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Youth Livestock Sale participants learn from ‘amazing experiences’

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 Youth in Agriculture at the Dutchess County Fair

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Ashley's passion for teaching
 Ashley Keck has been showing her best cattle at the Dutchess County Fair for 12 years and is now a member of the Junior Fair Board and a Dutchess County Fair Board. In an interview, she talks to youth about the benefits of agriculture.
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Matthew's dedication
 Matthew Morgan is a rising senior at John Jay High School and the president of the school's FFA chapter. Throughout his three years in FFA, Morgan has been able to expand his knowledge of veterinary science, agriculture, leadership and more. He can talk with Matthew and other FFA members in the Salute to Agriculture tent at the Dutchess County Fair.
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Hope's enthusiasm
 Hope Miller is a rising junior at Shrewsbury High School. She is the vice-president of the Fair Plans FFA chapter, a role that requires responsibility and dedication. She is passionate about agriculture and will be helping at the Fair showing animals and with her FFA chapter and the Agriculture display.
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Julia extends knowledge
 Julia Farnsworth is the president of the Fair of Dutchess County FFA chapter and will be representing the Dutchess County FFA at the Fair. She works with other Fair staff and Fair Board members and will be helping at the Fair showing animals at the Dutchess County Fair.
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Youth Livestock Sale participants include, from left, Lyriss Pennock, Tessa Mashburn, Ashley Keck and James Roush. In front are Elianna Fell, Jackson Crisp and Elizabeth Mashburn. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Events set Saturday at Dutchess County Fair

By Curtis Schmidt

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

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

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

"The people you meet, which turn into

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

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

"Raising and showing animals all my life has been the greatest experience I could have asked for. It has taught me responsibility, humility, patience and the value of hard work," he said. "I've had to

deliver lambs morning and night while juggling homework and school. This has helped me learn to manage my time better. I've learned through countless failures the value of hard work, sacrifice and perseverance."

Tessa Mashburn will "be thrilled to share my knowledge and showcase my rabbits." She raises and shows French Champagne d'Argent rabbits, which she said, "has taught me the art of refinement and attention to detail. As a home-schooler, I've had the opportunity to cultivate

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Sheriff's office to conduct Operation Safe Child at Fair

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

that the Fair is open (8/20 - 8/25), and will be located at the Sheriff's Office tent inside the fairgrounds.

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

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

Serino establishes independent departments of Health, Mental Health, and Office of Veterans Affairs

First announced in her State of the County address, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced last week that the three major service areas under the Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) - Mental Health, Public Health and Veterans Services - are now on their way to becoming independent departments. The reorganization was formally approved with bipartisan support on August 12 during the Dutchess County Legislature's August Board meeting.

"Mental health, in particular, is an issue that is near and dear to my heart and having heard from neighbors of all ages about their own challenges, we need to commit ourselves to increasing and expanding services to meet this growing need," said Serino. "When people are

looking for services and resources in times of need, we want to be doing all that we can to make it easy to figure out where to go and who to talk to. Which is why, one of the very first steps our administration took earlier this year was to start the planning process for a reorganization of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, so both mental health and public health could have their own seat at the table. This alignment also ensures Dutchess County can take advantage of the growing resources that may be available and focus on the critical issues that are affecting our neighbors."

As independent departments, there is greater visibility for each service area, making it easier for residents to find the services and resources they need.

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ANTIQUE TRACTOR PART OF FAIR'S CENTURY VILLAGE



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

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Volunteers are needed for the 33rd Annual JPMorgan Chase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival. Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at Tymor Park in Union Vale.

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- Drive a Golf Cart: Assist with transporting guests and supplies around the festival grounds.
- Tend to the Bar: Serve drinks and manage the bar area.
- Park Cars: Direct attendees to parking spots and help manage the flow of traffic.
- Balloon Crew: Help pilots with their balloons.
- Runners: Help to deliver the logistics of the festival.
- Help set-up/clean-up

Register at <https://www.dccoc.org/balloonfestinvolved>

J. McLaughlin announces opening of new store in Village of Rhinebeck

American Sportswear brand J. McLaughlin has announced the opening of its newest store on Friday, August 9 located at 6423 Montgomery Street in the Village of Rhinebeck.

The 800 square foot store – designed with a modern classic look in a color palette of reds and navy with white oak cabinets – will feature only the latest women's collections of meticulously crafted apparel and accessories in high-quality fabrics.

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Serino establishes independent departments of Health, Mental Health and Office of Veterans Affairs

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Additionally, the change positions the County to take advantage of increasing mental health resources at the state and federal level as mental health challenges continue to grow nationally.

The law will take effect once filed with the Secretary of State, which will be done following the conclusion of a public hearing and signing by the County Executive.

The three independent departments/units will be known as, and led by:

Department of Health (DOH) led by Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado;

Department of Mental Health (DMH) led by Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr, LCSW-R;

Office of Veterans Affairs led by Director Adam Roche, United States Marines (Ret).

In separate resolutions, the County Legislature confirmed Jean-Marie Niebuhr as Commissioner for the newly created Department of Mental Health and Adam Roche as Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

“Having dedicated her career to improving mental health, Jean-Marie has been a tremendous resource to Dutchess County, and I am confident that as Commissioner she will guide the new department well and strive to expand mental health services for our entire community,” Serino said. “As mental health challenges continue to affect individuals of all ages and walks of life, she has the compassion and experience needed to address this ongoing crisis.”

Jean-Marie Niebuhr has served as the Deputy Commissioner for DBCH and Director of Community Services since 2017, when she began working with the County after a long tenure in social work with various mental health organizations and government partners. As Commissioner, she will continue to oversee all activities related to mental health, including the community mental health, chemical dependency, and intellectual and developmental disabilities services.

The Department of Mental Health, located at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, provides services and programs for individuals living with mental health and/or substance use issues including prevention, treatment, recovery and support, in cooperation with a local network of contract agency partners. Among the services offered through DMH are 24/7 crisis services, including Dutchess County's 988 Suicide & Crisis HELPLINE, the walk-in Stabilization Center at 230 North Road and the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team. As part of the reorganization, the All-Abilities Division, as well as the Commission on Human Rights, will be part of the new Mental

Health Department.

Adam Roche has served as Veterans Services Director since 2020. Before serving with Dutchess County Government, he led Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Vet2Vet Program as the Program Manager, where he connected countless veterans from across the County with the critical resources necessary to adjust back to civilian life and assist those struggling with PTSD, TBI or other mental health challenges. A veteran himself, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2000, when he trained as an infantry machine gunner. He was deployed three times, including being one of the first units deployed to Iraq.

The Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, located in Suite #2 at the MHA Veterans One-Stop facility at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley, provides professional, personalized analysis for every veteran and their family for the greatest assurance they receive all benefits they have earned from the veteran's Honorable Service, rendering nearly 20,000 contact services annually to veterans and families.

Serino said, “I have always been amazed by the way Adam fully dedicates himself to advocating for the local veterans across our region, but especially those here in Dutchess County. Never seeking acknowledgement, the number of lives he has touched is immeasurable as he always goes above and beyond to help our community's veterans. Adam is a true American hero; his continued dedication to service is a testament to his remarkable character.”

The Department of Health, located at 85 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie (with satellite offices in Millbrook and Beacon) will continue its focus on public health and providing services and resources to help people lead healthy lives, under the direction of current Commissioner Santiago. Key functional areas will continue to be Environmental Health Services, Public Health & Disease Prevention, Medical Examiner's Office and Emergency Preparedness (in partnership with the Department of Emergency Response). Early Intervention/Preschool Special Education and Weights & Measures will continue to be divisions within the Department of Health.

The reorganization has no fiscal impact to the County for fiscal year 2024, as the three departments will use funding previously appropriated to the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. To learn more about Dutchess County's mental health, public health and veteran services, visit www.dutchessny.gov.

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

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

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

"Supporting law enforcement and our first responders shouldn't be partisan - it's about delivering for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to keep our community safe. The Real Time Crime Intelligence Center and new two-way public safety radio system will be

absolute game-changers for Dutchess County," said Ryan. "For months, I've worked with Sheriff Imperati, County Executive Serino, and District Attorney Parisi to get these applications in place, and I'm proud to announce both public safety projects are now officially nominated for federal funding. Together, we're going to cut down on crime, shrink response times, and continue to make Dutchess County a safer community for everyone."

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

"On behalf of the men and women at the Sheriff's Office I would like to thank Congressman Ryan, County Executive



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

Serino, and District Attorney Parisi for all of their hard work and dedication towards improving public safety in Dutchess County," said Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati. "Providing more resources for law enforcement is a top priority for me as the Sheriff, and it is made possible by the

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

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude
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my love for agriculture and public speaking, allowing me to share my expertise with others."

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

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

Another busy 4-H'er at the Fair will be Lyris Pennock. The six-year member of the Stony

Ground club focuses on heritage animals and will be showing chickens, turkeys, ducks, sheep and a dairy heifer.

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

Elianna Fell has been a member of the 3'Rs Livestock Club and Red Hook High School FFA for three years. She has par-

ticipated in the Sale for three years and will be showing hogs and dairy goats at this year's Fair.

"I've learned how to manage my time between different things by having my livestock and learning how long to give each in order to get a better outcome between my animals or something else in life," she said. She believes individuals should attend the sale to support the efforts of the 4-H and FFA members.

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

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

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

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

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

LAGRANGE ASSOCIATION LIBRARY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW CHILDREN'S ROOM



On August 3, the LaGrange Association Library celebrated the grand opening of its new children's room with a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside staff and members of the community. The new children's room features a dedicated space to facilitate programming for children, additional reading and learning spaces, and an expanded collection of books and materials. Pictured are Director Mary De Bellis (left) and Board President Suzanne Davis. Courtesy photo

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**Taconic State Parkway interchange needed
for 'dangerous' Rossway-Drake Roads**

To the editor:
It is time to fix the Taconic State Parkway at Rossway and Drake Roads.

This road must be fixed and now is the time. We need an interchange built, for safety. This is an extremely dangerous spot on the Taconic State Parkway. There should be entrance and exit lanes as well as overhead bridges, one also at Tyrrel Road.

The least our elected officials can do is help keep the residents safe. They should lobby the NY Department of Transportation (DOT) to get this done.

Chris Cordisco
Clinton Corners

**Great middle class losing its way;
vote for Democratic victory in Nov.**

To the editor:
I was glad to read the "Campaigning needs revision" letter in your July 31st issue. The writer's call to us for civility in our political discourse is a call to decency in our national life, something greater than winning or losing.

I, however, want a Democratic victory this November. It's not that (despite their regressive cultural stances) Republican campaigners fail to address important economic issues. It is to be feared that our great middle class is losing its way.

As Senator Elizabeth Warren has put it in her book "This Fight is our Fight," "People are worried and angry, and they are right to be angry, because this hard-won, ruggedly built, infinitely precious democracy has been hijacked."

Yes, immigration is an issue. It must come under compassionate control, something President Biden has worked to bring about. Yes, inflation is important, and no matter how well it is managed it remains cumulative. Prices continue to rise no matter how low the present percentage, BUT there is no excuse for the corporate take over of the economy, the endless tax breaks for the greedy - and the paucity of minimum wage increases.

The Biden/Harris administration has worked tirelessly to help alleviate the increasing poverty of hard-working Americans through a long list of legislative successes, but too many efforts have been stonewalled by Republican legislators driven by corporate interests.

It is indeed time to make this country great again by returning to a time when the people who do most of the work get most of the gains.

Rev. Michael Shafer
Stanfordville

**Party politics are a distraction from
MAGA attacks to our health care system**

To the editor:
While the news fixates on party politics, my focus - along with countless other New Yorkers - is on what is truly at stake in the election this November. As a health worker, I'm not easily swayed by party politics, but I'm deeply concerned by the real dangers of a second Trump administration.

On the campaign trail, Trump has doubled down on his pledge to eliminate the Affordable Care Act if elected president in 2024. To make matters worse, Project 2025, a MAGA policy agenda written by former Trump advisors, outlines a plan to limit access to health care for millions of Americans. Simply put, Trump is committed to reversing historic, transformative programs that have changed the lives of many Americans.

The stakes have never been higher in New York. Elections in five congressional districts could determine which party controls Congress in 2024. MAGA Republicans like Mike Lawler and Marc Molinaro have shown time and again where their allegiances lie - with the MAGA extremists in their party, not their constituents.

I know from firsthand experience that access to health care is a critical issue that transcends party lines. So I'm not surprised when a recent poll showed Project 2025's policies are deeply unpopular with American voters. Like the rest of the country, most working-class New Yorkers would oppose harmful policies like removing protections for people with pre-existing conditions or putting a new tax on health insurance for people who get coverage through their employer.

As a health professional, I won't easily forget Reps. Mike Lawler and Marc Molinaro's record on health care. Both Republican Congressmen have supported higher prices for prescription drugs and higher premiums for people who buy health insurance on their own and opposed the Inflation Reduction Act - they have a history of siding with the drug industry and against [their] own constituents. Rep. Molinaro has also opposed implementing parts of the Affordable Care Act, which would affect New York seniors, communities of color, and people with disabilities.

This election is much bigger than a candidate. Project 2025's right-wing policies could set us back decades, making health care less affordable and accessible, restricting reproductive rights and removing protections for pre-existing conditions. We must not forget that MAGA Republicans have, time and time again, favored policies that hurt New Yorkers but reap profits for corporations.

Susan Chodkowski
Hyde Park
1199 SEIU Member
Westchester, Hudson Valley, Capital Region
and Physical Therapist Assistant

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

officer, citizen and community safety which is of the utmost importance to us all."

"Thank you to Congressman Ryan for nominating Dutchess County and the Sheriff's Office for this necessary public safety funding," said State Senator Rob Rolison. "These assets will go a long way toward providing real-time information sharing and better interoperability among local law enforcement. As a retired former police officer who served his community for 26 years and the father of a cop currently on the job, it is critical that we adequately fund the brave men and women who keep us safe. I am grateful to Rep. Ryan for fighting to secure these much-needed appropriations for Dutchess County."

"Public safety is a priority, and it's critical that our Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

and DA have the resources they need to keep our communities safe," said State Senator Michelle Hinchey. "I thank Congressman Ryan for fighting to secure this investment, which will enhance our local law enforcement's ability to serve and protect."

Congressman Ryan nominated the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office's Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center and the Dutchess County government's consolidated two-way public safety radio system for federal Community Project funding for Fiscal Year 2025. The projects were passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on July 9. Descriptions of the project proposals are as follows:

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office's Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center upgrades would elevate the efficien-

cy and responsiveness of policing in the county through the procurement of cutting-edge intelligence gathering, analysis, and sharing equipment, in addition to communication equipment. The improvements will aid police in reducing violent crime and creating a safer community for law enforcement officers, residents and visitors.

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



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	Hudson Valley NYY	25	22	.532	-	5-5	L2
	Greensboro PIT	24	23	.511	1.0	3-7	W1
	Aberdeen BAL	24	24	.500	1.5	5-5	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI	24	24	.500	1.5	6-4	W4
	Brooklyn NYM	23	25	.479	2.5	7-3	W4
	Wilmington WSH	20	27	.426	5.0	3-7	L4
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	30	15	.667	-	7-3	L1
	Greenville BOS	28	20	.583	3.5	5-5	L1
	Hickory TEX	25	23	.521	6.5	4-6	W2
	Winston-Salem CWS	23	25	.479	8.5	5-5	L4
	Rome ATL	20	26	.435	10.5	7-3	W3
	Asheville HOU	18	30	.375	13.5	2-8	L3

Renegades host Bhutan teams as part of promotional program

The Hudson Valley Renegades this week were scheduled to host the Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association (BBSA) at Heritage Financial Park for Bhutan Night, a cultural program aimed at celebrating and promoting the future of the growth of the game of baseball in Bhutan.

Athletes from Bhutan were given a VIP experience. Seeing the Renegades was just part of it. The experience included a sight-seeing day in New York City.

The Renegades were set to wear special Bhutan-themed jerseys which are currently being auctioned off to help raise funds to pay for the trip. The jerseys feature the Druk, the "Thunder Dragon," which is a national symbol of Bhutan and is prominently featured on its national flag, and heavily incorporates the Bhutanese national colors yellow and orange.

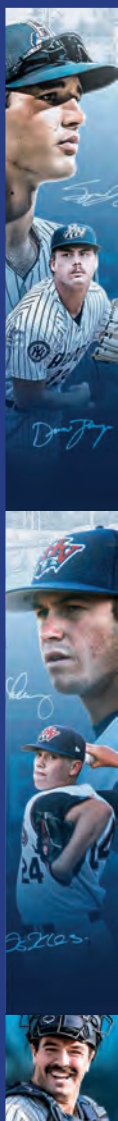
"We wanted to make sure that the jersey tastefully paid homage to Bhutan's national identity," said General Manager Zach Betkowski. "They look unlike anything that has been worn on a Minor League Baseball field before, and we are so proud of how they came out."

Baseball has become the fastest-growing sport in Bhutan, with more than 6,000 children playing in a nation of around 700,000



The Renegades wore the above special Bhutan-themed jerseys in Tuesday night's game. *Courtesy image*

citizens. The Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association has organized youth leagues throughout the country to grow the game at a grassroots level.



Players Statistics																	
PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Omar Martinez C	HV	93	314	47	74	13	1	13	39	65	87	1	0	0.236	0.373	0.408	0.781
1 Jared Sema SS	HV	88	340	51	86	26	0	13	58	40	60	11	8	0.253	0.341	0.444	0.785
3 Jace Avina CF	HV	92	351	44	86	24	0	10	49	32	108	4	1	0.245	0.317	0.399	0.716
4 Garrett Martin RF	HV	70	231	37	45	12	3	9	32	23	77	12	2	0.195	0.288	0.39	0.678
5 Roc Riggio 2B	HV	90	342	59	74	22	4	8	36	56	79	20	5	0.216	0.337	0.374	0.711
6 Josh Moylan 1B	HV	84	276	41	67	11	1	7	32	47	84	3	3	0.243	0.363	0.366	0.729
7 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	67	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285	0.403	0.466	0.869
7 Kiko Romero 3B	HV	67	198	25	43	12	1	6	21	36	76	9	1	0.217	0.351	0.379	0.73
9 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332	0.412	0.507	0.919
10 Antonio Gomez C	HV	33	113	20	27	10	1	4	14	11	34	0	0	0.239	0.315	0.451	0.766
11 Christopher Familia LF	HV	34	115	15	21	5	0	3	17	10	40	0	0	0.183	0.264	0.304	0.568
12 Jackson Castillo CF	HV	7	23	5	8	2	1	2	11	2	7	0	0	0.348	0.4	0.783	1.183
13 Kyle Battle LF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174	0.316	0.304	0.62
13 Tyler Hardman DH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237	0.292	0.339	0.631
13 Dylan Jasso 1B	HV	10	34	6	8	3	1	1	3	5	4	0	0	0.235	0.333	0.471	0.804
16 Beau Brewer 3B	HV	33	92	8	21	6	0	0	10	8	19	0	0	0.228	0.29	0.293	0.583
16 Juan Crisp P	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 Brenny Escanio 3B	HV	37	103	8	24	8	0	0	12	12	30	8	3	0.233	0.31	0.311	0.621
16 Cole Gabrielson RF	HV	66	191	28	39	12	1	0	18	29	56	12	3	0.204	0.343	0.277	0.62
16 Anthony Hall RF	HV	28	90	8	15	1	1	0	7	12	35	2	0	0.167	0.265	0.2	0.465
16 DJ LeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715
16 George Lombard SS	HV	12	43	1	5	0	0	0	2	6	11	2	1	0.116	0.24	0.116	0.356
16 Nelson Medina CF	HV	50	156	13	18	3	1	0	14	14	74	8	0	0.115	0.197	0.147	0.344
16 Oscar Silverio X	HV	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716
16 Jorbit Vivas 2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313	0.389	0.375	0.764

Pitcher Statistics																				
PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Cam Schiltler P	HV	6	4	2.6	17	17	0	0	0	0	86.2	60	34	25	7	3	38	108	1.13	0.191
2 Kyle Carr P	HV	1	7	4.85	21	21	0	0	0	0	91	84	59	49	5	3	50	84	1.47	0.251
3 Trent Sellers P	HV	6	3	2.43	28	6	0	0	1	4	70.1	39	27	19	3	3	33	83	1.02	0.16
4 Baron Stuart P	HV	6	4	4.09	18	18	0	0	0	0	88	85	42	40	4	5	32	79	1.33	0.257
5 Sebastian Keane P	HV	6	7	4.66	21	15	0	0	1	1	75.1	68	42	39	6	9	38	76	1.41	0.246
6 Matt Keating P	HV	3	3	4.26	34	0	0	0	3	4	61.1	41	32	29	9	1	26	73	1.09	0.186
7 Ben Shields P	HV	3	2	2.75	14	7	0	0	0	1	52.1	35	19	16	5	4	10	71	0.86	0.185
8 Cole Ayers P	HV	3	4	3.09	36	0	0	0	3	7	55.1	47	23	19	5	3	20	67	1.21	0.225
9 Joel Valdez P	HV	1	2	4.04	30	0	0	0	3	5	49	37	26	22	3	7	25	58	1.27	0.209
10 Mason Vinyard P	HV	5	2	3.18	27	0	0	0	2	4	39.2	28	20	14	2	1	21	54	1.26	0.197
11 Hueston Morril P	HV	3	3	3.46	31	0	0	0	2	3	41.2	38	21	16	6	4	14	42	1.25	0.25
12 Jackson Frisoe P	HV	1	3	3.79	12	12	0	0	0	0	38	27	18	16	2	1	28	40	1.45	0.201
13 Luis Arejula P	HV	3	4	2.9	23	0	0	0	1	4	40.1	33	18	13	2	2	21	38	1.34	0.223
14 Blaine Abeyta P	HV	2	2	1.96	9	7	0	0	0	0	36.2	30	15	8	3	3	5	25	0.95	0.219
15 Yorlin Calderon P	HV	0	0	2.7	11	0	0	0	2	3	16.2	14	6	5	1	1	6	22	1.2	0.215
16 Eric Reyzelman P	HV	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	2	0	0	0	1	4	17	0.62	0.065
17 Brian Hendry P	HV	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	11	5	2	0	0	0	6	15	1	0.125
17 Leonardo Pestana P	HV	1	0	1.86	6	0	0	0	0	1	9.2	1	2	2	0	0	5	15	0.62	0.036
19 Harrison Cohen P	HV	1	0	1.93	6	0	0	0	0	1	9.1	7	3	2	1	0	0	10	0.75	0.2
19 Geoffrey Gilbert P	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.43	0.043
21 Sean Boyle P	HV	1	0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	1	1	2	2	7	1.14	0.231
21 Steven Fulgencio P	HV	1	1	4.15	8	0	0	0	0	1	8.2	7	7	4	0	2	6	7	1.5	0.219
21 Cade Smith P	HV	0	1	5.63	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	4	5	5	1	1	3	7	0.88	0.143
24 Indigo Diaz P	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5.2	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	0.35	0.059



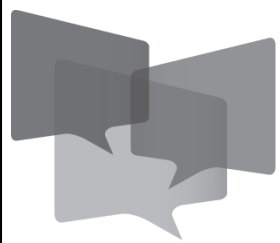
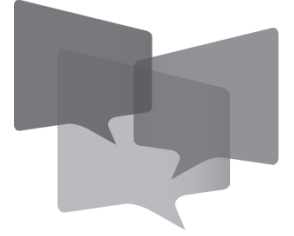


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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades take over first place in tight race with Greensboro

By Rich Thomaselli

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

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

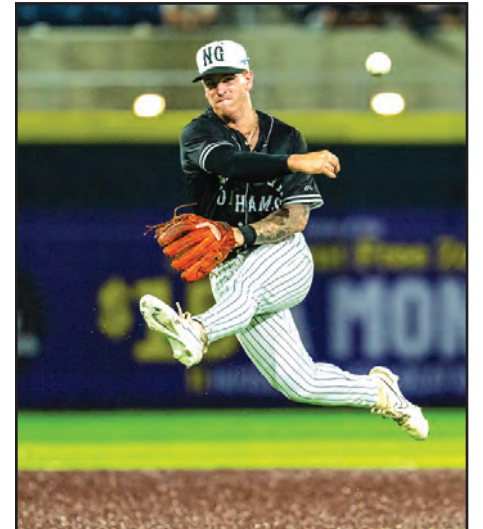
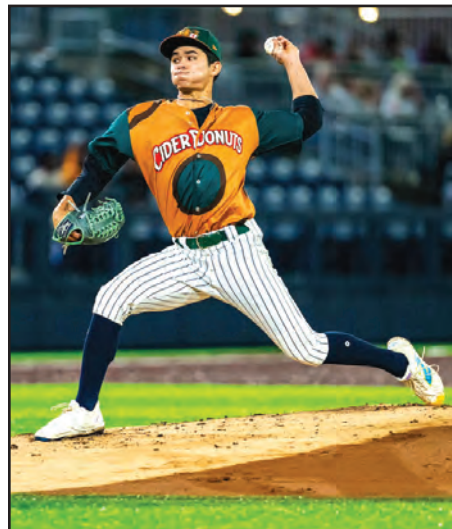
Hudson Valley took a big step toward maintaining its advantage by hammering Hickory most of the week.

The series opened up with a bang last Tuesday.

Behind a heroic performance from

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

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



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

GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

Communicating with other franchises and working to help coaches, players

Editor's note: The Hudson Valley Renegades have a first-year general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to share his thoughts on the Renegades and minor league baseball.

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

I think perception and reality are two different things. The way the players are treated and taking care of and paid have come a long way.

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

I would be remiss if I didn't talk about our ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings. They own 35 teams now and have done a phenomenal job. We do a pretty good job as a consortium, and we share best practices. There are great franchises and great fan bases such as Worcester, MA and Charlotte, NC and even outside the United States in Vancouver. And it's more than just baseball. There are some venues out there that can host 10,000-plus people and can do concerts for the community and more.



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

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

After a 7-5 loss on Wednesday, the Renegades came right back and won a 2-0 pitching duel on Thursday. Starter Josh Grosz continued his outstanding stretch of pitching, throwing 5.1 scoreless innings while allowing just one hit. Since getting called up last week, the right-hander has allowed two hits and no runs in two starts across 11.1 innings. Across his last seven starts between Tampa and Hudson Valley, Grosz has allowed just two earned runs in 39.2 frames, good for a 0.47 ERA.

In the third inning, a pair of singles from Omar Martinez and Josh Moylan put runners at first and third. Martinez scored on a fielder's choice hit into by Antonio Gomez after an error by second baseman Theo Hardy. The Renegades had opportunities to extend their lead throughout the game but struggled to bring home runners in scoring position. They were 0-for-12 in those situations and left 14 on base in the game. However, they were able to add an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth. Anthony Hall singled and Kiko Romero and Roc Riggio each walked to load the bases. Hall scored on an RBI groundout by George Lombard Jr. to make it 2-0.

Garrett Martin was the hero for the Renegades on Friday night, as his walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth gave the Renegades a 3-2 win. The walk-off victory was the eighth for the season for

Hudson Valley. Trent Sellers put together another strong performance, retiring the first nine batters he faced. Hudson Valley struggled early generating offense against Crawdads starter D.J. McCarty, but opened the scoring in the fifth inning with a two-out rally. Antonio Gomez reached on an infield single and Anthony Hall lined a single to right to put runners at first and second. Roc Riggio drove both runners in with a two-run double to make it 2-0, his first of two doubles in the game.

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

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

Yankee Legend, jazz musician, Bernie Williams rocks Jazz Concert at Millbrook Winery



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

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

The evening also celebrated the third release of Bernie's Blend wine, a custom red blend created by Williams himself and Ian Bearup, head winemaker at Millbrook Winery. A portion of all proceeds from "Bernie's Blend" supports the NAMM Foundation, ongoing supporters of music education in Hudson Valley schools. Bernie's Blend is still currently available for purchase on the Millbrook Winery website, while supplies last.

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



From left: Former New York Yankees centerfielder Bernie Williams (right) is pictured with NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education national award. From left are Wayne Spletstoeszer, Torrington Public Schools; Mary Luehresen, NAMM Foundation representative; David Fine, Dover Union Free School District; Daniel Dunninger, Millbrook Central School District and Paul Fanuele, Spackenkill Union Free School District. Bernie Williams performs a Millbrook Winery on Aug. 3. *Courtesy photos*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vendors wanted for Clinton Community Day

Vendors are invited to sign up for Clinton's Community Day, set Saturday, Aug. 31. Wanted are vendors selling handmade items, vintage clothing, home décor, accessories, collectibles, and furniture. Nonprofit organizations are also wanted. Contact Melissa at communityday@townofclinton.com or call (845) 266-5853, ext. 4, to register.

Abilities First Golf & Tennis Classic set Sept. 9

Abilities First will hold its Golf & Tennis Classic on Monday, Sept. 9, at The Powelton Club in Newburgh. For raffle tickets, virtual journal or tee-sign opportunities, and reception info, email joan-parker@abilitiesfirstny.org.

Event to raise funds for support dog

Compassion for Codie will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, from noon to 7 p.m., at the VFW Post 170, 1 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie. The rain-or-shine event will feature live music all day, vendors, raffles, food trucks and family fun. The \$20 suggested donation will help to raise funds for a professionally trained and certified support dog to give Codie and his family the support they need.

Call (845) 705-2069 for more information.

Corn Hole tourney set Sept. 15

There will be a Corn Hole Tournament to support Pleasant Valley Community Garden on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Plan Bee Farm Brewery in Poughkeepsie. The cost is \$30 person, double elimination, to raise funds for the Pleasant Valley Community Garden, which grows fresh produce for the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. Great beers and food to purchase—including fabulous homemade desserts—a 50-50 raffle, and more. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the Corn Hole competition starts at 1 p.m.

Rhinebeck Garden Club upcoming events

On Wednesday, September 25, at 10 a.m., the Rhinebeck Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market Street. Program: Cyanotype: A Process of Creating Art, Presented by Yoram Gelman. Refreshments served. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events. Meetings are open to the public, but visitors are asked to join after attending two meetings. For more details, or information, call Hannah at 914-263-5298 or logon to <https://www.facebook.com/p/Rhinebeck-Garden-Club-100064834505072/>

Rhinebeck Garden Club's Annual Plant and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., at the corner of South Street and Route 9. Perennials, shrubs, herbs, and houseplants will be available; the selection is always varied and pricing is competitive. Proceeds enable the Club to remain a viable organization to educate community members interested in gardening, foster an appreciation of gardening, and maintain its two community gardens.

Autumn Harvest Fundraising Brunch to benefit Kemmerer Farm

On Saturday, Sept. 28, join the Stanford community at a beautiful autumn-themed brunch filled with delicious food, great company, and a chance to support the Kemmerer Farm rebuild. Enjoy a family style brunch with open bar, music, and a silent auction. The goal is to raise \$50,000 to support the purchase of a used John Deere tractor for the farm between ticket sales and silent auction proceeds. Ticket prices start at \$50, and all proceeds will go directly to the Kemmerer family. The event will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Bangallworks, 97 Hunns Lake Road in

Stanfordville. Purchase tickets at EventBrite.com (search for "Autumn Harvest Fundraising Brunch to benefit Kemmerer Farm").

Anderson Center Centennial Gala set Sept. 28

Join Anderson Center for a Roaring 20s-themed celebration of Anderson Center for Autism's 100th anniversary presented by Central Hudson Gas & Electric and Pamal Broadcasting. The party will include an auction, dinner, dancing, and an inspiring program honoring Vance Anderson Gage, the recipient of the 2024 VV Anderson Community Service Award (and grandson of Anderson Center for Autism's founder, Dr. Victor V. Anderson). In addition, an Anderson Center team member will be recognized with the 2024 Above and Beyond Award. Black tie optional. Reserve your tickets and sponsorships today at andersoncenterforautism.org/gala.

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm Cocktail Reception, 7:30pm Dinner and Program

Location: The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie

Cost: see website for pricing

Reservations: 845.889.9208

Website: www.AndersonCenterforAutism.org/Gala

FARMERS MARKETS

Bangall/Stanfordville: Bear Creek Farmers Market, 108 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall. Bi-weekly on Saturdays, starting on May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a rich array of locally sourced food for families to make complete at-home meals, and a lineup of community-centered events. More info: Debra Kaye, debra@bearcreekfarm.com or (914) 475-1150

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Road (Route 9, across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June-October. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and much more. New vendors always welcome. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Tuesdays, 2-5:30 p.m., May 21-Oct. 29. (845) 471-0589 or info@mhdm.org

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheels.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyk at (845) 229-5896.

Miles of Hope sets walk Oct. 6

Join Miles of Hope at James Baird State Park on Sunday, Oct. 6, rain or shine, for the 21st annual Miles of Hope Community Walk for Breast Cancer. This year's honoree is Tricia Miyoshi.

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 2004 to fund support services for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley. Miles of Hope strives to eliminate some of the financial pressure exacerbated by a cancer diagnosis. In its 20 year history, the organization has donated over \$3.4

million to people of the Hudson Valley affected by breast cancer.

The funds raised through the walk will directly support education, and services for those affected by this disease.

Register at <https://milesofhope.rallybound.org/community-walk-2024/>. Even if you can't join the walk, consider making a donation to support the cause. Through the new website, you can donate to specific walkers, teams, or a general donation the event.

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Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall coming to Dutchess County



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

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

The Memorial Wall began traveling across the country in 1998. It is an 80-percent size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., the most-visited memorial on the National Mall, drawing over 5 million people every year. By bringing this Vietnam Memorial Wall to Dutchess County's Bowdoin Park this September 18-22, we hope give access to the many veterans and their families who have not had the chance to visit the

nation's capital.

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

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

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

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

During the four-day festivities, we'll host a special ceremony recognizing all Dutchess County veterans whose names are engraved on the wall's panels and



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be at Bowdoin Park Sept. 18-22. Photo courtesy of www.americanveteranstravelingtribute.com

who made that "ultimate sacrifice" while serving in the Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam wars.

It has been said that acknowledging those names is a sacred experience for surviving soldiers who fought in combat during the Vietnam War, bringing many to tears and bringing forth emotions that have been held inside for decades. It serves as part of the often-long healing process for these vets and is why the wall will stay open 24 hours: to allow people the opportunity to process these emotions during a time of solitude and privacy.

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

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

Volunteers needed for Veterans Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall

Coming to Bowdoin Park Sept. 18-22

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites veterans from Dutchess County and across the Hudson Valley, as well as their families and history enthusiasts, to pay their respects as Dutchess County's Office of Veterans Affairs brings the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Traveling Vietnam Wall to the County's Bowdoin Park from Wednesday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 22. The wall, an 80-percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains the names of U.S. Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Accompanying the Wall will be Cost of Freedom tributes to every U.S. military action since World War I, including 9/11. For a full schedule of events, visit dutchessny.gov/TravelingWallHighlights.

Volunteers are still needed to help make this event memorable for all. Shifts are available all days, and for any length of time between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. For more information on volunteering, call Veterans Services at 845-486-2060 or email veterans@dutchessny.gov. View or download the volunteer flyer at DutchessNY.gov/VolunteersNeededTravelingWall.

"Dutchess County is incredibly proud

to bring the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Bowdoin Park this September to honor the service and sacrifice made by more than 58,000 soldiers during that period," said Serino. "This event gives the opportunity to show our respect and gratitude for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and allows our community to come together to recognize and appreciate those brave service men and women who never received a proper 'welcome home.' For those who may have not yet gotten the chance to visit the full-scale memorial in our nation's capital, we hope you will join us in commemorating their service and sacrifice here in our local community. I thank our Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and his team for their dedication and tireless work to bring this important event to fruition."

An honor convoy — comprised of law enforcement agencies and several chapters of Rolling Thunder Inc. motorcycle club — will escort the Wall as it arrives in Dutchess County on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Following the exhibit's installation at Bowdoin Park, the exhibit will be open 24 hours a day, monitored by volunteers, to allow visitors the opportunity to experience the wall in solitude, if so desired, until 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, when it will begin its journey to Highland, IN. A full line-up of special events and ceremonies during the multi-day exhibit is as

follows:

Vietnam Traveling Wall Event Highlights

Wednesday, Sept. 18
• 9:30 a.m. Traveling Wall Arrival, Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
• 5 p.m. Opening Ceremony featuring Missing Man Table and keynote address from Richard Lay, National Purple Heart Honor Mission

Thursday, Sept. 19
• All day, Military Vehicles Display & History of Dogs in the Vietnam War
• Dusk, Performance of "Taps"

Friday, Sept. 20
• All day, Military Vehicles Display
• Dusk, Performance of "Taps"

Saturday, Sept. 21,
• All day, Military Vehicles Display
• Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music
• 2-5 p.m., Veterans Resource Tent
• 6 p.m., Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil with keynote speaker Karl R. Rohde, Silver Star Recipient, Vietnam

Veteran; wreath laying and Dutchess County Veterans Tribute

Sunday, Sept. 22
• Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music
• 2 p.m., Raffle drawing for USA flag flown over the Wall, proceeds from the raffle to benefit the Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Vet-2-Vet program
• 2 p.m., Closing ceremony and volunteer recognition

AVTT is an independent organization, committed to travelling the U.S. to honor and remember those who served, and pay tribute to those who gave all in service. Built in 1998, AVTT's Traveling Vietnam Wall is the largest replica Wall traveling the U.S. It provides those who are not able to visit the memorial in Washington D.C. with the opportunity to honor and pay tribute to those who served in the Vietnam War.

For more information on veterans services throughout Dutchess County visit, dutchessny.gov/veterans.

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NDSO to celebrate centennial of 'Rhapsody in Blue' at Stissing Center

On Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m., join conductor and music director Kathleen Beckmann at Stissing Center for Arts and Culture in Pine Plains as she leads Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) in a tribute to George Gershwin and "Rhapsody in Blue," the compositional master class in jazz-infused classical music that astonished the audience and outraged the critics at its debut 100 years ago in New York City.

Renowned pianist Paul Bisaccia, celebrated for his exceptional interpretations, will take center stage, bringing

Gershwin's genius to life through his masterful technique. The musical performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$40. A Roaring '20s meet-the-artist reception begins at 8:15 p.m.

Legend has it that Gershwin improvised the last section of his first and most enduring orchestral composition onstage, as the 24-year-old sat down with only part of "Rhapsody in Blue" transcribed on sheet music. Come celebrate the iconic composer with NDSO and Paul Bisaccia, the internationally acclaimed piano soloist and first musician to record



Pianist Paul Bisaccia is featured in the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra's Aug. 30 performance of "Rhapsody in Blue" at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains. The orchestra is conducted by Kathleen Beckmann. *Courtesy photos*

Reception at Jacaruso Gallery kicks off Art Studio Views exhibit



On Saturday, August 17, the Betsy Jacaruso Gallery in Rhinebeck held an opening reception for the Art Studio Views Sampler Exhibit, featuring work by the participants in this year's Art Studio Views tour taking place over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 2). Visit artstudioviews.com for more information. *Courtesy photo*

the complete solo piano music of Gershwin, as seen on PBS, "Gershwin by Bisaccia."

Since 2006, Beckmann has helmed NDSO, which she co-founded with her brother David Baxter. For nearly two decades, Beckmann has served as conductor and music director of NDSO.

NDSO is committed to making orchestral music as widely accessible as possible in northern Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley, collaborating with the Poughkeepsie Ballet, the Mendelssohn

Club, the Hudson Valley Saxophone Orchestra, Ars Choralis, and many local student performers.

Ranging in size from 40 to 50 instrumentalists, NDSO employs local professionals, many of whom have also performed with the Albany Symphony, the USMA Band at West Point, and the New York Philharmonic.

Stissing Center is located at 2950 Church Street in Pine Plains. For tickets and more information: www.ndsorchestra.org/gershwin100.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

Sets
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- • 1 thru 4
- ▲ 5 thru 10
- ■ 11 thru 16
- ◆ 17 thru 24
- ● 25 thru 32
- ▲ 33 thru 40
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Petite Pests: Part of the natural balance

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

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

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

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

**Tucker Bloodsucker:
Form follows function**

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

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

cause itching and swelling.

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

Ticks quest for hosts

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

Ticks can transmit pathogens while feeding

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

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

Unwelcome, but necessary

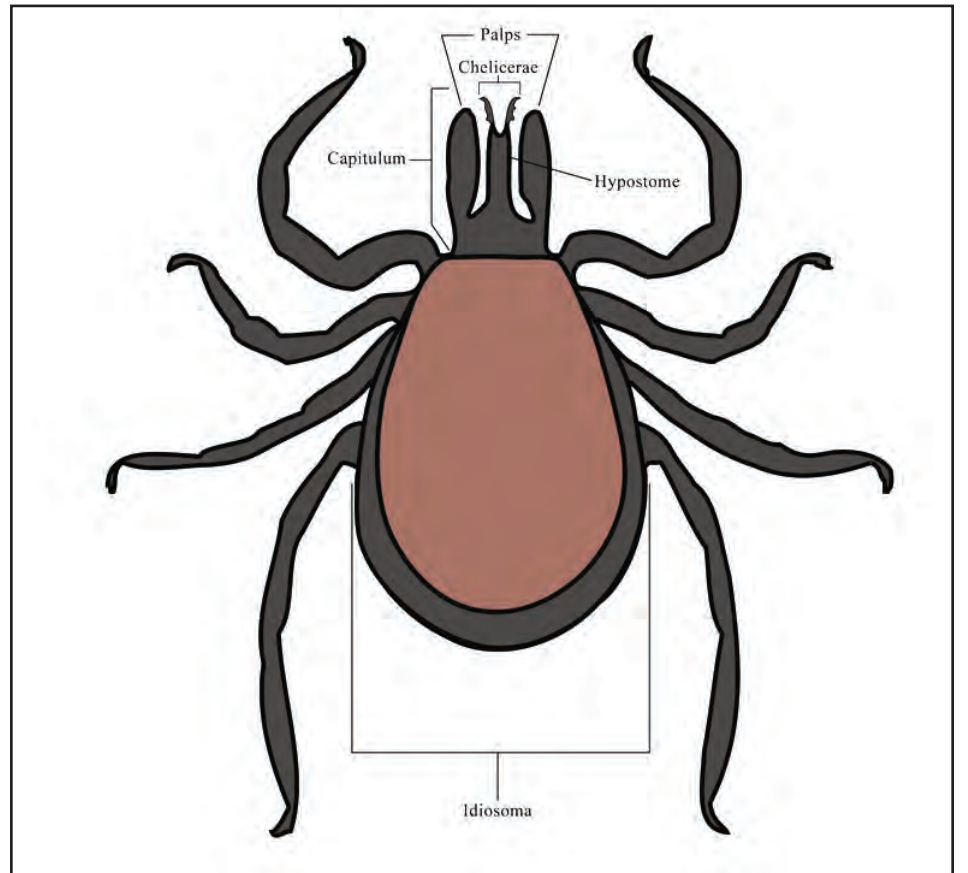
Although infections that ticks may spread can cause misery, they are important in population control as an element of natural selection. By transmitting disease, they remove weak members from populations, providing opportunities for younger and healthier animals to thrive. With the understanding that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

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



through the host’s skin. The needle-like, barbed hypostome exchanges fluids.

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



The various parts of a tick are labeled. Below: Ticks typically use a passive behavior known as questing to seek out their hosts. *Stylized images by Rebecca Smith Paul of Pleasant Valley*

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Labor Day, there will be an early deadline for the September 4 issue of Northern Dutchess News. All editorial must be received by noon on Thursday, August 29; and all advertising must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 29. For more information, contact General Manager Curtis Schmidt at cschmidt@s Dutchessnews.com.

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THEME: BACK TO SCHOOL

ACROSS

- Soothing concoction
- *The Magic School ride
- Mama's husband
- Dwarf buffalo
- Moneyed one
- "M*A*S*H" extra
- Soon, to Shakespeare
- Sheltered, nautically
- *Abacus user, e.g.
- *School jacket-wearer
- TV classic "Happy ____"
- What hoarders do
- Speech-preventing measure
- *Pencil end
- Deep regret
- Indian restaurant staple
- What cobblers often do
- Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
- Embedded design
- ____ Khan
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- *Don't forget to cross them
- Plural of flora
- Rolodex abbr.
- Sultry or carnal
- *Rydell High School movie
- Defensive one on the gridiron
- Oodles
- *Some PTA members?
- *It involves elements
- Cuban dance
- Burkina Faso neighbor
- Opera solo
- Boot-shaped European country
- Oil org.
- Review a service
- Say "No!"
- Animal's nose
- Perceives with an eye

DOWN

- Jezebel's idol
- Beheaded Boleyn
- Plunder
- Certain rays
- Plural of #1 Across
- Part of an eye, pl.
- Witnessed
- *Field of education
- ____ Walker, American Girl doll
- *Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
- Acronym, abbr.
- Zimbabwe's capital
- Address to a woman
- Nail salon file
- Toothpaste type
- *Marks in English
- Hindu queen
- "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
- End of line
- Yogurt-based dip
- *Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
- Bald symbol
- *____ monitor
- Bigheadedness
- *All-school get-together
- Giuseppe ____ of opera fame
- Temporary craze
- Parthenogenetic
- Recant or retract
- *English homework, pl.
- *Circle, e.g.
- Paparazzi's target
- Remote control option
- Middle Eastern sultanate
- "Follow me!"
- Genealogy plant
- Agitate
- Puppy barks
- Antonym of keep

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Pop's golf lesson

Pop takes up a 'relaxing' pursuit.

About 25 years ago my father retired for the third time. This time he was determined to make it "work." He bought a condominium in Florida with my mother and spent that first winter there.

Unfortunately, Pop was bored out his mind and Mom missed her children and grandchildren. Pop was determined to spend that winter there but needed to find something to do. I had sent down my golf clubs in order to have them there when we visited, and I urged Pop to go to the driving range. Maybe take a lesson.

"No, Ima a wine maker. Whata the hell am I gonna do with those bastoncino (sticks)?" I assured him that he would love it, but he just continued to tell me that it was unproductive and stupid.

I left him alone for a few day then called him again. I asked him what he was doing.

Pop "Listena. Ima gonna tell you something but you no laugh ata me."

Me "Okay?"

Pop "I lika to giocare (play) the golf. Ia tried and Ia lika it."

Me "Great Pop! Maybe you can take a lesson so they can teach you how to play."

Pop "Lezione (lesson)? Im gonna try. Ia letta you know."

So I left him alone for a few days and decided to wait for him to call me. When a week went by and I didn't hear from him, I called him.

Me "Hi Pop! I'm just checking in on you."

Pop "Luigi. Did anyone call you?"

Me "No. What's the matter?"

Pop "The golf maestro (teacher). He noa calla you?"

Me: "No, why?"

Pop: Well, Ia went to the driving range and I boughta the lezione."

Me: Yeah?

Pop: I gave him the business card so he would knowa Ima in the restaurant.

Me: OK?

Pop: Well hea tried to teach me how to swing the bastoncino.

Me: What happened?

Pop: Wella he getsa behind me and he tries to benda me down and he movsa the arms and I yella at him.

Me: Why did you yell at him!?

Pop: I tolda him just showa me howa to swing the bastoncinos. I noa want all that other stuff.

Me: Pop, that's how you have to swing; he was showing you how to stand.

Pop: Ima no a stupida. I cana standa.

Me: (sigh) Then what happened?

Pop: He told me howa to puta my head down and looka ata the ball.

Me: Oh no. What did you say?

Pop: Ia tolda hima to teach me something I don'ta know!

Me: Then what happened?

Pop: Itsa no my fault

Me: What happened?

Pop: Hea startsa to cry and he says he no want to teacha no more. He gave me my money and hea left.

Me: Geez Pop. Golf is supposed to be relaxing. It's not the restaurant. You can't yell at people.

Pop: Oh come on. I no yell.

Me: Pop you have to go say you're sorry. Maybe bring him something.

Pop: (sigh) Okay. Ima gonna go and bringa him some caponata and soma mya wine.

Me: Good.

After I got off the phone with him, I was actually scared about what I would hear from the state of Florida regarding my father. In the meantime, enjoy this recipe for caponata.

CAPONATA

Ingredients

5 tablespoons olive oil

1 1.5-pound eggplant, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 medium onion, cubed

4 large garlic cloves, chopped
1 32 oz. Jar Coppola's Tuscan Sauce
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons drained capers
1/3 cup chopped fresh basil
Toasted pine nuts

Method

Heat olive oil in a large pot.

Add eggplant, onions and garlic and sauté until the eggplant is soft, about 10 minutes.

Add Coppola's Tuscan sauce, vinegar and capers and simmer for 15 minutes longer, stirring occasionally until the eggplant is soft.

Stir in the basil and pine nuts.

Serve over pasta, with Italian bread or with both.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

EXHIBITIONS

Albert Shahinian Fine Art, 22 E. Market St., 3rd Floor, Rhinebeck. **Through September:** Works by Joanna Murphy and Veronica Lawlor. In the Back Gallery: The 26th Anniversary Summer Salon & Sale, painting, photography, landscape, sculpture, mixed media. (845) 876-7578 or www.ShahinianFineArt.com

Artists' Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through August:** "Shades of Grey." Open noon-6 p.m., Fri.-Sun. achpny@gmail.com, (845) 366-6856, artistscollectiveofhydepark.com

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through Sept. 8:** "Photo Magic of the Hudson Valley," the photographs of Alec Halstead. www.bannermancastle.org

Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, Rhinebeck. **Through Sept. 1:** Art Studio Views Sampler Exhibit, featuring work by the artists participating in this year's Art Studio Views tour taking place over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 2). More info at artstudioviews.com

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Kamille Adell and Tatiana Rhinevault. At 12 Vassar St., Collin Douma will display his mixed media pieces in the Reception Gallery and the works of Marty Zlotkin will be featured in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through August:** LAND Gallery and the Sherman Artists Association present "Ways of Water," watercolors by Charlene Leichter. For more information, visit www.landgalleryonline.com or www.ShermanArtists.org.

Montgomery Row Art Space, 6423 Montgomery St. (Rte. 9), 2nd floor, Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 30:** Paintings of Madeleine Segall-Marx, a sculptor who turned to work in two dimensions over the last decades. This exhibition is an opportunity to see her efforts relating primarily to color rather than to form. The 45 works in this show will represent a range of approaches over the last decades. More info: segallmarx@gmail.com or (917) 687-0446

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory," a series of intimate memorial landscapes painted by Church, 19th-century America's foremost landscape painter, and highly personal family artifacts – never before exhibited -- from Olana's collections. The theme of landscape as a vehicle for personal reflection and healing continues outdoors at Olana with "Memories in the Landscape," a self-guided tour of Olana's dedicated rustic benches that bring to life the stories and memories around loved ones. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Sept. 1:** Printmaking show, featuring gallery artists' works in various printmaking styles ranging from monoprints, etching, woodblock, textural pulp, and lithography. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com or (845) 757-2667

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** "The Remnants of Summer," new photo works by Nikki Hung. Gallery hours by appt. (845) 293-3660 or www.womenswork.art

A & E CALENDAR

Through Aug. 25: The 178th Dutchess County Fair, Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck. Rides, entertainment, agriculture, exhibitors and much more, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wed.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. See website for admission fees and more information. www.dutchessfair.com

Through Sept. 2: Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, 2015 Rte. 9, Garrison. The 2024 repertory season includes the world premiere of "Medea: Re-Versed," by longtime HVSF company member Luis Quintero (Love's Labor's Lost), adapted from Euripides, and co-conceived and directed by Nathan Winkelstein (Seascape); as well as "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" and "By The Queen." See www.hvshakespeare.org for performance dates/times, tickets and more information.

Aug. 23: Outdoor Movie Night, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Join The Olana Partnership for a movie night under the stars in collaboration with Upstate Films. "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" will be screened promptly at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. for music, food and fun. Tickets \$14 per person; purchase at www.upstatefilms.org/eternal-sunshine-of-the-spotless-mind.

Aug. 23-Sept. 8: "Murder on the Orient Express," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the

who-done-it mystery by Agatha Christie, adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Emily DePew. Passengers aboard the opulent Orient Express awake to frightful news: Overnight, the American business mogul among them was stabbed to death behind locked doors. Thankfully, debonair detective Hercule Poirot is on the train and on the case. Murder on the Orient Express is an adaptation of Agatha Christie's famous murder mystery novel. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Aug. 25: Poughkeepsie PorchFest, Southside Historic District of Poughkeepsie. Family-friendly, free event features musicians from a wide variety of genres, 12:30-6:30 p.m. More than 20 porches in Poughkeepsie's Academy Street & Garfield Place Historic District neighborhood will host musicians performing everything from jazz and spoken word, to pop, country and rock. Also: children's activities, food vendors & more. A schedule will be available, and a map of porches and performers will be posted throughout the neighborhood. Parking is available on side streets or nearby municipal lots. The event takes place rain or shine, within reason. Follow Poughkeepsie PorchFest on FaceBook and Instagram for details and updates.

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The ‘American Czar’ of Eastman Business School

By Aidan Chisamore

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

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

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

Despite Eastman’s public success, some students began to turn against the institution. In late January of 1865, only six years after its founding, four disaffected students held a public meeting attacking the founder and his college. J. H. Winspear, N. B. Hamilton, A. S.

Cushman, and R. E. Bolton called out the soaring costs of enrollment as well as the quality of business, law, and penmanship education. During this meeting the students reported they had to make up for Eastman’s deficiencies by attending a rival business school located on Main Street—Bryant, Stratton, Folsom, and Packard Commercial College (Shortened to “Bryant, Stratton, and Co.’s Commercial College”).

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

The businessmen targeted schools in major financial cities including Boston, New York, Albany, and Chicago. Harvey Eastman viewed this growing competition as a personal attack, claiming the students’ attendance with the dangerous rival made them “guilty of ingratitude and cast reproach and disgrace upon him and his institution.” This became the primary charge against the four students as they were expelled from Eastman Business College.

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

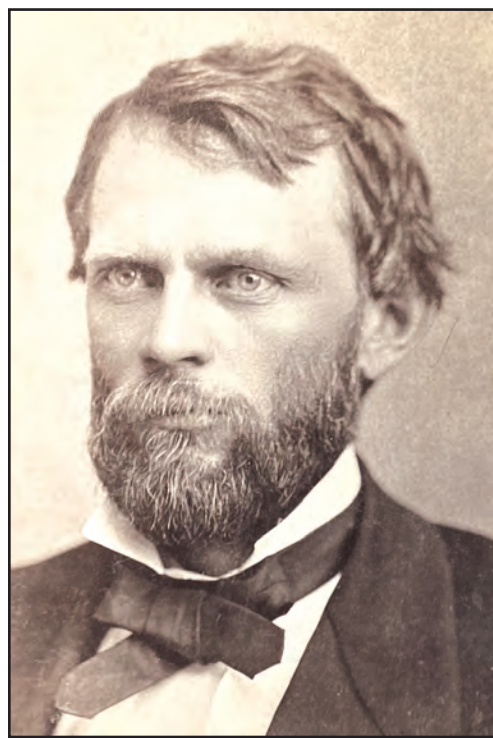
On the 1st of February, Eastman gave a speech at Pine Hall in Poughkeepsie to a packed audience where he addressed the concerns discussed in the circular. The following day the Poughkeepsie Eagle reported that his defense was “most eloquent and manly” and after his speech, the whole audience rose “giving him three cheers.”

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

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

In the following months, cities across the country with Bryant and Stratton colleges began to “Protest Eastman.” For example, a debate raged in the pages of the Washington Chronicle (Washington, D.C.) during the 1st-7th of March where several former Eastman students published a treatise in support of the circular and Bryan and Stratton’s schools. These claims were met by an association of Eastman alumni who defended their alma mater. Throughout these cities, those attacking Eastman promoted Byrant and Stratton as the better, moral, alternative for business education; those supporting the Poughkeepsian conversely touted the success of his unique teaching strategy.

Although Byrant and Stratton denied



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

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

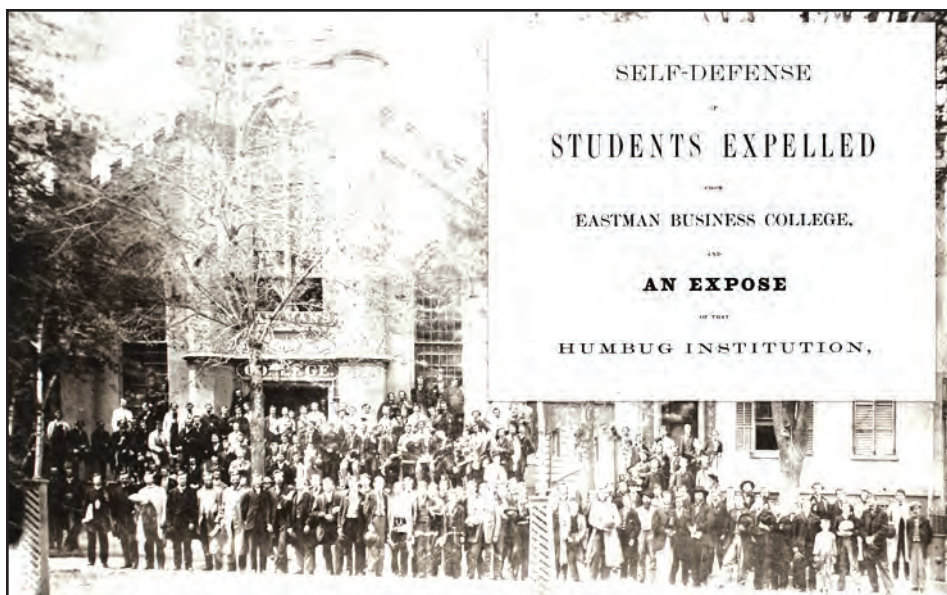
These circulars reveal a unique time in Dutchess collegiate history, and they emphasize Poughkeepsie’s historic position as an important center of education and finance. While the fight between the two schools raged in the newspapers of many cities for the next few months, by April the end of the Civil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

Poughkeepsie, Bryant and Stratton’s schools endure to this day, long outliving Eastman Business College.



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

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The cast of CENTERStage's production of "Murder on the Orient Express" are pictured. Agatha Christie's murder-mystery is adapted for the stage and features Christie's dapper detective, Hercule Poirot. *Courtesy photo*

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck will open its upcoming production of Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express" on Friday, Aug. 3. Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Emily DePew, CENTERstage Productions showcases the brilliant Michael Britt in the iconic role of Hercule Poirot, Christie's debonair detective.

Performances will run on weekends through Sept. 8, at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25. For tickets and more information, visit centerforperformingarts.org or call (845) 876-3080.

The story revolves around a murder that takes place on a train in 1934. Passengers aboard the opulent Orient Express awake to frightful news: Overnight, the American business mogul among them was stabbed to death behind locked doors. Thankfully, Hercule Poirot is on the train and on the case.

The breathtaking set will showcase

hand-painted designs by renowned Broadway scenic artist Richard Prouse. It will transport theatergoers on board the legendary Orient Express, providing a vivid and captivating backdrop for this gripping mystery.

"Murder on the Orient Express" is the epitome of a classic murder mystery. Audiences will be on the edge of their seats as the plot unfolds in masterfully woven twists and turns, revealing hidden secrets and suspenseful climaxes that only Agatha Christie can deliver.

The cast features the talents of Katie-Beth Anspach, Jessica Boyd, Michael Britt, Mike Clark, Molly Feibel, David Foster, Molly Gilman, Ronnie Joseph, Howie Riggs, and Ben Parish.

This production is dedicated to Lou Trapani, who passed away in July of this year. Trapani served as The Center's Artistic and Managing Director for 25 years.

Experience power of the Allen Organ on Aug. 24 at Stissing Center in Pine Plains



Craig Williams, Organist and Choirmaster of the Cadet Chapel, United States Military Academy West Point, will perform with special guest, Nancy Vanderlee on flute on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Stissing Center for Arts and Culture in Pine Plains. *Courtesy photo*

Audiences are invited to experience the majestic power of the Allen Organ "Unit Orchestra," a multifaceted digital instrument, in a performance on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Stissing Center for Arts and Culture in Pine Plains.

The performance will feature Craig Williams, Organist and Choirmaster of the Cadet Chapel, United States Military Academy West Point, and special guest, Nancy Vanderlee on flute. The evening of timeless music will feature thrilling pieces by Copland, Thayer, Mendelssohn, Bach, Guilmant, and more.

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André Raphel appointed principal conductor, artistic advisor for HV Symphony Orchestra

The Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra (HVSVO) announced the appointment of André Raphel as Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor on Aug. 14. Raphel begins as Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor Designate effective immediately. Raphel's two-year term as Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor will begin in September 2024 with the start of the 2024-2025 Season.

"The musicians have expressed their overwhelming support as we officially welcome Maestro Raphel. We are excited to embark on this new chapter together," said Executive Director and violinist Rachel Crozier.

Raphel and the musicians of the HVSVO have collaborated on three occasions since 2022. He has led the orchestra in performances of Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony*. On May 18, Raphel conducted the inaugural concert of the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, in a program featuring "The Music of John Williams."

Raphel is Conductor Laureate of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, having served as Music Director for 15 years. André Raphel has appeared with most of the major American Orchestras including Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic. During the 2024-2025 Season, Raphel makes his Berlin debut leading the *Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin*.

The musicians of the HVSVO have been bringing music to the Hudson Valley for over 90 years. They played together first as the Dutchess County Philharmonic Orchestra, and then as the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. In May, the orchestra reorganized as the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, renewing its commitment to community, education, and bringing inspiring performances to the Hudson Valley region. Raphel is known for his compelling musical performances, and his commitment to education and community engagement.

Marcia Gates, HVSVO Personnel Manager and Principal Flutist commented, "We couldn't find a better candidate than André Raphel to be our Conductor and Artistic Advisor through this transitional time."

André Raphel 'acclaimed for creative programming'

Acclaimed for his creative programming and versatility, conductor André Raphel is renowned for his compelling musical performances. Raphel has led critically acclaimed festivals, world premieres and commissioned works by Richard Danielpour, Jennifer Higdon, Kenneth Fuchs, Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, Uri Caine, and Hannibal Lokumbe.

Conductor Laureate of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, Raphel led the



Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor André Raphel. Raphel's appointment was announced on Aug. 14 in Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo*

orchestra as Music Director for 15 years. Other key positions have included, Assistant Conductor to Kurt Masur at the New York Philharmonic for two years. He was Assistant Conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra for six years. Raphel served for three years as Assistant Conductor of the Saint Louis Symphony.

Raphel enjoys a busy career as guest conductor. In June 2025, André Raphel makes his Berlin debut leading the *Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin*. Recent appearances include engagements with Boston Symphony and Minnesota Orchestra among others. The Boston Globe named his performance of *Uri Caine's Passion of Octavius Catto* with the Boston Symphony, one of "10 Memorable Classical Music Moments from 2023." Raphel has appeared with most of the major American orchestras including Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and New York Philharmonic.

Born André Raphel Smith in Durham, North Carolina he began formal music lessons at age 11. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Miami, and pursued further study at Yale University where he earned his master's degree. While at Yale, he began conducting studies with Otto-Werner Mueller. He continued studies with Mueller at the Curtis Institute of Music earning a Diploma in conducting and at The Juilliard School, where he was awarded the Bruno Walter Memorial Scholarship and received an Advanced Certificate in orchestral conducting.

Raphel is the recipient of numerous honors and awards which attest to his artistry. Among them, the North Carolina Senate awarded Raphel the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine." The award, presented annually, is the state's highest honor for a civilian.

Annual PorchFest set Aug. 25 in Poughkeepsie



Dos Bills play rock and blues on Garfield Place in Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo by Doug Nobiletti*

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

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

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

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

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



Enjoy the Poughkeepsie Jazz Project in the shade of trees during the 5th annual Poughkeepsie PorchFest on Aug. 25. *Courtesy photo by Julie Okoniewski. Right: Brad Shur, who is the founder of Paper Heart Puppets, strolls Poughkeepsie PorchFest with a friend. Courtesy photo by Mary Reynolds*



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ING THE DUTCHES COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INTO TWO SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS: THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO ADD THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS A DISTINCT UNIT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. At said time and place, all parties interested will be heard. Dated: August 19, 2024 Susan J. Serino Poughkeepsie, New York Dutchess County Executive

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City of Poughkeepsie gets funding to assist with Garden Street Bridge replacement

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers has announced the city has received \$894,000 from the state to assist in replacing the Garden Street Bridge over the Fallkill Creek, a project that is expected to commence next spring. Although the bridge is currently open and safe for legal traffic loads, replacing the bridge is a long-term investment that will improve safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike for the decades ahead. This funding comes through the State's BRIDGE NY initiative. The city already has secured \$3.6 million

in federal funds for the approximate \$4.6 million project. "We appreciate the state's assistance in lowering the cost to the city to make this necessary renovation," said Mayor Flowers. "Continuing to improve our infrastructure is essential to good government, and the safety of our bridges is a key aspect of our plans." The mayor said the city is also working on other replacing the Washington Street and Mansion Street bridges. The Garden Street Bridge project is expected to be completed next year.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Anne Manglass
RED HOOK - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our mother Mary Anne (Stevens) Manglass on August 8, 2024. Born in Benton, Maine. She was one of 6 children born to Ruth (Fish) Stevens and Caleb Stevens; Caleb, Dodie (Lois), Jean, Barbara and Polly all of which predeceased her. After moving to Newburgh, she met and married the love of her life Ralph Manglass. No matter where they lived before or after they always called Cold Spring their home, spending most of their 70 years together there. Along with working with her husband at the pharmacy Mary enjoyed many hobbies including photography. She has had many of her photo's feature in local displays over the years and many made into post cards. She also enjoyed being part of many community groups such as the garden club, quilt-

ing and president of the seniors' group. She also enjoyed spending time in Las Vegas with her husband and their many friends. Mary was a woman with a quick wit and a great sense of humor which she passed on to us all. When she smiled, she lit up the room! Mary is survived by her loving husband Ralph and their three children Ralph, Marie and Amy. Grandchildren Kevin, Marykate, Caleb, Collin and Joel and great grandchildren Angelo and Lorenzo. All of which will miss her dearly. A celebration of life will be held in the community room at Archcare at Ferncliff in Rhinebeck NY, on September 1st from 1-4. All are welcome to come share memories, visit with friends and celebrate Mary. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home- Cold Spring. www.clintonfh.com.

Marcia Wiley Griffen
MILAN - Marcia Wiley Griffen, 74, of Milan, New York died at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, with her family there to comfort her after a long illness, on Sunday, August 11, 2024. She was born in Gardner, MA to the late Gordon and Ruth Wiley. She married Gary W. Griffen on August 3, 1969. Marcia graduated from Gardner High School and received an A.A. in graphic arts from Columbia-Greene Community College. She was a professional nature/wildlife photographer, who had numerous photographs published in national magazines, books and calendars. She recently wrote the book, Whitetails In Our Backyard. She also worked on many award-winning wildlife TV specials for Griffen Productions that aired on the Discovery Channel. Marcia also enjoyed gardening, sewing, playing the piano, fishing and hunting. Marcia is survived by two daughters,

Heather Cosenza and Alicia Myers and husband James, her sister Caroline Casey and husband John, two brothers Robert Wiley and wife Carolann, James Wiley, four grandchildren, Tyler Cosenza, Dana Cosenza, James Myers, Jacob Myers and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also predeceased by her brother Kenneth Wiley. In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Christopher's Church in Red Hook at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Nature Conservancy. <https://www.nature.org/en-us/membership-and-giving/donate-to-our-mission/other-ways-to-give/honor-and-tribute-giving/> To send an online condolence, please visit Marcia's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com

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Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank to meet Aug. 28

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

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

Online auction under way for surplus county vehicles, equipment

Surplus County vehicles and equipment items are now available for bid during Dutchess County's Surplus Vehicle Auction and Equipment Auction, both being conducted online at dutchessny.gov/OnlineAuction. Various vehicles and equipment items are included in the auction, including trucks, cars, tools, mowers, trailers, and more, now through Thursday, August 29.

Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. is conducting the online auction on behalf of the County. All bidders must register online at <https://aarauctions.com/register.html> and select "Dutchess County

Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction." All items are sold "as-is." All lots must be paid in full before pick-up. Vehicles must be paid by cash, bank check, or money order only. Payment must be made by Wednesday, September 4 at the Absolute Auctions Center in Pleasant Valley, but pick-up location for the items may vary.

For more information about the Dutchess County Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auctions, including photos and specific details about each of the auction items, viewing and pick-up locations, visit the auction website or call Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. at 845-635-3169.

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers are closed for the national Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2nd.

THE 'RAT PACK' IS BACK...

...and bigger than ever!

Registration opens this Thursday, August 22nd, for "The Sounds of the Rat Pack" with the Tony T Orchestra, our annual free end-of-summer concert at the Grandview (176 Rinaldi Blvd., Poughkeepsie), on Tuesday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m. Guests will hear the hits and stage banter of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin - and Sammy Davis, Jr., new to the show this year.

Registration is required for the event, which is open to all Dutchess County residents over the age of 60. Seats fill up quickly, so reserve your seat by calling the Office for the Aging during business hours at 845-486-2555.

We cannot accept reservations requested by voice mail, email or text message. You'll have to ring-a-ding-ding us, as Frank might have said.

'TWIGGY' TO THE RESCUE OF SCAM VICTIMS?

This story isn't about the 1960s model/actress Twiggy, but rather billionaire Australian mining magnate Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest, who's gotten sick of social media scammers using his likeness to perpetrate investment scams. Forrest is suing Facebook parent company Meta Platforms, accusing them of negligence in scam prevention. Scammers have been using Forrest's name and likeness in promoting fraudulent investments, and the suit accuses Facebook of failing to operate in a commercially reasonable manner.

Attorneys for the social-media giant contend that the company is protected

from such suits by Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996. The letter of the law reads "No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider," but it's the spirit of the law that's been argued over ever since.

Regardless of how the lawsuit plays out, one thing remains certain: When it comes to scam prevention, you are both the first and last line of defense. Visit www.dutchessny.gov/scamprevention for a printable Scam Prevention Resources sheet. It contains contact information to help you prevent scams, and report scam attempts to law enforcement and other institutions. Print one for yourself, and another for a friend who isn't online.

Your individual scam attempt report won't solve crimes all by itself, but it'll become part of a pattern that investigators can use to home in on the criminals.

AVOIDING SCAMS ON FACEBOOK

Even if you never plan to use Facebook's Marketplace feature, which has become something of a Wild West for scammers, you can improve the chances of keeping your account from being stolen by setting up a security feature you may have heard of: two-factor authentication, 2FA for short.

The first factor is your usual Facebook password. The second requires you to verify that it's really you logging in by having a secondary one-time-use code sent to you, usually your mobile device or email address.

Having done that, find us at www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA and "like" us to keep up with all the information of interest to Dutchess County older adults and caregivers.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION COUPONS - LAST CHANCE?

We're still distributing free coupon booklets from the New York State Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) to qualifying Dutchess County older adults - but we're close to the end of our allotment from the state Department of Agriculture. That means the coming week may be the last week we have SFMNP coupons to distribute.

Each coupon booklet contains five \$5.00 coupons that can be used at participating farmers markets and farm stands throughout Dutchess County and New York State.

Applicants can stop by OFA headquarters at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie only on Monday, August 19th or Tuesday, August 20th, between 2:30 and 4:00 pm on either day, while supplies last.

For more information about SFMNP, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

UPCOMING 'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS

If you'd like to learn more about the Friendly Calls program where volunteers are connected with older adults in Dutchess County who are at risk of social isolation, you can use this link: www.dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls, AND you can sign up as a volunteer to take part in one of the upcoming Friendly Calls orientations here at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie (114 Delafield St.):

- Tuesday, August 27 - 10:00 am

- Monday, September 9 - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 17 - 10:00 am
- Monday, September 23 - 3:00 pm
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For details, contact OFA Friendly Calls Outreach Coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov or call OFA at 845-486-2555.

TRAVELING VIETNAM MEMORIAL WAR AT BOWDOIN PARK (September 18-22)

Veterans from Dutchess County and across the Hudson Valley, as well as their families and history enthusiasts, are invited to pay their respects as our Office of Veterans Affairs brings the @AmHonor & Sacrifice, American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Traveling Vietnam Wall to Dutchess County Parks' Bowdoin Park (85 Sheafe Rd., Wappinger Falls) from Wednesday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 22. The wall, an 80 percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains the names of U.S. Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Accompanying the Wall will be Cost of Freedom tributes to every U.S. military action since World War I, including 9/11.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging Social media: www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA

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Monday, August 26th, 4-5 p.m. - Navigating Medicare

Thursday, August 29th, 5:30-7 p.m. - Starr Library Board of Trustees Public Meeting

Friday, August 30th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Houseplant Swap

Thursdays through September, 10-11 a.m. - Waterfall Qigong with Steven Michael Pague

BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday, August 27th, 7-8 p.m. - Starr Library Book Club - A Manual for Cleaning Women by Lucia Berlin

Friday, August 30th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Now an annual tradition three years

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Waterfall Qigong with Steven Michael Pague, Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. through September. Steven Michael Pague is back for another season of qigong! Outdoors on Thursday mornings at the library through July 18th, cancelled in the event of inclement weather or holidays. \$10 suggested donation.

Be sure to visit our online calendar for the full programming schedule, including weekly programs such as Mahjong, Scrabble, and Chair Yoga with Barbara Eichin, as well as other regular meet-ups like Brain Games and Starr Stitches embroidery club. Our knitting club is taking a break for now.

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