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Harvest Fest at Stony Kill Farm on Saturday

By Kristine Coulter

Hands-on activities, live music, artisan demos and a variety of vendors will be some activities and fun during the family-friendly Harvest Fest at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, in Wappingers Falls. The annual event will take place is set for Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to Harvest Fest is free but there is a suggested donation of \$5 (which will go to help support community programming and ongoing stewardship of Stony Kill Farm.)

"Harvest Fest 2024 has it all-hayrides, visits with farm animals, hands-on activities, blacksmith demos, vendors, merch from the Stony Kill Foundation pop-up shop, live music with Lauren and Jonno, and more! The day's menu includes tasty food truck fare, homemade soup from the Verplanck Garden Club, and baked goods from Stony Ground 4-H Club. Our special guest, Smokey the Bear, will also make an appearance and The Stony Ground 4-H club will have sheep showmanship demos and our Milking Devon cows will be demonstrating their oxen skills as well," explained Stacey Lynch Adnams, one of the organizers for the Fest. Festival-goers are encouraged to bring cash to purchase crafts and food, she said.

Lynch Adnams said, "This year we'll have the barn open for visits with our heritage livestock, including our Tunis sheep, Milking Devon cows, turkeys and various heritage breed chickens."

The Verplanck Garden Club (VGC) members will be in attendance. Members "are in full prep mode, getting ready for this year's Harvest Fest," Katherine Gambino, the publicity chair for the VGC.

The VGC will feature six tents with products and activities that reflect the bounty of fall. Some of the highlights the VGC will feature, said Gambino, are:

- The soup tent, offering both small and take-home containers of 14 types of home-made, mouth-watering soups (some vegetarian and vegan)

- The bake shoppe, stuffed with freshly made pies, cookies, breads and muffins

- The fresh flower shop, filled with floral arrangements, mums, and herbs, harvested from the members' gardens

- An art tent, filled with watercolors of local Hudson Valley scenes and historical places

- The pretzel tent, complete with an old-fashioned twirling pretzel machine, and choices of toppings and sauces

- The pumpkin painting tent offering kids an opportunity to decorate their own mini pumpkin with stickers and non-drip markers.

"Over 70 women from the Verplanck Garden Club contribute

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Northcutt Legacy Fund announced in honor of longtime HCC president

By Kristine Coulter

A memorial for Florence Northcutt, the late longtime president of the Howland Cultural Center, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-5 p.m. The Northcutt Legacy Fund has also been announced, which will be a source of income for the Howland Cultural Center, according to organizers. The day will include music, songs and stories, it was stated. A silent auction of works collected by Northcutt will also take place. The memorial is set for 2 p.m.

"We are all grateful to Florence's family for sharing her generous heart with us. We thank her son William and his wife Rosemary and daughter Vicki and her husband Joel Reiff. Her beloved grandchildren Frances (Noah Green), Martha (Ayberk Ozturk) and Jed Reiff (Mirella). And [she was the] great-grandmother of Naomi and Joanna Green, Berk and Taner Ozturk and Yara Kalea Reiff," said Theresa Kraft, Howland president.

Northcutt, HCC president emeritus, died on May 17 at the age of 97. She was born on March 26, 1927.

Northcutt was honored during a dedication ceremony in October 2022 at the HCC on Main St. in Beacon. The main gallery in the HCC, since that time, has



Florence Northcutt, who was the president emeritus of the Howland Cultural Center, died earlier this year at the age of 97. A memorial service will be held in honor of Northcutt on Oct. 13 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photos

been known as Northcutt Hall.

According to the organizers, proceeds will establish the Northcutt Legacy Fund in Florence's honor and to preserve Howland's mission and the building, including Northcutt Hall. Donations can be made to assist with this cause, Kraft stated.

"Please join Florence Northcutt's family and friends with an afternoon of music, songs and stories celebrating the legacy of this extraordinary woman who dedicated her life to supporting the arts wherever she went," said Kraft.

One may reserve a spot at bit.ly/FNmemorial.

An Octoberfest with a creative twist returns to DC Fairgrounds

Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration returns to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck Oct. 5-6. Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this unique festival combines the best of Oktoberfest traditions with a vibrant, handcrafted twist, promising an event perfect for all ages.

Hours on Saturday, Oct. 5, are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Produced by Quail Hollow Events, Handcrafted Octoberfest offers much more than beer-though you'll find plenty of that! This festival has earned a spot in Sunshine Artist Magazine's 200 Best of 2024, showcasing the nation's top contemporary craft fairs. It's a celebration that has something for everyone, from exquisite handmade goods by fine artisans to the Hudson Valley's top wine and spirits, musical performances, and festive activities.

Visitors can indulge in seasonal food delights, enjoy a pint in the lively beer garden, and be entertained by live music and dancers (don't miss Witches Along the Hudson on Sunday). Kids will love the family art and crafts area, complete with creative free play and seasonal programming. Plus, don't miss ongoing demonstrations from woodworkers, fiber spinners, metal forgers, jewelers, and even an expert pumpkin carver. If you're feeling autumnal, hop on a horse-drawn carriage ride around the fairgrounds, and catch a weigh-off of giant pumpkins- one of which might even top 2,000 pounds!



Attendees may take a horse-drawn carriage ride during Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck from Oct. 5-6.

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Visitors to the Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds can visit the animals at the petting zoo.



Quail Hollow Events will present Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck from Oct. 5-6. -Courtesy photos

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Ola Rubinstein, director of Quail Hollow Events, says of the event, "Handcrafted Octoberfest champions the craft, training, and story behind each object and attraction.

Featuring works of art and craft, gourmet specialty foods, local wine and spirits, and agricultural marvels, it highlights the idea of small-batch and hand-spun, with lots of harvest fun on the side. Visitors can browse unique handmade goods from over 100 juried exhibitors in more than ten media cat-

egories, enjoy a picturesque horse-drawn carriage ride, and visit a petting zoo that's perfect for little ones."

For tickets, exhibitor list, beer and food menus, the entertainment schedule and more, visit quailhollow.com.

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their talents, goods, and labor to make this yearly event a success. Proceeds from the Harvest Fest are used to make a generous donation to Stony Kill Farm, to fund scholarships for local children to attend a DEC (Department of

Environmental Conservation) summer camp, and to buy materials and plants for the nine community gardens that have been created by the club," said Gambino.

Harvest Fest at Stony Kill, said Lynch Adnams, "is a tradition that has been going on for over 20 years. With the changing leaves and cool temperatures, Stony Kill is a picturesque setting to enjoy time with your family and friends."



The Stony Kill Foundation will host the annual Harvest Fest on October 5 at Stony Kill Farm in Wappingers Falls.

Among those who will be participating in the day's activities will be Verplanck Garden Club members. The members will offer flowers, baked goods and more.

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Veterans, community celebrate 100 years of the Castle Point campus



Sharon Perkins, LCSW, from left, Carolyn Scolaro, RN, Tara Hunt, RN and Judith Brown, RN, are Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) nurses with an interdisciplinary care team that focuses on assisting veterans and families with managing health care. For more information, call 845-831-2000 ext. 214947 or 215299, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System at Castle Point Campus celebrated its 100th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 27.

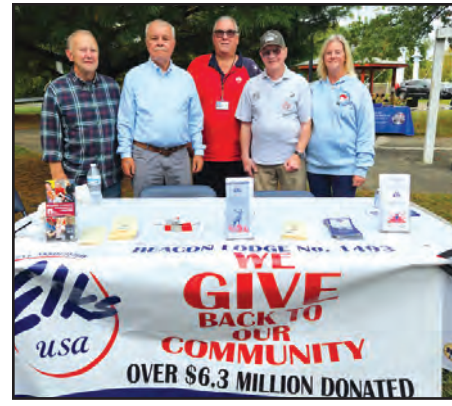
According to the VA website about the Castle Point campus: "Our hospital provides primary care and specialty health services, including skin care (dermatology), dental care, mental health care, hospice and palliative care, weight management, and more. Below, you'll find our address and hours, parking and transportation information, and the other health services we offer at Castle Point VA Medical Center in Wappingers Falls."

According to the VA website, Castle Point, as of Feb. 2024, has 82% percentage of Veterans who say they usually or always get an appointment when they need urgent care. While 89% of Veterans say they usually or always get an appointment when they need it for routine care.



Goats from the nonprofit organization Heroes, Cowboys and Companions, located in Orange County.

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The Beacon Elks Lodge Veterans Committee members headed by chairman Dan Morea attended the 100th Anniversary celebration.

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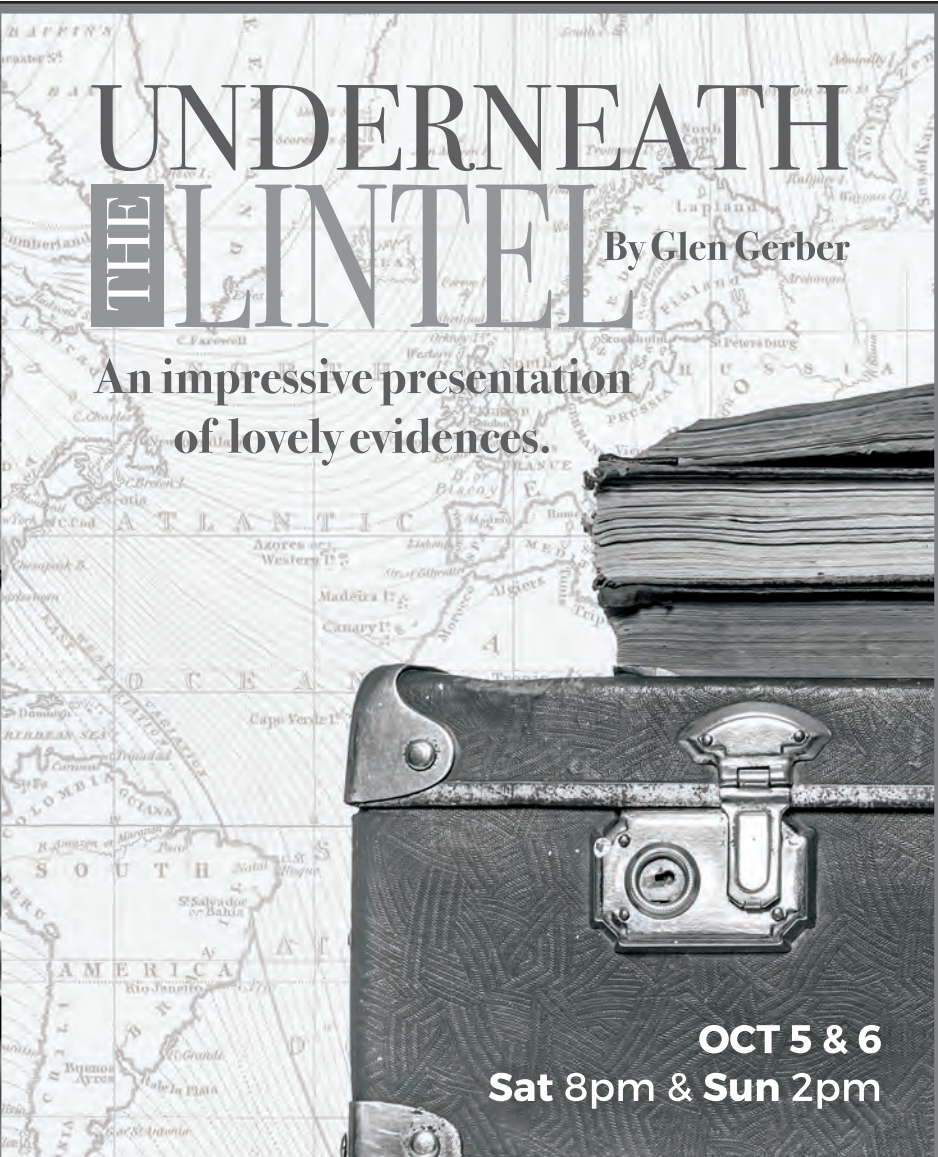
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Fishkill Highway Department workers to wear pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In an effort to show support for those bravely battling breast cancer and to honor those that have been lost to it, the Fishkill Highway Department will be wearing pink every Friday in the month of October.

Fishkill resident Loretta Adams, an active member of the community and an individual impacted by breast cancer, donated the funds to purchase the pink shirts.

In the above photo, Adams, center, is thanked by Fishkill Town Supervisor Ozzy Albra, members of the Town of Fishkill Board and supporters for her generosity.

Right, the T-shirt that members of the highway department will wear.

-Courtesy photos



Police: 40-year-old Poughkeepsie man arrested for graffiti on multiple Main St. buildings

A suspect spray-painted multiple buildings on Main St. with large letters during the early morning hours of Sept. 21. A suspect vehicle was identified during the investigation, said City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia in a press release.

On September 27, the vehicle was located, a traffic stop was performed and the suspect was identified as Richard Bulson, 40 years old of Poughkeepsie, stated Chief Figlia. Bulson was arrested

and charged with three counts of criminal mischief in the fourth degree and three counts of making graffiti, misdemeanors, according to law enforcement. He was processed and released on an appearance ticket to appear in Beacon City Court.

"The Beacon Police Department takes cases of vandalism like this seriously and will use any available resource to investigate and make arrests for these crimes," said Figlia.

'Fun, quirky' event series that explores hands-on skills to launch Oct. 8 at Beahive

Renaissance Person, the fun and quirky event series dedicated to exploring a diverse array of hands-on skills, has announced its relocation from NYC to the scenic Hudson Valley. Started in 2016, Renaissance Person has built a community of learners with its unique approach to learning, offering adults the chance to casually try out everything from beatboxing with the world champion to shucking oysters with a marine biologist to love letter writing with a relationship coach. With more than 75 skills explored to date, this innovative series is now set to bring a range of experiences to the mid-Hudson region.

Whether it's finally learning the art of folding fitted sheets or delving into the nuances of mezcal-tasting, the series has provided a platform for enthusiasts and experts alike to share their passions and expertise. The move to the Hudson Valley marks an exciting new chapter for the series, offering a fresh backdrop and new opportunities for creative exploration.

The first event in the Hudson Valley is set to launch on October 8th at Beahive Beacon ("Make Your Own Microscope"), with details and registration information available on the Renaissance Person website. Additional pop-up events will be added

on a rolling basis. The series promises to maintain its commitment to casual, fun, hands-on learning experiences while exploring new and exciting skills that resonate with the local community. Renaissance Person is interested in hearing from potential presenters, email gina@renaissanceperson.com to get in touch.

"We're excited to bring Renaissance Person to the Hudson Valley," said Gina McCann, founder of Renaissance Person. "This region is known for its vibrant communities, excellent colleges, and beautiful landscapes, and we believe it will provide the perfect setting for our ongoing mission to inspire curiosity and hands-on learning. We can't wait to offer participants the opportunity to engage with experts, learn new skills, and connect with like-minded individuals in an environment that fosters creativity and discovery. Renaissance Person is the perfect event series if you're a curious person who likes to try new things without a huge financial or time commitment!"

For more information about Renaissance Person, including event schedules and registration details, please visit renaissanceperson.com or contact gina@renaissanceperson.com.

Chabad of Mid Hudson Valley to host survivor of October 7th

Chabad of Mid Hudson Valley will welcome Liron Hacoheh Bariach, a survivor of the October 7th massacre in Israel, for a speaking engagement on Sunday, October 13 at 3 p.m. The event will take place at the Sanderson & Osofsky Chabad Center, 63 Vassar Road, in Poughkeepsie.

Liron Hacoheh Bariach, a 31-year-old social worker, grew up in Kibbutz Nahal Oz and currently resides in Kibbutz Kfar Aza,

where she and her husband were directly impacted by the brutal attacks.

Security will be on the premises, and RSVP is required for the event. Those wishing to attend can RSVP by calling Chabad at 845-463-5801 or by emailing Chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net.

Suggested donations for attending are \$18, with sponsorship opportunities available at \$180 or \$360.



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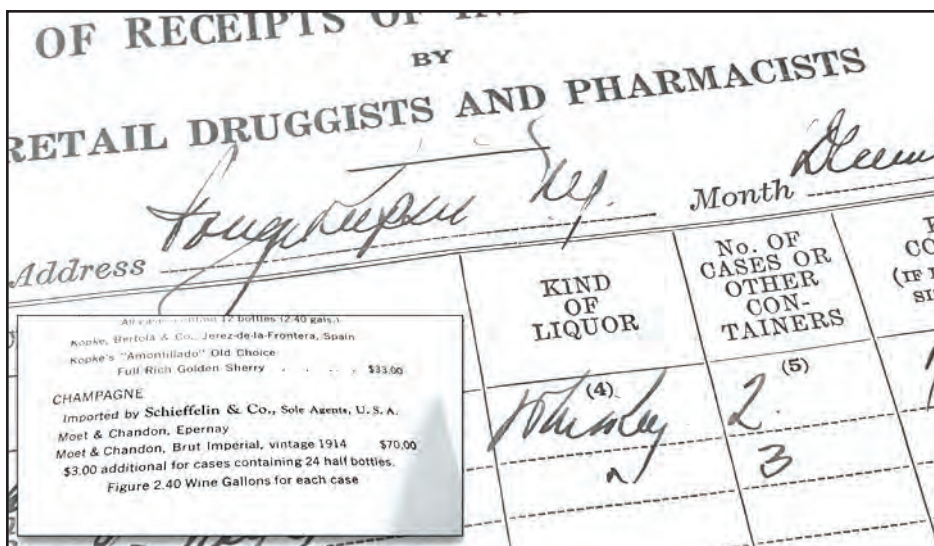
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Pharmacies offered a way around Prohibition



Retail records show that whiskey was the most frequently purchased remedy. But retail offerings included medicinal champagne (inset).

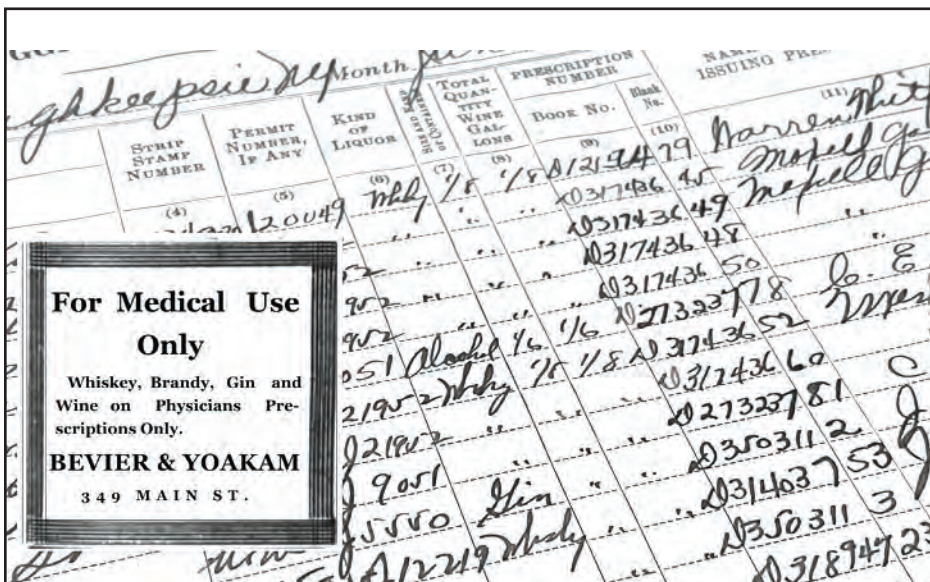
“Country to become Dry at Midnight” read *The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* on January 16, 1920, reminding readers of the new Federal law ratified a year prior that would begin the era we now know as Prohibition. The law would outlaw the production and distribution of all liquor, even cooking wine. Many were taken back by how severe the law was, outlawing not only hard liquor but beer and wine as well. However, one exemption meant that one could simply get a prescription and pick up some liquor from their pharmacist.

Prohibition had roots in the temperance movement of the early 19th century, and during the Progressive Era of 1900-1929, temperance activists increasingly advocated for a law against alcohol manufacturing. The American Temperance Society formed in 1826, eventually reaching as many as 8,000 groups across the nation, including a branch in Fishkill. Many of these activists believed that alcohol and its widespread abuse went against Christian values. They believed that banning alcohol would reduce crime rates and make the country stronger and more

economically stable, with the money spent on liquor being rerouted to other industries.

The 18th amendment to the United States Constitution, or the National Prohibition Act, was ratified on January 16, 1919, to go into effect a year later, and lasted from 1920 to 1933. This amendment prohibited the manufacturer, sale, and transport of all alcoholic beverages. However, as the law did not prohibit consumption of alcohol, many citizens stockpiled liquor before it took effect. The act permitted exemptions for religious and medical uses of alcohol. While medical uses may seem strange now, it is important to remember that alcohol was seen differently in the 1920s and '30s. There was no legal age for alcohol at this time, and one would not be set until after the repeal of Prohibition. Adults and children alike could be prescribed alcohol to treat a range of maladies, including the flu, sore throats, high blood pressure, and even cancer.

The Dutchess County Historical Society has several pharmaceutical records donated by Gary and Pam Veeder, including permits and forms pertaining to the prescription of



This snapshot of a liquor prescription sales signed by Alfred Luks in 1927 show that whiskey was by far the most popular remedy. Pharmacists would record name, address, prescription number and physician, as well as the type and quantity of liquor prescribed. Inset: an ad from Poughkeepsie Eagle News, April 1920, for a competing pharmacy.

-Photos courtesy of DCHS Collections

alcohol during Prohibition. These archival resources from Luks Pharmacy, operated at the time by Alfred Luks at 549 Main Street, Poughkeepsie (later Veeder Pharmacy in the 1940s), give us a glimpse into the world of both pharmacists and “patients” in this era. Once the law took effect, patients needed to obtain a prescription and could take it to their local pharmacy to purchase medicinal alcohol. Hard liquor was most often prescribed, particularly whiskey and brandy. Pharmacists who wanted to order and distribute alcohol had to apply for a permit. This was new for many pharmacists, as the Controlled Substance Act of 1970 was still in the future and there were very few permits or regulations on any prescriptions at the time. They needed to keep a record of “sales of intoxicating liquors” and fill out forms regularly for the purchase permit. Several forms needed to be kept and duplicated to be submitted every month to the state, and one person could only receive a pint of liquor every ten days. Often, these restrictions proved difficult to enforce, and the record-keeping varied from pharmacy to pharmacy. These regulations laid the groundwork for future state and federal controls on medication, drugs, and other substances.

Prohibition directly contributed to the boom of pharmacists and pharmacies in the United States. Pharmacies were some of the sole beneficiaries of the amendment, as many other industries and companies stalled. The number of pharmacists in New York state alone tripled during this era, due to demand and because opportunists saw a way to obtain liquor. An estimate suggests that nearly 11 million alcohol prescriptions were written each year during the tenure of the law. However, not everyone went the prescription route to access liquor. Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley was home to bootleggers and mobsters who ran illegal distilleries, including Legs Diamond and Dutch Schultz. It was easier to conduct business in the Hudson Valley, where there was less attention paid than in New York City. There were likely plenty of moonshine distilleries that were private and never discovered either. Considering these other operations, pharmaceuticals was not everyone’s top option.

Overall, Prohibition was largely a failure. Economically, the law wreaked havoc across the nation. Closing breweries, distilleries, and bars also eliminated thousands of jobs, not just for those working in the manufacture of alcoholic products, but also those involved in bottling, transporting, and selling alcohol. Additionally, without liquor being sold, the tax revenue dropped like a rock. In New York, liquor taxes made up nearly 75% of the state’s revenue before Prohibition. It is estimated that overall, the federal government lost around \$11 billion in lost tax revenue during this era. Contrary to popular expectations, crime rates actually went up. Illegal liquor production and sale created more criminals, causing large backlogs of cases to be tried. Prohibition was finally repealed with the ratification of the 21st amendment in December of 1933. Darker days were ahead for Americans, and Prohibition had to go as the country’s economic situation grew dire and the benefit of tax revenues from liquor could no longer be ignored. It was the end of a failed long social experiment, even if that failure was unexpected.

In 1920, *The Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* editorial wrote: “Things will go on in Poughkeepsie and everywhere just the same today as they did yesterday... and in the end we’ll probably conclude that prohibition is not half as bad as it has been pictured and that life is just as worth living as ever.” Thirteen years later, things indeed went on in Poughkeepsie, and everywhere... but with the return of alcohol for pleasure, as well as wellness.



Cosette Veeder-Shave, a resident of Hyde Park, received her BA in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington, has a degree in Museum

Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, SUNY Oneonta. Cosette is the granddaughter of the donors of the pharmacy items to DCHS. She is updating collections accession files organization-wide at DCHS to make them more searchable and accessible to the public.

Abilities First introduces new app Abilibee to empower individuals, families

Abilities First, Inc., with funding from the New York State Council on Developmental Disabilities, is launching a free, innovative app, named Abilibee, that transforms the ways individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and caregivers navigate their unique journeys from early intervention through adulthood.

Abilibee is designed to empower users by putting advocacy, support and resources – that help navigate New York State’s complex and difficult-to-understand systems – right at their fingertips.

“Through countless conversations with parents and caregivers, it became clear that navigating the current system for individuals with developmental disabilities is overwhelming,” said Marcy

Handler, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Abilities First, and project lead for Abilibee. “We wanted to create a solution that would close the gap, providing families with resources they need to confidently advocate and ensure they have access to the support they need and deserve.”

“At Abilities First, part of our mission has always been to empower people facing developmental challenges and their families,” said Jeffery Fox, President and CEO of Abilities First. “The various systems of services and support across New York State can be overwhelming and confusing to navigate. Abilibee represents a significant step forward for New Yorkers with disabilities looking for help and support.

This new tool is designed to guide people toward the right resources for their needs and age. With better tools and resources, like Abilibee, everyone has the potential to thrive.”

The Abilibee app is a comprehensive, all-in-one lifeline designed to guide users through critical New York State system changes and life transitions, from Early Intervention to adulthood. Its key features simplify processes and provide essential tools for effective advocacy and daily management. Some key features include step-by-step transition guidance through New York State system changes, a comprehensive resource library, a communication log to keep contacts and notes all in one place, planning tools for effective advocacy, daily

check-ins to track progress and well-being, and even positive affirmations to encourage holistic wellness.

With Abilibee, the often overwhelming process of caring for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities is transformed into manageable steps, ensuring no one faces the challenges of disability support alone. It empowers and guides the journey every step of the way. Abilibee, a progressive web app, is a free download and became available to the public via www.Abilibee.org on September 26, and is suited for users throughout New York State.

For more information or to be a tester of the app today, contact busybee@abilibee.org.

Dutchess County earns Silver Certification from New York's Climate Smart Communities Program

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the County has earned New York State's highest Climate Smart Community honor for its work in environmental preservation and climate action. Earlier this month, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) certified Dutchess County as a "Silver" Climate Smart Community (CSC) – the highest-level award available. Only 17 communities statewide, including just six counties, have earned the Silver distinction.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino stated, "Earning this Silver Certification is a significant milestone that demonstrates Dutchess County's commitment to a cleaner and greener community for this and future generations. This was achieved by developing practical goals and executing action plans that deliver real results. We are grateful to all who have helped Dutchess County earn this recognition – our County employees, our dedicated Climate Smart Task Force volunteers, and of course, our residents – together, we are continuing to make our environment healthy for our children and their children."

To qualify for Silver Certification, a local government must complete a minimum of six "priority actions" and earn a minimum of 300 points. Dutchess County's application well exceeded that criteria, achieving 10 priority actions and 326 points.

Recent accomplishments contributing to this certification include: launching the County's Natural Resources Inventory website and Environmental Mapper application earlier this year, which support land-use planning and conservation efforts; publishing the County's first greenhouse gas emissions inventory report; and adopting a climate action plan for County Government operations.

These newer initiatives complement established efforts, such as the County's

triannual Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling collection events, environmental and recycling education programs, ongoing energy efficiency upgrades, and environmental infrastructure installations, including a 1.6-megawatt solar array at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport and electric vehicle charging stations in various locations throughout the county.

Dutchess County's environmental commitment is ongoing and ever-expanding. As part of its newly adopted Climate Action Plan, the County has announced several recent environmental initiatives, including:

A methane emissions study at the closed municipal landfill at the County's Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappinger, which, if appropriate, will include the installation of biofilters to significantly reduce the amount of methane emitted into the air. This project will be funded as part of a \$3 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Climate Pollution Reduction" grant recently awarded to the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

A composting program grant to support local municipalities and public school districts in providing composting opportunities for residents with funding toward the purchase of an in-vessel composting machine or establishment of a food scrap drop-off site program.

The County has worked collaboratively with local organizations, including the Hudson Valley Regional Council and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, on many of these projects and initiatives.

Dutchess County's Environmental Program Director and Climate Smart Coordinator, Devin Rigolino, said, "Dutchess County's longstanding commitment to environmental preservation



At the New York State Association of Counties Fall Seminar earlier this month, Dutchess County Planning & Development Commissioner Eoin Wrafter and Dutchess County Environmental Program Director Devin Rigolino were presented a plaque by NYSDEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar, recognizing Dutchess County's Silver Climate Smart Community certification.

-Photo by Gail Padalino, DC Planning & Development

has evolved into a comprehensive strategy for climate adaptation and mitigation. We have established a strong cohort model with our community partners – enabling us to take on large projects like our Natural Resources Inventory and the methane emissions study/biofilter project. While Silver certification is the highest level awarded, we will keep the bar set high and continue our collective efforts to advance and achieve the County's sustainability goals."

Local residents are also encouraged to get involved with environmental protection efforts through County programs, such as:

Safe disposal of hazardous household materials and electronic waste at the

County's next Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Disposal event on Saturday, October 26th. Online registration opens on Thursday, September 26th.

K-12 students can participate in the Division of Solid Waste Management's first-ever America Recycles Day Art Challenge by creating art out of used materials, keeping them out of the waste stream. Contest rules and registration are available on Solid Waste Management's webpage.

Dutchess County remains dedicated to enhancing its environmental efforts and addressing climate change through achievable and impactful projects. For more information on Dutchess County's environmental initiatives, please visit the County's Environment webpage.

Dutchess BOCES P-Tech Program offers an Associate's Degree, hosted by WCSD



Dutchess BOCES Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jodi DeLucia, Poughkeepsie City School District Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, and Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk speak with P-Tech participants at Roy C. Ketcham High School.

-Courtesy photo

For the first time in New York State, students have an opportunity to earn an associate's degree along with their high school diploma in four years, as part of a partnership between Dutchess County BOCES, Dutchess Community College, Wappingers Central School District, The Council of Industry, and OnSemi.

This hands-on, project-based PTECH (Pathways in Technology) program prepares students for careers in science, technology, engineering and math. It will be hosted at Roy C. Ketcham High School, in the Wappingers Central School District, with students from Arlington Central School District, Poughkeepsie City School District, and Pawling Central School District also attending.

"We are so glad to have all of you here," Wappingers CSD Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said. "You are students of your own districts, yes...but

you are also our students." He encouraged the students to ask questions and give feedback. "You will set the foundation for the success of this program, and we are here to support you."

City of Poughkeepsie Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser agreed. "Learn from one another and support each other," he told students. "Being the first cohort, you have the great responsibility of demonstrating how beneficial this program will be to the students who come after you."

Dutchess BOCES Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jodi DeLucia added, "We are so excited to offer this opportunity to learn together, work with industry partners, spend time in the labs at Dutchess Community College and leave high school already prepared for many job opportunities. We are all dedicated to your success."

Learn more at: <https://dcboces.org/ptech>.

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Consistent winning ways make Renegades remarkable

By Rich Thomaselli

It's not like the Hudson Valley Renegades were left for dead or anything after a subpar first half of the peaceful season.

But the turnaround was nonetheless remarkable.

Behind phenomenal pitching and timely hitting, Hudson Valley stormed to a second half North Division title in the South Atlantic League and made the playoffs. It was the fifth time in the last eight years that the team made the postseason.

The Renegades went to the bitter end. In a best of three championship series against Bowling Green on the last day of the season, Hudson Valley lost. But the franchise has done something that is simply unexpected at the Class A level of minor league baseball.

Win.

"The level of consistency is just a testament to the parent club," manager Nick Ortiz said, referring to the New York Yankees.

Indeed, it is. This level of the minor leagues is like a bus stop for many players. The Yankees made more than 30 roster moves this year involving players with Hudson Valley. And that's what you're supposed to do at this level when you are evaluating talent. But it does make it difficult to achieve team chemistry and consistency.

Yet somehow the Renegades were able to put it all together. And some of the success has to be attributed to Ortiz and the coaching staff for having the right temperament and attitude to deal at this level. And some of the success has to be directed at the Yankees' scouts and player development staff.

For fans who passed through Heritage Financial Park this year and saw players like Trent Sellers and Roc Riggio - a classic baseball name, by the way - they will harken back to Wappingers Falls and be able to say, "I saw him when."

And what more could you ask for?

The wins and the championships are all icing on the cake.

Six Renegades players move to Arizona league

By Rich Thomaselli

For those in the professional ranks, baseball is never really over.

Less than two weeks after the Hudson Valley Renegades made it to the South Atlantic League championship series, the New York Yankees and the Arizona Fall League announced that six former Hudson Valley Renegades players and one coach have been selected to participate in the 2024 Arizona Fall League.

The six players include RHP Harrison Cohen (2023-24) INF Ben Cowles (22-

23), INF Caleb Durbin (23), C Rafael Flores (23-24) RHP Jackson Fristoe (24), OF Garrett Martin (24). Additionally, Defensive Coach Derek Woodley (23-24) will serve as an Extra Coach. Cohen, Durbin, Flores, Fristoe, Martin and Woodley will suit up for the Salt River Rafters, while Cowles, who was traded to the Chicago Cubs in July, will play for the Mesa SolarSox.

Additionally, RHP Ryan Harvey of the Tampa Tarpons will represent the Yankees on the Salt River Rafters in 2024.

Army moves to 4-0 with win over Temple

By Rich Thomaselli

Don't look now, but the football team at the nearby United States Military Academy just might be having one of those great years.

Army is 4-0 after a 42-14 victory over Temple last week.

Quarterback Bryson Daily rushed for three touchdowns for the second week in a row and led the team to newly 500 yards of offense, including more than 400 on the ground.

Defensively, the Cadets had seven

sacks and held Temple to negative-5 yards rushing. It was the most Army sacks since the 2018 Armed Forces Bowl win over Houston. Army has eight consecutive wins dating back to last year, tied with Missouri for the most in the nation.

Army headed into the contest ranked No. 2 in the nation in rushing. Army is scheduled to play Tulsa on October 5 for the first time in 17 years.

The Black Knights of the Hudson are one of 23 teams in the country with an unbeaten record.

Buy tickets to Tioronda Garden Club's Autumn Evening Cocktail Party

The Tioronda Garden Club of Beacon will again host their annual Autumn Evening Cocktail Party on Wednesday, October 9, from 7-9 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, in Beacon. This event will benefit the garden club's mission to beautify Beacon. Wine, appetizers, and desserts will be provided by the garden club members

and musical entertainment will be provided by The Diana Ferrera Trio. There will also be several raffles available. Tickets are \$25 and are limited. Reservations are required.

For tickets or information please contact Gary Barrack at gbarrack1@gmail.com or Geri Fuller at fullergeri@yahoo.com.

BHS alumna selected for Television Academy Foundation Internship Program

Beacon High School alumna Meera Patel has been selected for the prestigious Television Academy Foundation Internship Program. She is one of just five students chosen by Television Academy members from across the country for the 2024 Fall Internship Program. The Foundation offers paid internships at top Hollywood studios and production companies annually to college students nationwide.

Patel is currently a graduate student at Boston University working toward a master's degree in television producing and writing. She will be an interactive media intern this fall at Getty Images in Los Angeles through the Foundation's program.

Originally from Beacon, Patel attended Beacon High School.

"I'm very excited to be involved in the professional side of the TV industry," said Patel. "During my undergrad, I was in health sciences, and I changed my career trajectory to television production for my master's degree. My extracurriculars in TV studio production, film and photography have been primarily school-based. I can't wait to get out there and perform hands-on work that I will be able to use in the future."

"I am a South Asian woman; and although on the rise, we are still vastly underrepresented in Hollywood," continued Patel. "I am not only in this industry for myself but for all the Desis who need someone to look up to. One day, I hope to be that inspiration for my community and make them proud."

The Television Academy Foundation shapes the art of creating television by engaging and educating the next generation of television professionals, providing essential resources that help them discover their voices, refine their skills and forge rewarding careers in every sector of the television industry. The Internship Program provides over 50 students from across the nation with hands-on work experience, mentorships and opportunities for accelerated career development in more than 30 disciplines annually.

The Television Academy Foundation's Internship Program also provides profes-



Meera Patel

-Courtesy photo

sional development sessions with leaders in the television industry and customized seminars covering personal brand-building and navigating the job market ahead for participating students.

Foundation alumni include prominent writers, producers, documentarians, creative executives, network presidents and more. Interns also automatically become members of the Foundation's alumni family giving them access to year-round events and networking opportunities as they build their careers in the industry.

LOCAL SPORTS

By Rich Thomaselli

Arlington boys soccer team gains key win over Beacon

It's almost hard to believe that this is now officially considered an intersectional matchup.

But it will always be a rivalry between two of Dutchess County's elite high school soccer programs.

In a defensive battle, Arlington High School held off Beacon, 2-0, in a boys soccer game.

The Bulldogs now play in Section 9; Arlington plays in Section 1. Both schools have a strong pedigree. Arlington has won three state championships and was a state semifinalist last year. The Admirals have a strong feeder program and have had just three coaches in the last 40 years. Beacon has won three consecutive sectional championships.

This was the first shutout victory of the

season for Arlington.

Late TD pass sends Arlington to 28-21 victory over John Jay

The Arlington High School football team has re-established its dominance in Dutchess County.

And at a place that is notoriously known for being inhospitable.

Ryan Rancourt threw a touchdown pass to Jayden Tuttle with less than 30 seconds to play, to give the Admirals an important 28-21 road victory over John Jay last week.

Arlington made it all the way to the Section 1 championship game last year before falling to Putnam County's Carmel.

Tuttle not only had the game-winning touchdown catch but, moments later, also had the game-ending interception.

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Meet Sparky the Dog at East Fishkill Fire District's Annual Open House on Oct. 6

The East Fishkill Fire District's Annual Open House will be held from noon - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the East Fishkill Fire District Headquarters, 2502 Route 52, in East Fishkill.

There will be live demonstrations, Touch-A-Truck, hands-on activities, fire safety and prevention information. There will be pet adoptions with Paw Safe Animal Rescue and more.

Register for 'America Recycles Day Art Challenge' by Oct. 18

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced the County's Division of Solid Waste Management has launched its first ever "America Recycles Day Art Challenge," with the goal of teaching local students about recycling and encouraging them to reuse items that might otherwise be thrown away. The art challenge is open to every elementary-, middle- and high-school student in Dutchess County and encourages young people to learn more about recycling, and creatively express the importance of recycling in their community.

Serino said, "Recycling is such an important part of ensuring the health of our planet for future generations. This art contest is a fun and creative way to teach kids about recycling and instill important lifelong habits that will help reduce waste. I encourage all students, art teachers and schools throughout Dutchess County to take part in this great program to help inspire our entire community to recycle more."

To participate in Dutchess County's "America Recycles Day Art Challenge," students need to register by Oct. 18, with artwork submissions due by Nov. 8th. Artwork must be created out of used materials that can be recycled, such as

paper, aluminum, plastic and glass, among others. The art can be two- or three-dimensional. (Non-recyclable materials, such as glue and tape, can be used as needed for construction.) Contest registration and specific criteria for projects, as well as the contest's rules and guidance, are available on the Division of Solid Waste Management's webpage.

Dutchess County Recycling Educator Dani White said, "This is a fun way for young people to think about all the items in our everyday life that can and should be recycled or reused. We are excited to see how they reimagine what might otherwise be considered 'trash' - such as empty bottles or packaging from a delivery - and create something new and beautiful."

Artwork submissions can be created in school as part of class projects or can be submitted on an individual basis. Submissions, including photos of the artwork must be submitted by November 8th for judging. Artwork will be judged on three criteria: clarity, description and creativity. Submissions will be divided into age groups for judging. A winner and runner-up will be selected for each of the following age groups:

- Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade to 5th Grade



Register for "America Recycles Day Art Challenge" by Oct. 18. Entries are due by Nov. 8. Shown is a landscape made of battle caps.

-Courtesy image

- 6th Grade to 8th Grade
- 9th Grade to 12th Grade

Winners will be announced on America Recycles Day - Friday, Nov. 15 - and the winning pieces will be publicly displayed at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Educational Center at the FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park from Nov. 18 to Dec. 4, 2024. The

winning pieces will also be displayed at County Executive Serino's 2025 State of the County Address.

Local schools, homeschool groups and any other school-aged child interested in taking advantage of this fun opportunity, contact Dani White at solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or by calling 845-463-6020.

AcroStrum to perform at the Howland Cultural Center on October 6

The Howland Chamber Music Circle (HCMC) continues its 2024-2025 chamber series with the path-breaking violin and guitar duo, ArcoStrum at the Howland Cultural

Center on Sunday, October 6 at 5 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are



AcroStrum will perform at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sunday, October 6.

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invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org. The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon.

ArcoStrum won - and received the Audience Prize - the 2023 Concert Artists Guild (CAG) Elmaleh Competition in New York; it is the first-ever violin-guitar duo to win the competition in its 70+ year history. The ArcoStrum duo met at Juilliard; violinist Strauss Shi took first prizes at the USC Thornton Concerto Competition, Mondavi Center Young Artists Competition and United States International Music Competition, while guitarist TY Zhang is the recent Grand Prize winner of the Guitar Foundation of America-International Concert Artist

Competition (GFA-ICAC).

Violinist Strauss Shi also plays two traditional Chinese instruments - the erhu and the dizi, while TY Zhang will play both acoustic and electric guitars. At HCMC, they will perform primarily their own arrangements of compositions ranging from Vivaldi's to Piazzolla's to Haihuai Huang's. It promises to be an electrifying afternoon.

HCMC now offers a ticket pricing structure to include music lovers who may have been unable to afford our tickets in the past. A limited number of tickets will be available on a pay-what-you-wish basis. These tickets will be released one week prior to each concert.

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Maybe gum can make you smarter, but it still sticks to your shoes

Gum chewing increases blood flow and, thereby, oxygenation of the brain. Memory and emotional processing centers buried deep within the cerebrum can also be stimulated with the activity. Chewing gum results in greater neural activity, increased alertness, and improved cognitive performance. Those are all beneficial effects, but there's more to the story!

Gum has been around a long time

Gum chewing from plant-derived substances developed independently in many early civilizations. The Mayans, who lived in Central America from 1500 BCE until about 900 CE, chewed chicle. Mastic was chewed by the Ancient Greeks. Both chicle and mastic are tree resins. Native Americans chewed resin made from the sap of spruce trees.

The New England settlers picked up this practice. Around 1850 a gum made from paraffin wax, a petroleum product, was developed and exceeded the popularity of spruce gum. Soon sugar and flavors were added to the product. The increasing popularity of gum, as well as the cost of processing tree gum, caused manufacturers to switch to synthetic rubber as a gum base.

Today's gum is classified as 'food'

According to the FDA, chewing gum is a food. However, many of the ingredients in gum base have uses in inedible products.

Gum manufacturers can just list "gum base" on their ingredient lists. Examples of approved gum bases include polyisobutylene (which is used to manufacture inner tubes), polyethylene (used in making hula hoops), polyvinyl acetate (which is found in glue), and butyl rubber (used for caulking and the linings of car tires).

Chewy and sticky

Molecules that are in chewing gum base are hydrophobic. This makes the gum repel saliva in a consumer's mouth. Saliva dissolves the sugars and flavorings in chewing gum, but not the gum base itself. This allows for gum to be chewed for a long time without breaking down like conventional foods.

While hydrophobic molecules beneficially repel water and contribute to chewiness, they also detrimentally attract oil. This makes gum sticky! It bonds to oily surfaces such as walkways, skin, hair, and shoe soles. To make matters worse, unsticking gum is difficult because the gum base stretches, rather than breaks.

Environmental effects and recycling efforts

Chewing gum is not water-soluble. It is commonly found stuck beneath benches, tables, and handrails. Gum bonds strongly to asphalt and concrete paving. Removal is generally achieved by steam jet and scraper,



Gum, chewy and sticky -- and classified as food by the FDA.

-Photo by Francine Wizner

but the process is slow and labor-intensive.

Although there are companies that recycle gum, none are local. Colleen Pillus, Communications Director for Dutchess County Government, told me that, "Gum litter has not been a significant issue at our parks facilities. Our visitors generally take care to follow [the] Carry In/Carry Out protocol. While gum recycling receptacles are not on our current list of environmental initiatives, Dutchess County has many other initiatives focused on protecting our environment."

Information about those programs is avail-

able at www.dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.

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

Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

Big Read opens this weekend, celebrates 60th anniversary of Civil Rights Act

Each year, the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) chooses a book for the Big Read, which encourages the community to read, discuss, and participate in thematic events. This year PPLD recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

The Big Read selection is "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row" by Anthony Ray Hinton. Visit <https://poklib.org/> to register for events and the complete calendar.

Opening events this weekend include:

Opera Talk: "Marian Anderson, an American Icon"

Friday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church (20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie)

Registration required

Marian Anderson is a cultural icon whose contralto voice broke through racial barriers in the operatic world and ultimately in American society. Her beautiful, illustrious voice is most memorable through her controversial recital on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 and her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1955.

This presentation by opera singer, arts librarian, and founder of Opera Talks, Tanisha Mitchell, will include an audiovisual look at Marian Anderson's career, as well as a live aria performed by Tanisha. This program will take place at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie.

the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. Registered attendees can visit the Library's special exhibition, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts," free of charge before the program, from 2 to 4 p.m. This event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center and streamed live to the official FDR Presidential Library YouTube and Facebook accounts.

Future Big Read Events include:

Redlining in Poughkeepsie, Oct. 10

Film Screening: "John Lewis: Good Trouble," Oct. 16

Let's Get Personal: Stories from Black Leaders in Our Community, Oct. 17

Keynote event: An Afternoon with Anthony Ray Hinton, Oct. 19

Activism-Inspired Art Workshop, Oct. 23

Eleanor Roosevelt and the Fight for Civil Rights, Oct. 24

Sweet Honey in the Rock, Nov. 3



A talk by Tanisha Mitchell will open this year's Big Read, which celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

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Obituaries

John P. Halvey



POUGHKEEPSIE - John P. Halvey, a 27-year resident of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Beacon, entered into rest on September 28, 2024 at home. He was 79 years old.

John was born on August 8, 1945 in Newburgh, the son of the late John J. and Margeret Forrestal Halvey. He graduated from Beacon High School and received his Bachelor's of Science in Economics from Villanova University in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. John retired from the New York State Office of Mental Health in 2001 after 31 years of service. He had worked the majority of his career at the Hudson River Psychiatric Center and then the Middletown

Psychiatric Center in the office of Patient Resources.

John loved watching sports. He also enjoyed traveling with Su to watch the Villanova Basketball team and the L.A. Dodgers play across the US. He also enjoyed traveling with Su all over the U.S., especially to Hilton Head Island.

John is survived by his beloved partner of 27 years, Su Biggio; his sister, Ellen Norman and her husband, Harry; his brother, Peter Halvey; his 6 nephews and 1 niece; Su's loving family, Sally B. LaPierre, Stacey (Grace) Biggio and Stephen R. Biggio.

Family and friends will gather on Wednesday, October 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday, October 3 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Memorial donations in memory of John may be made to either the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley or to the Dutchess County SPCA.

To send personal condolences, please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of his nephews, William J. Halvey and Patrick J. Halvey.

Robert (Bob) L. Byrum, Sr.



FORMERLY OF WAPPINGERS FALLS - Robert (Bob) L. Byrum, Sr. passed away peacefully on September 22, 2024 at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness. Bob was born on April 9, 1936 in Bronx, New York the son of the late Theron (Tom) and Anne (LaTempa) Byrum.

Bob was predeceased by his wife of 54 years Christine (Patterson) Byrum and his sons Thomas and Steven Byrum. Bob lived and worked in Wappingers Falls for most of his life until he moved to East Greenbush in 1996.

He was employed by IBM as a Mechanical Engineer and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, wood working and spending time with his family. He served in the Naval Reserves for 8 years and was an active member of the Lions Club and

St. Mary's CYO.

Survivors include his son, Robert L. Byrum Jr. of Rhinebeck and his daughter, Cynthia Ann Ravidia (Patrick) of East Greenbush, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the convenience of his family. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the Bleeding Disorders Association of Northeastern New York (www.bdaneny.org).

Joan Webster



FISHKILL - (Margaret) Joan Webster, a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, joined her very loved and gentle husband, Harry, and their decades of rescued dogs and cats in well-deserved Heaven on September 26, 2024.

Joan was born on March 4, 1933 to Margaret J. Haley and her husband Anthony P. Delerede in Newburgh, NY.

Joan attended Catholic schools in Newburgh, attending St. Patrick's Elementary and Mount Saint Mary Academy where she was an excellent student. She became a successful and well-thought of secretary at IBM, retiring in 1987.

Joan was active in many Hudson Valley organizations and very fond of raising

money, especially for music scholarships.

In addition to her husband, Harry, and her parents, Joan will catch up with her many family members and friends who predeceased her. She leaves her love and thanks to those who are still on this earth, most especially to cousin Eileen and her large extended family; her friends, Kim (who saved her life one time!) and Elfriede; to Tri-State Alternatives, who sent Joan some fantastic 24-7 caregivers, especially Daisy Alliksaar and Tatyana Best (who truly was the best!); and finally, to Hudson Valley Hospice, who made these last months comfortable, painless, and loved.

Calling hours will be held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Wednesday, October 2nd from 10 - 11 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:30 am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

Donations may be made in memory of Joan to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or an animal rescue of your choice. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoul-funeralhome.com.

Barbara Piazza



POUGHKEEPSIE - Barbara Piazza, 85, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on September 26, 2024 at Vassar Bros. Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY. Visitation was on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Graveside Services were offered in Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill, NY. If you wish to read the full obituary or send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Theodore Henry

BEACON - Theodore Edward Henry, a life-long Beacon resident, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing at Beacon; at the age of 92. He was born in Beacon, NY on July 6, 1932, son of the late Council Henry and Adelia Elizabeth (Demond) Henry. Growing up he attended the St. James AME Church in Beacon. He graduated from Beacon High School.

Theodore served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1954 and received an honorable discharge; his rank was corporal.

Theodore worked for over 20-years as a machinist starting at the Tuck Tape Manufacturing Plant in Beacon, and later retired from the Chemprene Plant. Later years he enjoyed his outings to the Grand Union and KeyFood stores, where he would meet up with friends, family, and even strangers turned friends.

Along with his parents, Theodore was also predeceased by his brother James Council Henry. He leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, even grand-nieces & grand-nephews, and good friends.

His Family will gather to Celebrate & Honor his Life with a Graveside Service on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 11AM in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery Veterans Section, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524; where Military Honors will be rendered by the United States Army Honor Guard. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.LibbyFuneralHome.com.

Walkway annual fundraiser set Oct. 4

On Friday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 10 p.m., the community is invited to attend Starry Starry Night to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the grand opening of Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park and its profound impact on our region. Held on the banks of the Hudson River at Upper Landing Park in Poughkeepsie, Starry Starry Night is a festival-like evening that showcases the bounty of the Hudson Valley. For complete information and to reserve tickets, \$195 per person, visit walkway.org/starrystarrynight.

Main Course Catering will ensure guests enjoy numerous food and drink stations fea-

turing chef-crafted culinary creations expertly paired with local wines, beers, and spirits before taking a moonlit elevator ride with friends to stroll the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge at twilight, soaking in amazing views you can't find anywhere else. All attendees will be amazed by the talents of local artists and musicians and awed by a one-of-a-kind fireworks experience.

"Starry Starry Night is the Walkway's signature annual fundraiser," said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. "The support we receive is a significant reason

why we're able to deliver on our mission to ensure the Walkway is an open, inclusive, and welcoming space for all that's rich with amenities, events, and programs to leave a wonderful impression on everyone who steps foot in our park."

This year, Starry Starry Night honors the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and celebrates the system's centennial year. Through a dynamic partnership, the Friends of the Walkway works closely with the New York State Parks team to ensure Walkway Over the Hudson is both a world-class tourism

destination and amenity-rich community space for local residents to enjoy.

"The successful collaboration between the Friends and Parks team is what makes the Walkway so special for our visitors," said Maureen Solero, board chair, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. "For 15 years at the Walkway and 100 years across the state, New York State Parks has worked tirelessly to create amazing environments for recreation of all types that are inclusive and accessible to all. There is no more integral partner to celebrate at Starry Starry Night."

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County Players to present CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #1 October 4-6

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area will present the 2024-2024 Mini-Festival #1 in the CP2 Readers Theatre Series from October 4-6 at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main, Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1- "Eleanor" by Mark St. Germain will be presented Friday, October 4 at 8 p.m., and Saturday October 5 at 2 p.m., and is directed by Jeffrey Battersby. An absorbing, thoughtful portrait, this one-woman show brings to life Eleanor Roosevelt, the most influential First Lady the world has ever seen. From her "Ugly Duckling" upbringing to her unorthodox marriage to Franklin, Eleanor puts her controversial life, loves and passions on the stage. This talented cast features Emily Holland, with Bruce Pileggi.

Reading #2- "Underneath the Lintel" by Glen Gerber will be presented Saturday, October 5 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m., and is directed by Christine Crawfis. When a reclusive librarian discovers a 113-year overdue book in the night slot, curiosity compels her to pursue the borrower. Her search for answers leads to a worldwide, whirlwind journey, where she discovers instead the great mysteries of humanity. The reading

features local actors Connie Rotunda, with Dylan Parkin.

CP2 Readers Theatre is an exciting series at County Players which offers an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays with full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience great theater stripped to its essence: the playwright's words.

Reserved Seating is \$15 per reading, and only \$20 both readings on the same weekend. Visit countyplayers.org and at the top of the main page select **BUY TICKETS**. Ticket options are limited to mobile/digital or print-at-home only, as no printed tickets will be available for "will call" until further notice. COVID-19 Policy: masks are optional.

The next season of CP2 Series Readers Theatre, as well as the Main Stage Productions for 2024-2025 are listed at countyplayers.org/season-67/.

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by mark adams



Marijuana growers are making the switch

Exciting alternatives to the latest 'cash crop'

Marijuana is so boring. All my friends, and me, lost interest in growing marijuana as soon as it became legal. Now we're on to bigger and better things. Jesse Eldrid is making a fortune selling giant sunflower seeds on eBay. I'm raising 85,000 poinsettias. And Craig Domonkos is growing figs.

Back in the day, Craig was a world famous breeder, crossing homegrown with Afghani hash plants to create the first hybrid that would reliably mature in the Hudson Valley. On top of that, Craig is an incredible musician, a champion at video games, (remember "Centipede"?) and he holds a world's record in stunt flying radio controlled airplanes. We went to Live Aid together, saw Van Halen, Metallica, and the Rolling Stones in 1981 - (We almost didn't go because we thought they were too old). Craig and his wife Loretta own the Hobby House on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie.

Now Craig is devoting all his considerable energy into growing 18 varieties of figs. Last week Craig hosted a fig tasting at my house, in conjunction with one of our Sunday pool parties. We tried seven different varieties:

- Chicago Hardy - The most widely grown fig in the Hudson Valley. Yields up to 70 figs on each bush. This is the first one that Loretta gifted to Craig, 10 years ago, in an attempt to get him to stop growing anything illegal (it worked). Delicious nutty flavor.
- Brown Turkey - Also weathers the cold, at least down to 10 degrees. Deep burgundy color with with contrasting pink center. Perfect for snacking straight off the tree.
- Napoli - From Mount Etna in Sicily. Fairly cold-hardy, bears lots of small to medium size fruit.
- Violet de Bordeaux - Deep purple, almost black skin when ripe with a red flesh giving berry and honey notes. Its smaller tree size makes it ideal for containers.
- Nero 600 M - This is a variety Craig found thriving at 600 meters in the Italian

alps. So it should make it through the winter in our climate (more on this later). A favorite among our participants.

• Pop-pops - Craig's friend George from the Smoke Haus in Hopewell Junction gave him a cutting from a fig that his great-grandfather smuggled over from the old country in his shoe. It turned out to be an incredible, flavorful heirloom.

• White Triana - This is a huge fig, pale on the outside with a rich rosy center. It won our taste competition, maybe because it's so unusual. And tasty.

Craig has a forest of figs covering his driveway. Loretta complains that she has no place to park.

I asked Craig what he does with the hundreds of figs he harvests every day, besides give them to friends and to customers at the Hobby House. He

makes jam:

2 pounds of figs with a little water, lemon zest, honey, cinnamon, nutmeg, a pinch of salt. Boil, mash with a potato masher, simmer for one to two hours until thick. Then pack them into sterilized jars, and process them the traditional way, in a boiling water bath.

Craig is not Italian, but I am, so I should be raising fig trees they way they do it on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. Those guys down there, when they're not tending their racing pigeons, dig a long trench and bend the fig trees down into the trench, covering it with soil. This provides winter protection. Craig prunes his trees to a manageable size and grows them in 10- to 15-gallon buckets. For soil, he uses half Coast of Maine Lobster and Crab compost, and half Coast of

Main Bar Harbor Blend.

Fertilize with a balanced plant food, 5-5-5 or 3-3-3, for example. When the fruits appear, cut down on the nitrogen. Leave the potted fig trees outside until we get a hard frost, maybe until Christmas. The leaves will fall off. Then move them to an unheated garage, keeping them slightly moist until spring time.

One more thing - Craig tells me that a fig is not a fruit, it's a flower. He's selling a dozen different varieties at the Hobby House, 2290 South Road in Poughkeepsie. He shared his phone number for anyone who wants information about growing figs: 845-723-4163.

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

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Sudoku solution

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man, Part County Sewer District #2 in the Town of Pleasant Valley, Part County Sewer District #7 and #8 in the Town of Hyde Park and Part County Sewer District #10 in the Towns of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, have been filed with the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature and are available for inspection at her office at 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday starting September 16, 2024.

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of October 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

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1. Fountain order
5. Christian minister, abbr.
8. Betelgeuse or Deneb
12. Isaac's firstborn
13. Senegal's neighbor
14. Nobody (2 words)
15. Bangladeshi currency
16. Chopin's creation, e.g.
17. Like thick smoke
18. *Greek goddess in 1995 Woody Allen movie title
20. *Mars, to the Greeks
21. Ooze out
22. Edible tuber
23. *Poet of "Aeneid" fame
26. **Pair of writing tablets"
30. Outrage
31. A small part
34. European currency
35. Jousting pole
37. B & B
38. Sunni religion
39. Et alibi, abbr.
40. Newspaper VIP
42. First woman, Biblically-speaking
43. Return of disease
45. Washer, during a certain cycle
47. Last month
48. Belittle
50. Taro plant
52. *Athenian Acropolis tourist attraction
56. Anticipate
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Small European freshwater fish
59. *#18 Across, to Romans
60. Big cat sound
61. Future atty.'s exam
62. Work units
63. Tight one, in football
64. Sunrise direction

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1. Facebook owner
2. Quickly, acr.
3. Hundred thousand, in India
4. Sahara's Berber people
5. R in R.E.M.
6. Wash out with solvent
7. Workbench holding device
8. *Plato's famous teacher
9. Ripped
10. Black tropical cuckoo
11. *Not black-figure, but ____-figure
13. Spacecraft's detachable unit
14. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
19. Oxygen-containing compound
22. *Olive derivative
23. More reprehensible
24. About to explode
25. Kidney-related
26. Exertion
27. Christmastides
28. Have a hankering
29. *Poet of "Iliad" fame
32. Ocean motion
33. "Wheel of Fortune" request (2 words)
36. *"I, ____"
38. Like Bushmills whiskey
40. Boston time
41. *Demosthenes of Cicero
44. Land parcels
46. Conifer's leaf
48. New York Jets' quarterback
49. Bakery offering
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'Unity in the Community' highlights Spirit of Beacon Day



The 47th annual Spirit of Beacon Day was held on Main Street in Beacon on Sunday, Sept. 29. The theme of the annual event this year was "Unity in the Community." Clockwise from top left, bagpipers from the Amerscot Highland Pipe Band played the bagpipes, while members of the Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School bands also offered musical selections during the festivities. The Beacon Sloop Club members carry their sign. Yanarella School of Dance celebrated the day by taking part in the parade. Beacon Historical Society members walk the Main St. parade route. South Avenue Elementary School faculty, staff, and families went 'under the sea' for the day with their float for this year's parade. Spirit of Beacon Day has been held since 1977. The yearly event takes place on the last Sunday in September.

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