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I Am Beacon, Key Food set Back 2 School Block Party on August 24

By Kristine Coulter

I Am Beacon and Key Food will host the 9th Annual Back 2 School Block Party on August 24, from Noon to 3 p.m., at South Avenue Park in Beacon. This community event is a celebration of the start of the school year, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors for a day of fun, entertainment, and support for local students, according to organizers.

Reuben Simmons, executive director of I Am Beacon, told Beacon Free Press, "Over the years, I've witnessed the growth of the Back 2 School Block Party, and its consistency has made it a vital event for our community. Connecting families with essential services is crucial, especially in a community like Beacon, where so much is happening. This event brings together all organizations in one place, making it easier for families to access the information and resources they need. Additionally, the Class-In-A-Bag initiative plays a key role in ensuring that our students have the necessary tools and resources for the upcoming school year."

The day will begin with an All-Star Basketball Showdown. The game will start at 10:30 a.m., when the Beacon Hoops All-Stars take on Newburgh. Organizers say it promises to be a competitive game. I Am Beacon representatives said attendees may cheer on their favorite local team.

The festivities continue with the following activities:

- Music by DJ King Cyrus
- Face Painting
- T-Shirt Tie Dye
- Food and Drinks

"Working on this event with Key Food every year is truly an honor and a blessing. Interestingly, this event originated from Key Food offering I Am Beacon a table space at their Employee Appreciation Day, which they hosted in their parking lot. The following year, they embraced our idea of a Back 2 School Block Party, and the rest is history. This event is a true collaborative effort, with support from sponsors like the Beacon City School District, Beacon Recreation, Beacon Hoops, Salem Tabernacle, Tightrope Interactive, Staples, State Farm, Beacon Teachers Association, Pharaoh Lodge Foundation, Natalia Huang Piano Studio, and Mountainview Dental," said Simmons.

For more information or to find out how one may contribute, please contact Reuben Simmons at iambeacon.reuben@gmail.com.

Youth Livestock Sale participants learn from 'amazing experiences'

Events set Saturday at Dutchess County Fair

By Curtis Schmidt

They've learned about hard work, preparation, responsibility, compassion, disappointment - and yes - a modest appreciation for success. They're the young people who have learned from personal experiences and they will all be involved in this year's Youth Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair.

If you like to "buy local" and support the efforts of local youth at the same time, this is an event not to be missed. The sale is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 in the main show ring at the Fairgrounds, with the pre-sale educational event starting at 2 p.m.

Ashley Keck, a 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) member, terms learning life lessons "an amazing experience." She's been raising and showing beef cattle at the DC Fair and other shows around the country for 12 years.

"The people you meet, which turn into lifelong friendships, the hard times that teach you how to handle stress and temporary disappointment and discomfort, all prepare you for the real, raw life," she said. "You learn hard work, routine, compassion and sportsmanship."

Jackson Crisp is another 12-year 4-H veteran who will be showing 11 sheep and one cow at the Fair.

"Raising and showing animals all my life has been the greatest experience I could have asked for. It has taught me responsibility, humility, patience and the value of hard work," he said. "I've had to deliver lambs morning and night while juggling homework and school. This has helped me learn to manage my time better. I've learned through countless failures the value of hard work, sacrifice and perseverance."

Tessa Mashburn will "be thrilled to share my knowledge and showcase my



Youth Livestock Sale participants include, from left, Lyris Pennock, Tessa Mashburn, Ashley Keck and James Roush. In front are Elianna Fell, Jackson Crisp and Elizabeth Mashburn.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

rabbits." She raises and shows French Champagne d'Argent rabbits, which she said, "has taught me the art of refinement and attention to detail. As a home-schooler, I've had the opportunity to cultivate my love for agriculture and public speaking, allowing me to share my expertise with others."

She added, "I invite you to join us at the sale and pre-sale educational event, where you'll discover the youth agriculture movement and our community supporters. By attending, you'll have the opportunity to support local youth in agriculture and their pursuit of excellence."

James Roush will be showing beef cattle for his eighth year at the Fair. He comments, "People attending the Youth Livestock Sale will be able to learn about all the cuts of meat and the nutritional benefits of all the species represented. They will also have a chance to buy locally-raised animals from local kids."

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INSIDE: Youth in Agriculture at the Dutchess County Fair

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Ashley's passion for teaching
Ashley Keck has been showing her beef cattle at the Dutchess County Fair for 12 years and is a member of the Dutchess County Fair's 4-H and FFA chapters. She likes to teach others about the benefits of agriculture.
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Julia extends knowledge
Julia Fawcett is the president of the Dutchess County 4-H club, as well as a member of the Dutchess County Fair's 4-H and FFA chapters. She works with sheep, cats, and dogs. She likes to teach others about the benefits of agriculture.
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Matthew's dedication
Matthew Mink is a rising senior at Beacon High School and the president of the school's FFA chapter. Throughout his three years at FFA, Matthew has been able to expand his knowledge of livestock, agriculture, leadership and more. You can see all his photos and other FFA members at the Dutchess County Fair.
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Hope's enthusiasm
Hope Mink is a rising senior at Beacon High School. She is the vice-president of the Dutchess County FFA chapter. She is passionate about agriculture and will be busy at the Fair showing animals and with her FFA chapter and the Agriculture display.
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Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band seeks new members

By Kristine Coulter

The Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band is seeking new members. They meet on Sunday nights at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in East Fishkill (unless they have a concert that day).

"We accept concert band musicians from ages 14-adult that would like to play marches, Broadway show highlights, classical and the concert band repertoire," said Althea Richards, who is the band manager. Her husband Vincent "Vinny" Richards is the bandmaster.

"The Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band is thirty years in existence as a Boy Scout Explorer unit and is now changed to a Learning for Life unit under the Boy Scouts of America specializing in the performance of playing music for our veterans, nursing homes, our neighboring towns and for the general public," explained Althea.

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The Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band is seeking new members. Pictured are members of the band in East Fishkill.

-Courtesy photo

Youth Livestock Sale participants learn from 'amazing experiences'

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Another busy 4-H'er at the Fair will be Lyris Pennock. The six-year member of the Stony Ground club focuses on heritage animals and will be showing chickens, turkeys, ducks, sheep and a dairy heifer.

She encourages everyone to get involved in the Youth Livestock Sale and points out that "a large portion of the money spent goes toward supporting the youth's future 4-H projects, as well as college savings." She added, "Purchasing animals at the sale is a great way to support local agriculture and receive healthier non-commercially raised meat. By attending the pre-sale education event, buyers can learn about the different species available for purchase, how they're raised and meet the youth they will be buying from."

Elianna Fell has been a member of the 3'Rs Livestock Club and Red Hook High School FFA for three years. She has participated in the Sale for three years and will be showing hogs and dairy goats at this year's Fair.

"I've learned how to manage my time between different things by having my livestock and learning how long to give each in order to get a better outcome between my animals or something else in

life," she said. She believes individuals should attend the sale to support the efforts of the 4-H and FFA members.

She added, "By attending the pre-sale and learning more about what we do and how we take care of our livestock and then asking questions - that helps us teach you more about how we raise animals and why we enjoy it."

Elizabeth Mashburn has been part of 4-H since the age of five and is a member of the La-Togge-Nubi-Alpi-Saan Goat Club. She is excited to be showing her Boer Goat "Brisket," at this year's Fair.

She also had the opportunity to be part of the 4-H species Rep program in which she worked with fellow youth representatives from various species and chefs from local restaurants. "We gathered around the table to share agriculture knowledge and culinary skills. The chefs taught us how to prepare and cook each species, showcasing their culinary versatility," said Elizabeth.

She encourages everyone to attend the pre-sale event where they can "learn about animal care and nutrition, understand the importance of sustainable agriculture and purchase high-quality animals from dedicated young farmers like myself.

"Come learn, bid, and take home a wonderful animal like Brisket!"

Sheriff's office to conduct Operation Safe Child at Fair

Sheriff Kirk Imperati has announced that the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and Explorer Program, will conduct Operation Safe Child at the Dutchess County Fair. The program will be offered to parents and children from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. each day that the Fair is open (8/20 - 8/25), and will be located at the Sheriff's Office tent inside the fairgrounds.

Operation Safe Child is a free service that provides parents and children with important child safety information.

Information about the child - such as name, biographical information, fingerprints, and a photograph - is put onto a Safe Child ID card. The card can be made in a matter of minutes, can be easily carried in a wallet or purse, and will contain critical information to help expedite the return of the child should they ever go missing.

No advance sign-up is required to participate in the program, and parents are encouraged to visit the Sheriff's Office tent at the Fair to learn more about this and other services provided by Sheriff Imperati and his team.

Blood 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.

"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.

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.

Antique tractor part of Fair's Century Village



An antique Worthington service tractor will be part of the Century Museum Antique Village at this year's Dutchess County Fair. The antique tractor will be parked in the lawn area near the antique buildings. It is presented courtesy of Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band seeks new members

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The band currently has 30 playing musicians, she said.

"The band is like an extended family and there is no competition for seating. The concert band has been to Canada twice on tour. Once being asked to play for the 200th anniversary of the Lundy Lane Presbyterian Church and the second time while on tour to premiere Capt. Ken Force's new march "Heroes of New York," which was written for our brave firefighters, EMT's, and police after the planes crashed into the Twin Towers in 2001," said Althea.

The band has a playing folder of 68 pieces of music ready to use for all occasions and a large library, she noted.

"We gave concerts in Queen Ann's Park and in the Main Mall as well as on the other side of Niagara Falls on the New York side," said Althea. "The concert band also toured Washington, D. C. playing a concert in the veterans hospital and laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The band also did rubbings of names of our veterans

from Wappingers Falls for our Gold Star Mothers."

"The concert band was asked by Bill Parsons, (a former employee of Beacon Free Press) to provide music each year since the Memorial Soldier Statue was built in the Drexel-Schalhaus War Memorial Park [in the Town of Wappinger]," said Vinny.

Each year, East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green asks the band to be the "lead off" band for the East Fishkill Summer Concert Series.

The band also plays for the Hopewell Depot Museum, on Railroad Ave., and the East Fishkill Historical Society, at its North Kensington Drive site, he noted.

"The concert band has openings in all sections, there are no auditions, we ask that our musicians young and old come sit in with the band and see if you want to be part of our musical family," said Althea.

It is advised that anyone who plans to attend rehearsals, e-mail varichards@optonline.

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank to meet on August 28

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28 in person at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, in the library. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome to

attend. To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires notice of 5 days), please call 845-293-3547 or email info@dcpoklandbank.org.

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Ryan nominates County government, Sheriff's office for funding to modernize analysis, real-time intelligence

Congressman Pat Ryan joined with Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, and Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi to announce their joint efforts to bolster public safety in Dutchess County in a presentation at the Sheriff's office on Aug. 13.

Ryan has nominated the County government and Sheriff's Office for \$2,386,000 in federal Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). \$1,184,000 of the funding would help the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office overhaul its Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center with cutting edge technology, improving the efficiency and responsiveness of local law enforcement and increasing the security of Dutchess County communities. The Dutchess County government would use the other \$1,184,000 to develop a consolidated two-way public safety radio system, allowing for enhanced communication across emergency response departments and improving coordination and efficacy of emergency responses throughout the county.

"Supporting law enforcement and our first responders shouldn't be partisan – it's about delivering for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to keep our community safe. The Real Time Crime Intelligence Center and new two-way public safety radio system will be absolute game-changers for Dutchess County," said Ryan. "For months, I've worked with Sheriff Imperati, County Executive Serino, and District Attorney Parisi to get these applications in place, and I'm proud to announce both public safety projects are now officially nominated for federal funding. Together, we're going to cut down on crime, shrink response times, and continue to make Dutchess County a safer community for everyone."

"At a time where neighbors are feeling less and less safe in their community, it's on all levels of government to come up with unique and out-of-the-box solutions that will address this challenge head-on," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "By being able to react in real-time and ensuring that our communication systems are effective and reliable, we can ensure that our community feels confident that our first responders and law enforcement officials are working together to respond to emergencies. I applaud our Department of Emergency Response, Sheriff Kirk Imperati and District Attorney Anthony Parisi for their innovative thinking and thank Congressman Pat Ryan for recognizing the importance these projects will play in Dutchess County and for his support."

"On behalf of the men and women at the Sheriff's Office I would like to thank Congressman Ryan, County Executive Serino, and District Attorney Parisi for all of their hard work and dedication towards improving public safety in Dutchess County," said Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati. "Providing more resources for law enforcement is a top priority for me as the Sheriff, and it is made possible



From left at the press conference are Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi, District 15 County Legislator and former law enforcement officer Robert Faust, County Executive Sue Serino, State Senator Rob Rolison, County Comptroller Gregg Pulver, Congressman Pat Ryan, County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Dana Smith, Commissioner of Department of Emergency Response and Shawn Castano, Deputy Commissioner of Department of Emergency Response.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

by the commitment from those who stand before you today. Thank you, and I look forward to strengthening our partnerships well into the future to continue making Dutchess County one of the safest places to live in all of New York State."

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Congressman Pat Ryan for making the safety of the residents of Dutchess County a priority," said District Attorney Anthony Parisi. "He has played a crucial role in our endeavor to obtain funding for a cutting edge Real-Time Crime Center. The collaboration with Congressman Ryan, Sheriff Imperati, County Executive Serino and the District Attorney's Office truly demonstrates the strength of cooperative efforts, in serving and protecting our community. The unwavering commitment and teamwork shown by all parties is not only commendable but absolutely necessary to bring this project to fruition. Together, we can assist law enforcement by responding to crime events more efficiently, more deliberately, with improved operational intelligence, and with a proactive emphasis on officer, citizen and community safety which is of the utmost importance to us all."

"Thank you to Congressman Ryan for nominating Dutchess County and the Sheriff's Office for this necessary public safety funding," said State Senator Rob Rolison. "These assets will go a long way

toward providing real-time information sharing and better interoperability among local law enforcement. As a retired former police officer who served his community for 26 years and the father of a cop currently on the job, it is critical that we adequately fund the brave men and women who keep us safe. I am grateful to Rep. Ryan for fighting to secure these much-needed appropriations for Dutchess County."

"Public safety is a priority, and it's critical that our Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and DA have the resources they need to keep our communities safe," said State Senator Michelle Hinchey. "I thank Congressman Ryan for fighting to secure this investment, which will enhance our local law enforcement's ability to serve and protect."

Ryan nominated the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office's Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center and the Dutchess County government's consolidated two-way public safety radio system for federal Community Project funding for Fiscal Year 2025. The projects were

passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on July 9. Descriptions of the project proposals are as follows:

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office's Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center upgrades would elevate the efficiency and responsiveness of policing in the county through the procurement of cutting-edge intelligence gathering, analysis, and sharing equipment, in addition to communication equipment. The improvements will aid police in reducing violent crime and creating a safer community for law enforcement officers, residents and visitors.

Dutchess County's consolidated two-way public safety radio system consists of investing in 440 new law enforcement radios, replacing dated systems while streamlining and consolidating communication across local law enforcement entities. The project will dramatically improve public safety communication infrastructure, ensuring stable communication and real-time response across the whole of the county.

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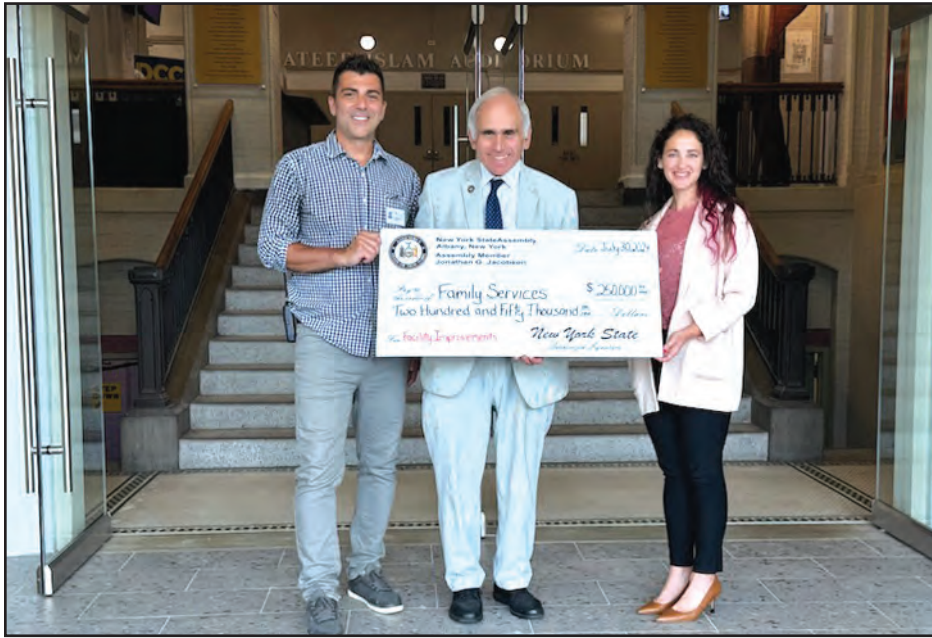
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Family Partnership Center receives \$250,000 in funding support for fire-retardant doors



Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) recently announced \$250,000 in funding to support improvements to the Family Partnership Center (FPC) in Poughkeepsie. The money will be used to install new, fire-retardant doors throughout the building.

“The Family Partnership Center is an anchor in Poughkeepsie’s Northside, which houses many not-for-profits providing a range of services to local residents,” Jacobson said. “Unfortunately, the FPC is in a 110-year-old building, originally Poughkeepsie High School, and requires constant renovation and maintenance. So I was glad to secure \$250,000 for the purchase of fire-retardant doors to help keep the building up to code.”

“Family Services is grateful to have the support of Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson for this critical project,” said Family Services CEO Leah Feldman. “We so appreciate his encouragement, foresight and care for projects that affect the Family Partnership Center and the residents of the City of Poughkeepsie.”

The Family Partnership Center provides community services and programming to local residents using a co-location model that allows for better collaboration with various nonprofits and other organizations also housed in the building. This includes Dutchess Outreach, the Hudson Valley Justice Center, Dutchess Community College, a branch of the Poughkeepsie Public Library, and Sun River Health, among many others.

Left, Associate Director of Operations Tamer Janakat, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, Chief Executive Officer Leah Feldman at Family Services in Poughkeepsie

-Courtesy photo

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

July 5: Criminal Mischief-Ralph Street- Caller reported a broken rear windshield. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 6: Auto Accident-Herbert St – Jeremy E. Wright, 33, of Poughkeepsie, was charged with Aggravated DWI, DWI 1st & Miscellaneous V & T violations.

July 7: Suspicious Condition- St Luke’s Place- Jacob Wodraska, 29, of Beacon, was charged with Resisting Arrest.

July 8: Harassment-Main Street- Caller reported harassing phone calls to his business by an individual not known to him. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 8: Lost Plate- North Chestnut Street- Caller reported a lost license plate. Report taken.

July 8: Trespass- Main Street- Caller reported unknown individuals gained unauthorized access to the rooftop of his property. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 9: Warrant- Municipal Plaza- Quentin L. Miles, 39, of Wappingers Falls, was processed on an open Bench

Warrant.

July 9: Burglary -Orchard Place- Caller reported missing items from a past occurred burglary. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 11: Larceny-Fishkill Landing- Caller reported losing his wallet and someone attempting to use his information. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 11: Criminal Mischief-Front Street-Caller made a report of graffiti painted on his garage. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 15: Larceny-Wolcott Avenue-Daral Reilly, 53, of Beacon was charged with Petit Larceny.

July 15: Warrant- Municipal Plaza- Heather C. Cabrera, 25, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

July 15: Traffic Stop-Main Street- Officer conducted a traffic stop of three unregistered motor bikes. All three drivers were issued tickets, and the bikes were impounded.

Number of Calls-319
Auto Accidents- 18
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Online registration for Household Hazardous Waste & Disposal begins on August 21; event set for September 21

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County of Public Works Facility, at 626 Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie; residents can access the facility by taking Route 44 East to Burnett Boulevard. The collection is open to Dutchess County residents only.

This popular event is first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location on Sept. 21. Registration is limited to the first 400 households; pre-registration is required for this event, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Registration often reaches capacity quickly, so residents are encouraged to sign up promptly. Beginning on Aug. 21, residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling 845-463-6020. Checks should be made payable to “Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance” and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

County Executive Sue Serino said,

“Our children deserve a robust environment that thrives, and Dutchess County’s Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events offer a chance for each of us to make that vision a reality. We can all protect our environment by safely disposing of hazardous materials at these events, and I hope as many residents as possible take advantage of this opportunity.”

This will be the second of Dutchess County’s three 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling events, which provide residents with a safe and responsible way to discard a diverse range of household items that cannot be disposed of through regular recycling or garbage bins. Acceptable items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals and more. A complete list of acceptable items to bring to this disposal day is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

More information about the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management’s Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events is available online.

Notice of Early Deadline

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@sutchessnews.com.

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The 'American Czar' of Eastman Business School

By Aidan Chisamore

As August draws to a close, many of Dutchess County's college students look toward the beginning of a new academic year. It is fitting then that we explore this county's rich collegiate history.

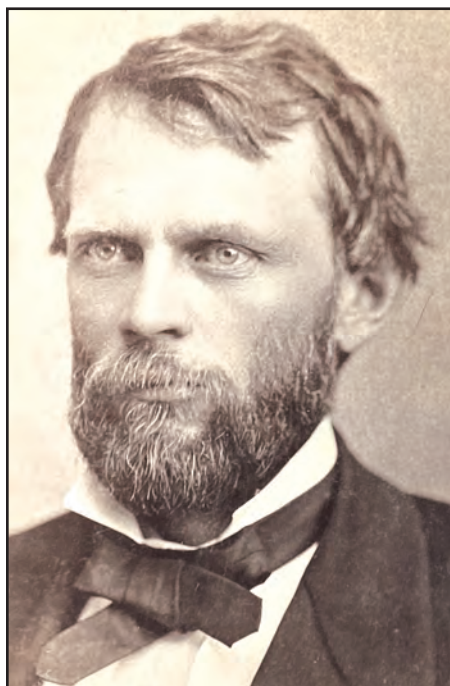
Two small booklets, or circulars, held in the Dutchess County Historical Society's archives and collections remind us of an interesting media battle that brought two Poughkeepsie colleges national attention.

During the mid-19th and early-20th centuries, Eastman Business College or Eastman National Business College (1859-1931) attracted thousands of students to Poughkeepsie. Founded by Harvey G. Eastman (1832-1878; see image) in 1859, the college quickly grew, graduating several hundred pupils each year. For many decades, Eastman was one of the most successful commercial colleges in the United States due, in part, to its unique style of teaching that emphasized both theoretical and practical business skills.

Despite Eastman's public success, some students began to turn against the institution. In late January of 1865, only six years after its founding, four disaffected students held a public meeting attacking the founder and his college. J. H. Winspear, N. B. Hamilton, A. S. Cushman, and R. E. Bolton called out the soaring costs of enrollment as well as the quality of business, law, and penmanship education. During this meeting the students reported they had to make up for Eastman's deficiencies by attending a rival business school located on Main Street—Bryant, Stratton, Folsom, and Packard Commercial College (Shortened to "Bryant, Stratton, and Co.'s Commercial College").

This new college opened in Poughkeepsie only a few months prior, in late 1864. Its founders John Collins Bryant (1821-1901), Henry Beadman Bryant (1824-1892), and Henry Dwight Stratton (1824-1867) started their first school in Ohio, quickly buying many other educational institutions. The school in Poughkeepsie became the thirty-sixth associated college owned, in part, by Bryant and Stratton.

The businessmen targeted schools in major financial cities including Boston, New York, Albany, and Chicago. Harvey Eastman viewed this growing competition as a personal attack, claiming the students'

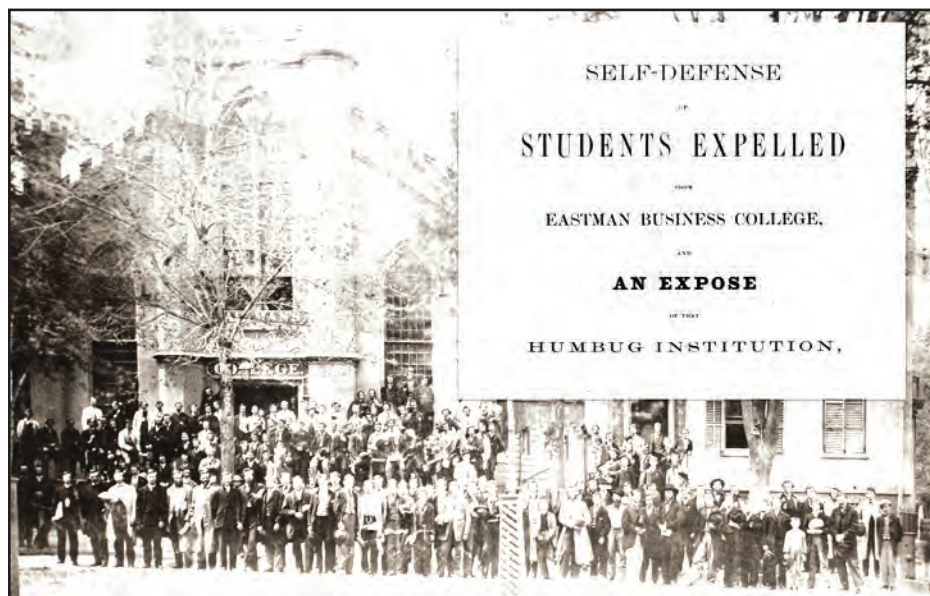


Portrait of Harvey G. Eastman DCHS's Collections, gift of Bill Jeffway.

attendance with the dangerous rival made them "guilty of ingratitude and cast reproach and disgrace upon him and his institution." This became the primary charge against the four students as they were expelled from Eastman Business College.

In response, the students, led by Winspear, published a circular (see image) entitled "A Self Defense of Students Expelled from Eastman Business College and an Expose of that Humbug Institution, as We Found It". The document brutally attacked Eastman's character calling him a "quack and an imposter" and questioned the "failure" of "actual business" at his institution. The circular quickly made its way through Poughkeepsie, drawing public attention. Within the week, Poughkeepsie newspapers began printing calls for Eastman to publicly address the inflammatory text.

On the 1st of February, Eastman gave a speech at Pine Hall in Poughkeepsie to a



Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, ca. 1870. Inset: Front page of the first circular published by J. H. Winspear, N. B. Hamilton, A. S. Cushman, and R. E. Bolton, 1865, which reads: "Self-defense of students expelled from the Eastman Business College and an expose of the humbug institution."

-DCHS Collections.

packed audience where he addressed the concerns discussed in the circular. The following day the Poughkeepsie Eagle reported that his defense was "most eloquent and manly" and after his speech, the whole audience rose "giving him three cheers."

With momentum from this event, Eastman continued his rebuttal against the circular, buying three and a half columns of the February 4th issue of the Eagle. His attack claimed that the students worked for Bryant, Stratton, and Co.'s Commercial College, and, therefore, their circular should be dismissed as merely a commercial ploy and not true grievances against the school. Lending credence to his position, Eastman attached six hundred signatures from pupils and alumni testifying against the expelled students' characters, likening them to "miserable dupes" and "stool pigeons." Although Eastman's accusation that the four seniors were guilty of collusion cannot be verified, his denouncement of Bryant, Stratton, and Co.'s Commercial College certainly did force national attention on the schools.

Two days later the students released a second circular called "An Appeal to the Public; the President of Eastman College Again Reviewed." Aware of the attention that their first publication and Eastman's defense had gained, they attempted to deny any connection to Bryant and Stratton. They alleged that Eastman Business College was run by an "American Czar" who controlled the school and city of Poughkeepsie through wealth and farmmongering. They urged anyone sympathetic to their plight to speak out against the "tyrant."

In the following months, cities across the country with Bryant and Stratton colleges began to "Protest Eastman." For example, a debate raged in the pages of the Washington Chronicle (Washington, D.C.) during the 1st-7th of March where several former Eastman students published a treatise in support of the circular and Bryan and Stratton's schools. These claims were met by an association of Eastman alumni who defended their alma mater. Throughout these cities,

those attacking Eastman promoted Bryant and Stratton as the better, moral, alternative for business education; those supporting the Poughkeepsie Eagle conversely touted the success of his unique teaching strategy.

Although Bryant and Stratton denied any connection to the Poughkeepsie students through a card published in the Eagle on February 8th, the businessmen certainly did work against Eastman. Indeed, as early as 1863 Bryant and Stratton held a yearly conference with their associated colleges which, historians note, maintained a clear goal to assert a monopoly over business education in Poughkeepsie and the rest of the country. During these meetings prominent business and commercial schools like Eastman Business College were specifically mentioned as threats to Bryant and Stratton. Likewise, Eastman and his associates began running advertisements that viciously assaulted Bryant and Stratton. These debates highlight how the expulsion of a few students in Poughkeepsie ignited an intense dispute between two long-standing rivals.

These circulars reveal a unique time in Dutchess collegiate history, and they emphasize Poughkeepsie's historic position as an important center of education and finance. While the fight between the two schools raged in the newspapers of many cities for the next few months, by April the end of the Civil War and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln overshadowed these debates. Eastman Business College closed its doors to students in 1931, ultimately outlasting the Poughkeepsie-based Bryant, Stratton, Folsom, and Packard's Commercial College by several decades. Despite this success in the battle over Poughkeepsie, Bryant and Stratton's schools endure to this day, long outliving Eastman Business College.

Aidan Chisamore is a recent addition to the DCHS staff. He works in Collections and Archives and may be reached at aidan.chisamore@dchsny.org.



DCHS honors Frank Doherty



The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) recently gathered at the Pleasant Valley Public Library to honor Frank Doherty, who has just published the 12th volume of his series, "The Settlers of Beekman Patent," an unparalleled documentation of 18th century southern Dutchess County records. From left are Mary and Frank Doherty, DCHS's Collections Chair Melody Moore, Executive Director Bill Jeffway, VP for Dover Val Larobardier, Trustee Will Tatum and Advisory Board member Al Rosenblatt. Larobardier in her role as head of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society presented a plaque from that group as well.

-Photo by William F. Raymond

Hudson Valley Venom hockey team names Heritage FCU presenting sponsor

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Venom professional minor league hockey team is trying to pattern itself after the success of the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball franchise.

The Venom announced that Heritage Financial Credit Union - the same group that acquired the naming rights to the stadium in Wappingers Falls where the Renegades play - and will become the presenting sponsor of the hockey club.

That is the highest level of sponsorship that the Venom offer.

This partnership also includes the presenting sponsorship of the Hudson Valley Vipers in Poughkeepsie, the farm team of the Venom.

"I believe that Heritage Financial

Credit Union continues to show its steadfast resolve in making the Hudson Valley the epicenter of quality of life in the tri-state area," said Pat Manning, owner of the Hudson Valley Venom and Vipers hockey clubs. "Their commitment to our teams and the desire to give winter sports a foothold in Orange and Dutchess counties is as evident as their commitment to their Credit Union members. We will wear their name proudly."

"The best partnerships are dependent on the alignment of a common purpose and a shared passion for helping others," said Michael Ciriello, President & CEO of Heritage Financial Credit Union. "We are proud to partner with the Hudson Valley Venom and Vipers and look forward to working together."

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades take over first place in tight race with Greensboro

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades are now in first place and battling for the North Division second-half title in the South Atlantic League.

After Sunday's 2-1 loss to the Hickory Crawdads, the Renegades now own a one-game lead over Greensboro with a 25-22 record. Aberdeen and Jersey Shore are just 1.5 games back. The Renegades are at home this week with six games vs. Wilmington.

Hudson Valley took a big step toward maintaining its advantage by hammering Hickory most of the week.

The series opened up with a bang last Tuesday.

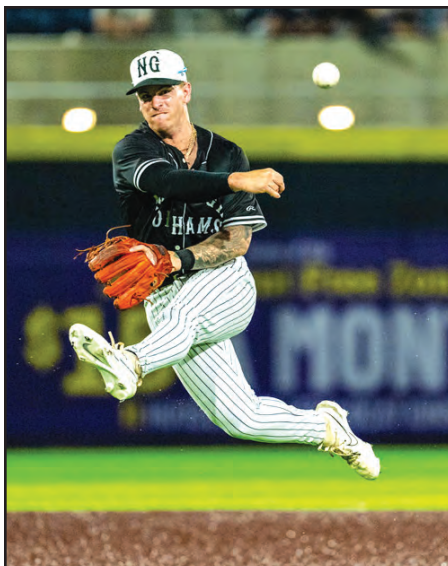
Behind a heroic performance from Jackson Castillo and dominant pitching, Hudson Valley blew out the Hickory 13-0 at Heritage Financial Park. Castillo had a career night at the plate, hitting two home runs – a three-run home run and a grand slam – and driving in seven runs. The Renegades outfielder matched the single-game franchise record for RBI, most recently accomplished by Jared Serna on May 29 vs. Aberdeen.

Kyle Carr earned his first professional win with another stellar performance, tossing five scoreless innings while allowing just one hit and recording five punch outs. Since the All-Star break the left-hander has allowed just four earned runs across 24 innings, good for a 1.50 ERA with 25 strikeouts. As it turned out, he received more than enough runs for it.

After a 7-5 loss on Wednesday, the Renegades came right back and won a 2-0 pitching duel on Thursday. Starter Josh



Pitcher Kyle Carr, left, earned his first professional win, tossing five scoreless innings while allowing just one hit and recording five strikeouts in last week's 13-0 win over the Hickory Crawdads. Infielder Roc Riggio had two doubles in a 3-2 win on Friday.



-Photos by Dave Janosz

Grosz continued his outstanding stretch of pitching, throwing 5.1 scoreless innings while allowing just one hit. Since getting called up last week, the right-hander has allowed two hits and no runs in two starts across 11.1 innings. Across his last seven starts between Tampa and Hudson Valley, Grosz has allowed just two earned runs in 39.2 frames, good for a 0.47 ERA.

In the third inning, a pair of singles from Omar Martinez and Josh Moylan put runners at first and third. Martinez scored on a fielder's choice hit into by Antonio

Gomez after an error by second baseman Theo Hardy. The Renegades had opportunities to extend their lead throughout the game but struggled to bring home runners in scoring position. They were 0-for-12 in those situations and left 14 on base in the game. However, they were able to add an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth. Anthony Hall singled and Kiko Romero and Roc Riggio each walked to load the bases. Hall scored on an RBI groundout by George Lombard Jr. to make it 2-0.

Garrett Martin was the hero for the

Renegades on Friday night, as his walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth gave the Renegades a 3-2 win. The walk-off victory was the eighth for the season for Hudson Valley. Trent Sellers put together another strong performance, retiring the first nine batters he faced. Hudson Valley struggled early generating offense against Crawdads starter D.J. McCarty, but opened the scoring in the fifth inning with a two-out rally. Antonio Gomez reached on an infield single and Anthony Hall lined a single to right to put runners at first and second. Roc Riggio drove both runners in with a two-run double to make it 2-0, his first of two doubles in the game.

Behind two RBI doubles and a solo home run, the Crawdads held on for a 4-2 win over the Renegades on Saturday night. In the top of the third, Anthony Gutierrez and Ian Moller led off with a pair of walks against Cade Smith. A two-run double down the right-field line by Dylan Dreiling scored both runners and put the Crawdads ahead 2-0. The Renegades got a run back in the bottom of the third inning. Gomez walked and Escanio reached on a throwing error by Gleider Figueroa, which put runners at second and third. A sacrifice fly by Jace Avina drove in Gomez to make it 2-1. Malcolm Moore led off the fourth with a double. An RBI two-bagger by Figueroa later in the inning drove in Moore to make it 3-1.

A solo home run by Arturo Disla in the sixth off Matt Keating extended the Hickory lead to 4-1.

General Manager Q&A

Communicating with other franchises and working to help coaches, players



Zach Betkowski

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.

People have a perception of the minor leagues, perhaps from Bull Durham, as a bus league. Can you talk about how far it's come in the last few years?

I think perception and reality are two differ-

ent things. The way the players are treated and taking care of and paid have come a long way.

In your expertise, what would you say are some of the other communities and cities that support minor league baseball so passionately?

I would be remiss if I didn't talk about our ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings. They own 35 teams now and have done a phenomenal job. We do a pretty good job as a consortium, and we share best prac-

tices. There are great franchises and great fan bases such as Worcester, MA and Charlotte, NC and even outside the United States in Vancouver. And it's more than just baseball. There are some venues out there that can host 10,000-plus people and can do concerts for the community and more.

You once said that you come at this from a business standpoint, while the coaches come at it from a baseball point of view. So what's it like dealing with

them every day?

We talk every day and we talk to the opposing managers as well. Every game matters. We try to be as accommodating and considerate as possible. That's especially true for starting pitchers when it comes to pitch count and rain delays and things like that. I'm transparent when it comes to my goals, and I want to know what their goals are as well. We're never going to put ourselves in a position of jeopardizing a player's career.

Yankee Legend, Jazz Musician, Bernie Williams, rocks Jazz Concert at Millbrook Winery



Bernie Williams, right, is pictured with NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education national award. From left are Wayne Spletstoeszer, Torrington Public Schools; Mary Luehrsen, NAMM Foundation representative; David Fine, Dover Union Free School District; Daniel Dunninger, Millbrook Central School District and Paul Fanuele, Spackenkill Union Free School District.

On Saturday, August 3, New York Yankee legend and jazz musician, Bernie Williams, and his Band of Friends brought the perfect blend of music and wine to Millbrook Vineyards & Winery (Millbrook Winery) for an unforgettable performance as part of the winery's summer jazz concert series.

The evening kicked off with an opening act by local pianist, Larry Ham, followed by a special dedication to the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), by calling onto the stage five local school music administrators and two Millbrook Central School District student musicians who



Former New York Yankees centerfielder Bernie Williams performs at Millbrook Winery on Aug. 3.

-Courtesy photos

joined Williams and the band onstage for a cover of "Watermelon Man."

The evening also celebrated the third release of Bernie's Blend wine, a custom red blend created by Williams himself and Ian Bearup, head winemaker at Millbrook Winery. A portion of all proceeds from "Bernie's Blend" supports the NAMM Foundation, ongoing supporters of music

education in Hudson Valley schools. Bernie's Blend is still currently available for purchase on the Millbrook Winery website, while supplies last.

Guests can visit the winery year-round. It is open daily from noon - 5 p.m. For more information, visit MillbrookWine.com or connect with the winery on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

VETERANS NEWS WITH ADAM ROCHE

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Dutchess County



Almost without fail, the countless veterans I have spoken to regarding their initial visit to the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. have told me they were struck by the emotion it brought out — not only in themselves and their families, but also in the many tourists who were visibly moved by the solemn beauty and significance of standing up close to this awe-inspiring edifice.

This is why I am so excited that this fall Dutchess County Veterans Services, with County Executive Sue Serino, will bring the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to our county for the first-time next month. I'm not only excited we join in the AVTT mission — "to travel the United States showcasing the Traveling Vietnam Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute to honor, respect and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice" — but also, personally, because it will be the first time I will come face-to-face with this stirring structure.

The Memorial Wall began traveling across the country in 1998. It is an 80-percent size replica of the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial in Washington D.C., the most-visited memorial on the National Mall, drawing over 5 million people every year. By bringing this Vietnam Memorial Wall to Dutchess County's Bowdoin Park this September 18-22, we hope give access to the many veterans and their families who have not had the chance to visit the nation's capital.

It is a reminder of the sacrifice more than 58,000 of our soldiers made during the Vietnam War, at a time when many in the country did not grasp or appreciate their service to the country and the impact that reality had on the families of those who did serve.

The exhibit will arrive escorted by an honor convoy, consisting of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement from local municipalities, veteran motorcycle groups and many others, making it its way into Bowdoin Park in Poughkeepsie. The opening ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and, immediately following an opening ceremony, the display will be open for public viewing through Sunday, Sept. 22, at which time closing ceremonies will take place.



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be at Bowdoin Park Sept.18-22.

-Photo courtesy of www.americanveterantravelingtribute.com

Of course, to make that happen, scores of County agencies, veterans groups and volunteers, vendors and many more have been working tirelessly for months to coordinate all the moving parts so residents of, and visitors to, Dutchess County can have a memorable experience.

The AVTT Traveling Memorial Wall's week in Dutchess County is its lone stop in New York State this year, making it all the more important we share the event with as many people as possible.

During the multi-day festivities, we'll host a special ceremony recognizing all Dutchess County veterans whose names are engraved on the wall's panels and who made that "ultimate sacrifice" while serving in the Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam wars.

It has been said that acknowledging those names is a sacred experience for surviving soldiers who fought in combat

during the Vietnam War, bringing many to tears and bringing forth emotions that have been held inside for decades. It serves as part of the often-long healing process for these vets and is why the wall will stay open 24 hours: to allow people the opportunity to process these emotions during a time of solitude and privacy.

By bringing the AVTT Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Dutchess County, it's our desire to give our vets and their families a chance to see their loved ones' names and hopefully will give some measure of closure to many of those who visit the wall.

My hope is that veterans and their families; students in grade school, middle school, high school and college; and any other person or group who wants to honor our fallen will visit the memorial wall. It will be an experience you will not soon forget.

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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Petite Pests: Part of the natural balance

Expressions like “Mother Nature,” “crime against nature,” and “back to nature” suggest a wholesomeness to the natural world. The reality, though, is that ‘nature’ is not inherently good or bad. We realize this and, therefore, only selectively expose ourselves to it.

We enjoy the beauty of the sunset, but slather on SPF 30 to protect our skin. We absorb the vibrant color of the blooms as we pop antihistamines to deal with the pollen. We listen to the bird songs and curse their droppings on our cars.

As I enjoy my outdoor pursuits, I, too, protect myself with long sleeves and pants, a hat, insect repellent, and sunscreen. But that has not been enough! One evening a few weeks ago I discovered I had a “passenger.” It was a wee worrisome wild thing: a tick.

Since then, I have been reading about these itty-bitty invertebrates. They are related to spiders, scorpions, and mites. My greater understanding of these teeny arachnids prompted me to give my passenger a name.

Tucker Bloodsucker: Form follows function

Like fleas and mosquitoes, ticks feed on blood. But ticks are not insects. Like other arachnids, Tucker did not have wings, nor antennae, but she did have eight legs.

The hard part of a tick that looks like a head is called a capitulum. The capitulum contains the tick’s “mouth.” It has two palps, which the tick uses to brace itself when feeding. Two chelicerae cut through the host’s skin. The needle-like, barbed hypostome exchanges fluids.

During feeding, some ticks secrete substances that help anchor it to the host, act as an anesthetic to mask the pain from the bite, and prevent blood from coagulating. The cement-like substances make it hard to remove a feeding tick. Unlike a flea’s saliva, the substances ticks secrete don’t usually include compounds that cause itching and swelling.

As ticks feed, their idiosoma (the main body part) expands. Female ticks need energy from blood to grow, develop, and lay eggs. Male ticks blood feed briefly, but do not become engorged with blood. After a brief attachment, males detach and wander on in search of an attached feeding female to mate with. When I met Tucker, SHE was busy eating.

Ticks quest for hosts

Ticks typically use a passive behavior known as questing to seek out their hosts. When questing, a tick will perch at the end of a piece of vegetation with front legs extended and latch on to a host as it passes by. The arachnids are susceptible to drying out and need a habitat with high humidity to survive. In general, they tend to be found in tall grass, leaf litter, and around stone walls and wood piles where small mammals live. Eliminating tick habitat around your property is an excellent way to reduce your exposure to these tiny tormentors.

Ticks can transmit pathogens while feeding

If a host has a blood-borne infection,

the tick will ingest the pathogen with its meal. An acquired disease can be transmitted to a new host at the tick’s next feeding, since saliva from the tick may enter the host while it is affixed. Since ticks are so small, they often go unnoticed. The longer a tick carrying a pathogen stays attached, the greater the likelihood that a disease can be transmitted to its host.

One kind of tick commonly found in Dutchess County is *Ixodes scapularis*, the black-legged tick. It is commonly on white-tailed deer, but will also parasitize other animals. It is a vector for several diseases, including Lyme.

Unwelcome, but necessary

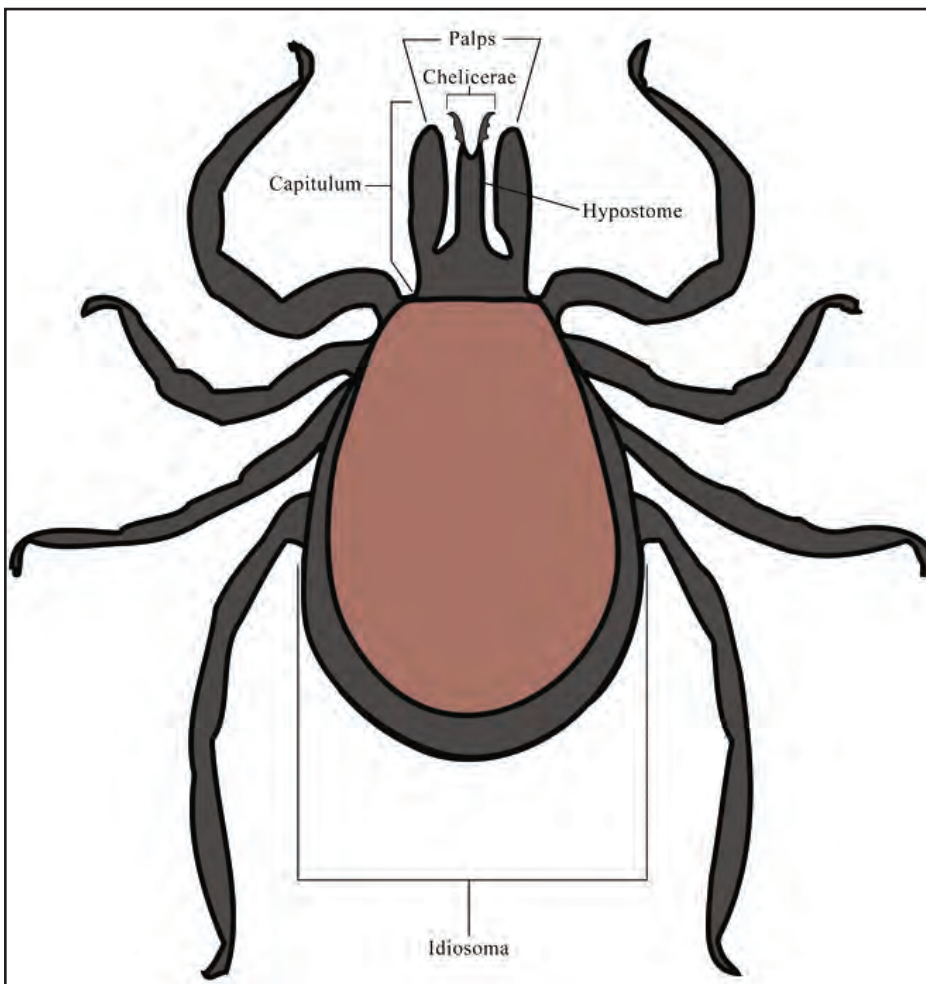
Although infections that ticks may spread can cause misery, they are important in population control as an element of natural selection. By transmitting disease, they remove weak members from populations, providing opportunities for younger and healthier animals to thrive. With the understanding that all organisms are interconnected, scientists study tick and other animal populations to help monitor potential environmental problems. The extinction of any animal population, including ticks, could cause unwanted effects within the biosphere.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.



Ticks typically use a passive behavior known as questing to seek out their hosts.

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The various parts of a tick are labeled.

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Obituaries

Eleanor Campbell



BEACON - Eleanor Campbell entered eternal rest on Sunday, August 11, 2024, at St. Lukes Hospital in Newburgh, NY.

Eleanor was born on April 1, 1936, in Stormville, NY to the late Russell Mima and Marie (Jackson) Mima.

She was a lifelong resident of Dutchess County. In 1957, she met and married the love of her life Fred L. Campbell. She had a long career working at Three Star Anodizing in Beacon from where she retired. She was an avid reader, loved watching her soap operas, and cooking shows. Eleanor also enjoyed the thrill of going on camping trips. Most of all, she enjoyed spending quality time with her family.

Eleanor is survived by her two daughters, Mary Mima and Yvonne Norris (James) two sons, Craig Campbell and Bruce Campbell.

She also leaves behind 12 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, friends and special neighbors.

Eleanor is predeceased by her parents, Russell Mima and Marie Mima, four sisters, Lena Green, Harriet Stroman, Mary Alice Mima, Elizabeth Stroman, one brother, Everett Mima, two sons Russell Mima and Fred L. Campbell, Jr. and one grandson, Lord Devine Johnson Campbell.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, August 16 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Burial followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill.

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.

Victor J. Paolo, M.D.



EAST FISHKILL - Victor J. Paolo, MD, 75, died on August 12, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Formerly of Millbrook, he had also lived in Armonk, Scarsdale, and the Bronx.

Born in Harlem on May 1, 1949, Victor was the son of the late John and Mary (Boiano) Paolo. Dr. Paolo practiced medicine in Staten Island for many years before opening Victor J. Paolo, MD Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center in Millbrook, finally retiring in 2008.

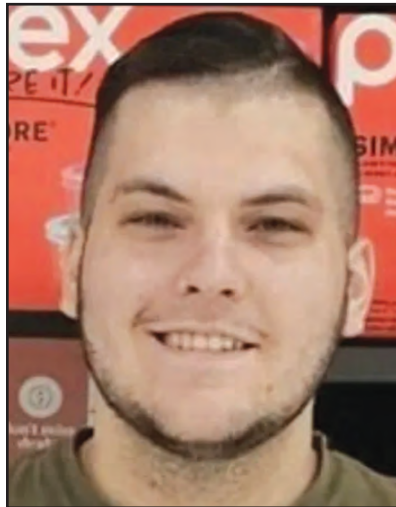
In 2009 at St. Kateri Church in LaGrangeville, Victor married Genny Azcona Paolo who survives at home after 18 years together. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Paolo; his stepson and his wife, Marty and Katie Azcona; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Gisela and Scott

Roubeck, Fior Azcona and Rafael Bonilla, Carmen Azcona, Luis Azcona, Rafael Azcona, and Jose A. Azcona; his mother-in-law, Monica Azcona; his nieces, Fior Maria, Allie, and Maria Alejandra Bonilla; and many close friends, especially Stephen O'Hare and Mark Badame.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, August 16, 2024 at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville followed by burial at Kenscio Cemetery in Valhalla.

Please visit Victor's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Joshua M. Kozlowski



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Joshua M. Kozlowski of the Village of Wappingers Falls passed away unexpectedly at home from SUDEP on Friday, August 9, 2024. He was 21.

The son of William and Kimberly (Votypka) Kozlowski, he was born on July 28, 2003 in Poughkeepsie.

Joshua graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School, Class of 2021. He went on to graduate with honors from Dutchess Community College and was currently working on a degree in accounting from SUNY New Paltz. Joshua worked as a cashier for ShopRite in Poughkeepsie. In his free time, he enjoyed playing Nintendo games. He also liked learning about history, especially the United States Presidents.

Joshua was a good, kind and generous

person; truly a beautiful, old soul. Forever helpful and easy-going, his infectious smile would light up a room. A favored quote by Thomas Jefferson: "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it".

In addition to his parents, Kim and Billy, at home in Wappingers Falls, Joshua is survived by his sister, Emma Kozlowski; grandma, Lorraine Votypka; grammy, Mary Ann Kozlowski; aunt, Lisa Kozlowski; uncle, Michael Votypka; close family friends, Mark, Amy, Mallory and Julia Martin; and his beloved dog, Louie.

He was predeceased by his grandfathers, William Kozlowski, Sr. and Gerald Gates.

Family received their friends on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street in Wappingers Falls. A funeral service was held at the funeral home following visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Joshua's name to www.the-americonboycefoundation.org. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Jac A. Cortes



POUGHKEEPSIE - Jac Antonio Cortes, a resident of the Town of Poughkeepsie, entered into rest Thursday, August 8, 2024 at MidHudson Regional Hospital. He had just turned 14.

Son of Juan and Christina Cortes, Jac was born July 25, 2010 in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Jac was a student in the Wappingers Central School District and looking forward to his eighth grade year at Wappingers Junior High School. Jac was a fun and loving kid who had many friends. He enjoyed many things in life. Jac loved to fish with his family and his friends. He enjoyed sports like basketball and football. Jac loved the New York Giants and Saquon Barkley. Jac was a sneakerhead and collected Jordans, which he kept in brand new condition. He liked to play video games on PlayStation and listen to reggae music. Jac could tell you anything about

cars, from the newest to the classics. He was learning how to speak Spanish and wanted to go to Puerto Rico desperately. Jac loved to find recipes online and make them by himself, his speciality was sopa de pollo (Spanish chicken soup). Jac was always helping others out of the goodness of his heart.

In addition to his loving parents, Juan and Christina, he is survived by his brother and sisters, Christian Cortes and his wife, Tina, Alyssa Cortes and her partner, Andrew Maslosky, Kayla Cortes and Alexa Cortes; his nephews and niece, Joelle, Chance and Layla; his grandparents, William Kinsell and Juan and Deborah Cortes, numerous aunts and uncles and countless cousins.

Jac was predeceased by his grandmother, Michele Swarner-Kinsell, who the family knows greeted him on the other side.

Family and friends gathered to remember and celebrate Jac on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, August 16 at St. Martin de Porres Church, Cedar Valley Road in Poughkeepsie. Entombment followed at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, South Avenue in Poughkeepsie.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Beverly A. Morgan



BEACON - Beverly A. Morgan departed this life on Monday, August 12, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York after a brief illness. Beverly was retired at home in Beacon, NY after a long and distinguished career at CBS News in New York City. Her career began as an assistant to Walter Cronkite at CBS, and ultimately retired as a producer for the CBS News program 60 Minutes. Beverly's love for family, fashion, and community activities, combined with a calming presence benefited all who knew her. Beverly is a graduate of Beacon High School, a member of the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Beacon, and supported many local churches and national charities. She was particularly fond of the ASPCA and cared for multiple stray animals at her residence. Beverly was

predeceased by her parents, Johnson H. and Leatrice K. Morgan of Beacon; her sisters, Louise Morgan and Dianne Simmons; and her brothers, Patrick, Donald, Sonny, Leonard, Giles, and Edward Morgan. She is survived by her brothers, Albert (Gloria) Morgan of Columbia, South Carolina and Charles Morgan of Poughkeepsie, NY; many nieces and nephews; and companion, Freddy McGrew. A service was held at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 37 Lamplight St, Beacon, on Monday, August 19. Interment is in Fishkill Rural Cemetery. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.brooksfh.com.

John H. Dickson



WAPPINGERS FALLS - John H. Dickson of Wappingers Falls entered into rest Thursday, August 15, 2024. He was 95.

Son of the late Donald M. and Elizabeth (Saxouer) Dickson, he was born on March 23, 1929 in Walton, New York. He married Carol Nisbet Waddle on October 5, 1997; Mrs. Dickson survives at home.

John grew up in Andes, New York, in the Catskill Mountains, where he attended Andes Central School, a K-12 building that included his graduating class of just 13 students. It was there that he developed his lifelong love of sports. With so few boys to pick from at the school, John made every team. He often recounted his 1947 undefeated baseball season, where he played catcher and helped lead the team to a district championship. He later attended Mohawk

Technical Institute before enlisting in the United States Navy.

He served in the Navy from 1950 to 1954. It was during the Korean War, but the only combat John saw was battling against famed Yankee pitcher Whitey Ford at the Lakehurst, New Jersey, Naval Base, a story he often told. His love of sports continued throughout his life, including several years playing in the IBM Industrial League and Poughkeepsie's over-60 softball league. He was an avid bowler and loved to golf. John worked as a manager for IBM for 35 years until his retirement in 1989. After he retired, John was a court officer in Judge Carl Wolfson's court in the town of Wappinger for many years.

John's greatest joy was being with his family, sharing food and wine, and remarking from the head of the table "what a beautiful crowd we got here!" In his later years, John discovered his love of travel, exploring the world with his wife, Carol. Favorite trips included Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and most of Europe, to name just a few.

In addition to his wife, Carol, survivors include his children, Carla Thorpe (Gerry), Joann Weed (John) and Steve Dickson; stepchildren, Melissa Bottini (Brian) and Catherine Mahone; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his sister, Janet Jurgensen; his daughter-in-law, Joan Ruddy; and his former wife, Edith Kaluza Dickson.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Weed Orchard & Winery, 43 Mount Zion Road in Marlboro. Military honors will take place at 5 p.m.?

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

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The incoming freshmen HEOP class at Mount Saint Mary College finished their four-week Summer Academic Institute on campus earlier this month.

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proval and Special Use Permit Approval for the project known as Fishkill Self-Storage. The parcel for this project is identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5955-04-882288, is located at 1292 NYS Route 9D, in the Restricted Business (RB) Zoning District and consists of 4.7 acres. The proposed action is the construction of a two-story 51,500 square foot (SF), 27,250 SF footprint, self-storage facility. The owner of the property and also the applicant, 1292 Realty, LLC, has requested a determination by the Planning Board citing the Code of the Town of Fishkill, Chapter 150, section 150-19, B., to permit a self-storage facility in the RB zoning district and to obtain Site Development Plan & Special Use Permit approvals. The need for the determination under 150-19, B., is related to the fact that, among the numerous uses permitted as principal or as special use permit uses in the RB zoning district, self-storage is not permitted. The Applicant has also submitted applications,

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materials and plans, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Special Use Permit and Site Development Plan approvals for the proposed self-storage use. The Planning Board acting as Lead Agency determined on August 17, 2023 that the Proposed Action has the potential to result in one or more significant adverse environmental impacts requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). The Planning Board determined on July 11, 2024 that the DEIS is adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public and agency review and filed a Notice of Completion of the DEIS as required by the SEQRA regulations. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Department at the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A copy of the DEIS is available for viewing

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in the Planning Department and can be accessed on the Town's website via the following link: <https://www.fishkill.ny.gov/public-notices/hearing-notices/seqra-documents> upon visiting this link.) All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Site Development Plan & Special Use Permit application. Comments in writing will be accepted until Monday, September 23, 2024 by 2:00 p.m. to the attention of Jonathan Kanter, Planning Board Chairman at the Town of Fishkill, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New

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Air Brake Parts for Dutchess County Public Transit
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th day of September 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 selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-57-24
Bond Counsel Services
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 12th day of September 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information,

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-55-24
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of September 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 selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-52-24
Case Management Software for Dutchess County Public Defender's Office
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of September 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 27th day of August 2024 at 9:30 am, on the following local law:
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INTO TWO SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS: THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO ADD THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS A DISTINCT UNIT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.
At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard.
Dated: August 19, 2024
Susan J. Serino, Poughkeepsie, New York
Dutchess County Executive

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THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ACROSS

1. Soothing concoction
5. *The Magic School ride
8. Mama's husband
12. Dwarf buffalo
13. Moneyed one
14. "M*A*S*H" extra
15. Soon, to Shakespeare
16. Sheltered, nautically
17. *Abacus user, e.g.
18. *School jacket-wearer
20. TV classic "Happy ____"
21. What hoarders do
22. Speech-preventing measure
23. *Pencil end
26. Deep regret
30. Indian restaurant staple
31. What cobblers often do
34. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
35. Embedded design
37. ____ Khan
38. Contending
39. *Don't forget to cross them
40. Plural of flora
42. Rolodex abbr.
43. Sultry or carnal
45. *Rydell High School movie
47. Defensive one on the gridiron
48. Oodles
50. *Some PTA members?
52. *It involves elements
56. Cuban dance
57. Burkina Faso neighbor
58. Opera solo
59. Boot-shaped European country
60. Oil org.
61. Review a service
62. Say "No!"
63. Animal's nose
64. Perceives with an eye

DOWN

1. Jezebel's idol
2. Beheaded Boleyn
3. Plunder
4. Certain rays
5. Plural of #1 Across
6. Part of an eye, pl.
7. Witnessed
8. *Field of education
9. ____ Walker, American Girl doll
10. *Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
11. Acronym, abbr.
13. Zimbabwe's capital
14. Address to a woman
19. Nail salon file
22. Toothpaste type
23. *Marks in English
24. Hindu queen
25. "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
26. End of line
27. Yogurt-based dip
28. *Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
29. Bald symbol
32. * ____ monitor
33. Bigheadedness
36. *All-school get-together
38. Giuseppe ____ of opera fame
40. Temporary craze
41. Parthenogenetic
44. Recant or retract
46. *English homework, pl.
48. *Circle, e.g.
49. Paparazzi's target
50. Remote control option
51. Middle Eastern sultanate
52. "Follow me!"
53. Genealogy plant
54. Agitate
55. Puppy barks
56. Antonym of keep

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on the previous page.

Annual PorchFest set for August 25 in Poughkeepsie



Brad Shur, who is the founder of Paper Heart Puppets, strolls with a friend during a previous Poughkeepsie PorchFest.

-Courtesy photo by Mary Reynolds



Dos Bills play rock and blues on Garfield Place in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photo by Doug Nobiletti

The Southside Historic District will host the 5th annual Poughkeepsie PorchFest from Noon - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 25. This family-friendly, free event features musicians from a wide variety of genres. More than twenty porches in Poughkeepsie's Academy Street & Garfield Place Historic District neighborhood will host musicians performing everything from jazz and spoken word, to pop, country and rock. The event draws up-and-coming performers as well as seasoned professionals from the region.

This celebration of live music and community also includes children's activities,

food vendors and more. Visitors are invited to stroll through the historic neighborhood, which features houses in a variety of 19th and early 20th century styles. The tree-lined streets offer shady spots to stand and watch performers.

A schedule will be available, and a map of porches and performers will be posted throughout the neighborhood. Parking is available on side streets or nearby municipal lots.

The event takes place rain or shine, within reason. Follow Poughkeepsie PorchFest on Facebook and Instagram for details and updates.

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Enjoy the Poughkeepsie Jazz Project in the shade of trees during the 5th annual Poughkeepsie PorchFest on August 25.

-Courtesy photo by Julie Okoniewski

Hot-Air Balloon rides available at Tymore Park Labor Day weekend

The Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival is set Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at Tymor Park in Union Vale. The 33rd annual event will feature hot-air balloonists from all over the country, with more than 100 hot-air balloon ascensions scheduled throughout the weekend. Some of the festival favorites are the evening Majestic Hot-Air Balloon Illumination Moon Glow, tethered hot-air balloon rides, full hot-air balloon flights, helicopter rides, live music and entertainment, food trucks, family activities and more.

Tethered hot-air balloon rides will be available during the festival when wind and weather conditions allow. The cost is \$30 per person, cash only, and only offered for sale onsite. Tethered rides are sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.

A full hot-air balloon flight is \$350 per person; they tend to sell out, so advance reservations are recommended.

Visit <https://www.drcoc.org/balloonfestaboutus> for more information about the Festival and to book a full hot-air balloon flight.