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## 'White Glove' tours at Mount Gulian Sundays in September



"White Glove" tours will be held at the Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon on Sundays in September.

White gloves will be used to examine artifacts, like this Tiffany fan, from the collection.

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

See seldom seen items during the exclusive "White Glove Tour," which will be held every Sunday during September (Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) at Mount Gulian Historic Site. Tours will be held at Noon and 2 p.m. A variety of items from Mount Gulian's collection, that are rarely seen, will be highlighted.

According to organizers, visitors will have the opportunity to wear trademark white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective

of the past.

Admission for the "White Glove Tour" is \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 children. Admission is free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership may be purchased on the day of the event. Organizers suggest one registers for the annual event.

To register, contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org. For more information and directions visit [www.mountgulian.org](http://www.mountgulian.org).

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Attendees to the annual HV Balloon Fest at Tymor Park in Union Vale will have the opportunity to participate in yoga.

-Courtesy photo

## HV Balloon Fest set at Tymor Park

Annual event takes place over Labor Day weekend

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation, Inc. will present the 33rd Annual JPMorgan Chase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival at Tymor Park in the Town of Union Vale from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. This popular community gathering guarantees an exciting Labor Day weekend packed with activities for the whole family.

Experience the magic of over 100 scheduled hot-air balloon flights throughout the weekend, showcasing a stunning

array of colors and designs against the scenic Hudson Valley backdrop. Embark on a full hot-air balloon ride or savor the views from a tethered flight. Activities will proceed rain or shine, with hot-air balloon launches contingent upon wind and weather conditions for the safety of all participants.

To learn about this year's participating balloonists, go to <https://www.dccoc.org/balloonistbios>.

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## Hamburg, Germany to Dutchess County Fair: Special presentation to Firefighting Museum

Lutz Jaffé, journalist and member of the Hamburg, Germany Fire Department, presented a copper plate and congratulatory plaque to members of the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Dutchess County Fair. Jaffé was in Salt Point visiting relatives Renate and Dieter Friedrichsen, who also volunteer at the Fair.

"That's how I heard about the new Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County and contacted the press office of the Hamburg Fire Department. They were immediately enthusiastic about the idea of a special presentation," said Jaffé. "I bring warm congratulations to the new Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County."

"Fire department personnel are one big family – worldwide," he said, noting that Hamburg is a city of approximately 2 million people with 19 professional fire departments, rescue and fire stations and about 90 volunteer fire stations. There is a special fire department for the harbor and fireboats, divers and high-altitude rescuers.



Lutz Jaffé, center, presents a congratulatory plaque to members of the new Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County at the Dutchess County Fair. Also pictured are Fair CEO Andy Imperati and Bob Beckmann and Ed Hackett of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Board of Directors.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

# HV Balloon Fest set at Tymor Park

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Don't miss the mesmerizing hot-air balloon illumination moon glows and thrilling fireworks displays after sunset. Witness breathtaking aerial acrobatics by The Silver Starlets, an all-female troupe, captivating audiences throughout the day. Attend informative pilot presentations titled "All About Ballooning," offering insights into the art and science of hot-air ballooning.

Enjoy a diverse selection of food trucks offering local flavors, browse Hudson Valley artisanal crafts, and explore retail vendors offering unique keepsakes. Enjoy local craft beverages in the Milea Estate Vineyard Beer and Wine Tent, where you can dance and delight in live music performances from North County Band, 50 Amp Fuse, and Lucky House.

Also included with admission, have fun with games in the Children's Zone and Family Activities area, where you can participate in rodeo roping, giant Jenga, corn hole, giant chess, table tennis, Go Go Pony, and much more. Additionally, enjoy the return of the popular Bubble Zone. New for this year, discover the Drone Zone, where you can navigate through challenging obstacle courses using safe, supervised mini remote-controlled drones.

Start your day with morning yoga with the balloons courtesy of Pellegrino Healing Center on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Free with admission, you can watch the sunrise, relax during the yoga class, and enjoy the view of the hot-air balloons taking flight in the backdrop. All levels are welcome. Bring your mat, a towel, and some water.

Admission into the festival requires an advance reservation. The afternoon/evening admission is \$23.95 per person; morning admission is \$13.95 per person; a weekend all-access pass is \$37.95 per person; and admission is free for children under 3.

Tickets are available exclusively online at [balloonfesthv.com](http://balloonfesthv.com), and no tickets will be sold at the gate. Tymor Park, located at 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, offers free parking for all attendees. One must have a reservation to enter the parking areas.

For questions, visit the FAQ page at [balloonfesthv.com](http://balloonfesthv.com) or call the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation

Balloon Festival Hotline at 845-454-1701.

Founded in 1907, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses of all sizes, fostering economic growth and community development. For more information about the Chamber, visit [DCRCOC.org](http://DCRCOC.org).

### Donation Information for Admission

\$23.95 per person\* for one evening admission on either Friday, Saturday OR Sunday - Required Donation

\$13.95 per person\* for one morning admission on either Saturday OR Sunday Morning - Required Donation

\$37.95 per person\* for All Weekend Access Pass - admission to the festival for all 2024 dates and times, August 30, 31 and September 1, morning and evening - Required Donation.

Children under age 3, Admission is free. Parking is free.

Tickets will only be sold online in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.

Hot-Air Balloon Flight Information:

Full Hot-Air Balloon Flights: \$350 per person - evening or morning flight

Reservations are strongly recommended as flights are likely to sellout in advance. Full Hot-Air Balloon Flights can be up to a 45-minute experience. To book a flight at the festival, visit [www.balloonfesthv.com](http://www.balloonfesthv.com).

### Tethered Hot-Air Balloon Flights

\$30 Per person - Tethered hot-air balloon rides will be offered at the festival when wind and weather conditions allow. Rides will be sold on-site only (cash only) and not in advance. The balloon is tethered to the ground and ascends 50-75ft in the air and may last up to 5 minutes.

### Hours & Schedules

**Friday, August 30** - Evening (Admission \$23.95 Per Person\*)

2:30 p.m. - Gates Open

5:30 p.m. - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

7:30 p.m. - Hot-Air Balloon Illumination Moon Glow and Fireworks Show

8:30 p.m. - Gates Close

**Saturday, August 31** - Morning (Admission \$13.95 Per Person\*)

5:30 a.m. - Gates Open



Attendees should bring blankets and chairs to enjoy the hot-air balloon illumination moon glow and fireworks show every night from Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 at Tymor Park in Union Vale.

-Courtesy photo

6:30 a.m. - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

9 a.m. - Gates Close

**Saturday, August 31** - Evening (Admission \$23.95 Per Person\*)

2:30 p.m. - Gates Open

5:30 p.m. - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

7:30 p.m. - Hot-Air Balloon Illumination Moon Glow and Fireworks Show

8:30 p.m. - Gates Close

**Sunday, September 1** - Morning (Admission \$13.95 Per Person\*)

5:30 a.m. - Gates Open

6:30 a.m. - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

9 a.m. - Gates Close

**Sunday, September 1** - Evening (Admission \$23.95 Per Person\*)

2:30 p.m. - Gates Open

5:30 p.m. - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

7:30 p.m. - Hot-Air Balloon Illumination Moon Glow and Fireworks Show

8:30 p.m. - Gates Close.

# 'White Glove' tours at Mount Gulian

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"After touring the historic house, barn and garden, visitors will be brought back to the main room of the house where seldom-seen items from our collection will be displayed. Wearing white curatorial gloves, they will be directed as to how to handle the artifacts, which include a man's knee length frock coat circa 1850,

a beautiful hand painted silk Tiffany fan, and a 19th century silver tea service," said Elaine Hayes, who is the executive director of the historic site.

Asked what attendees from previous tours said about it, Hayes replied, "Visitors think of this event as a truly unique and special opportunity. Having been taught that museum etiquette is not to touch anything, we've

found that people are extremely cautious and respectful, some to the extent that they prefer not to hold the items, even with gloves on. It's a very controlled environment where we instruct our visitors how to properly handle the pieces. None of these artifacts are breakable, that is, no vases, no spinning wheels with moving parts, no artwork. And, the archival materials are enclosed

in clear plastic." Mount Gulian takes seriously "its role of responsible stewardship, of ensuring that our collections are available and accessible to future and current generations," said Hayes. "As such, the museum will revert back to our "no touching" policy following this event."

Mount Gulian Historic Site is at 145 Sterling St. in Beacon.

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# District Attorney Parisi supports local law enforcement agencies with new technology

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced that he has utilized federal grant money to purchase three OSC360 cameras, which he has dispersed to three of the county's largest law enforcement agencies: the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

District Attorney Parisi said, "I am committed to working with my partners in law enforcement and will assist them in every way possible. I must commend our law enforcement agencies for embracing advanced technology in our fight against crime. By harnessing its potential and working collaboratively, we not only enhance our ability to solve crimes and prevent future incidents but also strengthen our commitment to keeping our communities safe."

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati said, "I would like to thank District Attorney Parisi for paving the way for the Sheriff's Office to utilize this outstanding technology. The OSC360 camera will be of great benefit to us, and I am extremely grateful to now have it as another tool to use towards enhancing investigations and public safety."

The OSC360 camera can be used for crime scene investigations, fire service, emergency management planning, active shooter training, forensic science curriculum, environmental safety and more. But the equipment will likely be the most instrumen-

tal in crime scene investigation, especially homicide scene investigations. The OSC360 capture kit assists investigators with documenting scenes and capturing evidence more quickly and efficiently. Additionally, the OSC360 software allows you to provide a virtual walkthrough of the scene, connect evidence to where it was discovered and give additional context to the investigation.

Acting Chief Richard Wilson accepted the equipment on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie Police and said, "the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department is grateful to District Attorney Anthony Parisi and the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office for purchasing the OSC360 for our department. This equipment will be invaluable in giving our Crime Scene Technicians the most up to date technology in processing our most serious crime scenes."

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Chief Joseph Cavaliere echoed the sentiments of Imperati and Wilson saying, "We are very grateful for District Attorney Anthony Parisi providing this equipment to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department. This equipment will greatly improve our ability and efficiency in documenting crime scenes. This system will also give us the ability to create virtual floor plans of vulnerable entities, such as schools, so our officers will be better prepared when responding to critical inci-



From left are Detective Kurt Twaddell (Dutchess County Sheriff's Office), Undersheriff Jason Mark (Dutchess County Sheriff's Office), Chief Assistant Michael Brady (Dutchess County District Attorney's Office), District Attorney Anthony Parisi, Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Acting Captain John Zeltmann (City of Poughkeepsie Police Department), Captain Ralph Cropley (Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department) and Detective Sergeant Matthew Orser (Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department).

-Courtesy photo

dents at these locations. This equipment from District Attorney Parisi will greatly help the Town of Poughkeepsie Police

Department maintain a safe and secure community for the Town of Poughkeepsie residents and its visitors."

# Beacon opts into 'good cause' eviction protections

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City Council voted unanimously to opt into "Good Cause" Eviction Protections at the Council's August 19 meeting held at City Hall. Albany, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Ithaca have also passed protections.

One attendee who spoke thanked the Council as "it reflects the needs of our community."

"It helps keep our neighbors in their houses," said another commenter before the Council took the vote.

"People live in constant fear," said another attendee who also noted there must be education for people about their rights.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou thanked the members of the council.

He remarked, "I know that we don't have economic experts here and we have to make some choices..." but "ideally, they would want data on, for instance how many evictions entail something that good cause would preclude. I think that's a very small number. My assumption is that 90 percent plus of evictions are regulated or you know bad tenant behavior or whatever all of which are good causes for evictions."

He also rejected into diving the world

into good people and bad people and saying all landlords as greedy and all tenants need protection.

As Gov. Hochul pointed out, noted Kyriacou, the region is 800,000 units short of housing which has caused this crisis. "If we would have built a million units in the past five years, rents would be plummeting," he said.

He remarked he also believes there will be unintended consequences, in which small landlords might begin to behave like large landlords. The counterargument is that why should there just be protection for the tenant depending on the number of units a landlord has.

Kyriacou said he was "willing to vote for this." He continued, "This is the bill in front of us. While I prefer it to be done another way, this is good enough."

According to a statement from Housing Justice for All, "[this] vote marks a major victory" for Beacon Climate Action Now (BCAN), Community Voices Heard, Mid-Hudson Valley Democratic Socialists of America, For the Many, and the statewide Housing Justice for All Coalition.

Tenants covered by Good Cause will be able to challenge rent hikes that are more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 5% (8.45% upstate as of August 2024) or

10%, whichever is lower, it was stated.

"BCAN applauds the Beacon City Council for unanimously passing Good Cause Eviction, protecting tenants and helping to keep vulnerable residents in their homes," Brian Mandel, a BCAN member said in the statement from

Housing Justice for All. "BCAN members have worked tirelessly to pass this important piece of legislation and we are looking forward to continuing our work on addressing the housing crisis in Beacon and across the Hudson Valley."



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## Impaired Driving Crackdown for Labor Day through Sept. 2

Various police agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with Labor Day weekend. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign effort, currently in effect, will conclude at the end of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 2. Municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 490 crash fatalities nationwide during the 2022 Labor Day holiday; of those fatalities, 39 percent involved a drunk driver, and 25 percent involved drivers who were driving with a blood-alcohol content (BAC) almost twice the legal limit. Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the 2022 Labor Day holiday, 47 percent were drunk with BACs of .08 or higher, according to the NHTSA. Statewide, New York State Police arrested 154 people for driving while intoxicated during the 2023 Labor Day weekend

enforcement period.

The Labor Day Weekend Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. In addition to this crackdown, statewide STOP-DWI engagement campaigns also target Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day Weekend, July 4th Weekend, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the December holiday season.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol and drug related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI High Visibility Community Engagement Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving.

Drivers can help to make a difference by having a sober plan! Motorists can download the mobile app, "Have a Plan," and be able to find a safe ride home [www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp](http://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp).

## Register for 15th annual Prostate Cancer Walk on Sept. 21 at Walkway Over the Hudson

Premier Cares Foundation will host its 15th annual Prostate Cancer Walk to raise awareness about the disease and to raise funds for local patients and their families. This community event will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. until noon on the Highland side of the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Before walking the span of the Walkway and back, participants will enjoy music, exhibits, vendors, complimentary refreshments, and entertainment. A special guest speaker, Bruce Edwards, will discuss his journey with the disease and how early detection saved his life. Awards will be presented and raffle tickets for amazing prizes will be sold. All attendees receive a commemorative T-shirt, tote bag, and one entry to the raffle. Tickets to the 15th annual Prostate Cancer Walk are \$30 per person and children under 10 are free. Anyone whose life has been touched by prostate cancer, either as a patient or loved one, is encouraged to attend this community event.

"September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and there is an urgent need for prostate cancer support, education, advocacy, and awareness here in the Hudson Valley and across the country," said Dr. Evan Goldfischer, a urologist and President of the Premier Cares

Foundation Board. "This year alone, nearly 250,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. With early detection, however, Prostate cancer is one of the most curable types of cancer when detected in the early stages."

Each year, Premier Cares Foundation welcomes hundreds of community members to the Walkway to make meaningful strides in support of those who have battled prostate cancer and remember the lives that have been lost. Together with its sponsors, the Foundation hopes to educate the Hudson Valley about the need for prostate cancer screening. Sponsors and exhibitors of the event include local, national and international companies including: Marshall & Sterling, Williams Lumber, Arciero & Burgess, Henry Schein Inc., Tempus, Johnson & Johnson, Abbvie, Lantheus, Nuvance Health, Pfizer Oncology, Ashworth Creative, Dendreon, M&T Bank, Premier medical group, PROS, Stewarts Shops, The Khurana Family, and Verity Pharmaceuticals. Additional support has been provided by Country Kids Popcorn, The Crafted Kup, and Dutchess Beer Distributors.

For more information and to register, visit [www.premiercaresfoundation.org](http://www.premiercaresfoundation.org). This event is rain or shine.

## Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

July 17: Traffic Stop-North Avenue-Irvin A. Juarez-Luna, 27, of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of Vehicle 3rd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

July 18: Warrant-Oak Street- Patrick T. Murphy, 34, of Beacon, was charged with Obstruction of Governmental Administration 2nd, Assault 3 & was also processed on an open Bench Warrant.

July 19: Traffic Stop-Wolcott - Avenue-Joshua H. Mayers, 48, of Beacon, was charged with DWI 1st & Miscellaneous V&T violations.

July 19: Auto Accident- Fishkill Avenue- Caller reported being struck by a vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 22: Fight-Main Street-Akesha M. Atkins, 52, of Beacon, was charged with Assault 3, Endangering the Welfare of a Child & Menacing 3rd.

July 23: Criminal Mischief-Washington Avenue- Caller reported the

lock from the gate to his property had been cut off. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 23: Fraud- Verplanck Avenue- Callers reported fraudulent activity withing their account. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 24: Suspicious Person-Red Flynn Drive-Manuel A. Roldan, 26 of New Windsor, Orange County, was processed on a Fugitive from Justice warrant and held for extradition to Rockland County.

July 26: Larceny-South Avenue-Daral Reilly, 53, of Beacon, was charged with Petit Larceny.

July 28: Criminal Mischief-Spencer Lane- Caller reported damage to his property as a result of past occurred criminal Mischief. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

July 31: Arrest-Municipal Plaza-Paula P. Roussos, 44, of New Windsor, Orange County, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

Number of Calls-341

Auto Accidents- 13

Domestics: 3.

## Police: Teen stabs other teen in domestic violence case

Beacon Police responded to 31 Eliza St. for a call of a female who had been stabbed on August 17, according to City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia in a statement on Aug. 19. According to Figlia, "Upon arrival officers found a male and a female subject, both later identified as being 16 years old. The female subject was bleeding from what appeared to be a stab wound to her leg." Officers attempted to detain the male subject who allegedly resisted arrest and struck and one of the officers in the face before being subdued, according to a law enforcement official.

"Upon investigation the female subject eventually admitted that the male, who was her boyfriend, was the one who had stabbed her. Furthermore, a witness stated that the two had been involved in a physical altercation and video from inside the building showed the female cowering

when the male approached her just before officers arrived," said Figlia.

The male subject was charged with two counts of Assault in the Second Degree (D-Felonies), one count of Resisting Arrest (A-Misdemeanor) and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree (A-Misdemeanor). He was arraigned and transported to a secure facility. The female subject was transported to the hospital by ambulance where she was treated for her injuries. The names of both subjects have been withheld due to their age.

If you, or someone you know is in need of immediate assistance with domestic violence, please call the Beacon Police Department at 845-831-4111. Additional resources for victims and their families can be found locally through the Family Services: Home - Family Services, Inc. ([familyservicesny.org](http://familyservicesny.org)).

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## Anthony S. Campagiorni appointed Central Hudson Electric Transmission President

Central Hudson's Board of Directors recently appointed Anthony S. Campagiorni, Esq. as President of Central Hudson Electric Transmission, LLC (CHET). Campagiorni began the new position on August 1.

In his new role with CHET, Campagiorni will oversee Central Hudson's investment in New York Transco, the New York-based developer, owner and operator of electric transmission solutions and facilities owned by affiliates of the utilities in New York State.

"I believe Anthony's experience in regulatory and government affairs makes him uniquely qualified to take on this position," said Stephanie Raymond, President and CEO of Central Hudson. "Transco is playing a growing and critical role in New York's transition to a cleaner, greener energy system and we are excited for Anthony to continue leveraging his experience and capabilities in this new role."

Campagiorni has held several positions with Central Hudson since joining the Company in 2009, most recently serving as Senior Vice President of Customer Services where he oversaw all customer facing functions including the contact center, meter reading and field operations, new business, energy efficiency, corporate communications, customer out-



Anthony S. Campagiorni

-Courtesy photo

reach and government relations.

Campagiorni currently serves as Chairman of the Dutchess County Economic Development Advisory Group and is an Executive Board member of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

## Cody Gibbs selected as a White House HBCU Scholar

Cody Gibbs has been selected to represent Lincoln University of Pennsylvania as a 2024-25 White House HBCU Scholar. The White House initiative recognizes HBCU leaders and provides one the opportunity to advance with other exceptional student leaders.

According to [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), "The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) is proud to announce the 2024 cohort of HBCU Scholars, marking the 10th anniversary of this transformative program."

"This recognition is a reflection of the love and support that I have received from my family, friends and university. I am beyond excited to continue the Lincoln legacy through this outstanding opportunity," said Gibbs.



Cody Gibbs has been selected to be a White House HBCU Scholar for Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.

-Courtesy photo

## Fishkill offers town residents bulk cleanup on September 14

The Town of Fishkill will host their Town-wide bulk clean-up day on Saturday, September 14, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Maurer Geering Park, 1 Geering Way, Fishkill. Proof of residency will be required.

No trucks such as U-Hauls, vans, utility trailers larger than the bed of a pick-up truck will be permitted into Maurer Geering Park to dump their bulk debris. Only ordinary pickup trucks will be allowed.

Cleanup materials must be separated by wood, metals, and soft miscellaneous items. Construction debris will not be accepted.

The following items cannot be accepted due to landfill restriction: Engine oil, lawn and garden chemicals (such as fertilizer), insecticides, pesticides, poisons, brush, leaves, drain cleaning chemicals

and other cleaning and caustic solvents, paint materials (such as latex or oil-based paints, turpentine, shellacs, sealers, mineral spirits and other paint related materials), gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids (including containers that were used for these products) aerosol cans and other pressurized tanks.

Tires will no longer be accepted at clean-up days. One may bring them to Royal Carting for a fee.

In addition:

An e-waste container will be provided. Contact [royalcarting.com](http://royalcarting.com) for accepted items.

A shredding truck will be available 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Limit three file boxes or three kitchen garbage bags or the like, per household.

For further information contact 845-896-6013.

## Serino awards \$63,734 in Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding Grants

Through New York State's Youth Sports and Education Opportunity grant funding, County Executive Sue Serino announced awards totaling \$63,734 to seven nonprofit agencies to provide a variety of sports opportunities to young people, ages 6-17, in under-resourced communities. Awarded programs focus on fostering educational connection and achievement, physical health and well-being, mental health and well-being, youth employment and community cohesion.

County Executive Serino said, "Our youth deserve a variety of options when it comes to programming and opportunities, and we are proud to partner with these organizations to make a real difference in kid's lives. Empowering our children through sports benefits various aspects of their lives and helps set them up for successful futures."

Projects funded through the 2024-2025 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding grant include:

### City of Beacon, \$5,000

Beacon Swim Academy – Host the popular Beacon Pool Swim Academy for a total of 80 children as four two-week sessions for various ages: 6 months-3 years, ages 3-5 and ages 6-12.

### Girls on the Run-Hudson Valley (GOTR-HV), \$10,000

Girls on the Run Pilot Promotion to Underserved Youth – Offer site-wide financial assistance to Dutchess County schools that have never offered GOTR-HV programs previously and have 40 percent or more students who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch.

### Mid-Hudson Aquatic, \$17,719

Dutchess County Swim Impact – Mid-Hudson Aquatics proposes to use the

youth grant funds for 35 children, ages 3- 13 years which qualify as outreach candidates to participate in 6 X 45 minute free learn to swim classes. Additionally, the youth grant funds would provide 12 outreach swim team candidates ages 5- 17 years a free swim team membership consisting of 7 months / up to 4 days a week training with Mid-Hudson Heatwaves USA Competitive Swim Team, swim meets and USA Swimming membership. The funds will be used for pool rental and swim meets.

### Ramapo for Children, \$12,000

Experiential Social and Emotional Learning Retreats for Dutchess County Nonprofits and/or Schools – Offer a minimum of 8-12 retreats for 80-160 Dutchess County youth to utilize active, hands-on experiences to strengthen social and emotional learning skills and encourage physical activity.

### The Black and Latino Coalition, \$5,625

Mighty Young Majorettes – Provides underserved children, ages 4-12, with an opportunity to engage in competitive majorette baton twirling activities, focusing on dance, teamwork, discipline, and self-expression through the art of majorette performance.

### Town of Hyde Park \$7,000

Learn to Swim Program – Provides youth the opportunity to achieve a life-long skills through the instruction of certified American Red Cross Swimming Lesson staff.

### Town of Red Hook \$10,109

Town of Red Hook Recreation – Offers 16+ different recreational programs to over 500 youth, birth to age 21, who live within the boundaries of the Red Hook Central School District.

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## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Rocking Renegades add to lead in bid for second-half crown

By Rich Thomaselli

You can't ask for much better than this. The Hudson Valley Renegades strengthened their hold on first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League with a couple of milestones last week. Hudson Valley recorded its first seven-game sweep in franchise history, including a sweep of a doubleheader on Thursday and threw in a no-hitter in the back end of the games.

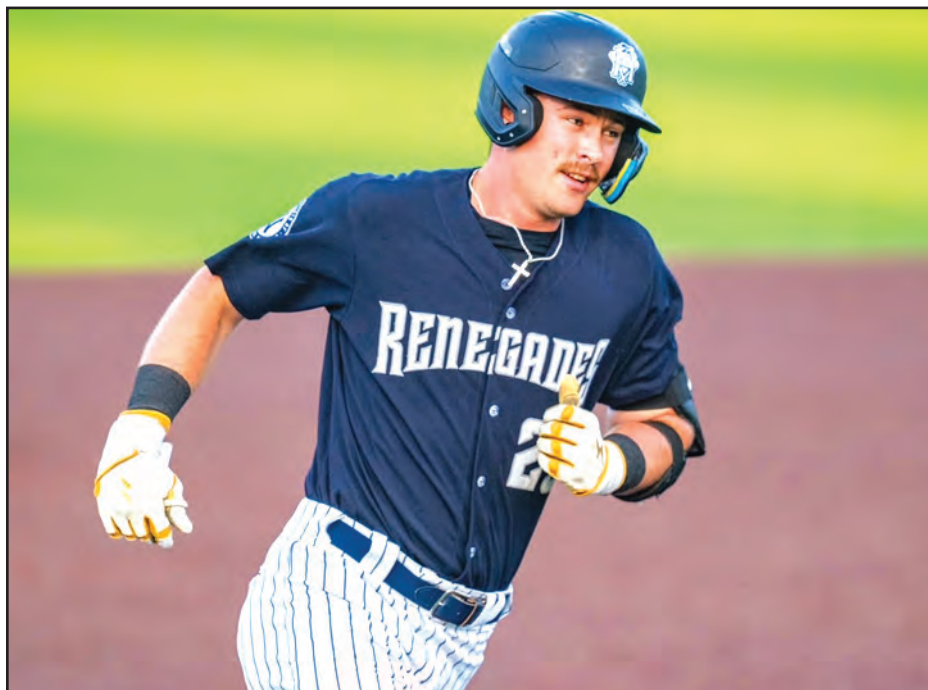
This all came in a series at their home field – Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers Falls.

The Renegades hold a three-game lead over Jersey Shore and Aberdeen and are playing a crucial six-game series at Jersey Shore this week. They have a 32-22 record in the second half of the season. Greensboro won the first half and the winners of each half will meet in the post-season playoffs.

The Renegades threw their second no-hitter of the season to clinch a doubleheader sweep of the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Thursday at Heritage Financial Park, holding on for a 7-6 win in game one before making history with a 6-0 win in game two. The nightcap no-no was the fourth no-hitter in franchise history, as Trent Sellers, Mason Vinyard, and Thomas Balboni combined for a 6-0 victory.

After two no-hitters in the first 29 seasons of Renegades baseball, they have thrown two in the last five weeks. It also helped the Renegades execute their first doubleheader sweep since April 27, 2022. In game one, T.J. White put the Blue Rocks ahead 1-0 with a solo home run off Sebastian Keane in the top of the second. A leadoff double by Marcus Brown and a single by Joe Naranjo put runners at first and third in the third. Brown later scored on a fielder's choice groundout by Jared McKenzie, and Naranjo scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

The Renegades struck in the bottom of of



**Garrett Martin launched three home runs and drove in seven runs between the two games of a doubleheader for the Renegades last week Thursday.**

-Photo by Dave Janosz

the third after pair of singles by George Lombard and Josh Moylan was followed by a three-run homer by Garrett Martin to tie the game. Later in the frame Coby Morales reached on an error by Naranjo and later scored on an Edison Vivas RBI single to give the Renegades a 4-3 lead.

Martin had a tremendous day at the plate, launching three home runs and driving in seven runs between the two games of the doubleheader. In the fifth Martin walked and Morales singled to put runners at first and second. Dylan Jasso knocked in Martin with an RBI single. Vivas then notched a

two-run single to bring in Morales and Jasso and extend the Renegades lead to 7-3. In his High-A debut, Vivas was 2-for-3 with three RBI. In game two Sellers tossed 4.2 hitless innings. Since June 25, Sellers has been charged with just two earned runs across 39.2 innings (0.45 ERA).

In the series opener last Tuesday, Hudson Valley set the tone with a 10-0 victory. The Renegades took a no-hitter into the eighth inning before Thomas legged out a bunt single with one out against Harrison Cohen. The pitching staff did not allow another hit the rest of the way, throwing their fourth

one-hitter of the season. Baron Stuart put together arguably his best performance of the season. The right-hander did not allow a hit in six innings, inducing seven ground-ball outs and allowing just three baserunners to reach safely. He retired 13 of the last 14 batters he faced.

A night later, it was a 5-3 victory for Hudson Valley. Josh Grosz continued his nearly flawless pitching of late. The right-hander allowed just three hits and one run across 6.1 innings, while striking out eight and issuing just one walk. In three starts with the Renegades since being promoted on August 6, Grosz has a 0.51 ERA. In the bottom of the first Garrett Martin walked, stole second, and scored on a Coby Morales RBI single to put the Renegades on the board 1-0. Hudson Valley added to its lead in the fifth, bringing across three runs. Moylan led off the inning with a solo home run, his eighth of the season and fourth against the Blue Rocks. Martin walked and Brendan Jones singled to put runners at first and second. Morales then singled home Martin to extend the Renegades lead to 3-0. A sacrifice fly by Gomez later in the inning scored Jones and made it 4-0 Renegades.

On Friday night, the team needed extra innings but came away with a 2-1 victory in 10 innings. Jackson Castillo lined an RBI single to right off Chance Huff to score George Lombard, Jr. to give the Renegades their ninth walk-off win of the season.

On Saturday, it was a 7-3 win. The Renegades bullpen was outstanding in the victory. After opener Indigo Diaz allowed three runs in 0.2 innings, five Renegades relievers combined for 8.1 scoreless innings to close out the win.

On Sunday, Baron Stuart was the star, tossing six scoreless innings as the Renegades won, 6-3.

## General Manager Q&A

# Success in baseball and business and looking at entertainment dollars



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.*

**In your mind, what constitutes a successful season?**

Well, I think there's a lot of factors. First and foremost is the fan experience.

We want to make sure that people who are coming to our games are having a good time. Certainly, as a business, we want to make sure we are being efficient with revenues. We look at it as a long-term play; we want people to have a good time and to come back multiple times.

**Seemingly every day there's an update on roster moves. Is it that time of year?**

It is that time of year, but there's also a

lot involved with it, especially for the pitchers. You want to make sure they are right at their pitch count. And for some, that means coming here for the better competition and for some it means going to Tampa to get the extra work in.

**There's so much competition for the entertainment dollar. So how do you stand out and differentiate yourself?**

I'm biased, of course, but I think we offer

the best family entertainment in the area. Of course, the baseball is a part of it, but we want everyone to have a great time. Like we always say, we want to treat it like it's their first game. All it takes is one bad experience for one fan to ruin it and you don't want that. You know, I recently had a fan come up to me and tell me that everybody she dealt with was very nice and did so with a smile on their face. That says a lot about our staff and meant the world to me.

# Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP partners recognized for excellence in medical malpractice law, personal injury litigation

Hudson Valley law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) has announced that Partners Jeffrey M. Feldman, Robert R. Sappe and Kathryn C. Collins have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 31st Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®.

All three are being honored in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants in Fishkill, NY, and Feldman is also being honored in the category of Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants in Fishkill. Additionally, Feldman has been named Best Lawyers® 2025 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, NY, which marks the fourth time he has received a "Lawyer of the Year" distinction.

"It's deeply rewarding to see our work recognized by our peers," said Feldman. "These accolades reflect the collective dedication and talent of the entire FKC&S team."

First published in 1983, Best Lawyers recognitions are compiled based on an exhaustive Purely Peer Review® evaluation. For the 2025 edition, more than 23 million votes were analyzed, which resulted in more than 80,000 leading lawyers included in the milestone 31st edition. "Lawyer of the Year" honors are awarded annually to only one lawyer per practice area in each region with extremely high overall feedback from their peers, making it an exceptional distinction.

Founded by Feldman and Paul S. Kleidman in 1986, the award-winning law firm of FKC&S has received a multitude

of honors over the years, including annual recognition by Best Law Firms®, Ranked by Best Lawyers since its First Edition in 2010. Feldman has been designated as a New York State "Super Lawyer" every year since 2008 and has achieved an AV® rating with Martindale-Hubbell since 1992, placing him in the top three percent of attorneys nationwide. He is a proud member of the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Dutchess County Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the American Association for Justice and the New York Medical Defense Bar Association. Feldman resides in LaGrange, NY with his wife and has three grown children, as well as two grandchildren.

Before joining the FKC&S team in 1995, Sappe began his career with the New York State Organized Crime Task Force and later entered private practice in the Hudson Valley as a litigator in the New York State and Federal Courts. He has represented a variety of health professionals in many different specialties, including cardiologists, obstetricians, otolaryngologists, gastroenterologists and orthopedic surgeons. He also has extensive experience representing clients in personal injury cases, ranging from products liability to car accidents to legal malpractice. A lifetime resident of Dutchess County, Sappe resides with his wife in East Fishkill, NY and is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the New York Medical Defense Bar Association.



Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP partners are, from left, Jeffrey M. Feldman, Kathryn C. Collins and Robert R. Sappe.

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Collins joined the team at FKC&S in 2016 and became the first female partner at the firm in 2019. Focusing in the areas of medical malpractice litigation, professional liability litigation and general liability litigation, she has extensive experience in the defense and counseling of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, mental health providers, hospitals and nursing homes. In 2022 Collins received an AV

Preeminent® Peer Rated Attorney designation through Martindale-Hubbell, the most reliable and sought-after peer rating standard in the legal industry for more than 130 years. A member of the New York State Bar Association, the New York Medical Defense Bar and the American Bar Association, she resides in Hopewell Junction, NY with her husband, Jim, and their three children.

# Ashley Keck, Emily Mayo win Miller Memorial Scholarships



Ashley Keck and Emily Mayo are winners of the Ronald Miller Memorial Scholarship for 2024 at the Dutchess County Fair. Miller was a longtime veterinarian in Dutchess County. The Ronald Miller Memorial Fund was established in 2008 and over \$14,000 in scholarships has been awarded. From left are Bob Beckmann of Matt's Auto Body, Ed Hackett of Hackett Farm Supply, Ashley Keck and George Whalen of the Bank of Millbrook. Mayo is away at college.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

# Youth Livestock Sale Scholarship winners recognized



Haley McCord, Lauryn Menz and Ashley Keck were honored as Youth Livestock Sale Scholarship winners and winners of the Rossi Scholarships at the 2024 Dutchess County Fair.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

# Red Hook Spinners win 'Fleece to Shawl' competition



The Red Hook Spinners took first place in the "Fleece to Shawl" competition at the 2024 Dutchess County Fair.

The Elmendorph Handspinners took second place and the Ulster County Handspinners came in third. Winning team members above are, from left, Lydia Leete, Debbie Battaglia, Theresa Ryan, Luca DiMambro and Ute Delaney.

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# County hosts 2024 annual agricultural forum at DC Fair

## Serino expands critical Ag Navigator role

The Dutchess County Agricultural Forum was held Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, highlighting the county's successful agricultural industry, which generates more than \$45 million in annual sales for the local economy. Members of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, which includes local farmers, agribusiness representatives, agricultural and land conservancy organizations – as well as state, county and local leaders and community members – gathered to discuss issues and policies surrounding Dutchess County agriculture. The annual event featured a presentation from the New York State Farm Bureau, as well as County Executive Sue Serino's announcement that the Dutchess County Ag Navigator role is being expanded to a full-time county position in the 2025 county budget to better serve the needs of local farmers and prospective farmers.

Serino said, "Dutchess County is home to an incredibly vibrant farming community, and they have each played an immeasurable role in our community's history. Farmers are resilient, and while new laws and regulations from various levels of government can make their jobs harder, they continue to think outside of the box to work through those challenges and find creative solutions, so they not only succeed but thrive. Dutchess County remains committed to being a supportive partner to our farming community and through innovative ideas and with the expansion of the Ag Navigator position we hope to provide the additional support and tools they may need to remain here in Dutchess County. Whether its contributing to our local economy, creating job opportunities, providing fresh food, or growing the agro-tourism industry, the role our farms and farmers play in our community is invaluable, and I thank all those who attended today's forum and for their continued efforts to advocate for our farmers."

Among the highlights at the Aug. 22 event was the announcement of Serino's plan to expand the role of the Dutchess County Agriculture Navigator into a full-time, county government position. The Ag Navigator role, first established in 2016, helps local farmers traverse the complexities of contemporary agriculture by serving as a liaison for farmers, municipal officials and economic development specialists. The Ag Navigator provides impartial information and advice when local regulations or actions are proposed that may impact agriculture, farmland or agricultural businesses. The navigator is also integral in implementing the county's



Seen earlier this year, from left: County Executive Sue Serino, Agricultural Navigator Jennifer Fimbel and County Comptroller Gregg Pulver. Fimbel joins the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development as the County's interim Agricultural Navigator and will train her full-time successor, to be hired in 2025 and funded by the county budget.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan's recommendations.

The county had previously contracted with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) for the Agricultural Navigator initiative, with Jennifer Fimbel serving as the inaugural Ag Navigator in a part-time role as part of her existing position as Agriculture and Horticulture Program Leader. Fimbel retired earlier this year after serving more than 38 years at CCEDC.

Under the new plan announced today, the position of Agricultural Navigator will become a full-time Dutchess County Government position, residing wholly within the Department of Planning & Development. Fimbel has joined the county in a part-time position as the Agricultural Navigator and will be working on laying out the responsibilities of the expanded role as well as recruiting, training and mentoring her full-time successor to be hired in 2025.

Expanding the role to a full-time position within County Government will provide greater opportunities to assist those who are looking for policy guidance, dealing with enforcement (i.e. zoning) issues – both municipal and farmer – assessment questions, questions regarding right-to-farm laws, agricultural districts and more. A primary goal is to expand local education on these topics through a number of new efforts:

- Informational public meetings for farmers, officials and the general public, to address questions and misinformation about agricultural districts, agricultural value assessment and right-to-farm laws;
- Information and education session for



The Dutchess County Agricultural Forum, held Aug. 22 at the Dutchess County Fair, was attended by local leaders, local farmers and various agricultural and land conservancy organizations.

-Courtesy photos

supervisors and mayors regarding the resources for agriculture available in Dutchess County;

- Training for local assessors regarding agricultural value assessment; and
- Creation of an Agricultural Education subcommittee of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Dutchess County will continue its long-standing partnership with CCEDC to meet the needs of the local agricultural community, with the Ag Navigator connecting people with technical questions relating to animals, crops, grazing rotations and much more to CCEDC's expert staff. This allows CCEDC's team to focus on providing research-based information and education quickly and efficiently on a wide array of agricultural topics, including gardening/community horticulture through CCEDC's Master Gardener and Commercial Horticulture programs.

CCEDC Executive Director Mary Lou Carolyn said, "Expanding the Agriculture

Navigator will be very beneficial to our local agricultural community, particularly expanding education on local regulations and assessment rules. CCEDC looks forward to continuing to provide the educational and technical resources that farmers rely on, while working with the County on policy issues regarding agriculture."

The Agriculture Forum also featured a presentation by New York State Farm Bureau Vice President Eric Ooms, who discussed many of the opportunities and challenges facing farmers in New York and the Hudson Valley, including utilizing social media and different markets for farms, such the lower Hudson Valley and New York City areas. Ooms noted that farmers are true entrepreneurs who are always evolving.

Following the forum, members of the ThinkDIFFERENTLY 4-H program for children of all abilities showed their animals at its annual Fair Flourishing Farmer's Showcase.

## Mom gives birth to twins at DC Fair



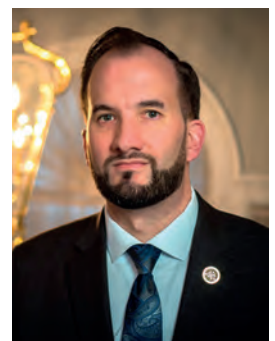
Each year at the Dutchess County Fair, dairy cows give birth to babies in the Salute to Agriculture tent. Expert veterinarians are on the job to make sure moms and babies receive the best care. In addition, the veterinarians and volunteers provide educational information to all fair-goers. Above, Mom Gladys tends to twins Gemma and Gianna, born at 4:02 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24. In all, 11 baby calves were born at the 2024 Fair.

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# Obituaries

## Wolfgang G. Winklharer



EAST FISHKILL - Wolfgang G. Winklharer, born August 23, 1942, was a warrior and fought valiantly to stay in this life for his daughter, Christa, his granddaughter Erika, and his wife of 47 years, Florence.

When the Lord finally called him home on August 20, 2024, he was escorted to his final reward by his son, Erich, who predeceased him in 2008, and has been waiting for his beloved father. They are now together again – safe and warm in God's embrace.

Services were held on Friday, August 23, 2024 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell

Junction followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill. Please visit Wolfgang's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Donald J. Walker



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Donald J. Walker, 91, a lifelong resident of the Village of Wappingers Falls, died on August 19, 2024. Born on June 17, 1933, he was the son of the late Howard J. Walker and Mildred McCarthy Walker.

He graduated from Wappingers Central School in 1951. He was employed as a Tax Assessor for the City of Beacon and the Village of Wappingers Falls. He also worked as a real estate appraiser and then a data collector for the Town of Stanford Assessors Office.

On November 28, 1959, he married the former Teresa DiSantis at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls. Teresa pre-deceased him on May 10, 2013.

Survivors include his sons Edward Walker (Lisa), David Walker (Anne),

James Walker, and his daughters Anne (Mark), and Margaret (William). Also surviving are 6 grandchildren Jenessa, Ryan, Taylor, Alexa and Julia along with 3 great grandchildren Kaia, Teddy and Hazel and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by a sister Jane Marie Walker, and a brother Arthur J. Walker.

Mr. Walker was a life member of the William T. Garner Engine Company and the Wappingers Council Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Dutchess County Assessors Association, and the New York State Assessors Association.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, August 21, at the Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

## Ida Loretta Minunni



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Ida Loretta Minunni (nee Diaz) passed away from natural causes on August 21, 2024. She was born September 4, 1935 in Manhattan, NY. Ida lived in many places throughout her life Staten Island, Beach Lake, PA, Brooksville, FL before moving to Wappingers Falls.

Ida enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting, playing cards, bingo, going to the casino, senior center and especially spending time with her family and friends.

Ida graduated from Port Richmond High School in 1954. She worked as a school aide at PS 20 in Port Richmond until 1993. She was also PTA President

for PS 19 and IS 27.

Ida is survived by her four sons, John (Claire), Robert (Linda), James (Isabel) and Ronald (Alexandra); eleven grandchildren, Daniel, Diana (Matt), Catherine (Don), Jennifer (Darren), Jessica (Jonathan), Ashley (fiancé Erik), Ashley (Zak), Shannon (fiancé Cat) and Morgan (fiancé Chris); seven great-grandchildren and a baby due in December of 2024, Benjamin, Olivia, Caedon, Natalie, Carlo, Justin and Sophia. She was predeceased by her husband of fifty-four years, John in 2008.

Thank you to all the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice for exceptional care helping Ida through her journey. We would like to thank her aides Vinetta, Carleen and Tannika for taking wonderful care of Ida. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation.

Family and friends will gather on Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A funeral service was held on Monday, August 26 at the funeral home. Interment followed in Wappingers Rural Cemetery, West Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

To send the family a personal condolence please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Muriel Theresa Westermann



TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE - Muriel Theresa Westermann, a resident of the Town of Poughkeepsie for 60 years, entered eternal rest on August 24, 2024. Muriel was born August 22, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY, and was the beloved oldest daughter of the late Ruth and Francis Tierney. In addition to her parents, Muriel was predeceased by her sister, Gloria, and cousins, Rosemary and Catherine, with whom she was raised.

Muriel was a proud graduate of Washington Irving High School in Manhattan, NY, and began her career as a bookkeeper at Haskins & Sells. On April 23, 1950, she married John H. Westermann. Their forty-plus year love story, that started by chance at a cousin's wedding, ended far too early when the love of her life passed

away in 1992.

Muriel is survived by her five children: Mary E. Westermann of Poughkeepsie, NY; John and wife Jennifer Westermann of Endicott, NY; Edward Westermann and wife Bethany of Canandaigua, NY; Teresa and husband Mark Stegner of Clinton Corners, NY; and Allen and wife Annmarie Westermann of ChampionsGate, FL. She was also cherished by her ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a devoted member of St. Mary's Parish in Wappingers Falls, NY and the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Queen of Peace 1534. Her love of dance started at an early age and in 1939, she danced at the World's Fair in New York. This love continued later in life as a member of the Do-C-Do Square Dance Club. Muriel was known for her meticulous work as a dental office bookkeeper and her vibrant love for family gatherings. She had a passion for traveling and had a special fondness for Disney and anything chocolate.

Muriel's warmth, kindness, and joy in life will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of love and dedication will remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 10 a.m., will be held to celebrate her remarkable life. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Donations in Muriel's name may be made to St. Mary's Church or a charity of your choice.

For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

## Marilyn Somers



FISHKILL - Marilyn Somers, a resident of Fishkill, NY since 1959, passed away at her home in Fishkill on Thursday, August 22, 2024. She was 89.

Daughter of the late John and Julia (O'Brien) Lastrom, she was born in New York City on January 2, 1935.

Marilyn was a longtime dedicated parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, where for many years she served as cook for the pastoral residence. She was an avid golfer who belonged to Beekman Country Club. She loved traveling, especially with her family and friends, and always enjoyed playing poker with "The Girls".

Marilyn is survived by her three daughters: Linda Hofer & her husband Ronald of

Parrish, FL, Cindy Spahn & her husband Steven of Wappingers Falls, NY, and Laura Mann & her husband David of Maybrook, NY; her granddaughters: Kimberly Brown & her husband Michael of Poughkeepsie, NY, Erica Pikor & her husband Gregory of Hopewell Junction, NY, Summer Fisher of Temple Hills, MD and Zoe Mann of Maybrook, NY; her great-grandchildren: Evan, Hanna, Emma, Xavier, Jaxon, and Maxim; as well as many other loving relatives and friends.

Calling hours were held on Monday, August 26 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, August 28 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY. Interment will follow at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

For online tributes, you can visit Marilyn's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Robert A. Churchill

FORMERLY OF HUGHSONVILLE - Robert A. Churchill of Braselton, Georgia, passed away on August 1, 2024 at the age of 77 years. He was born on November 29, 1946 in Hughsonville, New York where he grew up as well. He is survived by his immediate family, wife of 55 years Sheila David Churchill, his son Justin Churchill, and daughter Christina Churchill. Robert has extended family that still resides in the Mid Hudson Valley corridor and Upstate New York.

A United States Navy Veteran, Robert served on the USS Wasp CVS 18 during the 1960's. In addition to other missions, the USS Wasp extracted multiple Gemini astronauts and their spacecraft from the Atlantic Ocean, which was a highlight of Robert's military service.

Robert graduated from Georgia State University in 1975 with a Bachelor's of Science in Respiratory Therapy. Early in his career he was very active in the service of others and held office in the American Association for Respiratory Care. As a Director of Respiratory Care for multiple hospitals, his career path provided opportunities to live overseas and travel across much of the world with his family.

His lifelong love of boating led him to cultivate many meaningful friendships and experience some excellent adventures. He built Justin and Christina boats of their own. He combined his passion for woodworking with boating by teaching many people how to build a dinghy from three sheets of marine plywood in just one weekend. He and Sheila took their Chris Craft to multiple boat shows and were active members of the Antique and Classic Boating Society. Through boating Robert was able to reach out to multiple charitable organizations and help provide the joy of boating to terminally ill children, the elderly, disabled veterans, and countless others over the course of multiple decades.

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# Sergeant Major MaryKay Messenger retires from USMA Band after 3 decades of service

Earlier this month, Orange County and the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point celebrated and honored one of its citizens as a result of her retirement after nearly three decades of service from the USMA Band. Sergeant Major MaryKay Messenger has been the lead soloist for the band and has performed before several presidents, kings, celebrities, as well as Carnegie Hall, China, Europe, and at the opening New York Yankees, New York Mets (7th inning) and New York Giants and New York Jets (half-time) ceremonies. Community members have heard her sing the National Anthem and "God Bless America" at

many local events. Messenger has performed for the Mid-Hudson Honor Flight ice breaker for most of the Honor Flight attendees. She has also accompanied several veterans as their escort on as many flights. Her renditions of 1940s songs have gotten many WWII veterans dancing with her. Messenger is a member of the Catholic War Veterans Joseph R. Farina Memorial Post #386, where she would sing the patriotic melodies at the MemorialDay and Veterans Day ceremonies. Messenger is also on the Board of Directors of the Purple Heart Hall.





Sergeant Major MaryKay Messenger, who retired after 3 decades of service, was recently honored.

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# Riley Mahaffey shows historic Grand Champion Steer at Fair

By Curtis Schmidt

To Riley Mahaffey, Beau is "the most handsome boy ever!"

Beau is the Grand Champion Market Steer of the 2024 Dutchess County Fair and the first steer in the history of the Youth Livestock Sale to also be a national champion. He was the 2024 Reserve Champion national bred and owned Simmental steer at the Simmental National Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Riley, breeder and owner, just turned 16 and is heading into her junior year at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She raised Beau, a 1/2 Simmental steer that was born and bred on the Mahaffey Farm in Amenia.

Riley said Beau is "out of a cow we bought from Bramlet Cattle Company in Illinois. We call her Belle. She has been

the mother to numerous champions, including a heifer we called Aurora, who is the heifer with the most ever wins on the East Coast."

Riley is involved in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program and is the current vice president of her chapter. She has been part of many career development and leadership development programs and teams.

She is also the current president of the Dutchess County 4-H "Here Comes The Beef" club where she has been an active member for five years. 2024 is her first time having a steer in the sale class at the Fair.

She added, "I'm very excited to be able to sell the first steer in the Youth Livestock Sale." The buyers at the sale were Victoria and Doug LaPerche.



Riley Mahaffey is surrounded by family and friends with "Beau," the Grand Champion Market Steer at the Dutchess County Fair.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

## Junior Fair Board takes on key roles with DC Ag Society



The Junior Fair Board is made up of a group of young people from 14-25 years old. They have been selected to represent the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc. and

the Dutchess County Fair. They take on volunteer positions Fair week in Building E, teaching the fair-goers about farm-to-table harvesting through the AgriVenture hands-on activity and the virtual reality tractor. You also see them in the Farmer's Tent on Livestock Hill, giving talks to the fair-goers in their respective areas of expertise in the agricultural world. They are also working on creating a school-based agricultural project that will hopefully roll out this fall. Their advisor, Jenny Lang, is proud to have such a motivated and enthusiastic group of young people to work with and is looking forward to seeing all the great things they will accomplish.

From left are Mariel Mustello, Jenna Lawrence, Paige Tegtmeier, Annette Prezzano, Faith Shultz, Jenny Lang, Ashley Keck, Nathan Prezzano and James Hicks. (Not pictured: Autumn Prezzano and Brendan Scoralick).

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

## Lauryn Menz wins Master Showmanship honors



Lauryn Menz, seated, won Master Showmanship honors at the DC Fair for 2024. She was the Dairy Goat showmanship winner. In the Master Showmanship competition, each contestant is judged on their skills in showing all animals, including beef, hogs, lambs, goats and dairy cattle. Other finalists and their species include, from left, Evan McCord with lambs, Emily Coon with hogs, Jenna Lawrence with dairy cattle and Ashley Keck with beef cattle.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

## this week's puzzle solutions

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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-51-24

Semi-Annual Preventive Maintenance of Overhead Doors, Openers, Fire Shutters and As Needed Related Services

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th 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.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE NOTICE IS HEREBY**

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**GIVEN** that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess will meet in the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor Poughkeepsie, New York at 6:30 PM on the 9th day of September 2024, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the proposed lease extension between the County and POU Development, LLC. (Sky Harbour Group) at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport that will extend the term years from 15 years to 40 years.

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that a copy of Resolution 2024-146 is available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined by interested parties during regular business hours.

**LEIGH WAGER**  
Clerk  
Dutchess County Legislature

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-12-24 NAME**

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**OFPROJECT: Replacement of Boiler at 108 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.** Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: HVAC/PLUMBING. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess). Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at [www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess) or by using the link provided at [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov), selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access,

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you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at [DPWcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:DPWcontracts@dutchessny.gov), or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz-Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, September 13, 2024, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited

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to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 467 910 560#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized

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the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Monday September 9, 2024 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at [DPWcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:DPWcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. All bidders are required to attend a mandatory site visit in order to submit bids for this RFB. Vendors must pre-register. The anticipated start of construction is Tuesday October 1, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is Friday November 8, 2024. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2024010572. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive

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irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-56-24

Outside Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Counsel  
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. 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, call 845-486-3613.

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## Suguru

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## THEME: FOOTBALL

### ACROSS

1. Command to Fido
6. Sheep not yet sheared
9. Cap and gown accessory
13. Blood line
14. Ancient Chinese dynasty
15. Ringworm
16. Driver's license notation
17. Not outs
18. Like Cheerios
19. \*Piece of football equipment required since 1943
21. \*Peyton or Eli
23. Napkin spot
24. Eminem's 2002 hit "\_\_\_\_ Yourself"
25. Embargo
28. Feed storage cylinder
30. Like house from a kit
35. Greek god of love
37. Smokes
39. \*Super Bowl I M.V.P. Bart \_\_\_\_
40. Taj Mahal locale
41. \*Career rushing yards record holder
43. Equals squared
44. Regretting
46. \*Highest college football level: \_\_\_\_ Division I
47. Extend credit
48. \*Seventeen games in NFL
50. Somewhat (2 words)
52. "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" singer
53. Mare's baby
55. Not a friend
57. \*55 of them
61. \*Home of the NFL Hall of Fame
64. Hole-borer
65. For every
67. Color red on coat of arms
69. Birds of ill omen
70. Outrage
71. \_\_\_\_ shopping cart
72. Party barrels
73. Sound from one of #69 Across
74. Homes for #69 Across

### DOWN

1. Down in the dumps
2. Cry of contempt
3. Marine eagle
4. Wake Island, e.g.
5. Kismet, pl.
6. Foolish one
7. Even, poetic
8. Useful contraption
9. Lamborghini model
10. Unfavorable prefix
11. "As \_\_\_\_ on TV"
12. Suspend
15. Astringents
20. "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
22. Venomous Egyptian snake
24. Deducible
25. \*One of 2 NFL founding teams still in league
26. Lock horns
27. Waterwheel
29. Outline
31. Et alii, abbr.
32. Got along
33. \*Like indoor eight-men football
34. \*Career NFL passing yards record holder
36. Without
38. Wild guess
42. Israelian port
45. Errand-runners
49. Neither's partner
51. Nuku'alofa language
54. Meat jelly dish
56. Musician's exercise
57. "\*\*Go \_\_\_\_ Go!"
58. Fishing decoy
59. Awestruck
60. Archery wood
61. "Ship, Captain, \_\_\_\_"
62. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
63. Remaining after deductions
66. \_\_\_\_ of Good Feelings
68. Lusitania's last call

## CROSSWORD

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

# Views from the 178th Dutchess County Fair



Clockwise from top left, Annabeth and Isaiah Angell view displays in the new Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County. A young fair-goer plays Tic Tac Toe with an underwater diver in the State Trooper booth. John Cerven of Poughquag won the blue ribbon for his Gladiola. Kate Cahill of Wappingers Falls won a blue ribbon with her Red Dahlia. The next generation of 4-H members at the Fair: Barbara Hackett holds granddaughter, Emma Self. Granddaughter Riley Hackett is in the stroller in front and Bob Beckmann's grandson, Wade Beckmann is in the stroller to the right. John Neilson of Red Hook won a blue ribbon with this tomato collection. Children enjoy the Khaos ride at the Powers Great American Midway.

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## Mike Leary Scholarship honors three area youth



Mike Leary Scholarship winners at the 178th Dutchess County Fair include, from left, Cora DiBlasi, Evan McCord and Kyle Streib Jr. In the center is Ben Prentice, who initiated the scholarship fund and at right is committee member Annette Prezzano.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

The Mike Leary Livestock Scholarship provided special awards for three area youth with a passion for agriculture at the 178th Dutchess County Fair.

Scholarships winners included Kyle Streib Jr. (\$500) for his work with hogs, Evan McCord (\$500) for raising lambs and Cora DiBlasi (\$1,000) for her beef project.

The purpose of the Mike Leary Livestock Scholarship is to benefit youth within the livestock community with a passion for raising project animals.

Before Leary passed away, he helped many area kids with a desire to get into the livestock world, said committee member Annette Prezzano. The scholarship was started by Ben Prentice in 2022 and is designed to help area youth in the name of Mike Leary. Additional committee members are Jon Prezzano and Matt Leary.

Annette Prezzano presented the scholarship awards and gave special thanks to all who continue to support the scholarship fund each year so that multiple scholarships can be awarded.

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