

Town of Clinton
Community Day
honors past,
looks to future

Activities, food & more
scheduled August 31

By Craig Marshall
Clinton Town Historian

Horse-drawn carriage rides, Bee Bee the Clown, a large parade, bands, food trucks, children's games! These and much more will be featured at the annual Clinton Community Day family event being held this Saturday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to provide fun, education, and social interaction.

"Honoring our Past & Building our Future" is the theme driving this celebration of those past and present who have made Clinton the close community it is today and preparing it for our future families and residents. Over 40 civic organizations and vendors will participate, including Clinton Community Library, Clinton Historical Society, East Clinton and West Clinton Fire Departments, Republican and Democratic Clubs, Town Board, and youth organizations.

Clinton Community Day began in October 1917, and is one of the oldest community days in Dutchess County. It was hosted by the Upton Lake Grange and held, as today, at the present site of the Clinton Historical Society's 1777 stone Creek Meeting House. The event was meant to give some respite to the many farm families in the area and a chance to socialize, compete for flower and vegetable ribbons, build and feature elaborate horse-drawn floats in a parade, and more. It was so successful, that it continued in following years with horse shows, bicycle races, BBQ chicken dinners,

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HV Balloon Fest
set at Tymor Park

Annual event takes place
over Labor Day weekend

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

Experience the magic of over 100 scheduled hot-air balloon flights throughout the weekend, showcasing a stunning array of colors and designs against the scenic Hudson Valley backdrop. Embark on a full hot-air balloon ride or savor the views from a tethered flight. Activities will proceed rain or shine, with hot-air balloon launches contingent upon wind and weather conditions for the safety of all participants.

To learn about this year's participating balloonists, go to www.dccroc.org/balloonists

Don't miss the mesmerizing hot-air balloon illumination moon glows and thrilling fireworks displays after sunset. Witness breathtaking aerial acrobatics by The Silver Starlets, an all-female troupe, captivating audiences throughout the day. And, attend informative pilot presenta-

tions titled "All About Ballooning," offering insights into the art and science of hot-air ballooning.

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

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



Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy the spectacular hot-air balloon illumination moon glow and fireworks show every night. Courtesy photo

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

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

by Curtis Schmidt



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

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

"That's how I heard about the new Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County and contacted the press office of the

Hamburg Fire Department. They were immediately enthusiastic about the idea of a special presentation," said Jaffé. "I bring warm congratulations to the new Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County."

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

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New program helps teachers to build ecological knowledge in classrooms

By Olivia Fried

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

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

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

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

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

Van Tassell highlights teacher collabora-

tion as one of the best parts about the program.

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

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

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

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

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

Denise Rogers, a teacher with the



Aiming to enhance teachers' capacity to build ecological knowledge in their classrooms, the BIORETS program funds active research for teachers through institutions of higher learning or non-profit organizations. *Courtesy photo*

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

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

"That's why I'm excited for my instructional plan — because I know Richmond," she said.

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

publication to become a resource for other teachers.

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

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

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

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@sutchessnews.com.

HV Balloon Fest set at Tymor Park

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are welcome. Bring your mat, a towel, and some water.

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

Tickets are available exclusively online at balloonfesthv.com, and no tickets will be sold at the gate. Tymor Park,

located at 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, offers free parking for all attendees. You must have a reservation to enter the parking areas.

For questions, visit the FAQ page at balloonfesthv.com or call (845) 454-1701.

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

INFORMATION FOR ADMISSION:

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

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

\$37.95 PER PERSON* for ALL WEEKEND ACCESS PASS - admission to the festival for all 2024 dates and times, August 30, 31 AND September 1, morning and evening - Required Donation.

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

HOT-AIR BALLOON

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Full Hot-Air Balloon Flights: \$350 PER PERSON - evening OR morning flight. Reservations strongly recommended as flights are likely to sellout in advance. Full Hot-Air Balloon Flights can be up to a 45 minute experience. To book a flight at the festival, visit www.balloonfesthv.com.

Tethered Hot-Air Balloon Flights: \$30 PER PERSON - Tethered hot-air balloon rides will be offered at the festival when wind and weather conditions allow. Rides will be sold on-site only (CASH ONLY) and not in advance. The balloon is tethered to the ground and ascends 50-75ft in the air and may last up to 5 minutes.

HOURS & SCHEDULE:

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

2:30PM - Gates Open

5:30PM - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

7:30PM - Hot-Air Balloon

Illumination Moon Glow and Fireworks Show

8:30PM - Gates Close

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

5:30AM - Gates Open

6:30AM - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

9:00AM - Gates Close

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

5:30AM - Gates Open

6:30AM - Scheduled Hot-Air Balloon Launch & Tethered Rides

9:00AM - Gates Close

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

2:30PM - Gates Open

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7:30PM - Hot-Air Balloon

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8:30PM - Gates Close

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Clinton Community Day parade float - 1953

Vintage scenes from Clinton Community Day parades include (above) a float from the Clinton Corners School in 1953 and (right) participants on horseback in 1928. Photos courtesy of Clinton Historical Society

and dances at neighboring Wing's Dance Hall.

A large volunteer Clinton Community Day committee headed by Event Director Todd Martin (Clinton Highway Dept. Superintendent) and his secretary Melissa Karchmer are planning this popular event. Among the features the committee has included are a horse-drawn wagon ride with the Town Historian giving the history of our Town of Clinton, car show and awards, beer and food tent, parade trophy awards, free drawing for a

truckload of firewood, 50/50 raffle, Touch a Truck, and Birds of Prey. Attendees will be greeted at the new Welcome Booth built and donated by Bayhorse Gazebos & Barns. Three bands will provide live music throughout the day.

The popular parade will begin at 4 p.m. and will be led by Grand Marshal and Town Historian and community volunteer Craig Marshall and will include several fire companies, a horse riding academy, businesses, civic organizations



Clinton Community Day parade - c1928

such Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and an antique horse-drawn ambulance. The Clinton Historical Society will open its colorful free summer exhibit of 24 antique quilts dating to the 1850s inside their Creek Meeting House. Here also will be tours of the 1777 National Register structure, plus a flower show by the Friendship Garden Club. From their extensive archive, the Society will feature a mini-display of vintage Clinton Community Day artifacts and images from 1923 and later.

As Martin commented, "Since the days of our farming heritage, our town has continued to be a close-knit community with a strong resident and volunteer base that gives us a promising future, and Clinton Community Day honors this."

Authors Don Estes and David "Tiger" Bean will have a booth on the lawn out-

side the Creek Meeting House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Signed copies of their books will be available.

Fireman Don Estes is the author of "Willy and Friends: Traveling through the Seasons." Bean is the author of "When You're A Jet: The Story of a Dancer's Extraordinary, Ordinary Life."

The Clinton Community Day Committee is grateful for the generous financial support from town and area residents, businesses, and organizations that are making this special day possible. All are invited to attend this free family oriented event at 2433 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners. Free parking will be located nearby at the Clinton Corners Evangelical Free Church. All dogs must be leashed for everyone's safety. For information, please call Melissa Karchmer at (845) 266-5853, ext. 110.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

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- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Dutchess to participate in STOP-DWI enforcement Labor Day weekend

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

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

enforcement period.

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

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

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

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Come meet



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DON ESTES
author of



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Book Signing
11 am – Noon

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author of



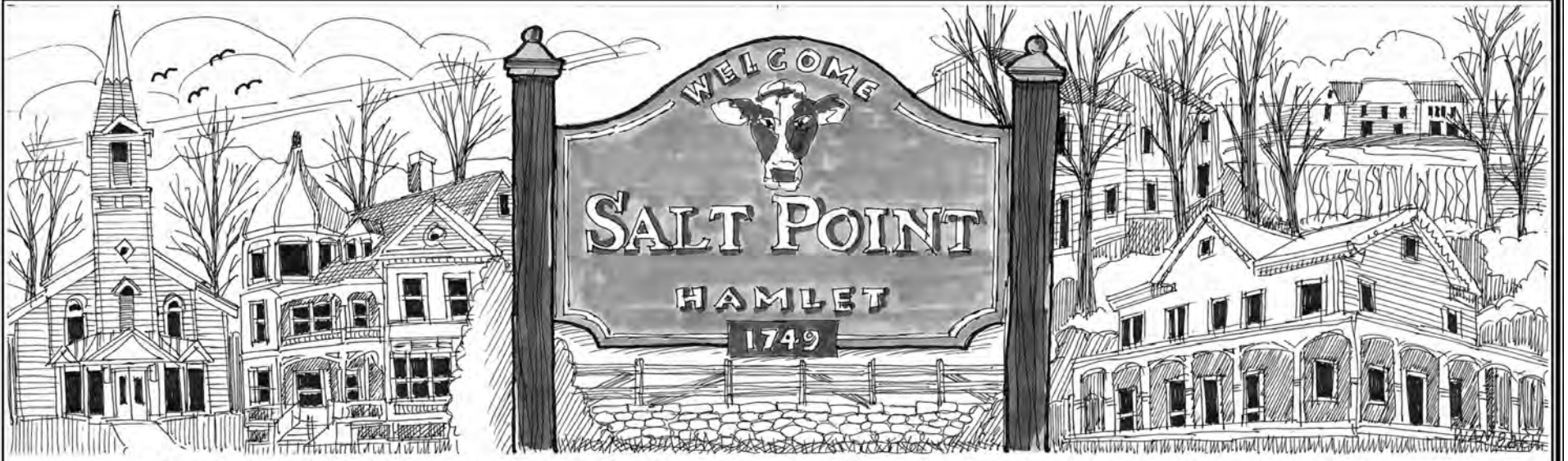
WHEN YOU'RE A JET is David's award-winning memoir, spanning a life that included West Side Story movie roles in both 1961 & 2021!

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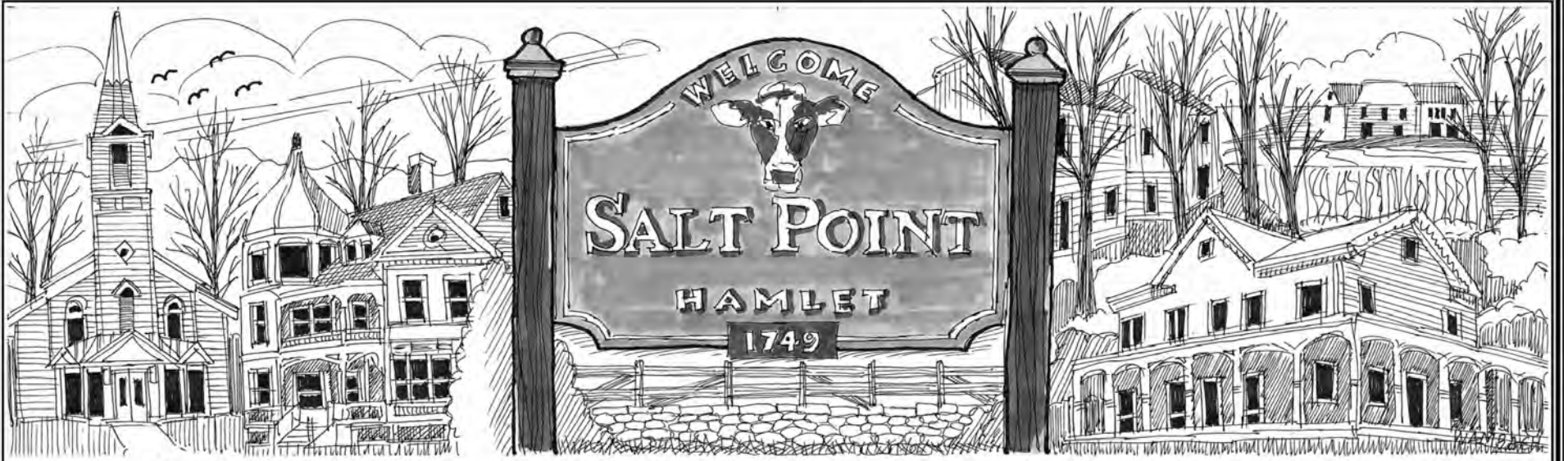
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	Hudson Valley NYY	32	22	.593	-	8-2	W7
	Aberdeen BAL	29	25	.537	3.0	6-4	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI	29	25	.537	3.0	9-1	W2
	Greensboro PIT	28	25	.528	3.5	5-5	W4
	Brooklyn NYM	24	30	.444	8.0	5-5	L2
	Wilmington WSH	20	34	.370	12.0	0-10	L11

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	33	18	.647	-	6-4	L1
	Greenville BOS	33	21	.611	1.5	8-2	W4
	Hickory TEX	28	26	.519	6.5	5-5	W1
	Winston-Salem CWS	24	30	.444	10.5	1-9	L2
	Rome ATL	21	31	.404	12.5	4-6	L4
	Asheville HOU	20	34	.370	14.5	3-7	L4



RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

Renegades honor team from country of Bhutan

Some items from the notebook.

- **BHUTAN:** Hudson Valley last week hosted a youth team from Bhutan, a tiny southeast Asia kingdom, where baseball is gaining in popularity. The country is nestled between India and China, and has less than one million residents. There was also a special night held in their honor on August 21 at Yankee Stadium prior to the game against the Cleveland Guardians. The youngsters not only received a tour of Dutchess County, but they were guests of honor in a tour of New York City.



Representatives from Bhutan and the Hudson Valley Renegades join in a check presentation at Heritage Financial Park. Photo by Dave Janosz

- **ROSTER MOVES:** It's that time of year when the minor leagues draw to a close and Major League rosters expand. As a result, there is a lot of player movement between the big league parent club and its four or 5 affiliates. The New York Yankees have announced the following roster moves affecting the Hudson Valley Renegades. Outfielder Jace Avina was placed on the 7-day Injured List. Also, outfielders Brendan Jones and OF Coby Morales were promoted from Single A Tampa.

- **THE NEW GUYS:** New additions to the Renegades have provided a spark offensively. In his first two High-A games, Brendan Jones was on base seven times, including a two-run homer, five walks and three stolen bases. Coby Morales had three RBI in his first two games with the Renegades, including two hits, two RBI, and two stolen bases last Wednesday.

- **RENEGADES ARE HOT:** By taking the first five games of the series against Wilmington, Hudson Valley has now won 19 of its last 25 games.

- **PITCHING IN:** The Renegades pitching staff sports a 3.37 ERA, not only the lowest in the South Atlantic League but the best among all High-A teams. At one point in the last two weeks, Hudson Valley was riding a streak of six shutouts in 14 games.



PLAYER		TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1	OmarMartinezC	HV	93	314	47	74	13	1	13	39	65	87	1	0	0.236	0.373	0.408	0.781
1	JaredSernaSS	HV	88	340	51	86	26	0	13	58	40	80	11	8	0.253	0.341	0.444	0.785
3	GarrettMartinRF	HV	77	252	47	53	14	3	12	41	31	83	14	2	0.21	0.319	0.433	0.752
4	JaceAvinaCF	HV	92	351	44	86	24	0	10	49	32	108	4	1	0.245	0.317	0.399	0.716
5	RocRiggio2B	HV	96	360	64	80	23	5	9	37	63	84	24	6	0.222	0.35	0.389	0.739
6	JoshMoyle1B	HV	90	299	46	73	13	1	8	36	50	92	3	3	0.244	0.361	0.375	0.736
7	RafaelFlores1B	HV	57	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285	0.403	0.466	0.869
7	KikoRomero3B	HV	70	203	26	43	12	1	6	21	38	78	9	1	0.212	0.35	0.369	0.719
9	AntonioGomezC	HV	39	136	22	32	11	1	5	18	11	43	0	0	0.235	0.298	0.441	0.739
9	JesusRodriguezC	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332	0.412	0.507	0.919
11	ChristopherFamiliaLF	HV	34	115	15	21	5	0	3	17	10	40	0	0	0.183	0.264	0.304	0.568
12	JacksonCastilloCF	HV	10	34	7	14	2	1	2	15	4	7	2	0	0.412	0.487	0.706	1.193
13	KyleBattleLF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174	0.316	0.304	0.62
13	TylerHardmanDH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237	0.292	0.339	0.631
13	DylanJasso1B	HV	17	60	9	15	6	1	1	6	7	15	0	0	0.25	0.328	0.433	0.761
13	BrendanJonesCF	HV	6	18	5	4	0	0	1	2	7	4	7	0	0.222	0.44	0.389	0.829
17	BeauBrewer3B	HV	33	92	8	21	6	0	0	10	8	19	0	0	0.228	0.29	0.293	0.583
17	JuanCrispP	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	BrennyEscanio3B	HV	41	111	8	24	8	0	0	12	14	34	8	3	0.216	0.302	0.288	0.59
17	ColeGabrielsonRF	HV	66	191	28	39	12	1	0	18	29	56	12	3	0.204	0.343	0.277	0.62
17	AnthonyHallRF	HV	31	100	9	18	3	1	0	9	13	38	4	0	0.18	0.274	0.23	0.504
17	DJLeMahieu3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715
17	GeorgeLombardSS	HV	18	69	4	9	1	0	0	5	8	17	6	1	0.13	0.231	0.145	0.376
17	NelsonMedinaCF	HV	50	156	13	18	3	1	0	14	14	74	8	0	0.115	0.197	0.147	0.344
17	CobyMoralesDH	HV	7	26	6	11	2	0	0	6	3	6	3	1	0.423	0.483	0.5	0.983
17	OscarSilverioX	HV	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	AlexanderVargasSS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716
17	EdisonVivasC	HV	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0.667	0.667	0.667	1.334
17	JorbitVivas2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313	0.389	0.375	0.764

PLAYER		TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG	
1	CamSchlitterP	HV	6	4	2.6	17	17	0	0	0	86.2	60	34	25	7	3	38	108	1.13	0.191	
2	KyleCarrP	HV	1	7	4.69	22	22	0	0	0	96	86	60	50	5	3	51	89	1.43	0.244	
3	TrentSellersP	HV	6	3	2.28	29	7	0	0	1	4	75	39	27	19	3	3	34	88	0.97	0.151
4	BaronStuartP	HV	8	4	3.6	20	20	0	0	0	100	88	42	40	4	6	37	86	1.25	0.239	
5	SebastianKeaneP	HV	6	7	4.85	23	15	0	0	1	78	73	45	42	7	10	40	79	1.45	0.253	
6	MattKeatingP	HV	4	3	4.08	36	0	0	0	3	4	64	41	32	29	9	1	28	74	1.08	0.18
7	BenShieldsP	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	ColeAyersP	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	JoelValdezP	HV	1	2	3.81	32	0	0	0	4	6	52	40	26	22	3	8	26	62	1.27	0.212
10	MasonVinyardP	HV	6	2	3.67	29	0	0	0	2	4	41.2	33	23	17	2	1	23	55	1.34	0.21
11	HoustonMorrillP	HV	3	3	3.3	32	0	0	0	2	3	43.2	38	21	16	6	4	14	45	1.19	0.241
12	JacksonFristoeP	HV	1	3	3.79	12	12	0	0	0	0	38	27	18	16	2	1	28	40	1.45	0.201
13	LuisAreljulaP	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	BlaineAbeytaP	HV	2	2	2.5	11	7	0	0	0	0	39.2	35	18	11	3	4	5	25	1.01	0.235
14	YorlinCalderonP	HV	0	0	2.37	13	0	0	0	3	4	19	14	6	5	1	2	6	25	1.05	0.192
16	BrianHendryP	HV	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	12	5	2	0	0	0	7	17	1	0.116
16	EricReyzelmanP	HV	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	2	0	0	0	1	4	17	0.62	0.065
18	HarrisonCohenP	HV	2	0	1.32	8	0	0	0	0	1	13.2	8	3	2	1	0	0	16	0.59	0.163
19	LeonardoPestanaP	HV	1	0	1.86	6	0	0	0	0	1	9.2	1	2	2	0	0	5	15	0.62	0.036
20	JoshGroszP	HV	3	1	2.57	4	4	0	0	0	0	21	11	8	6	2	0	14	13	1.19	0.157
21	ThomasBalboniP	HV	0	1	5.14	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	4	4	0	3	5	11	1.29	0.167
22	GeoffreyGilbertP	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.43	0.043
23	KellyAustinP	HV	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6.2	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0.6	0.167
24	IndigoDiazP	HV	0	0	3.68	7	1	0	0	0	0	7.1	4	4	3	1	0	1	8	0.68	0.16
25	SeanBoyleP	HV	1	0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	1	1	2	7	1.14	0.231	
25	StevenFulgencioP	HV	1	1	4.15	8	0	0	0	0	1	8.2	7	7	4	0	2	6	7	1.5	0.219
25	CadeSmithP	HV	0	1	5.63	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	4	5	5	1	1	3	7	0.88	0.143
28	OceanGaboniaP	HV	0	0	3.18	4	0	0	0	1	1	5.2	6	2	2	1	0	3	6	1.59	0.273
28	McKinleyMooreP	HV	0	0	7.36	4	0	0	0	1	1	3.2	2	3	3	0	1	2	6	1.09	0.154
30	JuanCrispC	HV	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	4	2	0	4	4	2	0.182
31	BryceWarreckerP	HV	0	0	3.86	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.1	3	1	1	0	0	2	2	2.14	0.333

2024 SCHEDULE

08/27/24	@ Jersey Shore	7:05 pm EDT	AWAY
08/28/24	@ Jersey Shore	7:05 pm EDT	AWAY
08/29/24	@ Jersey Shore	7:05 pm EDT	AWAY
08/30/24	@ Jersey Shore	7:05 pm EDT	AWAY
08/31/24	@ Jersey Shore	7:05 pm EDT	AWAY
09/01/24	@ Jersey Shore	1:05 pm EDT	AWAY
09/03/24	vs Asheville	6:35 pm EDT	Murder Mystery Night T-Shirt Tuesday Presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union
09/04/24	vs Asheville	6:35 pm EDT	Football Night We Care Wednesday Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network
09/05/24	vs Asheville	6:35 pm EDT	First Responder's Night Premium Ticket Options



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

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

By Rich Thomaselli

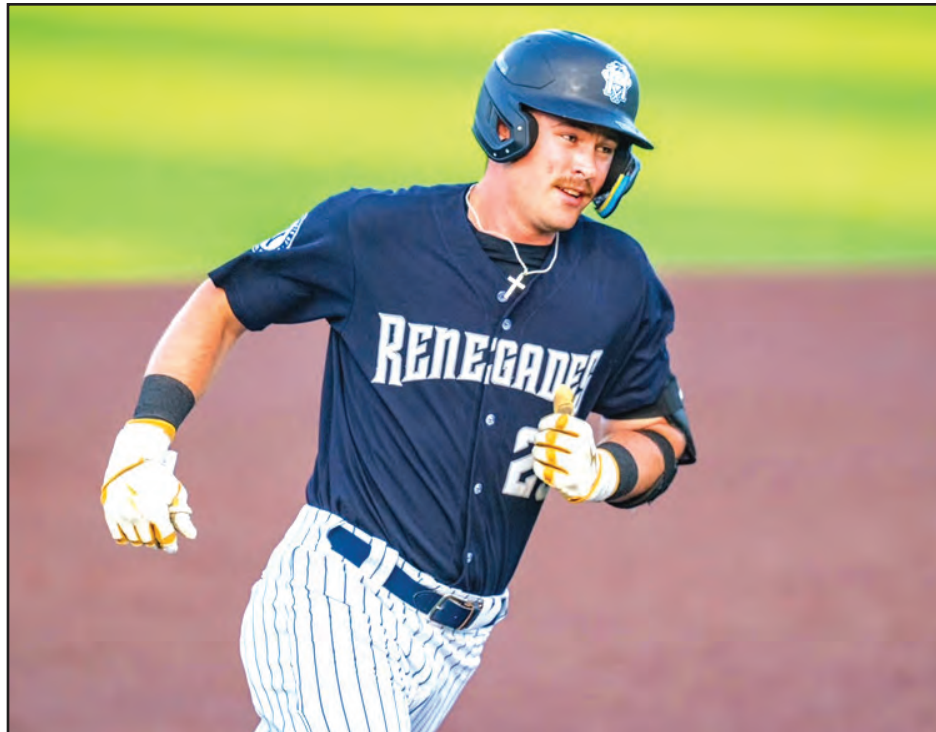
You can't ask for much better than this. The Hudson Valley Renegades strengthened their hold on first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League with a couple of milestones last week. Hudson Valley recorded its first seven-game sweep in franchise history, including a sweep of a doubleheader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

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

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

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

After two no-hitters in the first 29 seasons of Renegades baseball, they have thrown two in the last five weeks. It also helped the Renegades execute their first doubleheader sweep since April 27, 2022. In game one, T.J. White put the



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

Blue Rocks ahead 1-0 with a solo home run off Sebastian Keane in the top of the second. A lead-off double by Marcus Brown and a single by Joe Naranjo put runners at first and third in the third.

Brown later scored on a fielder's choice ground-out by Jared McKenzie, and Naranjo scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

The Renegades struck in the bottom of the

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

Martin had a tremendous day at the plate, launching three home runs and driving in seven runs between the two games of the doubleheader. In the fifth Martin walked and Morales singled to put runners at first and second. Dylan Jasso knocked in Martin with an RBI single. Vivas then notched a two-run single to bring in Morales and Jasso and extend the Renegades lead to 7-3. In his High-A debut, Vivas was 2-for-3 with three RBI. In game two Sellers tossed 4.2 hitless innings. Since June 25, Sellers has been charged with just two earned runs across 39.2 innings (0.45 ERA).

In the series opener last Tuesday, Hudson Valley set the tone with a 10-0 victory. The Renegades took a no-hitter into the eighth inning before Thomas legged out a bunt single with one out against Harrison Cohen. The pitching staff did not allow another hit the rest of the way, throwing their fourth one-hitter of the season. Baron Stuart put together arguably his best performance of the season. The right-hander did not allow a hit in six innings, inducing seven groundball outs and allowing just three baserunners to reach safely. He retired 13 of the last 14 batters he faced.

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

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

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

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

GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

Success in baseball and business and looking at entertainment dollars

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.

In your mind, what constitutes a successful season?

Well, I think there's a lot of factors. First and foremost is the fan experience. We want to make sure that people who are coming to our games are having a good time. Certainly, as a business, we want to make sure we are being efficient with revenues. We look at it as a long-term play; we want people to have a good time and to come back multiple times.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Founded by Feldman and Paul S. Kleidman in 1986, the award-winning law firm of FKC&S has received a multitude of honors over the years, including annual recognition by Best Law Firms®, Ranked by Best Lawyers since its First Edition in 2010. Feldman has been designated as a New York State "Super Lawyer" every year since 2008 and has achieved an AV® rating with Martindale-Hubbell since 1992, placing him in the top three percent of attorneys nationwide. He is a proud member of the



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

New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Dutchess County Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the American Association for Justice and the New York Medical Defense Bar Association. Feldman resides in LaGrange, NY with his wife and has three grown children, as well as two grandchildren.

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

Dutchess County, Sappe resides with his wife in East Fishkill, NY and is a member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the New York Medical Defense Bar Association.

Collins joined the team at FKC&S in 2016 and became the first female partner at the firm in 2019. Focusing in the areas of medical malpractice litigation, professional liability litigation and general liability litigation, she has extensive experience in the defense and counseling of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, mental health providers, hospitals and nursing homes. In 2022 Collins received an AV Preeminent® Peer Rated Attorney designation through Martindale-Hubbell, the most reliable and sought-after peer rating standard in the legal industry for more than 130 years. A member of the New York State Bar Association, the New York Medical Defense Bar and the American Bar Association, she resides in Hopewell Junction, NY with her husband, Jim, and their three children.

Northern Dutchess Hospital earns highest rating from federal healthcare agency

RHINEBECK – Northern Dutchess Hospital, part of Nuvance Health, has earned a five-star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), scoring the highest level of recognition for quality of patient care.

CMS ratings offer the community an overview of healthcare facility performance. Their evaluation measures safety of care, mortality, patient experience, readmission rates and timely and effective care. CMS collaborates with the entire healthcare community to achieve better outcomes in the healthcare system.

"This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and compassion of our physicians and staff, as well as the trust and support of our community," said Denise George, president of Northern Dutchess Hospital. "Every member of our team pours their heart into their work, always striving to provide exceptional care. Our unique culture, rooted in teamwork and quality, is at the core of everything we do. Earning a five-star rating highlights our commitment to ensuring every patient feels valued and well cared for."

Northern Dutchess Hospital earns 5-star quality healthcare rating from CMS

Northern Dutchess Hospital is one of only 10 hospitals in New York to receive a five-star rating and one of 381 hospitals nationwide. Recently, the hospital was reaccredited as a Robotic Center of Excellence by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), recognized by U.S. News & World Report for high performance in knee replacement and achieved The American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus award. Earlier this year, they also achieved Surgical Quality Partner Status by The American College of Surgeons.

"Together, we will continue to grow, improve and serve our community with unwavering dedication," George said. "All of us at Northern Dutchess Hospital strive to provide the highest quality of care and ensure the safety of every patient. Thank you to the community for placing your trust in us."

Learn more about Northern Dutchess Hospital at <https://www.nuvancehealth.org/locations/northern-dutchess-hospital>.

DCHS honors Frank Doherty



The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) recently gathered at the Pleasant Valley Public Library to honor Frank Doherty, who has just published the 12th volume of his series, "The Settlers of Beekman Patent," an unparalleled documentation of 18th century southern Dutchess County records. From left are Mary and Frank Doherty, DCCHS's Collections Chair Melody Moore, Executive Director Bill Jeffway, VP for Dover Val Larobardier, Trustee Will Tatum and Advisory Board member Al Rosenblatt. Larobardier in her role as head of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society presented a plaque from that group as well. *Photo by William F. Raymond*

Mom gives birth to twins at DC Fair



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

Red Hook Spinners win 'Fleece to Shawl' competition



The Red Hook Spinners took first place in the "Fleece to Shawl" competition at the 2024 Dutchess County Fair. The Elmendorph Handspinners took second place and the Ulster County Handspinners came in third. Winning team members above are, from left, Lydia Leete, Debbie Battaglia, Theresa Ryan, Luca DiMambro and Ute Delaney. *Courtesy photo*

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Riley Mahaffey shows historic Grand Champion Steer at Fair



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

By Curtis Schmidt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Junior Fair Board takes on key roles with DC Ag Society



The Junior Fair Board is made up of a group of young people from 14-25 years old. They have been selected to represent the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc. and the Dutchess County Fair. They take on volunteer positions Fair week in Building E, teaching the fair-goers about farm-to-table harvesting through the AgriVenture hands-on activity and the virtual reality tractor. You also see them in the Farmer's Tent on Livestock Hill, giving talks to the fair-goers in their respective areas of expertise in the agricultural world. They are also working on creating a school-based agricultural project that will hopefully role out this fall. Their advisor, Jenny Lang, is proud to have such a motivated and enthusiastic group of young people to work with and is looking forward to seeing all the great things they will accomplish. From left are Mariel Mustello, Jenna Lawrence, Paige Tegtmeier, Annette Prezzano, Faith Shultz, Jenny Lang, Ashley Keck, Nathan Prezzano and James Hicks. (Not pictured: Autumn Prezzano and Brendan Scoralick). *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

Ashley Keck, Emily Mayo win Miller Memorial Scholarships

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

Youth in Agriculture at the 2024 DC Fair



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



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

Mike Leary Scholarship honors three area youth



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

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

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

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

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

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

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LAGRANGE SENIOR BUS TRIP REGISTRATION UNDER WAY

The Town of LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department is currently registering for their upcoming senior bus trip to Resorts World Casino. The trip, which is taking place on Wednesday, September 25, will include time at the casino, \$25 slot play credit, buffet lunch, and The Drifters Under the Boardwalk Show. This getaway is just \$60 per person and is open to LaGrange residents and one paying guest, ages 50 and up.

Registration takes place in the Recreation Office at LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, Mon-Fri, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You will need the following to register:

- Photo ID AND property tax or utility bill. (A driver's license is not valid proof of residency).
- Cash or check for \$60/person made out to "Town of LaGrange."
- List of medications.
- Your Resorts World Rewards# if you have one (not required).

Bus departs LaGrange Town Hall at 9 a.m., returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 25. Please reach out to the Recreation Office at 845-452-1972 with any questions.

For detailed information about all town recreation activities, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or go to the town website at www.lagrangeny.gov/parks-rec.

Views of the 2024 Dutchess County Fair

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Clockwise from top left, Ashley Keck shows her steer in competition on Wednesday at the Fair. Rosanne Ashby of the Elmendorph Handspinners works during the "Fleece To Shawl" competition. Annabeth and Isaiah Angell view displays in the new Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County. Doug "Doc" Hart speaks to visitors in the "Farm Life - The Good Life" tent.

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YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS



Adelle Kilmer had the Grand Champion Poultry Roaster and the buyer was Ed Kading of JSK Livestock.

Mackenzie Phillips had the Reserve Champion Poultry Meat Pen and the buyer was Jon Prezzano representing T & T Maintenance.

Ryder Fitzpatrick had the Grand Champion Game Bird and the buyer was Kelly von der Lieth of Rhinebeck Sport and Spine.

Clara Sundlof had the Reserve Champion Game Bird and the buyers were Ed and Susan Kreuzscher of IXL Health and Fitness.



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From left, John Cerven of Poughquag won the blue ribbon for his Gladiola. A Stilt Dancer performs for the crowds on Saturday. Debbie Focht shows off honey and syrup at the Hummingbird Ranch display in the Specialty Foods building. The next generation of 4-H members at the Fair: Barbara Hackett holds granddaughter, Emma Self. Granddaughter Riley Hackett is in the stroller in front and Bob Beckmann's grandson, Wade Beckmann is in the stroller to the right.

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YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS *continued from page 11*



Addison Stapf had the Grand Champion Meat Goat and the buyer was Scott Boardman of Boardman Generator.



Mackenzie Phillips had the Reserve Champion Meat Goat and the buyer was Anthony Cidras.



Jackson Crisp had the Grand Champion Lamb and the buyers were the Angell Family and Halton Construction.



Cooper Randall had the Reserve Champion Lamb and the buyers were Patti Smith and Paul Strieby.



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Clockwise from top left, children enjoy the Khaos ride at the Powers Great American Midway. A young fair-goer plays Tic Tac Toe with an underwater diver in the State Trooper booth. John Neilson of Red Hook won a blue ribbon with this tomato collection. Grady Lyman hugs his rabbit, "Callie."

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YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS *continued from page 12*



Tessa Mashburn had the Grand Champion Rabbit Stewer and the buyers were Christine Poulin and Elijah Bender of Foster's Coach House.



Tessa Mashburn had the Reserve Champion Rabbit Roaster and the buyers were Bob Beckmann of Matt's Auto Body and Barbara Hackett of Hackett Farm Supply.



Zoe Biniaris had the Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen and the buyers were Mustello Forge with Joseph, Molly and Cole.



Livia Underhill had the Grand Champion Hog and the buyers were DC vendors at the Fair Daniel Budd, Vinnie Nelson and Henry Mitchell donating to Red Hook Responds.

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Clockwise from top left, Oscar the Robot entertains children. Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy performs on Wednesday. Peony Design Studio in Pleasant Valley presented this display in the Horticulture Building. Kate Cahill of Wappingers Falls won a blue ribbon with her Red Dahlia.



YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS *continued from page 13*



Nathan Clum had the Reserve Champion Hog and the buyers were Rich and Matt von der Lieth of J.D. von der Lieth and Sons.



Riley Mahaffey had the Grand Champion Steer and the buyers were Doug and Victoria LaPerche and John and Andrena Murray of Air Masters Northeast.



Natalie Shultz had the Reserve Champion Steer and the buyer was Rich Ross.

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THEME: FOOTBALL

ACROSS

- Command to Fido
- Sheep not yet sheared
- Cap and gown accessory
- Blood line
- Ancient Chinese dynasty
- Ringworm
- Driver's license notation
- Not outs
- Like Cheerios
- *Piece of football equipment required since 1943
- *Peyton or Eli
- Napkin spot
- Eminem's 2002 hit "____ Yourself"
- Embargo
- Feed storage cylinder
- Like house from a kit
- Greek god of love
- Smokes
- *Super Bowl I M.V.P. Bart ____
- Taj Mahal locale
- *Career rushing yards record holder
- Equals s squared
- Regretting
- *Highest college football level: ____ Division I
- Extend credit
- *Seventeen games in NFL
- Somewhat (2 words)
- "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" singer
- Mare's baby
- Not a friend
- *55 of them
- *Home of the NFL Hall of Fame
- Hole-borer
- For every
- Color red on coat of arms
- Birds of ill omen
- Outrage
- ____ shopping cart
- Party barrels
- Sound from one of #69 Across
- Homes for #69 Across

DOWN

- Down in the dumps
- Cry of contempt
- Marine eagle
- Wake Island, e.g.
- Kismet, pl.
- Foolish one
- Even, poetic
- Useful contraption
- Lamborghini model
- Unfavorable prefix
- "As ____ on TV"
- Suspend
- Astrigents
- "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
- Venomous Egyptian snake
- Deducible
- *One of 2 NFL founding teams still in league
- Lock horns
- Waterwheel
- Outline
- Et alii, abbr.
- Got along
- *Like indoor eight-men football
- *Career NFL passing yards record holder
- Without
- Wild guess
- Israeli port
- Errand-runners
- Neither's partner
- Nuku'alofa language
- Meat jelly dish
- Musician's exercise
- "*Go ____ Go!"
- Fishing decoy
- Awestruck
- Archery wood
- "Ship, Captain, ____"
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- ____ of Good Feelings
- Lusitania's last call

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Studio tours to showcase artistic process Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Art enthusiasts and cultural explorers are invited to immerse themselves in a weekend of creativity during Art Studio Views (ASV) this Labor Day weekend. From Aug. 31 to Sept. 1, 30 artists will open their doors to the public, offering a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the craftsmanship and vision behind some of the region's most acclaimed artworks. Many studios will also be open on Monday, Labor Day.

Located in five Hudson Valley communities – Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Tivoli – Art Studio Views has been a cornerstone of the local art scene for 17 years, renowned for its promotion of local talents and brings people together to appreciate their work.

“We are thrilled to welcome visitors to Art Studios Views over Labor Day weekend,” said Joanna Hess, director of ASV. “This event is not only a celebration of art but also a chance for our community to come together and experience the power of creativity. This event promises to be a highlight of the holiday weekend, blending cultural enrichment with the joy of artistic discovery.”

Hess continued, “Whatever your interest, the tour has something for you—painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolors and inks; collage & mixed media makers working with found objects; printmakers; photographers; and ceramic artists whose work ranges from functional with a bit of funk thrown in for good measure. It’s all here for you to discover.”

Throughout the weekend, guests can anticipate intimate guided tours led by the artists, and some demonstrations, providing insights into their creative processes and inspirations.

Since mid-August, the Betsy Jacaruso Gallery in Rhinebeck has hosted the ASV “Sampler Exhibit,” which is a perfect opportunity to preview the artwork of the 30 participating artists.

Follow the bright yellow Art Studio Views signs along the route to find these private studios.

Attendees are urged to plan ahead for their personal tour by visiting the ASV

website (artstudioviews.com), Facebook, and Instagram pages where more information on each artist and sponsor can be found. Maps are available at ASV Headquarters: The Artists’ Collective of Hyde Park (artistscollectiveofhydepark.com); Art Gallery 71 (artgallery71.com); the Betsy Jacaruso Studio & Gallery (bestsyjacaruso.com); Equis Art Gallery (equisart.com); and Tivoli Artist Gallery (tivoliantistgallery.com).

Whether you’re a seasoned art aficionado or simply curious about the local creative scene, Art Studios invites you to join us this Labor Day weekend for an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, but please leave your pets at home.

For more information to plan your visit, about ASV artists, sponsors, and spots to stop for a meal, visit artstudioviews.com.

The ASV Class of 2024

**indicates studios are also open Monday, Labor Day.*

Germantown/Clermont: Marie Cole: painter/printmaker; *Ramah Commanday: wood-fired ceramics; *Anthony Finta: painter; Grace Gunning: metal arts; Trevor Hunter: abstract expressionist

Red Hook/Tivoli: Sean Bowen: painter; *Janene Gentile: painter; Louise Kalin: printmaker/mixed media; Kevin Palfreyman: painter; Linda Palfreyman: painter; Kathy Schmidt: painter; *Demoy Shilling: photographer

Rhinebeck: *Gwen Bardon: painter; Elisabeth Barnett: painter; *Melissa Katzman Braggins: printmaker/ceramic arts; *Ted Braggins: printmaker/works on paper; Lupe Galvan: painter; Joanne Gelb: mixed media/printmaker; Mark Hopkins: painter; *Vera Kaplan: painter; Linda Lavin: alcohol ink painter; *Betty Leigh: painter; *Nansi Lent: painter; Wendy Miller: painter; Ann Rhinehart: painter; Alix Hallman Travis: painter; Dean Vallas: painter

Hyde Park / Staatsburg: Carolyn Ard: painter/sculptor; Rose Gennaro: painter; *Tatiana Rhinevault: painter



Participants in Art Studio Views include (clockwise, from top left) Lupe Galvan of Rhinebeck, Ramah Commanday of Germantown, and Rose Gennaro of Hyde Park. *Courtesy photos*

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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How not to kill turtles

Mark and Sue visit the Hudson Valley Farm Hub.

I have a dermatologist, a rheumatologist, an oncologist and an ophthalmologist. A friend of mine is an entomologist. But I had never met a herpetologist until last week, at the Hudson Valley Farm Hub.

The Hudson Valley Farm Hub is a non-profit center for resilient agriculture based on 1,600 acres of prime farmland in Hurley, Ulster County, N.Y. The vision is for a collaborative regional food system that meets the economic and social needs of our communities while working in partnerships with natural systems. The Farm Hub is a subsidiary of the NoVo foundation, which has a net worth of around \$100 billion, led in part by Warren Buffett's son Peter and daughter-in-law Jennifer.

My daughter Becky works at the Farm Hub, so she invited me and Sue to the annual Farmscape Ecology Field Day. This is a showcase for Ecology Related research projects sponsored by the Farm Hub, open to the general public, about 40 people on this occasion.

Farmscape Ecology program manager Anne Bloomfield led our group through several research projects set up by staff, interns and visiting students. I would say that the research is geared toward investigating the interface between production agriculture and the natural environment:

• **Grassland Birds** – Zischi Wu is studying migratory grassland birds, specifically Bobolinks and Savannah Sparrows, by attaching geolocators to see when they are present in local hay fields. To protect the birds' nests, she recommends harvesting hay before the June nesting season and again (for the second cutting) after the nestlings have fledged. This might not be practical, but it is something to be considered.

• **Native Meadow Trials** – In 2017, three half-acre plots were plowed and planted – one with wildflower seed, one with native grasses, and one left to grow on its own (the "control"). Since then, the native grass plot has remained grassy, with switch grass and big blue stem slowly taking over. After eight years, the wildflower plot still has some rudbeckia, but goldenrod is becoming more common. The control plot is growing up to cottonwood trees. An annual early spring mowing would maintain the plots as meadow, but if left completely alone, all three might eventually grow up to forest.

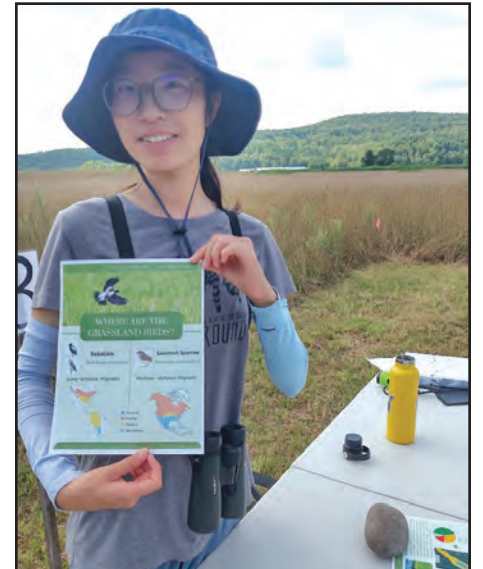
• **Native Meadow Insects** – One group

of researchers documented the insects found in each of the three plots. No surprise that bees and butterflies were more common in the wildflower plot. The grass plot had fewer insects overall. The control, which after eight years was basically weeds and young trees, had lots of aphids, flea beetles and weevils, and a big diversity of parasitic wasps that feed on the other insects.

• **Water Quality in the Esopus Creek** – New Paltz college professor Shafiu Chowdhury (a Hydrologist!) and his students have been studying the Esopus Creek, which runs alongside the farm, for years, dating back to when it was John Gill's sweet corn farm. It's no big secret that a fine balance exists between applying enough fertilizer to grow a healthy crop and applying too much, which washes into the rivers and streams. Since the Farm Hub is organic, they use chicken manure as a fertilizer. Several plots have been laid out in order to fine-tune the dosage.

• **Wood Turtles** – At last I met a professional Herpetologist – Jason Tesauro, who works with reptiles and amphibians, advising local government, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and on occasion developers, about threatened and endangered species. Jason has a soft spot for wood turtles, which are considered endangered. At the Farm Hub, native wood turtles have been fitted with radio transmitters to track their movement. The researchers found out that, like most turtles, wood turtles stick close to the water except during nesting season, when the females travel up to a half mile, in search of a suitable place to lay their eggs. Wood turtles love farm fields, and this is where it gets interesting. In order to cut down on carbon admissions, organic farmers practice no-till planting. Instead of plowing up an entire field, they leave the cover crop and plant a single furrow, without disturbing the surrounding soil. The cover crop needs to be killed by "rolling and crimping," using a heavy machine. This happens in June, when the turtles are on the move. They could get squashed. The farm Hub is exploring a way around this, maybe by growing a turtle-friendly crop. Walnuts, anyone?

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



Clockwise from left: Jason Tesauro with wood turtle. Photo courtesy of Hudson Valley Farm Hub. Zischi Wu with grassland birds. Shafiu Chowdhury (second from left) with students. Photos by Mark Adams



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A sweet classic

Toll House cookies, a home-baked favorite, were a ‘happy accident.’

Every now and then I like to get back to the classics. OK, that would be most of the time because, let’s face it, they’re classic for a reason. Sure, I like to play with my food and come up with my own recipes or tweak others to suit my tastes, but some things are perfect as they are, so there’s simply no need to change them.

When it comes to the sweeter side of life, few things are as classic as Toll House cookies, arguably America’s favorite cookie. We generally just call them chocolate chip cookies, but the original came about as a happy accident (although its creator would later say it was a deliberate experiment). Ruth Wakefield, a dietician and food lecturer, and her husband purchased a 1709 toll house in Whittman, Massachusetts near Boston in 1930. Their dream was to turn it into an inn, and The Toll House Inn was born.

Ruth loved experimenting in the kitchen – a woman after my own heart – and was inspired one day to break up a bar of Nestle semi-sweet chocolate to add to her butter cookie batter just to see what would happen. To her surprise, the chocolate didn’t melt while baking, adding a crunchy texture that delighted her so much she shared her recipe in her cookbook Ruth Wakefield’s Toll House Tried and True Recipes in 1936. It made its way to a Boston newspaper as Toll House Chocolate Crunch Cookies, boosting

sales of Nestle chocolate bars and making the world a happier place. Nestle not only began printing the recipe on their wrappers (with Ruth’s permission), but eventually started selling chocolate bits, which they called morsels. The rest, as they say, is history.

Ruth’s Toll House Cookie recipe was one of the first things I ever made, having found it in my mother’s vintage Betty Crocker Cookbook. (The folks at Betty Crocker perfected it over the years and gave Mrs. Wakefield full credit.) I learned at an early age that baking, and food in general, is the perfect way to say I love you and have made them for friends and family ever since.

TOLL HOUSE COOKIES

(Betty Crocker’s version of Ruth Wakefield’s original)

A true classic in every sense of the word, these have a chewy center with crisp edges. Buttery, chocolatey and perfect. No store-bought version even comes close.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/4 cups flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (8oz or 2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 12oz package semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

METHOD

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat butter and sugars together until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and beat until smooth.

Stir in flour mixture, half at a time, and mix just until blended. (Batter will be stiff). Mix in chocolate chips and nuts, if using.

Drop rounded teaspoonfuls of batter 2 inches apart on ungreased or parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake until golden brown, 8-10 minutes (centers will be soft). Cool 2 minutes and transfer to cooling racks. Store in an airtight container.

Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

I love the classics; but what I love just

as much, if not more, is learning their history. Somehow hearing the stories of how things came to be warms my heart and makes me feel like I’m carrying on their stories and legacy with every recipe I share. I can picture them in their kitchens as I chop and stir, measure and bake. I like to think that in sharing Ruth Wakefield’s Toll House cookie story and her famous recipe makes her happy, wherever she may be. She certainly deserves that since she continues to bring so much joy to so many. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day’s background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years’ experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

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Mount Gulian to reveal seldom seen items from its museum collection

Mount Gulian Historic Site will offer its exclusive White Glove Tour every Sunday in September (9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29), at noon and 2 p.m. This special tour highlights items from the collection that are rarely on display.

Following a tour of the house and grounds, visitors will have the opportunity to wear the trademark white gloves to examine artifacts up close and out from the collection storage rooms, giving a seldom found perspective of the past.

"We rarely offer our "White Glove"

tour to the general public," says Elaine Hayes, Executive Director. "We hope out of town visitors, our neighbors, and local residents will stop by and avail themselves of this unique opportunity."

Visitors will have the opportunity to hold and examine artifacts representing 300 years of Mount Gulian's history, which spans from Native American times, through the Colonial Era, the American Revolution, and the Golden Age of the Hudson Valley. Items selected for this tour include family letters; docu-

ments and artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries; English and Dutch family bibles; women's and men's Victorian era clothing; military artifacts and more.

Admission for the "White Glove Tour" is \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 children; free for children under 6 and for Mount

Gulian members. Membership is open to the public and may be purchased day of the event. Registration is strongly suggested. To register, contact Mount Gulian at (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org. For further information and directions, visit www.mountgulian.org.

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. **Sept. 4-Oct. 31:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Emily Marchesiello, and at 12 Vassar St., JJ Kathe will showcase her pieces in the Reception Gallery with Carol Loizides presenting her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. **Free Public Art Opening Receptions** will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m. in all three galleries. 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

MORTON LIBRARY SEEKS FIBER ARTS FOR OCTOBER EXHIBIT

Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff is asking textile artists: knitters, quilters, rug hookers, embroiderers, crocheters, weavers, spinners, etc., to share their creations with the Morton community for an art opening and exhibition.

Morton's "Homage to the Fiber Creators" will open on Friday, Oct. 11, the week before the Sheep and Wool Festival, providing an "appetizer" of sorts to the festival, happening Oct. 19-20.

Deadline to submit work is Oct. 4.

This Call for Art is open to everyone; kids' creations are welcome. Contact sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org if interested.

A & E CALENDAR

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.

Through 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. 30: "100 Years of 'Rhapsody in Blue': A Tribute to Gershwin," The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Join Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra for 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. Paul Bisaccia, the internationally acclaimed piano soloist and first musician to record the complete solo piano music of Gershwin, will join the orchestra. Performance 7 p.m. After-Party 8:15 p.m. Tickets at www.thestissingcenter.org

Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival, Tymor Park, Union Vale. Five mass hot-air balloon ascensions totaling over 120 balloon flights during the weekend. Take a ride in a hot-air balloon: tethered or full-flight (advance reservations required). Fireworks each night. Bubble Zone, live music, live entertainment, family activities & games, food trucks, vendors, Hudson Valley Handmade Artisans, designated picnic area (bring blankets & chairs), Craft Beer & Wine Tent and more. See https://www.drcoc.org/balloonfesthv.org for admission prices and more info.

Aug. 31-Sept. 1: Art Studio Views, Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia counties. The 17th annual Art Studio Views tour offers an opportunity to meet artists while visiting their private studios during this two-day self-guided tour, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Media includes: painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture. Free of charge and open to the public. No pets allowed. For information about the artists, sponsors and to download the map, visit artstudioviews.com

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

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

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

Local youth-serving organizations that provide team sports opportunities to youth under age 18 are encouraged to

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

Eligible applicants should be either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or other community-based organization with a federal identification number, operating in Dutchess County with the ability to meet the County's insurance requirements. Eligible programs must provide free, direct services to all youth. Organizations awarded grants for 2024-2025 Youth Development Programming (YDP) or the 2024-2025 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF) are not eligible for 2025-26 funding. Funding may provide general operating support to give agencies the flexibility to efficiently allocate resources for quality programming. This may

include educational instruction necessary to prepare youth to participate in team sports.

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

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

Contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us to register for a workshop. The department will review the requirements to apply, the step-by-step process of

applying online and address any concerns or questions.

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

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

Town Historian leads Hyde Park Walkabout



Hyde Park Town Historian Carney Rhinevault (right) led a walkabout in the Town of Hyde Park on Wednesday, August 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. They started at the Hyde Park Library and finished at the Historical Society Museum. The weather was beautiful, and Carney's narration of the town's history was immensely appreciated and enjoyed by many. Thanks to Carney Rhinevault for his time and contribution of Hyde Park's history and to all that attended. *Courtesy photo*

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Online registration for Household Hazardous Waste & Disposal under way; event set for Sept. 21

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County of Public Works Facility, at 626 Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie; residents can access the facility by taking Route 44 East to Burnett Boulevard. The collection is open to Dutchess County residents only.

This popular event is first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location on Sept. 21. Registration is limited to the first 400 households; pre-registration is required for this event, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Registration often reaches capacity quickly, so residents are encouraged to sign up promptly.

Residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling 845-463-6020. Checks should be made payable to "Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance" and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our children deserve a robust environment that thrives, and Dutchess County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling events offer a chance for each of us to make that vision a reality. We can all protect our environment by safely disposing of hazardous materials at these events, and I hope as many residents as possible take advantage of this opportunity."

This will be the second of Dutchess County's three 2024 Household

Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling events, which provide residents with a safe and responsible way to discard a diverse range of household items that cannot be disposed of through regular recycling or garbage bins. Acceptable items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals and more. A complete list of acceptable items to bring to this disposal day is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

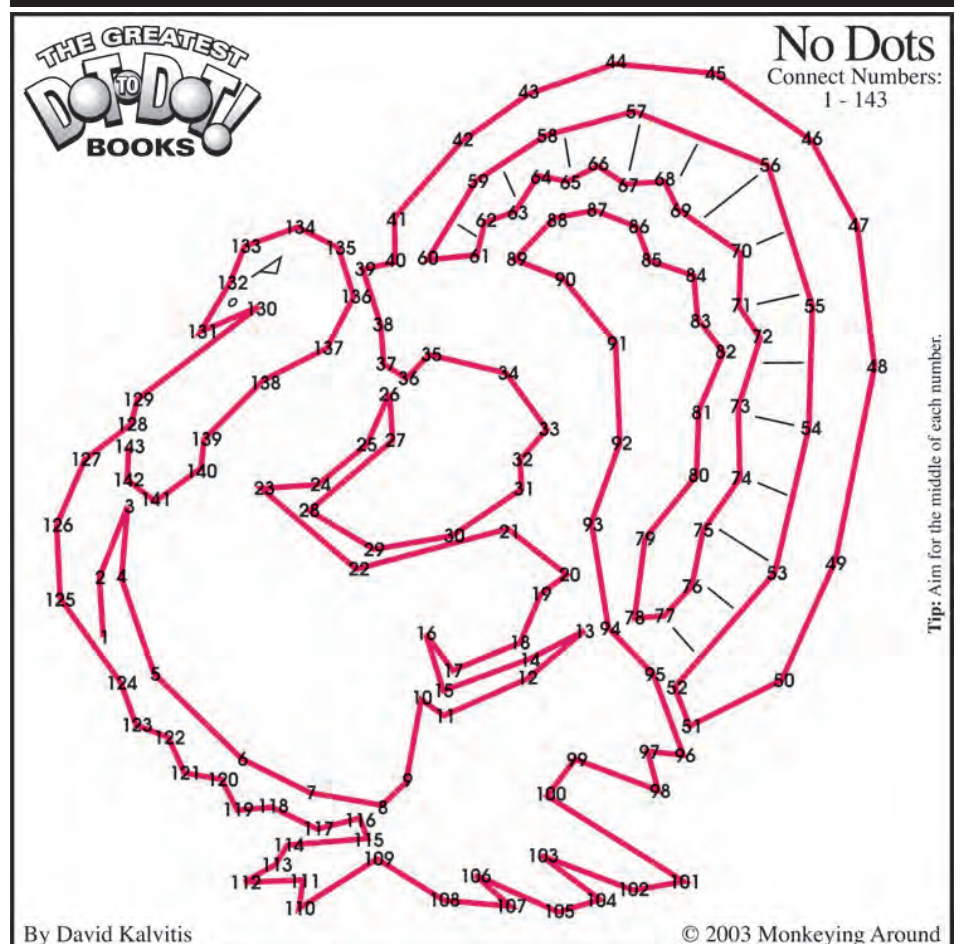
More information about the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events is available online.

Acceptable Items: Product Containers Marked: "Warning," "Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive"

Lead based paints (NO latex or oil based!), stains, varnishes, photo chemicals, non-latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, flammable liquids, metal polish, turpentine, strippers, thinners, gasoline/oil mixture, brake fluid, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, fluorescent tubes (tape together or put in box to prevent breakage), propane tanks, mercury containing devices, computer monitors, CPU's, fax machines, printers, TV's, stereos, telephones, lithium & sealed lead acid batteries (no automotive!).

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Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 15)



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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-51-24

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

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of September 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION DUTCHESS COUNTY

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

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that a copy of Resolution 2024146 is available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined by interested parties during regular business hours.

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - R F B - DCB-12-24 NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement of Boiler at 108 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: HVAC/PLUMBING. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bid ding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all the posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting

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"Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at DPWcontracts@DutchessNY.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz-Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, September 13, 2024, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids re-

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ceived after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 467 910 560#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has

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

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ing APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

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

Outside Bankruptcy and Insolvency Litigation Counsel
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of September 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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

OBITUARIES

Frieda Bloodgood

STANFORDVILLE - Frieda Bloodgood, 104, passed away surrounded by her loving family on August 18, 2024 at Northern Dutchess Hospital. She was born on November 9, 1919 in Dietlingen, Germany the daughter of Heinrich and Christine (Knodel) Rau. On March 8, 1952 in Queens, she married the late Clarence Bloodgood.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at United Church of Christ, 5928 NY Rt. 82, Stanfordville, NY. A funeral service was conducted with Pastor Boyd. Interment followed in Stanford Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frieda's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105.

A complete obituary can be found at www.peckandpeck.net.

Daniel B. Hunt

HYDE PARK - Daniel B. Hunt, 63, of Hyde Park, New York died unexpectedly on Monday, August 19, 2024, at his home in Hyde Park.

Born, August 14, 1961, in Rhinebeck, he was the son of the late William Hunt and Harriett Miller Hunt.

After graduating high school, Daniel went on to work for STAT Construction, working as a truck driver for over 39 years, truly enjoying his job and those he worked with.

Daniel enjoyed hunting and fishing, trips up north to the Adirondacks, collecting cowboy boots, and was a avid gun collector. He was also a life member of the Crum Elbow Sportsmen club and enjoyed being at every family event he could attend.

He is survived by his two brothers William B. Hunt and wife Kathleen, and David Hunt.

He is also survived by his nephews, David C. Hunt Jr., Brian T. Hunt, and William C. Hunt; and several grand nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents he was predeceased by his two nephews Stephan Hunt and Stewart Hunt.

A memorial service was held on Friday, August 30th at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park, 1076 Violet Ave. Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Daniel's family respectfully requests memorial donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org)

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Norma B. Keller

PLEASANT VALLEY - Norma B. Keller,

age 91, passed away on August 17, 2024 at the Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born on July 1, 1933 in Bayport, NY to the late Thomas and Anna (Olsen) Benson. On May 25, 1952, she married her beloved husband Henry Keller. Henry passed away earlier this year.

In her early working years, Norma was employed by the Patchogue Electric Company in the Accounting Department. Afterwards, she spent much of her life as a homemaker, taking care of her husband, children, and home. During this time, she did much volunteer work including: volunteering in the Recreation Department of the Yaphank Infirmary in Yaphank, NY, volunteering as an Assistant Librarian at the American International School in Brussels, Belgium, volunteering in the Recreation Department at Bergen County Hospital in NJ, as well as the Recreation Department of Chagrin Falls Senior Housing.

Norma was Co-Chairman at the Clothing Exchange (a non-profit thrift shop) in Weston, MA from 1982-1997. The money raised by this shop was used for scholarships in local schools, given to police departments for bullet proof vests, and donated to the local library for a new library construction fund.

She was President of the Poquonock PTA in Poquonock, CT and spearheaded the rise in teacher's salaries with the help of parents, local politicians and a reporter from the Hartford Courant.

She was a Sunday School Teacher in both Massachusetts and Connecticut and was a Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Weston United Methodist Church in Weston, MA where she spearheaded maintenance, reconstruction, and improvements to the church and minister's house, co-chaired several charity events such as the Weston Charity Ball and Church craft fairs.

When she wasn't busy volunteering, Norma also loved to work on various arts and crafts projects, tend to her garden, cook, and read. She helped put together some cookbooks for the Weston Ladies Club, and she also received an award for some of her needlepoint work.

She truly enjoyed spending time with her family most of all.

She is survived by her son Trace Keller and his wife Cathy; her grandchildren: Ryan Keller and his wife Bethany, Dr. Erica Keller, Trevor Keller, and Heather Smith and her husband Zachary; her great-grandchildren: Lacey, Thea, Rowan, Sebastian, Theo, Torleif, Lucien, and Sylvan.

In addition to her beloved husband, Norma

was predeceased by her son Eric Keller, her brothers: Arnold Stanley Benson and Walter Benson, and her sister Elsie Newhouse.

A Celebration of Norma's Life will be put on by her family at their convenience.

Please consider a donation in Norma's memory to either the ASPCA www.aspc.org or the American Heart Association www.heart.org.

Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Louis M. Nicolas

POUGHKEEPSIE - Louis M. Nicolas, 89, of Poughkeepsie, NY passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024 at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024 from 10AM-11AM at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A Funeral Service will follow the visitation at 1130AM in the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Burial will follow in the family plot. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To read the full obituary or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

David Teter

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

David was an Agricultural Agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension out of Millbrook. When he began his career he covered both Herkimer & Dutchess County. He was noted for being the founder of the Dairy

of Distinction Program and was a fierce advocate for farmers. For over 30 years he was heard on WKZE & WRWD providing to listeners the Farm & Ag report. Prior to his retirement he was the Ag agent for both Dutchess & Ulster counties.

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

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

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

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

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. A funeral service was conducted at 7:00 pm with Reverend Jan Brooks officiating.

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



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Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 15)

GOLDEN LIVING

News for Older Adults,
Their Families and Caregivers
Todd N. Tancredi, Director
Dutchess County
Office for the Aging

Note: The Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers will be closed for the Labor Day national holiday on Monday, September 2nd. Clients of the OFA Home Delivered Meals program will receive shelf-stable meals in advance of the holiday.

HOW TO RAISE YOUR ODDS FOR DEMENTIA

Who'd want to do that?

Nobody, clearly. But we all have habits, choices and circumstances that can reduce or increase our odds of developing dementia. "Social determinants of health" is how the concept is sometimes described.

The medical journal The Lancet recently updated the findings of its standing commission on dementia and added two more dementia risk factors to its previous list. The two new additions are high cholesterol and vision loss, joining the existing list of 12:

- Less education
- Head injury
- Physical inactivity
- Smoking
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- High blood pressure
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Hearing loss
- Depression
- Infrequent social contact
- Air pollution

Looking at those 14 risk factors, we see many that are largely within our control. The Lancet reports that eliminating these risk factors could cut dementia risk

in half. Education, for instance, involves continued learning beyond high school and college, outside the classroom. Head injuries can be prevented with strong fall prevention observance – speaking of which, there are still spaces available in OFA's "A Matter of Balance" classes, beginning in September. For information on possible classes near you, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Many of the other risk factors can be reduced through a combination of good nutrition; improvements in physical and mental activity; disease management; eliminating smoking and excessive alcohol consumption; and protection of hearing and vision.

Which brings us to the last two on the Lancet list: infrequent social contact and air pollution.

While air pollution is often beyond an individual's control, great strides in air quality have been made in the last 50 years. Still, new challenges have arisen in the form of pollutants associated with wildfires throughout North America.

That leaves the issue of infrequent social contact. It's where OFA can make a difference for the better for vulnerable older adults, through our "Friendly Calls" program. Can you help? Become a volunteer caller by reaching out to OFA at 845-486-2555, or email "Friendly Calls" coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov. After screening and orientation, we can connect you with a Dutchess County older adult who's interested in becoming more socially engaged.

If you're fluent in languages beyond English, we hope you can become a Friendly Calls caller. Thousands of our older adults are immigrants. They may have lived here long enough to pick up

English, but it's their mother tongue in which they feel most comfortable communicating. If you've got an "abuelito" or a "nonna" in your family, you know what we're getting at. It might have been ages since they've been able to have a full conversation in that language, and in so doing they learn an important truth: they're not alone.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 'SOUNDS OF THE RAT PACK' (Tue 9/24)

Registration is now open (but seats are going REALLY fast!) 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. 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.

OFA/PARKS BRING BACK INTRODUCTORY PICKLEBALL

(September 12, 19, 26 – must commit to all three)

Dutchess County Parks and the Office for the Aging are offering another free, three-day "Learn to Play Pickleball" lesson series at Quiet Cove Park in Poughkeepsie (1 Clearwater Drive), on three consecutive Thursdays: September 12, 19 and 26.

Classes are open to Dutchess County residents over age 60.

The first class will cover an introduction to the game; the second class focuses on beginner skills; and there'll be trial games in the third class.

Space is extremely limited and reservations are required. Registration opens on Monday, August 26th at 9:00 am.

Call 845-486-2555 during business hours to make reservations. Players must commit to all three lessons. We expect to offer more introductory pickleball sessions in the spring of 2025.

Equipment will be provided.

For more information on local pickleball courts, visit playtimescheduler.com.

'A MATTER OF BALANCE' CLASSES START SOON

There's still time (but not much) to apply for a space in one of OFA's Fall 2024 "A Matter of Balance" falls prevention classes. Each class is held for two hours, once a week, for eight weeks.

Class venues and times are made available when an individual's registration for the class is confirmed.

We're planning for one eight-week class in the City of Poughkeepsie starting on Monday, September 16th. Schedules are being drawn up for another class in the Town of Wappinger, and one more in the Town of Rhinebeck. We expect these classes will also start in September.

To find out more about "A Matter of Balance," call OFA during business hours or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Visit dutchessny.gov/seniorexercise for more about OFA's varied exercise programs for Dutchess County residents over age 60.

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.):

- Monday, September 9 - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 17 - 10:00 am
- Monday, September 23 - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 1 - 10:00 am

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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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@sutchessnews.com.

Red Hook Community Center to hold Gala on Sept. 28

Join the Red Hook Community Center (RHCC) on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m., for a Gala. Stay for the After Party at 9 p.m. The evening will include a Social Hour with beer, wine, cider & hors d'oeuvres; a three-course meal with local ingredients prepared by Misto; live music with Foster & Friends; and raffle packages. The After Party will feature music

& dancing with DJ Jeszack.

Gala Tickets are \$150/person (includes admission to the After Party)

Can't make it to the Gala? Purchase After Party tickets for \$25/person.

RHCC is at 59 Fisk Street in Red Hook. Visit <https://redhookcommunitycenter.org/> to purchase tickets and for more information.