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The newest addition to the Century Museum Village at the Fair is the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County. From left are, Woody Dierze, Kyle Pottenburgh and Dewitt Sagendorph of the museum's Board of Directors.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Firefighting Museum to debut at 178th Fair

By Curtis Schmidt

Have you ever seen a fire hose cart that was pulled by men to a fire? Have you ever seen a horse-drawn fire engine? How about a rubber turn-out coat or a leather helmet or leather hose?

These items were all once a staple of many local fire companies, but very few exist today. Those that do are rare pieces of the history of firefighting here in Dutchess County.

Your opportunity to see and learn about many of these historical artifacts will be

at this year's Dutchess County Fair set Aug. 20-25. The Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County is the newest addition to the Century Museum Village that already includes the main Antique Museum Building with a variety of displays, plus the Working Blacksmith Shop & Gas Powered Engine Show, Bentley One-Room Schoolhouse, Pleasant Valley Historic Train Station, Judging Pavilion from Washington Hollow and the Working Sugar House and Cider Mill.

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INSIDE:

Our 'go to' guide for the Dutchess County Fair



By Curtis Schmidt

He has been one of the most popular performers at the Dutchess County Fair for over 20 years. He even has his own performing stage near the main gate.

Hilby, the Skinny German Juggle Boy dazzles audiences with his incredible juggling talents and amusing and funny jokes – many of which are of the impromptu nature.

And yes, Hilby will be back at the 178th DC Fair with three shows daily at 2, 4 and 6:30 p.m.

Performing at theaters, colleges, cruise ships, and fairgrounds, from Canada to Australia, Hilby brings his highly professional and excruciatingly funny show to delight young and old alike.

One cannot help but be charmed by his impeccable timing and extreme circus skills. You can find Hilby on top of



Hilby, the Skinny German Juggle Boy juggles tennis balls while performing at the Dutchess County Fair. He'll be back at the Fair this year with three shows daily.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

unicycles of all shapes and sizes and juggling objects ranging from bowling balls to hedge trimmers. It's a powerful and spellbinding collage of superb technical skill and wacky comedy in the tradition of vaudeville. If you have seen him before, you know he is not to be missed. He is one of the most sought after performers at venues around the world.

But which venues are his favorites?

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Welcome to Beacon

Become a volunteer and 'meet people from all over the world'

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon resident Robin Lucas has been volunteering at the Beacon Welcome Center (BWC) on Wolcott Ave at the end of Main St. since May. She is an owner of Beacon Walking Tours.

"You don't have to know everything happening in Beacon to welcome people. The Beacon Welcome Center has a lot of resources and information. It's a treat to meet people from all over the world and why they want to come here. Their excitement is contagious," Lucas recently stated in an email for Beacon Free Press.

So, who wants to volunteer at the BWC? Dutchess Tourism, Inc. (DTI), which is the official destination marketing organization for Dutchess County, states it is in partnership with the City of Beacon and seeks volunteers for the BWC. DTI describes the welcome center "a key Tourist Information Point in Dutchess County. DTI is looking for people who are friendly, knowledgeable, and/or willing to learn about the area and enjoy welcoming visitors to Beacon."

How many days and hours does one need



One can apply to become a volunteer at the Beacon Welcome Center, off Route 9D in Beacon.

-Archive photo

to volunteer?

"There are no minimum days or hours to volunteer. We are grateful for the valuable

time volunteers are willing to give. While there are some that have committed to volunteering weekly, others do so for a few

hours a month," said Kristina Mukherjee, who is the director of marketing & communications for DTI.

Regarding training for volunteers, Mukherjee explained, "There are two highly recommended professional certifications programs geared towards hospitality and customer service — Guest Service Gold Tourism (GSGT) and Dutchess Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) Programs — that DTI will offer for free to Beacon Welcome Center volunteers."

Mukherjee said it is important to have a welcome center in Beacon because "Beacon is a place where visitors come to experience some of the best food, shopping, craft beverages, and more that the Hudson Valley has to offer. Having a designated location where visitors can feel welcome and get friendly, accurate, and helpful information will enhance their experience and ensure they come back to our area."

Lucas replied when asked what surprised her about those coming to the BWC, "I'm delighted and surprised that people want to come and visit where I grew up."

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"This is our beginning. We're thrilled to share and celebrate the history of where and how fire service started in Dutchess County," said Dewitt Sagendorph, member-at-large of the Museum's Board of Directors.

The Firefighter's Museum is designed to resemble a historic firehouse - circa 1900 - where both permanent and rotating exhibits will be kept. Some of the iconic items on display will include the following.

- An 1899 horse-drawn fire wagon, with ladders, leather buckets, axes and firefighting equipment.
- A hand pumper (Pocahontas) used by the Rhinebeck Fire Department in the 1800s.
- Hand-drawn hose carts used in the 1800s to pull hose to the scene of a fire by firefighters.
- Banner and pictures of fires and firefighters.
- Historic firefighter uniforms, chief's trumpets, helmets.

The staff - members of the Firefighting Museum organization itself - will be present to answer questions and explain early firefighting practices in Dutchess County.

The directors also thank the Dutchess County Historical Society for their help in preserving and presenting the items on display in the building at the Fair.

Firefighting Museum President Kyle Pottenburgh said there are many reasons for fair-goers to visit the newest building at the Fair.

"It's much more than just a collection of old trucks; it's a portal into a world of courage, history, and innovation," said Pottenburgh. "You will learn about the brave men and women who have risked their lives to protect the community in



Kyle Pottenburgh, left, Woody Dierze and Dewitt Sagendorph of the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County's Board of Directors hold historic artifacts from the Dutchess County Historical Society. Artifacts include a trumpet, helmet and fire bucket.

• Firefighters used trumpets as megaphones to amplify their voices when shouting instructions during a fire. Over time, trumpets were created and awarded to firefighters to honor service or achievements.

• The traditional helmet was created by FDNY volunteer firefighter Henry Gratacap some time between 1821 and 1836. The reinforced dome protected the firefighters from falling objects. The tall front shield was designed to break windows for rescue and for ventilation. The rear brim protected the back of the neck from intense heat and scorching water. The helmet being thrown out of a window became the universal sign of a firefighter's cry for help.

• 18th century fire bucket - colonial laws mandated that every household have a fire bucket ready to be used or thrown into the street to be used by others. Many buckets bore the name of the owner.

Information courtesy of the Dutchess County Historical Society

which you live. You will see and hear inspiring stories of heroism, sacrifice, and community spirit."

He notes that fire service has changed and improved as time has gone by. "In a

museum you can witness for yourself the incredible transformation of firefighting equipment and techniques. From hand-drawn pumpers to state-of-the-art technology, you can see how firefighting has



The logo for the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County.

evolved over centuries," he said. "You can step back in time and experience the challenges faced by firefighters in the past. You will learn a good deal about the history of your community through the lens of its fire department. The local fire house was always the center of a community's life."

The Firefighting Museum does indeed offer something for everyone. "Kids can enjoy interactive exhibits, while adults can appreciate the historical significance of the displays," said Pottenburgh.

The Firefighting Museum is a seasonal museum that integrates into the existing Antique Museum Village that is visited by thousands of individuals annually. The Board of Directors is continually working on a plan for a permanent structure to house a larger and more complete collection of artifacts.

Rolison to hold paper-shredding events for 39th Senate District residents in August

Rolison to hold free paper-shredding events for 39th Senate District residents

State Senator Rob Rolison, 39th District, announced on August 1 the return of his free paper-shredding event at two locations. In partnership with Hudson Valley Credit Union, a Legal Shred mobile shredding and disposal vehicle will accept documents and other paper products at these locations on the follow-

ing dates: John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52, Hopewell Junction on Saturday, August 17; and the Newburgh Mall parking lot, 1401 Route 300, Town of Newburgh in Orange County, on Saturday, August 24.

Both events are free and run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, or until the truck's capacity is reached.

Participants are kindly asked to bring no more than three boxes of documents with dimensions of 18" x 12" x 10" at a time; those with more than three may be asked to line up again in order to provide ample opportunity for all to dispose of their documents.

These events are limited to those residing in the 39th Senate District. Please check your eligibility, <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>.

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"This is a great opportunity to dispose and recycle the document waste we all accumulate," said Rolison. "I hope you'll join us again at these free shred events on August 17 and 24. Let's do our part to reduce landfill refuse while removing clutter in our home. See you in Newburgh and Hopewell!"

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ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday returns to DC Fair on Aug. 22

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati invite individuals and families with developmental disabilities to “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” at the Dutchess County Fair on August 22.

Individuals with developmental disabilities and families can enjoy the Dutchess County Fair ahead of the crowds with a special early gate opening at 9 a.m. and sensory-sensitive hours on the carnival midway from 9:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be inclusive events offered throughout the week-long fair schedule.

Serino said, “The Dutchess County Fair is a community favorite event year after year, and one that we look forward to all year long. With sensory-sensitive ride midway and an earlier opening time, our ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY’ partnership with the Agriculture Society is a true testament to Dutchess County’s commitment to ensuring an enjoyable experience at the Fair for people of all abilities. As we expand our inclusion efforts with ThinkAccessible, I cannot thank the Ag Society enough for their work to make the Fair entrance easier for those with disabilities with the addition of a new accessible entrance gate. We are excited to see everyone at the Fair!”

New this year, the Dutchess County Agricultural Society has added an accessible entrance at Gate 2, near Livestock Hill, which features less of an incline, wider lanes, wheelchair countertops, handrails and a small gathering area inside the gate.

On ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can enter the Fair an hour before the official 10 a.m. start time. The animal barns on Livestock Hill and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County 4-H Exhibit Hall will be open to enjoy ahead of the crowds. Though not every attraction and exhibit will open at 9 a.m., the soft opening provides families a chance to ease into their day at the fair with a quiet start.

The Powers Great American Midway area will open with limited rides, at 9:30 a.m. and will be sensory-sensitive until noon. Flashing lights, music and other sounds and noises will be turned off throughout the morning, giving guests the opportunity to enjoy rides without the distractions that lights and sounds can cause. The early midway opening means shorter wait times for rides, making it easier for those who need extra time or have difficulties with crowds.

Other scheduled happenings on

ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday include:

- 9 a.m. - ThinkDIFFERENTLY & 4-H's Flourishing Farmers Showcase at 4-H Livestock Show ring

- 9 a.m. - AgriVenture - Where does your food come from? Interactive, educational exhibit featuring Milk Dutchess the Cow, digging up vegetables and a Scavenger Hunt.

- 10 a.m. - The National Anthem performed by members of the Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley broadcasted over Fairgrounds' loudspeakers

- Noon - ThinkDIFFERENTLY & Hidden Hollow Farms All Abilities English Horse Showcase at the Horse Show Arena.

All week long, fair goers are encouraged to check out ThinkDIFFERENTLY exhibits and projects submitted by individuals of all ages with disabilities including:

- GrowDIFFERENTLY - a recycled garden art exhibit in the Horticulture building.

- RockDIFFERENTLY - garden rock art projects on display in the Hobbies & Crafts Building E

ThinkDIFFERENTLY staff and ambassadors will also host a sensory-friendly quiet space throughout Fair week for those who may need a quiet space to get away and regroup. This

space, located on Livestock Hill in the Cornell Cooperative Extension tent, will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Imperati said, “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday has become an important tradition during Fair week that so many look forward to. We are thrilled to continue to expand our ThinkDIFFERENTLY partnership each year - this year we have great new exhibits and the new accessibility gate as part of our ongoing commitment to making the Fair a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone.”

The Dutchess County Fair runs Tuesday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 25, opening at 10 a.m. each day; children 11 and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased online at dutchessfair.com, with discounts available through August 19th. On Thursday, Aug. 22, families coming to enjoy “ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday” must enter the Fair at the main ticket gate, at the Welcome Center, conveniently located near accessible parking.

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

Fair favorite Hilby loves vaudeville style

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“I love county fairs – they are the last real outlets for vaudeville acts,” Hilby said in a recent interview while traveling the New York county fair circuit.

Everyone loves Hilby, but how much do you really know about him? Here are some interesting facts.

- He met his wife, Sarah, on a blind date while performing at the 2006 Dutchess County Fair.

- He performs at eight county fairs in the Northeast during July and August – approximately 70 days.

- He avoids only two items in his comedy routine – politics and body shapes.

- He practices every day and always listens to himself.

- He hates juggling odd items like bowling balls and hedge trimmers – but audiences love it.

So, how did this all start?

Hilby grew up in Berlin, Germany and was studying to be a social worker. One summer – between semesters – he traveled to Asia “and I never went back.”

He learned the art of juggling from a friend.

“I fell in love with it instantly,” said Hilby. “It’s non-competitive and a lot of fun. I started with balls and the Chinese yoyo and soon it was like juggling anything I could get my hands on – knives, flames ... you name it.”

While in Hong Kong, he was doing the juggling act “just to get by with donations” and then the thought hit him. “Oh, wait! I could actually do this for a living.”

He came to the U.S. in 1993 at age 23 and started to build his skills into an actual show. He started at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA and then

started doing street shows at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. As his popularity grew, Hilby had the goal of maximizing his income.

“No more passing the hat for tips,” he said.

Hilby started performing at colleges and on cruise ships – which he still does to this day. He’s been doing cruise ships for 28 years.

He’s currently in Florida during February and March and then California and Arizona in the spring. After that, it’s the fair circuit in Canada and the Northeast.

While juggling is the core of his act, Hilby knows the comedy routines are a must.

“Just juggling gets boring after a while,” he said. “And everyone loves to laugh.”

He concentrates much of the routines

on what he terms “observational humor” and doing impromptu classic one-liners while checking out his audiences. “Why do grown men still dress like 10-year-olds? Funny hats, T-shirts. Those are all funny and people easily identify with things like that,” he said.

Hilby is always looking for new material, but never forgets to include favorite parts that audiences love.

“It’s like when you go to see a great band, you enjoy the new songs, but you really come to see their greatest hits,” he said. “Those never get old.”

He plans to keep on performing as long as he can.

“You do it for love and hopefully the money will follow,” said Hilby. “Life is long (hopefully) and you have to make money somehow, so you might as well have fun – and what’s better than making people laugh?”

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Due to a holiday press schedule for Labor Day, there will be an early deadline for the September 4 issue of Beacon Free Press. All editorial must be received by noon on Thursday, August 29; and all advertising must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 29. For more information, contact General Manager Curtis Schmidt at csdchmidt@sdutchessnews.com.

No help with rate hikes by United Health Care/AARP

To the Editor:

To my fellow senior citizens who own Medicare Part B plans: I hope that all of you are all in good health physically and financially. My wife and I just received notice that United Health Care/AARP are requesting rate hikes of 15.4% for January 2025. Last year they asked for 12.4%.

I have been trying to gain some representation from my elected officials for the last five years. The person responsible for approving/disapproving these rate hikes is the Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services (Adrienne Harris). This important issue is a state issue,

not a federal as your elected officials still believe. Despite this, I have contacted both U.S. Senators and my congressman. No response from the senators and Pat Ryan tried to help, but he made it clear that it was incumbent upon state officials to represent my wife and me.

I have never received a response from my Assemblyperson. I was told multiple times by the administrative staff of my state senator that "you need to fill out an application, send it in and if the senator feels that the issue is important enough, she will speak with you." All I'm asking is for an elected official to represent my wife and I and the rest of the seniors among their constituents who are being burdened with these continued exorbitant rate hikes. Multiple phone calls and e-mails have resulted in no responses. It makes one wonder, if these officials don't work for us, who do they work for?

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Pleasant Valley

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Elks, veterans enjoy a day of fishing



The Beacon Elks recently brought several veterans to the Whortlekill Fish & Game Club in East Fishkill for a day of fishing. Pictured are John Vacca and Robert See.
-Courtesy photos

Eden Share joins Family Services; To lease Fallkill Community Garden

Eden Share, Inc. and Family Services have announced a re-imagining of the Fallkill Community Garden in the heart of Poughkeepsie. Eden Share, a Dutchess County-based nonprofit dedicated to wellness through community gardening, leased the 18,000 square foot space from Family Services on Aug. 1.

As part of the agreement, Eden Share has joined as the newest member of the Family Partnership Center to support the community. This new project will transform the garden space at 29 North Hamilton Street into a sprawling educational garden designed to promote wellness and community engagement. Eden Share intends to partner with 10-12 nonprofit organizations to offer educational and wellness programming over a 28-week season, starting in April 2025.

"Eden Share is looking forward to bringing gardening and hope to more residents of Poughkeepsie. We are thrilled to partner with Family Services, a community advocate and provider to so many families in the Hudson Valley," said Scott Pidgeon, co-founder of Eden Share, Inc. "The garden not only serves as a living classroom, but more importantly, a place

for healing and recovery."

Leah Feldman, CEO of Family Services said, "For over 140 years, Family Services has been dedicated to enhancing the well-being of individuals and families in the Hudson Valley. Partnering with Eden Share to transform the Fallkill Community Garden aligns perfectly with our mission to strengthen our community and support everyone's right to thrive. We are excited to see the positive impact this garden will have on promoting wellness, education, and connection."

Work to transform the space has already begun, and volunteers are welcome to help prepare this new, vibrant space where community members can learn about gardening, regenerative agriculture, food production, and wellness practices. Gardening has long been an important part of physical and mental wellness in many parts of the world, and Eden Share aims to bring the proven benefits of gardening to Hudson Valley residents. Educational programming will be held throughout the spring, summer, and fall, and will focus on a variety of topics; from soil health to pest management and everything in between.

DA Parisi: Poughkeepsie man sentenced to 25 years to life in stabbing death of roommate



Andrew Fraser

-Photo provided by Dutchess County District Attorney

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Aug. 7 that a Poughkeepsie man was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison following a jury conviction for the stabbing death of his roommate Dontay Brown. The sentencing took place in Dutchess County Court

before the Honorable Jessica Z. Segal.

Parisi said, "Today's sentencing serves as a critical reminder that our office is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of violent crimes. The defendant's actions were both reprehensible and unjustifiable. While no sentence can truly undo the harm caused, we hope that today's sentence provides some measure of justice and closure for Dontay's loved ones."

In May, Andrew Fraser was found guilty by a jury of the crime of Murder in the Second Degree. According to a press release from Parisi, on June 4, 2023, in the City of Poughkeepsie, Fraser attacked Brown, who was his roommate, with a knife. Fraser's knife attack resulted in a fatal stab wound into Brown's skull. Fraser then fled the area after the stabbing. The City of Poughkeepsie Police with the assistance of federal, transit and local police agencies were able to apprehend Fraser the following day in Brooklyn.

Members of the victim's family were present in court for sentencing and expressed their gratitude to the District Attorney's Office and the members of law enforcement for their efforts in seeking justice for Dontay, according to Parisi.

The case was prosecuted by Unit Chiefs Andrea Long and Frank Petramale.

More than 100 participants take part in Active Shooter Hostile Event Response Exercise



Arlington Central School District Superintendent Dr. Phil Benante communicates details of the drill with Melissa Erlebacher, the district's Chief Communication and Community Engagement Officer.



A first responder transports a simulated victim during the large-scale drill held on Aug. 7.

-Courtesy photos

More than 110 participants, representing 24 agencies, took part in a comprehensive, full-scale Active Shooter Hostile Event Response (ASHER) training exercise, coordinated by Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, today at Arlington High School in the Town of LaGrange. The training exercise was part of a multi-faceted training series to enhance preparedness and ensure integrated response capabilities from local emergency responders, school staff and community members.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "In the face of uncertainty, preparation can be our greatest ally. Today's active shooter training brought together the multitude of agencies who would respond to such a situation if it should ever occur, and gave them the opportunity to work together, assess resources and expose any gaps that would need to be corrected. We are grateful to all who were involved, as it was a massive undertaking that ultimately helps to ensure a swift, effective and compassionate response to save lives. Dutchess County will continue to bring together our first responder community to ensure our readiness is always sharp and we are doing everything possible to keep our res-

idents safe."

The training, which took place on Aug. 7 and was the first operational exercise conducted at this scale in Dutchess County, simulated a realistic emergency scenario, allowing participants to practice and refine their response strategies in a controlled environment. The exercise included law enforcement officers, fire department and EMS personnel, school administrators, public information officers, as well as volunteers acting as students and staff.

Participants engaged in a simulated active shooter situation within the school premises. The exercise tested the coordination and communication between different responding agencies and the implementation of emergency protocols – in particular, the ability and timeliness of initial requests for resources; response times; how quickly and safely responders can move victims; and how to manage public information. Event organizers were also very cognizant of the mental health element for first responders dealing with such a stressful situation, even hypothetically. Mental health professionals were on hand throughout the day.

Evaluators observed the event throughout the day to identify gaps. A debriefing session was held following the event where evaluators provided feedback identifying strengths and areas for improvement to ensure continuous enhancement of response strategies.

In addition to the Department of Emergency Response, agencies represented at today's training included:

- Arlington Central School District;
- New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services;
- Dutchess County Sheriff's Office;
- Dutchess County Executive's Office;
- Dutchess County District Attorney's Office;
- Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health;
- VA Hudson Valley;
- Town of LaGrange Supervisor's Office;
- Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County;
- New York State Police;
- Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department;
- City of Poughkeepsie Police Department;
- East Fishkill Police Department;
- Hyde Park Police Department;
- City of Beacon Police Department;
- Arlington Fire District;
- City of Beacon Fire District;
- Beekman Fire District;
- Fairview Fire District;
- LaGrange Fire District;
- Pleasant Valley Fire District;
- City of Poughkeepsie Fire District;
- and
- Union Vale Fire District

With Arlington Central School District (ACSD) students at the school for summer activities, organizers limited the day's drill to one specific area of the school, and it did not interfere with student activities. ACSD had also alerted families and community members in advance of the training event.

ACSD Superintendent Dr. Phil Benante

said, "The safety of our students and staff, as well as transparent and timely communication, are top priorities for our District. This exercise allowed us to practice these skills, assess our efforts, and further strengthen our emergency response. I would like to thank the Dutchess County Office of Emergency Response for coordinating today's event and all of the emergency responders, county personnel, and Arlington staff who planned or participated in today's exercise."

The ASHER event was part of Dutchess County's Domestic Terrorism and Targeted Violence Prevention Plan, as mandated by New York State, which requires counties to have mechanisms in place for training, recognition of threats, as well as assessment and prevention. This training exercise was the most recent in a series of ASHER training exercises coordinated by DER to maintain a high level of preparedness and ensure that all emergency response teams are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to protect the community. In April, DER hosted a four-day "Active Threat Integrated Response Course," in partnership with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, followed by a tabletop exercise held in May with ACSD leadership, State and County officials and partner agencies to build their awareness of available resources in an emergency.

DER Commissioner Dana Smith said, "We are grateful to all those who participated today. Bringing all of these agencies together helps people understand the resources that are available and how to activate them quickly to reduce harm. It also allows agencies to identify critical needs and take the opportunity to get the right resources in place to be prepared if a hostile event happens. Joint event like today's help us plan and improve our overall response methodology to ensure a cohesive response in an emergency."

Free magic show at Beacon Rec Center on Aug. 15

A Magic Show for Kids that is fun for all ages on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Beacon Rec Center, 23 West Center

St. in Beacon. The Rec Center will welcome Brian McGovern for a free magic show. All ages are welcome.

Register to volunteer at HV Hot-Air Balloon Festival

Volunteers are needed for the 33rd Annual JPMorgan Chase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival. Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at Tymor Park in Union Vale.

Examples of volunteer duties are:

- Run a Game: Help manage and oversee one of the fun festival games in the Children's Zone and Family Activities area.
 - Drive a Golf Cart: Assist with transporting guests and supplies around the festival grounds.
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Howland Library closed for painting Aug. 19-23

Be advised that the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon will be closed from Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23, for painting in some areas including the children's library. The library will reopen on Saturday, August 24, at 10 a.m.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	*	23	19	.548	-	5-5	L1
Hudson Valley NYY		22	19	.537	0.5	7-3	L2
Aberdeen BAL		22	20	.524	1.0	5-5	W2
Jersey Shore PHI		20	22	.476	3.0	4-6	W1
Wilmington WSH		19	22	.463	3.5	3-7	L1
Brooklyn NYM		18	24	.429	5.0	5-5	W2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB		26	14	.650	-	6-4	L1
Greenville BOS		24	18	.571	3.0	5-5	L1
Hickory TEX		22	20	.524	5.0	5-5	L2
Winston-Salem CWS		21	21	.500	6.0	6-4	W1
Asheville HOU		17	25	.405	10.0	4-6	W1
Rome ATL	*	15	25	.375	11.0	5-5	W1

RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

Ace hurler Schlittler moves up to Somerset, Avina hot in August

A few items from the notebook.

- **RENEGADES ARE HOT:** The Renegades had their seven-game win streak snapped in game one of the doubleheader on Wednesday. Hudson Valley last swept six games in July 2022 on the road against the BlueClaws.
- **HOME COOKIN':** The Renegades came back from Brooklyn this week to embark on a two-week homestand.
- **EXCELLENCE:** It was announced on Tuesday that Renegades starter Cam Schlittler was being called up to Double-A Somerset. Schlittler has been the ace of the Renegades staff all season long. In his final Renegades start on Friday, he allowed just one earned run in five innings while matching a career-high with nine strikeouts.

The 2022 seventh-round pick has been one of the best starting pitchers in the South Atlantic League this season. As he departs, Schlittler's 2.60 ERA is the best in the SAL by over 30 points, and his .191 opposing average is also the top mark in the league.

Schlittler is tied for first in the SAL with 108 strikeouts in 2024. Last week, the right-hander became just the second Renegades starter this season to go seven innings, joining former Northeastern University teammate and roommate Sebastian Keane. In his dominant start, Schlittler induced nine groundball outs.

- **NEW BEGINNINGS:** Jace Avina debuted with the Renegades on April 17 after being traded to New York for Jake Bauers in November from Milwaukee. The 21-year-old has been crucial all season for the Renegades but July was a rough month for the outfielder. He hit just .096 (7-for-72). However, August has started with a bang for Avina. He was 7-for-20 with a home run and five RBI in his first six games of the month. Last week, Avina was featured as the No. 1 play on Sportscenter's "Top 10 Plays" for a home run robbery of Jersey Shore's Felix Reyes.



Players Statistics																	
PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 OmarMartinez C	HV	87	298	42	70	12	1	13	38	58	83	0	0	0.235	0.361	0.413	0.774
1 JaredSerna SS	HV	88	340	51	86	26	0	13	58	40	60	11	8	0.253	0.341	0.444	0.785
3 JaceAvina CF	HV	89	339	44	85	23	0	10	48	32	103	4	1	0.251	0.326	0.407	0.733
4 RocRiggio 2B	HV	85	320	58	68	19	4	8	33	55	70	19	5	0.213	0.339	0.372	0.711
5 GarrettMartin RF	HV	64	208	33	38	11	3	7	28	22	68	11	1	0.183	0.285	0.365	0.65
6 RafaelFlores 1B	HV	57	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285	0.403	0.466	0.869
6 JoshMoylan 1B	HV	78	257	38	65	11	1	6	30	45	74	3	3	0.253	0.372	0.374	0.746
6 KikoRomero 3B	HV	63	191	25	42	11	1	6	20	33	72	9	1	0.22	0.349	0.382	0.731
9 JesusRodriguez C	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332	0.412	0.507	0.919
10 ChristopherFamilia LF	HV	33	113	15	21	5	0	3	17	10	39	0	0	0.186	0.268	0.31	0.578
10 AntonioGomez C	HV	28	97	16	23	9	1	3	11	9	28	0	0	0.237	0.312	0.443	0.755
12 KyleBattle LF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174	0.316	0.304	0.62
12 TylerHardman DH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237	0.292	0.339	0.631
14 BeauBrewer 3B	HV	33	92	8	21	6	0	0	10	8	19	0	0	0.228	0.29	0.293	0.583
14 JacksonCastillo CF	HV	5	17	3	6	2	1	0	4	1	7	0	0	0.353	0.389	0.588	0.977
14 JuanCrisp P	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 BrennyEscanio 3B	HV	34	97	7	23	8	0	0	12	11	28	6	2	0.237	0.312	0.32	0.632
14 ColeGabrielson RF	HV	66	191	28	39	12	1	0	18	29	56	12	3	0.204	0.343	0.277	0.62
14 AnthonyHall RF	HV	22	71	6	10	1	1	0	7	9	26	2	0	0.141	0.238	0.183	0.421
14 DylanJasso 1B	HV	5	15	3	4	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0.267	0.421	0.4	0.821
14 DJLeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715
14 GeorgeLombard SS	HV	6	21	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	1	1	0.048	0.13	0.048	0.178
14 NelsonMedina CF	HV	50	156	13	18	3	1	0	14	14	74	8	0	0.115	0.197	0.147	0.344
14 OscarSilverio X	HV	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 AlexanderVargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716
14 JorbitVivas 2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313	0.389	0.375	0.764

Pitcher Statistics																				
PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 CamSchlittler P	HV	6	4	2.6	17	17	0	0	0	0	86.2	60	34	25	7	3	38	108	1.13	0.191
2 TrentSellers P	HV	6	3	2.58	27	5	0	0	1	4	66.1	37	27	19	3	2	32	79	1.04	0.159
3 BaronStuart P	HV	6	3	4.04	17	17	0	0	0	0	84.2	78	39	38	4	5	31	76	1.29	0.248
4 KyleCarr P	HV	0	6	5.44	19	19	0	0	0	0	81	79	58	49	5	3	48	75	1.57	0.262
5 SebastianKeane P	HV	6	7	4.71	19	15	0	0	1	1	72.2	65	39	38	6	9	36	72	1.39	0.244
6 BenShields P	HV	3	2	2.75	14	7	0	0	0	1	52.1	35	19	16	5	4	10	71	0.86	0.185
7 MattKeating P	HV	3	3	4.34	32	0	0	0	3	4	58	40	31	28	8	1	24	69	1.1	0.19
8 ColeAyers P	HV	3	4	3.09	36	0	0	0	3	7	55.1	47	23	19	5	3	20	67	1.21	0.225
9 JoelValdez P	HV	1	2	3.75	29	0	0	0	3	5	48	35	24	20	2	7	24	57	1.23	0.203
10 MasonVinyard P	HV	5	2	3.5	25	0	0	0	2	4	36	28	20	14	2	1	20	49	1.33	0.207
11 JacksonFristoe P	HV	1	3	3.79	12	12	0	0	0	0	38	27	18	16	2	1	28	40	1.45	0.201
11 HuestonMorrill P	HV	3	3	3.79	29	0	0	0	2	3	38	35	21	16	6	4	12	40	1.24	0.246
13 LuisArejula P	HV	3	4	2.9	23	0	0	0	1	4	40.1	33	18	13	2	2	21	38	1.34	0.223
14 BlaneAbeita P	HV	1	2	2.08	8	7	0	0	0	0	34.2	29	15	8	3	3	5	24	0.98	0.221
15 YorlinCalderon P	HV	0	0	3.07	10	0	0	0	2	3	14.2	14	6	5	1	1	5	19	1.3	0.237
16 EricReyzelman P	HV	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	2	0	0	0	1	4	17	0.62	0.065
17 BrianHendry P	HV	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	11	5	2	0	0	0	6	15	1	0.125
17 LeonardoPestana P	HV	1	0	1.86	6	0	0	0	0	1	9.2	1	2	2	0	0	5	15	0.62	0.036
19 GeoffreyGilbert P	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.43	0.043
20 HarrisonCohen P	HV	1	0	1.29	5	0	0	0	0	1	7	6	2	1	0	0	0	9	0.86	0.231
21 SeanBoyle P	HV	1	0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	1	1	2	2	7	1.14	0.231
21 StevenFulgencio P	HV	1	1	4.15	8	0	0	0	0	1	8.2	7	7	4	0	2	6	7	1.5	0.219
23 McKinleyMoore P	HV	0	0	7.36	4	0	0	0	1	1	3.2	2	3	3	0	1	2	6	1.09	0.154
24 IndigoDiaz P	HV	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	0.5	0.083





Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Suddenly hot Renegades have eyes on post-season berth

By Rich Thomaselli

Suddenly, the Hudson Valley Renegades are hot and putting themselves in position for a post-season berth.

This despite battling the Brooklyn Cyclones and the weather.

Heading into this past weekend, Hudson Valley had won two of the first three games against Brooklyn and had two games postponed by the weather.

After sweeping all six games against Jersey Shore, Hudson Valley came back last week and took two of the first three against Brooklyn. After Friday's rainout, they lost two of the next three games at Brooklyn and now have a 22-19 record and are still just a half game behind first-place Greensboro. The Renegades are at home this week with six games against the Hickory Crawdads.

The first game of the Brooklyn series, originally scheduled for last Tuesday was rained out. That necessitated a double-

header on Wednesday, in which the two teams split. The Renegades fell 3-2 in the opener while earning a 7-0 victory in game two. In the bottom of the first of game one, Jacob Reimer walked and Chris Suero was hit by a pitch to put runners at first and second. Junior Tilien then notched an RBI single to score Reimer and put Brooklyn in front 1-0. Christopher Familia, Kiko Romero, and George Lombard, Jr. all earned walks to load the bases with no outs in the fourth. An infield single by Jace Avina scored Familia and tied the game at 1-1.

Kyle Carr struck out five in four innings, marking the third consecutive start in which Carr has struck out five-or-more batters. The left-hander has allowed four combined runs in his last four starts across 19 innings, holding a 1.89 ERA during that span.

The Renegades took the lead in the sixth. Roc Riggio walked and advanced to

second on a wild pitch. Avina drove him home with an RBI single up the middle to make it 2-1 Hudson Valley. In the bottom of the seventh, D'Andre Smith led off with a single and stole second. Thomas Balboni hit Jeffrey De Los Santos and Omar De Los Santos with pitches to load the bases. Nick Morabito then grounded into a fielder's choice, as Smith was thrown out at the plate by Romero. The next batter, Jacob Reimer, lined a walk-off single into right with two outs, scoring both De Los Santos to complete a 3-2 walk-off win. Hudson Valley bounced back right away for the shutout victory in the second game.

Rain was again the dominant theme on Thursday. Enduring three brief rain delays, the Renegades outlasted the Cyclones 4-3 in 10 innings. Heavy rain forced a late start, as well as pauses during the top of the fourth and top of the eighth innings. Baron Stuart continued his strong stretch of pitching this season against the Cyclones, allowing just four hits and two runs across four innings while striking out five.

The right-hander has struck out five-or-more in his four starts against Brooklyn this year, allowing just three total earned runs in 22.2 innings. However, Brooklyn took the lead in the top of the first. Morabito walked and stole second. Tilien knocked in Morabito with an RBI single

to put the Cyclones in front 1-0. In the fourth, Hudson Valley took the lead. After Dylan Jasso earned a two-out walk, Gomez hit a double to left-center that was lost in the rain and wind, scoring Jasso. Following that double the game was halted.

Whenplay resumed 12 minutes later, Garrett Martin lined a single to center to score Gomez and put the 'Gades in front 2-1. Tilien led off the bottom of the fourth with a triple. He scored two batters later on an infield single to tie the score at 2-2. In the eighth, Riggio led off with a walk before a rain delay halted proceedings for 30 minutes. Upon resumption, Riggio stole second and scored when Avina then ripped a double off the wall in left, driving home Riggio to put Hudson Valley in front 3-2. Brooklyn tied the game at 3-3 in the ninth. Morabito singled and stole second with two outs. An RBI single by D'Andre Smith drove in Morabito. In the tenth, Hudson Valley regained the lead. The automatic runner, Familia, scored from third on a double play. Harrison Cohen was able to strand the tying run at third in the bottom of the tenth, inducing a William Lugo flyout to close out a 4-3 win.

The Renegades won on Saturday, 3-0 but lost both ends of a doubleheader on Sunday.

Dominating Sellers named Pitcher of Month for July



During one stretch in July, Renegades pitcher Trent Sellers retired 35 consecutive batters. Part of that streak included July 19 vs. Rome, where Sellers threw 3.0 perfect innings in the Renegades' no-hitter over the Emperors at Heritage Financial Park.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

By Rich Thomaselli

Hudson Valley Renegades pitcher Trent Sellers has been named South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Month for July, Minor League Baseball announced. Sellers is the second Renegades player to win a weekly or monthly award during the 2024 season and is the fifth Renegades player to ever win a High-A East/SAL monthly award.

Sellers was dominant in the month of

July, putting together the best month on the mound of any pitcher in Minor League Baseball. In six games (three starts), the right-hander did not allow an earned run in 19.1 innings, while allowing only four hits, four walks and registering 24 strikeouts.

During one stretch, Sellers retired 35 consecutive batters. Part of that streak included July 19 vs. Rome, where Sellers threw 3.0 perfect innings in the Renegades' no-hitter over the Emperors at Heritage Financial Park, capped by Roc Riggio's dramatic walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth.

"Trent was on a tear in July. He pitched his way into the rotation, was an integral part of a combined no-hitter and put together an impressive streak without allowing a baserunner," said Renegades pitching coach Spencer Medick. "With his four-pitch mix, he profiles more of a starter and has worked diligently this year to add some velocity, and that has helped his stuff play up. He always had great pitch-ability in college and great underlying stuff, but he added velo has helped that translate to his success at the professional level. Not only has he been striking out more hitters, but also cutting down on walks and putting away hitters more efficiently as well. There has really been a massive jump in his development this year and he's been on a roll all month. This is a great honor for Trent and he's been showing off what he's capable of."

Renegades announce 2025 schedule

By Rich Thomaselli

It's still the summer of 2024, but start circling your calendars for next spring.

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced their 2025 home season schedule, featuring 66 games set to begin on Friday, April 4. The 2025 season marks the 31st season of Renegades baseball, and the fifth for the club as a New York Yankees affiliate playing as a member of the South Atlantic League.

The full schedule features 66 home games and 66 road games against nine opponents. The road schedule will be released by Minor League Baseball in the coming days. As previously announced by Minor League Baseball in July, the Greensboro Grasshoppers will be moving

from the North Division to the South Division for 2025, with the North now being comprised of the Aberdeen IronBirds, Brooklyn Cyclones, Jersey Shore BlueClaws, Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Renegades.

"We have already started working on some amazing plans for 2025 that we cannot wait to share with our fans and our community," said Zach Betkowski, General Manager of the Renegades. "The 2024 season has been an incredible, record-breaking season full of life-long memories, and we look forward to building upon that momentum in 2025. We treat every game as if it is someone's Opening Day, because in many respects, it is, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to create 66 magical experiences for the Hudson Valley next season."

General Manager Q&A

Welcoming team from Bhutan and making plans for 2025

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.

You have the youth baseball team from Bhutan coming in on August 18th. What does that mean to you guys?

I think this is something that we'll look back on at the end of the year. It will be

the coolest thing we've done. Not this year, but forever. I mean, it's not that often that a minor league baseball team gets to delve into international relations. So, we're really excited. There were a few hiccups along the way, like with international visas, but with a lot of help, we got it done.

The schedule came out for 2025. Are you guys already working on that?

We've been working on the planning

for 2025 for months now. It's helpful to have actual days to go with that planning. So now we can put all the pieces together. Maybe there are things we want to do again, and maybe there are things we want to implement. It's very much a work in progress; we'll ramp it up in October. ... Hopefully, folks will see a promotional schedule sometime in January.

What do you do on iffy days when you're not sure about the rain?



Zach Betkowski

We usually take a look at the weather in the morning with our head groundskeepers. We look at different radars. We start a text chain with our manager, our pitching coach, the opposing manager and the umpires. We just give an honest assessment of what we're seeing for the next several hours. I'll sometimes even include screenshots from radar of what we're seeing, because at the end of the day, we're not meteorologists.

Innovative agricultural plan teams youth with staff from area farms, restaurants

By Mary Mashburn and Emma Kron

In Dutchess County, a select group of 4-H youth, the Youth Livestock Sale Representatives, represent the 400-member strong organization.

This program is the brainchild of Emma Kron, the 4-H Program Manager. Seven talented individuals, all 4-H members and some also part of FFA, promote local agriculture and community collaboration. Each month, the youth partner with local farms, restaurants, and chefs to showcase locally raised species, matching their expertise. This initiative unites restaurant owners, chefs, farms, and youth all working together to celebrate and support local products, strengthening the bond between youth, agriculture, business, and community.

• Their first stop was through Melzingah's doors in Beacon, a new generation of conscious foodies and passionate youth agriculture leaders emerges, inspired by owner Dana Collins' kindness and dedication to community growth. Donating a day in her restaurant, with talented chef Paige Rodano, they cook, learn, and grow using local pork donated by first-generation farmers, Tom and Stacy Bonanno of To Have and Have Not Farm in Clinton Corners, known for their regenerative farm practices. The youth-crafted Pork Bahn Mi sandwiches were a hit!

• The second stop was entering into the meat processing side of agriculture. Kron's Custom Cuts in Millerton gave the group the opportunity to start from scratch. Using pork donated by Sugar Hill Farm in Pine Plains, the opportunity to create fresh linked Bratwurst sausage and Breakfast patties

was a delight.

From seasonings to casings, cooking methods to food safety, butcher Nick Kron guided members from start to delicious finish. Fresh bratwursts were immediately cooked and enjoyed by the group, while the breakfast sausage was saved for a later collaboration.

• The third stop features the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale, which is thrilled with the return of meat ducks to the Sale in 2024, steering the Youth Rep's third stop to Branchwater Farms in Milan. Robin Touchet & Kevin Pike focus on pairing their distilled spirits with land stewardship, utilizing ducks and chickens for both meat and eggs to reach their regenerative practice goals. Robin educated members on all things meat ducks, from breed choices to hatching and feeding to processing. Following the talk, the youth reps were able to take their Breakfast sausage, previously made at Kron's Custom Cuts and duck eggs from Robin's flock to craft delicious sausage, duck egg and cheese sandwiches! A hit amongst all, the youth enjoyed a twist on the classic breakfast delight.

• The fourth stop saw owner Chris Crocco, who has made Beacon Daily into a staple of the Beacon community. Not only do they offer a wide variety of delicious options, but they work to keep their prices as low as possible. Along with Crocco, Chef Aydan Tasciotti guided the youth in the process of brining, dredging and frying chicken thighs from Millbrook Beef & Dairy to make their 4-time award-winning Original Chicken Sandwich. Hot & crispy fried chicken is piled high upon a homemade cheddar scallion biscuit along with honey butter



Above, 4-H Sale representatives work at Melzingah in Beacon to craft scrumptious Bahn Mi sandwiches with Chef Paige Rodano. The sandwiches feature pork belly from To Have and Have Not Farm in Clinton Corners.

Right, Lamb youth representative Jackson Crisp trims a whole beef brisket from Millbrook Beef & Dairy to prepare it for smoking under the tutelage of Chef Kevin at BEAST BBQ in Fishkill.

-Courtesy photos

hot sauce, ranch pimento, pickles and shredded lettuce.

• The fifth stop featured a dive into the fine dining experience of Chef Michel Jean of Champêtre, a French restaurant in Pine Plains. He was thrilled to share his lifetime of expertise working with rabbit. A meat that not many of the youth reps has tried previously, both rabbit dishes prepared were enjoyed by all. Members learned the technique of confit, cooking in low temperature olive oil for a long period of time, a new skill to add to their cooking arsenal. Meat was provided by our own Rabbit Youth Rep, Tessa Mashburn from her rabbitry, Champagne Dreams Rabbitry in Red Hook.

• The sixth stop captured the essence of barbecue with Chef Kevin Viteri and owner of BEAST BBQ Jessica Forlano who guided a hands-on experience involving the start-to-finish process of smoking a brisket. Each with their own station, youth learned how to make a rub, trim a brisket, smoke, rest, and slice up the drool-worthy creation. Juicy & tender whole briskets were donated by Millbrook Beef & Dairy and Sugar Hill Farm in Pine Plains. Viteri & Forlano also enjoyed a presentation by the Youth Sale Reps in attendance regarding all that their projects and the Livestock Sale entails.

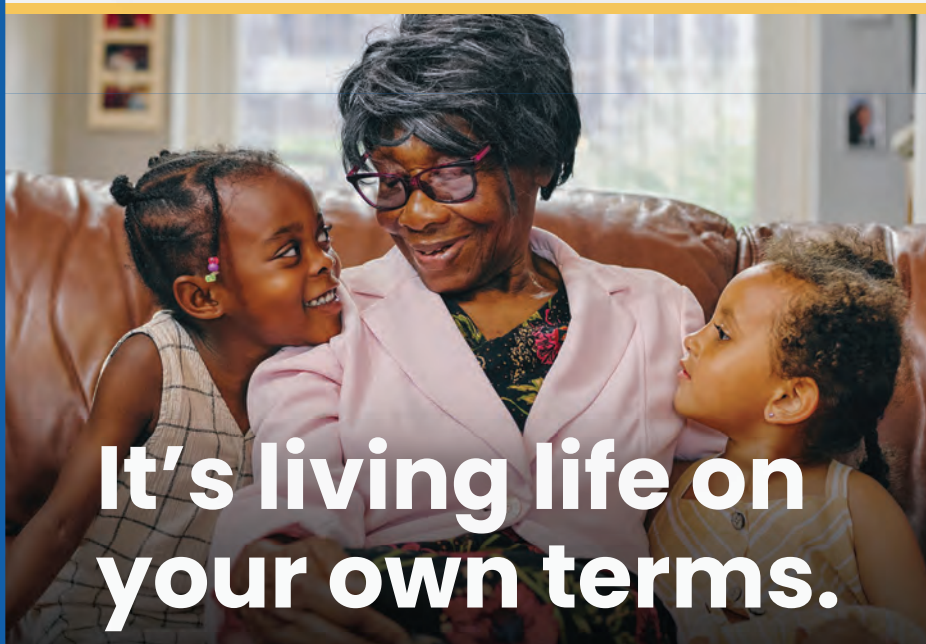
Promoting a profound appreciation for the journey from farm to table, we invite you to join us in celebrating the food we eat and the farmers and youth who make it possible. Follow the Youth Livestock reps on their continued journey, nurturing a deeper gratitude for the people and processes that bring fresh produce to our plates in the Hudson Valley by following Dutchess County 4-H on Facebook. By the end of this local food journey, the



Youth Reps will have connected with at least 14 local businesses from right here in the Hudson Valley.

Are you interested in purchasing locally raised meats? Make sure to mark your calendar for August 24th for the Youth Livestock Sale held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. 4-H and FFA members will be auctioning off their incredible projects so that you can fill your freezer with delicious, local meats! For more information on the Youth Livestock Sale, you can find the Dutchess County Youth Livestock Sale on Facebook or contact Dutchess County 4-H at <https://dutchess-county4h.weebly.com/>.

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by mark adams



Roger's goat

Gearing up for the Dutchess County Fair



Roger Loughran with Pickles.

-Photos by Mark Adams

practice every morning and then back to the fair. The showmanship competition is held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 22.

The year Roger was born his parents

founded Roger's Run 4 AMC to increase awareness of Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita through the promotion and encouragement of distance running and walking. The vision is to promote a climate of understanding with regard to AMC and to decrease the level of hardship faced by families impacted by AMC. A 5K run, 5K walk and 1 mile run is held the day before Father's Day. Roger's Run has donated over \$140,000 to the AMC support organization and funds a \$500 annual scholarship to a Red Hook High School graduate.

I've said many times that the best part of my "career" as a writer for this newspaper is meeting wonderful people, and last Thursday was heart-warming, talking with Roger, Nate, Christel and Mike, Roger's mom Lisa, checking out the goats and some gigantic scary-looking hogs, and watching little 3-year-old Isabel Clum scampering around in the rain, not a care in the world.

Join me at the 4-H goat tent to cheer Roger on as he competes for his second showmanship blue ribbon.

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

Roger with Pickles and Nate with Goober.

Roger Loughran was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita. AMC is a term used to describe a group of congenital conditions characterized by joint contractures in two or more body parts, usually the arms or legs. In Roger's case, his legs are supported by braces; otherwise he is a fantastic 14-year-old kid who loves animals and loves working with them. I met Roger at Christel and Mike Clum's farm in Germantown, where he keeps his goat "Pickles." Roger lives in Red Hook, but town zoning laws prevent him from keeping a goat (this is an issue that needs to be explored).

Christel is the leader of the Got Goat Milk 4-H club, with 16 members. Roger joined the club a couple of years ago, although his goat is a Savanna, not bred for milking. Mike Clum is the leader of a 4-H hog club, which he decided to merge with the goat club so he and Christel wouldn't have several meetings every week - volunteer 4-H leaders work hard,

especially around fair time.

Roger entered Pickles in the 4-H showmanship competition, where he will personally show his goat in front of the judges. Showmanship is an art, involving a well prepared animal hosted by a dedicated presenter. Some of the winners of the fair's showmanship events have gone on to related careers, for example Blake Mahaffey with Beef Cattle.

Last month Roger took first place in showmanship at the Ulster County Fair and Third in the market class, where the animal itself is judged. The competition at the Dutchess County Fair is more intense, but Roger is ready and confident. Last year his goat won the market class, and was purchased as a "rescue" by Suzie Williams.

Joining Roger in the competition will be Nate Clum, one of his best friends, with his goat "Goober." Nate will also be showing his hog.

Most of the 4-H competitors spend the entire week (August 20 - 25) at the fairgrounds, but Nate has to go to football

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Obituaries

James E. Padilla



HOPEWELL JUNCTION - James E. Padilla, 78, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 1986, passed away at home on July 24, 2024. He was lovingly known as "Shickie" to all who loved him. James was born on October 30, 1945, in Manhattan, the son of the late Rudolf and Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez Padilla. In a beautiful ceremony at home on September 12, 1987, he married the love of his life Christina (DeMasi) Padilla. She survives at home. For 36 years, James showed up to work daily with a smile and dressed in a three-piece suit at IBM in East Fishkill. After retirement, he worked part-time as a school bus driver with the Wappingers Central School District. Locally, James was a greeter at St.

Denis Church in Hopewell Junction, and a member of the Pirate Canoe Club in Poughkeepsie. He was a train enthusiast and wine connoisseur. He was an avid New York Mets fan and enjoyed NASCAR racing. He loved karaoke, with his go-to song being "Can't Get Enough of Your Love" by Barry White. Being around his family and friends gave him much joy. He could often be found being the "bartender" at home parties. James loved tradition and would often bring old-world Mexican and Italian values to his parties. In addition to his loving wife Christina, James is survived by his son James (Caroline) Padilla; his grandchildren: Dawn (Tony) Payne, Jessica (Alex) Storjohann, and Michael Padilla; his great-grandchildren: Charles, Caelan, Jordyn, Carmyn, and Evelyn; and his brothers: Roland T. (Loretto) Padilla, Billy (Karen) Padilla. He was predeceased by his son Kevin Padilla; grandson Alex Padilla; and his siblings: Christina Gilsenan, Phil Padilla, and Roland Rudolf Padilla. A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 10 am at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Memorial donations can be made in James's name to the St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Raffaella Giunta



POUGHKEEPSIE - Raffaella Giunta, 102, died on August 3, 2024. Born in the Bronx on May 3, 1922, she was the daughter of Giuseppe and Inconronata (Valentino) Rotondo. Raffaella was a great cook who also enjoyed sewing, knitting and playing cards. She always said that her secret to living a long life was a glass of white zinfandel and a baby aspirin each day. Raffaella was predeceased by her husband, Rosario Filippo Bartolomeo Giunta; her daughters, Ann Marie Fusco, Phyllis Bill, Mary Altieri and Lorraine Thompson; and her three siblings and their spouses. Raffaella is survived by her son, Joseph Giunta; her daughter, Josephine Hunt; and her 14 grandchildren. A graveside service was held on Friday, August 9, at Garden of Memories in Washington Township, New Jersey.

Carol J. Blodgett



POUGHKEEPSIE - Carol J. Blodgett, 74, of Poughkeepsie, NY, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024 surrounded by her loving family at her home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 4PM-6PM at the Full Gospel Center, 1138 Rt. 55, LaGrange, NY 12540. A Funeral Service will be held at 6PM following the visitation. To read the full obituary or leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Noreen A. Queenan



HOPEWELL JUNCTION - Noreen Ann Queenan, a Hopewell Junction resident since 1971 and formerly of Yonkers, NY, passed away on Friday, August 9, 2024, with her husband by her side. She was 77. Noreen was born on April 11, 1947, in England, to the late John and Kathleen (Minihane) Curran, Irish citizens from counties Waterford and Cork, who worked in England at the time supporting the war effort. Several years later, Noreen's family emigrated to the United States settling in Yonkers, NY, where she would remain until marrying and moving with her husband to Hopewell Junction, NY to raise her children in 1971. She married her husband, Jack, on June 3,

1967 at St. Mary's Church in Yonkers. For years, Noreen enjoyed working part-time while raising her children at home. She later returned to full-time work in various positions with the State. Noreen retired from the New York State Thruway Authority in 2002. Noreen was kind, caring, always positive and encouraging, and remained deeply interested and involved in her children's and grandchildren's lives. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was extremely proud of her grandchildren and loved attending their school and sports events. Noreen is survived by her loving husband Jack; her daughter, Kathy Queenan of Fishkill, NY; her son, John Queenan & his wife Rose of Selkirk, NY; her grandchildren: Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jack Queenan, and Maya Queenan; her brothers: Patrick Curran, Johnny Curran, and Danny Curran & his wife Kathy; many nieces, and their families; as well as many cousins and other loving relatives & friends in the U.S. and Ireland. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, August 13 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Interment will follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online tributes, you can visit Noreen's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

David P. Quill



BEACON - David P. Quill, a lifelong Beacon resident, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on August 8, 2024 at the Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, NY; at the age of 71. He was born in Beacon, NY on January 25, 1953, son of the late Rodman Nelson Quill and Agnes (Medley) Quill. David attended and graduated from Beacon City Schools. He was a former member of the St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Beacon for many years. David loved his hometown of Beacon dearly; especially frequenting the BJ Restaurant on Main Street, and the Beacon Waterfront which he enjoyed great times with his cousins the late-Molly Medley and Rodney Medley.

He also enjoyed the times spent with other family & friends. He had a great love for music. David worked as a truck driver for over 30 years; he was working for Lobos Distributing in New York, NY, until he retired. David is survived by his son and daughter: David S. Quill (Kelly Reyes), and Alexia (Lance Sr.) Morgan; his four grandchildren, Maddox Quill, Evie Quill, Lance Morgan Jr., Gia Morgan. He is also survived by Stephanie Queensbury, Lisa Quill, Karen Quill, Michael Quill, and Rodman Quill Jr. Along with his parents, David was predeceased by his two brothers, Steven Quill and Tyrone Quill. His Family would like acknowledge Brianne Monaco, who was like a surrogate-daughter, his sister Stephanie Queensbury, and nieces Jadyen Queensbury & Gretchen Quill; for the excellent care they showed and took of David. His Family will gather with Friends on Saturday, August 17th from 10am-11am at the LIBBY FUNERAL HOME, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, New York. Interment will be private at the discretion of His Family. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Blood donations down, donors needed

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans. Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25%, and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care.

Heat impacted more than 100 blood drives in July in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood - compounding other seasonal obstacles to blood donation, such as travel and summer activities. Together these factors contributed to a shortfall of more than 19,000 blood donations in July. At the same time, hospital demand for blood products remains strong. Blood products are being sent to hospi-

tals faster than donations are coming in. Right now, type O inventory is so low, distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on. "It's critical hospitals have both type O positive and O negative blood ready to go for patients in the most life-threatening situations," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. "Type O is especially important

for victims of accidents and other trauma who are receiving emergency treatment. Now is the time for donors of all blood types to give and ensure hospital shelves can be restocked before any impact to patient care." The Red Cross is working with hospitals around-the-clock to meet the blood needs of patient. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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Police department promotions, appointment approved by Council

By Kristine Coulter

Members of the City of Beacon Police Department were promoted during the City Council meeting on Aug. 5 at City Hall.

Det. Thomas Durkin was promoted to Det. Sgt.

According to Figlia, in a letter to the Council, in 2022 Durkin "was awarded by Mental America for Meritorious Service for assisting with locating and deescalating an individual who had called in a man with a gun who had provided a description of himself. It is highly likely that this individual would have been attempting a suicide-by-cop and we are thankful for the successful response which was provided."

Durkin, said the police chief, is the department's senior detective in the detective bureau and "has extensive experience in the community and within the Department." Durkin is a 2010 graduate of Beacon High

School, it was noted. He also received a degree from Mount Saint Mary College in Orange County in sociology.

"He also worked as a part-time dispatcher here from 2014 to 2015, at which point he was hired as a police officer," stated Figlia.

A vacancy for police officer with the department was filled by the City Council during the meeting on Aug. 5. Isabella Nocerino was recommended for the police officer appointment by Figlia.

Figlia said in a letter to the Council, "Ms. Nocerino is a long-time resident of the City of Beacon and a graduate of our public schools. For several years in a row, she participated in our Beacon Youth Police Academy. Throughout her high school years, she also participated as police cadet for the Town of Fishkill Police Department and eventually rose to

the rank of Cadet Chief. Ms. Nocerino worked as a dispatcher for the Town of East Fishkill Police Department and in August of 2022 we hired Ms. Nocerino as a full time, evening shift dispatcher."

"She passed a rigorous background check," the chief told the Council during the meeting.

"She came up through the cadet program," noted City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou.

"We took her away from her shift for a few minutes," said Figlia.

"I'm a longtime resident," said Nocerino. She noted she is a graduate of Beacon High School and Rombout Junior High School, schools that are in the Beacon City School District. She recently received her degree in public affairs with a concentration of emergency management.

Kelvin Grey was promoted to Sergeant.

According to Figlia, Grey was born and raised in the Bronx. He graduated from Beacon High School. Grey, stated Figlia, was also a coach for the Beacon High School Junior Varsity Football team, "where he was actually coach for our now Police Officer, John Underwood."

Grey worked for the Village of Wappingers Falls in 2014 and was hired to be on the force with the City of Beacon Police Department in July of 2016, the chief stated.

"Here he served as a patrol officer for approximately 5 years, throughout which he received good reviews for his handling of calls and interactions with the public. During that time, he was made a Field Training Officer and a Child Safety Seat Technician. In 2021, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau and was fully promoted in August of 2021," stated Figlia.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

June 16: Criminal Mischief- Tompkins Terrace- Caller reported that her tires were stabbed by an individual known to her. Report taken. Investigation conducted. The matter was resolved between both parties.

June 17: Traffic Complaint- Main Street-Virginia G. Nova, 54, of Hopewell Junction, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Motor Vehicle 2nd, Criminal Impersonation & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic.

June 17: Auto Accident- Main Street-Officers responded to a call for a Hit & Run Auto Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 17: Dog Bite-Beekman Street- Caller

reported that he was bitten by a dog. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 18: Auto Accident- Main Street-Caller reported damage to his car as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 19: Fraud- Aldridge Place- Caller reported being a victim of fraudulent activity. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 21: Assault- Beekman Street- James S. Jenkins, 68, of Beacon, was charged with Assault 3.

June 22: Suspicious Condition- East Main Street- Caller reported an unknown vehicle in his driveway. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 23: Lost Plate-Municipal Plaza- Caller reported a lost license plate.

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June 24: Identity Theft- Academy Street- Caller reported being the victim of Identity Theft. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 26: Disturbance-South Davies Terrace-Jose M. Portalatin, 30, of Beacon, was charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

June 27: Traffic Stop- Eliza Street- Charles T. Kavanagh Jr., 37, of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Motor Vehicle 3rd & other miscellaneous V&T violations.

June 28: Fraud-Tompkins Avenue- Caller reported being a victim of a Social Security scam. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 28: Fight- Main Street- Officers were dispatched for a report of a fight. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 29: Larceny from Vehicle-Teller Avenue-Caller reported items taken from his vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

June 29: Larceny from a Vehicle- South Chestnut Street-Caller reported items taken from his vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

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40. Containing uranium
42. Rip off
43. Sleeping sickness vector
45. Che Guevara's hat, pl.
47. Roman road
48. "And Then ____ Were None"
50. Hillside, in Scotland
52. *Home ringer
55. Raccoon's South American cousin
56. Debate side
57. Spring in a mattress
59. Ar, atomic number 18
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5. Flower trunks
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10. "The Lion King" villain
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13. More asinine
14. City area
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Pleasant Valley sunflower farm grows community, family fun

By Kaeleigh Banda

Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils (HVCPO) began as a sunflower oil company but expanded into a sunflower farm where people can visit, cut flowers, listen to live music and shop. Located in Pleasant Valley, this family-owned sunflower farm symbolizes the versatility of sunflowers and the importance of community building.

Kevin Haight originally made sunflower oil in hopes of using it as a biodiesel. Jeff Haight, a chef and Kevin's brother, was sent a sample of the oil, and he and his wife Allison Haight both thought the oil would be much better as a food product. Sunflower oil is comparable to olive oil. It has a nutty flavor, a higher smoke point and it is nutrient dense. Jeff Haight said the sunflower seeds also have a longer life than olives, which makes HVCPO's production last throughout the year.

"We grow the flowers, we harvest the seed, we dry the seed and we make the oil," Jeff Haight said. "The byproduct of that is meal, which is very high in protein and fat because we only get about 30% of the oil out of the seed because it's cold pressed, and cold pressing means that we do not add any heat or chemical to extract more oil."

The meal that was the byproduct was originally given out to feed cattle. However, they learned that they could use the meal to make sunflower flour.



From left, Kevin, John and Jeff Haight.

-Photo by Kaeleigh Banda

The sunflower flour is high-protein and gluten-free. Now, they sell the flour

and produce multiple high-protein gluten-free baking mixes including brownie, muffin, oatmeal cookie and pancake mixes.

Seven years ago, HVCPO started to open their farm to the public. People who had passed the field expressed interest in cutting flowers to take home and taking pictures. This inspired the company to open their farm to visiting. The farm now has more than just visiting. On weekends after 5 p.m., the farm has live music, a grill station with food made to order and a view of the sunset overlooking the sunflowers.

Throughout the week, the farm has a large tent where they sell their sunflower products and other local crafters sell sunflower-themed products such as ornaments, cups, key chains and more. Two of their other popular oils are the raspberry balsamic that they get imported from Italy and the sunflower oil based truffle oil. Guests can go out into the field for photo shoots, to walk around or to cut flowers to buy and take home.

The farm was started by brothers and has continued to root itself in family by having multiple family members involved at the farm. Claudia Haight, Jeff Haight's daughter and rising junior at Arlington High School, has worked at the farm since she was 10 years old. Claudia Haight said she is grateful for the life skills she has gained from working with her family on the farm.

"I've learned how to talk to people comfortably and even learned a lot about the best ways to sell certain products," Claudia Haight said. "I really appreciate my parents for exposing me to the food industry and business world at a younger age, and honestly I think working with and for them has brought us a lot closer together."

The sunflower fields also draw many

families in to visit. AJ Pittore, one of the HVCPO employees and former babysitter for Jeff Haight's children, said she was brought into their family like one of their own and has continued to admire the sense of family at the farm.

"We have a big family presence here at the farm and I feel like there's enjoyment for everyone in the family," Pittore said. "After cutting flowers and a photo shoot in the field, kids can run around while parents and grandparents can sit back and enjoy the views and live music."

The employees at the farm are kids, teens and young adults who are connected to the family in some way whether it is through blood or friendship. Jeff Haight said one of his favorite things is seeing how the kids grow through working for them.

"Seeing kids that work for us, including my own, going from not comfortable talking to adults to by the end of the season or the middle of the next season, understand what we do, how we do it and be able to educate someone coming to the farm for the first time is amazing," Jeff Haight said.

The sunflower fields are only beginning to grow. The company has continued to expand every year in big and small ways. They plan to continue their growth and are excited for the future. The farm is open every day for picking flowers, taking pictures and shopping and open on weekends for food and music as well. They will be open through Sept. 1, but check their website for days and hours of operation as they change due to weather. Throughout the year, products can be purchased at Adams in Poughkeepsie, Taste of NY, their website and more.

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