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Beacon LitFest returns this month

This summer, Beacon LitFest returns with a top notch group of writers and poets for the 6th annual literary festival and shines a spotlight on the national surge of interest in literature in translation.

“For 2026, we’ve been lucky to attract stellar writers and poets for our poetry, fiction, and nonfiction events. Wayne Koestenbaum, Julia Phillips, Alexander Chee, Beacon’s own Erin Somers, and translator Daisy Rockwell (granddaughter of Norman) are just a few of the multi-award-winning writers and poets joining us,” said organizers, “...and this year we’re opening the doors even wider, introducing literature in translation to the community of lit lovers.”

As part of the June lineup, translators will be highlighted as essential creative partners. Attendees will get a behindthescenes look at how stories travel across languages, and how translation shapes the way readers encounter the world.

“Readers are seeking stories that reflect a more interconnected world,” offers Deborah Kapchan, author, translator and Litfest panelist.

Litfest committee members Bernie Lombardi and Chris Metts concur: “We’re seeing independent presses specializing in translation gaining national recognition and award committees spotlighting international voices.” Beacon LitFest 2026 taps into this momentum, offering visitors to The Beacon Litfest a frontrow seat to a literary movement that is reshaping what — and who — Americans read.

Set against the backdrop of Beacon’s historic industrial architecture, vibrant arts scene, and walkable Main Street, the LitFest, an annual celebration of literature, creativity, and community in the Hudson Valley, continues to champion the local arts ecosystem. Attendees can expect engaging events, hands-on writing workshops, and opportunities to meet authors and translators in intimate settings. The festival’s partnerships with local businesses and cultural organizations ensure that the celebration extends beyond the page and into the community. Events will be hosted in Beacon venues — from independent bookstores to repurposed factory spaces — reinforcing the festival’s commitment to keeping literary culture accessible and woven into the fabric of the city.

“We’re excited to have expanded the Litfest this year...but we couldn’t have done it without the generous support of sponsors and business owners like The BEAHIVE, Factory Hotel, and others who opened their doors to accommodate our events.

The Beacon Litfest is an all-volunteer organization that brings together writers, translators, readers, and creators for a weekend of conversation, performance, and discovery. Rooted in Beacon’s vibrant cultural landscape, the festival champions diverse voices and fosters a welcoming, dynamic literary community.

An all-event pass is available at <https://www.beaconlitfest.org/>.

Additional Information

Friday’s evening program, The Exquisite Art of Translation, will feature Daisy Rockwell, International Booker

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One-mile ‘Eat Drink Beacon’ set for June 6

By Kristine Coulter

Sip, sample, and stroll along Main St. in Beacon for the one-mile “Eat Drink Beacon” food crawl. This will be the fifth year of the annual culinary crawl, which will feature 20+ restaurants, businesses and specialty shops from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

“We have a great new lineup. We have six new stops,” said Sheila Carnahan, founder Eat Drink Beacon.

According to organizers, this is how the event will work. Attendees will check in at a designated check-in location and will receive a wristband and official “Eat Drink Beacon” map. Then attendees have the opportunity for a self-guided tasting adventure. Along the way there will be savory bites, sweet treats and refreshing drinks, said organizers.

Follow one of the event maps to local shops that are taking part in the event and stop by for samples of the latest food trends and what is new on Main St. Highlights of some of the food in the past, it was stated, have included: mac ‘n cheese, pretzel bites with cheese, spring rolls, charcuterie cups and some of the sweet delights were panna cotta and ice cream. It was noted for those 21 and older, guests were able to enjoy frozen cocktails and slushies and boozy sips of Hudson Valley wine and beer.

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The one-mile “Eat Drink Beacon” will take place on Main St. on June 6 in Beacon.

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ARF celebrates 4 decades of finding forever homes for animals

By Kristine Coulter

The Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in Beacon is celebrating its 40th year this year. The Board of Directors President is David “Dave” Rocha.

Rocha has been with ARF for two years. He stepped into the role of board president in September 2025.

“The biggest focus at the moment is planning out physical changes we need to make to the plant to meet new standards set by the NY State Department of Agriculture. I’m also looking to grow our volunteer base and to enhance the experience for them with additional training opportunities, and standardizing and streamlining some of our tasks to make it easier for the volunteers to have more time to directly interact with the animals,” he explained. “Everyone who volunteers is there to spend time with the animals and if they can have more time to do that, they’ll find the experience more satisfying and fulfilling. Every volunteer wants to feel like they are making a difference, and we need to make sure they do.”

ARF was founded by local resident Barbara Shea in 1986. Her husband, Dick Shea — who worked for Beacon Free Press — suggested Shea start a shelter for animals. The property for ARF, where it still is located on Simmons Lane, was donated by the City of Beacon.

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Local resident Kristin T. recently adopted “Pumpkin” from ARF.

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ARF celebrates 4 decades of finding forever homes for animals

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On ARF's website, after her passing in 2016, is stated, "Barbara was a tireless advocate who helped countless animals find forever homes, helped them to heal and receive medical treatment, and allowed many to call ARF their forever home when adoption was not an option."

According to the no kill shelter's website, "[W]e've rescued, rehabilitated, sheltered, and found loving homes for thousands of cats and dogs. Every step is taken to assure that animals go to good and appropriate adoptive homes. Even those who aren't chosen by a family experience unwavering love and care from our devoted volunteers, creating a forever home right here at ARF."

Kristin T. adopted puppy "Pumpkin" in February.

"We scheduled a meet and greet just to get a feel for ARF and build a relationship, knowing how unlikely it was to find our perfect match on the first visit," Kristin recalled in an email. "ARF took time to understand our needs and household dynamic with our cat, and recommended we come see Pumpkin. From the moment we laid eyes on her we fell in love. She has so much personality and is so playful, but also so obedient. ARF did a great job of teaching her basic commands, so we already had a head start with training."

Kristin shared a DNA test that was later done on Pumpkin found out she is an Australian Cattle Dog/German Shepherd mix.

"We got her when she was about 9 months old and she turns a year old later this month!" said Kristin.

Rocha shared, "ARF has existed for 40 years because the mission has stayed the same: provide a safe, loving home for animals until they can find their forever homes. This would not have been possible without the commitment of our volunteers, many of whom have been with us for many, many years."

The volunteers' commitment to making



Special-needs (deaf) puppy Bea participated in Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl in 2023.

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sure every animal "gets the love, attention and enrichment they need to be adoptable, is unmatched," said Rocha. "Sometimes we have animals who take more time and effort, and some may never reach that point, but they will always have a home at ARF, even if it's for the rest of their lives."

Kristin said, "One thing that is such a blessing about ARF is that they took [Pumpkin] in when she was just a baby puppy. They went out of their way to share her baby pictures and videos of her growing up, so we feel that much more connected to her."

Although ARF's mission has stayed the same throughout the years and decades, Rocha noted, "We continue to enhance how we achieve that."

"Over the years, we've added onto the facility, we've enhanced our training efforts, working with professional resources and we're always working on new ways of enriching the lives of the



Barbara Shea, seen here in a photograph from a local newspaper, was the founder of ARF.

-Courtesy photo ARF, Poughkeepsie Journal

animals in our care. Whether that's new and different activities, play time together when appropriate, field trips for our dogs or lots of love and attention that helps every animal in our care adjust better to the shelter environment," he said.

ARF has never had paid staff and has never received financial support from local, state or federal agencies, according to Rocha. "We also have never given up on an

animal. Each and every one of our volunteers is committed to doing their part," he emphasized.

"Anytime an animal is in a shelter, it's stressful for them. Without appropriate attention, they can quickly decline and become harder to adopt out. All of us work to provide the best care to our animals so they grow and thrive until their "people" walk through the door," said Rocha.

Gov. Hochul underlines economic growth, innovation, jobs with FY27 Budget

From state reports

Last week, Governor Kathy Hochul announced steps to build a new future for New York by fueling innovation and creating good-paying jobs as part of her FY27 Budget.

"I have been laser focused on expanding opportunities for all New Yorkers and with this Budget we are cementing New York as the center for innovation," Governor Hochul said. "We are strengthening New York's vibrant economy by investing in emerging technologies, revitalizing our communities, modernizing our agricultural industry and creating new jobs that will fuel growth for future generations."

New York is a leader in semiconductor manufacturing — one of the most cutting-edge and critical industries for the 21st century economy. Semiconductors power everything from smartphones to satellites, and the sector is poised to generate revenues of \$1 trillion globally by the end of the decade. As New York builds a thriving domestic semiconductor ecosystem, supporting world-class research and development (R&D) for larger established firms,

there is room for expansion in early stage semiconductor chip R&D by tapping into aspiring startups who may lack access to early-stage chip design tools.

To both attract semiconductor manufacturers that are looking to invest in states with a robust chip innovation pipeline and support startups looking to be competitive in the space, Governor Hochul is investing \$25 million to establish a downstate-based Semiconductor Chip Design Center. This initiative will focus on leveraging downstate's deep knowledge economy ecosystem to complement the already-robust chip manufacturing infrastructure upstate. The Center will be a world-class chip design facility, serving as an incubator to startup firms, training chip designers, and connecting startups to the larger semiconductor sector throughout New York State. By fostering the earliest stages of development, New York will establish itself as a leader in this essential technology and support further growth of downstream manufacturing.

Modernizing Manufacturing and Reshoring Jobs - New York's manufactur-

ing sector is essential to the State's economic vitality, contributing more than \$100 billion to the State's gross domestic product and employing approximately 400,000 New Yorkers.

Governor Hochul is directing Empire State Development to launch the \$10 million Governor's Manufacturing Modernization Program to support the State's small and mid-size manufacturers. The program will establish a network of centers across the state focused on assisting small and mid-size manufacturers in adopting new technologies. These centers will provide technical assistance to small manufacturers as they incorporate AI into their operations, supply chain consultations to help businesses adapt to geopolitical and tariff impacts, and capital grants to modernize equipment or pivot to priority sectors, such as clean energy.

Building the Quantum Edge - Quantum technology provides everyone with the ability to solve some of the world's most complex challenges faster than ever before. Establishing New York's leadership in this emerging field also opens the door to significant economic growth. Globally, quantum technologies are projected to generate \$97 billion in revenue by 2035.

Access to quantum infrastructure, however, remains highly restricted: systems are prohibitively expensive, testing environments are limited, and most companies lack the technical capacity to build or deploy quantum capabilities independently. Building on the momentum of the State's Quantum Research & Innovation Hub at SUNY Stony Brook, Governor Hochul is investing \$60 million to establish up to four additional quantum hubs across New York

that will serve as incubators and foster the development and commercialization of quantum technologies. These hubs will be regional anchors for quantum innovation, prioritizing commercialization of new inventions and real-world use cases. Each hub will host an incubator for quantum-focused startups, providing early-stage companies with critical resources, including mentorship and access to local quantum networks and quantum computing.

Bolstering Biotechnology - New York's biotechnology and life sciences industry is an engine of economic growth. Research and development in biotech not only advances the public good, measured in groundbreaking advancements to cure disease, but also generates new high-paying jobs while opening pathways for entrepreneurs and startups.

The Governor's \$65 million Bolstering Biotech Initiative will support all phases of the life science sector pipeline, from discovery to commercialization, cementing New York's position at the forefront of biotech innovation.

These investments will accelerate the commercialization of life-changing therapeutics — with a focus on neurodegenerative disease — and catalyze private investment in biotechnology research and development through the following programs:

- Venture Capital Investments: Leveraging public and private venture investment to support promising startups with the potential to mature into the next generation of industry leaders.
- Fellowships and Workforce Development: Seeding new skills-training

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'Successful drill' held on Mountain Lane by fire department



The City of Beacon Fire Department held a drill on Mountain Lane on Thursday, May 28. According to fire officials, the department conducted a water shuttle and tanker operation drill that simulated a residential structure fire on Mountain Lane. The objective of this exercise was 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.

"We would like to thank all of our mutual aid partners for a successful Mountain Lane tanker drill yesterday! Crews stretched multiple handlines, established a staging area, coordinated with numerous tankers to establish a positive water supply, allowing units to effectively run a continuous nurse operation, as well as run a [separate] fill site. Drills like this refresh on valuable interagency co-operability, communication and skills that may not be practiced often," it was stated on the Beacon Professional Firefighters Facebook page on May 29.

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DC Legislature votes unanimously on local law to reduce plastic waste

At the May meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature, Legislator Lisa Kaul (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) successfully passed a resolution to enact a local law allowing local food businesses to save money and reduce waste by providing utensils, condiment packets, and other single-use items to customers only upon request.

Kaul said "I am committed to reducing plastic waste, and introduced this legislation after learning that many customers don't want extra utensils and condiments. That means mom & pop businesses can save up to \$300 a month by "skipping the stuff" that often gets thrown away by consumers.

"At the same time, I wanted to be sure we don't unnecessarily burden small businesses. After speaking with the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, officials in counties that have passed similar laws, and our county staff, I added an 18-month phase-in period before the law takes full effect. This allows time to educate both restaurants and the public and to develop a compliance protocol. I'm proud to have earned the support of business groups, environmental groups, and my colleagues across the aisle. This is a win-win for everyone—and our environment."

"This new Local Law will benefit Dutchess County businesses and our environment," said Legislature Chair Yvette Valdés Smith. "Not only will this new provision reduce the plastic waste that litters our roads, pollutes our streams, and adds to our landfills, but food service businesses will

also save money by reducing their purchases of single-use plastic utensils and condiment packets. I thank Legislator Kaul for her tireless dedication to Dutchess County and her leadership in introducing this legislation."

Legislator Anna Shah (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) said, "This is a simple, common-sense measure to protect the environment without burdening businesses. By moving to an 'upon request' model, we ensure customers receive what they want while reducing waste."

"Skip-the-Stuff is a long overdue, practical approach to curbing waste and addressing the damage single-use plastics have on our environment," said Legislator Eric Alexander (D-Amenia). Minority leader Mike Polasek (R-LaGrange) commented on behalf of the Republican caucus saying "Our caucus supported this legislation because we believe the final version struck a thoughtful balance between reducing unnecessary waste and recognizing the practical realities faced by local businesses and consumers. Reduction is a smart and effective waste-management strategy, and encouraging people to only take what they need is a commonsense approach. We also appreciated the inclusion of a lengthy education and phase-in period before enforcement begins."

After passing both the Legislature's Environment Committee and the full Board unanimously, the resolution to enact the new local law currently awaits the County Executive's signature.

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Prize winner; Han Zhang, Riverhead Books Editor and Translator; and Johnny Lorenz, Fulbright and PEN award winner. It will take place Fri Jun 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the BEAHIVE, 6 Eliza St off Main St.

On Saturday June 13, the Litfest Poetry panel 10:30am-noon at BEAHIVE welcomes Dawn Lundy Martin, National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist; Natalya Sukhonos, Senior Producer of content at Roundtable92Y; and Wayne Koestenbaum, multi-award winner of the Whiting Award, Discovery/The Nation award, among others.

The Saturday Fiction and nonfiction panels will be held 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St Rita's and will showcase an array of notable

authors including Michele Filgate (Things My Mother and I Don't Talk About, Things My Father and I Don't Talk About), along with psychoanalyst and debut author MK Corey (DeKconstructing the Kardashians), Deborah Kapchan (Taking Leave) award-winning novelist Julia Phillips (Bear, Disappearing Earth), Beacon's own Erin Somers (The Ten Year Affair), and Whiting award winning essayist and novelist Alexander Chee (Edinburgh, Queen of the Night, and How to Write an Autobiographical Novel).

A cocktail party and book signing will immediately follow, with an exclusive VIP dinner that will provide a setting for conversation, networking, and intimate access to select authors.

Volunteer firefighters host annual Dutchess Day event in Hudson



Members of the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighter's Association gathered at the Firefighter's Home in Hudson to share a meal with members residing at the facility in Hudson.

-Photo by Vinny Galvin

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighter's Association hosted their annual Dutchess Day at the Firefighter's Home in Hudson on Sunday, May 17. This special day is dedicated to bringing together all firefighters from Dutchess County for a barbecue, fostering camaraderie and offering an opportunity to share a meal with the members residing at the home.

In addition to the barbecue, the association organized a parade for the residents, adding excitement and celebration to the day. A monetary donation was also presented to the home, with a total of \$7,600 contributed to the members' small change fund. This fund

enables the residents to enjoy various activities and road trips, enhancing their quality of life.

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters extend their gratitude to the staff at the Firefighter's Home for their excellent work in making the day memorable. Special thanks are also given to the participating fire departments, including East Fishkill Fire District, Hughsonville Fire Department, New Hamburg Fire Department, J. H. Ketcham Hose Company, New Hackensack Fire Department, Pleasant Valley Fire Department, Pawling Fire Department, Millbrook Fire Department and The Red Knights.

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"Beacon is a great destination for tourists and locals. It's a great day out to explore and it spotlights local businesses," said Carnahan. She added this event typically sells out.

Sheila noted "the restaurants, the shops, the stores – every place is a great experience."

Restaurants and shops set to participate

The following were announced as some of the restaurants and shops that will be participating in this year's crawl: Melzingah Tap House, The Vinyl Room, HAKAN Chocolatier, Liquid Fables and The Roosevelt Bar. Restaurants that will be taking part in their inaugural year in the event are Retro Froyo, Oui Oui, Pat's Yard Vibes and Chakra Bowls

Some of the shops and restaurants that have signed up to participate are: Another Door, Bagelish, Beacon Bath & Bubble,

Beacon Cheese Shop, Beacon Creamery, Estilo Y Vino Wine Bar, Five Pennies Creamery, Lily & Marigold Home & Design, Long Cha Thai Café, Noble Pies, Old Dhaka Coffee House, Sukthothai Thai Cuisine, Sybil and many more.

If one plans on attending, Carnahan offered this advice:

- Wear comfortable shoes
- Make sure to check in
- Go hungry to the event

"There are so many restaurants and shops this year, it gives people a chance to sample everything," remarked Carnahan.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite and can be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eat-drink-beacon-food-crawl-tickets-197935483960>.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/eatdrinkbeacon> or on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/eatdrinkbeacon/>, or call 845-768-0008.

Strawberry Festival set for June 14

The Beacon Sloop Club began holding free festivals in the early 1970s to support the newly launched Sloop Clearwater. Soon there were several festivals a year - the Corn Festival, Pumpkin Festival, Strawberry Festival, Shad Festival and Reduce Re-use and Recycle Festival.

Growing concerns about environmental issues sparked all these festivals. Fishermen could no longer sell striped bass and shad due to the PCBs and wanted the chemicals out of the river. People wanted to swim safely in the river and we needed sewage treatment plants. The idea was to raise awareness while having fun by the river. Supporting local Hudson Valley Farmers was important from the beginning.

Clearwater, a replica a traditional sailing vessel launched by Pete Seeger and a group of friends in 1969, advocated for

cleaning the river. Sloop clubs were created as a way to support Clearwater's work. Eventually Beacon had its own smaller boat, the Woody Guthrie, taking people out on the river for free 5 evenings a week.

Pete's life work was trying to clean up many parts of our environment and its method was music, singing together, putting on festivals and in doing so figuring out how to work together. The people working on these projects knew the environment is everything that surrounds us from air to water to people and all living things- everything.

The Strawberry Festival will be held at the Toshi and Pete Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon on Sunday, June 14, between noon and 5 p.m. Enjoy great music and delicious strawberry shortcake as well as crafts, children's activities and more!

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Scenic Hudson: Some encouragement in a challenging NY State budget

To the Editor:

In the new state budget, the Governor and Legislature have recognized that forward-thinking land use policy can advance both housing and conservation goals.

Scenic Hudson strongly believes that community and environmental sustainability must work hand in hand, and that the state environmental review process can support this.

The budget's refinements to the current process can guide new housing towards previously disturbed sites and facilitate connections with existing communities — limiting costly sprawl that threatens the state's irreplaceable farmland, habitat, and open space resources.

At the same time, the changes preserve critical local land use and environmental protection laws, reflecting the need to align development with the needs of individual communities.

We will continue to assess the impact of these changes moving forward and work to ensure that land use policies at all levels of government create a blueprint for both sustainability and livability.

While we are encouraged by those provisions of the budget — and the Governor and the Legislature worked to keep core programs and funding intact — there are also cracks in the armor that are distressing.

In an incredibly short period of time, Washington has threatened to single-handedly dismantle decades of dedicated investment in public health and the environment.

We have hoped that New York State would serve as a bulwark against these headwinds. Unfortunately, some of the decisions made in this year's state budget fall short of countering those federal actions.

We are disheartened to see the Governor and the Legislature's amendments to New York's trailblazing climate law, including a delayed timeline for emission reduction goals.

However, we are grateful for the strengthened commitment to historically disadvantaged communities that face disproportionate burdens from climate change, as well as a feasibility study for a cap-and-invest program to limit emissions.

We urge the Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, pending bills that would strengthen New York's commitment to renewable energy as the most affordable alter-

native to fossil fuels and their skyrocketing costs.

In New York, it is imperative that policymakers stand strong to ensure the state does not move backwards.

We will continue to work closely with New York's leaders and encourage them to prioritize ways to be environmentally and economically sustainable at the same time.

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programs designed to equip New Yorkers with the necessary skills to fill high-demand roles from production to c-suite in the biotech field, opening pathways to high-paying jobs for New Yorkers.

• **Commercialization Grant Program:** Creating a new, performance-based grant program modeled on the State's successful Biodefense Commercialization Program to support companies in bringing biotech innovations to market in targeted areas such as neurodegenerative diseases.

• **Statewide Clinical Trial Consortium:** Establishing a statewide clinical trial consortium to leverage the combined strengths of New York's research institutions to expand access to cutting-edge therapies and position the state as a premier destination for medical innovation

• **Digital Innovation, Governance, Integrity & Trust (DIGIT)** - Building on New York's role as a national leader in AI regulation and online safety, Governor

Hochul is now creating a first-of-its kind Office of Digital Innovation, Governance, Integrity, and Trust (DIGIT). DIGIT will serve as a central, authoritative body for digital safety and technological governance, devising new approaches and ensuring consistent enforcement to keep New Yorkers safe online; while protecting New York's position as a state that values and invests in cutting edge innovation. The DIGIT Office will first focus on regulating large frontier AI developers, enabling greater transparency into their safety measures and establishing a reporting mechanism for developers to report critical safety incidents.

• **Enhancing Local Economic Development Project Tracking** - Industrial development agencies and authorities (IDAs) are crucial vehicles for advancing economic development, housing and other priorities statewide, reporting over \$900 million in net tax exemption in 2024 alone. However, monitoring those investments can be challenging due to inefficiencies in the State's legacy tracking system. Local authorities are also leaving money on the table by not appropriately monitoring sales tax exemptions.

This Budget includes \$6 million for overhauling the current system and replacing it with a well-developed, better-equipped analysis tool will enhance transparency, integrity, and efficiency, while also providing oversight data and allowing local authorities to better communicate project outcomes.

• **Downtown Revitalization** -The State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative provides funds to revitalize and enhance downtown neighborhoods across the state, supporting infrastructure development, public transportation, job creation, and economic activity. New York Forward similarly provides funds for downtown revitalization, but targets resources to smaller and rural communities such as villages and hamlets. The FY27 Budget includes a renewed \$200 million investment in these programs to continue to help communities develop downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and are magnets for business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity.

• **Revitalizing Commercial and Residential Properties** - The Restore New York Communities Initiative (Restore NY) supports efforts to reduce blight, spur new investments and encourage community revitalization. The FY27 Budget includes \$50 million to provide financial assistance for projects involving the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation and/or reconstruc-

tion of vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties.

• **Redeveloping Underutilized Land into Housing** - The FY27 Budget includes legislation to facilitate housing development at Conklin Street in the Town of Babylon on Long Island, Farmingdale State College's campus, Stony Brook University's Southampton campus and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry's campus in Syracuse.

• **Investing in Equity Across the Cannabis Supply Chain** - Across the cannabis supply, the Governor is supporting programs to build business opportunities that move beyond issuing licenses and start up supports and instead focus on long term sustainability, continuing our success as the most equitable cannabis market in the country. The Governor is committing \$25 million for the Community Grants Reinvestment Fund, which seeks to address the harms of past drug policies by reinvesting adult-use cannabis tax revenue into communities that faced disproportionate enforcement of prior drug laws. The State will be increasing staffing resources to shut down the illicit market and enforce against trade practice violations, and providing \$10 million to businesses across the State to cover costs of implementing the seed to sale tracking program, which ensures products sold in New York are grown and manufactured here and meet the highest possible public health standards.

• **Supporting Dairy Farmers To Modernize the Industry** - Since taking office, Governor Hochul has presided over an unprecedented expansion of the dairy manufacturing sector in New York. The State has celebrated investments across the state, including a \$650 million fairlife production plant in Webster, a nearly \$30 million expansion of the Agri-Mark cheese manufacturing facility in Chateaugay, a new \$1.2 billion Chobani yogurt manufacturing facility in Rome, Wells Enterprises' \$425 million ice cream manufacturing facility in Dunkirk, and more, reinforcing New York's status as the leading milk producer in the Northeast. There are currently nearly 300 globally recognized dairy processing plants statewide.

Linking dairy farming and production with manufacturing and processing entities will create a virtuous economic cycle, benefiting farmers, dairy sector workers, and consumers alike. However, dairy farmers are facing a complex constellation of challenges, including tariffs on feed, aging infrastructure, rising operating costs, and ongoing supply chain challenges that make it harder for farms to plan and invest for the future.

• **Establishing New York as the Nation's Hard Cider Capital** - New York is the country's leading hard cider producer, boasting more active cideries than any other state. Our cider industry has grown substantially over the last ten years, generating more than a billion dollars in total economic impact for New York, yet there still remains untapped agri-tourism potential to explore.

To support the industry and tap into the robust agri-tourism opportunity that cider presents, Governor Hochul is working with the New York Cider Association to establish New York as the State of Cider, marketing the orchards, tasting rooms, and food experiences that could become anchor destinations for visitors across the country. These actions will strengthen rural economies, uplift the exceptional work of local businesses, and establish New York as the foremost destination for American hard cider

Concert to benefit Taking It to the Streets set June 6

Taking It to the Streets, a local charity helping to feed and clothe the homeless and those in need, will be hosting a benefit music concert at Salem Tabernacle in Beacon, at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) on Saturday,

June 6. Many great acts are set to perform including the renowned artist Reginald Bennett Jr. The concert is hosted by Ruth Anderson, founder of Taking It to the Streets. Suggested donation is \$20 per person.

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The Underground Railroad we can 'see and touch'



Above top left to right: The AME Zion Church that stands on Smith Street at Cottage Street was built in 1910. The group stopped to reflect at the earlier Church (1840 to 1910) site at the back of an empty lot on the banks for the rushing Fall Kill. Bottom left to right: An image of the Orthodox Quaker meeting House built in 1827 in the back of a lot at Mill Street. Pending further research and confirmation, the likely former meeting house today used as a residence.

-Photos by Bill Jeffway

By Bill Jeffway

The Underground Railroad (UGRR) refers to the support network that helped enslaved men, women, and children escape from the U.S. South to freedom before slavery was abolished nationally at the end of the Civil War in 1865. Some freedom seekers ultimately settled permanently in New York State after slavery was abolished there in 1827.

Poughkeepsie was, and remains, a strategically important location halfway between New York City and Albany along the 300-mile transportation corridor that is the Hudson River. The river saw the first successful steamboats in 1807. The Erie Canal's opening in 1825 transformed transportation through the Mohawk River corridor connecting Albany to the U.S. West. The railroad reached Poughkeepsie in 1850. Dutchess County also had one of the largest Quaker populations outside Philadelphia at a time when Quakers were among the nation's most outspoken abolitionists.

To avoid detection, the Underground Railroad was necessarily flexible and decentralized. Mixed-race "conductors" provided covert shelter, food, clothing, money, transportation, and guidance depending on local conditions. Routes included roads, forests, rivers, boats, and eventually railroads.

Two recent guided walking tours in Poughkeepsie helped bring this largely hidden history to life. Historian Lewis Mumford once described local history at its best as involving "the things that we can see and touch [which] awaken the imagination in a way rarely found if taken only from history books." Yet the Underground Railroad was intentionally concealed. How can we see and touch

something designed to leave few traces? These tours offer an answer.

One tour examined the role of Poughkeepsie churches in the Underground Railroad. The second explored activity along the riverfront, beginning at Waryas Park, moving through Upper Landing, across the Walkway Over the Hudson, and ending at the Sojourner Truth statue on the west side of the river.

The tours were sponsored by more than 26 organizations, including the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS), Celebrating the African Spirit (CAS), and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie. They coincided with a visit by historian Anthony Michael Cohen, who is retracing a typical route that could have been taken by Harriet Tubman from Maryland to Canada. Traveling with Cohen is a 2,000-pound statue depicting Tubman helping her young niece escape enslavement. Tubman herself is credited with freeing at least 70 enslaved people through thirteen missions.

The church tour highlighted the important role Black churches played in anti-slavery efforts. The African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church, founded in New York City in 1796, became known as much for abolitionism as for religion. Poughkeepsie's AME Zion congregation formed in 1837, while a similar church established in Beacon in 1844. Both are active today.

Tour participants visited the former site of Poughkeepsie's AME Zion Church on Catherine Street, where the congregation worshiped from 1840 to 1910. Although the building no longer exists, visitors stood on a hot day at the shaded and cool-



Above left to right: An enormous statue of extraordinary Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman is being transported along the 750-mile route of historian Anthony Cohen as he retraces a route from Maryland to Canada she might have taken. Celebrating the African Spirit founder Carmen McGill explains the stories of the local enslaved persons depicted on the "CAS" marker. Close up of a woman harvesting wheat, and a bricklayer. Soyal Smalls brings Sojourner Truth to life at the statue of Truth on the west side of the Walkway.

-Photos by Bill Jeffway.

ing banks of the Fall Kill stream, creating a tangible connection to those who gathered there nearly two centuries ago.

In a 1950 publication preserved in DCHS collections, church historian Clarence T. Anderson described the Catherine Street church as a center of community life that hosted "important public meetings, revivals, festivals, fairs, concerts, baptisms, marriages, funerals, receptions to noted men and women of the race and all the events of human life." He added that the church "was freely used by the city's colored population."

The church also served as the assembly point for the welcoming parade that greeted Frederick Douglass when he arrived in Poughkeepsie in August 1858 to address 4,000 people at College Hill.

The tour also visited the current AME Zion Church on Smith Street, completed in 1910. The congregation's 20th-century history included advocacy for women's suffrage and navigating segregated military service during World Wars I and II. During the 1980s, local historian Walter Patrice secured the church's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Another stop explored the role of the First Congregational Church in abolitionism. When Frederick Douglass spoke in Poughkeepsie in 1858, he criticized the reluctance of many American churches to take visible anti-slavery positions. Evidence of this hesitancy appears a generation earlier in the records of the Dutchess County Anti-Slavery Society from 1840, preserved at the New York Public Library. The Society requested that local churches conduct monthly prayers for enslaved people. The Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed, Baptist, and Methodist Churches declined. The exception was the Congregational Church.

The First Congregational Church was organized on September 10, 1837, specifically because members wanted a more outspoken abolitionist church. That same year, the congregation purchased the church building that still stands at the corner of Mill and Vassar Streets. In 1859 they moved to the larger brick church that still stands on Mill Street today. Samuel Ringgold Ward – the Black abolitionist, newspaper editor, labor leader, and Congregational minister – served the congregation.

The second tour focused on the Hudson River waterfront and Poughkeepsie's role as a transportation gateway. Participants began at CAS's memorial marker recognizing the lives and contributions of enslaved people in the region, then traveled through Upper Landing, across the Walkway, and concluded at the Sojourner Truth statue.

Along the way, the group learned of individuals likely connected to the Underground Railroad. Uriah Boston was a local barber whose financial success

enabled him to meet the property requirements that were required of Black men only. In 1835, Poughkeepsie had 1,035 voters; only one was Black (Uriah Boston). Boston frequently wrote open letters in national newspapers.

Both Jeremiah Hamilton, known as the first Black millionaire, and the well-known Black abolitionist Benjamin Lattimore owned land at the Hudson River landing at Union Street. Lattimore's father operated a ferry between Poughkeepsie and Ulster County. Abraham Williams was a respected Hudson River boatman whose son, Clint Williams, later became a highly regarded boat captain.

David Arnold was a Quaker leader who, according to testimony at the time, used his home at 71 North Water Street to conceal freedom seekers. Samuel Thompson was an outspoken abolitionist whose testimony describing a freedom seeker sent to him by someone he did not know reflects the fragile and flexible nature of the Underground Railroad.

Further evidence of the unpredictable dimensions of those seeking freedom appeared in the Liberator newspaper in 1840. Thirty girls playing outside encountered a young Black boy traveling through Poughkeepsie. They provided him with provisions.

At the Harriet Tubman statue, performer Nicole "Su the Producer" McArthur vividly brought Tubman's words and experiences to life. Participants walked with "Tubman" in a way that communicated the uncertainty, danger, and physical hardship of traveling hundreds of miles toward freedom.

At the Sojourner Truth statue created by Hudson Valley artist Vinnie Bagwell, performer Soyal Smalls brought Truth's words and spirit alive for the audience. Smalls first explained the difference between the words attributed to Truth, and her actual words. The portrayal captured both Truth's gentleness and extraordinary strength.

These walks demonstrate how local history can transform abstract historical concepts into lived human experience by literally walking in the shoes of the named people we want to come to know. By pausing to listen and reflect, participants gained not only historical knowledge, but also inspiration relevant to anyone on their own journey to a destination not easily reached.



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Women in sports - it's a great journey on the road to recognition

By Morgan E. Maier

Some individuals see a Morgan writing about sports and assume that Morgan is a man.

This has happened to me a few times, but it's events like the Hudson Valley Renegades' Women in Sports Panel that remind me why I continue. I was on a sideline elsewhere in high school sports while the Renegades honored women across the sports industry on May 26. What better way to celebrate, right?

I've been warned ad nauseum about the boys' club of sports: Women working twice as hard for half the recognition. Their struggles to even grip the doorknob of rooms women have been locked out of for years.

I have never (yet) felt that I don't belong in sports. Encouragement envelops me. And at every turn, women are continuing to elevate the sports world - setting record-highs in spectatorship in college and bringing new standards for front offices and brand partnerships.

It hasn't always been. But those finding their way to a seat at the table are the ones to thank for the belief that myself and other young women in sports have in our abilities.

The Low-A Yankees affiliate, the Tampa Tarpons, had the first full-time female manager in professional baseball. Rachel Balkovec took the helm in the Sunshine State, years after Kim Ng made history in Miami as the first female general manager in North American pro sports.

Women taking more leadership roles in sports shows me the new ceiling. Flag football continues taking a country by storm, as women's professional baseball and fast-pitch softball snatch the summer headlines.

Representation stretches as far as California, where one-time Renegade umpire Jen Pawol was on duty for the Yankees' series against the Athletics. Before debuting in summer of 2025, Pawol was moving up the ranks in the minors, where her path crossed prospects with the same goal.

Over a year ago I was at my very first credentialed event — the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference basketball tournaments in Atlantic City. I'm still here because of the encouragement, confidence built with each connection and word that cements my place in sport. Thanks for being a part of the journey.



Sportswriter Morgan E. Maier is a "true professional" covering the Hudson Valley Renegades.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	33	18	.647	-	8-2	W3
Frederick BAL	31	17	.646	0.5	6-4	W2
Wilmington WSH	26	24	.520	6.5	5-5	L3
Hudson Valley NYY	23	27	.460	9.5	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	21	29	.420	11.5	4-6	L2
Brooklyn NYM	17	33	.340	15.5	6-4	W3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	36	14	.720	-	8-2	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	30	21	.588	6.5	5-5	W2
Rome ATL	27	24	.529	9.5	4-6	L2
Hub City TEX	25	25	.500	11.0	3-7	L3
Greenville BOS	20	29	.408	15.5	5-5	W1
Asheville HOU	11	39	.220	25.0	2-8	L1



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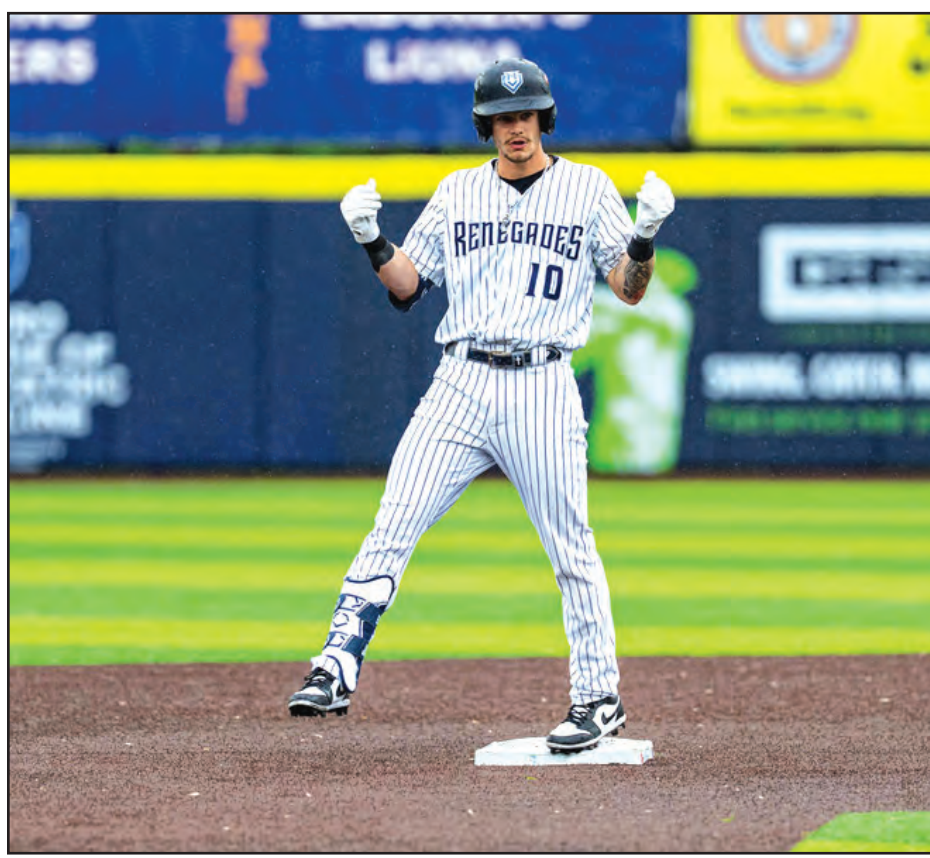


Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Wild games and great comebacks as Renegades battle Hot Rods



Left: Josh Moylan had a solo homer in the Renegades' 10-6 loss to the Bowling Green Hot Rods on May 30. Right: Core Jackson had two homeruns and a double for the Renegades on May 29, but the Hot Rods came back for a crazy 13-10 victory.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades sent the Bowling Green Hot Rods' recent streak to a screeching halt, while offering some offensive awakening to close a tough month of May. Though Bowling Green took four of six in Hudson Valley, the Renegades offense went yard in the final five games of the series, as some pitchers especially took the reins over the homestand. The Renegades now stand at 23-27 on the season.

Comeback Kids - Down, but never out and facing five first-inning Hot Rod runs on May 28, the Renegades battled back for a 9-7 win, snapping a four-game slide while breaking the Hot Rods' seven-game win streak. Two home runs by Core Jackson – more on him later – highlighted a season-high 16 hits for the Renegades. Allen Facundo bounced back from a forgettable first frame with five scoreless innings, as 8 of 9 Renegades batters

notched a hit. Brandon Decker improved to 3-0 with the win in his second successful outing against the Hot Rods.

Core Worlds - But the Force was strong with Bowling Green on Star Wars Night, as the Hudson Valley Galaxy's visitors championed their own comeback on May 29. This battle saw three ties, three lead changes, and a five-run top of the seventh, as the Renegades bullpen surrendered a seven-run Hot Rod swing.

Jackson pounced on the first pitch of his sixth-inning at bat on May 29, doubling the Renegades' lead with a two-run double, and later scoring on a wild pitch to extend the 'Gades' lead to five. Bowling Green came speeding back in the eighth and ninth, as Hudson Valley pitching dragged. They'd fall 13-10 in nine innings, the first of two tough finishes to start the weekend.

On May 30, Emmanuel Tejada added a three-run shot to a Roderick Arias RBI

single for a Hudson Valley four-spot in the first inning. Bowling Green gained momentum each inning, chipping away at the lead until the bases loaded for Caleb Bodine. An inside-the-park grand slam to center got four of Bodine's six runs batted in on the night, as the Hot Rods sped away for the win. Josh Moylan's ninth inning solo lap inched the home team closer, but they were left in the dust for a 10-6 loss.

May Days - This month was more frightening for the Renegades than the "Halloween in May" promotion at Heritage Financial Park. The team began the month on a four game losing streak, and ended it with a 7-20 record. Along the way, a swept series, two shutout losses, and one shutout win marked the ups and downs of the first full month of baseball. But Hudson Valley ended May on top, a walkoff win to leave another forgettable homestand on a positive note. Hudson Valley averaged 4.66 runs per game in May. The team scored more runs against

Bowling Green (36) than in any other series this month, and twice as many as they mustered while being swept by the Frederick Keys (18).

Go Go Genter - Eric Genter's burning hot bat caught fire once more, charring Bowling Green with a 3-4, 4 RBI night on May 29. After reaching base three times over the first two games, Genter scorched Bowling Green for a three-hit, 4 RBI night on May 29. In the series finale, Genter paired his game-tying solo shot in the ninth with a two-out walkoff walk, exhibiting exceptional plate patience to end May on a high. Jackson and Kyle West also left the park in the 4-3 Renegades win. Franyer Herrera went 5.2 innings for the win.

Up next for the Renegades is a series vs. the ferocious Frederick Keys in Maryland. As Hudson Valley looks to build off its most recent offensive surge, the Keys come off a series tie against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws after dropping three straight games in ShoreTown.

Nominations now open for Renegades Outstanding Student Athlete Awards

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced today that nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Student-Athlete Award presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union are now open.

The Outstanding Student-Athlete Award recognizes student-athlete success in our local middle and high schools, Grades 7 through 12. This free,

incentive-based program celebrates the accomplishments of student-athletes and recognizes the achievement of each student.

Each participating school is asked to nominate at least one (1) male and one (1) female student-athlete. The following criteria should be taken into consideration: GPA, academic and athletic achieve-

ments, exemplary citizenship and other extracurricular activities

Outstanding Student-Athlete Award nominations will be accepted from through June 19.

Each Outstanding Student-Athlete receives four (4) complimentary tickets to the game on July 2, a personalized Outstanding Student-Athlete Award and

special in-game recognition honoring their achievements

For more information or questions regarding the program, please contact the Hudson Valley Renegades at info@hvrenegades.com or by phone at 845-838-0094.

love to cook

by vicki frank day



A quiche for all seasons

Whatever the weather, this recipe can meet the moment.

Back to the kitchen and back to the dilemma presented by the between-seasons weather. Days can be hot and humid or cool, rainy or breezy. One day the air conditioner is on, yet you still can't bear turning on the oven; and the next you're craving a warm pasta dish as you don a sweatshirt. Whenever this happens, and it seems to quite often in our beloved Hudson Valley, my appetite gets confused. Do I want a light, fresh salad or should I make a chicken pot pie?

Luckily, I have quite a few recipes for just such occasions. One I often go to is a savory pie. What makes it a perfect bridge between seasons is its lightness, thanks to the lack of a crust and the main ingredient: zucchini. I first came up with this in the early 2000s but all these years later it's worth revisiting, especially because I've altered my original recipe, making it even better.

If I remember rightly, what inspired its creation was an excess of zucchini from my neighbors' garden at summer's end, a common dilemma for anyone who grows their own. I had been gifted with so much that I was running out of ideas, and so this pie was born. The original was essentially a light, airy crustless quiche loaded with shredded zucchini, fresh herbs and cheese. As it turned out, it became a favorite and one that I make once a month



Left, an unbaked No-Crust Zucchini Pie, ready to be placed in the oven. Right, the finished dish.

or so. I always double it to make two, because it goes fast. It's light enough to have a few large slices and hearty enough to satisfy a big appetite, especially with the addition of a few more substantial ingredients (welcome to the party, bacon and mushrooms), which is the version you're getting this go-round.

While it's pretty simple to make, prepping the squash might be viewed by some as a deterrent. You have to



-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

shred it on a box grater, which isn't so bad, but because of zucchini's high water content, you need to squeeze the living daylights out of it to avoid a soggy pie. So, here's what I recommend: either adjust your attitude and take it on with gusto or make this when you need to let off a little steam. Believe me, it helps and can be very therapeutic. You can squeeze it by the handful over a bowl or the sink, but this takes a while, and you'll likely waste some. The preferred method is to wrap a few cups of the shredded squash in a tea towel then twist it to wring out extra moisture. It works really well. Just know it may stain your towel green, but it should come out in the wash. If not, you now have a special towel just for that purpose.

NO-CRUST ZUCCHINI PIE

Being a summer squash, zucchini has a thin skin, which means no peeling, just a gentle wash. As stated, you will need to shred it for this recipe, either in a food processor or with a grater (I used a large-holed cheese grater) and then squeeze out any additional moisture, which is a little messy but necessary. Squeeze by small handfuls over a bowl or wring in cheesecloth or a tea towel to remove excess water over the sink before adding to your batter. This is essential for a more flavorful, lighter, non-soggy pie. Add any fresh herbs you like: thyme, oregano, chives, parsley all work well. Want to keep it meatless? Don't like mushrooms? No problem! Omit the meat and add more vegetables, like roasted red peppers, steamed broccoli or sauteed arugula. As for the 'no-crust' part, the eggs and cheese firm up enough when baked to hold it together while keeping it lighter in both texture and flavor – no dough needed!

INGREDIENTS

About 2 cups shredded zucchini (about 2 medium-sized), most moisture squeezed out

1 tablespoon fresh snipped chives, chopped (if you have them)
1-2 tablespoons fresh oregano, chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)
1 cup shredded mozzarella (whole milk or part skim)
1 cup shredded Swiss or Gruyere cheese
1 cup chopped cooked bacon or diced ham
2 shallots or 1 small onion, chopped
2-3 cups sliced mushrooms (reserve a few slices for the top)
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2/3 cup milk (whole or low fat)
1 tablespoon olive oil (plus some for the skillet)
3 eggs
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
freshly grated Parmesan cheese for the top (about 2 tablespoons)

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a pie dish and set aside. In a large bowl combine zucchini, herbs, shredded mozzarella and Swiss and meat, stirring to mix well.

Heat some olive oil in a large skillet. Add shallots or onion and sauté over medium heat until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic, stir and cook 6-10 minutes more. Remove from heat and set aside to cool. (If added to the egg mixture while hot it will curdle the eggs and result in a grainy texture).

In a separate large bowl, sift or whisk together flour and baking powder. Add milk, oil, eggs, salt and pepper and whisk well to combine. Pour into bowl with zucchini mixture and mix well. Stir in the onion-mushroom mixture. Pour into prepared pie dish. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese evenly over the top. When using mushrooms, I like to reserve a few pretty slices to arrange on top.

Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 30-45 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve it on its own or with a side salad, for brunch, lunch or dinner. It's even good cold. You know, in case the day after you make it the weather is sweltering again.

This pie is perfect as the garden season ramps up, but since zucchini is available year-round, hang on to this recipe for whenever the weather has you wondering what to make for dinner. It's easy to make it lighter or heartier for whatever your appetite – or the Hudson Valley climate – dictates. Enjoy!

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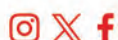
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Tickets for this fundraiser are \$20 and may be purchased at The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, in Beacon, on the day of the event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. One will receive a map the day of the event.

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

BY FRANCINE WIZNER

Beneficial beverages aplenty; how about science-backed sap?

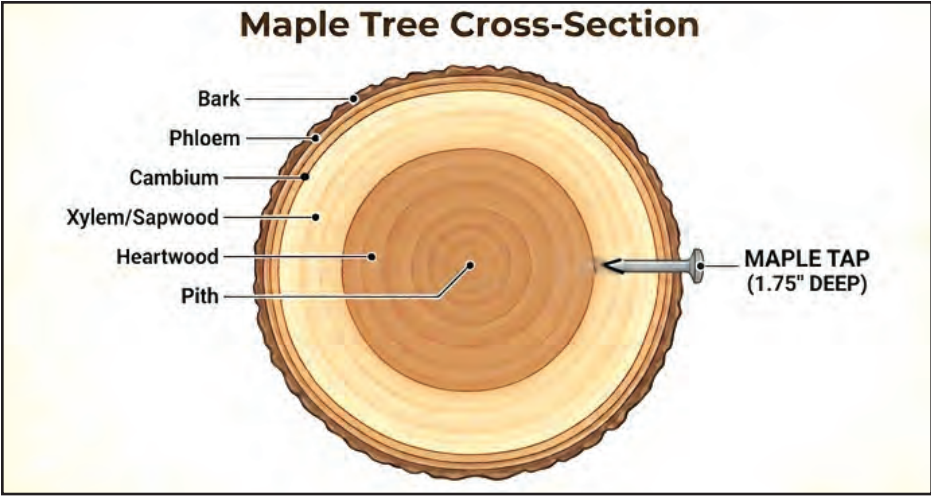


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Same Day Sap label and nutrition information.

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In the warmth of June, berries, stone fruit, zucchini, and corn are in the markets. They are a colorful contrast to root vegetables and citrus available in colder months. Seasons have flavors and hues.

In autumn, the taste and aroma of maple is paired with pumpkin, squash, or cinnamon in brews and yummys from the donut shop or deli. That's the same time of year that leaves change color so beautifully. But "leaf-peeping" season in the fall is opposite the equinox for maple sap harvesting. Maple "sugaring" occurs in late winter and early spring.

Timing the tap: Weather- and location-dependent

Late winter to early spring is the "sweet spot" for maple sap. Harvesting is dependent upon a specific freeze-thaw cycle. Without the pressure created by that series, you won't get much good-tasting sap. Once it gets too warm, chemical changes make the sap unpleasant and the diminished pressure limits the volume. Fall sap runs are possible, with the right temperature fluctuation, but the liquid is not as sweet, because the tree hasn't yet converted its stored starches into sugar. In the cold of winter, the xylem is frozen. The Goldilocks Zone for fresh maple sap is narrowed further by the variability of the latitude where sap may be collected and weather patterns during the year.

Syrup is processed from maple sap

The majority of collected sap is used to make 100% pure maple syrup for consumer sale or for industrial use as ingredients in other foods. A small amount is used to make maple sugar or other confections. All of those are made by concentrating sap through osmosis, boiling and evaporation, to varying degrees.

But, the unprocessed sap is the pure source material. It is naturally filtered by maple trees. It contains electrolytes and minerals like calcium and zinc. Maple sap water is a pure hydration alternative; it is a health-conscious, nutrient-rich "aquaceutical."

Functional water

Aquaceuticals are also called Functional Water. Enhancing ingredients such as vitamins, minerals, herbs, electrolytes or antioxidants are added to water and are promoted for providing health benefits beyond basic hydration. Marketing claims of such beverages include supporting immune health or providing stress relief or increased energy. Examples of functional water brands you may have seen in the store include Propel Electrolyte Water, LIFEWTR, and Glacéau smartwater.

Hudson Valley Maple Water

Unlike other enhanced beverages, sap from our area's maple trees is a direct

expression of the valley's rare terroir. Like cheese from Roquefort-sur-Soulzon in France, tea from Darjeeling, India, or beef from Kobe, Japan, the sap from our maples is a complex, nutrient-dense fluid shaped by the region's specific chemistry.

While all plants pull water from their soil, ours, in particular, are rooted in juxtaposed eras. Here, maple trees absorb nutrients from deep billion-year-old Precambrian bedrock and limestone left by retreating glaciers. The rocks release minerals into the soil, which rise up and are absorbed by root systems and symbiotic fungal networks.

As the trees act as biological pumps, they filter the groundwater through their vascular systems, enriching it with potassium, magnesium, and manganese. The resultant sap is a complex, nutrient-dense fluid shaped by the region's specific chemistry. These provide all the bona fides it needs to be a "legacy liquid." And now, it's not just a seasonal treat.

Maple sap, conveniently, year-round

Reggie Akpata, co-founder of New England Fancy Food Co., is on a mission to encourage people to turn to maple sap for their drinking water and functional water. He notes that, "It is the only known functional beverage that comes from the trunk of a tree that's naturally sweet!" Mr. Akpata enumerates the benefits, including antioxidants, anti-inflammatories, and electrolytes. Those all provide protection against respiratory infections, muscle aches from exercise, and dehydration from summer sporting activities.

Says Akpata, "Look for our four new natural flavors: Oatmeal Spice, Vanilla, Concord Grape, and Mango. Our beverages, called SameDaySap, are so-named because they are frozen on the day of collection." You can find them at the TasteNY stores, including Todd Hill, close to home. They are also available at TasteNY Online, as well as from <https://nefancy.com/>.

Despite some challenging weather and pests, Mr. Akpata explains that there have been "bumper harvests these past five years." This season, they've partnered with another Hudson Valley farm to tap additional trees. Daily collections involved journeys along snow-covered carriage trails, with the air still crisp. I think it sounds reminiscent of long-ago traditions, with buckets clanging on a horse-drawn sled. Romantic, yes ... but also a lot of work ... which makes me thirsty! SameDaySap, anyone?

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

in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com>, @gkatzchronicle, and at <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com>.

'THE LESSON' at Savage Wonder in Beacon

This June, Savage Wonder Art Center invites audiences into a charged parlor for an intimate, unhinged Equity reading of "THE LESSON," Eugène Ionesco's savage absurdist masterpiece — a play about education, domination, and the violence hiding inside language. Featuring:

- Sturgis Warner* New York Theatre Workshop, My Love Affair With Marriage (2022), The Public Theater
 - Sophie Kelly-Hedrick* MacBeth (Red Bull Theatre), Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin (MAX), Appropriate (Seattle Rep)
 - Catherine Luckenbach, Drowned Divas (NYC Center), Roomies (award-winning series), St. Vincent's Project (Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre)
- *denotes a member of Actors' Equity Association

The setting is a parlor. The hour is afternoon. A professor and a student. A lesson that begins in politeness and ends somewhere else entirely. Ionesco wrote The Lesson in 1951. It has not aged. What it describes is present in every institution

that has ever called itself a place of learning: the seduction of the pedagogical relationship, the violence hiding inside grammar, the smile that precedes submission. The play is over before you understand what just happened.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with curated provisions — assembled, not plated — each component chosen to echo something in the lesson ahead. Coffee will be served. The coffee will be good. The coffee is not optional. Tickets are all-inclusive. Seating is limited and arranged as part of the performance environment. Doors open on time. The lesson begins on time.

Performances are all Saturdays in June: June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28 at 6 p.m. — Rations Served and 7 p.m.

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Josephine Kellerman



Josephine Kellerman, 95, a resident of Hopewell Junction since 1968 and formerly of the Bronx, died peacefully at her home on May 25, 2026.

Born in the Bronx on April 2, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Alessio and Josephine (Lanzano) Economico. Josephine had been employed as a Teacher's Aide for the Wappingers Central School District from 1969-1977, and then as a Manufacturing Test/Inspection Technician at IBM in East Fishkill from 1978-1993. She was a parishioner of St. Columba Church and enjoyed bowling and visiting casinos.

On May 19, 1951 in the Bronx, Josephine married Henry Kellerman who predeceased her on March 22, 1998. She

is survived by her sons and their wives, Paul and Donna Kellerman, Robert Kellerman, and Richard and Yadira Kellerman; her grandchildren, Lindsey Kellerman, Zachary Kellerman and Megann, Craig Kellerman, Lauren Kellerman Ferrara and Patrick, and Austin Kellerman; her great-grandchildren, Hailey, Arianna and Emilia; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her brothers, Tony, Jimmy, Tommy, Leo, Johnny and Frankie; and her sisters, Mary, Anna, Camilla, Angie and Netty.

Calling hours were held on Monday, June 1 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, June 2 at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Josephine's name to a charity of your choice.

Cara Haley



Cara Haley, a longtime resident of Poughkeepsie and formerly of Beacon, passed away on May 15, 2026. She was 58 years old.

Born on July 14, 1967, Cara was the daughter of the late Herbert "Ted" F. Haley, Jr. and Mary Ann Cahill Haley. Aside from being a homemaker, she loved going to the beach. She enjoyed softball and playing chess with others. She also loved to ride her bike around the area. She loved animals- especially cats, and loved to spend time with her friends and was noted to have an exceptional sense of humor.

She is survived by her siblings: Timothy Haley and his partner, Linda; Ann Kacur and her husband, Bob;

Kathleen Pucher and her husband, Bob; Meg Massing and her husband, Bob; Brian Haley and his partner, Ann; Bernadette Osgerchian and her husband, Bruce; Patrick Haley; Maureen Haley and her partner, George. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition, she is survived by her three aunts, Helen Nuccitelli, Jane Rose, and Nina Cahill.

In addition to her parents, Cara was predeceased by her brother, Christopher Haley.

Funeral arrangements are private and a family service will be held in the summer.

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Funeral arrangements are under the care of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

Christa I. Tomaine



Christa I. Tomaine, a life-long Poughkeepsie resident, passed away peacefully at her home on May 23, 2026; at the age of 89. She was born in the Town of Poughkeepsie, NY on December 19, 1936, daughter of the late Frederick and Sadie I. (Nash) Plog. Christa attended Poughkeepsie City Schools and graduated from Poughkeepsie High School with high honors.

Later in life she achieved her Realtor's license, and worked as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Realty in Fishkill, until she retired.

On August 2, 1992, at the Pirate Canoe Club in Poughkeepsie, NY, she married the late Louis Tomaine, who predeceased her after 22-years of marriage on March 15, 2014.

Christa enjoyed many things such as arts & crafts, especially painting. She

loved attending the Poughkeepsie Senior Club, and going on trips, especially to Wildwood and Atlantic City, she loved the casinos. Christa loved being social, often referred to as a 'social-butterfly'; she also enjoyed baking, especially cakes; often for family events and weddings, she was the cake-maker.

Christa is survived by her two daughters and two sons: Shari Desser, Tricia Pynne, Kevin Tomaine and David Tomaine. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Holly (Tony) Simmons, Emily Tomaine, Beth Tomaine, Tommy Tomaine, Syndney Tomaine and John Tomaine; and her four great-grandchildren Tony Jr., Frances, James and Anges. She is also survived by her nephews, Gerry Tomaine, and Kevin (Maura) Kennedy and their family.

Along with her parents and husband, Christa was recently predeceased by her son John S. Fimbel on March 11, 2026. She was also predeceased by her sister Vera Kennedy and a nephew Raymond Tomaine.

Her Family will gather with Friends to honor and celebrate her Life at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church; date to be announced later at the family's convenience. Interment will be private at the family's discretion. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Sr. Patricia Considine, OCD



Sr. Patricia Considine, OCD, a longtime resident of Beacon, entered into eternal rest on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. She was 86 years old.

Born on July 22, 1939 in Yonkers, she was the daughter of the late Cornelius J. and Alice Crosson Considine. She entered the Carmelite Monastery at Saranac Lake on September 25, 1958 and made her profession of vows on the Feast of St. Thérèse, October 1, 1960 as Sr. John of the Cross.

Sr. Pat is survived by her many nieces and nephews, her Carmelite Community, and many friends.

Family and friends will gather on Wednesday, June 3 at beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard

Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial in the Carmelite plot at Ascension Cemetery, 650 Saddle River Road, Airmont.

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Life Skills curriculum highlighted during Wappingers BOE meeting



At the recent Wappingers Central School District Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent Spotlight featured the Griffin Cafe at Van Wyck Junior High School and the Coffee Cart at Wappingers Junior High School. As part of the Life Skills curriculum, these programs operate as mobile cafés, where students prepare, sell, and deliver beverages and baked goods to faculty and staff. These student-run businesses provide a bridge between classroom learning and real-world application: students count supplies, take orders, prepare the food, make deliveries, count money, and develop professional interpersonal skills needed for career development. Everyone looks forward to these Friday deliveries!

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Shop for a Cause June 12-13 and June 19-20

Dress for Success Dutchess County, a program of Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, has announced its upcoming Shopping for a Cause Sale to support Hudson Valley Women. The sale will be held on Fridays and Saturdays June 12th-13th and June 19th-20th from Noon until 5 p.m. at 2536 South Rd. (Rte. 9) Post Road Plaza, Poughkeepsie, in the former Dress Barn site.

Hudson Valley fashion enthusiasts and bargain hunters alike are encouraged to take advantage of this signature sale featuring clothing and accessories at unbeatable prices. Recognizable brand-name apparel will be available for \$5 and up, while dresses, suits, and outerwear will start at just \$10.

"Our Shopping for a Cause Sale helps keep our inventory current, ensuring women continue to have access to stylish professional attire during confidence-building career styling sessions in our Boutique," said Robin Blue-Brown, Program Director at Dress for Success Dutchess County. "These events also give the entire community an opportunity to enjoy amazing deals while supporting our mission."

"While the sale primarily features gently used and new professional attire and accessories, great deals can be found on designer,

formal and casual clothing as well. All proceeds from the sale will help Dress for Success Dutchess County continue empowering unemployed and underemployed women with skills, support and the resources needed to obtain career success on their path towards self-sufficiency through our Boutique, Styling on the Go Events, Career

Center, Stepping into Success Lunch and Learn Workshops and our BOSS Brunch Meetups." said Blue-Brown.

Dress for Success Dutchess County was established in 2011. Its mission is to empower Hudson Valley women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the devel-

opment tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Women may receive additional services available through Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County.

For more information, call 845-452-5104 Ext 144 or email: dutchesscounty@dressforsuccess.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
SUDOKU

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Sudoku solution

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 11, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, May 12, 2026

/s/Julie Shiroishi
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2026064

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,460,765 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF BRIDGE, CULVERT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Class of objects or purposes: Highway, culvert and bridge improvements, including incidental improvements and expenses

Period of probable usefulness: 15 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$16,978,572

Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$10,460,765 bonds

Other monies: \$6,517,807 CHIPS, PaveNY, Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave our Potholes monies from State Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours.

SEQRA status:

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-64-26

Hardware Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of June 2026 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 addi-

tional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DUTCHESS MANOR RESTORATION & SITE RE-DESIGN PROJECT REQUEST FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO TOWN OF FISHKILL TOWN CODE CHAPTER 150-11 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that

the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill will continue the Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, commencing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY** to consider the Applicant's request for a determination pursuant to Town Code Section 150-11 which allows the Zoning Board of Appeals to extend the zoning regulations of

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Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, May 12, 2026.

/s/Julie Shiroishi
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2026054

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,016,060 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SHERIFF VEHICLES, FOR SAID COUNTY.

Class of objects or purposes: Purchase of Sheriff vehicles

Period of probable usefulness: 5 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$1,016,060

Amount of bonds to be issued: \$1,016,060 bonds

SEQRA status: Type II Action

the Restricted Business (RB) Zoning District into such portion of the lot which lies in the adjoining R-2A Zoning District within 50 feet of the district boundary. The lands affected by this determination, prior to the Subdivision Abandonment process filed by the Applicant with the Dutchess County Clerk's office on April 17, 2026, are identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 5953-00-620222, located at 263 Route 9D, consisting of 6.632 acres in the RB Zoning District and Tax Map Parcel No. 5953-00-603192, located at 14 Coris Lane, consisting of 5.632 acres in the R2-A Zoning District. A new Tax Map Parcel No. is to be assigned by the Dutchess

County Clerk's Office for both Tax Map Parcels.

The Dutchess Manor Restoration & Site Redesign Project is the subject of a Site Development Plan & Special Use Permit Approval by the Town of Fishkill Planning Board, identified as Planning Board Application No.: PB24-010. The Town of Fishkill Planning Board adopted a Negative Declaration and issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project on April 9, 2026.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above.

By Order Of The Zoning Board

of Appeals Of the Town of Fishkill, New York
Debbie Colonna, Secretary

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

HEREBY GIVEN IS the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on May 11, 2026, adopted a local law entitled:

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024 REGULATING HAZARDOUS POLLUTION SOURCES IN PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SOURCES AND WETLANDS
The intent of this Local Law is to amend Local Law No. 2 of 2024 to

clarify the lawful disposal of commercial car wash waste waters.

A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

JULIE SHIROISHI
Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
Dated: May 29, 2026

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

HEREBY GIVEN IS the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on May 11, 2026, adopted a local law entitled:

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE AND CONDIMENT PACKETS ONLY UPON REQUEST.

The intent of this Local Law is to reduce unnecessary waste and to help local businesses reduce costs associated with providing single-use items.

A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

JULIE SHIROISHI
Clerk
Dutchess County Legislature
Dated: May 29, 2026

Rhinebeck Crafts Festival set June 6-7 at Fairgrounds

Are you looking for a unique art and shopping experience in the Hudson Valley? Then don't miss one of the region's most anticipated event - The Rhinebeck Crafts Festival on June 6-7 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Show hours are Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. General admission is \$12, seniors are \$10 (62+), children 6-16 are \$4 and children under 6 are free. Group rates are available and tour buses are welcome. Parking is free and the show is held indoors and outdoors, rain or shine. While we love our furry friends, no pets are allowed within the fairgrounds.

This experience is a celebration of all things handmade, which includes unique contemporary craft and art, gourmet specialty foods, tastings from Hudson Valley distilleries and wineries, craft demonstrations and family activities.

This is your opportunity to find thousands of unique handmade items from 165 makers you can't find anywhere else upstate.

America's best modern makers will be traveling from all over the country to exhibit and sell their one-of-a-kind creations. Shoppers can find items they can't find anywhere else upstate like original fashions, accessories, jewelry, home decor, furniture, photography and fine art; as well as functional and sculptural works in ceramics, glass, metal, wood, mixed media and more - all handmade and all uncommon!

It's a fun day for the whole family. Visitors can taste small batch gourmet specialties, enjoy Hudson Valley distillery and winery tastings and watch craft demonstrations and can experience fun family activities like face painting and balloon-animal-making stilt walkers. They can also choose from a multitude of lunch options like crepes, Greek, Mexican and more, plus favorites like hamburgers, sausages and ice cream.

After visitors shop-til-they-drop they can stay to dine on award winning farm-to-table foods in Rhinebeck's delicious restaurants; visit the historic Hyde Park and Vanderbilt estates; and take in some fresh air and spectacular views on the Walkway Over the Hudson or a nature hike. It's a 1 destination event not to miss!

Visit dutchesstourism.com for more information.



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-Courtesy photos



From Hatch to Hen workshop set for June 6

A hands-on workshop, From Hatch to Hen, all about raising healthy, happy chicks, will be held at Stony Kill Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, in Wappingers Falls from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. This workshop is for beginners and curious animal lovers alike, this class will walk you through the essentials of

chick care—from incubation to brooding and feeding to health, housing, and what to expect as your chicks grow.

Attendees also get to meet and learn about the different breeds of heritage chickens, each with their own unique traits, personalities, and egg-laying styles.

Admission \$10 (ages 3 and under free).

Nature/History Walk at Hiddenbrooke on June 6

A Nature/History Walk at Hiddenbrooke will take place on June 6 at 10 a.m. Further details when one registers. To register, send an email to hograzy@beaconny.gov.

The tour will be conducted by Sean

Merryman, a member of the Tree Committee and an ISA certified arborist with the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation. Shannon Murphy-Curtin will share stories about the previous owners.

2026 Old Songs Festival
June 26, 27 & 28
 Altamont Fairgrounds, near Albany, NY
Music with Roots
festival.oldsongs.org

Learn about framing on June 10

Framing Needlework will take place at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville on June 10. Ann Marie and Rick Jackson will provide a presentation on framing needlework.

Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents

the program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or come for this program only beginning at 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillIEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.