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Beacon committee announces 'REV250'



"REV250" will host a series of events in Beacon.

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A Beacon Committee representing a range of community volunteer groups has announced the launch of a "REV250" series of events in Beacon to commemorate the 250th anniversary of America's independence. The REV250 theme will be woven into events scheduled throughout 2026 to celebrate, educate and inspire the community.

Activities in Beacon will connect to county, state and nationwide celebrations taking place throughout 2026 in celebration of the 250th signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

"During the Revolution, Beacon and the Hudson River region, including West Point, were strategically important in preventing the British from gaining control of the Hudson and isolating New England from the Mid-Atlantic and Southern colonies. The Continental Army, quartered in our area under General George Washington, created the foundation of the U.S. Army, and a legacy of service to the Nation that continues through today. It's important to honor and remember the service and sacrifice of our military," said John MacEnroe, REV250 Committee co-chair and member of American Legion Post 203 in Beacon's Veterans Memorial Building.

Veterans' groups in Beacon will (and have) incorporate educational storytelling about the Revolution into their annual ceremonies for Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. In addition, the Veterans Memorial Building will also host REV250 themed programming around the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and programs showcasing the history and music of the American Revolution.

"The Hudson Valley region, and Beacon in particular, played a pivotal role in our Nation's history during the American Revolution," said Denise Doring VanBuren, President of the Beacon Historical Society. "We hope to tell the stories of people who lived here to inspire the next generation of citizens. Beacon is the only town in the Hudson Valley named for its role in the Revolution – the site of Beacon fires ordered by General Washington to serve as signals for the Continental Army."

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Fishkill's role in the American Revolution to be celebrated June 5

By Kristine Coulter

The Town of Fishkill and Heritage Financial Park will host the Fishkill 250 Celebration, a community event to celebrate America's 250th birthday at the stadium on Friday, June 5, from 6- 9 p.m. Among the highlights will be students reading the Declaration of Independence. There will also be a fireworks display in honor of this special occasion, made possible through contributions from Thalle and Century Aggregates.

"My goal with this [event] is to teach our history...we can never forget these things," said Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra.

Albra noted in the book "The Spy Unmasked; or, Memoirs of Enoch Crosby, Alias Hrarvey Birch, The Hero of Mr. Cooper's Tale of the Neutral Ground; Being an Authentic Account of the Secret Services which He Rendered His Country During the Revolutionary War" by H.L. Barnum, it discusses the way Fishkill celebrated the 100th anniversary of the disbanding of the Continental Army.

"The one hundredth anniversary of the disbanding of the Continental Army, by an order from Washington dated June 2nd, 1783. furloughing his non-commissioned officers and men, who then struck their tents in Fish kill and made preparations to return to their homes, was celebrated at Fishkill Village on Saturday, June 2, 1883. Not only did the inhabitants of the village turn out en masse, but vehicles of all sorts brought people from the out-lying districts, ... brought many more from the towns and villages along the lines of the Newburgh, Dutchess and Connecticut, and the New York and New



Remarks regarding the John Bailey Sword will be offered during a celebration by the Town of Fishkill at Heritage Financial Park on June 5. John Bailey, a resident of Fishkill, forged George Washington's Battle Sword in the town. One can see Washington with the sword in the famous painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Emanuel Leutze.

-Courtesy image MET

England Railroads. The village was in gala attire, almost every house being decorated with the National colors, portraits of Washington, etc. Crowds of people thronged the streets, especially in the vicinity of the Mansion House, where the procession formed," it states in the book.

The procession, which according to the book, "marched through Broad, Jackson and Main streets, and arrived at "The

Battery," where the exercises were to "take place, at 3 o'clock." The description of the festivities goes into detail about a large platform where the speakers, officers, band, singers, "was surrounded with suitable decorations." A cannon "had been planted near by," and a salute of 13 guns was fired during the procession, states the book.

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Sheriff's Office conducts annual memorial service

By Curtis Schmidt

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati led a poignant ceremony on Thursday, May 21, to honor local law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty and Sheriff's Office members who passed away during the past year.

Sheriff Imperati said he is "proud and continually impressed" with the work of the men and women in the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department and all of the law enforcement departments and agencies in the county.

He also spoke of the nature of the service for law enforcement personnel - knowing that they are putting their lives on the line each and every day. "We leave home, not knowing if we will return," he said.

Sheriff's Office members who died in the line of duty and were recognized

include the following:

- Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Scott
- Deputy Sheriff Thomas Noone
- Sergeant William Herman
- Deputy Sheriff T. Z. Tuczynski
- Deputy Sheriff Erik R. Renninger

Sheriff's Office members who passed away in the past year include the following:

- Retired Deputy Sheriff Gerald Kuttles
- Tactical Deputy Sheriff Louis Murasso

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Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati speaks at the annual memorial service held at the Law Enforcement Center on May 21.

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- Retired Corrections Captain Edward Burns
- Retired Corrections Sergeant Timothy Sullivan
- Retired Corrections Officer Robert Sofka
- Retired Corrections Officer Randall Bose
- Retired Corrections Officer Edward Bush
- Retired Corrections Officer Nancy Pape
- Former Corrections Officer Nigel Barnett

Sheriff Imperati was joined by County Executive Sue Serino during the event and Under Sheriff Jason Mark placed a wreath as flags were lowered to half staff and Taps was sounded. Members of both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions were in full dress uniform for the ceremony.

The National Anthem was sung by Christine Marinaro. The invocation was given by Rev. Luanne Panarotti, and the closing prayer was given by Rabbi Hanoch Hecht.



Members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office salute during the the annual memorial service held on May 21.

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Albra said this year's semiquincentennial event will include a performance by the Putnam Chorale (the singers will perform "American Tapestry" at different events throughout the year).

"Our members are super excited to be performing these songs about our American History," stated Putnam Chorale Music Director Jason Tramm. "It's an honor to be able to be a part of these very special events. The Chorale always sings from their hearts; these concerts will definitely be no exception!"

It was noted, "An American Tapestry" traces the evolving story of America through song—from the Colonial era to the present day.

"Through music, we trace the arc of freedom in this program. The repertoire reflects liberty, the American experience, and our shared heritage," said Tramm.

There will be a telling of the Fishkill Tea Party, Albra shared.

Remarks regarding the John Bailey

Let every boy and girl who reads this little book, and learns something of the privations our fathers endured to give them the grand heritage they possess, resolve to do their part to preserve and promote our glorious institutions to."

-"The Spy Unmasked"

Sword will be offered by the Fishkill historian, said Albra. John Bailey, a resident of Fishkill, forged George Washington's Battle Sword in the town.

As stated in "The Spy Unmasked," "The claims of this village, and of this town, to an honored place in Revolutionary history, have been justly and eloquently presented ... They have told you of the sword made here for Washington and still preserved; and as the song of the "Sword of Bunker Hill" has been heard at thousands of assem-

blages all over the land, why should not the story of the "Sword of Washington" be woven into a national song, and be heard in days to come, by many a camp fire, and on many a day of patriotic rejoicing?" asked Hon. James G. Graham, of Newburgh.

According to the American Revolution Institute, Bailey hailed from Yorkshire, England. Bailey, who immigrated to the colonies, was a cutler.

"A short four years later, in August 1775, war came to New York when the British warship HMS Asia bombarded the town to dissuade the relocation of cannon from Fort George. In response, Bailey, now married, relocated to a farm along the Hudson River. In subsequent years, Bailey would move at least three more times, as illustrated by the town names Verplanck's Point, Fredericksburgh and Fishkill that are engraved beside his name on extant swords," as stated on the Institute's site.

According to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum website, "The sword has a leather hand stitched scabbard with silver bands at the throat and middle which has a carrying ring. The end is tipped in silver. The silver band at the throat is inscribed "J. Bailey/Fish Kill."" (The site states that President Kennedy had replicas of this sword made to give to select visiting heads of state.)

Washington can be seen carrying the famous silver mounted sword while commanding the Continental Army across the Delaware River on Christmas night in 1776. The sword can be seen in the iconic painting

"Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Emanuel Leutze, a German American. The painting can be seen at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 760 in Manhattan.

Albra said the story of the Rombout Patent will be shared with those in attendance at the ballpark.

As stated in the book, during Fishkill's celebration of the Centennial, Hon. J. J. Monell, of Fishkill Landing, spoke the following:

"You are assembled to day to celebrate the last of the two final events in the history of the old war for independence, namely: the disbanding of the array which had been instrumental in securing peace and independence for our beloved country. I congratulate [you], citizens of Fishkill, because of the privilege you enjoy of being residents of a precinct so hallowed and consecrated by great deeds, the memory of which more eloquent tongues [than mine] will this day awaken."

The Additional Appendix in the book concludes: "What the future of this land will be, the wildest dreamer cannot now predict; but if the growth of the nation in intelligence and virtue keeps pace with the advances of science and wealth, our favored land will soon occupy a proud position at the head of all the nations of the earth. Let every boy and girl who reads this little book, and learns something of the privations our fathers endured to give them the grand heritage they possess, resolve to do their part to preserve and promote our glorious institutions to."

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County's 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony remembers 23-year-old Sgt. Jacob Baker

By Jim Donick

The Memorial Day weekend began with Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino hosting a memorial to one of the county's youngest soldiers to die in service. Sgt. Jacob Baker was only 23 years old when his life was tragically cut short on July 21, 2023.

Serino and the County's Office of Veterans Affairs used the occasion of the latest in their ongoing "Honor-A-Veteran" program to memorialize this very brave young man.

Meeting at American Legion Post 1302 in Poughkeepsie, the gathering to remember Baker included the entire Honor-A-Veteran team, led by County Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche, representatives of many local elected officials, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Color Guard, Officers of American Legion Post 1302, nearly the entire current track team of Ketcham High School, and the family and friends of Sgt. Baker.

Sgt. Baker is remembered by family and friends for his intelligence, humor, compassion and drive to constantly challenge himself and inspire others.

Baker was born in Poughkeepsie on March 31, 2000 and managed to pack what might have been several life times of accomplishment into his short life. He was lauded as a gifted athlete, talented artist, natural leader and dedicated soldier. His life was remembered as being defined by service, determination and creativity.

A graduate of Roy C. Ketcham High School, he excelled academically and athletically, earning recognition as a top-



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche joined the family of deceased Army Sgt. Jacob Baker at the May 21 "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony, held at American Legion Post 1302 in Poughkeepsie.

-Courtesy photo

ranked pole vaulter, a National Honor Society member and a leader in the Civil Air Patrol. After briefly attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on a full ROTC scholarship, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2019 and proudly served with the fabled 10th Mountain Division. He was

deployed to Afghanistan and earned a number of decorations during his service career.

He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino concluded the event, noting that "Sgt.

Baker's life, though cut far too short, touched so many around him in a positive way. His vibrant, spirited personality will live on in all who met him, and Dutchess County is proud to honor his service to our country through our 'Honor-A-Veteran' program."

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The Beacon Historical Society is hosting a yearlong exhibit entitled "From Mount Beacon to the Hudson: Beacon's Role during the American Revolution." To accompany the exhibit, the Society created a custom illustrated map highlighting historical sites in Beacon from the Revolution that can be visited today. The map is available at no charge.

Beacon's REV250 festivities will include unique art installations popping up at locations around the City. Throughout June and early July, the BonfireWORKS Foundation will present "Rev250 Illuminated," a series of outdoor digital light projections on municipal buildings and other iconic city locations. The illuminations will take place after sundown on June 14, June 19 & 20, June 26 & 27, and July 3 & 4, with additional dates planned in November. All projections will engage local professional artists to digitally "map" each building's architecture and create customized content designed to delight and inspire residents and visitors alike at the height of the Rev250 Celebrations.

"Beacon's creative community is a major contributor to the vibrancy of our City," said Tim Parsaca of

BonfireWORKS Foundation, organizers of the Beacon Bonfire, a major fall arts and creative festival that has put Beacon on the map. "BonfireWORKS is excited to bring our community's unique creative talents to the party with 'REV250 Illuminated,' an illuminated outdoor art installation over three weekends in June which will light up Beacon's Main Street with bespoke building illuminations with Revolutionary themes and stories."

City-wide REV250 festivities will also offer many opportunities for Beacon residents to be part of the celebration, including a patriotic garden contest sponsored by the Tioronda Garden Club, as well as public readings of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The Tioronda Garden Club will also be decorating Beacon's Main Street and Washington's bust with patriotic themed red, white and blue floral displays. Commemorative "Liberty Trees" will be planted and dedicated in partnership with the Beacon Tree Committee, and a series of performances and concerts will occur through 2026. The Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will host tours of the historic Madam Brett Homestead, an Independence Day Ice Cream Social and a fall concert by the Putnam Choral trac-

ing the musical story of the U.S. from early Colonial roots to the anthems of the 20th century. In October, the Beacon Historical Society and Howland Cultural Center will host "Music of the American Revolution" an interactive program highlighting music of the American Colonies, songs of the American Revolution and military field music played by armies on both sides of the War.

A fun "selfie station" for photo opportunities, depicting Alexander and Eliza Hamilton, who were Beacon residents during the Revolution, has been created by the Beacon Historical Society (BHS) and will be located on Main Street. Main Street businesses also plan to partner with the BHS to share various stories of Beacon's

unique Revolutionary War sites. Even the beloved Beacon Dummy Light will join in the fun - stay tuned! "Our Beacon REV250 Committee has been meeting and working hard since February to plan a series of patriotic, fun, and family-friendly events for the Beacon Community to celebrate America's independence. We are so grateful and impressed with the creativity and spirit of all the community groups that have come together to give their time and talent to this wonderful city-wide celebration." said Elizabeth Barrett, REV250 Committee Co-Chair. "We can't wait for you to join us!" Link to view Beacon Calendar of REV250 events: <https://sites.google.com/view/beacon-rev250-events-calendar?usp=sharing>

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Beephan co-sponsors legislation to place moratorium on new data center permits

To the Editor:

I proudly co-sponsored legislation to place a moratorium on new data center permits and require the Public Service Commission to help protect residential, commercial, and industrial consumers from rising electricity and gas costs. Thank you to Anna Kelles for your leadership on this important issue.

Anil Beephan Jr.
NYS Assembly District 105

Rolison: Urging colleagues to support victims of domestic violence

To the Editor

Too often, survivors of domestic violence are forced to make impossible decisions while trying to rebuild their lives. One of those decisions should never be whether they must leave a safe shelter before they are truly ready.

That is why I introduced Senate Bill S.7005, legislation that would establish a waiver program allowing domestic violence shelters to request approval for survivors to remain beyond the current 180-day limit when necessary. I am encouraged that this bill recently advanced out of the Senate Social Services Committee and is now headed to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

The advocates, shelters, and support service organizations working on the frontlines throughout the Hudson Valley and across New York State have made it clear that this flexibility is urgently needed. Healing and rebuilding do not happen on a fixed timeline. Survivors deserve compassion, stability, and the opportunity to move forward safely.

When it comes to protecting victims and supporting survivors, this should never be about politics. It is about putting safety first and ensuring people have access to the resources and protections they need during some of the most difficult moments of their

lives. I urge my colleagues in the Legislature to continue moving this bill forward and support survivors of domestic violence across New York State.

New York State Senator Rob Rolison
39th Senate District

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

May 1: Fight-Main Street-Brandee J. Pitts, 42, of Middletown, was charged with Disorderly Conduct/Violent Behavior.

May 1: Fight-Main Street-Artesia N. Mattis, 48, of Beacon, was charged with Disorderly Conduct/Violent Behavior.

May 1: Larceny-Spring Street- Caller reported items that were taken from his apartment. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 6: Fraud-Dutchess Terrace- Caller reported fraudulent activity in his bank account. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 6: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 7: Fraud-North Elm Street- Caller reported that she was a victim a scam regarding her bank accounts. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 8: Larceny-State Street- Caller reported tires and rims stolen from her yard. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 8: Lost Property-Tompkins Terrace-Caller reported packages that were delivered to her home were missing. Report taken.

May 10: Larceny from a Vehicle- North Chestnut Street-Thomas J. Williams, 59, of Beacon, was charged with Petit Larceny & Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th.

May 11: Warrant- Municipal Plaza-Daniel R. DeMers, 56, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

May 11: Auto Accident-Hit & Run- Long Dock Road-Caller reported damage to her vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 12: Fraud-East Main Street- Caller reported being the victim of a scam. Report taken. Investigation Conducted.

May 13: Fraud-Barrett Place- Caller reported fraudulent activity in her bank accounts. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 13: Traffic Stop- Dutchess Terrace-Irvin A. Juarezluna, 28, of Newburgh, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Vehicle Rd & miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

May 13: Larceny-Tompkins Terrace- Caller reported money taken from her home while she was out. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 13: Dog Bite-Jefferson Avenue- Caller reported that her dog was bitten by another dog. Report taken.

Fire Department training on Mountain Lane set for May 28

The City of Beacon Fire Department will be conducting planned training on Mountain Lane on May 28 at 9:45 a.m. This will involve temporary delay or restricted access to the area of the drill and possible temporary water discoloration.

According to fire officials, the department will be conducting a water shuttle and tanker operation drill simulating a residential structure fire on Mountain Lane. The objective of this exercise is to practice utilizing mutual aid resources to transport and supply large amounts of water to a simulated house fire in an area

with limited hydrant access.

There is expected to be temporary traffic delays for approximately 90 minutes. Numerous emergency vehicles and firefighters will be operating in the area. Residents may experience a discoloration of water. This condition is temporary and should clear up by running cold water for several minutes if experienced, it was stated.

Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Chief Tom Lucchesi, tlucchesi@beaconny.gov or call 845-857-3225.

BHS student finalist for Roger Rees Awards

Molly Lyons, a Beacon High School student and member of The Beacon Players, was selected as one of the 12 Finalists in the Roger Rees Awards for Excellence in Student Performance.

The Roger Rees Award showcase was directed and choreographed by Broadway Education Alliance's Artistic Director Theo Lencicki. The event included an ensemble musical performance from the Broadway hit, "& Juliet," the official show sponsor of the 2026 Roger Rees Awards.

The Roger Rees Awards for Excellence in Student Performance recognize the importance of theatre arts education and celebrate the exceptional life and career-long artistic excellence of Broadway's beloved actor/director, Roger Rees. Playwright Rick Elice, Rees' partner of over 30 years, and author of "Finding Roger," said, "Rog would have liked this chance to educate and inspire young actors, to offer a guiding hand as so many were offered to him when he too was a kid with a dream."

County board of ethics to meet May 29

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Friday, May 29, from 10-11 a.m.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Attorney's Conference Room, 22 Market Street, 5th floor, Poughkeepsie.

Public comments will also be accepted

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

This meeting of the Board of Ethics shall be for the purpose of reviewing complaints received, if any, by the Dutchess County Board of Ethics.

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Voters approve Wappingers CSD budget

By Kristine Coulter

Voters in the Wappingers Central School District approved the 2026-27 Budget and 2026-27 Bus Purchase propositions. Voters went to the polls on Tuesday, May 19, and also voted for Board of Education members.

"I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our community for supporting our two propositions: the 2026-27 Budget and the 2026-27 Bus Purchase," stated Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk.

The Budget proposition was approved with a vote of 1,739 to 726, according to verified results on the District's website on May 21.

Bonk noted, "The approval of the 2026-27 Budget will enable us to continue to provide the services and programs our students need and deserve, with a continued emphasis on school safety, mental health services, special education, career and technical education, and the expansion of Universal Pre-K."

The superintendent also remarked about the Bus Purchase proposition. "The approval of our Bus Purchase Proposition allows us to purchase 15 gas and diesel powered vehicles, which increases the amount of in-district

bussing available, and moves us closer to our eventual goal of being able to provide all student transportation by WCSD staff in a safe, effective, and efficient manner!"

The Bus Purchase proposition was approved 1,636 votes to 858 votes, according to verified results posted to the District's website.

The vote for Board of Education candidates was Steve Shuchat, a current BOE member, received 1,923 votes. Keith Odums received 1,929 votes. Ellen Mead had 1,891 votes. There were three seats on the BOE on the ballot.

Bonk noted the District would continue "to work diligently in providing a positive school environment, inclusive of all of our students and staff, that is safe, supportive, and promotes the highest degree of academic, social, and emotional development, while offering our students an array of opportunities to prepare them for the future and providing necessary and key supports when needed."

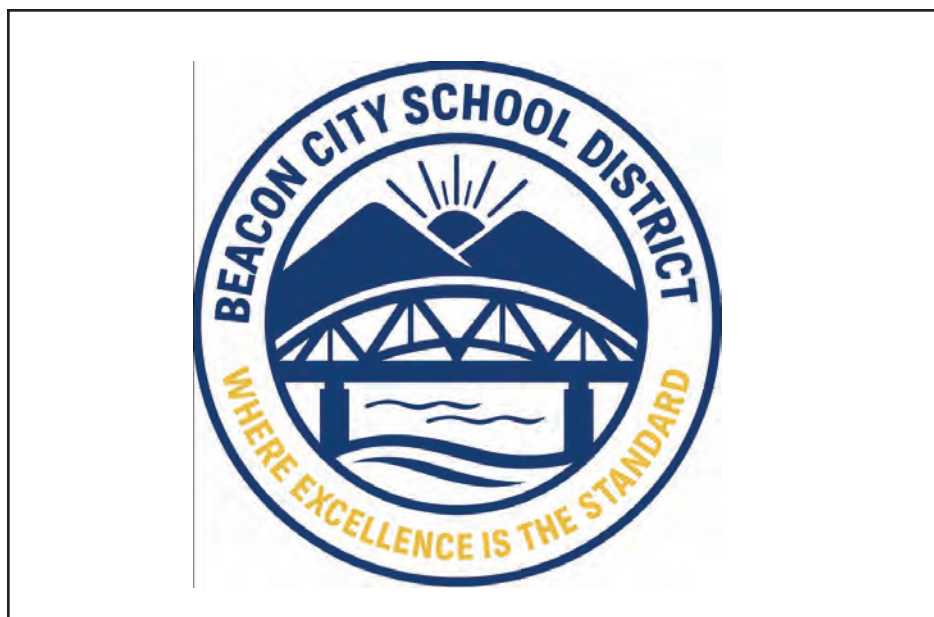
He concluded his statement, "We look forward to continuing our work together in collaboration with all stakeholders throughout the Wappingers CSD, as we focus on today and plan for tomorrow!"



Voters in the Wappingers Central School District went to the polls and approved the 2026-27 budget. They also chose three Board of Education members.

-Courtesy image

BCSD voters choose 3 board members and approve 2026-27 budget



Voters in the Beacon City School District went to the polls on May 19 and chose three Board of Education members. They also approved the 2026-27 budget.

-Courtesy image

By Kristine Coulter

The 2026-27 Budget for Beacon City School District was approved by voters. The annual vote was held on Tuesday, May 19. According to Beacon City School District Superintendent Dr. Matt Landahl, the overall school budget was approved with 674 votes to 160 votes.

"Thank you so much to the Beacon community for your support of the budget!" stated Landahl in a message to the community on May 20.

The overall school budget is \$91,850,000.

Proposition #2, allowing the purchase of five vehicles totaling \$640,000

also was approved. The voters voted 636 to 185 for Proposition #2, according to Landahl.

There were three open seats on the Board of Education on the ballot. The board candidates received the following number of votes for the three open seats.

- Eric Schetter 693
- Kaitlyn Secor 692
- Jermaine Wright 681

Schetter was an incumbent.

"Thank you to our election workers for working today in the heat and to our Board Clerk, Vickie Jackson, for running a smooth vote," said Landahl.

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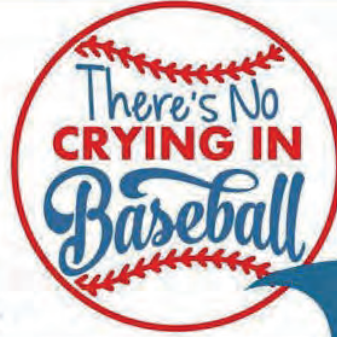


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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades rebound with strong hitting, pitching vs. Brooklyn

Editor's note: Due to early Memorial Day deadlines, this roundup covers only the first three games of the Renegades series vs. the Brooklyn Cyclones.

By Morgan E. Maier

A grand slam and gallant stints on the mound highlighted the Renegades masterful rebound to start their series against the Brooklyn Cyclones last week. Three wins in the first four, including a doubleheader sweep, highlighted Hudson Valley's performance.

Double Duty - The Renegades May 21 doubleheader was a sweep via dominant performances on the mound. The Renegades supported their starters with seven in both games, ending the day with 7-3 and 7-0 wins. Allen Facundo matched a Renegades record with 13 strikeouts in his outing, Rory Fox had his own ferocity later in the evening. Fox went seven innings strong, allowing just two hits while striking out 8. Fox was stellar on the way to a 7-0

Renegades win.

Baby Bombers - Eric Genter got it rolling for Hudson Valley in the opener, with five runs batted in, including a clobbered grand slam to secure a 7-3 Renegades win. Josue Gonzalez launched a pair of homers in two of the Hudson Valley wins. Genter added a two-out, two-run shot on May 21 to support the Fox win. Camden Troyer also showcased his power, notching a two-out blast of his own earlier in the game.

Strike the Record - Renegades pitchers fanned 14 batters in a win on May 19, followed by 9 in the next day's 5-0 loss. Alongside Facundo's record-tying offering two days later, Tony Rossi (1) and Thomas Balboni Jr. (2) added to the Renegades gleaming season count.

Following the series in Brooklyn, Hudson Valley returns home against the South Division's Bowling Green Hot Rods. Highlighting the series is the summer staple Beach Night (May 28), and Star Wars Night (May 29)



Hudson Valley Renegades catcher Eric Genter dives head-first into third base. Genter also knocked in five runs in a doubleheader win over Brooklyn last week - with four coming on a grand slam.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Frederick BAL	26	14	.650	-	8-2	W1
	Greensboro PIT	25	16	.610	1.5	6-4	L2
	Wilmington WSH	21	19	.525	5.0	4-6	W2
	Hudson Valley NY	21	21	.500	6.0	3-7	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI	17	23	.425	9.0	3-7	L3
	Brooklyn NYM	11	31	.262	16.0	3-7	L2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	30	12	.714	-	9-1	W3
	Winston-Salem CWS	25	16	.610	4.5	7-3	W6
	Hub City TEX	23	18	.561	6.5	7-3	W1
	Rome ATL	23	19	.548	7.0	6-4	L1
	Greenville BOS	16	25	.390	13.5	2-8	L1
	Asheville HOU	9	33	.214	21.0	1-9	L5



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High-A newcomers Serna, Liñan shine on pitcher's mound for HV



Hudson Valley righthanders Luis Serna (left) and Sean Paul Liñan have both won "Pitcher of the Week" honors recently. Serna has amassed a 2-1 record and a 2.79 earned run average in seven starts. The 21-year-old Linan had one of the season's strongest starts with six no-hit innings on May 9 vs. Winston-Salem.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

Two Hudson Valley Renegades starters have earned nods from the South Atlantic League in their debut High-A seasons. Righthanders revered for their changeups, Luis Serna and Sean Paul Liñan are the first Renegades to garner weekly awards, and the league's second pair of teammates to earn "Pitcher of the Week."

New York has been waiting to see what Serna can do. After just four appearances for Tampa in 2025 due to injury, Serna was promoted to High-A at the end of March. He's been rolling for the Renegades since, amassing a 2-1 record

and a 2.79 earned run average in seven starts. Serna has notched 46 strikeouts to lead Hudson Valley, including 22 across his first three starts in May.

Most can be attributed to the most lethal of Serna's four-pitch arsenal: his changeup. His first of the season, Serna's High-A debut, caught immediate attention, as the 21-year-old hurled 7.0 innings on a very economical 85 pitches. He would be crowned the season's first Pitcher of the Week, and the first Hudson Valley player to receive a weekly honor.

Serna shone against Brooklyn on May 20 despite the mark in the loss column. Where he had allowed just seven earned

runs in his previous starts combined, the Cyclones tagged Serna for five. But Serna still stuck to his game, fanning seven Cyclones while walking none. Outside Brooklyn's three-run third inning, Serna scattered just one baserunner across the first four frames, including a wasted lead-off double that kept Brooklyn off the board. Serna stood strong in the sweltering Brooklyn heat, throwing 67% (57-85) of pitches for strikes across 5.2 innings.

Liñan debuts as a pinstriped prospect in 2026, dealt by the Washington Nationals in the waning weeks of preseason. And though Liñan wears number 0, he adds

several strong points to the Renegades rotation. The 21-year-old had one of the season's strongest starts against Winston-Salem on May 9, securing his own Pitcher of the Week honors with 6.0 no-hit innings. It was Liñan's first clean outing since his season debut. Liñan matched a season-high in strikeouts (seven) while keeping the Dash in the dugout and off the bases until the fifth inning.

MLB Pipeline ranks the righty 22nd in the Yankees organization; his changeup, like Serna's, is one of the best in the business – just ask their league opponents and MiLB pundits.

Renegades players enjoying a day at the ballpark



Left: Pitcher Luis Serna and catcher Eric Genther of the Renegades share a happy moment between innings during a game at Heritage Financial Park last week. Right: New infielder Enmanuel Tejada celebrates after a home run.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery to unveil elevated guest experiences this summer

On the heels of new leadership, Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, the Hudson Valley's flagship winery, will debut a series of thoughtful enhancements to its operations beginning in June. Designed to elevate the guest experience, while honoring its 40-year legacy, scenic setting and award-winning wines, these updates reflect a refreshed vision for how guests enjoy all that the winery has to offer.

"This next chapter is about refining what guests already love about Millbrook Winery," said General Manager and Head Winemaker Ian Bearup. "We've always believed Millbrook Winery is more than a place to enjoy exceptional wine, it's an experience shaped by the landscape, people and moments shared here. These enhancements will only make each visit more intentional, comfortable and enjoyable for every guest who enters the property."

Among the most notable changes are aesthetic improvements and newly expanded seating areas across the property. Millbrook's traditional outdoor seating in the vineyard lawn, winery patio, and vineyard tent will remain and be available

with no table fee. For guests seeking a more elevated experience, the winery is introducing a new adults-only area featuring Adirondack chairs, private tables with umbrellas and pondside sofa seating – an experience available for a small table fee. To complement the new seating options and ensure a cohesive guest experience that preserves the surrounding landscape, outside lawn furniture will no longer be permitted on the property. For added convenience and to make visits more enjoyable, guests will have the option to make table reservations, creating a more relaxed pace, dedicated seating and a consistent high-quality experience for all. Optional seating reservations can be booked in advance on the website or by phone, and walk-ins will be accommodated, based on availability.

Additionally, Millbrook is expanding the ways guests can experience its wines. While the winery's casual bar tasting remains in the downstairs tasting room, Millbrook is introducing a new premium guided tasting featuring estate and New York-grown wines that can be paired with small bites. The new



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experience will be hosted in The Overlook and The Overlook Terrace, formerly the Tap Room, with refreshed interiors and sweeping views of the vineyards and Catskill Mountains. A selection of tables in the new space will also be available for guests who simply want to enjoy a glass or bottle at their leisure.

The winery will expand its curated food offerings in partnership with local Hudson Valley purveyors and caterers for an on-site market in the winery featuring Hudson Valley and New York-grown and made products. Offerings will include charcuterie items, local cheeses, prepared items such as salads, sandwiches and fresh local breads, along with other ready-to-enjoy items to pair with guests' favorite Millbrook wines. A

selection of non-alcoholic beverages will also be available in the market in order for wine lovers and their non-drink-

ing friends and family to enjoy the property together. With a robust selection of options offered on-site, outside food and beverages will no longer be permitted on the property.

Millbrook Winery remains a welcoming destination for friends, families, groups and pets to enjoy time together, and its beloved seasonal programming will remain an important part of the Millbrook experience. Friday Night Food Trucks will return beginning May 29, offering guests the opportunity to enjoy live music, local food and vineyard views, and many new wine releases. Jazz in the Vineyard, the winery's outdoor jazz concert series, will kick off on June 27. For a full overview of what's changing at Millbrook Winery this season, visit our FAQ page. Optional table reservations will be available for booking at the end of May.

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Blessing of the Animals welcomes pets and their human companions on May 30 in Rhinebeck



Eurasian Eagle owl Lazarus poses with Dr. Laura. Laz is truly a must see at The Blessing of the Animals, set Saturday, May 30, on the lawn of Third Lutheran Church in the Village of Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photos

By Cynthia Baer

The fourth Annual Blessing of the Animals Event will take place on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 4 p.m., on the great lawn of Third Lutheran Church in the heart of Rhinebeck Village. Pets of all kinds are invited to attend, accompanied by their human chaperone.

“The Blessing” is a free, outdoor, non-denominational event. People can bring their pets for an individual, hands-on blessing by Pastor Jim Miller. The blessing will be accompanied by harp music courtesy of Holly Mentzer, a board-certified music therapist from Hudson Valley Hospice. A dozen or more animal-related charities will be stationed around the lawn for visitors to explore. Members of the 4-H Club, The Southlands Foundation, P.A.N.T., and Two by Two Animal Haven, Inc. will all be available to chat with. Many booths will have a friendly ‘animal ambassador’ among them for a meet and greet, as well.

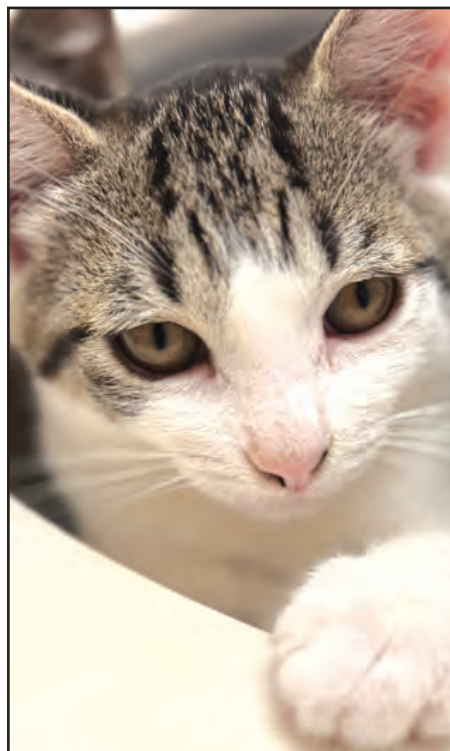
Says Rosemary Joyce, curator of the event, “Raptor Ambassador Lazarus

always provides the ‘WOW’ factor. Hope Farm Animal Rescue, Inc. brings a trailer filled with animals that kids can interact with. Their Ambassador, Rosie the 200-lb. potbelly pig is always a hit.”

The State Police Canine Unit will also be on-site with demonstrations.

“All of the exhibitors work with our community to make it a safe, healthy, and more humane place,” Joyce says.

The event was initiated in 2013 with a goal to bring the community together to honor “Be Kind to Animals Week,” a celebration founded 111 years ago with a mission to “ensure the safety, welfare and well-being of all animals.” This year, the event has a theme of “The Year of the Humane Child” to honor the work and life of the renowned animal behaviorist, Dr. Jane Goodall, globally recognized as the world’s foremost expert on chimpanzees. She passed away in October 2025. Her six decades of research transformed the way the world views human-animal connections; to see animals not as mere subjects of study, but as fellow beings. Reflectively, the afternoon’s activities



Many organizations will have a friendly “animal ambassador” with them ready to meet and greet the public. P.A.N.T. is a Dutchess County non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of feral and stray cats.

are meant “to educate, build stewardship and compassion for all living creatures,” said Joyce.

The “Pet Remembrance Tree” will be available again this year for owners to give tribute to pets that are no longer with them. Owners can bring items to place directly on the tree to mark their loss and celebrate the time shared with their pet. Leashes, chewed slippers, and photos are just a few of the items that have been placed on the tree over the past three years.

So why do people attend a Blessing Event?

Joyce said, “Some come to pay tribute to a beloved family member by adding a tribute to ‘The Pet Remembrance Tree.’ Some come because their pet is ill. Some come to mingle with like-minded people in their community who wish to grow compassion and kindness towards all Earthlings. Some are supporters of the animal charities that are exhibiting. And some just bring their families and pets for a free, fun, family day.

“Whatever the reason, no one leaves the same,” she said. “No pet? No problem! Many folks come just to experience this feel-good, outdoor afternoon.”

“The Blessing” has a rain date of Sunday, May 31, 1-5 p.m. A suggested arrival time for the blessing is 11:30 a.m.

Third Lutheran Church is located at 31 Livingston St. in Rhinebeck. To ensure the safety of all, all pets must be properly leashed, contained or harnessed. Owners should be prepared to observe “pooper scooper” laws and pick up after their pets. Pick up bags will be available.

For more information, call 845-478-2452.

Obituaries

Gail Roberta Shneyer Nussbaum



Gail Roberta Shneyer Nussbaum died peacefully on May 18, 2026 in Jacksonville, Florida. Daughter of Jean Albert and Seymour Shneyer, she is remembered as big sister to Howie Shneyer, wife to Abraham Nussbaum, mother to Tara Nussbaum (Alan Greene) and Joshua Nussbaum (Marie Legene), aunt to Elliott and Geoffrey Shneyer, Jessica Kapps, and Daniel and Jeremy Rubinstein, and grandmother to Luella Legene, Evelyn Legene, Gretchen Greene, and Knox Nussbaum.

Gail was born in Unity Hospital, Brooklyn on May 27, 1952. She lived in Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Washington Heights, Manhattan before moving to Little Neck, Queens in 1955. She was in the gifted track throughout elementary school and graduated from Francis Lewis High School. At Queens College, Gail earned her Bachelor’s degree in Education with a minor in Psychology, cum laude.

Gail and Abe met on a blind date in their teens, married in 1972 when Gail had just turned 20 and Abe was 21, and moved to Albany, NY, where she taught 5th grade in an under-resourced school while earning her Master’s degree in Developmental Reading from SUNY Albany. She supported Abe through medical school and residency.

Gail never hesitated to speak her mind and encouraged all those around her to do the same, especially when they didn’t have the same courage or comfort in making themselves heard. She was a tireless advocate for children, first as a teacher in Albany and later as a PTA member, substitute teacher, pediatric office administrator, and community voice in Red Hook, NY. Gail fought for educational opportunities for students at both ends of the intellectual spectrum. She opened her home to all of Tara and Josh’s friends, offering plentiful cookies and chocolates as well as a listening ear and great advice. As a vigilant mentor, she taught her students, her children, and their friends to advocate and stand up for justice and fairness.

In her free time, Gail could usually be found at Marshall’s pursuing her dual love of fashion and bargains, which she inherited from her mother. Her look was never complete without nails painted, makeup perfect with a signature red lip, and chunky jewelry. Abe and Gail traveled the world extensively and Gail combed the world’s shops for unusual costume jewelry. When pregnant with Tara, she crawled to the driver’s seat from the back of a 1970s station wagon just to make it to a haircut - iced key locks were not going to stop Gail!

Gail’s love for antiques began as a teenager and never ended. Her home was decorated in an eclectic fashion: the furniture, walls, and contents of her kitchen cupboards reflected a love of beauty from all generations. Her eclectic decorating extended to the garage. When Abe wanted to purchase a classic sports car in white, Gail announced that they had too many white cars and he should bid on the black convertible instead!

Before Alzheimer’s took so much from her, Gail developed deep connections with her four grandchildren. She encouraged their love of reading, listened raptly to all of their stories and patiently coaxed more details out of them—adding new words to their vocabulary with every conversation—and bought them way too many gifts, ice cream, and chocolates. She will be deeply missed.

Wappingers CSD to hold special meeting on May 29

The Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District will hold a special public meeting on Friday, May 29 at noon. The meeting will be held at the District Office, 25 Corporate Dr., East Fishkill.

The meeting may be viewed via remote live stream @ www.youtube.com/@wcsdmedia9266/streams

A recording will also be uploaded to the video library for viewing at a later date.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider approval of a Bid Report related to Phase 1 of the 2025 Capital Improvement Project. The agenda is posted in Board Docs at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/wcsd/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.

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by FRANCINE WIZNER



Spadices of distinction

Are you hosting a beetle party, or are you just happy to see me?

There is a rare plant, native to the Sumatran rainforest, that one could call The King of the Plant Jungle. The species, *Amorphophallus titanum*, blooms infrequently. When it does flower, it puts on quite a spectacle!

Once it emerges from its underground corm, it looks like a football-sized bud sitting on the soil. After a couple of weeks, it begins growing skyward. It may take up to a month and a half for the spadix of Titan arum to reach its full height, 6-8 feet. During that time the spadix grows beyond its protective spathe. The "show" begins as the spathe unfurls.

The spadix emits a scent that literally attracts blow flies and carrion beetles — it is enveloping. The insects are numerous enough that you may hear them buzzing or rustling about while they investigate the bloom. The massive spathe unfurls within about four hours; there may be faint creaking as the plant tissue expands. The yellow-green of the upstretched spadix contrasts with the protective spathe, which is green outside and maroon within. While the spathe is opening, the tall spadix heats up to spread scent molecules and attract more pollinators.

After about 24 hours, the spadix cools down and the smell dissipates. The entire structure collapses within the next two days, after which the plant enters a dormant phase, or prepares to grow its fruit, if it was successfully pollinated.

Titan arum contributes to the biodiversity of the tropical rainforest. But, due to habitat loss from timber harvesting and palm oil plantations, there may be fewer than 1,000 mature individuals left in their native environment.

Despite its vulnerability, the plant's unusual attributes do give it power for drawing global attention to the need for rainforest conservation. Its qualities make it important for scientific research on the evolution of thermogenesis, how evolutionary pressures affect species, and how

plants use chemicals to communicate with insects. Titan arum is one attraction that drives ecotourism in Indonesia and helps to incentivize the protection of natural habitats. Even more fortunately, you can see *A. titanum* closer to home if you visit Brooklyn Botanical Garden (BBG) or New York Botanical Gardens (NYBG)!

Spadix and spathe

The spadix and spathe of Titan arum are distinctive. In plants within the same family, a spathe is a protective shield for developing flowers and a lure to attract pollinators to the spadix. Spadices of plants within the same family are single spikes of tiny flowers, which are often organized in specialized reproductive zones.

Amorphophallus kin

Dear King Phillip Came Over For Good Spaghetti is the mnemonic I mentally repeat to recall the taxonomic rankings, in order from broadest to most specific: Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species. When I learn the Latin name of an organism (like *Amorphophallus titanum*), I look up its family because I want to know who its relations are. Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Swamp (Skunk) Cabbage, and Duckweed are plants that grow locally that are members of the *Araceae* family.

Both BBG and NYBG have several cousins of *A. titanum* of varying sizes. You probably wouldn't want any of them as houseplants, though, because of their stature and/or their fragrance. They're commonly called corpse flowers because their bouquet attracts carrion-seeking insects.

But you may own, or have observed, some other Titan arum cousins growing inside homes or businesses. Examples include Calla Lilies and Peace Lilies. They aren't Lilies; They're Araceae. Occasions may be commemorated with them; they're presented as gifts.



Some *Amorphophallus* plants "behind the scenes" at Brooklyn Botanical Garden are currently in their vegetative stage gathering energy. They have one speckled, mottled stalk with a massive compound leaf. Here they are leafing out amidst other types of plants.

-Photos by Peter Slattery/Brooklyn Botanic Garden.



Peace lily



Calla lily

Other relatives of Titan arum include some houseplants that are well-loved because they are low maintenance. They include: Pothos (a waxy-leaved vine), Dieffenbachia (a prominently veined upright-grower), Monstera (a dramatically holed plant with large-leaves), Caladium (a tuber with dramatically colored heart-shaped leaves), and Philodendron (an upright or vined plant with matte-finished leaves). Oh, and there is one other worth mentioning...

An exotic first job

I wasn't a snake venom milker or

an odor sniffer for deodorants. I was fourteen, with freshly inked working papers. The German Alps Festival was the place to go for summer employment in Hunter, NY.

I was hired as a "pitch girl" to sell "Little Boy Flowers." It was the era of the Ginsu, the Buttoneer, and the Chia-Pet. The booth-owners gave us a script to learn. We whipped up a crowd and sold three roots for \$5, or a bargain-basement price of seven for \$10.

I had never seen Little Boy Flowers before. But, I've since learned that they hit their peak as cut flowers, and by the mid-1980s they transitioned to being sold as potted plants. Today, they are commercially grown in the Netherlands and Florida and are known by the less provocative moniker, "Flamingo Flowers." In 1980 I would not have believed that forty-six years later I would be writing about their smelly relatives.

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this week's puzzle solutions

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Word search puzzle grid with words like 'PALM', 'STAIRS', 'MUNRO', 'BARON', 'DANCE', 'MUNRO', 'BARON', 'DANCE' etc.

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

THEME: MOUNTAINS

ACROSS

1. Ill-considered
5. Mate
8. "I didn't get the ____"
12. Biblical preposition
13. Down in the dumps
14. Rodgers of NFL fame
15. Proofreader's mark
16. Get bacon?
17. *Any mountain over 3,000 feet, in Scotland
18. *Mount Everest mountain range
20. Research facil.
21. Itsy-bitsy bits
22. Forensic evidence, acr.
23. Relating to sacrum
26. What Cupid did (2 words)
30. Amazement interjection
31. Not victory
34. Eurozone money
35. Whisky measure, pl.
37. Dot-com address
38. Birth-related
39. Auricular
40. Volcanic ash, e.g.
42. Pro baseball's "Master Melvin"
43. Borat's swimsuit
45. Cruel treatments
47. It would
48. Munchausen's title
50. Supernatural life force
52. *Mountain inspiration for a pen name (2 words)
56. You will
57. Icelandic epic
58. Double reed woodwind instrument
59. Like a good singer (2 words)
60. Not quite an adult
61. *Matterhorn site
62. Like a busybody
63. Commercial break contents
64. Coloring substances

DOWN

1. *Mount ____ more, South Dakota
2. A in ABS
3. Opposite of stern
4. Balloon filler (2 words)
5. "Vamos a la ____"
6. Sainly glows
7. Carl Zeiss' product
8. *Tallest mountain from base to peak (2 words)
9. European sea eagles
10. Dead, in France
11. Yoko of music fame
13. #11 Down's late husband, e.g.
14. Kind of acid
19. Dump truck quantities
22. Email period
23. Bible's wicked city
24. Blood circulation artery
25. ____ gang
26. Baby powder ingredient
27. Sting Rays and Mustangs
28. Angry
29. Sheds skin, as in snake
32. *World's most climbed mountain
33. Before, poetically
36. *Denali, 1917-2015
38. British East India Company millionaire
40. Fairy tale's last word
41. Scottish clan identity
44. *Vesuvius location
46. Take care of cargo
48. Foreshadowed
49. *World's longest mountain range
50. As opposed to stereo
51. Puffins and guillemots
52. Facebook's parent company
53. Competently
54. Uh-uh
55. British tax
56. Old-fashioned "far"

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May 30, 2026



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Oakwood students win Academic WorldQuest Regionals, compete in Washington, DC Nationals



Juniors Oskar Bertucci-Miller and Henry Cianfrani studying maps of Australia at Academic World Quest.

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Oskar Bertucci-Miller '27, Henry Cianfrani '27, Zoe Potter-Gamage '29 and Kathyne Gannon '27 at the National Press Building.

One of two Oakwood teams won the 2026 Academic WorldQuest (AWQ) regional competition in early March at the Henry A. Wallace Center in Hyde Park. The win was a first for the school, though Oakwood teams have placed second several times since 2006. Academic WorldQuest inspires high school students and teachers across the United States to embrace a culture of global engagement.

The winning team made up of juniors Henry Cianfrani, Kathyne Gannon, and Oskar Bertucci-Miller and freshman Zoe Potter-Gamage traveled to Washington D.C. to compete against over 30 teams from schools around the nation. Oakwood's team represented the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, the sponsoring organization of regional WorldQuest competitions as part of the World Affairs Council of America.

The two day Carlos and Malú Alvarez Academic WorldQuest National Competition program included the competition and unique DC-based opportunities to enhance the global education experience including a visit to the Embassy of Qatar and a panel discussion at the Embassy of Australia. The students also had the opportunity to engage with 250 like-minded peers from across the nation. This year's topics of coverage included: Pop Culture and Soft Power in International Relations; The FIFA World Cup; Migration and Immigration; The U.S. Constitution and Foreign Policy; Tariffs and Trade; Coffee and Chocolate; A Global Perspective and Nuclear

Policy Issues.

Reflecting about their experiences in Washington, D.C., students shared the following: "Academic World Quest cultivates engagement across international affairs, geopolitics, and domestic policy. Throughout my experience with these competitions, I've expanded my worldview and had tons of fun. I'm so grateful I've had this opportunity to travel and satisfy my curiosity!" said Kathyne Gannon '27.

"Academic WorldQuest transformed the way I see the world. It pushed me to look beyond the headlines and to dive deep into global affairs, economics, and international relations. It was a privilege to represent Oakwood at the national competition alongside such a dedicated team," said Oskar Bertucci-Miller '27.

"The best thing about the competition was that we not only learned more about what is going on in the world, but we also researched why these things were happening, helping us to gain a far deeper understanding of global affairs in the current day.," according to Henry Cianfrani '27.

Oakwood's team tied for 14th place out of 34 teams at the national competition—an impressive result, especially for first-time participants. Their AWQ faculty advisor, Karen Nichols, expressed pride in the team's strong performance. "The students had exposure to many people in the diplomatic corps and experts in the field which was a really life-changing experience for them. AWQ may very well influence their future career paths," said Nichols.