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A TRIBUTE TO A CARING LEADER

'Ultimate friend of the farmer' Dave Teter was 'Mr. Agriculture'



Dave Teter speaks at a gathering of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society in 2016 after receiving an award in honor of his many years of contributions to the Fair and Fairgrounds.

Archive photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

Veteran dairy farmer Harry Baldwin called Dave Teter "the ultimate friend of the farmer." And there are plenty of present and former local farmers who would concur. He was known as "Mr. Agriculture," not only in Dutchess County, but across New York State.

Teter passed away on Aug. 20 at the age of 80. The graduate of Cornell University and former County Agriculture Extension Agent with Cornell Cooperative, who began his 26-year stint in Dutchess in 1972, was responsible for an incredible number of promotional, educational and preservation plans to benefit local farmers and 4-H youth.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Teter was a member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. He also a civic leader as Supervisor of the Town of Stanford, President of the Pine Plains School Board and held membership in the Stanford Little League, Stanford Grange programs and Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency, Dutchess County Land Conservancy and a host other organizations.

Whether it was providing vital counsel on loans and taxes, holding hands with a farm family around the kitchen table after a catastrophic event or coming up with numerous innovative marketing ideas, Teter was always the one that residents could count on to come through and help out. And he always worked in a friendly and professional manner.

Popular veterinarian and friend Douglas W. "Doc" Hart of Pine Plains called Teter "simply one of the greatest advocates ever for agriculture in Dutchess County."

A list of accomplishments is a testament to Teter's creativity and dedication.

- The famed Milkshake Booth at the Dutchess County Fair by the Dutchess County Dairy Committee (now Fair Shakes) – that was Dave.

- The long-running morning Farm and Ag Report on radio station WRWD – that was Dave.

- Leading Town and Country tours and "barn tours" with local tourism organizations – that was Dave.

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Local districts adopt cell phone policies for new school year

By Kristine Coulter

Earlier this summer, Gov. Kathy Hochul began a statewide listening tour focused on smartphones in schools.

"We can help our young people succeed in the classroom by ensuring they're learning and growing – not clicking and scrolling," Hochul said in July. "That's why I'm working with all stakeholders across the state to develop effective solutions on smartphones that help protect our kids' mental health and deliver the best results for our schools."

Locally, the boards of education for the Beacon City School District and Wappingers Central School District have approved policies that will be implemented as the new school year starts.

'An effort to increase overall student attention and well-being' in BCSD

Beacon City School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl wrote a letter to parents/guardians and students to update them on the personal cell phone policy for the 2024-25 school year.

Landahl stated in an Aug. 20 post on the BCSD website, "In an effort to increase overall student attention and well-being," he recently presented a policy and plan to the Board of Education.

"Starting this school year, personal electronic devices will be restricted from individual classrooms at Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School. This means in each classroom students will be directed to place their phones in a specified location for the duration of class. Students may have their phones with them between class and at lunch. Many individual teachers have been implementing this the past couple of years with a lot of success and we want to make it universal across both schools in every classroom. In elementary schools, phones must be kept in the student's backpack the entire school day. Principal [Corey] Dwyer and Principal [Brian] Soltish will be in touch before the



School districts, nationally, statewide and locally, have been grappling with the issue of cell phones in schools and adopting policies for the new school year.

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beginning of the school year regarding the specifics of this plan and will share the plan with students at the beginning of the year."

The new policy required some changes to the Code of Conduct, he noted. A required public hearing on these changes was held at the August 26 meeting.

"Social media usage can negatively impact mental health and we all need help in learning how to deal with it. To that end, we are planning ongoing educational opportunities for our students and families regarding social

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'You don't need to follow the conventional route to achieve success'

Professional skateboarder from Beacon competes worldwide, offers classes

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon resident Andrew Singh took up skateboarding when he was 14 years old. That led him to competing professionally around the world – and to owning Connect Skateboarding.

"I played soccer for about 10 years and then I slowly started to grow apart from it because it was hard for me to deal with the pressure of team sports. When my friend up the street introduced me to skateboarding, I learned right away how to ride and instantly got hooked. It was so therapeutic and allowed me to develop my own style and express myself. It's all I wanted to do from that point on," Singh explained.

Singh called being a professional skateboarder "a bit surreal."

"When you start skateboarding, you don't realize there's an entire industry behind it where you can actually make a career out of it. You do it simply for the love. It becomes a grind to continue to



Professional skateboarder Andrew Singh with a group of students in a recent skateboarding class.

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media and healthier ways to use or deal with cell phones. We will share those plans this September as they become more concrete," said Landahl.

One commenter stated during the comment period during the Aug. 19 meeting, if the community [sticks] together, this will allow students to take a break from social media, she called it "a win."

Another parent who commented said taking the policy taking phone away (if students do not listen) is good.

Data will continue to be tracked. Landahl remarked, "Finally, we will monitor this classroom cell phone restriction closely by looking at data regarding how well students are following the policy and its impacts, and speaking with teachers and students in focus groups throughout the year. If we believe that a change in the cell phone policy is needed, we will let everyone know and there will be plenty of time for stakeholders to learn more about it and give input."

The superintendent stated this is a "step in our work to help mitigate the negative impacts of cell phones and social media on all of our students."

There will be education sessions with students and families in grades 6-10 assemblies and family session on safe digital communication, empathy online, safe gaming, dealing with cyber cruelty this month. Students will have opportunities to talk about phone use in school.

The Board Approves the policy and the change to the Code of Conduct at the Aug. 26 meeting.

WCSD takes stance

"I believe that cell phone usage during the school day creates a substantial disruption to the learning environment as we have seen instances where students have texted others in school during the school day, accessed social media sites, used their device to bully or harass others, or taken pictures of others without their permission," said Wappingers Central School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dwight Bonk. For these reasons, he said, the District amended the policy this summer.

The WCSD policy for grades Pre-K through 8 "will be prohibited from possessing smart phones, smart watches (i.e., internet enabled devices), and other electronic devices and related accessories (e.g., earbuds) on their person during the school day without permission from the Building Principal." For students in those grades, smart devices and related accessories "may be stored in a school bag (turned off) for before or after school use. The school district is not responsible for any lost, stolen, and related accessories, or damaged smart devices."

The policy states: "Our Junior High Schools will utilize lockable phone pouches as a deterrent for students who violate our cell phone expectations. Students who receive a referral for Cell Phone / Electronic Device Violation will, at the discretion of Building Administration, be required to store their device in a pouch for the duration of the school day. The device, locked in the school provided pouch will remain with the student for the day to ensure it is not lost or damaged by the school, and the student will be responsible for having the pouch unlocked prior to dismissal from school."

The policy also stated that "...given the dangers inherent in unsupervised access to the internet, students in grades Pre-K through 8 are prohibited from unsupervised internet use while on any school vehicle. Permission may be granted by the Principal (or his/her designee). The District is committed to responding to reported violations of this policy provision. The District will not require Bus Drivers to actively monitor student device use."

Technology policy for WCSD high school students

The policy regarding smart devices is different for students in high school, grades 9-12. These students "are allowed to carry smart devices during school hours and on school vehicles." During instructional times, however, "students are prohibited from possessing smart devices on their person."

The policy requires that any smart device "must be stored in a school bag or another location determined by the staff member in charge of that location. Any student who knowingly possesses a smart device on his/her person during an instructional period without permission, will be considered insubordinate and subject to the Student Code of Conduct."

The policy also discusses use of personal cell phones and other electronic devices when it comes to common areas, such as locker rooms, bathrooms, gym class, the auditorium, cafeteria, hallways and classrooms. The policy is "use of personal cell phones and other electronic devices is not permitted by students in grades 9-12 at any time in specific common areas..." except for instructional purposes or at the discretion of the teacher.

"Our High Schools will utilize lockable phone pouches as a deterrent for students who violate our cell phone expectations. Students who receive a referral for Cell Phone / Electronic Device Violation will, at the discretion of Building Administration, be required to store their device in a pouch for the duration of the school day. The device, locked in the school provided pouch will remain with the student for the day to ensure it is not lost or damaged by the school, and

the student will be responsible for having the pouch unlocked prior to dismissal from school," according to the policy.

Students, according to the policy, in grades Pre-K to 12th are prohibited from using smart phones and other electronic devices for the following purposes:

- To take pictures or record video of individuals or groups of persons while on school property or at school sponsored events;

-To record classes, meetings, or conversations without the express written consent of the teacher of the class, the professional leading the meeting or the professional having the conversation with the student or students.

Seventy-two percent of high school teachers nationwide say that students being distracted by cell phones is a major problem in their classroom, according to a Pew Research poll. The poll was released in June.



The Beacon City School District and the Wappingers Central School District have approved cell phone policies for the new school year.

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BCSD welcomes new teachers



New teachers in the Beacon City School District were welcomed to the District on Tuesday, August. 27.

-Courtesy photo BCSD


WCSD 'proud' to have new educators on team




Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk welcomed some of the Wappingers Central School District's newest teachers on Tuesday, Aug. 27. "We chose you, but you also chose us," he said. "We are so proud and honored to have you on our team."

Dr. Bonk thanked the Wappingers CSD Board of Education, as well as the community, for their roles in making students a priority. "Our Board offers us a tremendous level of support, enabling us to achieve our initiatives and to hire the staff we need to support our students—and our community's approval of our budget meant that we were able to make significant additions to staff, particularly in student support services," he said.

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stay relevant by filming skate video parts, and competing in contests if that's the route you choose to go. Coming from Beacon, becoming a professional skateboarder is not something you often see," he said.

The skateboarding industry is predominantly based in California, remarked Singh, and "it's traditionally expected that you move out there to make a name for yourself. I've worked incredibly hard throughout my whole career, traveling, and competing all over the United States, Europe, and the rest of the world just to get my name out there. Achieving this lifetime goal feels unbelievably rewarding but the hard work still has to continue."

Connect Skateboarding was an opportunity for Singh to provide a resource for people in the region, he said. Classes are given throughout the local region.

"When I was growing up, there weren't any resources available for aspiring skateboarders in our community. Many people here want to try skateboarding but don't know where to start—they need someone to introduce it to them, and show them how it works, just like my friend did for me. I want to grow the skateboarding scene in our community as much as possible," Singh recalled.

What does Singh hope the students who take classes take away from them?

"I want students to have fun and connect with one another. At the end of the day, that's what skateboarding is all about. One of the things I love most about skateboarding is that it's for everyone. It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from; if you're passionate about it, you're welcomed with open arms. It's about building relationships and creating memories together in an inclusive environment," stated Singh.

Local resident Kim Boldrini-Senn's 9-year-old participated in Singh's class.

"My friend is an adult and took a class with her son. She thought she was too old to learn, and she learned how to do it and loved it," said Boldrini-Senn. "I watched my own child and all the kids (of all shapes, sizes, and ages) in his class gain confidence while with Andrew. I saw siblings who normally bicker connect in the park on their boards. He's such a positive influence and really cares about them all. He loves the sport and shares that love with others and opens them up to what they are capable of. He holds their hands while teaching them to soar." Boldrini-Senn added: "I'd suggest his lessons to everyone."

Singh was asked about skateboarding and how it can build one's character? "Skateboarding teaches you patience and self-reliance. Every fall shows you how to get back up. It's about pushing your limits, learning from your mistakes, and constantly striving to improve while developing your own personal style.



Professional skateboarder Andrew Singh works with a student during a skateboarding class. Singh teaches lessons in the surrounding area.

-Courtesy photo



Professional skateboarder Andrew Singh is the owner of Connect Skateboarding.

DC Board of Ethics to meet on Sept. 16

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Monday, September 16 starting at 11 a.m., until noon.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Department of Law, 22 Market Street, 5th floor, Poughkeepsie.

Public Comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

These all contribute to shaping one's character," he responded.

Carling Devin, a local resident, said she heard about the classes from a friend who had signed her kids up for a previous session. Devin's son is nine.

"I would recommend Andrew's classes to others because he really connected with my son and, as a result of that, my son caught the skateboarding bug hard and has put his all into improving. I really feel like this community changed his life," remarked Devin.

"I strongly believe everyone should give skateboarding a try. Whether you're young or old, it's never too late to start. For the younger folks who feel out of place or struggle with traditional sports, remember, it's perfectly fine to carve your own path. You don't need to follow the conventional route to achieve success," said Singh.

For more information on classes, visit connect-skateboarding.com.

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County to host grant workshops for 2025 Youth Team Sports Program Funding proposals on Sept. 10

Participating in sports teaches children valuable life skills, such as teamwork, discipline and perseverance, while also promoting physical health, building confidence and fostering a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship. The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' Youth Services Division is requesting proposals for youth team sports programming from local community-based organizations and nonprofits for program year Jan. 1, 2025, to Sept. 30, 2025.

Youth team sports funding is grounded in the principles of positive youth development and is intended to provide support to local team sports programs in communities where programs may be scarce or under-resourced. Youth development through team sports aligns with Dutchess County's "Path to Promise" domains: Learning, Material Basics, Safety, Family/Relationships, Mental Health and Physical Health.

Local youth-serving organizations that provide team sports opportunities to youth under age 18 are encouraged to apply for grant awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. A total of \$121,198 is available through the New York State Children and Families Services Youth Teams Sports Reimbursable Grant*. This funding opportunity defines a "team sport" as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals compete with two or more opposing individuals.

Eligible applicants should be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or other community-based organization with a federal identification number, operating in Dutchess County with the ability to meet the County's insurance requirements. Eligible programs must provide free, direct services to all youth. Organizations

awarded grants for 2024-2025 Youth Development Programming (YDP) or the 2024-2025 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF) are not eligible for 2025-26 funding.

Funding may provide general operating support to give agencies the flexibility to efficiently allocate resources for quality programming. This may include educational instruction necessary to prepare youth to participate in team sports.

The Division of Youth Services has scheduled grant workshops, expected to run approximately two hours, at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Road in Poughkeepsie. Agencies are highly encouraged to attend one of the following grant workshops specific to this YTS funding opportunity:

- Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us to register for a workshop. The department will review the requirements to apply, the step-by-step process of applying online and address any concerns or questions.

The application period for the YTS grant is open from Tuesday, Sept. 10 to Wednesday, Oct. 2. All grants are due to the Division of Youth Services through the online grant portal on or before Wednesday, Oct. 2, by 5 p.m. Comprehensive information regarding this program, including application instructions, are available online on the NYS Office of Children and Family Services Grant Funding page on the County's website.

* Total funding amount subject to change based on final allocation from New York State Children and Family Services.

Senior adults invited to Golden Gathering on Sept. 21 at Arlington High School

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is again partnering with the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) and New York State Sen. Rob Rolison to host the annual Golden Gathering for older adults on Saturday, Sept. 21. From senior safety to nutrition, this event acts as a "one-stop shop," bringing together valuable resources for seniors, their families, and caregivers. Thanks to the generosity of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, this event is free of charge for all who attend. This year's event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arlington High School, located at 1157 Route 55 in LaGrangeville.

Serino added, "Throughout my career, at every level in which I've served, I have advocated for our older adults, and I am proud to co-host the Golden Gathering once again. The amazing event highlights our commitment to the well-being of older adults in Dutchess County and ensures that they have access to the many resources available here in our community. I look forward to seeing so many of our neighbors in September!"

More than 60 exhibitors from various organizations and service providers will offer information on topics ranging from health care and financial services, to housing options, legal advice and more. Representatives from various Dutchess County Government departments and divisions will also be on hand to inform residents about how they serve the community every day, and Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County members will help keep attendees safe and informed. Local businesses and providers that serve older adults and are interested in exhibiting at the Golden Gathering can call contact Sen. Rolison's office at 845-229-0106 or garibell@nysenate.gov.

Offerings available to this year's Golden Gathering attendees, free of charge, include:

Health screenings, including blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing and vision and hearing screenings;

On-site flu shots administered by local healthcare providers;

Informative sessions conducted by experts on topics such as managing chronic illnesses, elder law, financial planning and healthy living tips;

Live entertainment, exercise demonstrations and interactive activities to engage and entertain attendees; and

Complimentary breakfast and water, provided throughout the morning.

OFA Director Todd Tancredi said, "The Golden Gathering aligns with our Office for the Aging's mission to enhance the quality of life for our older adults and help them age successfully. This popular event is a wonderful opportunity to bring valuable resources they can use to lead healthy and fulfilling lives - all under one roof. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and hopefully many new ones, who can learn about all we have to offer at OFA."

More than 800 residents attended last year's Golden Gathering, with more than 200 receiving their complimentary influenza immunizations. There is no RSVP required to attend the free event.

Sen. Rolison said, "As a longtime supporter of our seniors, I am proud to co-host this event once again. The Golden Gathering highlights my commitment to the well-being of older adults in Dutchess County, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the services and information available."

Serino said, "We thank our many community partners - especially the James J. McCann Charitable Trust and Arlington Central School District - for their continued support of the Golden Gathering and Dutchess County's older adults."

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is committed to serving the needs of older adults and caregivers in Dutchess County. The office provides a wide range of services, including health and wellness programs, caregiver support and assistance navigating various benefits and resources. Residents can learn more about the County's OFA at dutchessny.gov/aging, its Facebook page (facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA), by calling 845-486-2555 or emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Beacon's Main St. named in top 100 of 'Most Pristine Streets'

Main Street in Beacon was named one of the "100 Most Pristine Streets" in America. According to a recent survey by Water Removal USA, Beacon's Main St. came in at number 28 on the list, right behind Main St. in Taos, New Mexico and ahead of Danville, Kentucky, Main St.

According to Wats Removal USA, the methodology was:

-Online panel survey of 3,000 adults based on age, gender, and geography.

- Internal data sources are used to obtain population data sets.

- Used a two-step process to ensure representativeness through stratified sampling and post-stratification weighting July 2024.

There are 21 employees in the City of Beacon's Department of Public Works, said City of Beacon Administrator Chris White.

White said in an email, "Thanks to Mickey [Manzi] and our DPW staff for all your efforts to keep our Main Street clean and tidy...People are clearly starting to notice the results of your good work!"

- The Top 5 were:
- Savannah, Georgia
 - Breckenridge, Colorado
 - Augusta, Georgia
 - Putnam, Connecticut
 - Dover, Delaware

Coming in at 100 was E. Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

VA Hudson Valley Castle Point Campus to celebrate 100 years of service to veterans

A celebration to honor 100 years of service to veterans will be held on Friday, September 27, from 3-7 p.m., at the Castle Point Campus, 41 Castle Point Rd, Wappingers Falls.

Join Castle Point staff, administration

and community members for an afternoon and evening filled with reflection, celebration, historical exhibit showcasing Castle Point 100 years ago, refreshments, music, information, and socializing opportunity.

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America's 250th: Local stories illuminate national values



Above inset: the playwright DN Bashir, author of "Journeys," historical fiction that tells the story of the arrival of Lafayette in Poughkeepsie, September 16, 1824 and the story of a young Black couple from the Town of Washington who walked to Poughkeepsie to see him, and later named their son Lafayette Williams who went on to serve and give his life in the US Color Troops in the Civil War.

By Bill Jeffway

July 4, 2026. As we approach the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, we want to celebrate in a way that is relevant and interesting. It seems obvious; but perhaps it is not. The study of the history of a country that is uniquely "of, by and for the people" should be studied through – the people. This is the power of local history. But it is the reverse of how we studied American History in school, which starts at the "top."

Our first program in the larger effort starts on Monday, Sept. 16, at noon. That date marks the Bicentennial of the local visit of Revolutionary War Major General Lafayette, the French aristocrat who was embraced by a diverse swath of American people across three centuries. During his lifetime he became known not just for abolitionist words, but abolitionist actions. Equally in terms of his relationships with Indigenous people, he earned distinct respect.

Among the local stories we come to know is the story of a young, free Black couple, Tom and Jane Williams, who we imagine were likely among those in the record-size audience during Lafayette's visit. The Williams were free Blacks at the time. Slavery was not abolished in New York State until 1827. They named their newborn son Lafayette Williams shortly after the visit.

This story is told through a short play, "Journeys," by local playwright DN Bashir, who comments on her recent work saying, "Writing 'Journeys' has been enriching to

my process as a theater-maker. The stories of our past give us so much insight into who we are as humans in the present day. The act of re-animating and imagining the walk that Thomas and Jane took from their home that was just south of today's Millbrook to Poughkeepsie, to witness the return of Lafayette, puts me in touch with the hope of liberty and freedom that is possible in a Democracy."

Both Lafayette Williams, and his son, gave their lives serving in the Civil War's US Colored Troops.

The play is preceded by a 30-minute talk that looks at the details of the local visit, including stops at Staatsburg, Clermont, Red Hook and Fishkill/Beacon. The talk examines the broader context of Lafayette's local appeal beyond free and enslaved Blacks to the poor working class, ostracized elites, Irish Catholic immigrants, General Pershing in World War One, Women suffragists in Washington in 1918, and a local US Congressman fighting the "Cold War" in the 1950s.

A half century before Lafayette Williams was born, Fishkill's prestigious Ludington family named a son DeLafayette Ludington in 1783, reflecting the fact that Lafayette was admired by a wide range of people wealthy and poor.

His name can be found in the hamlet of Lafayetteville in the Town of Milan. The Town of LaGrange was named after Lafayette's estate in France. At the end of World War One, men returning from



Above top left clockwise: Around the time of Lafayette's 1824 visit the hamlet in the town of Milan initially know as Lafayette Corners, is today known as Lafayetteville. The Town of Freedom became the Town of LaGrange, named for Lafayette's estate in France. The DAR memorial in Fishkill recognizes Lafayette's time there near death during the Revolutionary War. Lafayette Place in Poughkeepsie. The headstone of Lafayette Williams in the national cemetery in Virginia. The Poughkeepsie American Legion Post.

France organized a Poughkeepsie-based American Legion Post, the Lafayette Post, which keeps that name today. Beacon, Poughkeepsie, LaGrange and Fishkill all have streets named for him. In Fishkill, a memorial to him stands erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The idea for a national Lafayette Day emerged in 1920 from the Chapman family of Red Hook.

The thirteen-month period of Lafayette's visit, from August 1824 to September of 1825, was not without controversy.

The 1824 US Presidential Election in November of that year remains among the most controversial in history. No candidate got enough electoral college votes, so the election went to the House of Representatives where John Adams won through the "corrupt bargain" of offering Henry Clay the cabinet position of Secretary of State in return for his electoral college votes.

Among the so-called "Indian problems" at the time was the situation of the Indigenous people known as the Creeks in Georgia, who were battling, unsuccessfully, to keep from being removed from their land. The controversial Treaty of Indian Springs was signed in February 1825, resulting in the Creeks executing their leader who they accused of illegal alienation of Indian land.

Dutchess County, at the time, was home to the largest Quaker population outside of Philadelphia. While eventually progressive as a whole on the topic of the abolition of slavery, they were also opposed to military service and pomp and ceremony. The prominent Quaker mayor, C.V. Frost, provided the carriage and horses for Lafayette, but he did not receive him when Lafayette disembarked from his boat at the foot of Main Street. There is some evidence that Frost even advocated declining the invitation outright.

BICENTENNIAL OF LAFAYETTE'S LOCAL VISIT MONDAY, SEPT. 16, NOON
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American history is rich with stories of progress and setbacks in pursuit of a more perfect union and the promise that all are created equal. The people of Dutchess County offer a powerful illumination of the national dynamics at play. We invite you to begin to meet some of them as we approach the 250th anniversary of our country's founding.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsny.org or 845-293-7711.



Howland Chamber Music Circle to begin new season with Brentano String Quartet on Sept. 15 in Beacon

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) opens its 2024-2025 chamber series with the world-renowned Brentano String Quartet at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, September 15 at 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon.

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Martin named 'Player of Week' for huge series vs. Wilmington

By Rich Thomaselli

Another accolade for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Outfielder Garrett Martin has been named the South Atlantic League Player of the Week for the week of Aug. 19-25. Martin is the first Renegades position player to win a South Atlantic League weekly award during the 2024 season.

Martin was a huge factor in the Renegades completing a seven-game sweep of the Wilmington Blue Rocks last week, the first seven-game series sweep in Renegades history and in the SAL since the move to playing six-game series in 2021. He hit .381 with 10 runs, two doubles, three home runs, nine RB and eight walks.

"Garrett has been working hard all year, it's great to see a week like this come together for him," said Renegades hitting coach Rick Guarno. "When he's swinging it well, he's just so dangerous. He really has the ability to bring our offense to another level."

Signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent on July 14, 2023 out of Austin Peay State University, the 24-year-old has played 77 games with the Renegades this season, and is the active team leader with 12 home runs. Martin was originally drafted in the 22nd round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft by the Baltimore Orioles out of Standley Lake High School in Westminster, Colorado, but did not sign. After playing for two years at McLennan Community College in Waco, TX, Martin transferred to Oklahoma State University in 2022



Outfielder Garrett Martin has played 77 games with the Renegades this season, and is the active team leader with 12 home runs.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

before spending his final collegiate year at Austin Peay.

The Renegades will honor Martin's accomplishment in a special pregame ceremony at Heritage Financial Park during the team's next home series against Asheville from Sept. 3-8. The team will make a \$500 donation in Martin's name to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth).

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades battle Jersey Shore in tight race for 2nd half crown

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades were riding the high of their recent seven-game sweep – a rarity in baseball – but they were quickly brought back to the reality of a divisional race for the North Division title in the South Atlantic League.

The team is neck-and-neck with Jersey Shore and lost two of the first three games to the BlueClaws on the road, including a 6-5 decision last Tuesday and a shutout loss the next night.

Early holiday print deadlines prevented us from getting further information on the games.

In the opener, the Renegades took an early lead in the top of the second when Josh Moylan tripled and scored on a Dylan Jasso RBI single off opener Jack Dallas. The BlueClaws tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the second after Hendry Mendez tripled and came home on an Emaarion Boyd sacrifice fly. Jersey Shore took the lead in the bottom of the fifth when Bryson Ware led off with a solo home run off Matt Keating (4-4). They added three more in the bottom of the sixth off Hueston Morrill highlighted by a two-run single by Jordan Dissin to open up a 5-1 advantage. A Hudson Valley comeback was valiant, but ultimately fell short.

On Wednesday it was a 6-0 loss to the BlueClaws at ShoreTown Ballpark. The BlueClaws took the lead in the bottom of the second inning after singles by Jordan Viars and Aidan Miller put runners on first and second with one out. Keaton Anthony drove in Viars with an RBI dou-

ble down the left field line, and Hendry Mendez brought in Aidan Miller with a groundout to give Jersey Shore a 2-0 advantage. That was all the home team needed.

On Thursday, led by a big night at the plate by Brendan Jones and strong pitching, the Renegades shut out the BlueClaws, 7-0.

The shutout win was the team-record 17th shutout of the season thrown by the Renegades, the most of any team in Minor League Baseball in 2024. It was also the fifth shutout thrown by the Renegades in their last 15 games, and the sixth in their last 18, dating back to August 10 at Brooklyn. The Renegades took the lead in the top of the first when George Lombard Jr. doubled with one out and later came in to score on an Omar Martinez sacrifice fly. Lombard had a strong game at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a run scored, a double and a walk. He has an extra-base hit in four straight games, and three straight multi-hit games. Staked to the early lead, Trent Sellers turned in a strong start, throwing 3.1 shutout innings while allowing two hits and striking out two while walking one. He gave way to Yorlin Calderon (1-0), who followed with 1.2 scoreless innings of his own. Hudson Valley added to its lead in the top of the sixth, when Brendan Jones unloaded for a grand slam to right off Gunner Mayer to put the Gades up 5-0. Jones finished 2-for-5 at the plate with two runs scored, a home run, five RBI and a walk to pace the offense.

General Manager Q&A

Signing autographs, happy staff and preparing for possible playoffs



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.

You've spoken previously about the players signing autographs and making public appearances. Have you found it easy for that? And the players to be amenable?

I said it before - kind of talking with you a little bit this season - is that we have a fantastic

coaching staff who are really supportive of a lot of the community engagement initiatives that we are trying to pull off that -- that includes autograph sessions. We tried to make the ballpark as accessible for autographs as possible within reason. And, you know, part of the extended netting project, we were made a conscious decision to have some of the retractable nets that roll up during the pregame.

You've also talked before about not only inheriting a great franchise but a great staff as well. Can you elaborate?

Yes, yeah, we have I would say the best staff in minor baseball for sure. Everybody here, and someone actually made this comment to me the other night, and that everybody that she encountered had a smile on their face. And I was really proud to hear that. We tried to pattern ourselves after great customer service examples like Disney and Chick-fil-a. The first thing we do is try to make sure that everyone is happy to come to work each day; it's a very rewarding job. But you also have to work very hard to be successful here, whether you are full time or part

time. We have to remember we're entertaining thousands of guests every single night. So it's really important for us to put our best foot forward every single night.

With the team playing so well of late and being in first place, are you preparing for the playoffs? Or do you not want to jinx it?

A little bit of both. You want to coordinate with the South Atlantic League because the logistics kind of demanded, but you also don't want to be jinxes.

New program helps teachers to build ecological knowledge in classrooms

By Olivia Fried
Editorial Intern

When Rebecca Van Tassell was interviewing to become part of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies team, a new request from the National Science Foundation (NSF) came up.

“A seed was planted,” she said. The NSF’s Directorate for Biological Sciences was looking for proposals for a new program: the Research Experiences for Teacher Sites in Biological Science (BIORETS). Aiming to enhance teachers’ capacity to build ecological knowledge in their classrooms, the BIORETS program funds active research for teachers through institutions of higher learning or non-profit organizations.

Having been a classroom teacher for 10 years, Van Tassell is passionate about working with teachers and wanted to expand opportunities for local educators through her position at the Cary Institute, a non-profit environmental institution in Millbrook.

After receiving the NSF grant, the Cary Institute designed a program through which nine high school teachers, coming from a variety of backgrounds and fields, underwent collaborative research and professional development over a six-week period this summer.

Split into groups of teachers and a number of Cary Institute scientists, the groups created three final research projects on the topics of mosquito oviposition, forest productivity and the functional capacity of different soils.

Van Tassell highlights teacher collaboration as one of the best parts about the program.

“We really wanted to focus on collaborative science because that’s what it looks like in ecology for our actual scientists. Nobody’s working on a project alone — they’re working in collaboration with others and they’re working in collaboration across disciplines,”

she said.

To support this collaborative approach, the Cary Institute focused on cultivating a well-rounded cohort of teachers from different educational backgrounds and classroom types.

The team purposefully selected teachers from a variety of STEM fields including biology, earth science, anatomy and physiology. They also prioritized teachers who worked with historically-marginalized and underrepresented students, such as Noa Jaffe who works at the Liberty School for Newcomers serving English language learners and Kristie Wikane of the Brookwood Secure Center for Youth.

Through working with incarcerated youth, Wikane looks to provide hope and inspiration to the kids she teaches through her instructional plan. For the first half of the school year Wikane plans to teach her students about different ways that humans negatively-impact the environment, introduced through a series of articles into ways that other youth are already advocating for environmental change.

“They’re bright and they’re funny, and I think that when they see other kids their age already doing this work, they might be inspired to join in,” she said.

Denise Rogers, a teacher with the Richmond City Public Schools, was a part of the third team researching the functional capacity of soils in ecosystems in Baltimore. The team – which also included Wikane, Caitlyn Corigliano-Maceli of Arlington High School, and Peter Groffman and Lisa Martel from the Cary Institute – researched the ability of urban soils to support the growth of plants needed for multiple ecosystem functions and services.

As an educator in an urban area, Rogers shared that she was looking forward to continuing this type of scientific research in a city she’s familiar with.



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“That’s why I’m excited for my instructional plan – because I know Richmond,” she said.

Throughout the school year, the cohort of teachers will meet back at the Cary Institute to discuss how the implementation of these instructional plans is going. Later on, in June, they will come together once again to write about their experiences for publication to become a resource for other teachers.

“There aren’t a lot of opportunities for teachers to have that kind of rich learning experience where their own knowledge is privileged and leveraged for other teachers’ learning,” Van Tassell said.

When writing their paper for publication, the guidelines are intentionally open-ended, Van Tassell said. By choosing the forum they think fits them for the publication they have the opportunity to delve into writing styles that are often overlooked in STEM fields. Van Tassell adds that personal narratives can be very important, often allowing other teachers to see themselves in those stories.

“I hope that by the end of June they’ll think of themselves as writers and scientists and teachers. And that they’re going back to their classrooms energized and affirmed and excited to try something new,” Van Tassell said.

Tompkins Insurance Agencies tapped as ‘One of Nation’s Top Independent Agencies’

Industry publication Insurance Journal has recognized Tompkins Insurance Agencies as one of the Top 100 largest insurance brokers in the United States. In the magazine’s August issue, Tompkins Insurance ranks at 75th largest in the nation, up from 79th place last year. Additionally, the firm’s parent company, Tompkins Financial Corporation, earned a spot as one of the Top 20 bank-held insurance brokerages by fee income, securing the 14th spot in this prestigious ranking.

“We have ranked on Insurance Journal’s top agencies list for many years, and it’s a distinction we don’t take for granted,” said David S. Boyce, president and CEO of Tompkins Insurance. “The recognition signals another notable year among the largest insurance brokers in the country, and also underscores our commitment to maintaining the strong relationships with the clients we serve throughout Western New York, Central New York and Southeastern

Pennsylvania.”

Insurance Journal’s 2023 rankings categorize brokers by size in revenue for the calendar year. This list allows clients to assess their broker partners, offers individual brokers a way to measure their performance against competitors and market leaders, and reveals trends for customers’ risk management and employee benefits challenges and service needs.

In addition to providing commercial insurance programs for businesses throughout New York and Pennsylvania, the agency also serves more than 36,000 personal insurance and employee benefits clients. Tompkins Insurance Agencies operates 12 offices in Western New York, five offices in Central New York and five offices in Southeast Pennsylvania. It is an independent insurance agency offering personal and business insurance and employee benefits services through more than 50 different companies. A part of Tompkins Financial Corporation, (trading as TMP on the NYSE - MKT), the agency is affiliated with Tompkins Community Bank and Tompkins Financial Advisors, both operating in Western New York,



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A TRIBUTE TO A CARING LEADER

'Ultimate friend of the farmer' Dave Tetor was 'Mr. Agriculture'

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- Organizing and recruiting members for the first Farmland Protection Board in the county – that was Dave.

- The Ag Breakfast, first day of spring, a free breakfast at the Farm & Home Center – that was Dave.

- The Milk Machine at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains with the proceeds going to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Program – that was Dave.

- For many years, the voice of Livestock Hill at the DC Fair, announcing untold numbers of ribbon winners, complete with enlightening antidotes about the winners - that was definitely Dave.

You get the idea. If it had to do with farming and agriculture, Tetor was a driving force, even into retirement.

All of his work brought many friendships. One of the special ones was with renowned dairy farmer and 4-H educator Ray Vail. Vail's daughter, Trish Nelson commented, "Dave Tetor and Ray Vail shared a wonderful friendship. Together they shared their love for the dairy cow and the farming industry in Dutchess County. Whether Ray was milking cows in the early morning or delivering newspapers after the farm dispersal, he always enjoyed listening to the Farm & AG report on WRWD radio. Dave will be dearly missed by all."

Dairy farmer Stephen Van Tassell said, "Dave was an intelligent and innovative thinker who was always a gentleman and remained humble and obscure throughout his successes. I will miss him."

In an article published in 2017 in the Northern & Southern Dutchess News, Tetor commented, "I just made it my job to be knowledgeable and helpful, regardless of the circumstances. When you're helping farmers, you're going to run into a lot of situations that are not listed in your job description."

That fact was never more evident than on a night he spent counseling members of a local farm family who had just lost their entire dairy herd, and thus their livelihood.

"The herd was exposed to a disease and they (cows) all became infected. It killed their business," said Tetor. "I vividly remember sitting with them around the kitchen table and holding hands, praying and vowing to start over. There were no college courses for that."

Tetor added that counseling courses have been added to many collegiate agricultural programs.

There also were no courses for coming up with pioneering ideas to help raise funds for youths and farming.

Doc Hart noted that Tetor was extremely knowledgeable in agronomy and all aspects of farming, including field crops, cattle management and tax laws. "I often saw him in barns, fields, and farmhouse kitchens around the county. He was also an ardent advocate for farmers in public meetings. He could run off facts and figures at a mind-boggling pace," said Hart.

Dutchess County Agricultural Navigator Jennifer Fimbel said, "Dave was an exemplary individual who demonstrated commitment, dedication and effective leader-



Former Dutchess County Agriculture Agent Dave Tetor, left, is shown on the farm with one of his best friends, Ray Vail.

-Photo courtesy of Trish Nelson

ship in job performance as an outstanding educator. His outstanding humanitarian service reached far beyond the typical educator and community volunteer."

Active in the National Agriculture Agents Association, Tetor was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2015, he received the Distinguished Service Citation from the NYS Agriculture Society.

When asked what made Tetor so special, Baldwin replied, "Dave was strong

on principles. He had a clear sense of right and wrong and was a well-known fighter for what he believed in. He seldom missed his mark."

Baldwin added, "I think Dave, first and foremost, wanted to be your friend. A close second was the desire to be helpful, whatever it took. He was an amazing person – always forward thinking with vision. He had the ability to bring people together. I was always pleased to call Dave a friend."

Remembrances of Dave Tetor

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The passing of former Dutchess County Agricultural Extension Agent and leader Dave Tetor brought forth remembrances from a wide variety of local individuals.

The following are samples of those we received.

Veterinarian Doug Hart

Dave Tetor and I entered Cornell University College of Agriculture (now the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences or CALS) on the same day in September 1961, but we never met until he came to Dutchess County as a county agent (now called a cooperative extension educator). Life was simpler then! Dave took the place of a highly respected man named Don Rogers. He quickly established a great reputation for himself.

The predominant type of Dutchess County farm at that time was family-owned commercial dairy farms. Dave organized a county Agri-business group in which I participated during the early 1970s. We had a display at the Dutchess County Fair and he got the bright idea of having the Dairy Princess making milk shakes for the fairgoers. That small start morphed into the highly successful Dairy Committee milk shake booth now a highlight of the Dutchess County Fair.

Dave and I also worked together on a barn tour group that the fair made up of former 4Her's attending college. The young people gave tours of Livestock Hill at the Fair and received scholarship money for their efforts.

Dave's office was a marvel of organization. At first glance, it appeared like a paper recycling drop off. There were magazines and journals stacked everywhere. But ask him a question and he would go right to a specific pile and reach in and retrieve the reference.

One time we were driving to Cornell for a conference very early in the morning and as we were passing through Bainbridge, NY, he said "stop the car" so he could get to a pay phone to do his radio show (no cell phones then). He was also for many years the voice of the dairy cattle shows at the Dutchess County Fair and the Eastern New York Holstein Club shows. His commentary was informative and occasionally humorous (at the exhibitor's expense).

Thomas Angell

Director, Dutchess

County Agricultural Society

Many years ago, my children had a question as to why a late spring snow was called a poor man's fertilizer. They called Dave Tetor at the Cooperative Extension to find out the answer and then tuned into Dave's early morning Farm Report on radio station WRWD to hear his explanation.

He thought it was a tremendous privilege to have both graduated from Cornell University and then be employed by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Dave was the quintessential County Agent. He knew every farm family in Dutchess County by name. He was a tireless advocate for all things agriculture and the organizer and narrator of the annual Dutchess County Farm Tour.

He was a font of information anytime you had a farming question. I remember giving him a call about the regulations for selling raw milk off our farm. Dave had a bigger-than-life presence with a gregarious and friendly personality to match. He will be very much missed by the Dutchess County Agricultural community. His greatest legacy is the continued viability and growth of agriculture here in Dutchess County.

Ed Hackett

Hackett Farm Supply

You could throw a rock in the air and probably hit some farmer in Dutchess County who was helped in some way by Dave Tetor.

In 1986, I was just a young kid with a dream. But Dave knew all about you even before you entered his office – whether you were looking to get started or wanted to retire. I was only 23, but he treated me like I was one of his peers.

Dave helped me fill out the necessary forms and a few days later, I had the loan to help me get started.

Dave was the most helpful and knowledgeable person I ever dealt with. He took the time to talk and help you through a problem – whatever it was. He had time for everyone. He did the research and he actually got back to you. He had everything at the tip of his fingers and his heart was totally in everything he touched.

John A. Jackson

Shenandoah Farm

On behalf of the Jackson family, I offer my condolences to the Dave Tetor family. Dave was a great friend of my father, Verne Jackson. Dave and my dad traveled all around the farm shows and seminars and the like to further the cause of farming in Dutchess County.

When you speak of agriculture in Dutchess County, you cannot help but think of Dave. Dave played such a huge part in helping farmers be successful. His list of accomplishments are second to none.

When I was just a young boy, Dave was at our farm, meeting with my dad, and asked me if I was going to be a farmer when I grew up. I quickly replied, "I already AM a farmer." I was so young, I don't even remember that, but later in my life Dave reminded me of that story and he said "I

guess you were right, you are a farmer."

The point of that story is that Dave has touched many generations of farmers and his legacy will continue on as farming con-

tinues in Dutchess County.

Dave will be missed by many, especially me and the Jackson family and farm.

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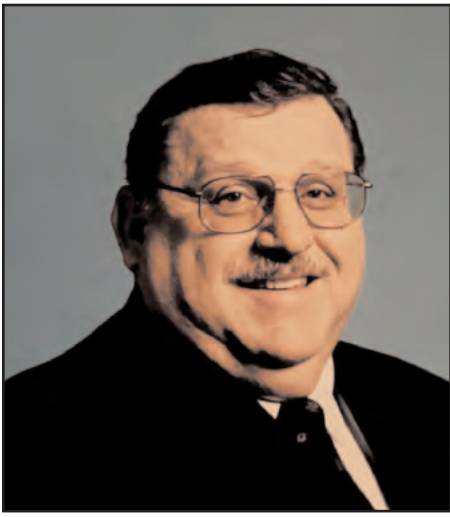
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Obituaries

David Tetor



David R. Tetor, 80, passed away at Northern Dutchess Hospital on August 20, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 16, 1943 in Montour Falls, New York to the late Donald and Margaret (Howell) Tetor. He was educated and graduated from Dundee Central School and he obtained his Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1965. The same year he enlisted in the United States Army and served honorably until 1969.

David was an Agricultural Agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension out of Millbrook. When he began his career he covered both Herkimer & Dutchess County. He was noted for being the founder of the Dairy of Distinction Program and was a fierce advocate for farmers. For over 30 years he was heard on

WKZE & WRWD providing to listeners the Farm & Ag report. Prior to his retirement he was the Ag agent for both Dutchess & Ulster counties.

When not working, David provided his time to his community. He was a member of the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency, and was on the board for the new Dutchess Stadium. He was former president of the Pine Plains School Board and also helped to form the Stanfordville Little league. Was a member of the Dutchess County Fair Board, Pine Plains F.F.A., Lions Club and was a life member of the Stanfordville Grange. In 2002, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Cornell for his lifetime achievements.

When not working, or giving his time to the community, he enjoyed traveling with Louise to raceways, up and down the east coast following the NASCAR circuit. He was also an avid Met's fan.

David is survived by his three children, Brian (Lida) Tetor, Michael Tetor, and Eric (Jennifer) Tetor. His five loving grandchildren, Nicholas (Samantha), Melanie, Felicia, Aiden and Cadence. Two great grandchildren, Kylie & Kinsleigh, in addition to his sisters, Doris Allen, Kimberly Driver and his brother John Tetor.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Louise and his sister, Janis Sepos.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. A funeral service was conducted with Reverend Jan Brooks.

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to the Pine Plains FFA, C/O Stissing Mountain High School, 2829 W Church St, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

WMCHHealth Hospitals recognized for excellence

Four hospitals within the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth) have once again been recognized for excellence in stroke care by national associations. WMCHHealth's Westchester Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, MidHudson Regional Hospital, and HealthAlliance Hospital have all received the prestigious 2024 Get with the Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. These accolades highlight WMCHHealth's unwavering commitment to providing stroke patients with the most effective treatments based on nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately saving more lives and reducing disability. Additionally, Westchester Medical Center, MidHudson Regional Hospital, and HealthAlliance Hospital received the Target: StrokeSM Elite Honor Roll award, while Good Samaritan Hospital earned the Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. These honors are awarded to hospitals that meet specific criteria to reduce the time between an eligible patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with thrombolytic therapy. Furthermore, all four hospitals received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll award, recognizing their efforts to provide up-to-date, evidence-based care for stroke patients with Type 2 diabetes, who are at higher risk for complications.

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a major cause of disability in the United States. It occurs when a blood vessel carrying oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts, causing brain cells to die. Early detection and treatment are crucial for improving survival, minimizing disability, and accelerating recovery times.

"We are immensely proud to receive Get with the Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Awards for 2024," said Ji Chong, MD, a vascular neurologist and Director of Stroke at Westchester Medical Center. "This recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing the

highest standard of stroke care. Our dedicated team of stroke care experts continuously strive to implement the latest research-based guidelines to improve patient outcomes. These awards underscore our efforts to save lives and reduce disability through prompt and effective stroke treatment."

MidHudson Regional Hospital

MidHudson Regional Hospital has been honored with the Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award thanks to WMCHHealth's significant investment in the hospital's stroke care services. This investment has enabled MidHudson Regional Hospital to achieve the designation of a Thrombectomy-Capable Primary Stroke Center. Thrombectomy is an advanced, potentially lifesaving procedure used in emergent stroke care. This minimally invasive technique, performed by skilled endovascular neurosurgeons, removes blockages in large brain arteries, restoring blood flow and preventing permanent damage.

Stroke Care

WMCHHealth is a premier provider of stroke care services. In addition to MidHudson Regional Hospital's designation as a Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center, WMCHHealth's Westchester Medical Center is certified by New York State as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, representing the most advanced stroke treatment available in the region. WMCHHealth's Good Samaritan Hospital and HealthAlliance Hospital are designated as Primary Stroke Centers by the New York State Department of Health. WMCHHealth offers neuroendovascular and other neurointerventional services around the clock, along with 24/7 neurocritical care, neurosurgery, and vascular neurology. Additionally, WMCHHealth serves as a community resource for stroke education and prevention. With a long-term Academic Affiliation Agreement with New York Medical College, WMCHHealth hosts professional, stroke-centric learning events for clinical specialists and is actively involved in community stroke education.

Elizabeth Barry



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Elizabeth Barry, 84, of Wappinger's Falls, passed away August 21, 2024, at Hospice House in Hyde Park. Mrs. Barry, a life-long resident of Wappinger's Falls, graduated from Wappingers Central School in 1957. She was known to family and friends as "Betty". After high school, she was employed at Central Hudson in Poughkeepsie. She became a homemaker and caretaker for her family and then later in her life worked at Caldor, of Wappinger's Falls in the Domestic Department for 17 years. Kind and sweet she had a great love of sewing, knitting, crocheting and baking; she was very creative. Without fail, she made all holidays a special celebration for her family.

Born in Manhattan on September 6, 1939, she was a daughter of Elizabeth (Riley) and

Robert Heil. On February 26, 1960, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Wappinger Falls, she married James Michael Barry Jr.; Mr. Barry predeceased her in 2012.

Surviving her are her loving daughters: Beth Anne Barry (Michael King), Shannon Barry (Alexander Rainboth) and her loving son James Michael Barry, III (MoniqueDauphin). Her oldest daughter, Mary Anne Barry predeceased her in 2004. In addition, Mrs. Barry's brother, William Scofield and sister, Joan Kane also predeceased her. She is survived by many nieces nephews and cousins.

All services will be private. Arrangements are made under the Direction of Delahanty Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to: Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/>.

Remembrances of Dave Tetor

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Jennifer Fimbel DC Agricultural Navigator

Dave Tetor saw something in me when he hired me in 1986. My Agricultural experience was limited to my college Animal Science degree and the horse industry. Under his tutelage, my agriculture education grew, learning about soils, field crops, hay production and weeds. Dave has always set the standard for our farmers.

His knowledge of agriculture, agricultural policy, adeptness with numbers and his nearly photographic memory made him a legend near and far. My thoughts of comfort and peace go to Dave's family, friends and colleagues.

Gregg Pulver, farmer and Dutchess County Comptroller

As a kid growing up in agriculture, Dave was a rock star to us. He could answer any questions about farming with such ease and accuracy. He was instrumental in getting the FFA program back in Pine Plains, which had a huge impact not only on me, but everyone that has been a member!

Later on when I became Town Supervisor, Dave acted as my mentor. He was a true icon!

Farmer Harry Baldwin

As the Cornell Agricultural Agent for Dutchess County, Dave made it a point to connect with farmers, getting to know their operations and their families and assisting with all phases of agriculture on all types

of farms. He worked closely with government officials, local, NYS, and Federal USDA while coaching farmers in the various assistance programs they provided.

For many years, he ran two early morning radio shows during milking time - one live, one recorded - and mostly without notes. Many times, on early morning trips with Dave, at the appropriate time, he'd find a coffee shop (pre cell phone days), call the radio station while we enjoyed a coffee. Dave had the ability to be attuned to where the action was. There was always lots of enthusiasm and devotion wherever he was. Dave never really retired. Private consulting kept him doing what he loved.

Farmer Stephen Van Tassel

I met Dave when he came to Dutchess County as an extension agent in the early 1970s. He was an outstanding organizer and asked me to join his Dairy Committee (team for dairy issues). Soon thereafter, the committee was engaged and began the 'Milkshake Booth' in a tent at the Fair with original members Nancy and David Wright and Mary Lou and Don Marshall. It was an immediate success and grew incrementally into the non-profit organization that to this day supports a vigorous scholarship program and contributes to the Ag Society, Cooperative Extension, FFA and other dairy and agricultural groups annually. His vision was large and inclusive and supported dozens of individuals every year, many in their first jobs.

Beacon Elks to hold Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony



The Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 will hold a 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony on Patriot Day, Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Beacon Elks Lodge, at 900 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon. This event is open to the public. This is an annual observance, conducted by the Beacon Elks, on September 11th to remember those who were injured or died, and those who responded, during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

"The Elks will 'Never Forget' the people who were injured or died, the first responders and heroes that ran toward the danger, and the American Spirit that prevailed over this tragic day," said Michael Zanzarella, Exalted Ruler, Beacon Elks Lodge #1493. "The light of their spirits combined with America's resilience is the reason we commemorate people we have never met."

The Beacon Elks' 9/11 Memorial includes a 15-foot piece of World Trade Center steel, in a grassy field, surrounded by a concrete pentagon - all commemorating the locations affected by the attacks.

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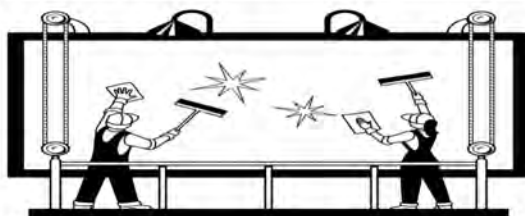
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Members of Hudson Chorale sing during a concert in 2015. The group will perform its winter concert in January 2025.

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For additional information, check out their website at hudsonchorale.org or contact Wendy Kahn at wpk315@gmail.com.

David Baranowski is the director of Hudson Chorale.

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County Players to present the dark comedy 'Incorruptible'

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County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area, will present the Dark Comedy "Incorruptible" by Michael Hollinger. This Main Stage production is directed by Kit Colbourn and opens Friday, September 6 with performances scheduled for Fridays & Saturdays Sept 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, September 15 and Saturday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

"Incorruptible" is a dark comedy about the dark ages. Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D. The river flooded again. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And St. Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of St. Foy—and their bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts.

The production features the local talents of Kevin Barnes, Thomas Byrne, Donna Conway, Heather Foglia, Devin Gibbs, Eric Grayson, Kiara Jemmott, and John Leinung. Of this production director Colbourn says, "A Dark Comedy about the Dark Ages' - What's funny about the dark ages, you ask? Come see Incorruptible and find out! A hilarious and then touching story about the nature of faith."

Individual tickets are available online in advance of the performance dates at countyplayers.org. The box office is open for in-person ticket sales one hour before performance time.

Hudson Valley Credit Union proudly sponsors County Players' 67th Season. This production of "Incorruptible" is made possible with the support of our Bronze Sponsor: Kathryn and Ralph Bowman, and Facilities Maintenance Corp., and is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. dramatists.com

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The cast of "Incorruptible." County Players will present the dark comedy from Sept. 6-21 in Wappingers Falls.

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Bossa Blue re-imagines James Taylor Friday at Towne Crier

Acclaimed musical ensemble Bossa Blue brings their electrifying fusion of jazz, rock, and soul to the Towne Crier Cafe on Friday, Sept. 6, at 8:30 p.m., for a tribute to the iconic James Taylor called "James Taylor: Re-Imagined." Bossa Blue has garnered critical acclaim for their ability to seamlessly blend diverse musical styles, which has earned them comparisons to legendary acts while forging a unique sound all their own. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

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Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the County of Dutchess for the period beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 12, 2022, have been examined by the Office of the State Comptroller, and that the report of examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller has been filed on August 21, 2024 in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to section thirty-five of the **General Municipal Law**, the governing board of the County of Dutchess may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of

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examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than November 19, 2024.
Name: Bradford Kendall
Title: Dutchess County Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE
Take Notice that the Dutchess County Office for the Aging will hold Public Hearings on the proposed 2025-26 ANNUAL UPDATE for services provided under the **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**, **NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM**, **NEW YORK STATE CONGRUATE**

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SERVICES INITIATIVE, NEW YORK STATE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM, NEW YORK STATE WELLNESS IN NUTRITION PROGRAM, New York State AA TRANS-PORTATION PROGRAM, HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, and NY CONNECTS LONG TERM CARE POINT OF ENTRY PROGRAM. Public Hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 10:30 AM
Red Hook Senior Friendship Center
59 Fisk Street
Red Hook, NY 12571
Wednesday, October

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9, 2024 10:30 AM
Beacon Senior Friendship Center
One Forrestal Heights
Beacon, NY 12508
The public is invited to attend the Public Hearings, and at the aforementioned dates, times, and places, all persons interested shall be heard.
An ABSTRACT of the ANNUAL UPDATE will be available for distribution at the Public Hearings as well as at Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 De-la-field Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 845-486-2555, after September 25, 2024.
All Public Hearing locations are handicapped accessible. Persons requiring special accommodations in order to

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take part in the Public Hearings should contact the Dutchess County Office for the Aging no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event.
Parties unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to be included in the record of the Public Hearing. Written comments should be mailed by October 1, 2024 to: Director, Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 De-la-field Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-44-24

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On-Call Abatement Services for Leading in Lead Prevention Program
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 25th 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.

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

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THEME: MUSIC 101

ACROSS

1. Meat chunks
6. Calendar square
9. * ___ signature, or notation that describes #34 Down
13. Hiya or howdy
14. Down Under runner
15. West Point student
16. At full speed
17. Big Apple
18. Flounder's domain
19. *Complementary notes sung simultaneously
21. *Not sonata
23. Debate position
24. Painter Chagall
25. Munchhausen's story
28. Casino chip
30. *R in R&B
35. Spanish earthen pot
37. Lobed organs
39. Nest for an eagle
40. Bona fide
41. *Adagio or moderato, e.g.
43. What a willow did?
44. *Type of piano technician
46. Flock member description
47. Fill beyond full
48. Masters of ceremonies, colloquially speaking
50. Jon Krakauer's book " ___ the Wild"
52. High craggy hill
53. Church congregation
55. Hole punching tool
57. *A ____, or without accompaniment
61. *Fast
65. Not asleep
66. 2000 lbs.
68. Acquisition through marriage
69. Rubber tree product
70. Director's cry
71. *Five lines
72. Potassium hydroxide solution, pl.
73. 168 in 1 week
74. Housed

DOWN

1. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's title
2. Dharma teacher
3. Resembling wings
4. Good Year balloon, e.g.
5. Mexico City state
6. Say it isn't so
7. Winehouse or Schumer
8. New Mexico's state flower
9. Diplomat's asset
10. It comes to mind
11. Not in Impossible Burger
12. European erupter
15. Shell-like anatomical structure
20. *Nine instruments, e.g.
22. Bobby of hockey
24. Halle Bailey's 2023 role
25. *Loud or strong
26. Part of small intestine
27. Sometimes follows sauvignon
29. 1.3 ounces, in Asia
31. Coniferous trees
32. October 31 option
33. On top of trends (2 words)
34. *Strong-weak-strong-weak, e.g.
36. Sheltered, nautically speaking
38. "Wheel of Fortune" move
42. Based on number 8
45. Automatic reaction
49. *Fa follower
51. Solemn and wise?
54. Gate holder
56. *Slow
57. Pay a visit
58. Not home
59. Goose liver dish
60. Augments, usually with effort
61. Social insects
62. Air of allure, slangily
63. Five-star review
64. Was in the hole
67. Possessive pronoun

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Ken Berisha and family, BVAC to receive 'Beacons of History' Awards in November



The original BVAC headquarters (site of today's Beacon Engine Parking lot). Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the Organizational Honoree for this year's Beacons of History Award.

The Beacon Historical Society will present its eighth annual "Beacons of History" Awards on Thursday, Nov. 7 to a family and an organization who have made substantial contributions to Beacon and helped to preserve its history and sense of community. The 2024 recognition will be presented to:

Individual Honoree: Ken Berisha and Family

Ken Berisha symbolizes the generations of men and women who chose Beacon to write their chapter of the American Dream. Born in Kosovo, he immigrated to the United States in 1987 and started his first pizzeria business in

Beacon three years later. In 1998, Ken opened Brothers Trattoria, becoming one of the first business owners willing to invest in the East End of Main Street before its renaissance. Now, in addition to owning his original building at 465 Main, Ken and his extended family own 193-195, 169-175 and 530-534 Main Street. In each case, they have kept the historic facades of the structures compatible with our city's Hudson River Gothic architecture in scale and design. Ken, who became a U.S. citizen nearly 30 years ago, says he felt "at home" as soon as he arrived in Beacon. Join us to recognize his more than three decades



Ken Berisha and his family will receive a Beacons of History Award in November. Berisha was in Kosovo and immigrated to the United States in 1987. He began his first pizzeria business in Beacon.

-Courtesy photos submitted by Beacon Historical Society

serving Beacon's people -- and saving Beacon's historic buildings.

Organizational Honoree: Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps

When Walter Detwiller, Joe Catalano, George Cable, members of Beacon Fire Engine Company and 29 volunteers launched the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps in 1958, could they have imagined that the corps would ultimately save thousands of

lives? Fortunately for us, the volunteers who followed in their footsteps have continued to selflessly serve our community for more than 65 years. From modest beginnings -- the first BVAC ambulance was a donated 1948 burned-out Cadillac and an old two-bay garage served as its headquarters -- BVAC has grown to answer about 3,500 emergency calls each year, making it one of the busiest in Dutchess County. Come answer the call to recognize their service.

The cocktail party will be held at the Roundhouse as both a friend- and a fund-raiser for the Historical Society, which is headquartered at 61 Leonard Street. Tickets are \$75 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. Memorial donations, contributions and other means of financial support are most appreciated in order to assist the Society in paying for its headquarters expenses, establishing new displays and caring for its vast collection.

"We hope that local businesses and residents will support this event to celebrate Beacon's past and future," said Historical Society President Denise VanBuren, noting that it is the Society's single largest fundraiser this year. "In addition to honoring outstanding award recipients, the proceeds will be used to assist our Society in celebrating the history of Beacon at a time when our city is experiencing a great deal of interest and rebirth. Come join us -- support the work we do as volunteers to preserve Beacon's history." All are welcome to attend, but reservations must be made and paid in advance for what is expected to be a sold-out event. Contact VanBuren for more information at DVB1776@gmail.com.

'Fun, authentic' Oktoberfest set for September 6-8 in Poughkeepsie

A fun, festive and authentic Oktoberfest will be held at Germania Festival Grounds, 51 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie on Friday, September 6, 5-10 p.m., Saturday September 7, 1-10 p.m., and Sunday September 8, Noon-5 p.m. This event will feature live German bands, German food, home baked German desserts, traditional German Beer, children's entertainment, Bavarian dancers, and singers. Adult entry ticket \$5 daily, \$4 Veterans and Active Military with valid ID, children under 16 with parent, no charge. This event will be held rain or shine under tents. There is free parking.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and 509(a)(2) charitable organization committed to the education of German heritage and culture. Germania hosts various authentic cultural events throughout the year including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, Heritage Day Bake Sale, Biergartens, authentic German Saturday Take Out dinners, Wednesday Stammtisch, along with other events.

Over the past 174 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the

Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of America Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club.

Throughout the year Germania holds clothing, food, toy drives, as well as grants annual scholarships to BOCES CTI Culinary program graduates. Since the pandemic, Germania has donated over seven hundred German Friday and Saturday Take Out Dinners to area First Responders.

Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The organization remains a 100% volunteer, private club, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.

Please visit <https://germaniapok.com/oktoberfest-2024/> for additional details, and Facebook at <https://facebook.com/GermaniaOfPoughkeepsie/>.

Contact Germania directly for further information, president@germaniapok.com or call 845-471-0609.

Only service animals with valid ID.

Entries for Brick Building Contest due by Sept. 13

The 31st Annual Brick Building Contest will be held. One must submit entries online before Friday, Sept. 13. For compete rules and to enter, visit www.PoughkeepsiePlaza.com.

One lucky winner will also win four tickets to the LEGOLAND@New York Resort. Open entry started on Aug. 30.

Judging will be based on originality, complexity and description.

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