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## 'Catoberfest' to benefit Mid-Hudson Animal Aid



The annual "Catoberfest," which benefits Mid-Hudson Animal Aid in Beacon, will be held on Sept. 22. Pictured is Caramel Apple (who has bonded with cat, Double Stuff).

-Courtesy photo

By Kristine Coulter

The annual "Catoberfest" will feature food, beer, music and family-friendly activities, while raising funds to assist cats and kittens at Mid-Hudson Animal Aid (MHAA). The festivities will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 3-7 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Brewery, 7 East Main St., in Beacon.

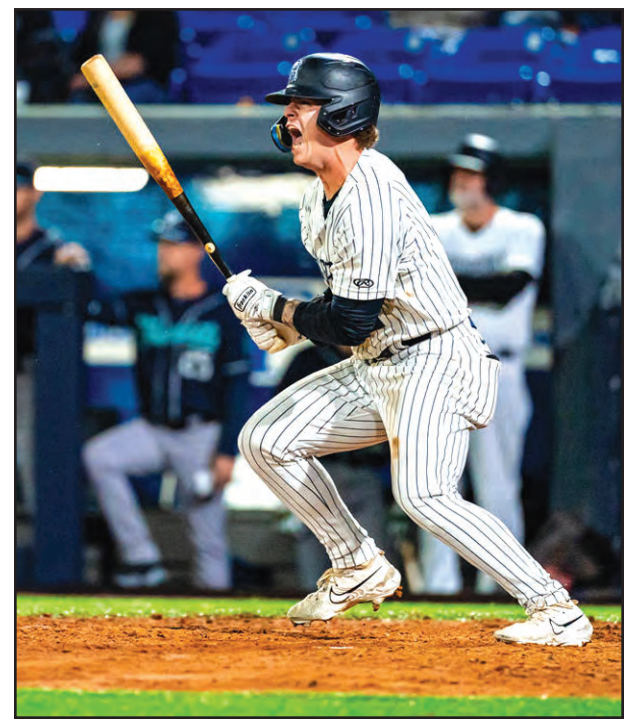
"Catoberfest, in its 12th year, has become a yearly event people look forward to, we have a good time, hear, good music, eat good food, all to help support MHAA," said Ira Chavis, with MHAA and organizer of Catoberfest. He said between 200 and 300 attendees are expected to attend the event.

According to MHAA, which was established in 1979, the nonprofit "has given shelter to thousands of lost, unwanted, and mistreated cats, rehabilitating them and seeking forever homes for them. The sanctuary serves the whole of the Mid-Hudson Valley and has earned acclaim from many animal welfare organizations for its work. It is the only shelter in the area to house and provide care for special needs cats with feline leukemia (FELV) and feline AIDS (FIV). The sanctuary currently houses many feline residents, most of whom are eagerly awaiting adoption."

There will be live musical performances. Among those scheduled to play that day are Tony DePaolo's Electric Gypsies, The Costellos, The Last Minute Soulmates, The Judith Tulloch Band, and The Black Coffee Blues Band. There will also be a face painting booth hosted by Fun2seefaces, with proceeds of sales going to MHAA. Marion Jones will host a jump-a-thon, which will allow attendees to sponsor her efforts.

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## Renegades advance to league championship series



Garrett Martin, left, and Roc Riggio were key performers in the hitting department for the Renegades during playoff games last week.

-Photos by David Janosz

By Rich Thomaselli

This is getting to be second nature.

The Hudson Valley Renegades were crowned champions of the South Atlantic League North Division on Friday night for the second straight year, taking down the Greensboro Grasshoppers 4-1 in a deciding Game 3 at FNB Field.

Hudson Valley has now reached the league championship series five times in the last eight seasons. The Renegades are now looking for their first South Atlantic League Championship in franchise history.

Hudson Valley started the best-of-three championship series against Bowling Green on Sunday in Kentucky and lost the opener by a score of 5-1.

Game 2 and, if necessary, Game 3, were scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in at Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers Falls.

Roc Riggio started Sunday's game with a bang, cracking a leadoff solo home run off Brody Hopkins to put the Renegades in front 1-0. But that was all the runs Hudson Valley could muster. In the bottom of the first Bowling Green answered against Baron Stuart when Colton Ledbetter walked, stole second, and scored on a Mac Horvath double to tie the game.

Horvath touched up Stuart (0-1) for a solo home run in the bottom of the third to give the Hot Rods a 2-1 lead. The right-hander finished his day after 2.1 innings, allowing two runs on seven hits, walking two and striking out four, exiting after being struck on the hand by a comeback line drive from Noah Myers.

Bowling Green extended its lead to 4-1 in the fifth when Horvath tripled before Aidan Smith hit a pinch-hit two-run homer off Joel Valdez. They tacked on

another in the seventh off Yorlin Calderon when Kamren James reached on a fielder's choice in and came home on a Hunter Haas RBI double to make it 5-1.

In the third inning in the deciding game against the Grasshoppers on Friday, an Antonio Gomez walk and Roc Riggio single put runners at first and second. Josh Moylan drove in Gomez with an RBI single down the left-field line to make it 1-0. Brendan Jones doubled and scored in the fifth on a Riggio single that was misplayed by second baseman Duce Gourson to extend the lead to 2-0.

Starter Kyle Carr was on point in an elimination game. The left-hander tossed 4.1 scoreless innings, allowing just two hits while striking out five. He didn't allow a hit until the fifth and just four batters reached base safely against him. In

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## EPA selects Hudson Valley Council to receive \$3M to cut climate pollution

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Hudson Valley Regional Council to receive \$3 million through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America Agenda and funded under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Regional Administrator Lisa F. Garcia, Hudson Valley Regional Council Executive Director Carla Castillo and County Commissioner of Planning & Development Eoin Wrafter gathered with local leaders Friday, Sept. 13, at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport, over-

looking the closed municipal landfill, to celebrate the project that will curb methane emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York.

"Across the nation EPA is funding projects to reduce greenhouse gases and empower community-led solutions to succeed in the fight against climate change," said Garcia. "We are so pleased to bring that funding to local efforts right here in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New York State. Under this project, innovative and sustainable clean energy solutions will go into effect at over a dozen closed landfills in the area to improve air quality."

The Hudson Valley Regional Council will use the grant to install bio-filters that will reduce the amount of methane emitted into the air from closed landfills in the Mid-Hudson Valley region. The grant will also be used to promote the installation of solar arrays and battery storage systems, installation of native pollinator gardens, and to create long-term ecosystem stewardship plans at former landfills. HVRC will provide technical assistance to municipalities interested in leasing their landfill for community solar and/or battery

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# 'Slaterpalooza' set for Sept. 21 at firehouse in Fishkill



Slaterpalooza will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Slater Chemical Firehouse in Fishkill. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

By Kristine Coulter

Ready to "rock the hamlet?" Then get ready for Slater Chemical Fire Company's Slaterpalooza "Rock the Hamlet" on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the firehouse 76 Old Glenham Rd., in Fishkill. Doors open at noon. There will be eight bands from 1:30-9:30 p.m. This is a rain or shine event. The annual event benefits first responders and their families in need.

"I started Slaterpalooza in 2011 as a way to connect three things I love: music, our fire company and the Glenham community. With friends and family we put together the first Slaterpalooza in just a few weeks. Now it has grown to become one of our biggest fundraisers with people coming from all over the tri-state area," said Kevin McGarry, who started Slaterpalooza. This year members and organizers expect more than 500 attendees.

A full day of music is expected. "As a

long time musician, I have many friends in local bands and they are always willing to share their talent to support a good cause. Slaterpalooza is a family-friendly, non-political community event. We will have 8 local music acts, a food truck, and many raffles. Local businesses have really stepped up with donations for the raffles," said McGarry.

Jenna Mazzacone who is a committee member, said, "Firefighters are ready to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. Slater Chemical averages approximately 275 calls a year and we are a 100% volunteer company. Even during Slaterpalooza we will be ready!"

There are also non-emergency activities, said Mazzacone, "such as our Junior Firefighter week every summer, Pancake Breakfast, Fire Prevention Day and the extremely popular Santa Run on Christmas Eve. Our Auxiliary also does Trunk or Treat, Easter egg hunt, and Craft Fair, etc."



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-Courtesy photos

"Slaterpalooza has donated to many things involving first responders and frontline workers. We donated food to our hospitals during COVID, fed our troops staying at local hotels, helped our fire department for different events and so much more," explained Mazzacone.

The band schedule is as follows:

- 1:30-2:30 p.m. TNTrama
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Dizzy Parker
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Boomkat
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Second Shot
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. John Newhall

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. NO149
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Last Minute Soulmates
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. No More Sun

Mazzacone remarked, "Our Committee has put in a lot of time and effort to ROCK THE HAMLET 2024," Committee members are Jenna Mazzacone, Christian Broas, Jeff Phillips, Mark Matthews Jr, Mark Matthews Sr, Codie Reinoehl and Shawn Haight.

Pre-registration is not required. Admission is \$15 at the door.

# 'Catoberfest' set for Sunday

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Those who are unable to make the event, can still make a tax-deductible donation by going to midhudson animalaid.org or via PayPal to info@midhudsonanimalaid.org (where donors may include a note that the donation is for Catoberfest).

Chavis remarked, "Catoberfest attendees always have a good time and are generous in their donations to MHAA. I am always asked about changing the events in different ways, one example is adding more family-friendly activities,

this year we will have a few more of these going on."

Organizers thank Hudson Valley Brewery and The Beacon Daily, which will serve food. They also thank this year's Business Sponsors, which include Middlehope Veterinary Hospital, DocuWare, Berkshire Hathaway - Nancy Rosaler, Greenbaum Optometry, Kathleen Andersen Art, Hudson Valley Vinyl, Costello's Maverick Pop, and Mountain Bear Crafts.

For more information, please visit catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com.

## Glenham fire commissioners to meet

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Glenham Fire District will be holding a special workshop on Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The

meeting will be held at the Slater Chemical Firehouse at 76 Old Glenham Road, Glenham in the Town of Fishkill.

## WCSD school bills mailed out; must be paid by Oct. 15

Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger announces that the 2024 Wappinger Central School District school tax bills were mailed out on September 10, 2024. Payments may be made by mail, online or in person at the tax office at Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Collection hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Taxpayers who have escrow accounts at banks or other lending institutions are reminded that their bills are forwarded directly to those institutions. If one has not received one's tax bill and has it sent directly to one's home, please contact the tax office. Bills must be paid by October 15, 2024 to avoid penalty.

For further information, please call the tax office at 845-297-4342 or visit the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov.



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storage installations. Of the 14 closed landfills targeted for this project, half are in historically disadvantaged communities.

The participating local municipalities are: Town of Amenia, City of Beacon, Dutchess County, Town of North East and Town of Rhinebeck City of Beacon

Mayor Lee Kyriacou told Beacon Free Press via email, "The City of Beacon recently completed a Climate Action Plan to reduce the greenhouse emissions from our local government, and reduction of methane emissions from the former landfill at Dennings Avenue was highlighted as one of the most important actions the City could take to become even more environmentally sustainable. We appreciate the Regional Council's leadership in applying for this grant and look forward to working with them on implementing this important initiative."

"With the Hudson Valley experiencing yet another historic heat wave, the health of our families and climate can't wait any longer. We have to act now to reduce greenhouse gas pollution," said Representative Pat Ryan (NY-18). "I'm proud that this funding from the landmark Inflation Reduction Act will help the Hudson Valley Regional Council fight methane pollution - among the most potent greenhouse gasses - right here at home. That's cleaner air for our families now and cooler air for future generations. I'll keep fighting for the clean air, water, and soil that every American deserves."

"Dutchess County continues to be a leader of environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts and this Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, one of just 25 awarded nationwide, is a testament to that," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "We thank the EPA for funding this important bio-filter project and we extend our gratitude to the Hudson Valley Regional Council for including us in this innovative work. HVRC has been a vital partner in many of Dutchess County's sustainability efforts and we are pleased to work together to set an example for communities across the nation demonstrating how practical goals and actionable plans can lead to meaningful impact and ensure a sustainable and healthy future for our children and generations to come."

"This is a significant win for the region," said Castillo, executive director of the Hudson Valley Regional Council. "With this funding, more residents in the Mid-Hudson Region - especially residents in historically dis-



Participants at the Sept. 13 event at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport were, from left, Dutchess County Planning & Development Commissioner Eoin Wrafter, EPA Regional Administrator Lisa Garcia, Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Caviccini, Town of North East Supervisor Christopher Kennan, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards, Hudson Valley Regional Council Executive Director Carla Castillo, Town of Cornwall (Orange County) Supervisor Joseph Wojehowski and Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.

- Courtesy photo

advantaged communities - will be able to breathe cleaner air while enabling the Region to significantly reduce its share of GHG emissions. By taking a cohort approach to the landfill methane reduction issue, we can make a significant impact to climate change mitigation. Thank you to the Biden-Harris administration and the EPA for this Inflation Reduction Act opportunity, all our local leaders and Congressional delegation for their support, and our partner municipalities across the region for their collaboration."

"The Town of North East has been in the forefront of efforts to clean up our environment and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Town of North East Supervisor Christopher Kennan. "We are proud to be part of a cohort of Hudson Valley communities that are focused on mitigating GHG emissions from our closed landfills. We are deeply grateful to the Hudson Valley Regional Council and to the EPA for this initiative, and for the recognition that there are practical and affordable technologies to accomplish this goal."

Specifics about the \$3 million EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant in relation to Dutchess County:

- Dutchess County's portion of the project will be focused on the closed landfill located along Rte. 376 in the Town of Wappinger that once served several local municipalities.

- According to Dutchess County's recently completed Greenhouse Gas

(GHG) Inventory for County Government operations, that landfill represents more than 20% of County Government's total GHG emissions, using estimates from the EPA's Landfill

Gas Emissions Model.

- The project will begin with initial monitoring conducted to determine the landfill gas flow rate and the concentration of methane emitted from each gas vent. This information will be used to determine the number, location and size of the bio-filters at the landfill.

- The biofilters use a particular mulch that contains micro-organisms, bacteria, that digest methane from the landfill gas and are estimated to be able reduce methane by as much as 90%.

- Dutchess County already has a 1.6-Megawatt solar array, which began operations in 2020, at the airport, across the street from the landfill, which exemplifies the County's commitment to harnessing renewable energy and reducing emissions via practical solutions. The clean energy produced by these panels is applied to the County's utility accounts, reducing the carbon footprint while also helping to stabilize electricity costs.

- With the solar array already in place, Dutchess County will pursue expanding biodiversity with native plantings to attract and benefit pollination. Population of important pollinators has declined in the United States and internationally, and this would help reverse that trend.

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## 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 was submitted by the City of Beacon Police Department.

Aug. 17: Disturbance- Eliza Street-Lauren DeLucia, 35, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd.

Aug. 17: Warrant-One Municipal Plaza-Erik O. Santiago, 23, of Poughkeepsie, was processed on an open Warrant of Arrest.

Aug. 19: Civil Matter- Green Street-Caller reported paying to have a fence installed in her yard and the work was never completed. Report taken.

Aug. 20: Fraud-Main Street- Caller reported fraudulent activity within his bank account. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 22: Larceny-Dennings Avenue-Caller reported that his garbage cans were stolen from his property. Report taken. Investigation conducted. It was discovered during investigation that the cans were taken by the Sanitation Co.

Aug. 22: Harassment- Dutchess Terrace- Caller reported receiving harassing voicemails from an unrecognized number. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 22: Traffic Stop-Dutchess Terrace-Joseph A. Popik, 24 of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation

Vehicle 3rd & Miscellaneous V & T (Vehicle & Traffic) Violations.

Aug. 23: Dog Bite- Liberty Street-Brigit H. Larson, 41, of Beacon was charged with violating City of Beacon code 99-1A, knowingly commit offense of an Unlicensed Dog.

Aug. 26: Larceny-18 School Street-Caller reported a missing license plate. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 26: Larceny-Main Street- Caller reported that his wallet was stolen. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 27: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle- South Cedar Street- Caller reported unauthorized use of his car. Report taken. Investigation conducted. Vehicle was recovered.

Aug. 27: Landlord/ Tenant Dispute-Caller reported a landlord/tenant dispute that resulted in an eviction. Report taken.

Aug. 29: Suspicious Condition- Main Street- Caller reported that his mail has been opened. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Aug. 29: Warrant- North Avenue-Thomas D. Teeple, 47, of Newburgh, was processed as a Fugitive from Justice.

Aug. 30: Fraud-Municipal Plaza-Caller reported fraudulent activity with in her bank account. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

## Mental Health Forums for Public Input set Sept. 26 in Dover Plains, Oct. 1 in Beacon

The Dutchess County Department of Mental Health (DMH) continues its series of public forums on mental health this fall to engage with residents and families affected by mental health and substance-use issues, gather their input and provide information on County resources. Each forum will offer residents the opportunity to share their experiences and give input to DMH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol Substance Use Addiction and Recovery; and
- Mental Health Needs for Youth and Mental Health Needs for Adults.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our County's mental health department, together with community partners, offers a wide range of excellent mental health resources. Our aim, through these upcoming forums, is to share information about these important programs with residents to help those living with mental health issues – and their families – connect with the resources they need. These forums are also a valuable way for us to hear from residents about their thoughts on our existing services and areas for improvement."

The upcoming forums are scheduled for:

- Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m.; Dover Middle School Gymnasium, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains
- Tuesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m.;

Beacon High School Cafeteria, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon

Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation will be available at each forum. These forums are free and open to the public; families, caregivers and local stakeholders are encouraged to attend. All input received will help DMH shape its 2025 Local Services Plan, which establishes long-term goals and objectives consistent with statewide goals and objectives. Community partners will also have representatives and informational tables at each forum to connect directly with residents.

DMH Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr said, "These public discussions are a valuable opportunity for the public to inform us about their needs, as well as for us to inform residents about our services and identify areas where we can enhance those offerings. The feedback we receive from users is essential for our future planning, and we invite all input."

To encourage even more attendance and increase accessibility for residents, the department has been hosting the annual forums at various locations across Dutchess County. The series began in the spring with forums held in Poughkeepsie and Pine Plains.

For those unable to attend, DMH welcomes written comments. Individuals may submit comments online at [dutchessny.gov/forumcomments](http://dutchessny.gov/forumcomments), fax comments to 845-486-2829 or mail them to: DMH Forum Comments; 230 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

## Village of Fishkill to offer residents curbside bulk pickup September 28

The Village of Fishkill will provide a curbside bulk pickup for Village of Fishkill residents on September 28. Please have any items for disposal at the curb on the night of September 27.

The following items are examples of what will be accepted:

Metals: Bicycles, washing machines, dryers, lawnmowers, small appliances, metal bed frames, stoves.

\*Any items that contain Freon must be Freon-free and tagged i.e. refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc.

Acceptable soft and natural fiber products: Cardboard games, clothes, lamps, cushions, plastic items, wood chairs, wood tables, mattresses, upholstered chairs, couches.

Not acceptable: Paint materials, chemicals, tree limbs, engine oil, lawn/garden chemicals, cleaning chemicals, pressurized tanks, turpentine, shellac, sealers, drums, fuel containers, propane tanks, tree stumps/limbs, auto batteries, oil cans, railroad ties, construction debris, computer monitors.

Household Hazardous Waste can be disposed of through the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency.

More information can be obtained by calling 845- 463-6020 or visiting <http://www.dccra.org/hhwal.html>.

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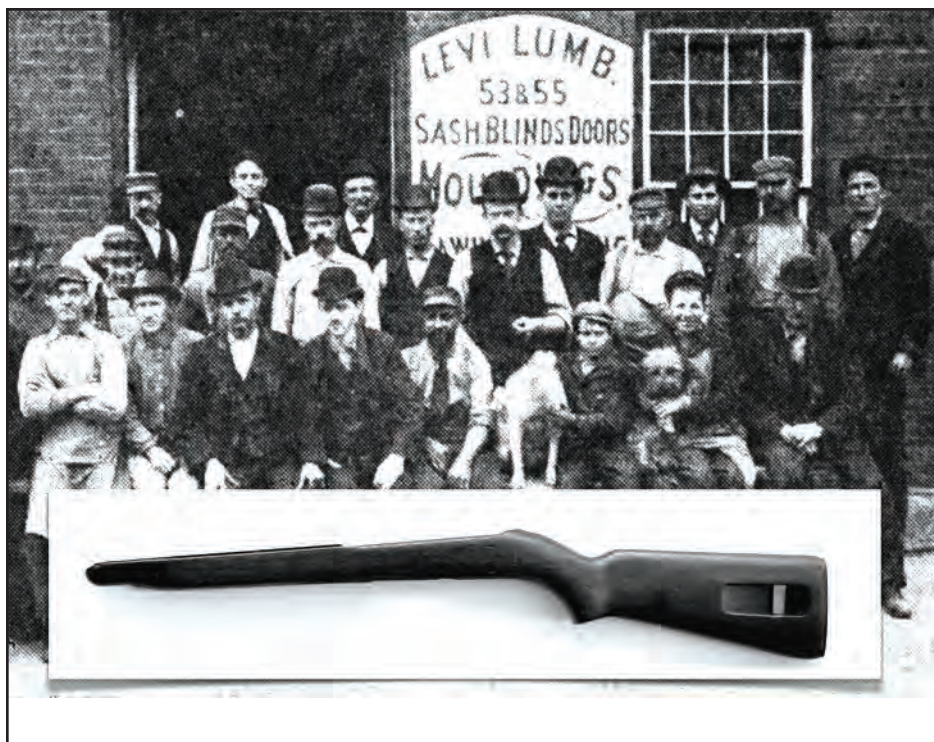


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## IBM had military focus during World War II



Above inset: 1944 M1 Carbine wood stock made for the US Army by Poughkeepsie's Lumb Woodworking would accommodate metal components made by IBM. Background: 1888 photo of Lumb Woodworking.

Photos courtesy of DCHS Collections

By Bill Jeffway

Many people know that the single biggest economic driver in Dutchess County in the 20th century occurred with the arrival of the computer technology giant International Business Machines (IBM) in Poughkeepsie in 1941. IBM went on to be the county's largest employer. By the 1980s there were 31,000 IBM employees in Mid-Hudson Valley and another 15,000 working for IBM suppliers.

What many people don't realize is that the wartime arrival of IBM required its business to focus on immediate wartime needs, not its core computing technology business. As war seemed to be emerging

in Europe in 1938, the US Army requested that the ordnance department develop a "light rifle" or carbine. The formal requirement for the weapon type was approved in 1940 and there was peak demand by 1944. Companies like the car company General Motors, Underwood typewriters, and IBM Poughkeepsie were involved in their manufacture.

1944 was emerging as a critical year. American troops landed in France on D-Day, June 6. President Franklin Roosevelt was campaigning for his unprecedented (and never to be repeated) fourth U.S. Presidential election. Of course, no one knew at the time, but the war would not end until 1945 with victory in Europe in



Built in 1912 for the Delapenha fruit and vegetable canning company in south Poughkeepsie, the building was bought in 1941 by a subsidiary of IBM. Initial work at the factory involved the manufacture of combat-ready light rifles or carbines. This small footprint launched IBM's massive post-war growth in the region for the next 40 years.

May and victory in Asia in September. But all that was unknown and victory was uncertain.

IBM's arrival in Poughkeepsie was launched when the "Munitions Manufacturing Corporation," a subsidiary of IBM, purchased the former Delapenha factory in south Poughkeepsie in April of 1941. The building eventually became IBM Plant No. 4 (see photo).

While IBM was manufacturing the metal components, it partnered with the local window sash and blind woodworking company, Lumb Woodworking, to create the wooden stocks. Founded locally in 1866 Lumb Woodworking remained a family-owned business as it grew, handed from father to son.

The 1944 wooden gunstock manufactured in Poughkeepsie (see photo, DCHS Collections) was manufactured during this period of peak demand. The demand can be understood by looking at local newspaper help wanted ads in the Poughkeepsie Journal. The Lumb woodworking factory was operating day and night and employing men and women. May 1944: "Men to work night shift on gun stock machines. Lumb Woodworking company. 61 Main Street." July 1944: "Women to work on power sanding machine gun stock division. Apply Lumb Woodworking Company, 61 Main Street."

### Factory building's prior wartime history

The factory that IBM bought had a history of wartime use a generation earlier during WW1. The four-story factory was designed by the well-known local architect Percival Lloyd in 1912 at a time when the Delapenha Company, which canned local fruits and vegetables, consolidated its operations. You can still find references to the area in south

Poughkeepsie as "Rudco" on maps. This stems from the name formally given to the neighborhood based on "R. U. Delapenha Co." owned by Rudolph Delapenha.

The impact of the war was pressure to greatly amplify the volume of canned food they were producing. At the time of America's involvement in World War One in 1917, the factory had grown to have a capacity of a quarter of a million cases of canned goods annually. Tomatoes, corn, and beans were the particular focus.

In 1918 Delapenha expanded into the practice of growing its own food stocks on its 240-acre site to complement what it purchased from local farmers. They had 1 million tomato plants of their own land and 150 men and women including 22 Vassar College students tended to their growing. Again, unusual for the time, women were called into factories for wartime service.

One ad appealing to women promised that they could come in late morning after doing their housework and leave by early afternoon having made an important patriotic contribution.

Rudolph Delapenha regularly took annual trips to Europe. By 1933 he was warning Americans that Europe feared it was approaching another World War, which of course turned out to be true. By 1941 he had sold the factory, and the next generation of use was begun.



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## Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show & Sale set for Sept. 21-22

Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. will host the annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show & Sale at Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Road, in Poughkeepsie, from Sept. 21-22. Times are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. The show theme is "The World of Crystals." General admission (cash only) is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. Children under 12 are free accompanied by an adult. Most vendors accept credit.

The show features over 30 vendors offering a variety of minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, gems, and related craft items. The show and sale is family-oriented, educational, and appeals to a wide range of interests. In addition to the vendors, there will be activities for children such as a sluice at "Garnet Gulch" and free rocks at "Glitter Mountain." There will be displays related to crystals by the Vassar Geology Museum and

MHVGMs members There will also be a scavenger hunt for students, lapidary demonstrations (i.e. cutting, polishing rocks and minerals), and a fluorescent mineral display.

The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., founded in 1969, is a non-profit organization dedicated to earth science education. It is a club for people interested in minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry making, general earth science and geology. Our monthly meetings vary during the year and include organized field trips, presentations by speakers on various geological topics, an annual auction, and our yearly Gem and Mineral Show.

More information can be found on our website (<http://mhvgms.org>) or the group's Facebook page. They welcome new members who can enroll at the show or through the website.



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## Special Olympics Polar Plunge part of DC Parks' Fall Naturalist programs

Dutchess County Parks has announced a fun line-up of programs and events this fall! From the return of popular weekend archery and adult art classes, to more Learn to Pickleball clinics for seniors, plus a new fall disc golf league, and a Special Olympics Polar Plunge, there are lots of fun opportunities for all ages to experience the County's great parks as the leaves begin to change. Registration for Naturalist Programs opened on September 10 online at [www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation](http://www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation), registration information for other events and offerings is included below.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "No better place to be than at one of our fantastic Dutchess County Parks in the fall! With the leaves changing, scenic views and fun programs and events planned, we hope everyone takes the chance to come outside and enjoy the season. We are grateful to the team at Parks for their dedication to bringing activities and events to our beautiful parks, ensuring there really is something for everyone!"

### Fall Naturalist Program Schedule

Weekend Public Archery sessions are held at Bowdoin Park. The program consists of classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots offered. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children, ages 8 and up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Basic hands-on archery skills will be taught, as well as bow and arrow safety. The cost is \$70 per person and includes all classes and equipment. Each time slot is limited to 20 participants.

Saturday, October 5  
Saturday, October 19  
Saturday, November 9  
Saturday, November 16

### Time Slots

8:30-9:30 a.m.  
10-11 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
2-3 p.m.  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Park Palette Art Series for Adults will be held at Bowdoin Park from 6-7:30 p.m. in Pavilion 5. These workshops are a step-by-step class where participants will create nature-themed paintings. Cost is \$12 per person and includes all supplies. Sessions are limited to 12 participants each.

## Board of Health to hold meeting Sept. 19

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 85 Civic Center Plaza – Suite 106 in the City of Poughkeepsie or you may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 263 004 685#.

Wednesday, October 9  
Thursday, October 17  
Tuesday, October 22  
Registration opens Tuesday, Sept. 10th for Archery and Adult Park Palette at [DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation](http://DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation).

### Other Fall Parks Programming

Boots By the Hudson country line dancing event will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 3:30-8 p.m. This year, the concert is moving to Upper Landing Park, 83 North Water St., Poughkeepsie for the fourth annual event hosted by Parks, The Wolf and Wakin' Up with CJ and Jess Show, Townsquare Media group and The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum. This year's event will include larger tented space for line dancing with CJ McIntyre and Frank Alexander, country music by the Thunder Ridge Band, and free family activities thanks to Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum. A fall-themed scavenger hunt and a special family game area is also planned along with a bonfire and s'mores, and food trucks. Picnics, camp chairs, and coolers are encouraged. Boots By the Hudson will be held rain or shine and pre-registration is not required.

The Wilcox Disc Golf League, which launched this spring through the Wilcox Park Disc Golf Club, will host weekly meet ups to play at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays from October 6th through November 10th at Wilcox Memorial Park's Disc Golf course, which has been ranked among the top 100 courses in the world by UDisc, a popular disc golf app. All skill levels are welcome. For more information and to register through the club, email Savanna Burke at [wilcoxparkdiscgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:wilcoxparkdiscgolfclub@gmail.com).

New this fall, Special Olympics New York – Hudson Valley Region will host a Polar Plunge on Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan. Come jump in the lake and freeze for a reason! Register as a team or jump in solo. Visit <http://events.nyso.org/2024WilcoxPark> to register.

Updates on all fall events and programs will be posted on the Parks website, [dutchessny.gov/parks](http://dutchessny.gov/parks) and the Dutchess County Parks and Dutchess County Government social media pages. For more information, call Dutchess County Parks at 845-298-4600.

## Beacon Tree Hike with arborist set for Sept. 22

Join Vassar conservation fellow, arborist and Beacon Tree Advisory Committee member Ethan Skuches for a moderate to strenuous 2-3 hour hike to the summit. Learn to identify various tree species at different elevations and observe topographical changes.

Meet on Sunday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. at University Settlement Camp Theater, Camp Loop Rd., Beacon. Leashed dogs are welcome. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. The hike is free.

## BluePath Service Dogs CEO discusses search for organization's new home

Michelle Brier was promoted earlier this summer as the new CEO of BluePath Service Dogs by the Board of Directors.

"It has always felt like a calling to launch BluePath with my two amazing co-founders, Caroline and Jody Sandler. BluePath's success so far is a testament to the incredible support of our extraordinary community. It's an honor to lead this organization forward; I have the best job in the world," Brier recently stated via email to Southern Dutchess News.

Asked what her strategic plans for BluePath are, Brier replied, "We're currently building infrastructure so we can scale while continuing to provide service beyond expectation to all of our stakeholders. A primary goal is to acquire a property that can better accommodate our growing program needs and we remain focused on producing high-quality dogs who will excel in this work."

BluePath officials are searching for a permanent home in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties.

"BluePath's mission has remained the same since we were founded in 2016; we provide life-changing service dogs to autism families, offering safety, companionship, and opportunities for independence. Our service area is within two hours of Wappingers Falls and includes N.Y.C., New York State through the Saratoga area, New Jersey, Connecticut, and parts of Pennsylvania," explained Brier.

In the announcement of Brier's promotion as CEO, BluePath Board Chair Tricia Zarro said, "Michelle has played an integral role by exceeding fundraising goals, building brand awareness, expanding volunteer programs, and creating a solid financial and operational foundation for the future. Her unwavering commitment and persistence have been instrumental in driving BluePath's success to date."

The program Paws to Learn has considerably grown since its inception, said Brier. "Prior to placement in their forever homes, BluePath dogs engage with the community by providing therapeutic support in schools, camps, residential homes, and day-habilitation settings. This Program now impacts more than 2,500 individuals annually," she stated.



**BluePath Service Dogs new CEO Michelle Brier.**

-Courtesy photo

According to Brier, "We've placed more than 50 autism service dogs and six facility therapy dogs in schools. Currently 30 dogs are in various stages of training, from young pups living with their volunteer raisers to adult dogs who will be placed with families in our September class."

"The Board of Directors has expressed their full confidence in [Michelle's] ability to guide the organization as it continues to grow and expand," said Zarro.

As for what Brier would like people to know about the feedback BluePath receives from families who have a BluePath dog?

Brier replied, "A favorite testimonial is from autism mom Ida Fields: 'The tremendous peace of mind our service dog has given us is beyond anything we could've anticipated. BluePath Suzie has made more of a difference in the quality of our son's day-to-day life than anything else we have been able to give him. It is hard to find the words to express what a meaningful positive impact this has had on our entire family.'"

For more information of BluePath, visit [www.bluepathservicedogs.org](http://www.bluepathservicedogs.org).

## Legislature passes local law protecting aquifer and public water supply sources

At its September Board Meeting, the Dutchess County Legislature unanimously adopted a local law seeking to protect the public water supply from known contaminant sources. The law expands separation distances between specifically identified contaminant sources and public water supply wells, wetlands, and aquifers.

"This law represents a bold step forward in protecting our drinking water," said Legislator John Metzger, the prime sponsor of the legislation. "Many in Dutchess County rely solely on public water supply wells or individual wells for clean and potable water. This legislation will ensure that our public water supplies are protected by requiring greater buffers between the source of contamination and any public water supply wells, wetlands and aquifers within Dutchess County."

The recently adopted local law requires that any new contamination sources, such as gas stations, car washes, and dry-cleaning establishments maintain at least 1,500 feet

from the point of contamination to the nearest public water supply, wetland, or aquifer.

"As our communities continue to develop and grow, groundwater sources become more vulnerable to contamination from potentially hazardous and harmful pollution sources," said Legislator Tony D'Aquanni, the Chairman of the Legislature's Environment Committee. "The enactment of this new law is a measured and necessary response to combat this problem."

"We live in a beautiful corner of the world with an abundance of natural resources" said Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt. "Protecting our environment, and more specifically, the water that we drink must, always be a top priority for those of us in public office. I thank Legislator Metzger for bringing forward this legislation, which I believe to be an effective piece of environmental protection."

The local law will now go to the County Executive for approval.

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# General Manager Q&A

## Capitalizing on playoff wins and exciting entertainment



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.

**Two sides. Do you think the fans have an appreciation, or an expectation, of making the playoffs?**

It certainly makes it a little bit more

exciting, right? I think we found that while our core mission is always to entertain first, the baseball obviously is a very important part of it. It's not only exciting that we have competitive baseball, but that we have more games for our fans. I don't know if 5 out of 8 years of being in the finals is a pace we can maintain for the next decade, given the nature of minor league baseball, but I can tell you that it's really been incred-

ible to be a part of.

**Have you heard from anybody with the Yankees? And what do they think?**

Yes, we're in constant conversation, and there's a lot of logistical stuff that goes on with the playoffs anyway. But we've been very appreciative that they have taken an interest in what's going on. And they have encouraged us and wished us well.

**From a business standpoint, how does this bode for next year in terms of gaining new partnerships?**

To be honest, I think we will have to win it all to really take advantage of the situation. But hopefully we can do that. And of course, it's all up to the players. And we are grateful for what they have done so far. But rest assured, we will work it into our promotional schedule for next year, if we do win the whole thing.

### Spackenkill girls suffer first loss of the season

It was almost over before it began. Malana Douglas scored two quick goals and set the tone right away for a New Paltz High School 5-1 victory over Spackenkill in girls soccer.

It was the first loss of the season for the

Spartans in three tries.

Mia Orgetas had the only goal of the game for Spackenkill and it was notable. It was her first career varsity score.

Bella Gimore made four saves in goals for the Spartans.

### Beacon opens season with 43-0 triumph over Red Hook

By Rich Thomaselli

Nobody knew what to expect from the Beacon High School football team this year.

After all, the program was coming off a year when they again did not make the playoffs and went through a coaching change prior to this season.

One game does not a season make, but the Bulldogs looked awfully impressive in their opener.

Playing on the road in Red Hook to debut the 2024 season, the Bulldogs

defeated the Raiders, 43-0.

Beacon lost to the Raiders last season. Red Hook is a program that was in the Section 9 championship game as recently as 2021.

This year, Beacon did it on both sides of the ball. Jazziah Whitted threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, and Jaden Jones grabbed two interceptions. Mercer Jordan rushed for one TD and returned a fumble for another.

Beacon forced five turnovers, including four interceptions.

### WCSD students named semifinalists in annual National Merit Scholarship Program

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced on Sept. 11 the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 280 business organizations, higher education institutions, and individual donors that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Students in the Wappingers School District on the list are:

Nash Pillai from John Jay High School  
Charlotte Williams from Roy C. Ketcham High School

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference

### Renegades win division crown, set for league championship series

Continued from cover

the eighth, Shawn Ross reached on an error and advanced to second on an Omar Alfonzo walk. Lonnie White doubled home Ross in the next at-bat, but Alfonzo was thrown out at home trying to score the tying run, keeping the Renegades in front 2-1.

Hudson Valley added two key insurance runs in the ninth. Garrett Martin reached on an infield single before Jackson Castillo ripped a two-run homer

down the right-field line to extend the lead to 4-1.

The Renegades bullpen played a pivotal role again in the victory as they have all season. Mason Vinyard, Ocean Gabonia, Matt Keating, and Kelly Austin allowed just two total hits and one run in 4.2 frames. Austin pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

The two teams split the first two games of the series, including another shutout win by Hudson Valley last week against Greensboro. It was the 19th - best in all of minor league baseball.

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# RBR Real Estate Solutions lists prime 39+ acres of developable property along Route 9 Corridor

An expansive 39+ acre parcel, located along the highly-trafficked Route 9 corridor in Southern Dutchess County is officially on the market for \$8.5 million, listed exclusively by broker, Rob Buyakowski of RBR Real Estate Solutions.

Situated at the signalized corner of Route 9 and Old Route 9, adjacent to Splashdown Beach Waterpark, the property is one of the last remaining undeveloped, yet buildable, land parcels south of Poughkeepsie's Galleria Mall.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for developers to secure an unparalleled piece of real estate in one of the most sought-after areas of Southern Dutchess County," said Buyakowski. "With its unbeatable location, exceptional visibility and flexible development options, this property offers incredible potential for a wide range of projects. We're excited for a visionary developer to step in and maximize the value and potential of this rare parcel."

The site offers over 600 feet of road frontage, along with a signalized traffic light providing optimal visibility and access for both northbound and southbound traffic. Given its location, high traffic counts and options for various zon-

ing designations within the site, the property is an ideal setting for various intended uses including large retail spaces, medical facilities, recreational amenities, car dealerships and mixed-use or potentially multifamily residential communities, all catering to the region's growing demand.

"With highly desired highway commercial zoning and minimal restrictive conditions, the site offers remarkable potential for a variety of synergistic uses that align seamlessly with neighboring businesses. Its prime accessibility to the region via I-84 further enhances its appeal for immediate development opportunities," added Buyakowski.

For more information, visit: <https://www.crexi.com/properties/1340148/new-york-39-acres-traffic-signalized-corner-of-route-9-fishkill>. To schedule a visit to the property, please contact Rob Buyakowski at 845-489-5079 or [robert@rbrres.com](mailto:robert@rbrres.com).

### About RBR Real Estate Solutions, LLC

Led by Robert Buyakowski, RBR Real Estate Solutions, LLC is a New York State-licensed commercial and residential real estate brokerage serving the Hudson Valley region. Founded in 2021, RBR Real Estate Solutions' expertise ranges



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# County Clerk Kendall to host 'Passport Day' on October 5

Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall announces that he will be hosting a "Passport Day," on Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, 22 Market Street–

1st Floor in Poughkeepsie. Adults who are first-time applicants, children under age 16, or those needing a replacement for a lost, stolen, or damaged passport will be assisted on a first come,

first serve basis.

All U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and seaports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government. County Clerk Kendall encourages those who are traveling in the near future to utilize the extended hours to apply for a passport in time for the busy holiday travel season.

As a passport processing facility, the County Clerk's Office serves as a one-stop shop. Applicants can apply for their passports and have their passport photos taken. Photos are available to new applicants and those seeking passport renewals for an additional fee of \$15.00. Please note that all payments must be made separately, and the applicable fees are as follows:

- Adult- \$130 check or money order payable to US Dept of State
- Child- \$100.00 check of money order payable to US Dept of State
- Processing Fee- \$35.00 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk
- Photo \$15 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk
- Expedited Fee-additional-\$81.36 check or money order payable to US Dept of State

There are no appointments needed. Only passport and photo transactions will be processed that day.

No DMV or legal related business will be accepted. Free parking will be available in the lot adjacent to the County Office Building will be available as space permits.

Information on how to apply for a U.S. passport is available by visiting [www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Clerk/passports.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Clerk/passports.htm) or by calling 845-486-2120.

## Con Brio Concerts Series performance dates set for Sept., Oct. and Nov.

The Con Brio Concert Series will feature musicians from the local region performing a variety of vocal and instrumental music in Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St. in Poughkeepsie. These concerts are a primary source of funding for the church's music program. They also showcase local musicians and bring live music to the community.

### Sunday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.

Four Centuries of Music for Violin and Piano  
Marka Young, violin & James Fitzwilliam, piano  
Music by Mozart, Florence Price, Beethoven, & more!  
Suggested donation: \$25

### Saturday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m.

Music for Flute, Voice, and Piano  
Carl Gutowski and Friends - Musicians of ACMA (Association of Classical Musicians and Artists)  
Music by Alfredo Casella, Claude Bolling, Gaetano Donizetti & more!  
Suggested donation: \$25

### Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

Bach to Broadway  
Nathan Avakian & James Fitzwilliam - Duo Organists playing music for Pipe Organ and for Theatre Organ  
Presented by the New York State Theatre Organ Society and the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
Suggested donation: \$25

### Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

Breezy Hill Woodwind Quintet w/guest pianist James Fitzwilliam  
Music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Scott Joplin, JS Bach, Grieg, Lennon/McCartney and more!  
Suggested donation: \$25

### Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m.

Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir  
Autumn Choral Concert  
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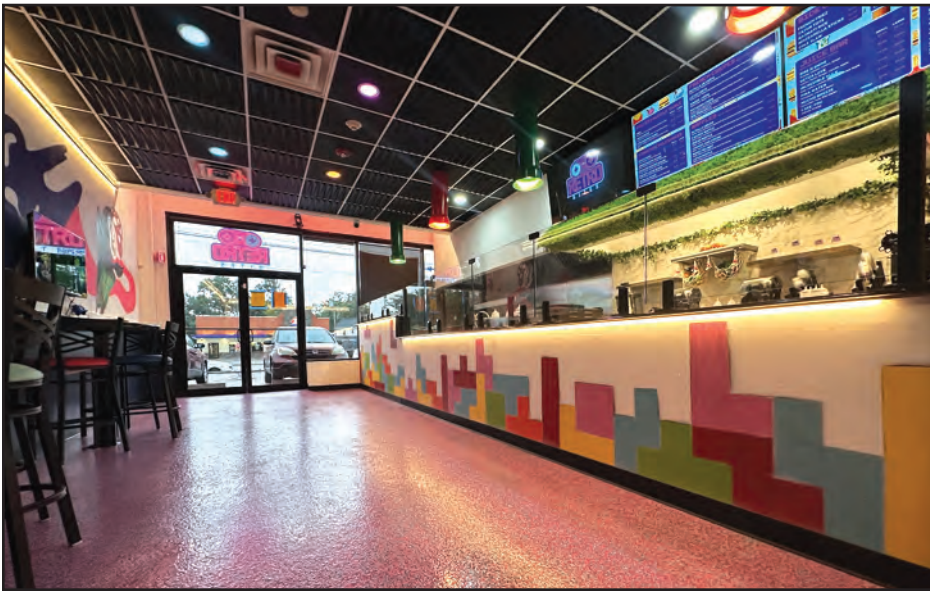


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# 'Retro Bites' is ready for arrival in Wappingers Falls with magic of the past



"Retro Bites" of Wappingers Falls offers bright and colorful areas for both dining and enjoying "retro dishes" and video games you know and love.

-Courtesy photos

**By Curtis Schmidt**

If you love the magic of the past - both in regard to food and classic video games - (and want to introduce both to the younger generations) then give a great welcome to "Retro Bites," coming soon to the Village of Wappingers Falls.

"Retro Bites" is a family-friendly restaurant in the heart of the Village of Wappingers Falls, catering to all age groups with a diverse and mouth-watering menu and games that will give adults the chance to relive their childhood memories.

"Retro Bites" is located at 1582 Route 9, Suite 6 - next door to Your CBD Store. The menu? Check out these classics

and we know you will keep coming back for more.

- Retro Smash Burgers
- Nashville Hot Chicken Crafted Fries
- Chopped Cheese
- Philly Cheese Steaks
- Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Nutella Strawberry Banana Crepe
- Waffle Crepes
- Non-alcoholic Mojitos

For those craving something different, the menu also features Halal food options, including flavorful chicken and lamb over rice. And they haven't forgotten about the sweet tooth either, with freshly made crepes and natural pressed juices to satisfy your cravings.

And video games? See if these bring back memories.

- Super Mario 64
- Sonic the Hedgehog
- Crazy Taxi
- Donkey Kong
- Mortal kombat
- Street Fighter

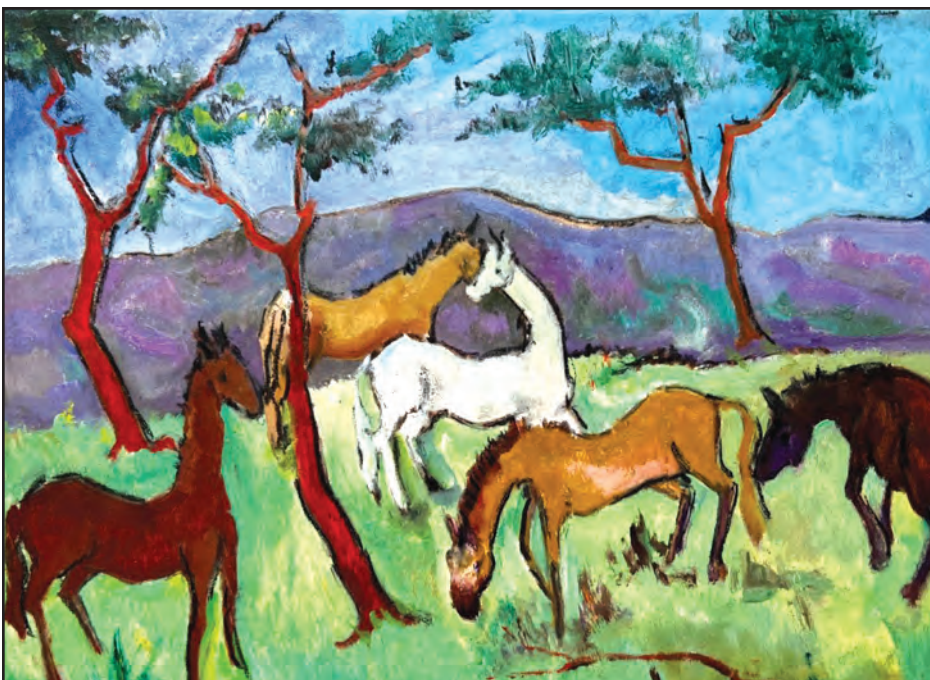
"We're thrilled to open our doors in this vibrant community and can't wait to serve you!" says co-founder Alvin Delacruz.

Alvin says "Retro Bites" was born out of a shared passion for good food and great memories, brought together by a fortunate connection through his mutual business partner, Mohamed.

Abe and Alvin, the co-founders, met through Mohamed, who recognized their complementary talents and vision. Alvin, with his strong background in operations and management, ensures that every aspect of the restaurant runs seamlessly, delivering a top-notch experience for every guest.

Meanwhile, Abe, the creative mind behind the store's design, crafted the vibrant and nostalgic atmosphere that makes "Retro Bites" a one-of-a-kind destination. Together, they combined their strengths to create a space where people of all ages can enjoy mouthwatering food and relive the magic of the past.

## 24th Annual Haitian Art Auction & Sale at Vassar College



The 24th annual Haitian Art Auction & Sale at Vassar College will take place September 27- 29.

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Join the Haiti Project September 27- 29 for the 24th annual art auction and sale, showcasing hundreds of original Haitian artworks. The sale will take place at Vassar College in the Multi Purpose Room of the College Center.

Hundreds of original paintings and handicrafts made in Haiti will be offered for sale or auction. The works span paintings, iron sculptures, paper mâché, wood and metal handicrafts and more displaying the country's diverse and talented artistic voices. Support sustainable development initiatives in Haiti, while simultaneously connecting with the vibrant, joyous narratives expressed through art.

On Saturday, September 28, Philanthropist and donor Sarah Planton and the

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- Sept. 20-30 Auction (Online) 24/7
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- Remarks: Sarah Planton Pere Andre Wildaine 4 p.m.
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To buy artwork online: <https://store.thehaitproject.org/> To make a bid on an auction painting: <https://new.biddingowl.com/thehaitproject24> For more information about VHP, including the art for sale, please visit <http://thehaitproject.org>.

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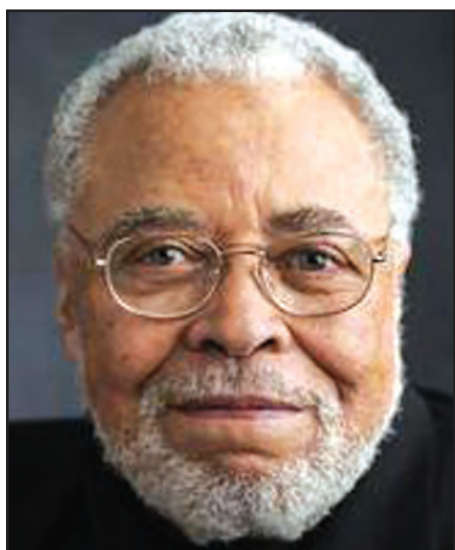
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# Obituaries

## James Earl Jones



James Earl Jones (January 17, 1931 - September 9, 2024) passed away at his home in Dutchess County, New York in the early morning of September 9th at the age of 93 due to natural causes.

As a World-renowned Actor he has received 31 awards and 31 nominees, widely regarded as the one of greatest stage and screen actors with an amazing career spanning over half a century.

James Earl, who was predeceased by his beloved wife, Cecilia Hart (1948-2016) leaves behind a loving family including his son Flynn Earl Jones, daughter-in law Lorena Monagas Jones, his brother Matthew Earl Jones, his Aunt Helen Irene Georgia Connolly Morgan and many, many others.

A private family ceremony will be held in his honor at a future date. In lieu of

flowers, the family asks that donations in James Earl's honor might be made to: Hudson Valley Hospice <https://www.hvhospice.org/index.php.foundation/donate/> Or The Actors Fund @ <https://actorsfundhome.org/> Arrangements are under the direction of Horn & Thomes, Inc Funeral Home.

## Lawrence Bruce Howell



FORMERLY OF COLD SPRING - Lawrence Bruce Howell of Mexico, NY, entered into rest on Friday, September 6, 2024. He was 74 years old. Born on September 12, 1949, in Cold Spring, NY, Larry was the son of the late Howard F. and Iva Marie (Zeliph) Howell. He graduated from Haldane High School in 1967 and then attended the New York City Police Academy. After the academy, Larry joined the New York City Police Department, retiring at the rank of lieutenant in 1990. He was a long-time member of the Philipstown Lodge, becoming a Master Mason in 1979.

Larry will be remembered as a devoted partner, father, grandfather, and friend. He appreciated the beauty of the world

around him, whether on his travels or while watching the local wildlife at his home in the woods. Larry's lighthearted nature made every moment with him memorable. He was known for his sense of humor, always smiling and quick to share a good laugh.

Larry leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving companion, Elaine Amerosa, his three daughters, Stephanie (Daniel) Almasi of Ulster Park, NY, Emily (Terry) Howell-Schiff of Ridgewood, NJ, and Elizabeth (Daniel) Spear of Warwick, NY, his beloved grandchildren, Tyler Giordano, Adeline and Charlotte Schiff, and Nathan and Evelyn Spear, and many nieces and nephews. He is lovingly remembered by Elaine's children, Cynthia (Patrick) Bick and Jamie (Mike) Sheehy, along with her grandchildren, Gianna Amerosa and Isabella Sheehy. Larry is also survived by his siblings, Jane (George) Baltich, Howard (Anna) Howell Jr., and Gayle (Tom) Quackenbush. In addition to his parents, Larry was predeceased by his sister, Marianne Trimble, and Michele M. Gowans, Elaine's daughter.

Family and friends gathered on his birthday, Thursday, September 12, 2024, for a memorial service at the Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott Street, Cold Spring, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Jude or Shriners Children's hospitals, as Larry was dedicated to their missions.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home, Cold Spring, [www.clintonfh.com](http://www.clintonfh.com).

## Carl D. Boss



EAST FISHKILL - Carl D. Boss, 82, a lifelong area resident, died on September 13, 2024 at his home.

Born in Beacon on April 24, 1942, he was the son of Irvin and Helen (Hodge) Boss. Carl had been employed as an Engineer for IBM. Carl enjoyed the outdoors, especially hiking Mount Beacon, the Catskills and the Adirondacks. He was an all-around handyman and electrician who loved putting things together.

On August 6, 1966 in Wappingers Falls, Carl married the love of his life, Linda Roarabaugh, who survives at home. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Duane and Dania Boss, and Andrea and Dwayne Jarvis; his grandchildren, Angelina, Katarina, Johan,

and Steven Boss, Mackenzie, Cassandra, Dalaney and Emma Jarvis; his sister, Dora Russell; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Eugene, David, Janet, Frances and Carol.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 10am-1pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. There will be a funeral service at 12:30pm.

Memorial donations may be made to Mid-Hudson Animal Aid.

## Melva Mae Laffin



WAPPINGERS FALLS - On Monday, September 9th, 2024, Melva Mae Laffin, 91, of Wappingers Falls, NY passed peacefully at her home.

Melva was born on September 14th, 1932, the daughter of the late Chester and Melva (Sutton) Foley. Melva is now reunited with the love of her life Morris V. Laffin, Jr. who predeceased her on April 23, 2011. Morris and Melva were high school sweethearts. Following a two-year enlistment in Europe (during the Korean war), Morris returned home and they were married on November 12, 1955 at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls, NY.

Morris and Melva were lifelong partners as they both grew up in the Village of

Wappingers and were graduates of Wappingers Central School, class of 1951.

Melva was predeceased by her brother Leonard Foley of Millerton, NY, her sister-in-law Mary (Betty) McDonald and her brother-in-law Peter McDonald both of Wappingers Falls, NY. Also, her sister-in-law Anne Laffin of Hyde Park, NY and her sister Joyce's life partner Richard Miedema of Jersey City, NJ.

Melva is survived by her sister Joyce Foley of Wappingers Falls, NY (previously of Jersey City, NJ), her brother Roger Foley and her sister-in-law Devon of Highland NY, her sister-in-law Carol Foley of Millerton, NY. Also, her brother-in-law Richard Laffin of Hyde Park, NY and brother-in-law Gerald Laffin and sister-in-law Rosanne of Delray Beach, FL.

Melva is survived by her son, Michael Laffin and his wife Betty Jean of Hopewell Junction, NY. Melva's pride and joy were her four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and the families that grew around her. She loved them with all her heart and spent countless amounts of time with all of them over the years.

Her grandchildren are Brett Laffin, his wife Teresa and great-granddaughter Aubrie of Hyde Park, NY. Jason Laffin, his wife Kristen and great-grandchildren Olivia and Collin of Croton-on-Hudson, NY., Brandon Laffin and Fiancée Amanda Fouss of Charlotte, NC and Michael Laffin and his wife Amanda of Norwalk, Ct.

Her life was made full by her attendance at their sporting, dancing and life events they participated in. The joy it brought Melva to be included in their lives was immeasurable.

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and their families whom she loved and was proud of all their accomplishments.

Melva enjoyed her work career with the Town of Wappinger especially working many years in the Supervisor's office. She made many friends and was always a devoted employee where she put the needs of the community above all else.

Melva enjoyed watching various sports played by her grandchildren and always was their biggest fan. Melva's favorite sports to watch were football (NY Giants) and baseball (NY Yankees). Going back to her youth, Melva was a member of the Wappingers High School cheerleading squad.

Melva was a kind, caring person. She had a heart of gold and as family and friends, we were blessed that she was a part of our lives. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Equally important, she was one of the best friends anyone could ever have. Proof of her friendship was that on occasion, she would enjoy a "happy hour" with her neighbors Lou and Barbara Clausen. Melva, along with Morris, spent many nights with their friends Frank "Al" and Joan Olivetto creating memories that lasted a lifetime. She also attended many local concerts and events with her friend and neighbor Nadine Ziegler.

Melva's family wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to her "Angels on Earth" who selflessly provided care to Melva and continue to assist her sister Joyce at home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. Visitation was on Friday September 13th, 2024 at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church Wappingers Falls, NY. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

To leave an online condolence, please visit the website: [www.delehantyfuneral.com](http://www.delehantyfuneral.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: The American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)) St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org))

## Robert M. Carroll



FORMERLY OF BEACON - Robert Michael Carroll of Wilmington, NC died on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

He was born on May 6, 1951, to Vera McKinney and Donald J. Carroll in Beacon, NY. Bob graduated from Beacon High School, Dutchess Community College and Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

After working with Federal Paper Board in Beacon, NY, he transferred to Federal Paper in Riegelwood, NC, which was later bought by International Paper. He was purchasing manager and retired in 2016.

Bob is survived by his wife, Linda Keith Carroll of Wilmington, NC, brother Thomas D. Carroll and wife Sereieathana of Fishkill, NY; Donna M. Carroll and

Laura J. Baum and husband Michael of Modena, NY; and Virginia A. Soltish and husband Michael of Beacon, NY.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David P. Carroll.

No public services are planned.

Condolences to the family may be sent to [www.coblegreenlawn.com](http://www.coblegreenlawn.com).

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" -John 11:25-26.



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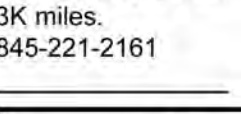


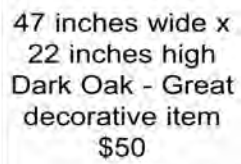





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Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy C. MacKenzie hosted the annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. on the steps of the Dutchess County Family Court building, 50 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. The service included remarks from Dutchess County Court Judge Hon. Edward McLoughlin, as well as a ceremonial lowering of the flag and a moment of silence to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

In the top photo, Desiree S. King, from Mental Health America of Dutchess County, sings the National Anthem.

In the bottom photo are, from left, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie, Br. Patrice Legoute, Seminarian for the Diocese of Brooklyn currently serving Saint Sebastian and Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church and Dutchess County Comptroller Gregg Pulver.

-Courtesy photos

## International concert organist at West Point on September 29

The West Point Cadet Chapel, the Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Series will present Brink Bush, international concert organist on Sunday, Sept. 29. His music will be especially effective on the Cadet Chapel organ, the world's largest all-pipe instrument in a house of worship! The recital is free to the general public. Access onto West Point is with Department of Defense ID or a Visitor's Pass, which may be obtained at the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Road, West Point). Parking is available around the chapel building, 722 Derussy Loop, without restriction on Sundays.

## this week's puzzle solutions

3	8	4	2	7	6	9	5	1
2	9	6	5	1	8	7	3	4
7	5	1	4	3	9	2	8	6
5	1	3	8	2	7	6	4	9
6	4	2	1	9	3	8	7	5
9	7	8	6	5	4	3	1	2
4	2	9	3	8	5	1	6	7
1	3	5	7	6	2	4	9	8
8	6	7	9	4	1	5	2	3

This week's answer  
**SUDOKU**

S	T	A	T	E	L	F	L	I	T	H	E	
B	R	O	O	D	C	O	L	I	M	A	G	E
C	A	N	O	E	I	V	E	G	A	L	I	F
C	A	R	T	O	N	S	T	A	M	P	S	
I	D	O	L	S	T	A	R	C	R	U		
G	E	T	O	N	E	L	I	E	U	E	S	P
N	A	U	R	U	N	O	L	L	M	I	K	E
O	R	G	A	A	G	R	E	E	O	N	G	E
H	U	N	T	K	I	D	D	A	R	R	O	W
T	A	U	C	A	S	E	W	I	P	E	R	S
S	I	S	B	E	E	N						
C	O	U	P	O	N	O	F	S	A	L	E	
D	I	T	T	O	A	S	H					
D	A	T	E	R	E	R	A					
A	L	O	F	T	L	M	T					

3	4	2	1	5	1
2	1	3	4	3	2
3	4	5	2	5	1
2	1	3	1	4	2
4	5	4	5	3	1
1	3	2	1	2	5

Sudoku solution

### Legal Notices

**REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-54-24  
Motor Oils, Lubricants and Engine Fluids  
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of Septem-

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ber 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

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845-486-3613.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held by the County Attorney of Dutchess County in the County Office Building, County Attorney's Conference Room, 5th Floor, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the **26th day of September 2024 at 10:00 am**, on the following local law:

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**A LOCAL LAW REGULATING HAZARDOUS POLLUTION SOURCES IN PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SOURCES, AQUIFERS AND WETLANDS.**  
At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard.  
Dated: September 11, 2024  
Susan J. Serino  
Poughkeepsie, New York  
Dutchess

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County Executive  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-63-24  
Fare Collection System for Dutchess County Public Transit  
Proposals will be

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received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of October 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 Opportuni-

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8					1			
		5				4		8
4			3				6	7
9	7	8		5				
				2		6	4	9
7	5				9			6
2		6				7		
			2					1

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

## Suguru

	3				
	5	4		3	
			2		
			1		

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

## THEME: AT THE SUPERMARKET

**ACROSS**

1. Marriott hotel chain
6. Lockheed Martin Corporation @NYSE
9. Desert in central Asia
13. Tinder user?
14. Distinctive period in history
15. Munchausen's title
16. Likewise
17. Campfire leftover
18. Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama
19. \*Traditionally clipped
21. \*OS in POS at the supermarket
23. Bro's sibling
24. "\_\_\_\_ there, done that"
25. T in Greek
28. FBI's cold one
30. Windshield \_\_\_\_, pl.
35. "The \_\_\_\_ for Red October"
37. Coach of Dallas Mavericks
39. Bow's partner
40. Black and white killer
41. Be in accord
43. First word in fairy tale
44. Formerly known as Pleasant Island
46. Long-lasting Steelers coach
47. TV's "man named Brady"
48. \*GO in BOGO
50. French "place"
52. 6th sense
53. Adored one
55. What cruelty and crush have in common
57. \*Dairy aisle package
60. \*S&H Green \_\_\_\_
63. Non motorized vessel
64. I have
66. Nev.'s neighbor
68. Offspring, collectively
69. Rank above maj.
70. Visual
71. QBR in football, e.g.
72. Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
73. Like a gymnast

**DOWN**

1. \*What registers do
2. Nonclerical
3. Football legend Graham
4. Unborn vertebrate
5. \_\_\_\_ of Cancer
6. \*Like freezer aisle "Cuisine"
7. "\_\_\_\_ Robinson" by Simon & Garfunkel
8. California/Nevada lake
9. Mediterranean Strip
10. Not written
11. Dull one
12. Pen juice
15. Home to Sarajevo
20. Port city in Japan
22. Like marines in slogan
24. Cowboy's bedding
25. Flip-flop
26. Plural of aura
27. Adam Sandler's "\_\_\_\_ Gems"
29. Manual communication gesture
31. High school ball
32. Bert's TV buddy
33. Ice in a cocktail
34. \*TV's "Supermarket \_\_\_\_"
36. Tropical tuber
38. \*Sliced items section
42. Choose a president
45. "\_\_\_\_ we stand, divided we fall"
49. Tokyo, once
51. Adenine's partner in RNA
54. Chilled (2 words)
56. Savory taste sensation
57. \*Rolling supermarket carrier
58. Dwarf buffalo
59. Type of canal, in dentistry
60. Ego's main concern
61. Surveyor's map
62. Accompanies relief
63. "Big Three" TV network
65. Radio knob, abbr.
67. ATM extra

**CROSSWORD**

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
13						14				15				
16						17				18				
	19				20			21	22					
			23				24							
25	26	27		28		29			30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39				
40					41				42		43			
44				45		46					47			
48					49		50			51		52		
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	57	58	59					60				61	62	
63						64	65			66				67
68						69				70				
71						72				73				

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



## HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



# Vaccines: Make mine a 'double shot'

I just got my annual flu and Covid vaccines and I feel good about it. Here's why: Vaccines have come a long way since they were first used to prevent smallpox. Injections now contain additives, which enhance and keep them functional and free of contaminants. Vaccines also undergo extensive development before they are approved.

### Many safeguards

The FDA requires that vaccines are thoroughly developed in the lab. They undergo animal studies and human clinical trials. Highly trained scientists and physicians evaluate the research. The vaccines that are determined to be safe and effective are approved and continuously monitored after approval for safety. The safety protocol doesn't stop there. Like other medical devices such as pacemakers, intravenous lines, and implants, immunizations are tested for toxins.

### Testing for toxins

Toxins are produced by certain harmful microbes. Diseases caused by microbial toxins include tetanus, botulism, typhoid, and cholera. From the mid-twentieth century, medicines sold in the US have been legally required to be tested for those and other contaminants.

That testing was once done by injecting those medicines into rabbits and observing their temperature response. Hundreds of thousands of the animals were euthanized annually, as a result of the process. In the 1980s, testing on rabbits was replaced by the LAL test. The LAL test uses the blood of horseshoe crabs.

### Our horseshoe crabs

Atlantic horseshoe crabs have survived nearly unchanged for at least 445 million years. That goes farther back than when dinosaurs existed. Horseshoe crabs tend to be found lower toward the mouth of the Hudson River and other coastal areas.

Horseshoe crabs have been prized by the pharmaceutical industry because special cells in their blood were found to coagulate in the presence of toxins. This reaction is the basis of the LAL test. The transition from laboratory testing on live animals to the LAL test was a significant advancement.

However, to create the LAL test, horseshoe crabs must be removed from the

water to extract a portion of their blood in the lab. Although the arthropods are released alive back into the water from where they were collected; a portion of those crabs die from the procedure. (If you are interested in learning more about horseshoe crabs, check this out: Horseshoe Crabs Are Living Fossils - Enrichment - Ecology (<https://www.gettrudekatzchronicles.com/store/p452/horseshoe-crabs-are-living-fossils-enrichment-ecology.html>)

### Ecological concern

In addition to mortality from their use in the biomedical field, horseshoe crabs are also used by commercial fisheries as bait. As a result, their population has been declining and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature has listed them as vulnerable to extinction in our region. The decline in the horseshoe crab population impacts many marine animals, including shorebirds, whose survival is dependent upon an abundance of horseshoe crab eggs.

### A synthetic alternative

In 1997, scientists used biotechnology to create a synthetic alternative to the LAL test. In contrast to LAL, the synthetic alternative utilizes a single protein cloned from a horseshoe crab as its active ingredient. The alternative test, called rFc, has not yet been universally adopted, due to concerns over its efficacy.

### Vaccine Manufacturers

Pfizer, Sanofi, and Moderna are among the pharmaceutical companies that produce widely available vaccines in our area. When reached for comment about the use of LAL in vaccine testing, the following response was received:

"Pfizer is committed to the development and use of scientifically sound alternative testing methods that are acceptable to regulatory authorities and do not compromise patient safety or the effectiveness of our medicines. For more than 10 years, we have been exploring the use of recombinant Factor C (rFc) for the bacterial endotoxin test (BET) as an alternative to the Limulus amoebocyte lysate (LAL) method, which utilizes horseshoe crab blood. Based on our internal studies and the recent approval of rFc by the United States Pharmacopeia ('Chapter <86>



Columnist Francine Wizner gets a Covid shot in her left arm (above) and a flu shot in her right arm (right).

-Photos by Bruce Richards of LaGrange

Bacterial Endotoxins Test Using Recombinant Reagents'), Pfizer has begun implementing rFc for GMP testing of pharmaceutical water systems at some of our clinical supply manufacturing sites. Changes to commercial testing strategies require global regulatory approval and must be undertaken carefully to continue to assure product quality and supply. Pfizer is evaluating pathways for minimizing use of LAL reagent and introducing rFc in place of LAL in the commercial manufacturing network."

### The 2024 Covid and flu vaccinations

Given that the regulatory process is ongoing, LAL testing continues to be used with vaccinations and medical devices. Though I am happy that all humans benefit from vaccines being tested so thoroughly, I also hope that the scientific process moves swiftly so that the negative impacts on global food

webs, including horseshoe crab and shorebird populations, improve. (If you are interested in learning more about the use of animals in scientific research, there is this: The 3Rs in Research Practices - Enrichment - Scientific Inquiry, <https://www.gettrudekatzchronicles.com/store/p451/the-3rs-in-research-practices-enrichment-scientific-inquiry.html>)

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## Viva the Divas

Enjoy an evening of musical fun as internationally acclaimed singing actress Goldee B. Greene fetes women of song in theatre, Hollywood Golden Age, jazz and opera. Her versatile Juilliard-trained voice will enchant as the shimmering vibes of such musical goddesses as Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Billie Holiday, Ethel Waters, Bessie Smith, Mae West, Marlene Dietrich, Edith Piaf, and more live on.

Goldee's original tunes and surprise novelty numbers will level-up as well.

Maestro Tom McCoy is Music Director. Justice McCray is Stage Manager. Special guests include "Baritone extraordinaire" Russell Cusick, X-Tremes, and Luv Bugs. Viva the Divas takes place Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m. at the Philipstown Depot Theatre. The venue is at 10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison. A special treat is a pre-show cocktail party at Antipodean Books just across the street, starting at 6 p.m.

Seating is limited, so get tickets now at: [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org).

### Friends of Blodgett Memorial Library gearing up for sale

The Friends of Blodgett Memorial Library are gearing up for the next used book sale! They will be outside Blodgett at 37 Broad Street on Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The sale will be cash only, and all proceeds will support

the library!

If one interested in volunteering on the day of the book sale reach out to the Friends. One may email them at the [friendsofblodgett@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofblodgett@gmail.com) to learn more and discuss possibilities.



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