in a foundation of a home in the town.



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Writer agrees with ruling of Dutchess County Supreme Court on Transco substation project

To the editor:

In Transco's press releases and articles, they highlight the purported benefits and alleged need for their project and glossed over the reasons for the massive opposition.

During a two-year process, residents of Dover and various organizations expressed their serious concerns regarding the proposed New York Transco Dover Substation project site to the Dover's Planning Board and our (Town) Supervisor.

Ordinary residents pointed out glaring issues in the flawed project review process. For instance, experts and common sense dictated that a mere five soil samples and one groundwater sample were insufficient for a 16-acre site with a troubled history. Prior uses include an automotive junkyard, wrecking facility, and "pick-your-own" parts lot for two decades. Moreover, these soil and groundwater samples were collected from areas that had not been previously disturbed during prior uses. Unfortunately, our concerns fell on deaf ears.

Non-profit organizations also raised their voices, highlighting worries about the site's former uses and its potential for negative impacts to the Great Swamp immediately downstream of the site, and other impacts to our town.

When it became clear that the Planning Board was not going to take the "hard look" required by the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA), we took matters into our own hands. We enlisted experts and conducted our own soil and water sampling that found high levels of contamination already migrating into the Great Swamp, a Critical Environmental Area (CEA) that serves as a habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species. It also stands as a critical source of drinking water and is one of the largest freshwater wetlands in the state, part of a 62,000 acre watershed that spans several counties. It did not move the Board to examine the issues.

Notably, experts such as the renowned Hudsonia Institute, a geologist, and an ecologist with extensive local knowledge and expertise weighed in on the matter, but their reports were disregarded.

On the date the Planning Board approved, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, a Federal Agency, also weighed in on the issue of contamination, and urged the Board not to vote until the agency completed their review. They too were ignored.

So we went to court, and we won the Article 78 case, nullifying the Town's approval of the project.

While I applaud the decision by the Dutchess County Supreme Court, this is not a victory for our Town. It merely serves as another indication of the recurring poor decisions made by the our Town, with no apparent lessons learned.

Charlie Quimby
Dover Plains

TIPS TO AVOID COVID-19 & OTHER ILLNESSES

Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, Dutchess County's Health Commissioner, reminds us that NYS Department of Health's current guidance for preventing serious illness and spread of COVID-19 (as well as other illness) continues to be:

- Get vaccinated and boosted when eligible;
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Cover coughs and sneezes;
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects;
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Consider wearing a mask to reduce your chance of exposure.

Suicide prevention: Reach out and learn how to help

To the editor:

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, so this is a good time to reflect on the depth of the problem as well as ways to help. In recent years, suicide rates have reached an all-time high, with a death by suicide occurring every 11 minutes. Suicide is mostly linked to depression which affects an estimated one in 15 adults in any given year. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background – one in six people will experience depression at some time in their life. Fortunately, suicidality and depression are treatable, and people can get better. In fact, statistics show that people who survive a suicide attempt usually don't try again. There are also very effective treatments for depression including medication and therapy, though medication and therapy together are most effective.

But what should you do if you feel a family member or loved one is at risk? Familiarize yourself with the warning signs of suicidal thoughts, including extreme mood swings, withdrawal from activities that previously brought the individual joy, isolation from friends and family, and sleeping too much or too little. Many people who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide do not seek help, so listening to them and helping them get connected to support, treatment, and crisis hotlines is important.

People tend to feel less depressed and anxious when they know there is someone who will listen to them without judgment and be present. If you continue to have concerns, no matter how small, do not take chances. Reach out to us at Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS); we have treatment providers throughout the Hudson Valley region who can help. You can also call or share 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Hotline. Do not hesitate to find help for yourself or someone you care about. There is hope and people who can help!

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Coordinated Behavioral Health Services

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Center Street in Rhinebeck Village undergoing improvements

The Center Street Improvement Project in the Village of Rhinebeck was scheduled to begin on Sept. 11 and last until further notice. In an email to residents Village Clerk Martina McClinton said Merritt Construction would be starting on the southern part of Center Street and working north, updating the drainage, milling and paving.

For the duration of the project, McClinton said, Center Street, from South Street to East Market Street, will be closed. There will be no parking and access will only be allowed for residents

of this section of Center Street.

Center Street, from East Market Street to Livingston Street, will remain open until paving (updates to come).

Additionally, the parking lot behind Village Hall will be closed to the public. Only authorized personnel will have access to enter and exit from East Market Street.

The EV chargers in this location will not be accessible and will be turned off.

Village Hall will remain open.

Contact McClinton at mmcclinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov with questions.

Central Hudson crews restore power to over 55,000 after storm

Central Hudson crews have restored power to over 55,000 homes and businesses impacted by severe weather on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7-8.

"Weather conditions throughout the day on Friday and Saturday helped our crews make significant progress in restoring customers," said Ryan Hawthorne, Vice President of Electric Engineering and Operations. "Our field force of more than 500 line and tree clearance professionals will continue into the night to address the remaining outages and we remain confident the vast majority of impacted customers will be restored by end of day (Saturday)."

"We understand how critical electric service is to our customers and we appreciate their understanding as we work to complete these restorations," Hawthorne

added. "I'd also like to thank our state, county and local officials for their assistance in restoration efforts and for keeping our communities safe."

Customers looking for an estimated time of restoration for an outage can do so by visiting Central Hudson's outage map at <https://outagemap.cenhud.com/>. Estimated times of restoration by municipality on the summary tab of the outage map indicate at least 95 percent of impacted customers will be restored by that time.

Current weather models are calling for isolated thunderstorms again on Saturday, though they are not expected to be as strong as the storms that impacted the area on Thursday or Friday. Visit hudsonvalleyweather.com for the latest forecast.

Online auction opens Sept. 18 for surplus county vehicles & equipment

Surplus county vehicles and equipment items will be available for bid during Dutchess County's Surplus Vehicle Auction and Equipment Auction, both being conducted online at AARAuctions.com. Various vehicles and equipment items will be included in the auction, including trucks, cars, tools, mowers, trailers, and more. The online auctions start on Monday, Sept. 18, and end on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. is conducting the online auction. All bidders must register online at AARAuctions.com/Register and select "Dutchess County Surplus Vehicle &

Equipment Auction." All items are sold "as-is." All lots must be paid in full before picking up. Vehicles must be paid by cash, bank check, or money order only. Payment must be made by Friday, Oct. 6, at the Absolute Auctions Center in Pleasant Valley, but pickup location for the items may vary.

For more information about the Dutchess County Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auctions, including photos and specific details about each of the auction items, viewing and pickup locations, visit the auction website or call Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. at (845) 635-3169.

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Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited to honor Cliff Schwark on Sept. 18

Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited will pay tribute to founder and 60-year member Cliff Schwark on Sept. 18. The event will held at the American Legion Post 1302, 55 Overlook Rd., Poughkeepsie from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Schwark, who turns 90 in October, is a founding member of two NYS chapters of TU: Catskill Mtns Chapter, 1963 (Ulster/Kingston) and Mid Hudson Chapter, 1977 (Dutchess/Poughkeepsie).

Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited will recognize Schwark for his more than 45 years of service to its organization as a NYS licensed fishing guide, a mentor, chapter director, and for promoting responsible sporting, and conservation practices (he also chairs the Town of Beekman Conservation Advisory Committee).

Book sale comes home to Pleasant Valley Library



Pleasant Valley Library Director Daniela Pulice assists in sorting book donations for the upcoming sale. Photo by Jim Donick

By Jim Donick

The Friends of the Pleasant Valley Free Library are holding their first-ever book sale in the new library facility this coming weekend, Sept. 15-17. It is promised to be one of the largest ever.

"We always had it at town hall or someplace else in town," said Library Director Daniela Pulice, "but we designed the new building so we would have space for all sorts of events, including the Friends' book sale. I'm really excited that we have brought it home to the Library."

The event will take over both the Community Room and the large conference room of the new facility and will likely overflow into the hallway connecting the two.

This year's book sale is an adjunct to the on-going sale of donated books on display in the Jack Haverty Reading Room, which are for sale daily.

"We are one of the few libraries in the area that is constantly accepting

donations," said Pulice. "This is because we have such a vibrant Friends group who are in here every week working on sorting books and preparing for the upcoming sale." This ongoing part of the book sale often nets the library as much as \$1,500 per month, Pulice said. "The library makes good use of the income and the books go to good homes."

Friends member Cathy Lang is a regular in the sorting room.

"We have thousands of games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs," she said, "but most of all we have books from lots of popular authors as well as books on any topic imaginable. There's not a better way to recycle used books into new hands."

This year's event at the Library will kick off on Friday, Sept. 15 and close with clean up on Monday the 18th. The sale is mostly finished on Sunday with "Name Your Own Price Day."

Further information can be found on the Library's website, at pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	E#	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM		38	28	.576	-	-	6-4	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	#	38	28	.576	-	-	6-4	W2
Aberdeen BAL		34	31	.523	3.5	E	8-2	W6
Greensboro PIT		32	33	.492	5.5	E	4-6	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	*	31	35	.470	7.0	E	3-7	L2
Wilmington WSH		26	40	.394	12.0	E	5-5	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	E#	L10	STRK
Hickory TEX	#	43	21	.672	-	-	8-2	W6
Bowling Green TB		38	27	.585	5.5	E	6-4	L1
Rome ATL		34	32	.515	10.0	E	5-5	L3
Winston-Salem CWS		26	37	.413	16.5	E	3-7	L6
Greenville BOS	*	27	39	.409	17.0	E	2-8	L6
Asheville HOU		25	41	.379	19.0	E	4-6	W3

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	82	298	50	75	18	0	14	48	26	88	1	2	.252	.327	.453	.780
2 Spencer Jones CF	HV	100	411	62	110	28	4	13	56	42	133	35	9	.268	.337	.450	.787
2 Grant Richardson RF	HV	77	265	36	54	6	2	13	37	34	95	14	2	.204	.306	.389	.695
4 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	32	125	29	44	9	2	12	34	15	34	10	0	.352	.434	.744	1.178
5 Christopher Familia LF	HV	47	178	33	47	4	0	11	32	17	44	0	0	.264	.332	.472	.804
6 Benjamin Cowles 2B	HV	106	374	62	95	18	2	10	41	55	122	23	4	.254	.356	.393	.749
7 Agustin Ramirez C	HV	27	112	21	43	10	0	9	23	8	17	2	0	.384	.430	.714	1.144
7 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	103	418	56	86	18	6	9	53	24	116	16	6	.206	.248	.342	.590
9 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	105	382	49	99	15	1	8	41	49	108	3	1	.259	.346	.366	.712
10 Anthony Garcia RF	HV	52	183	35	35	6	1	7	26	33	81	4	2	.191	.312	.350	.662
11 Marcos Cabrera 3B	HV	65	226	22	48	10	2	6	25	23	82	5	2	.212	.288	.354	.642
12 Aldenis Sanchez RF	HV	69	236	30	53	10	4	4	32	25	72	14	7	.225	.300	.352	.652
13 Antonio Gomez C	HV	86	322	34	76	18	1	3	33	21	112	1	1	.236	.291	.326	.617
13 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	25	90	13	32	5	1	3	20	17	18	6	1	.356	.464	.533	.997
15 Ben Rice C	HV	15	44	15	15	2	0	2	10	18	10	3	0	.341	.559	.523	1.082
15 Jared Wegner RF	HV	19	59	7	15	4	0	2	6	8	20	1	1	.254	.343	.424	.767
17 Kyle Battle LF	HV	15	34	6	3	0	0	1	1	6	14	2	1	.088	.244	.176	.420
17 Josh Breaux DH	HV	13	54	6	11	1	0	1	3	5	15	0	0	.204	.271	.278	.549
17 Juan Crisp C	HV	6	10	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	.100	.250	.400	.650
17 Cole Gabrelson CF	HV	10	34	4	9	2	0	1	5	2	12	1	2	.265	.359	.412	.771
17 Anthony Hall RF	HV	24	98	11	19	5	1	1	10	12	28	2	0	.194	.282	.296	.578
17 Luis Santos 2B	HV	42	112	14	25	3	2	1	10	21	33	10	4	.223	.353	.313	.666
17 Eduardo Torrealba 3B	HV	42	128	17	36	5	0	1	18	18	19	7	1	.281	.379	.344	.723
24 Caleb Durbin 2B	HV	22	78	20	26	5	0	0	8	14	9	15	1	.333	.464	.397	.861
24 T.J. Rumfield 1B	HV	4	14	2	4	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	.286	.313	.429	.742
24 Jared Serna SS	HV	27	108	18	31	7	2	0	8	9	15	10	2	.287	.350	.389	.739

Pitcher Statistics



PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	Avg
1 Drew Thorpe P	HV	10	2	2.81	18	18	1	1	0	0	109.0	84	38	34	10	0	33	138	1.07	.215





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Hampton named Top Pitching Prospect in South Atlantic League

By Rich Thomaselli

Pitcher Chase Hampton of the Hudson Valley Renegades has been named the Top Pitching Prospect in the South Atlantic League in 2023 in Baseball America's annual Best Tools Survey. Joining him in recognition in the survey were pitcher Drew Thorpe and infielder Jared Serna.

Hampton becomes the first Renegade to be named a league's top pitching prospect since two-way player Brendan McKay was named the New York-Penn League Top Prospect in 2017.

Hampton began the season with the Renegades and posted a 2-1 record with a 2.68 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 47.0 innings pitched across nine

games before he was promoted to Double-A Somerset. Hampton struck out an incredible 40.5 percent of the batters he faced with the Renegades while limiting opponents to a .179 batting average.

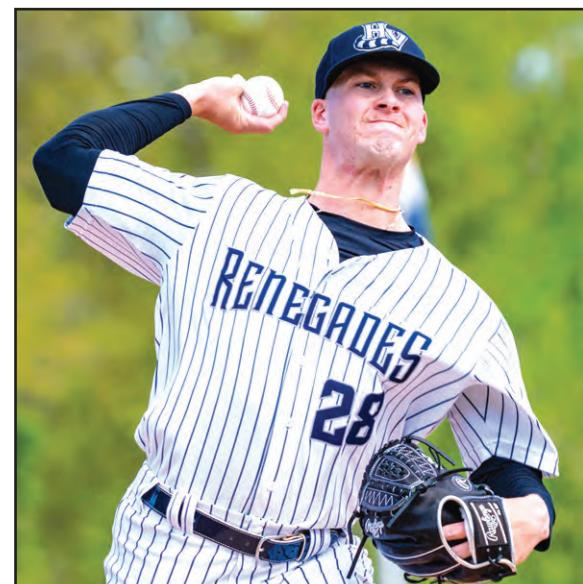
A sixth-round pick in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of Texas Tech, Hampton is ranked as the No. 2 prospect and top pitching prospect in the Yankees organization by Baseball America, and No. 53 overall in baseball.

Thorpe was tabbed as having the Best Changeup and Best Control of all pitchers in the SAL. His record-setting season with the Renegades includes setting the team's single-season wins record (10), single-game strikeout record (13) and single-season strike-

out record (138). A second-round pick in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of Cal Poly, BA ranks Thorpe as the No. 10 prospect in the Yankees system, and No. 100 overall in baseball.

A newer member of the Renegades, Serna was tabbed as the Best Defensive Second Baseman and Most Exciting Player in the Florida State League for his efforts with the Single-A Tampa Tarpons.

Renegades pitcher Chase Hampton posted a 2-1 record with a 2.68 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 47.0 innings pitched across nine games before he was promoted to Double-A Somerset. Photo by Dave Janosz



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who doubled both runners home to give the Renegades a 4-2 lead.

Jersey Shore responded with a five-run top of the sixth to retake a 7-4 lead. Selvige started the inning and yielded a pair of doubles to Leandro Pineda and Otto Kemp before Shane Gray entered out of the bullpen. With Jersey Shore now trailing just 4-3, a single to centerfield from Erick Brito scored Kemp and tied the game at four. An error, a wild pitch, and an RBI single from Rincones polished off the scoring in the frame.

After a pair of RBI singles from Gomez and Jesus Rodriguez in the sixth trimmed the deficit to 7-6, Henson and

Kyle Battle clubbed a pair of solo home runs in the seventh off Carlos Betancourt to hand the lead back to Hudson Valley at 8-7. The home run by Henson was his 24th career as a Renegade, passing Everson Pereira and Grant Richardson for the most home runs in franchise history.

The Renegades stretched their advantage to 9-7 in the eighth after a wild pitch from Jason Ruffcorn (4-1) scored Gomez. Osiel Rodriguez tossed a scoreless eighth and came back out for the ninth. Pineda and Kemp notched a pair of one-out singles, before a two-out throwing error by Jesus Rodriguez scored both runners to

tie the game at nine.

After neither side scored in the 10th inning, position player Juan Crisp (0-1) entered out of the bullpen for the top of the 11th. A flyball from Felix Reyes advanced Rincones, the automatic runner, to third base, and Kemp brought in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly to make it 10-9. Gabriel Cotto tossed a scoreless bottom half of the frame to secure the victory for Jersey Shore.

In the doubleheader on Saturday, Hudson Valley split. In Game One, Jersey Shore had the early chance to strike first. Cam Schlittler retired the first two batters of the third inning before Justin Crawford

and Bryan Rincon hit back-to-back singles. After Gabriel Rincones was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Leandro Pineda struck out swinging to end the inning and keep the game scoreless. Hudson Valley had an attempt to score the game's first run in the bottom half of the frame. Marcos Cabrera reached on an error and Kyle Battle walked to place two runners on base with one out. However, Mitch Neunborn struck out Jared Serna and Alexander Vargas to end the inning.

The Renegades broke through in the fourth inning against Neunborn (3-4). Antonio Gomez and Jared Wegner

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TYSON'S TIDBITS

Preparing for the playoffs and Yankees' feedback

Editor's note: Each week writer Rich Thomaselli and Hudson Valley General Manager Tyson Jeffers discuss the Renegades in particular and minor league baseball in general.

Are you able to gauge the excitement for the playoffs?

I think now that it's under a week and it's only days away that it's much more palpable. People are realizing that there are a couple of playoff games here.

How important was it for you to get a presenting sponsor for the playoffs?

Some fans say we sold out. But I don't think they understand the business. We're not sitting on a pile of money here. A presenting sponsor allows us to do things like rally towels and free parking. Having a presenting sponsor who is going to step up and help us present what we want to present is extremely important. (SoFi's) investment allows us to pass it along to our fans. They help us make the experience better.

Have you gotten feedback from the Yankees or anyone regarding making the playoffs?

Yes. They have been very complimentary of us since we clinched the first half. I talk mostly with the player development guys, and they are very excited to see their young players in the playoffs. They're excited to see their young talent enjoy all that success. They are able to instill that culture into every level of the Yankees organization.



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Climate Solutions Week rolls into Rhinebeck

Climate Solutions Week returns to Rhinebeck this September 17-26. This is the second year that Climate Smart Rhinebeck, a Task Force of the Village government, and local partners have organized a string of events. The goal is to encourage, educate, and inspire participants around climate action.

This year Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi and Task Force volunteer Angela Basile are putting together a special event entitled "EV-Curious?" at the Starr Park/Thompson-Mazzarella parking lot on September 23rd. Akin to a meetup, "hosts" who have already made the switch to electric vehicles and hybrids will be there with their cars, and those who are EV-curious can come chat with them, take a ride in some different models, and get their questions answered about EV-ownership.

Ruge's will be there with a number of new models—including Subaru's first all electric vehicle. The event will also feature partners, such as Sinterklaas, collecting gently used clothes for their October fundraiser, "Love It or Swap It". The PTSO will be taking donations for seasonal mums and has sponsored Mr. Ding-a-ling, our friendly neighborhood ice cream truck, to be on hand.

The EV-Curious event kicks off a Clean Energy Campaign that the Village and Town governments are collaborating on: if the Village and Town can get at

least 5 residents to purchase EVs or plug-in hybrids in the ensuing months, the local governments will each get a \$5000 grant from NYSERDA, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Grant money will be put towards the municipalities' energy efficiency projects.

Additional events abound: The Walking School Bus returns on September 22—a fun and carbon-free way to encourage elementary school children to walk to school. Starr Library will host a discussion about food insecurity and food systems in the Hudson Valley, and Morton Memorial Library brings a guest speaker to talk through how Rhinecliff's community can come together to protect itself against the impacts of climate change.

Winnakee Land Trust will host a lunchtime webinar about land stewardship and its beneficial role in the era of climate change. The Rotary Club is sponsoring a free screening of a family-friendly climate change film called 2040 at Upstate Films. The film uses CGI animation to illustrate a hopeful picture of what the world will look like in 2040 if we continue to adopt new technology and make needed changes.

The Rhinebeck calendar of events can be found at climatesmarthrinebeck.org/climate-week

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worked a pair of walks before Cole Gabrielson singled to left field to load the bases with two outs. Cabrera hit an infield single to score Gomez and give the Renegades a 1-0 lead. After Spencer Henson led off the sixth inning with a single, he advanced to second on a wild pitch from Matt Russell and later scored from second base on an infield single from Gabrielson to extend the Renegades lead to 2-0.

That's the way the game ended and Hudson Valley dropped the nightcap, 8-5.

On Tuesday, Hudson Valley opened the critical series by coming out swinging in a 13-0 victory. Brock Selvidge and

Clay Aguilar combined on a four-hit shutout. The Renegades opened up the scoring with a three-run bottom of the first inning against Gabriel Cotto. After a one-out double by Jared Serna and a walk to Jesus Rodriguez, Antonio Gomez doubled home both runners to give the Renegades a 2-0 lead. The next batter, Alexander Vargas, then lashed a double down the left field line to score Gomez and extend the Renegades' lead to 3-0 and that was all the team needed.

Jersey Shore won the next two games, 2-0 and 6-1, prior to Friday night's rain out.

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Good times roll for annual Pleasant Valley Weekend



Below: Former Town Supervisor Gary Veeder was honored as the 2023 Parade Grand Marshal. A tuba player from the "Saints of Swing" performs during the parade on Sunday afternoon.



Left, from top to bottom: Riders line up for a photo prior to the Pleasant Valley Lions Club's 38th annual Journey for Sight Bike Ride. Proceeds from the ride go to support local programs aiding the blind and visually handicapped. The parade also featured members of the Stony Creek Drum Corps from Connecticut, several vehicles from the Pleasant Valley Fire Department and a vintage car from the Pleasant Valley Historical Society. Riders leave the ACME Store parking lot on the bike tour. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vendors wanted for Pok Elks' Flea Market

The Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, at 20 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie, seeks vendors for its Flea Market, set Sunday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$25 per space; includes three 8-foot tables. Call (845) 454-6660 for more information.

Vassar Temple High Holy Day Services

Vassar Temple invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of September 15, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of September 24. The congregation's clergy Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom) and will be adapted to that format. There will be professional security present. Visit www.vassartemple.org for current health and safety policies, and for the complete service schedule. Any updates will be posted there.

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, 140 Hooker Ave., 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, contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

Yard Sale set Sept. 16 at PV church

There will be a Yard Sale, rain or shine, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main St. (Route 44), Pleasant Valley on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Something for everyone! Good weather location will be the front lawn. If we need to move inside, enter through the side door or elevator on the parking lot side of the building.

Stanford Grange to host Fall Penny Social

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Fall Penny Social on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced) and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale.

Please, no outside food as it takes away from this fundraiser for the Grange Youth. Total proceeds benefit Stanford Grange's ongoing Community Service Projects. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Meeting schedule for

County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, on Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-2754.

United Way sets Community Breakfast Sept. 19

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will hold its Community Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 a.m., at Keepsake at the Academy, 33 Academy St., Poughkeepsie. Cost to attend is \$60.

Join UWDOR as the organization celebrates the dedication, generosity and kindness of the

community, as it kicks off the annual campaign. The 2023 Kindness Champion will be announced at the event. Tickets and more information are available at www.uwdor.org/breakfast2023.

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

Millbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remainder of the year includes:

Sept. 21: Exploring the Anthony Family Collection, Archive Committee

Oct. 19: Washington Precinct: Fate of the Poor prior to the 1864 County Almshouse. Speaker: Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian.

Nov. 16: The Bacons: A Local Gentleman Farmer and a Celebrated Actress of the 20th Century. Speaker Ezekiel Sanger, Marist College graduate.

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department sets annual Surf & Turf Sept. 30

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 42nd annual Surf & Turf Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 5 and 7 p.m. (sit down). Take out will be ready for pick up at 6 p.m. The cost is \$22 regular, \$32 super size. Reservations are required; call (845) 266-5485.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales schedule

It's time for Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales. Sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896.

Mark your calendar: Thursday, Oct. 19; Thursday, Nov. 16; and Thursday, Dec. 14.

\$10/quart, takeout only, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell and Orchard, Rhinecliff. Pick up at the side window on Orchard.

Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices for each month and to preorder online; or call Joe Baer at (845) 876-6488 for more information.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington: Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., through Oct. 28. www.arlingtonhasit.org

Chatham Farmers & Makers Market: 248 State Rte. 295, The Green at the Old Chatham Bowling Alley. Fridays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 6. info@chathamfarmersmarket.com

Copake/Hillsdale: Roeliff Jansen Park, Hillsdale. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. copake-hillsdalefarmersmarket@gmail.com

Germantown: 50 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 14. germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hudson: Corner of 6th St. & Columbia St., Hudson. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. (518) 300-3496

Hudson Thursday Market: 7th Street Park, Hudson. Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. upstreetmarket@gmail.com

Hyde Park: Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Millbrook: 3263 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 28. millbrook-marketmanager@gmail.com

Millerton: Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutchess Ave., Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 30. paul@neccmillerton.org

Rhinebeck: Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 17. www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com

Walkway fundraiser set Oct. 6 at Upper Landing Park

On Friday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m., the community is invited to attend Starry Starry Night and celebrate the 14th anniversary of the grand opening of Walkway Over the Hudson and its impact on the region. Held on the banks of the Hudson River at Upper Landing Park in Poughkeepsie, Starry Starry Night is a magical, festival-like evening that showcases the bounty of the Hudson Valley. For complete information and to reserve tickets, visit walkway.org/starrystarrynight.

Guests will enjoy numerous food and drink stations featuring chef-crafted culinary creations expertly paired with local wines, beers, and spirits before taking a moonlit elevator ride with friends to stroll the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge at twilight, soaking in amazing views you can't find anywhere else. All attendees will be amazed by the talents of local artists and musicians and awed by a one-of-a-kind fireworks experience.

"Starry Starry Night is the Walkway's signature annual fundraiser," said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. "The support we receive is a significant reason why we're able to deliver on our mission to ensure the Walkway is an

open, inclusive, and welcoming space for all that's rich with amenities, events, and programs to leave a wonderful impression on everyone who steps foot in our park."

Starry Starry Night proudly honors Ambassadors and board members Ron Lane and Kathy Smith as Great Connectors as well as recognizes Siegrist and Sons Construction with the inaugural Business Excellence Award. The evening is hosted by honorary chairs Michael Dupree, Sarah Johnstone Levine, and Kip O'Neill along with event chairs Ed Bergstraesser and Janet Giannetta.

"Ron, Kathy, and the Siegrist family have all made a tremendous impact on Walkway Over the Hudson," said Maureen Solero, board chair, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. "Ron's community connections have created valuable partnerships, Kathy has served commendably as board secretary and was vital in helping us reach millions with our 212-foot-long 'Thank You' to first responders, and Siegrist and Sons has always been there for us to lend a helping hand. I can think of no more fitting people to honor at this year's event."

Tickets cost \$195 per person and can be reserved online at walkway.org/starrystarrynight.

Miles of Hope Walk set Oct. 1

Miles of Hope's Community Walk for Breast Cancer is set Sunday, Oct. 1, at James Baird State Park. The opening ceremony is at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. Arrive early and check out raffles and merchandise for sale.

The 2023 Honoree is Tammy (Tierney) Laird, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2020.

Advance registration is required at <https://p2p.onecause.com/mohwalk>.

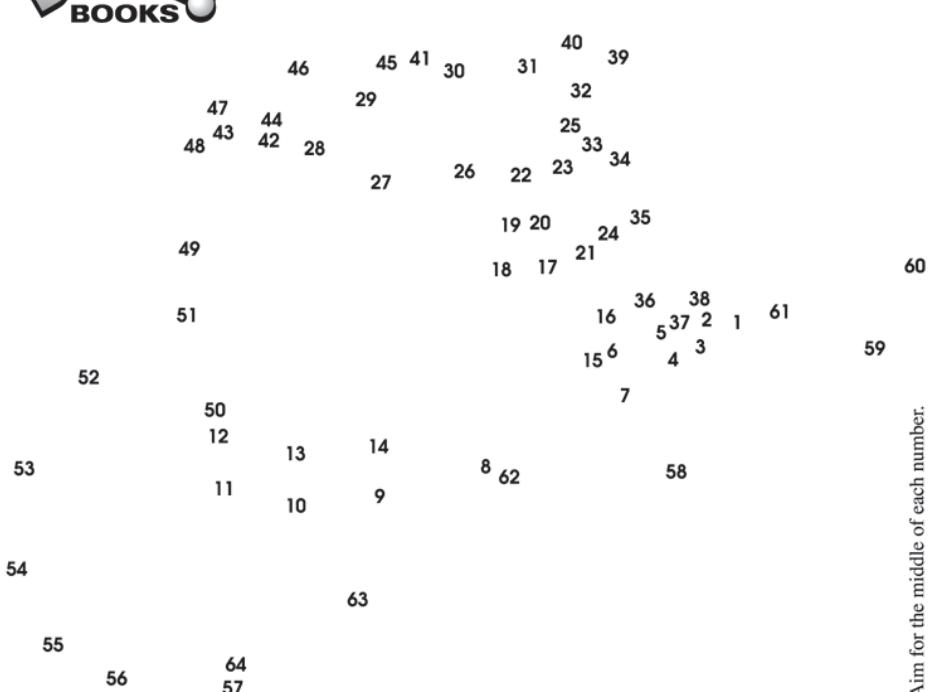
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Arlington Street Fair set Sept. 16

Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie gets transformed into the 23rd Arlington Street Fair, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 6 p.m. Admission to the fair is free and attendees will enjoy a series of scheduled events throughout the day. The fair reaches from the corner of Fulton and Collegeview avenues to the Eastbound Arterial (Route 44/55). All are invited to take part in this well-attended

local tradition.

There will be vendors selling food (local restaurants), jewelry, art, and novelties, and live entertainment. Many local nonprofits will be on hand to give out information on services they provide to the local community.

For more information, visit <http://arlingtonhasit.org/events/arlington-street-fair/>.

Creative Living

celebrating all good things

Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society to hold annual Show & Sale on Sept. 16-17

The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society (MHVGMS) will hold its annual Gem and Mineral Show and Sale on September 16 and 17 at Gold's Gym in the Town of LaGrange. Gold's Gym is located at 258 Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie. Hours for the show are Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 17, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. General admission (cash only) is

\$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are free accompanied by an adult. Most vendors accept credit.

The show features more than 30 vendors offering a variety of minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, and gems. The annual event is family-oriented, educational, and appeals to a wide range of interests. In addition to the vendors, there will be activities for children such as a sluice at

"Garnet Gulch" and free rocks at "Glitter Mountain." There will be displays of materials "Mined and Made in the U.S.A." by the Vassar Geology Museum and MHVGMS members. There will also be a scavenger hunt for students, and lapidary demonstrations (i.e. cutting, polishing rocks and minerals).

The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society Inc., formed in 1969, is a

non-profit organization dedicated to earth science education. It is a society for people who love rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, field collecting, jewelry-making and general earth science.

More information can be found on the Society's website (<http://mhvgms.org>) or Facebook page. They welcome new members who can enroll at the show or through the website.

Hudson Valley Rodeo set Sept. 16 in Amenia

The 3rd annual Hudson Valley Rodeo returns to Keane Stud in Amenia, NY on Saturday, September 16, 2023, featuring an evening concert by Grammy nominated Country Music Star Walker Hayes. The event is presented by the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization and powered by the Silo Ridge Community Foundation, both of which are tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organizations. All net proceeds from this community event will benefit the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization and its programs.

One of the top streaming artists in Country Music, Walker Hayes' hit song, "Fancy Like" topped every country music sales and streaming chart, spent more than 6 months at the No.1 spot on the Billboard Hot Country Songs Chart, hit the top 5 on Billboard's Hot 100 Songs, hit number 1 at country radio, was featured in a nationwide Applebee's commercial and gave Hayes his first GRAMMY Award nomination as an artist for Best Country Song...all with a song about the simple joys of a date night at Applebee's with his high school sweetheart, now wife, of 17 years. Since "Fancy Like" was released, Hayes' album Country Stuff the Album has become one of the top country albums in sales and streams in the genre, and is currently the only RIAA certified album in country music released last year. The album also spawned the follow up single "AA," which was just certified Platinum. Hayes' success continues to transcend genres, with the release of a new version of cur-

rent single "Y'all Life" featuring R&B/pop superstar Ciara. Additional cross-genre collaborations include the track "High Heels" featuring international rap/hip hop star Flo Rida and "Jesus' Fault" featuring Christian rock artist Zach Williams.

The rodeo, hosted in the picturesque area of northern Dutchess County, celebrates western heritage and features some of the best in Barrel Racing, Roping, Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding in the Northeast. Some of the best cowboys from the east will compete against western cowboys in a nationwide competition of top hands. The rodeo kicks off with a mutton bustin' contest which is always a fan favorite!

Doors open at noon with family friendly activities, followed by the rodeo at 3 pm and the concert at 7 pm.

Pre-rodeo family activities include rodeo clowns, stick horse rodeo competition for young kids, barrel racing demonstrations, rodeo roping clinic, animal care conversations, face-painting, meet and greet photo opportunities with cowboys and cowgirls, and music from local country music artists.

There will be a variety of local food trucks and libations for the adults as well as local western country themed vendors.

Sponsors of the Hudson Valley Rodeo include the Silo Ridge Community Foundation, Stoneleaf Construction, Silo Ridge Field Club, Discovery Land Company, and Casamigos as well as over 20 local businesses.

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Best of both worlds

Take advantage of September's transitional nature with local produce that blends freshness and comfort.

September is a great month and I don't think it gets enough love. It kind of has it all: still some warm, balmy summer weather and, if we're lucky, some chillier fall days and cooler nights, too. That means we can not only keep grilling and dining al fresco but can also dust off some of our favorite comfort foods, the best of both worlds in my opinion.

It's a transitional time with lots of local produce still to be found at farmers' markets and orchard branches are laden with apples, pears and late peaches. You can still find some of summer's vegetables, like melons, zucchini, basil, eggplant, peppers and green tomatoes. Cool weather vegetables are also making the scene: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, squash, beets, cauliflower, onions, radishes, turnips, grapes, garlic and Swiss chard to name a few. And when else could you make fresh peach, rhubarb and apple pies all at the same time, like I'm about to do, with just-picked rhubarb from my mother's garden, peaches from a friend's tree and apples from my own front yard?!

Unless you're hosting a party, three pies at once is a lot, so instead I give you three recipes that use some of this transitional local produce in other ways, both savory and sweet.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS with SAUTEED APPLES

When it comes to local apples available this time of year, opt for those best suited for cooking without extra sweetness like Cortland, Golden Delicious and Empire. I used Fuji because my apple tree produced VERY well this year and I had to come up with creative uses for all that bounty.

INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 lbs Brussels sprouts
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup butter, divided
1 medium onion, diced
1/4 cup apple juice
1-2 apples, depending on their size, cored and diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped

2 teaspoons lemon zest

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

METHOD

Place Brussels sprouts and a little salt in a large saucepan and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat. Simmer until tender, 5-10 minutes. Drain and keep warm.

In a large skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until caramelized, 15-20 minutes. Add apple juice and cook another 2 minutes, scraping up any browned bits.

Add apple, garlic and brown sugar and cook, stirring often, until apple is tender, about 5 minutes. Add nuts, lemon zest, nutmeg, remaining 2 tablespoons butter and salt and pepper to taste. Continue to cook 4 minutes more, stirring constantly, before gently tossing in Brussels sprouts.

Serves 8

RUSTIC RATATOUILLE

Truly, I LOVE this dish! I urge you to not overcook the vegetables – they should maintain a slight pleasing crunch and their jewel-like color, which also ensures they retain many of their nutrients. Make this using the freshest vegetables and heirloom tomatoes when available for the best flavor. Traditionally this calls for herbs de Provence, a blend of basil, oregano, sage, rosemary, marjoram, thyme and lavender. I use a sprinkling of this dried blend but also add fresh oregano, thyme and basil at the end for heightened flavor and extra eye appeal. Using the dried herbs isn't necessary, but I like layering the mix of dried and fresh for more complexity.

INGREDIENTS

Olive oil (for skillet)
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2-3 small-medium zucchini and/or yellow summer squash, cut into 1/4-inch slices
1 large eggplant, unpeeled and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
5 good-sized (preferably heirloom) tomatoes, chopped or 2 handfuls cherry tomatoes, halved (or a mixture of the two)
2 bell peppers (one red and one green),

seeded and chopped

1 large can crushed tomatoes

Herbs de Provence

Fresh basil, oregano and/or thyme, chopped

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

METHOD

Heat olive oil (5-6 tablespoons) in a large skillet. Add onion and garlic and sauté over medium heat until onion is translucent, about 3 minutes. Add zucchini/squash and eggplant and sauté until starting to brown, about 5 minutes more. Add more olive oil if mixture looks dry. Mix in peppers and chopped tomatoes and a generous sprinkle of herbs de Provence and chopped, fresh herbs. Season with salt and pepper, stir through and add crushed tomatoes (I usually add a little red wine to the can, swirl it around and add it to the mix). Reduce heat to medium low, cover and continue to cook until vegetables are still al dente, no more than 20 minutes more. Spoon into bowls, sprinkle with fresh herbs and serve alone or over pasta or rice. Can be enjoyed hot, warm or at room temperature. It's also great left over since it benefits from the flavors being allowed to marry overnight. Serves about 4 as a main course or 8 as a side.

PEACHES AND CREAM PIE

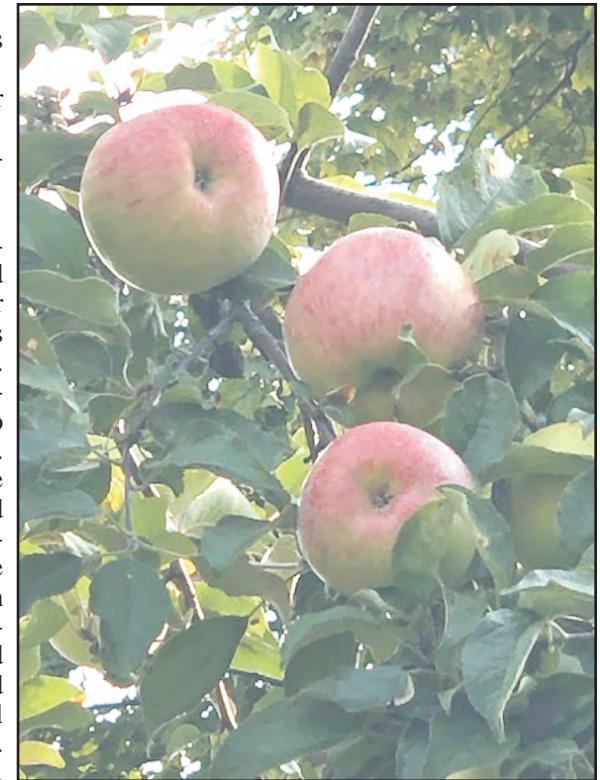
You can make your own pie crust or use a purchased unbaked shell. This is about as easy as it gets!

INGREDIENTS

Unbaked 9" (one-crust) pie shell
5-6 ripe peaches (peeled if you prefer), halved and sliced
2/3 cup sugar
4 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup heavy cream

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange peach slices in unbaked pie shell. In a



Apples on Vicki's tree. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

large bowl combine sugar, flour, salt and cream. Pour cream mixture over peaches. Bake for 35 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 and bake 10 minutes more. Serves about 8.

September really is a month that keeps on giving. It's a bountiful bridge between summer and fall with an amazing assortment of local produce waiting to be used in amazing and delicious ways so get some while you still can. Let's show September some love and savor the very best of the many gifts it's given us. Enjoy!

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Flower Survey winners

Dutchess County Fair-goers weighed in on some of the new flowers for 2024.

4,657 votes cast at the Dutchess County Fair New Flower Trial produced a clear winner.

The survey involved 15 new flowers that will be released to the public in 2024. Breeders and seed companies send samples to Sue and me to grow in our greenhouse. We display them at the fair, providing ballots for fair goers to fill out, along with a space for comments.

After spending a few days tallying the votes, we send the results back to the breeders. You can find photos of these new flowers on Adams' website, <https://adamsfarms.com/> (click on "Gardening") or google the individual varieties. Better yet, plant them in your garden next spring.

Thanks to your support, Sue and I and our team of growers will be ramping up production of the winning flowers. Here they are, along with some of the comments (note that even the winners get some negative reviews):

#1 Verbena Superbena Cherryburst Improved

- My favorite!
- Love the stripes, it's like candy canes
- Looks like a firework
- Too candy cane-ish for my taste

#2 Million Bells Superbells Double Redstone

- I love it!
- My husband's favorite
- Love double blooms, the double effect is wonderful
- Looks like small roses
- It looks a little dead

#3 Million Bells Superbells Double Smitten Pink

- 100%!
- Love the name
- Not pink enough
- Weird shaped flowers

#4 Coleus Downtown Greenville

- The best!

- Looks like a million bucks
- It's wild
- Too '70s
- Looks diseased

#5 Verbena Superbena Pink Cashmere

- Want it in my garden!
- Stunning color and flowers
- Get shorter name
- Kind of common

#6 Coleus Downtown NYC Nights

- Soo cool!
- Warm, sexy
- Shape is intriguing
- Love the texture and coloring
- Can't go wrong with N.Y.C.
- Reminds me of the city – ew

#7 Million Bells Tik Tok Apricot

- This is my favorite one
- My mom's favorite
- Picked by two year old as best
- I don't like Tik Tok

#8 Petunia Supertunia Hoopla Vivid Orchid

- It's incredibly cash money

#9 Jamesbrittenia Safari Dusk

- I would put these in my garden

#10 Ipomea Sweet Caroline Mahogany

- What is it?

#11 Petunia Potunia Popcorn

- Say it 5 times fast

Last place went to Bidens Campfire Marshmallow. Not that it's a bad flower, just that the other samples rated higher. The new Bidens still got compliments like "cute, charming, so sweet." Voters reacted to the name, even though the flower Bidens has been around much longer than Joe Biden. The reactions to the name ranged from "We love Joe



The most popular new variety with fair-goers was Verbena Superbena Cherryburst (above). Coming in last was Bidens Campfire Marshmallow (below). Photos by Sue Adams

Biden" to "Make Flowers Great Again, Trump 2004."

I found out the hard way that flower survey participants sometimes vote for the name. A few years ago we ran a trial that picked "Coleus Dirty Martini" as the winner. After growing a few thousand of

them, it turned out that people only liked the name.

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arts and entertainment happenings

Through Sept. 23: "Calendar Girls," County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. The adult comedy by Tim Firth, based upon the Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth. Based on the true story of 11 older women who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukemia Research Fund, "Calendar Girls" has become the fastest-selling play in British theater history. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 17 & Sat., Sept. 22, 2 p.m. Tickets Adult: \$22, Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door), and Children under 12: \$20. www.countyplayers.org

Sept. 14: Elysium Furnace Works presents Eugene Chadbourne and Jim McHugh, Vassar Brothers Institute Theatre, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Performance by a duo featuring multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and composer Eugene Chadbourne, joined by guitarist/vocalist Jim McHugh from the NYC-based band Sunwatchers, 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 advance, \$25 door; advance tickets at <https://chadhugh.eventbrite.com>.

Sept. 14: Summer Concert Series, Cady Field, 1554 Main St., Pleasant Valley. PV Rec concludes its annual Concerts in the Park, 6 p.m., with Cherished Memories, an outstanding Doo Wop a cappella group that grew up in an era where groups sang on almost every street corner. (Rain date: Sept. 21.) (845) 635-1111, ext. 203 or www.pvrec.com

Sept. 15-17: Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Sept. 15: Stanley Jordan plays Jimi Hendrix, 8:30 p.m. World-renowned guitarist Stanley

Jordan has developed a new live show that pays tribute to Hendrix, but it's not pure imitation. Instead Stanley builds on Jimi's legacy in a creative way. Tickets \$45 advance, \$50 door. Sept. 16: The Englishtown Project, 8:30 p.m. Tribute extravaganza to the legendary 1977 show at Raceway Park in Englishtown, N.J., which featured The Grateful Dead, New Riders of the Purple Sage and The Marshall Tucker Band. The Englishtown Project will feature healthy "doses" of selections from each band's sets that day along with other deep cuts from all three bands. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Sept. 17: Scott Cook, 7 p.m. In 2007, Albertan songwriter Scott Cook quit his job teaching kindergarten in Taiwan and moved into a minivan. He's made his living as a troubadour ever since, touring almost incessantly across Canada, the US, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere, averaging 150 shows and a dozen summer festivals a year, and releasing seven albums of plainspoken, keenly observant verse along the way. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Sept. 15: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Paul Clarke, Andy Jones, Gary Kromirs, Dan Epstein, 8:10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Sept. 16: Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians, Hyde Park Library Courtyard, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. Classical quintet founded in 2020, the Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians deliver an outstanding

performance that will resonate with listeners of all ages and musical preferences, 4 p.m. Free. (845) 229-7791 or hydeparklibrary.org

Sept. 16: Movies with Spirit: "The Farewell," Rondout Valley United Methodist Church, 25 Schoonmaker Lane, Stone Ridge. Based on a true story about life, death, lies and love, 7 p.m. In the film, aspiring Chinese American writer Billi (Awkwafina) returns to her childhood city of Changchun, in northeast China, to be part of a family reunion with her beloved grandmother, who's the family's matriarch, Nai Nai (Shuzhen Zhao). "Nai Nai," Mandarin for "grandma," has terminal lung cancer and is given only weeks to live. But on arrival, Billi learns the diagnosis has been kept from Nai Nai, who was told the results were benign. Everyone in the family has agreed not to tell Nai Nai the truth to ensure her happiness, Billi learns. The reunion's pretense is a joyful, expedited wedding. As Billi navigates a minefield of family expectations and proprieties, she also finds a lot to celebrate, including her rediscovery of the country she left as a child, her grandmother's wondrous spirit, and the ties that keep on binding, even when so much goes unspoken. The 2019 film runs 1 hour 40 minutes and is rated PG. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com

Sept. 16-17: American Society of Aviation Artists, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. www.oldrhinebeck.org

Sept. 17: "Conversation: The Court at War: FDR, his Justices, and the World they made" with Cliff Sloan, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. The inside story of how one president forever altered the most powerful legal institution in the country, with consequences that endure today, a conversation with author Cliff Sloan and FDR Library director William Harris, 2 p.m. Free, but registration is required at www.fdrlibrary.org to attend in person. Event will be live-streamed on the official FDR Library pages on YouTube and Facebook.

Sept. 17: Croce Plays Croce, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. A.J. Croce performs a special night of music with a full band and visual presentation of the songs featuring a complete set of classics by his late father Jim Croce, some of his own tunes, and songs that influenced both him and his father, 7 p.m. Tickets \$38, \$48, \$58. (845) 473-2072 or www.bardavon.org

Sept. 17: Howland Chamber Music Circle, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. The Howland Chamber Music Circle opens its 2023-24 chamber music series with the Juilliard String Quartet, 4 p.m. Tickets at howlandmusic.org. To ensure the safety of our patrons and musicians, face masks are encouraged while indoors.

Sept. 18: Literary Event, Reem-Kayden Center's László Z. Bíró '60 Auditorium, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Violet KuperSmith, Bard Fiction Prize winner and writer in residence at Bard College, will read from recent work, 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. (845) 758-7087

News from the Rhinebeck Garden Club

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m., Rhinebeck Village Hall, 80 East Market Street. Guest speaker Cecily Frazier will talk about "Adapting Your Garden to Climate Change." Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcomed. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call (914) 263-5298 or visit our Facebook page.

PLANT SALE

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rhinebeck Garden Club's Annual Plant

and Bake Sale. CVS open space, 48 East Market Street, Rhinebeck. If heavy rain, the sale will be moved to The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St, at the corner of South St. and Route 9. Perennials, shrubs, herbs, and houseplants. Selection is always varied and pricing is competitive. Bake sale to include muffins, pies, quick and cookies. Proceeds enable the Club to remain a viable organization to educate community members interested in gardening, foster an appreciation of gardening, and maintain our two community gardens.

Red Hook girls soccer team grabs 2-0 win in MHAL opener

The defending champs are back at it again.

Red Hook High School girls soccer team, the Section 9 champions from last fall, opened the Mid-Hudson Athletic League (MHAL) schedule season last week with a 2-0 win over Rondout Valley.

Goals were scored in the second half by Ani Safaryan and Molly Button. The Raiders had 24 shots on goal and limited the Ganders to just two shots.

Red Hook goalie Isabella Faraldi did not need to make any saves.

"Today was definitely the next step forward for us but there is still a long way to go," Red Hook coach Jason Pavlich said. "Our movement with and without the ball was significantly better, but we failed to find the back of the net until 53 minutes into the game. Rondout's keeper had a solid performance in goal and kept them in the game until we were able to add an insurance goal with 14 minutes left."

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THE ARTS CONNECTION

CO, 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (off Rte. 9, across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds), Rhinebeck. **Through October:** "Big Polaroids," an exhibit by noted artist Franc Palaia. Featuring large-scale color photographs based on Palaia's award-winning hand-colored SX-70 Polaroids. Palaia is the recipient of two Polaroid Sponsorships for his original technique of hand coloring SX-70 Polaroids with oil-based crayons. He is a painter and photographer who treats his photographs like paintings. The original Polaroids are only 3 inches by 3 inches in size, but after Palaia's hand colors the photographs, they resemble miniature oil paintings. His process continues by scanning the small Polaroids and enlarging them to 3 by 3 feet. The final results are large vibrant and colorful images with the appearance of blended oil paintings with gestural brush strokes and textured pigments. [coworkwith.co](#)

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through October:** Featured in the Hancock and Reception Galleries at 12 Vassar St. will be photographer Frank Ritter whose exhibit is based on his highly-acclaimed book, "9/11 Remembrance Renewal Hope: A Twenty Year Journey," and showcases a collection of visually stunning and sensitive photographs. Mixed-media artist, Morgan Kennedy, brings her Haunt Couture exhibit to the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. that reflects on her experience as a late-in-life diagnosed Autistic woman. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. [cunneen-hackett.org](#). *Pictured: Artwork by Morgan Kennedy*



Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through Dec. 2024:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. [www.fdrlibrary.org](#)

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Oct. 1:** "Light and Lines," paintings by Sharon Nakazato. (845) 490-2281 or [www.landgalleryonline.com](#)

Olana State Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed," an exhibition focusing on Olana's remarkable trove of nearly 5,000 19th-century photographic prints, collected by the artist Frederic Church between 1850 and 1900. An installation of 48 original photographs within Olana's Sharp Family Gallery will include original and historically significant works by pioneering early photographers, including Eadweard Muybridge, William James Stillman, and Claude-Joseph Désiré Charnay. (518) 828-1872 or [www.olana.org](#)

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Sept. 15-Oct. 8:** "Weather...or Not!" new exhibit by Hudson Valley artist Marie Cole of paintings, pastels and prints about weather and places. Opening reception: Sat., Sept. 16, 5-7 p.m. [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](#)

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DCC lecture to explore how slavery & colonialism changed medicine

Award-winning historian Dr. Jim Downs will deliver a lecture titled "The Troubled and Troubling Origins of Epidemiology: How Slavery and Colonialism Changed Medicine" on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the James and Betty Hall Theatre on Dutchess Community College's Poughkeepsie campus. The lecture is the fifth event in the Dr. D. David Conklin Distinguished Lecture Series, established by the DCC Foundation to recognize the College's fourth president, who retired in 2014.

Dr. Jim Downs is the Gilder Lehrman-National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Civil War Era Studies and History at Gettysburg College. He is the author of "Maladies of Empire: How Colonialism, Slavery, and War

Transformed Medicine," which has been translated into Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean and Russian.

In addition to his other books, "Sick from Freedom: African American Sickness and Suffering During the Civil War and Reconstruction" and "Stand By Me: The Forgotten History of Gay Liberation," Downs has published essays in The Atlantic, The New Yorker, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Vice, Slate, The Lancet, LA Times and others. He is also a partner at History Studio, where he hosts podcasts on how to tell an authentic story.

This is a free community event. For more information, call the DCC Foundation at (845) 431-8400.

Final Hot Tuna electric tour makes stop at UPAC Sept. 21

Bardavon announces the final Hot Tuna Electric – Going Fishing Tour is coming to UPAC on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. This will be Electric Hot Tuna's farewell tour and the last chance to see this iconic blues rock band which was formed in 1969 by former Jefferson Airplane members Jorma Kaukonen (guitarist/vocals) and Jack Casady (bassist). They will be joined by drummer Justin Guip.

Although it has always been a fluid aggregation, with musicians coming and going over the years, the band's center has always been Kaukonen and Casady's ongoing collaboration. The two are lifelong friends, growing up together in Washington, D.C., and playing in the group the Triumphs.

After high school, guitarist Kaukonen and his government-service parents relocated to the Philippines, but he returned to the U.S. in time for the advent of psychedelia, landing in San Francisco and co-founding the Airplane in 1965.

Casady joined not long after, and together they helped lead the group to massive success during the late '60s which also saw the creation of Hot Tuna.

The final electric tour of this iconic band is indeed an historic music event.

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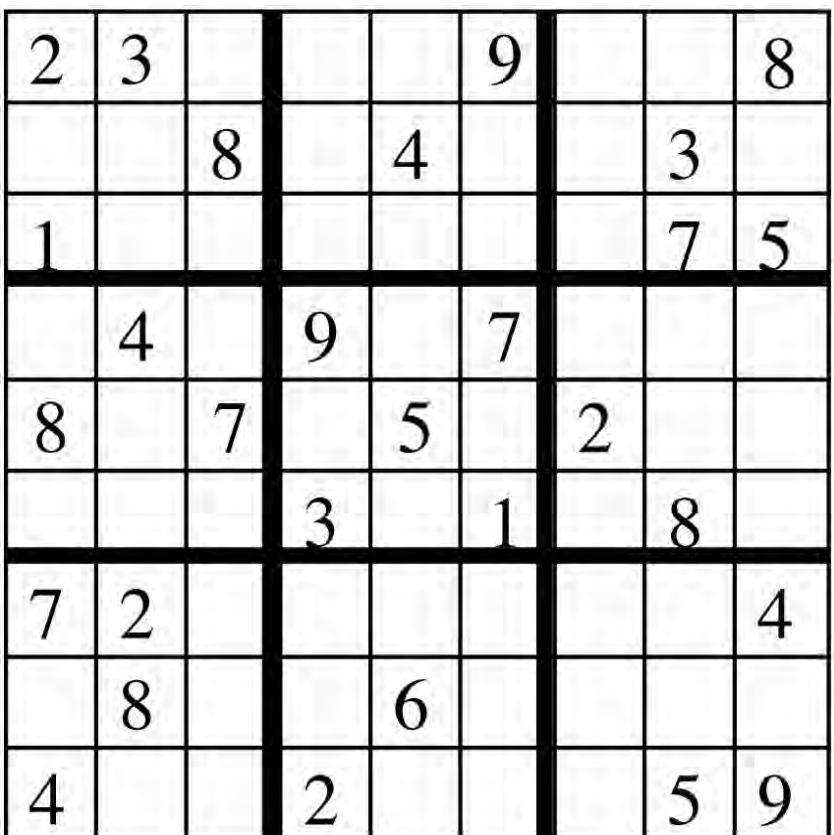
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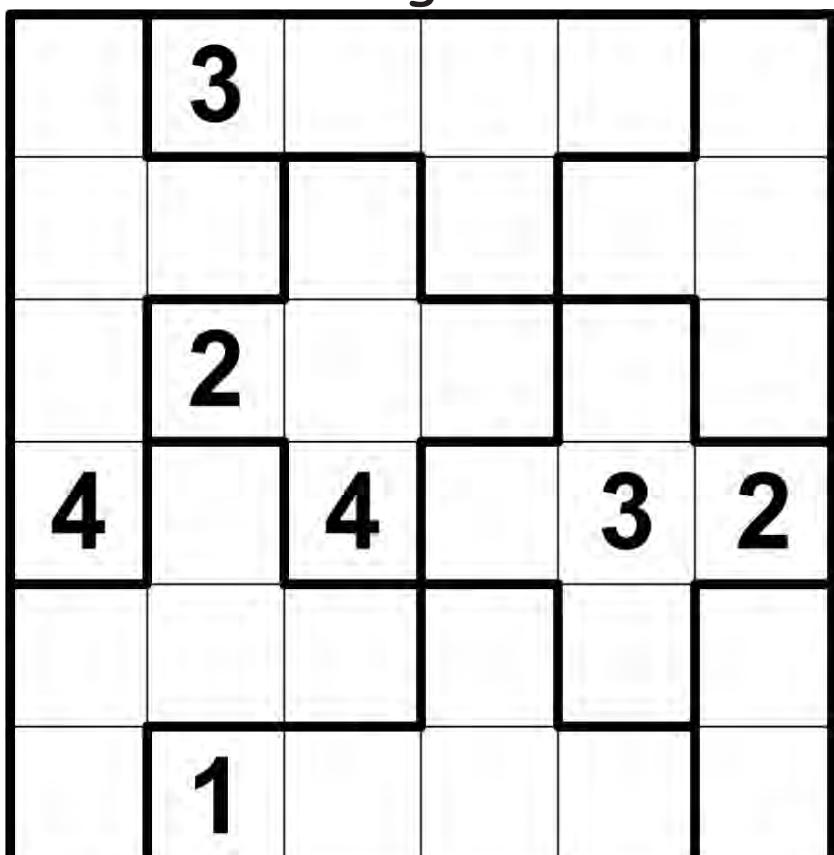
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Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.



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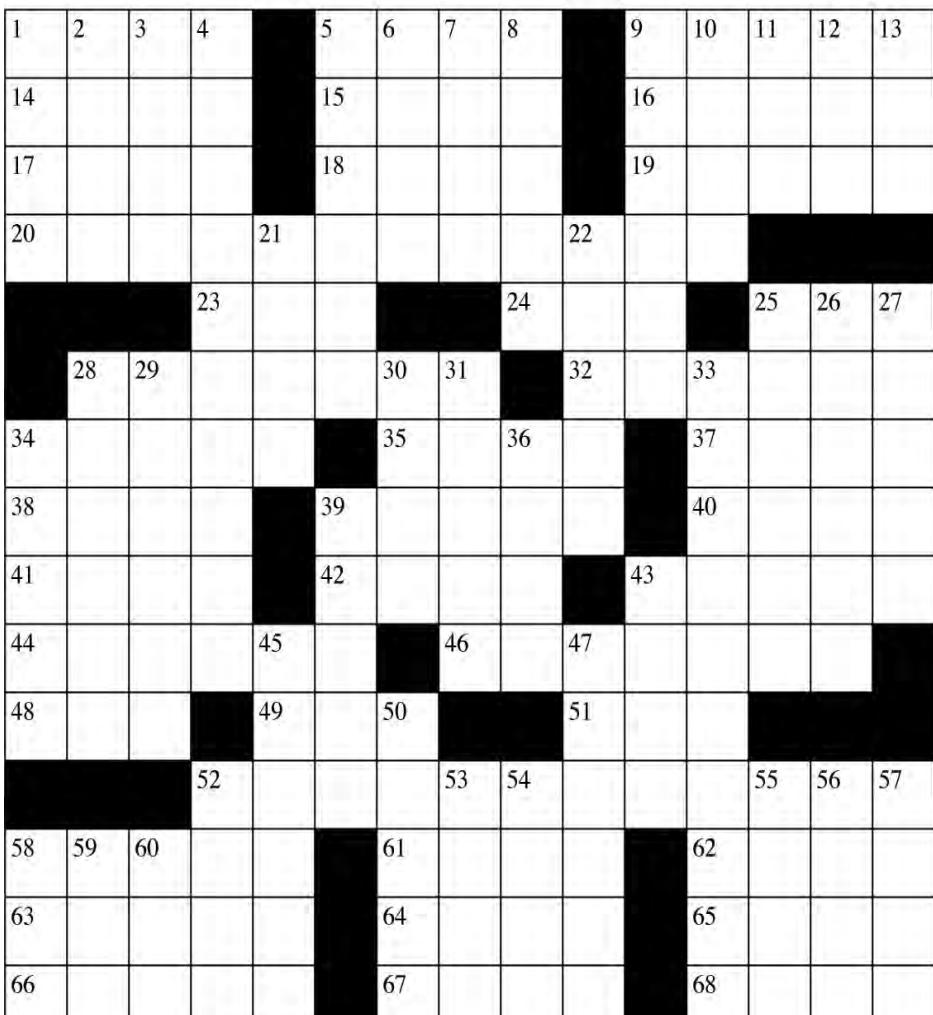
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

1. Swat
5. Without delay, for short
9. Dog owner's item
14. Yarn
15. Ms. Falana
16. Stand
17. Singer ___ James
18. Dogs with wrinkled foreheads
19. Fertilizer ingredient
20. Very clever
23. One of 86,400 in a day: abbr.
24. 12/24 or 12/31
25. Cub Scouts' org.
28. Cooks leftovers
32. Artificial
34. Speeder's nemesis
35. Roman road
37. Tight
38. On one's toes
39. Section of homes
40. Disneyland attraction
41. Parasite
42. One listed in a will
43. Pick-me-up
44. Animal covered with curls
46. City in Colorado
48. Azerbaijan, once: abbr.
49. Broke one's fast
51. United group: abbr.
52. Family tree members
58. Saw
61. Term of affection
62. Reason to bathe
63. Velvety cloth
64. Suffix for defer or differ
65. City in Ohio or Peru
66. Birch tree
67. Prepared Easter eggs
68. Letters

DOWN

1. Geneviève and Clotilda: abbr.
2. Piece of wood
3. Edmonton's loc.
4. Larger on the bottom than on the top
5. Beast of burden
6. Very old French coins
7. Pond growth
8. Tomato ___
9. Cavalry soldier
10. Actor Estrada
11. Tiny land mass
12. 90° from ENE
13. Pronoun
21. Equal
22. Turn away
25. Ewe's pastime
26. Television station
27. Mexican Indian
28. Numerical comparisons
29. Magazine bigwig
30. Grow exhausted
31. Sedate; unchanging
33. Fortress
34. Inclines
36. Earth shade
39. Sorority letter
43. Snack from the bakery
45. Place to store food
47. Thundered
50. Quit
52. Hereditary unit
53. Opposite of "acknowledge"
54. Look toward
55. Ms. Adams
56. City near Tívoli
57. Fem. titles
58. Swirling bath
59. Companion
60. Colts' home: abbr.



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 20

Sign up now to participate in SCRABBLE Blitz tournament



Poughkeepsie resident Pam Terwilliger (left) and Meegan Veeder-Shave, a Hyde Park resident, known as Team Patchwork Pastures, participate in the SCRABBLE Blitz Tournament in 2022. This year's tournament is scheduled for Oct. 5. Courtesy photo by Patty Ten

Registration is now open for the 14th Annual Benefit SCRABBLE Blitz Tournament to be held on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This unique event, held at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, also includes raffles and an auction. Advance registration is required by Sept. 28.

The annual SCRABBLE Blitz Tournament is a fast-paced, team style of play with fun bonus point possibilities. Each team consists of two members who work together on their own board to achieve the best possible score in 20 minutes, following all regular SCRABBLE rules. Registrants for this tournament have the option of 'competitive' or 'just for fun' play, with a different level of prizes offered for each.

Entry is set at \$30 per person or \$60 per team and includes three rounds of play, beverages, snacks, and one free raffle ticket. Complete rules and entry forms are available at mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

The online Love INC fall auction opens Sept. 21, offering artwork, experiences, décor, and other items. Bidding will close at the SCRABBLE tournament on Oct. 5. The auction link can be accessed at mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

The SCRABBLE tournament is a major fundraiser for Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ; proceeds support the collaborative work of local churches in the Love INC network. Love INC mobilizes volunteers to address poverty and build resilience across the local community through delivery of much-needed resources and offering life-skills classes.

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church hosts the tournament at 1168 Route 55 in LaGrange. For more information on Love INC, to register for the SCRABBLE Tournament, or bid on auction items, visit www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or email scrabble@mhlinc.org.

OFA Summer Picnics are done, but they're just part of the fun

provided by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) just concluded its 30th annual Summer Picnic Series, serving more than 4,000 older adults at a dozen local picnics.

Each week since mid-May, hundreds of residents savored a complimentary hot lunch, live music by popular musician Bob Martinson, the chance to meet with state, county, and local leaders, as well as the opportunity to get some all-important socialization – all while enjoying a great summer's day. We thank all of our sponsors for their support of OFA Summer Picnics, including our Platinum Sponsors: The Pines of Poughkeepsie, AccentCare, and The Landing of Poughkeepsie.

Attendees also had the chance to meet representatives from various Dutchess County Government departments, divisions, and offices, all of which serve them every day. One of those departments, of course, was our OFA, which provides various services and programs year-round – all free of charge.

Led by Director Todd Tancredi, our OFA operates eight Friendship Centers throughout Dutchess County, each offering a unique weekly calendar of opportunities for local older adults. Be it games, education, exercise, or shopping, our OFA Friendship Centers have something for every older adult. Some Friendship Centers even offer transportation to and from the centers; you can contact the OFA at ofo@dutchessny.gov or (845) 486-2555 to learn more.

While our Friendship Centers offer daily opportunities for older adults to socialize and grow, our OFA also offers special chances to gather and celebrate.

September brings a full slate of events. On Monday, Sept. 18, our OFA will host an educational forum at Coppola's in Hyde Park, where older adults will learn about nutrition, disease prevention, and

peripheral artery disease. A complimentary lunch is available, but space is limited, so contact the OFA today if you're interested in attending.

The following day, the OFA and Dutchess County Parks will offer beginner pickleball lessons at the County's new pickleball courts at Quiet Cove Riverside Park in Poughkeepsie – a program so popular it quickly reached capacity. Be the first to learn about offerings like these and more in the OFA's weekly newsletter, Golden Living. Current and previous issues are available online, so you can see what's coming up or catch up on what you might have missed.

One event with no capacity limit is the annual Golden Gathering, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 23. The OFA and New York State Sen. Rob Rolison, with support from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, will host this free event at Arlington High School, located at 1157 Route 55 in Lagrangeville, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This yearly gathering is a great chance for older adults and caregivers in Dutchess County to take part in health screenings, enjoy entertainment and refreshments, enter to win door prizes, and visit various informational tables geared toward them. Government, non-profit, and service organizations from throughout the region will take part. The Golden Gathering is the single largest annual event of its kind in Dutchess County. From health and nutrition to caregiving and technology, the event is truly a "one-stop shop."

Our Office for the Aging coordinates and provides an array of community-based services to older adults and persons who require assistance in the long-term care system, in an effort to promote independence, dignity and quality of life. To learn more about how the OFA can assist you or the older adult in your life, check out its webpage; go to <https://www.dutchessny.gov/> and select Departments/Aging.

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Mike Leary Scholarship benefits youth in agriculture

The purpose of the Mike Leary Scholarship at the Dutchess County Fair is to benefit youth in the livestock industry. This is the first scholarship of its kind in this area, as it assists youth in the expenses that come along with their passion in showing livestock. The word "helpful" comes to mind for many people when thinking of Mike Leary. Before Mike passed away, he helped many kids get into the livestock world, between his seemingly worldly connections in the cattle industry and his helpful demeanor, he truly sparked the passion of showing livestock in many hearts. This scholarship is meant to keep helping youth in his name. The scholarship committee consists of Benjamin Prentice, Jon Prezzano, Mattisim Leary and Annette Prezzano. The 2023 recipients were: (Beef) Chase Kading, Natalie Schultz and Brooke Cheney. For all other species - Vivien Padoleski- Representing Sheep All of the applications this year were very thorough, and we look forward to the applications for next year which will be due in August 2024! Courtesy photo



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4-H'ers excel at the 2023 Dutchess County Fair

Those who were able to see our youth in action at the 2023 Dutchess County Fair will understand what I mean when I say we are proud of our 4-H'ers. Across the board, they demonstrated the life skills and behaviors that will enable them to be role models and future leaders: communication skills, poise, teamwork, sportsmanship and compassion.

Saturday night at the Fair is "Barn Bash Night" when we recognize outstanding members of the 4-H community before the now traditional tug of war, music and ice cream. The evening began with the presentation of 18 scholarships (worth \$3,000) by Julie Hart and Doug Ohlandt from the Dutchess Land Conservancy. To win their awards, each youth submitted an essay on one of three titles: What do you do that has a positive impact on the environment?, What makes someone a "good" farmer?, or Tell us about things you have learned or experienced that help you to take good care of the natural resources in Dutchess County. The 18 winners demonstrated an understanding of both issues with, and solutions to sustaining our planet.

The awards for winners of the informal Livestock Judging competition, which has become a favorite way to begin fair on Monday night. The following came out victorious:

- Juniors - Cooper Randall, Savannah Bishop and Kendra Carpenter;
- Seniors - Natalie Shultz, Lauryn Menz and Maeve Lomoriello;
- Horse judging - Gabriella Peters, Gabriela Aviles and Zoey Barto.
- This year, a special award in memory 4-H leaders Kathy Burns and Joyce Sokolowski was created to celebrate their many years of service as 4-H Club Leaders. It will be awarded annually to the club who completes outstanding community service and this year was presented to "Got Goat Milk" by Kathy's daughter, Amanda.

As always, choosing the recipients of the traditional 4-H awards was not easy with so many deserving candidates. We are grateful and proud to name the following for 2023:

- Community Organization – American Legion #178, Millerton NY;
- Community Member: Katie Hynes of Zoe's Ice Cream Barn;
- Volunteer: Katie Briggs; Club Leader: Kim Pennock;
- Junior 4-H'er: Margo LaPorte;
- Senior 4-H'er: Jackson Crisp.
- Sponsored by the Rhinebeck Grange, the final award (new for 2023) for a 4-H'er in a Livestock program who exhibits outstanding leadership skills went to Lauryn Menz.

The Exhibit Hall is another area where 4-H'ers shine with hundreds of impressive works

of art, crafts and photography exhibited annually. Generous community members sponsor special awards which are chosen by the evaluators as being of the highest skill levels. This year awards went to: Pax Ashline, Zora Nicholls, Nathan Clum, Blakely Waz, Jasmine Ocampo, Sabine Terranova, Julia Raskopf, Anesha Risacher, Mia Henry, Darian Jevic, Andrew Stanley, Amelia Coon, Savannah Krimstock, Damsels and Dragons, Sarah Lafreniere, Isabella Tropea, Rachel Eanhart, Margot LaPorte, Milla Berg, Noah White, Anna Kalishman, Josephine Dexter, Jasper Mashburn, Natalie Kenny, Evelyn Lewis, Clara Sundlof, Lily White, Zoey Barto, Landon Mishk, Jasper Mashburn, Tessa Mashburn, Maria Stella Ingenito and Kendall Adnams.

Outstanding Exhibits which will be entered in the 2023 NY State Fair

Many other competitions take place during the week. While winners of the showmanship classes in cattle, hogs, dairy goats and sheep have had the fun of going head to head for the master showmanship title for many years, those showing poultry, rabbits, horses, llama/alpacas, dogs and meat goats have not had such an opportunity. In 2022 the Elite Showmanship competition was introduced. The 2023 Elite Showman was Julia Raskopf.

The five qualifiers contest the 2023 Elite Showman Championship: from right to left, Champion Julia Raskopf, Jonathan Schreiber, Natalie Shulz, Juliette Gerstle and Hailey Brennan

Every 4-H'er is outstanding in our eyes and there are too many to recognize them all. As we reflect on the 2023 fair, all those who contribute to making it possible for the 4-H youth to participate should be feeling exceedingly proud. Without our incredible club leaders, volunteers, funders, sponsors and donors there would be no 4-H in our county. If you want to be a part of the success of our youth contact us to volunteer, sponsor or donate today. Visit our website <https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/> or email Jane at jr825@cornell.edu



The 4-H Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Katie Briggs. Courtesy photo

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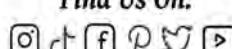
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The five qualifiers for the 2023 Elite Showman Championship were Champion Julia Raskopf, Jonathan Schreiber, Natalie Shulz, Juliette Gerstle and Hailey Brennan. Courtesy photo

Marist welcomes advocate and endurance swimmer Lewis Pugh to campus



On Tuesday, Sept. 5, Marist College welcomed international endurance swimmer and environmental advocate Lewis Pugh to the Poughkeepsie campus as he made his more than 300-mile journey swimming the length of the Hudson River over several weeks.

Pugh swam alongside the campus in the morning and returned later in the afternoon for an event with Marist students and faculty. Marist President Kevin Weinman and his wife swam

alongside Pugh in the Hudson River as they made their way by the campus in the morning. More than 20 Marist student-athletes joined them in the water along with the Marist crew team.

Clean water advocacy group Riverkeeper took part in the afternoon event, which included a discussion about ongoing efforts to restore the Hudson and protect its role as a drinking water source.

In the photos, clockwise from top left: Lewis Pugh (foreground) with Marist swim cap, waves with Marist President Kevin Weinman (on the right). Weinman (left), Dan Shapley of Riverkeeper (center) and Pugh (right) during a discussion with Marist students at the historic Cornell Boathouse on the Marist campus. Weinman (fourth from left) and Marist student-athletes prepare to get into the Hudson River while waiting at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park. Marist student-athletes, along with Weinman and his wife Beth Weinman (both on right) after their swim in the Hudson with Lewis Pugh. Pugh was swimming on to his next stop. Courtesy photos



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Answers to this week's diversions
(puzzles on page 16)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5, V.

EDWARD LEROY II A/K/A EDWARD P. LEROY JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. LEROY, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPAC-

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The Purchasing

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EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS

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DECLARED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on September 5, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neill extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

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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

Peter Sestito

LAGRANGEVILLE - Peter Sestito, 75, a resident of Lagrangeville, and formerly of Yorktown Heights and White Plains, passed away on September 1, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He was born in Italy on January 11, 1948 to the late Frank and Antonietta (Venturelli) Sestito. In 1975, he married his beloved wife Linda, who predeceased him in 2019.

Peter proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968-1969, and was a recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal. He worked for many years as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in White Plains, before his retirement in 2003.

He was an avid fan of the New York Mets, Giants and Knicks. He enjoyed playing golf, softball, going bowling, biking and working out at the gym.

Peter is survived by his sons, Richard Sestito (partner Jennifer Tolli) of Mahopac, NY and Peter Sestito (Christine) of Hopewell Junction, NY; his granddaughters, Ava and Grace Sestito of Hopewell Junction, NY; his sister, Rose Catalano (Joe) of Wappingers Falls, NY; brothers, Vito Sestito of Tallahassee, FL and Sal Sestito (Maria) of Valhalla, NY; brother-in-law, Peter Preuss of Mahopac, NY; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife Linda Sestito and his parents, Peter was also predeceased by his sister, Ciara Preuss.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday September 16th, 2023 from 1-5 pm with a funeral service at 5 pm, followed by military honors at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction. Please visit Peter's Book of Memories at www.mchoul-funeralhome.com.

Raymond J. White

SALT POINT - Raymond J. White age 92 of Salt Point, NY formerly of Scarsdale, NY passed away on September 4, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Raymond was born on August 17, 1931 in Mt Vernon, NY. He was the son of the late Thomas J. and Helen McVeigh White. He graduated from A.B. Davis High School in Mt Vernon, NY in June 1950. Raymond married Sally Ann Belknap on August 6, 1955 at Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Scarsdale, NY.

Raymond joined the National Guard 7th Regiment 107 Infantry at the 7th Regiment Armory on Park Avenue in Manhattan in 1951 where he served 3 years. He was drafted into the Marine Corps on April 8, 1952. He served in the 1st Marine Air Wing Fighter Squadron in Atsugi, Japan until 1954.

Raymond served the City of White Plains from 1955 to 1956 as a paid firefighter. In 1956 he joined the Scarsdale Fire Department and served as a paid firefighter until his promotion in 1966 to Captain. In 1967 he was appointed Chief of Department until his retirement in 1991.

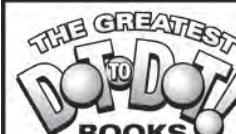
Raymond is survived by his daughter Barbara Robinson (Brian) of Rye NY, grandchildren Max Robinson, Ian Robinson (Ashley), Patricia Swayne and Andrew Swayne. Raymond is predeceased by his wife Sally who passed away on December 19, 2020 and by his daughter Marjorie Swayne who passed away on August 25, 2016.

A visitation for Raymond was held Friday, September 8, 2023 at Edwin L. Bennett Funeral Homes, 824 Scarsdale Ave, Scarsdale, NY 10583. A funeral mass occurred Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church-Scarsdale, 8 Carman Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

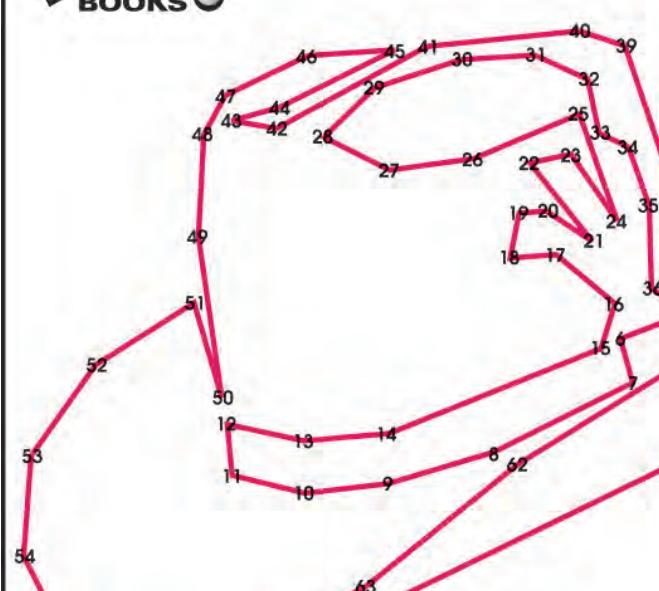
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By David Kalvitis

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Molinaro, Ryan show bipartisan support on pending Farm Bill

Demonstrating bipartisan support for Hudson Valley farmers, U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Pat Ryan (D-NY-18) announced their joint commitment to ensure the pending federal Farm Bill will meet the needs of hard-working local farms that supply fresh food to residents of the region and New York City and drive a thriving agricultural economy across the United States.

The Congressmen spoke at Growing America (USA Farm Bill Gathering) held at Stone Ridge Orchard in Stone Ridge, where they highlighted specific recommendations, they are proposing to advance in the bill. Additional participants in the event included farmers and other agricultural stakeholders from across the region. Host farmer Elizabeth Ryan conducted a tour highlighting climate-friendly agricultural practices utilized at the orchard. The event was held in collaboration with Scenic Hudson, the Northeast Carbon Alliance, and the NY League of Conservation Voters Education Fund.

The current Farm Bill will expire on September 30. Congress has been actively working on the bill, and there are significant opportunities to increase funding and expand programs, especially to underrepresented farmers.

The Farm Bill, passed by the United States Congress roughly every five years, is arguably the single largest source of funding for agriculture and conservation across the nation. It addresses various aspects of agriculture, food, nutrition, and rural development, including:

- Programs to address hunger and food insecurity (e.g., SNAP benefits and nutrition training)
- Farm subsidies
- Conservation programs
- Crop insurance
- Research and extension services
- Investment in rural communities (e.g., jobs, housing, and infrastructure)
- Agricultural trade issues
- Renewable energy programs

"Farmers are being asked to do more with less – to keep producing safe and affordable food, be thoughtful stewards of our environment, and break down barriers for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities," said Molinaro. "As capable and dedicated as our farmers and farm families are, they cannot do this alone. Our work is focused now on listening and learning from farmers in Upstate New York so we can craft a Farm Bill that makes sure they have the resources and flexibility to have economic opportunities, preserve our natural resources, and reduce our impact on the environment. With this feedback, we will deliver a bill that moves us in a direction that ensures a sound, sustainable future for agriculture in Upstate New York and across the nation."

"Farmers and farm families make the conscious choice every day to raise the crops and livestock that sustain us. This hard and often thankless work frequently goes unnoticed, yet the role they play continues to grow in importance — to keep meeting increased demands for

fresh, nutritious food and take steps to protect our planet," said Ryan. "We need to embrace the farm community and make sure there is a path forward for their continued viability, as well as help usher in the next generation of farmers who will build on and improve farming practices that benefit everyone. I join my like-minded colleagues from every walk of life in supporting and advancing sound investments in agriculture that provide real, positive results for our farms and communities, in the Hudson Valley and across America."

"The local, family-owned farms throughout New York and Northeastern states provide a diverse array of food and farm products to residents of the region and country. They can also provide clean water, healthy forests, and the potential to reduce and slow the impacts of climate change," said Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan. "Congressmen Molinaro and Ryan have demonstrated the depth of

their understanding of these issues and the underlying economic interests of the region's farms as advocates at the nation's capital and through the introduction of supportive legislation. As the Farm Bill advances, it is now critical for their colleagues in Washington to listen carefully and support our hard-working farmers and their family farms by removing obstacles to the implementation of federal programs, enhancing technical assistance to farmers, and ensuring smart public policy that balances agricultural and environmental goals."

"The 2023 Farm Bill is a tremendous opportunity for our country to build on recent climate wins like the Inflation Reduction Act," said New York League of Conservation Voters President Julie Tighe. "That historic legislation delivered nearly \$20 billion for climate-smart agriculture and technical assistance for farmers, and it is vital that this funding remains committed to conservation."

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