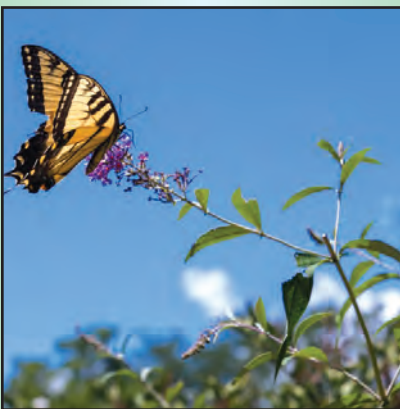


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Butterflies & Blooms at Stony Kill Farm August 7-17



The annual Butterflies & Blooms celebration will take place at Stony Kill Farm in Wappingers Falls from August 7-17.

-Archive photo from Stony Kill Foundation

By Kristine Coulter

Looking for a place to take your children? Looking to get back to nature? Then stop by the Butterflies & Blooms celebration from August 7-17 at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, in Wappingers Falls. There will be activities focused on pollinators. Enjoy music, art, and workshops throughout the festivities.

"Butterflies & Blooms is always a great opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, and connect with nature," said Kim Pennock, volunteer and outreach manager for the Stony Kill Foundation. "Every year, my favorite part of the week's festivities is seeing community members of all ages smiling and enjoying a beautiful evening of pollinator-inspired music and activities during the culminating festival!"

So, what can attendees expect? "Workshop participants can expect small group sessions full of exploration and hands-on activities. Festival visitors will enjoy a beautiful family friendly evening full of pollinator inspired music, activities, crafts, food truck fare, and hayrides," said Pennock.

The following is the list of activities during Butterflies & Blooms, from the Foundation. Advance registration is requested for most activities. Locations subject to change based on weather. Wednesday, August 7-Saturday, August 17

Pollinator Scavenger Hunt

The event is free and for all ages. Download a scavenger hunt worksheet at stonykill.org/butterfly or pick up a copy at any Butterflies and Blooms event. Return completed paper to a Stony Kill representative at one of the events listed below and receive a butterfly patch.

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Fun & games with agriculture to shine at Dutchess County Fair



The Dutchess County Fair will welcome two agriculture-related games at this year's Fair set Aug. 20-25. *Wheels of Agriculture* is a fast-paced, exciting TV-style game show that will have contestants of all ages playing, laughing and learning. *Agri-Golf* is the only LED 9-hole miniature golf course themed for New York's agriculture.

-Courtesy images

By Curtis Schmidt

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Do you have fast hands? Do you know anything about agriculture? Are you feeling lucky?

Or, how about a game of miniature golf - with an agriculture theme?

With agriculture being the "heart of the Dutchess County Fair," officials are constantly exploring creative opportunities to educate fair-goers about the benefits of agriculture and where our food comes from.

They are ready to welcome a pair of interactive games for kids and adults to be featured at the 178th Dutchess County Fair, Aug. 20-25 - *Wheels of Agriculture* and *Agri-Golf*.

Wheels of Agriculture

This fast-paced, exciting TV-style game show will have contestants of all ages

playing, laughing and learning. It's 100 percent audience participation. You might be a contestant, a wheel spinner, or a life-line in the audience when our contestants are stumped.

The best part? Prizes are awarded and everyone learns something about agriculture!

Between shows, the mobile game show "The Trivia Tractor" will bring fun, education and excitement all over the Fairgrounds. You'll never know where it will pop up next.

The main attraction is an interactive game show which takes place on a stage.

The format is trivia-based game play in which the person who can answer a randomly selected question gains points. The questions are primarily agricultural-based and include topics such as - Local Agriculture, Animals, Plants, Food



Groups, Farm and Barnyard, Music and other sounds.

Agri-Golf

Agri-Golf is the only LED 9-hole miniature golf course themed for New York's agriculture. The holes of *Agri-Golf* feature agriculture facts about the state of New York and the importance its agriculture plays across the U.S. It is a unique and entertaining way to learn about agriculture and farming while having fun at the Fair.

Agri-Golf is the brainchild of Lee and Rebecca Andrews, a dynamic duo passionate about fairs and agriculture education. They have combined their passion for agriculture education and family fun to create a unique adventure for all fair goers.

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New owners of Max's want to make people feel 'welcomed and special' Lyonshare Public House to open later this summer

By Kristine Coulter

"This is my new community," said Bud Schmeling as the restaurateur was recently being pulled in many directions by numerous people.

Schmeling began coming to Beacon to visit some friends.

"I started coming up and looking around," said Schmeling. "I saw Max's on Main and that the building was for sale." Schmeling and Kramer Reeves, his friend of 35 years, bought the building that formerly housed Max's at 246 Main St. The closing on the building took place in late April.

Schmeling, who recently moved to Beacon from Brooklyn, had been a restaurateur before. He once owned Black Betty's, described as a seminal Williamsburg restaurant/lounge/music venue, in Williamsburg. He was a manager at Peter Luger Steak House.

"We want to keep some of the stuff and update it, too," said Schmeling of the renovations and remodeling being done at what will be his newest project.

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Kramer Reeves, left, and Bud Schmeling are the new owners of 246 Main St. The new name for the former Max's on Main, will be *Lyonshare Public House*, which is described as a classic American bistro, bar and music venue. The restaurant is scheduled to open later this summer.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

DC Fair 'ambassador' Veeder-Shave named Volunteer of the Year

By Kaeleigh Banda

On June 24, Meegan Veeder-Shave was named Dutchess County Fair Volunteer of the Year. Veeder-Shave has lived in Dutchess County her whole life and has been involved in 4-H programs since she was nine. She is a sewing teacher at Wappingers Junior High School and a mother of two daughters.

"I've never missed a Dutchess County Fair," Veeder-Shave said. "My parents have pictures of me in a backpack carrier with a little pink raincoat and rain coming off my nose, because we went rain or shine."

Veeder-Shave joined a 4-H club as soon as she was old enough. She was originally interested in the food and cooking aspects of 4-H. However, she got an injury playing soccer and her leg was in a cast for about a year. Veeder-Shave said even though the injury was heartbreaking at the time, it led her down the path she is on now.

"During that time, this teacher in high school took me under her wing and told me that I could be a really good seamstress, but I had to slow down and I had to pay attention to things," Veeder-Shave said. "That year that I was in a cast, all of my sewing skills took off and I was voraciously sewing and tailoring."

While she was injured, she made a sheepskin coat and competed in the National 4-H competition where she was awarded the New York State award for clothing construction. She got a free trip to Chicago and met some of the people from Simplicity and other popular sewing machine companies.

Veeder-Shave has continued to use her love of sewing and wool to educate others and give back to her community. She owns sheep that she brings to the Fair every year. One of her goals is to promote the beauty and durability of



Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati presents the Volunteer of the Year award to Meegan Veeder-Shave at the organization's summer dinner meeting on July 24.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

wool. Most of the items she sews or knits are made from wool including her

quilts that made it to the Houston Quilt Show and the Chicago Quilt

Show. Veeder-Shave said the fair is a great way for her to share her craft with others.

"I consider myself an ambassador for promoting the Fair," Veeder-Shave said. "I would also like to pass off some of the knowledge I have to somebody who might want to learn how to crochet or knit and draw people in to try something new."

The day before last year's Fair, Veeder-Shave cut off the end of her finger when she was loading the sheep to take them to the Fair. Even through the stitches and pain, she fulfilled all of her duties at the Fair. Veeder-Shave said she was grateful that she had her family to help her.

"4-H has been a big part of our family all along, and part of that's because my dad (Gary Veeder) back in '72 became a member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society and he would just love to see his family join and help out as well," Veeder-Shave said. "I am grateful for my father for bringing me into the fair and I'm grateful for my family because this is truly a family affair."

Veeder-Shave's contributions to the Fair and its preparation no matter the circumstances led her to receive the Dutchess County Fair Volunteer of the Year award. Veeder-Shave said she plans to continue to work with the fair and 4-H for a long time.

"4-H is a fantastic program because you're working with kids for about 10 years so you get to see them grow, develop, get different skills and go on different paths," Veeder-Shave said. "I mean, I know that it really influenced what I did, I saw how much it influenced my kids and I see how much it influences other kids."

Beacon Police arrest Rockland County man accused of leaving scene of accident resulting in death

City of Beacon Police responded to a call of a suspicious individual looking into vehicles at the Beacon Train Station on July 24 at approximately 3:30 a.m.

According to City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia, in a press release, "upon arrival they located a male who apparently spoke no English, but a Spanish speaking officer was able to question him."

According to the press release, the individual initially provided a false name.

Through the investigation, according to police, it was determined "his name was Manuel Roldan, a 26-year-old from Spring Valley, N.Y."

"Further investigation revealed that he was wanted for leaving the scene of an accident which resulted in death, a class D Felony," according to the release.

He was arrested and turned over to the Rockland County Sheriff's Office.

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Lyonshare Public House to open later this summer



Some of the new doors that were crafted for Lyonshare Public House, which is at 246 Main St. in Beacon.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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The idea is to have the restaurant be “a comfortable place to meet and congregate,” said Schmeling.

“It’s a gem,” said Reeves, who noted they have “a small team of investors.”

There will be a nautical theme with “a lot of brass and antiques,” remarked Schmeling, and done in browns and blues, like a 1950s sailboat. That will be in “a nod to the Hudson River and to honor the tradition of the area,” he added. There will be an oyster bar, he said. The restaurant is described as a classic American bistro, bar and music venue, which is expected to open later this summer.

The new name of the restaurant? “Lyonshare Public House,” said Schmeling. The name is for Captain John Lyon. According to information from New York State, “The Rockland” crossed the Hudson River without interruption for 33 years under the command of Captain John Lyon of Nyack, known to his regular riders as “Pops.” There will be a mural of him in the restaurant, said Schmeling.

“The biggest thing is to make people

feel welcomed and special,” said Schmeling, and adding there will be “exceptional service.”

When the location is open, the restaurant (there is also a possible plan to have upstairs be a hotel with 10 rooms in the future) will offer lunch three days a week and dinner five days a week, he said. There will also be what Schmeling described as “a great happy hour,” with classic cocktails such as martinis and old fashioned.

“I want there to be a great price with impeccable service in an environment that is approachable and inviting for people. But also, that can celebrate some of the history of this [city] and the building,” said Reeves.

They are looking to hire people who are “very serious” about the hospitality industry.

Reeves said with Schmeling and the team that has been assembled so far, he is sure this restaurant will be “a positive addition for the years to come.”

“We’re really excited to be here. We hope the people who loved Max’s will give us a try,” said Schmeling.

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-Courtesy photo

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Now in his 28th year of performing, Lee has quite literally been a performer his whole life. When Lee created his clown character, Lew-E, at the age of three, he had no idea that it would turn into his career. In 2004, at the age of 12, Lee was hired to perform at his first state fair as Lew-E the Clown. He has since that time spent every second on every fairground he has worked, learning ways to make his show one of the most enjoyable experiences a fairgoer will have at their fair.

After 4,000 performances, Lee is one of the most sought-after entertainers in the country. He has a true love and dedication for performing. His No. 1 goal is to create an experience that families will share and talk about for many years to come. Combining their dedication to the fair market and their love for miniature golf made Agri-Golf a no brainer for Lee and Rebecca.

Educating children while they’re having fun and not realizing they are learning in the process is the ultimate compliment Agri-Golf receives.

Roy C Ketcham

Class of 1974

50th Reunion

Date:
September 21, 2024 • 7pm - 11pm Local Time

Location:
Mahoney’s Irish Pub & Steakhouse
35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie

Details:
FRIDAY 9/20: 7pm Kicking things off at Industrial Arts Brewing Company, 511 Fishkill Ave., Beacon. It is the newest scene in music entertainment in the Hudson Valley.
SATURDAY 9/21: 7-11pm Dinner \$65 pp (cash bar) at Mahoney’s Steakhouse, 35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie. 1974 Classmates + 1 guest (Checks or money order only, payable to Sue Theiss & mailed to her at 14 Marco Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) due by 8/15/24
SUNDAY 9/22: 11am Walkway Over The Hudson State Historic Park / Meet at 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie. With good weather, this will be awesome!

A block of 20 Double/King rooms has been reserved 9/20-9/22 at Hampton Inn, 2360 South Road, Poughkeepsie at \$219/night. Reservations must be confirmed by August 20. (833) 604-7020.

Beacon High School honor students announced for 4th quarter

The following students made the Beacon City School District Beacon High School 4th quarter honor roll for the 2023-24 school year, according to the administration.

9th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Mikayla Acevedo, Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Charlotte Bowen, Savannah Brace, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Shannon Colandrea, Emily Coldrick, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Travis Dickson, Ka'Dera Elliott, Elijah Epps, Fionn Fehilly, Lily Figlia, Khloe Franklin, Emilio Guerra, Julian Hannah, Elma-Taherin Hassan, Miguel Herrera, Ryan Huynh, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Lily Mack, Kylie Maloney, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Lillian Ray, Stella Reinke, John Rose, Charlotte Rossi, Finch Simons, Elias Smith, Januario Stageman, Harper Strang, Elliott Thorne, Gavin Troiano, Isaac Tschang, Farrah VanCott, Rudolph Vergolina, Jesse Vermeulen, Lila Welsh, Parker White, Julie Whittemore

9th Grade High Honor Roll

Cecilia Allee, Molly-Rose Archer, Tamirshesh Bernstein, Juniper Breault, Myasia Burch, Michael Cahill, Mateo Cruz, Victoria Diaz, Khordae Facey, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Valeria Garcia, Kayla Gerardes, Ayham Ghazzawi, Abigail Haydt, August Hayes, Adelina Llamas, Molly Lyons, Yadrana Manzano Cabello, Shyanne McNair, Madelyn Pellerin, Brady Philipbar, Sarah Ramkalawon, Julian Rivers, Stella Sheehy, Nolan Varricchio, Fabiola Vogrinic, Aslynn Way, Aine Woods

9th Grade Honor Roll

Lauren Antonucci, Dakota Barden, Emma Bellis, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Hartley Brickman, Isabella Bustamante, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Jason David, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Naim Dika, Daniel Echevarria, Adriana Fazioli, Hudson Fontaine, Brandon Fremer, Leo Garcia, Anayah Gonzalez, Maliah Graham, Elidonya Hudson, Hailee Jennings, Gabriel Khan, Syeira Kozlik, Jayden Lassiter, Penelope Lipari, Yianniz Male, Gianna Mercer, Ryan Mowen, Lakota Newman, Joseph Pallone, Lilly Pendley,

Nicholas Perry, Bella Ridore, Sebastian Roquel, Noah Sanderson, Jeremiah Sellers-Richards, Katherine Sendelbach, Caeleb Smith, Tabitha Smith-White, Adryanah Sweat, Kiara Tice, Brevin Timm, Connor Varricchio, Andrew Whittemore, Ny'el Woods

10th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Alexander Browning, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Marisah George, Samiha Golden, Kayla Hammond, Zenia Haris, Everly Jordan, Alina Joseph, Gabrielle Khalil, Griffin Kitzrow, Savana Kush, Irene Loza Argudo, Alma Mart, Aril McKee, Oscar McKible, Jayden Mihalchik, Mira Miller, Liliana Rybak, Kayla Selander, Anna Sevastianova

10th Grade High Honor Roll

Mira Bagriyanik, James Bouchard III, Parker Capawana, Lola Ciccone, Skylar Clair, Sofia Domanski, Teo Fairbanks, Gabriel Godbee, Dylan Hetrick, Grace Hockler, Ayden Hooten, Ruby Hotchkiss, Vincent Joao Jr., Oren Kelleher, Kiran Kumar, Carlos Lampon III, Aron Li, Brayden Manning, Aiden Montleon, Annabelle Notarthomas, Adrien Okoye, Michael Ramos, Jonathan Richards, Jalaysia Robinson, Yoland Rofael, Mikaela Sanchez, Zachary Schetter, Thomas Senior, Wilmer Sinchi Jimbo, Aiden Spiecker, Gannon Statini-Perez, George Walker, Alexander Young, Addison Zittel

10th Grade Honor Roll

Madison Abrahamson, Macy Alencastro, Logan Blum, Ella Brill, Stephanie Bustamante Cruz, Samuel Callan, Kiera D'Ippolito, Emi Dickinson Case Leal, Alejandro Flores Urzua, Jeremiah Hardwell Jr., Tyler Horton, Milo Isabell, Michael Jones, Caneron Just, Taylor Kelliher, Maceo Koerner, Mia Koller, Ryan Landisi, Isabella Lee, Tania Lindsay, Erin Maignan, Nora Marshall, Julia McGuire-Soellner, Annalea Miller, Khiana Nicholson, Brea O'Flaherty, Nolan O'Malley, Amaya Paulin, Katrina Skorewicz, Noah Spiak, Clive Stewart, Rihanna Taylor, Jonathan Trentacosta, Matthew Tumidaj, Marcos Velasco, Ri'Kya

White

11th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Kendall Alston, Beckett Anderson, Anabelle Arginsky, Isabel Bunker, Christine Chen, Evelina Diebboll, AvaMaria Gianna, Mackenzie Harman, Karma Jones, Charlie Klein, Lani Lopez, Josephine Mallon, Jada Medley, Emma Merola, Addison Miller, Anastasia Santise, Kayli Shand, Serena Stampleman, Mika-Gisselle Tate, Ava Zeoli, Francis Zezza

11th Grade High Honor Roll

Isabella Baffuto, Taryn Beardsley, Sally Betterbid, Daniel Bridges, Lila Burke, Avery Davis, Tayler Finley, Willa Freedman, Justin Gerardes, Bailey Hernandez, Sarah Jaafar, Jeannae' Jean-Francois, Reilly Landisi, Ela Lyons, Allen McKay, Madison Mianti, Genan Mohammed Murtada, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Ronan Moran, Amelia Padilla, Lindsay Pedersen, Josue Pintado, David Quezada, Nathan Richardson, Daveya Rodriguez, Breanna Rudolph, Katherine Ruffy, Jacob Signorelli, Jax Spodek, Amya Thompson, Roque Vianna

11th Grade Honor Roll

Kevin Beal, Angelina Bottiglieri, Ahmaria Bunn, Devin Byrne, Jaidyn Caccamo, Danica del Puerto-Vitti, William Echevarria, Ja'mes Gordon, Brady Juhn, Vincent Komer, Rory LaDue, Rowan Lane, Ethan Maignan, Paige McCredo, Zoe Moreno, Rory Mowen, Brianna Perez-Sample, Bethany Rudolph, Fia Rumnit, Mehr Sagri, Gabriel Salcedo, Alexi Santana, Chloe Sheffield, Makhi Smith, Emma Soltish, Sortia Tripaldi, Holly Whittemore, Joseph Williams, Malcolm Wilson, Charles Zellinger

12th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Isabella Amundson, Nicole Coliman, Eleanor Cunningham, Jacqueline Griesing, Harsh Gupta, Serena Jabar, Olivia Lapaz, Myasia Lewis, Tiannah Lindsay, Evan Lombardo, Hannah Marin, Alexandria McCollum, Nico McKible, Isabella Migliore, Karimah Muhammad, Twyla Nelson, Emilia Pastorello, Vanessa Picciacchio, Nahari Powell, Luis Rivera, Rachel Thorne, Peter Vermeulen, Brandon Warren, Emily Wei, Wallace Wei, Ryan

Zingone Redfield

12th Grade High Honor Roll

Ronnie Anzovino, Anthony Borrromeo, Vanessa Campanelli, Ella Cason, Rubio Castagna -Torres, Olivia Del Castillo, Damini Deloatch, Luke DeLuise, Marina Elias, Gabriella Espinal, Jayden Featherstone, Nora Folkes, Sara Gonzalez, Sienna Gorey, Alexander Guobadia, Cadence Heeter, Georgia Kane, Zuhir Kasem, Zakary Krachy, Shy'anne Kush, Owen Lynch, Amerie Madigan, Bryce Manning, Stephen McDowell, Christopher Milewski, Aryah Montefusco, Gia Morgan, Thomas Nocerino, Cameron O'Dell, Lillie O'Leary, Elisa Pahucki, Henry Reinke, Nina Rivers, Keira Robinson, Leena Rodrigues, Kiara Rodriguez, Elizabeth Ruffy, Matthew Sandison, Kasey Senior, Owen Skorewicz, Jahzara Watkins, Jon-Paul Wood

12th Grade Honor Roll

Imroz Ali, Jack Antalek, Wiles Assael, Caleb Bennett, Daniel Benson, Henry Betterbid, Emma Campagiorni, Sophia Campagiorni, Douglas Capawana, Isabella Claudio, Michael Fontaine Jr., Jaelynn Hernandez, William Hockler, Keira Istvan, Paul Jenkins, Emma Joyce, Bryana Kelliher, Devyn Kelly, Gabrielle Kuka, Leonides Lopez IV, Seth Maloney, Anthony Marzovilla, Natalia Millan, Liam Murphy, Vanessa Murphy, Brad Patino Albarracin, Christopher Pirrone, Arden Ragone, Merilyn Rinaldi, Jackson Shrawder, Anisa Shtanaj, Brandon Soria, Andrew Spiconardi, Michael Varian, August Wright, Noelle Young

BOCES CTI High Honor Roll

Ahmaria Bunn, Zakary Krachy, Amerie Madigan, Cameron O'Dell, Nathan Richardson, Luis Rivera, Joseph Williams, Noelle Young

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A'Jah Bradshaw-Washington, Ryann Meyer, Aryah Montefusco, Darryl Montgomery, Briana Perez-Sample, Codie Reinoehl, Pedro Rivera III, Riley Slosson, Makhi Smith, Michael VanBuren, Brayden Vlasaty.

Local Scout earns Eagle Scout pin, certificate



Members of Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 presented Zackary Krachy from Scout Troop 41 with his Eagle Scout pin and Certificate of Merit from the Elks Grand Lodge on June 30.

Pictured, from left, Stephanie Soltish, Lodge Chaplain, Zackary and Jennifer See, Lodge member.

-Courtesy photo

Astor Services hosts free community screenings in Hyde Park, the Bronx

Astor Services, a leading provider of quality mental and behavioral health and education services for children, young adults and their families, hosted community screenings of Pixar's "Inside Out 2," followed by post-movie discussions on the importance of all emotions and healthy ways to balance them.

The screenings took place at the AMC 13 Bay Plaza in the Bronx and the Roosevelt Theatre in Hyde Park. Theresa Venticinque, LCSW - Bronx Day Treatment assistant director, led the conversation in the Bronx and Kathy Mills,

Psy.D. - director of crisis services, facilitated the discussion in the Hudson Valley.

The event was free of charge, thanks to the support of sponsors, who teamed with Astor to help make the day extra special for attendees. Catholic Charities of New York and Mike Mills - State Farm Insurance Agent served as popcorn sponsors, while Adams Fairacre Farms, Astor Services' Board of Directors, Marjorie Cadogan, Rondout Savings Bank, Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP, and Williams Lumber Home Centers were candy sponsors.

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Dutchess County Agricultural Society announces scholarships for 2024

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced the youths who were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2024. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 24 during the annual Agricultural Society's dinner meeting.

"The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Evan Boice. Several other awards were given out to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture," stated Andy Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (Dutchess County Fairgrounds). He continued with, "This year, in addition to the scholarships already in place, a new \$1000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School Student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community."

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles.

The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

- Evan Boice of Lagrangeville, was selected to receive the \$10,000 scholarship plus a one-time additional \$7,500 award.

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

- Ashley Keck of Poughkeepsie
 - Katelyn Marshall of Clinton Corners
 - Lauryn Menz of Red Hook
 - Kathryn Tibbetts of Hyde Park
- DCAS Inc. Rhinebeck High School Good Citizenship Award: Jerriemy Chilson of Rhinebeck

The 178th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held August 20 - 25 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year's Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on Facebook and Twitter or call 845-876-4000.



Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced the youths who were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee during the annual summer dinner meeting on July 24. Pictured, from left, are Kathryn Tibbetts, Katelyn Marshall, Ashley Keck, Jerriemy Chilson, and Evan Boice. Not pictured is scholarship winner Lauryn Menz of Red Hook.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Butterflies & Blooms at Stony Kill Farm in August

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Wednesday, August 7 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Insect Safari with Bill

Meet at the Sierra Trailhead and bring bug spray, dress for a hike. Admission is \$5. For all ages.

Friday, August 9 at 8 p.m.
Outdoor Movie, "My Garden of 1,000 Bees"

Free movie for all ages. The showing of the movie will be next to the Manor House. It is suggested one brings a lawn chair or blanket. The rain date is August 10 at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 10 at 8 p.m.
Evening Moth Walk with Sinead and Alanna

For all ages. Admission is \$5. Meet at the picnic tables by the Manor House.

Tuesday, August 13 from 11 a.m.-Noon
Monarch Migration with Stacey

For all ages. Admission is \$5. Meet at Woodland Trailhead.

Wednesday, August 14 at 10:30 a.m.-Noon

What's the Buzz? Honeybee Activity and Craft

For all ages. Admission is \$5. Meet in the field in front of the Stony Kill Farm Barn.

Friday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Storytime and Pollinator Discovery Session 1 (Impatient Caterpillar?) by Ross Burach

For ages 3 and up with a caregiver. The event is free. Meet in the Outdoor Classroom next to the Stony Kill Farm greenhouse.

Friday, August 16 at Noon
Storytime and Pollinator Discovery Session 2 (Make Way for Butterfly?) by Ross Burach

For ages 3 and up with a caregiver. The

event is free. Meet in the Outdoor Classroom next to the Stony Kill Farm greenhouse.

Friday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Perennial Planting for Pollinators with Allie

For all ages. Admission is \$25. Meet at the Stony Kill Farm greenhouse. Preregistration is required.

The following events will be held at on the Festival's final day Saturday, August 16 from 4-7:30 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, August 18)

Saturday, August 17 from 4-6 p.m.
Hay Rides in the Butterfly Wagon

This free event is for all ages. Rides leave at the start of the farm lane

Saturday, August 17 from 4-7:30 p.m.
Activities and crafts

For all ages. It is suggested to bring cash for the pop-up shop and food trucks. Meet on the lawn in front of the Manor House.

Saturday, August 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Concert on the Lawn featuring The Big Band Sound

This is a free event for all ages. Take place on the lawn in front of the Manor House.

"Stony Kill Foundation's mission is to educate the public and cultivate environmental stewardship through interpretation of the rich historical, environmental, and agricultural heritage of Stony Kill Farm. The workshops and events we offer help us connect with the public and inspire future stewards and farmers," said Pennock.

Pennock noted one should visit stonykill.org/butterfly to register for the different events.

To find out more about this year's Butterflies & Blooms events, visit stonykill.org/butterfly.

August brings football for local HS squads

The dog days of July heading into August can only mean one thing.

We are that much closer to high school football season.

Section 1 football begins official practice on Saturday, Aug. 24. Most high schools have already competed in scrimmages and lineman challenges and passing skills – not to mention weightlifting

sessions – since the end of last season.

Section 9, which includes Our Lady of Lourdes, Spackenkill and many of the northern Dutchess County schools such as Red Hook, Roosevelt and Pine Plains, will begin on Monday, August 19. OLL has appeared in consecutive sectional title games, winning once.

PV Car Show set Aug. 4

The 15th annual Pleasant Valley Car Show is set for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall on Rt. 44.

Registration for cars begins at 9:30 a.m. at \$20 per vehicle and all are welcome. Sponsorships are available.

The show is free to spectators and food and refreshments will be available. It will include a 50-50 raffle and door prizes.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades hope to rebound after tough week in Wilmington

By Rich Thomaselli

The difficult start to the second half of the minor league baseball season continued for the Hudson Valley Renegades in last week's series at Wilmington.

The Renegades are now 13-16 in the second half of the season and in fifth place, 4.5 games behind league-leading Greensboro. They are at home this week for six games against Jersey Shore at Heritage Financial Park.

The Wilmington Blue Rocks used a three-run eighth inning to earn a come-from-behind victory over the Renegades 5-4 last Tuesday night at Frawley Stadium.

The Renegades took the lead early in the top of the first when Roc Riggio led off the game with a single against Riley Cornelio. Recently traded Jared Serna then ripped a home run to left to give Hudson Valley a 2-0 lead. It was his fifth long ball of the season at Frawley Stadium and sixth against the Blue Rocks. Serna finished 2-for-4 with a run scored, a double, his team-leading 13th home run and three RBI.

Baron Stuart had a strong start in his first appearance after the All-Star Break, throwing five shutout innings with five strikeouts and no walks issued. The right-hander allowed just three total baserunners after the first inning. Josh Moylan hit a solo homer in the fourth to extend the Renegades lead to 3-0, his fourth long ball of the season. But it was not to last. The Blue Rocks got on the board in the sixth against Hueson Morrill. A Phillip Glasser single, Jared McKenzie walk and Murphy Steely hit



Southpaw Kyle Carr, left, has thrown 10 innings of one-run ball with only three hits against him in his last two starts. Right, Cam Schlittler threw a career-high seven innings, allowing two runs, while inducing nine groundball outs in a 2-1 loss to Wilmington on Saturday.

-Photos by Dave Janosz



by pitch loaded the bases with no outs. Maxwell Romero drove home Glasser and McKenzie with a single to cut the lead to 3-2. In the bottom of the eighth, Wilmington took the lead with three runs off Cole Ayers (2-4). Joe Naranjo hit a solo home run to cut the lead to 4-3. After a single by Romero, T.J. White

put Wilmington in front 5-4 with a two-run homer.

Hudson Valley dropped a 4-1 decision last Wednesday before bouncing back to win 5-2 on Thursday. Kyle Carr put together another strong start for Hudson Valley, allowing just one run on three hits in five innings while striking out six.

Including his five no-hit innings last Friday, the southpaw has thrown 10 innings of one-run ball with only three hits against him in his last two starts.

After the first two Wilmington batters of the game recorded hits, Carr retired 14 of the last 16 batters he faced. Yorlin Calderon struck out the side in a 1-2-3 ninth inning to earn his first Renegades save.

But it was back to the losing side on Friday night as the Renegades fell, 5-2. Jace Avina led off the game with a single and Jared Serna doubled to put runners at second and third. Two batters later, Antonio Gomez drove in Avina with an RBI single to give the Renegades a 1-0 lead. Wilmington answered with three runs in the bottom of the first against Blane Abeyta. Phillip Glasser led off with a double and came home to score after a throwing error on a Jared McKenzie sacrifice bunt attempt. A two-run homer by Maxwell Romero later in the inning made it 3-1 Blue Rocks. Murphy Stehly hit a solo home run in the third to push the Wilmington advantage to 4-1.

Saturday wasn't any better, with a 2-1 loss. But Cam Schlittler was stellar for Hudson Valley, recording his fourth quality start of the season and second in his last three starts. The right-hander threw a career-high seven innings, allowing two runs (one earned) while inducing nine groundball outs.

The offense did come alive for the Renegades on Sunday in the series finale, as they notched nine hits in a 5-4 victory over Wilmington.

General Manager Q&A

Looking at realignment and understanding entertainment

The Hudson Valley Renegades have a first-year general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades in particular and on minor league baseball in general.

As the general manager, you probably knew this long before we did. But what is your reaction to the realignment for next year?

The only thing that we saw is that

Greensboro also moved to the South Division. Now, the divisions will be unbalanced with seven teams and five teams, respectively. But as far as opponents go, it doesn't seem to me that they're really taking into account the divisional opponents as a priority.

Do you and the staff set any goals, such as X number of fans in the seats or amount of merchandise sold? And have you achieved those?

Yeah, we do. We have revenue goals. We also have customer service goals. Like, for example, we survey our fans at every game, and we try to strive for a certain score for each category that's surveyed. And last year, I am proud to say we far exceeded that customer service goal, and certainly on pace to do the same this year as well. We not only have revenue goals, but we also have expense goals. We want to be a successful business.

After 30 years, why do you think people

continue to embrace this franchise?

I think because our mission has stayed the same. Since Day One, we have tried to provide affordable family fun. I don't think at any point we've taken ourselves too seriously. We have always looked at the baseball as never being our priority. It's always been kind of secondary to the fun things we do for the fans when they come to a game. I think that most people would agree that their memory come from not baseball, but from the entertainment.



Zach Betkowski

Tompkins Community Bank invests in community, encourages all employees to volunteer locally



From left are Jeffery Warminsky, Michael Ziminsky, Allen Margolius, Larry Gore, Kim Arco, and Alison Romano, volunteering at The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.

-Courtesy photo

Tompkins Community Bank's (Tompkins) Acorn Community Alliance is banking on community spirit as employees volunteer across the Hudson Valley. The Acorn Community Alliance program, which encourages employees to volunteer within the communities serviced by the financial institution, has contributed 180 hours of volunteer work so far this year.

From packaging and distributing food to reading to children at specialized education schools, the Acorn Community Alliance will continue to support a variety of Hudson Valley organizations throughout the remainder of 2024, including Habitat for Humanity, Paws Crossed, and United for the Troops. Tompkins' team members have spent approximately 2,200 hours serving the community since 2018.

"Giving back to the communities we serve is central to our mission as a community bank," said David DeMilia, president of Tompkins' Hudson Valley locations. "It has been so rewarding for myself and our team to invest in the well-being of the Hudson Valley and the people who call this area home."

Wappingers Falls celebrates one year of First Saturday: A Community-Building Event

The village of Wappingers Falls is gearing up to celebrate the one-year anniversary of First Saturday, a beloved monthly

event that aims to bring the community closer together. On August 3rd, residents and visitors alike are invited to partake in

a day filled with exciting activities, community-wide events, and exclusive promotions offered by local businesses.

First Saturday has quickly become a highlight of the village's social calendar, providing an opportunity for neighbors to connect, engage, and celebrate their vibrant community. The event offers a range of activities that cater to all ages and interests, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

One of the main attractions of the day will be the art show opening at the picturesque Boathouse on Creek Road. A local artist Mark Price will showcase multiple pieces of work.

For those seeking adventure and a bit of friendly competition, The Hog and Grinnell Library will organize an exciting scavenger hunt throughout the village. Participants will have the opportunity to explore hidden gems and solve riddles, adding an element of mystery and excitement

to the day's festivities.

Additionally, the SW Johnson Firehouse will open its doors to the public for an Open House, providing an opportunity for community members to interact with local firefighters, learn about fire safety, and get an up-close look at the firehouse's equipment and apparatus.

Local businesses are also joining in on the celebration by offering exclusive deals and promotions. From charming boutiques to cozy cafes, residents and visitors can take advantage of special discounts while supporting the local economy.

As the village of Wappingers Falls gathers to commemorate the successful first year of First Saturday, the event organizers express their gratitude to the community for their support.

Don't miss out on the one-year celebration of First Saturday in the village of Wappingers Falls on August 3. Join in the festivities, connect with your neighbors.

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Left: celebrate the one-year anniversary of First Saturday in Wappingers Falls on August 3.

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get growing! by mark adams A thousand miles of gardens

So many gardens. So little time. Sue and I had three days to visit three gardens in three different states. The idea was to look at new flowers for 2025, check out a historic garden and stop at a display garden and a trial garden.

First stop – Sonnenburg Gardens in Canandaigua, N.Y. As president of New York State Flower Industries, Sue set up a tour to go along with her annual meeting. Executive Director David Hutchings led us through the nine garden “rooms” covering 50 acres, and the 1887 mansion. Mary Clark Thompson and her husband Frederick Thompson, whose family founded Citibank in 1863, built their summer retreat in the beautiful city of Canandaigua on the north shore of Seneca Lake. Like many of the mansions and gardens from the late 18th century – think of Vanderbilt Mansion’s Italian garden– the property fell into disrepair until a group of dedicated volunteers started a restoration in the 1970s. The restoration is ongoing, and director Hutchings admitted that a lot of work still needs to be done. To my eyes, the garden was not worth the trip unless you happen to be touring the Finger Lakes. Better to visit the New York Botanical Garden, Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, or even the fully restored Vanderbilt Italian garden. The mansion may have been well worth the trip, but -hey- it’s not a garden.

Second stop – a six-hour drive south to Monroeville, N.J., off exit 2 of the turnpike. Lucas Greenhouse is one of the biggest commercial growers in the world – 45 acres under cover. George and Louise Lucas supply independent garden centers all over the Northeast with pots and hanging baskets of flowers, hardy chrysanthemums and poinsettias. The Lucas operation is ten times the size of my greenhouse here in Poughkeepsie. I once asked Louise how they ended up so big and successful. “The good Lord,” she told me. Sue and I had come to see Lucas’ display garden of hundreds of annual

flowers – petunias, geraniums, million bells, coleus – many new varieties for 2025. We were looking for a red angelonia, but it hasn’t been invented yet. It takes a dozen or more years to breed a new flower. Exciting new varieties for 2025 include a multi-blossomed sunflower and a black angelonia. At one point I raved about “Petchua Supercal Premium Caramel Yellow” and told Sue we should try it out. “We’ve been growing it for years,” she told me.

Third stop – Penn State trial garden in Lancaster, PA. As opposed to the display garden at Lucas Greenhouse, Penn State University runs a trial garden, where different varieties of the same flower are grown side by side for comparison. You might see 20 red petunias, from several flower breeders. Sue is always looking for a true red, not a “scarlet” or a raspberry red. You can’t tell the true color from a catalog, you have to see it for real, which we do. We look for coleus that doesn’t bloom (the flowers are usually ugly) and verbena that does bloom in the heat of late July. Nemesia is notorious for fading away in the summer, but nemesia “scentopia” was still in bloom, plus it has a delightful fragrance. Sue was searching for inspiration for her combination hanging baskets (we grow 30,000). Petunia “Tiara Blue,” and Salvia “Unplugged Red,” both new from Proven Winners, look good.

Evaluating hundreds of flowers is exciting but exhausting. The 1,000-mile round trip makes for a challenging three days. When we got back to work on Friday morning, everyone asked, “How was your vacation?” The following Wednesday, Sue and I take off to look at more new flowers, this time at Pleasant View Gardens in Concord, New Hampshire.

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



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Obituaries

Gloria Patricia Bailey



Gloria Patricia Bailey was born on April 12th, 1949, to Patrick and Vernice Mendes. She spent her childhood attending NYC public schools and eventually graduated from Wingate High School. Following high school, Gloria pursued further education at Northwest Bible College in North Dakota, where she deepened her Christian faith. Eventually, she attended nursing school in Brooklyn, NY, leading to her becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Gloria's professional career began at Kings County Hospital, where she honed her nursing skills. She then moved on to work at various healthcare facilities, including the Salvation Army Residence, Bellevue Hospital, Rikers Island, and several nursing homes. Gloria's dedication and commitment to providing quality care to her patients

earned her a reputation as a compassionate and skilled nurse.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Gloria was deeply rooted in her Christian faith. She had a personal relationship with God and was actively involved in various church communities, including C.A.L.M and Agape. Gloria's faith was a central aspect of her life, and she was known for her fervent prayers and unwavering devotion to the Lord.

Gloria was married to Jason Bailey (deceased) in 1971, with whom she had three children: Keith (deceased), Wanda, and Tracy. Despite facing personal challenges and tragedies, Gloria remained resilient and dedicated to her family. She leaves behind a lasting legacy through her two daughters Wanda Bailey and Tracy David, nine grandkids, Shanicia Bailey, Elaine Bagot, Destiny Grant, Shadae Bagot, Aceim Hall, Emmanuel McGarrell, Aniya Bailey, Jason David and Akeel Bailey, two great-grands Alexandria Bailey and Bian Jean-Louis, her sister Vanessa Hudson and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to carry on her values and teachings.

Gloria's life story serves as a testament to the power of faith, perseverance, and dedication to one's professional calling. Her journey from humble beginnings to becoming a respected nurse and a pillar of her community is an inspiration to many. Gloria's impact extends beyond the walls of the healthcare facilities she worked in; she touched the lives of countless individuals through her kindness, compassion, unwavering faith, infectious smile and laughter that can be heard from miles away.

Agape Shalom Joy

Family and friends gathered on Friday, July 26 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Public invited to recognize neighbors in area for People for People awards

People for People Fund - a not-for-profit dedicated to providing temporary financial assistance to Orange, Ulster and Sullivan County residents who experience unexpected financial setbacks - has announced that nominations for its "Positive People Award" are open now through Wednesday, August 7.

For the first time, People for People Fund is asking community members across the Hudson Valley to nominate outstanding individuals and companies that exemplify the spirit of its mission - those that positively contribute to the community and, ultimately, help others.

Nominees must live, work or volunteer in Orange, Ulster or Sullivan County; self-nominations are accepted. For more information about the awards, or to submit a nomination, visit: <https://rb.gy/9jbiew>.

"People for People Fund would not exist without the support of our community," said Nolly Climes, president, People for People Fund. "These awards will let us thank those who share our vision of 'neighbors helping neighbors'. Whether nominees are familiar with our work or not, we hope that the public will help us recognize those who share our passion for giving back."

Honorees will be notified by Thursday, August 29. Awards will be presented at the Fund's second annual Recognition Breakfast at Wallkill Golf Club on Thursday, September 26. The public is welcome to join People for People Fund for the free event, though advance registration is required.

To attend, please email RSVP@peopleforpeoplefund.org by Monday, September 16.

Wappingers BOE to hold a special meeting on Aug. 1

The Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District will hold a special meeting on Thursday, August 1. The meeting will be held at Roy C. Ketcham HS Auditorium, 99 Myers Corners Rd., Wappingers Falls at 7:30 a.m.

Board Member John Lumia will be participating remotely from an alternate location in N.J. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting may be viewed via remote live stream @ www.youtube.com/@wcsd

[media9266/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@wcsd)

A recording will also be uploaded to the video library for viewing at a later date.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider approval of personnel lists, budget transfers, a bid report, and other time-sensitive agenda items that cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting. The agenda was posted in Board Docs on Friday, July 26, <https://go.board-docs.com/ny/wcsd/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.

Sharon Kay Northcutt Ostrofsky



On Saturday, July 20, 2024, Sharon Kay (Northcutt) Ostrofsky passed away at 75.

Born in Sentinel, Oklahoma, Sharon grew up in San Diego, CA as devotedly Pentecostal, and then in her teenage years in the 60s turned to drag racing muscle cars, wearing miniskirts and false eyelashes, and working as a secretary for the U.S. Naval Underwater Research Center in Miramar, CA.

She met her husband of 52 years, Tom Ostrofsky, moved to New York State where they had their daughter, and worked as a bus driver for the Hyde Park Central School District for more than 20 years. She was a resident of Hyde Park for over 40 years.

Known for her silliness, big smile and a sparkle of mischief in her eyes, Sharon befriended everyone she met. Anywhere she

was, you could find her with students, nurses, waiters or passing strangers who felt compelled to sit and tell her what was on their heart.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, her daughter, Lauree (Damon Ely), and her step-grandkids Caroline and Alice. She's preceded by her parents, Clyde and Mary Northcutt, sister Gloria Gullard and nephew Michael Gullard.

A memorial in her honor will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 2pm at Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church in Staatsburg, NY. Any flowers sent will be shared with the Abloom flower recovery program in Red Hook, NY to pass along the beauty to senior centers and shelters.

Kiyotaka Saji



EAST FISHKILL - Kiyotaka Saji, PhD, 82, died on July 23, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medial Center following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Tokyo, Japan on May 30, 1942, he was the son of Seima Saji and Misao Kawamura. Dr. Saji was employed as a Statistician/Engineer for IBM.

Dr. Saji enjoyed playing tennis, mahjong and card games. He loved traveling all over the world, visiting 86 countries and 44 National Parks in the United States. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Kiyotaka is survived by his wife, Kyong (Choe) Saji; his son Ken Saji and his wife Cheryl; his stepdaughters Theresa, Sabrina and Crystal Luginbuhl; his grandchildren, Austin, Addison and Jackson; and his sister Akemi Marshall.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, August 3, from 10am-12pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. There will be a funeral service at 12pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Take survey on future of Schatz property in Poughkeepsie

'Pop-up' event set for August 6

Dutchess County is seeking community input regarding development of the former Schatz Federal Bearings Company property, a 20-acre site on Fairview Avenue in the Town Poughkeepsie that spans into the City of Poughkeepsie. The County and its partners have established a "Revitalize Schatz" website, revitalizeschatz.com, where residents can learn about and take a survey regarding potential projects, including the housing, commercial, and amenity options for the site. There will also be a "pop-up" event on August 6 on the Marcus J. Molinaro Northside Line in Poughkeepsie from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where project coordinators will be available to talk about the project and hear ideas and comments.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Dutchess County and our partners have a unique opportunity to transform the long-vacant Schatz property into an asset that can benefit its surrounding communities. We urge residents to engage with Dutchess County and our partners - either in person or online - to help guide the future of the site and make this project one in which we can all take pride."

The development of the site is part of a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study the County and its partners - including RUPCO, a nonprofit organization focused on providing affordable housing and community develop-

ment services in the Hudson Valley, and Kearney Realty Co. - have launched. Under this New York State program, BOAs examine options for the reuse and redevelopment of a site with historical environmental contamination.

The former Schatz Federal Bearings Company produced bearings for the automotive industry for a large part of the 20th century, though the Fairview Avenue site was contaminated years ago and has long sat vacant. BOA participants receive state grant funding for a variety of planning work, including a site survey, building structural analysis, market analysis, environmental reports and community vision for the future of the site.

The former Schatz site lies between Parker Avenue to the south, Cedar Avenue to the north and the MJM Northside Line to the west. Public outreach will continue in the coming months to gather community input to help inform decisions regarding the types of housing, commercial and amenity options to pursue, as well as linkages to adjacent resources, such as MidHudson Regional Hospital, Marist College, the Walkway Over the Hudson, the MJM Northside Line Rail Trail and other developments underway, like Hudson Heritage and Scenic Hudson's Parker Avenue campus. Additional information is available on the "Get Engaged" section of the "Revitalize Schatz" website.

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Personal injury firm Rutberg Breslow raises \$50,000 for two area New York State Law Enforcement Funds

Local law firm, Rutberg Breslow Personal Injury Law raised \$50,000 at their recent golf and gamble overnight fundraiser to be shared between two charities selected by Sheriff Kirk Imperati of Dutchess County and Sheriff Mike Schiff of Sullivan County.

Sheriff Kirk Imperati and Undersheriff Jason Mark of Dutchess County joined Marty Rutberg, Larry Breslow and Chuck Benfer at the Dutchess County Sheriff's office to present the official donation check in the amount of \$25,000 to the members of the Dutchess County 10-13 Foundation of the Hudson Valley. "Receiving this donation of \$25,000 is huge, it's our biggest donation yet. It's going to help continue our mission of helping officers in need," said Brian Tarpey, DC 10-13 Vice Chair.

"They did an outstanding job with this golf tournament raising money for a great foundation," Imperati said. When referencing Dutchess County's partnership with Rutberg Breslow, Sheriff Imperati stated, "We've been friends and had a relationship for over 32 years of my career in law enforcement. They're unbelievably dedicated to our community. They take care of injured people and their families, because that's what they do, and that's what we do too. It's a perfect bond and a great relationship. Because we're on the same page and we do the same thing."

In law enforcement, 10-13 is the code for "officer down, needs assistance." It is those four words that became the basis of



From left are, Dutchess County Undersheriff Jason Mark, Brian Tarpey (DC 10-13 Vice Chair), Marty Rutberg (Founding Partner Rutberg Breslow Injury Law), DC Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Mike DeRosa (DC 10-13 Treasurer), Larry Breslow (Managing Partner Rutberg Breslow Injury Law, Craig Winters (DC 10-13 member), Chuck Benfer (Palam Radio).

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the DC 10-13 Foundation. "The foundation helps officers that are in need of assistance. Developed as an organization focused on helping any member of Dutchess County law enforcement, or their families, who have suffered financial hardship due to illness, injury – whether

suffered on the job or otherwise – or other unfortunate circumstances. Since its inception, the foundation has expanded to offer assistance throughout the Hudson Valley. No board member or trustee takes a single penny of salary instead, they give back to those who keep us safe every day.

According to DC 10-13 board members, the foundation has become "more than a foundation put together by local leaders, citizens, and current and former police officers. This foundation is a community coming together. A community that understands and appreciates the sacrifices of law enforcement and respects what they do to keep us all safe."

"The DC 10-13 foundation helps law enforcement families when bad things happen to them. We consider ourselves lucky to be able to do a little bit of work by getting people to donate and support our golf outing that generated the money that now goes to this agency. We in the firm believe that part of being an attorney is being a positive force in the community. This is part of what we hope we can do every day, a little bit, one day at a time to help others," said Marty Rutberg.

The first annual Golf & Gamble tournament was hosted by Rutberg Breslow Injury Law at the Monster Golf Course in Monticello last month and included an overnight stay at

Resorts World Catskills. Partnered with the Sullivan County Sheriff and Dutchess County Sheriff, and with the support of Chuck Benfer of Palam Broadcasting, they garnered substantial support from the community and participants, and raised a considerable sum towards two great causes surrounding law enforcement.

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12. Joie de vivre
13. Fodder holder
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15. ___ Grey tea
16. Gulf V.I.P.
17. Edible cannabis substance
18. *Famous Olympics basketball team (2 words)
20. 90 degrees on compass
21. Like Al Yankovic
22. Popular deciduous tree
23. College treasurer
26. Balaclava (2 words)
30. Compass point between E and NE
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34. Diva's delivery
35. Smart ones?
37. Two halves
38. That is, in Latin
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40. What ivy does
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45. Alternative form of a gene
47. Band aid
48. Diet inspired by prehistory
50. European erupter
52. *Michael Phelps predecessor
56. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard ___
57. Black and white killer?
58. U.S. lake
59. From then on
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63. a.k.a. acid
64. State of vexation

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2. a.k.a. Daminozide
3. Hard to find
4. Family addition, pl.
5. *Archer or shooter, e.g.
6. Homer's classic
7. Accepted behavior
8. *a.k.a. Cassius, 1960 gold medal winner
9. Greek H's
10. Landlord's due
11. Heat unit
13. Certain style of humor
14. Obelus, pl.
19. "The end justifies the ___"
22. ___ out, as in a win
23. Mardi Gras souvenir
24. Dark
25. Full of cattails
26. Petals holder
27. Rocky ridge
28. Like certain rug
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32. *Like 23 out of Michael Phelps' 28
33. "Wheel of Fortune" request (2 words)
36. *Nadia of perfect 10 fame
38. Archipelago
40. Large edible mushroom
41. *Like Bosnia and Herzegovina or Bulgaria
44. Mental portrait
46. Trotters
48. *2024 Olympics host city
49. Formed a curve
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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-47-24 Road and Treated Salt (Crushed & Solar)
Bids will be received

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until 2:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then

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selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
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proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-40-24 Transitional Housing Program
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Who needs blood?
Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

Corn Festival set for August 11 in Beacon



The corn is ripe, sweet, and will soon be ready! The Beacon Sloop Club's Annual Corn Festival is Sunday, August 11, rain/shine, from noon-5 p.m. at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, 1 Flynn Dr., Beacon. This is a fun, family-friendly event along the shores of the Hudson River. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Featured is fresh-picked, sweet Hudson Valley corn, boiled and served with your choice of butter. In addition, treats such as chilled watermelon and ice cold fresh squeezed lemonade will be available to quench your thirst on this August day.

Two solar powered music stages, one dedicated for young folks to enjoy, will provide live music throughout the day. Numerous food and craft vendors will be on hand. Environmental non-profits will feature displays of local river history and the environment including information about their organization. Families can

enjoy many free activities for children in addition to the dedicated children's stage.

Guests can enjoy the day surrounded by the majestic Hudson River.

The Beacon Sloop Club's boat, the Woody Guthrie, will be taking guests on free sails from the Beacon Harbor, weather permitting. The public may sign up for an afternoon sail to relax and experience the beauty, power and grandeur of the Hudson. Sign up at the Beacon Sloop Club table starting at noon.

The Beacon Sloop Club is an all-volunteer and non-profit organization. The Beacon Sloop Club's Corn Festival raises money for the public sailing program on the Woody Guthrie and other environmental education programs. There is never a charge for sailing aboard the Woody Guthrie.

For more information, visit <http://www.beaconsloopclub.org/>.

The Beacon Sloop Club's Annual Corn Festival is set for Sunday, August 11, from noon-5 p.m. at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. Left, pictured are volunteers boiling water to cook corn during a previous festival.

-Archive photo

USB to host free Homebuyer Seminar on August 15

Are you looking for the home of your dreams and don't know where to start? Ulster Savings Bank invites you to a free homebuyer seminar on Thursday, August 15, starting at 5:30 p.m. They are hosting this event along with Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, to help one understand the critical steps to owning one's own home. This seminar will be offered in-person as well as a live Zoom meeting. Seating in-person is limited and for adults only. Reserve a

spot ASAP.

Discussion will include:

- Steps in getting pre-qualified
- Credit scores and why they are important
- Documentation needed to apply
- Low down payment options
- Choosing the right lender
- What to expect during the buying process.

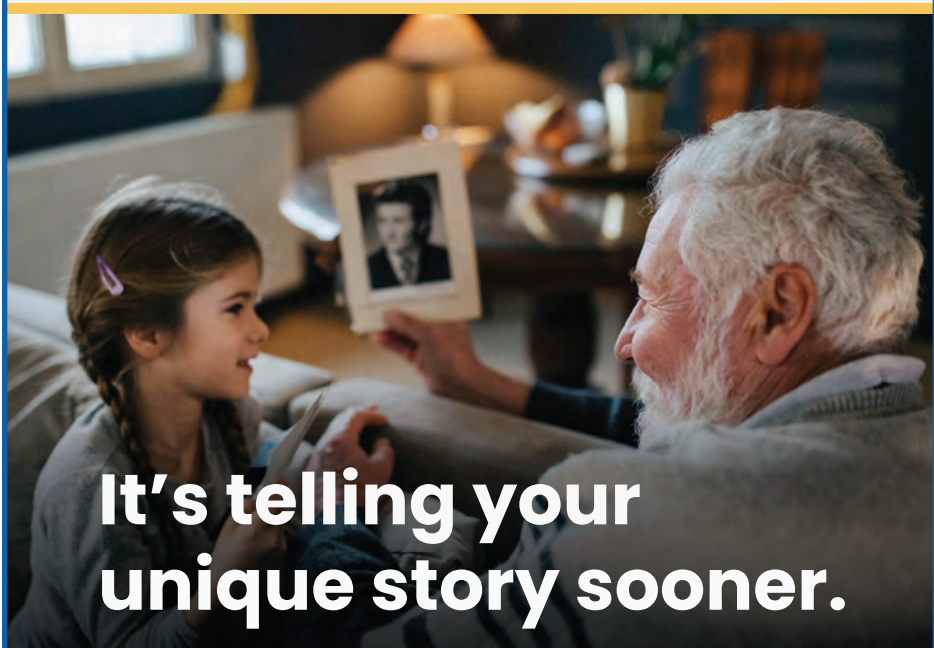
One may be eligible for a \$750 Home Buyer Credit* just for attending.

Sign up at https://www.ulstersavings.com/whyus/seminars/#section_Homebuyer_Seminars.

*Receive a \$750 coupon good towards borrower's choice of closing costs, down payment, or post-closing payment assistance, in accordance with the loan program selected and that program's eligibility requirements. The certificate must be presented at time of application. Customer pays for all other fees and services. Eligible mortgages

are for owner-occupied purchases. Not valid for refinances, home equity products, second homes, construction loans, or mortgage applications received prior to date of seminar on certificate. Offer may not be combined with any other offers or discounts unless otherwise noted. This offer expires December 31, 2026. Limit one per loan transaction. Certain conditions apply. Ulster Savings Bank is an Equal Housing Lender & Member FDIC. NMLS# 619306.

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Mount Gulian to offer tours of historic garden Aug. 3-4

Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon invites visitors to explore its garden and unique horticultural history. Tours of the historic garden are back by popular demand and will be given on Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visitors will learn about the garden's origins, evolution, and notable gardeners, including Mary Anna Verplanck, who as a precocious 11-year-old, designed the original 1804 garden; and James F. Brown, an enslaved man who fled Maryland and worked as Mount Gulian's master gardener. Visitors will receive a complimentary copy of the garden's 1912 map, and a short film about Mr. Brown, "Cultivating Freedom: From Slave to Citizen," will be shown.

Today, notable plantings in the garden include antique peonies, roses and yuccas

that were returned to Mount Gulian in 1995 by a Verplanck descendant who removed them from the site in the 1960s. After carefully tending to them for 30 years at her home's garden, she learned of the site's plans to restore the garden and happily brought them home.

Admission to this special tour is \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 youngsters (6-18 years). Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Membership is open to the public.

Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted if space allows. For reservations, call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made on the day of visit.

For further information, see <https://dutchesstourism.com/spotlights/great-estates-garden-landscape-tour>.



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