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Wappinger WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday

By Kristine Coulter

Alexander W. Hubner Jr. ("Al"), a resident of the town of Wappinger, turned 100 years old on June 29. Al was born to Alexander Sr. and Helen Hubner in Brooklyn on June 29, 1925.

Members of Wappingers Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5913 and other local veterans and community members celebrated the birthday of the World War II veteran on Friday, June 27 at their Post.

Virgil Capollari, VFW Post 5913 Sr. Vice Commander, said Al was one who "helped pave the way to save the world" during World War II.

"There is no amount of debt that can be repaid," added Capollari, who along with other veterans presented Al with a watch in honor of his momentous birthday.

Al sat at a table with numerous cards from well-wishers for his birthday. He told of how he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was 18 years old.

Al recalled how he was reassigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division from the Army Specialized Training Program. He became fluent in German, however, and in 1944, he was sent to France. He was reassigned again – this time as an Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 376th Infantry.

According to the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, Al conducted intelligence patrols and prisoner interrogations across France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. He earned three Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, the WWII Victory Medal and other decorations.

Al and his wife, Virginia (who died in 2024), were married on July 27, 1952. The couple, who were married for 72 years, have 4 children, Kurt (who was unable to make the celebration), Steven, Linda, and Andrew.

Steven told of how his grandparents moved from Wappingers Falls to Brooklyn, where his father was raised.

"An only child I was," stated Al. Asked about a favorite memory of growing up in Brooklyn, Al replied, "There are so many."

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Green Teen youth to host free farm stand on Thursdays through October

By Kristine Coulter

Look for Green Teen Beacon's free farm stand, at the Beacon Recreation Center, beginning on Thursday, July 3. They will be there on Thursdays, not Wednesdays as in previous years.

Emily Murnane, Green Teen Beacon 4-H Program Manager, said, the day has been changed to accommodate scheduling conflicts with those who are partnering with Green Teen.

"The response to the farm stand has been overwhelmingly positive," said Murnane, who explained some patrons begin lining up more than 90 minutes before the stand opens. Patrons not only come from the local area in Dutchess County but from Newburgh in Orange County as well, she noted.

"There is a warm community of regulars who have come to the market for years now. The start of the market each summer is met by community members and the neighborhood with much enthusiasm and joy, and the end of the market each fall is met with a lot of gratitude. In 2024, we served, on average, about 30 households every week. There is a great need in our community for accessible, healthy food and our market, meeting that need, is deeply appreciated by the folks who need it most," remarked Murnane.

What can patrons expect if they go? "Patrons can expect to see the week's harvest, freshly picked and washed from Green



One can stop by the free farm stand offered by the Green Teen youth beginning on July 3. The stand will be at the Beacon Recreation Center.

-Courtesy photo Green Teen

Teen's garden, arranged at the picnic tables in baskets and crates, creating a bountiful display. The market is staffed by Green Teen summer program participants - smiling local youth dressed in iconic green shirts who will assist patrons with selecting and bagging their produce. The Green Teen garden sits just steps away from the market, and patrons are welcome to take a step inside to see where their food has come from," she said.

One community member offered Green Teen the following statement via email, which Murnane shared: "I want to express gratitude for the cost-free vegetable stand. It has helped us stretch our grocery budget and the vegetables have been delicious. Looks like the teens helping have been having fun too."

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Municipalities to celebrate the 4th of July with variety of events

By Kristine Coulter

Municipalities across Dutchess County will celebrate America's 249th birthday over the July 4th weekend.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Beacon

The 15th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence will be held at Beacon City Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza, at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 4. The annual event was started by local resident Dennis Pavelock and a committee in the summer of 2010. In 2011, the inaugural reading took place.

There will be fireworks at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr. off Route 52, at dusk on Saturday, July 5. Organizers

said come early for food trucks and entertainment.

'Ben Franklin' to read in Fishkill

A reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place in the Village of Fishkill. The reading will occur at 11 a.m. on July 4th at Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St.

In 1899, there was "an informal" reading of the document at Van Wyck Hall, said Antonia "Toni" Houston, local history librarian at Blodgett Memorial Library.

Henry Du Bois Van Wyck, "the President (now called Mayor) of the

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Jack Sherry, a re-enactor, as Benjamin Franklin in the Van Wyck Homestead Museum in Fishkill during a previous event. Sherry will be in Fishkill on the 4th of July as Dr. Franklin.

-Courtesy photo by Steve Lynch, former president of Fishkill Historical Society

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In July, “[i]t is our hope to offer the first of many of our garden vegetables, including kale, collard greens, squash, zucchini, radishes, and garlic scapes. A selection of herbs will also be available. Later in the season we will also have tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and cantaloupe,” stated Murnane.

Each season, Green Teen youth offer anonymous statements during exit surveys.

Murnane sent Beacon Free Press three of those statements from Green Teen youth.

One statement was from “J,” age 17, who commented, “Green Teen means community to me. We address the needs of the community and meet new people. We learn new things that turn out to be essential.”

Sixteen-year-old “G” said, “Working at Green Teen made me realize it’s not just about Green Teen, but for the rest of the community.”

“Working at the free farm stand is my favorite part of the summer. I like helping the community that way and it feels fulfilling,” offered “M,” 15.

The farm stand will be at the Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center St., on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. and is first come, first served.

Murnane said the teens hope to have the stand open through Oct. 30, depending upon what is available from the harvest.

One can donate to Green Teen, by going to the following link: <https://cce-dutchess.org/donate>. Make sure to select “Green Teen” from the drop-



The Green Teen youth will again be offering a free farm stand on Thursdays in Beacon. Pictured are the Green Teen youth during a previous season.

-Courtesy photo Green Teen

down menu, otherwise the donation will go to general operations.

“Donations to our programs allow us to buy uniforms for the youth, ingredients for cooking activities, and garden supplies,” said Murnane.

BHS students awarded certificates during June ceremony

Beacon High School students were awarded Beacon PRIDE (Positivity - Respect - Integrity - Determination - Engagement) certificates for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the 2024-2025 school year at a ceremony held last month.

Madison Abrahamson, Mikayla Acevedo, Jay Adams, Aaron Aduamah, Kaylyn Adusei, Nadeen Ahmed, Femmie Akinwunmi, Jacqueline Albra, Macy Alencastro, Mason Alencastro, Kiann Allen, Lauren Antonucci, Farhana Antora, Matthew Apostolou Jr., Jeralizz Araujo, Kevin Asencio, Ashland Assael, Emanuele Bagala, Mira Bagriyanik, Caden Balfour, Jahcier Ballard, Dakota Barden, Luke Barna, Amari Battle, Ziarra Beamon, Taryn Beardsley, Jessica Belgrave, Caroline Bell, Emma Bellis, Tamirnes Bernstein, Lily Berry, Benjamin Betancourt, Jude Betancourt, Logan Blum, A'Jah Bradshaw-Washington, Lacianna Brown, Alexander Browning, Piper Bruno, Justin Buchman, Aiden Buggs, Isabel Bunker, Ahmaria Bunn, Wyatt Burgos, Zyarah Bush, Carmelo Bynum, Devin Byrne, Engel

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Village of Fishkill, stated his desire that as long as the hall stood, he hoped that there would be a public meeting and reading,” explained Houston. She continued, “There is no mention in the papers of the time of a reading happening in 1900, and in 1901 it was noted that the “day was celebrated in the usual manner,” a day “quietly observed by most people, though the younger residents fired all the crackers they could get” from the *Fishkill Weekly Times*. Mr. Van Wyck had died in March of 1901, and his heirs, knowing of his patriotism, thought that it would be appropriate if the Declaration could be read each year from the steps of Van Wyck Hall, which he had gifted to the Village. Such was the beginnings of our annual reading.” Attendees can bring chairs. Main St. will be closed to traffic during that time.

Houston noted, “It was long thought that this was a requirement of the gift, and by the time the error of this was discovered, sometime in the 1950’s, the tradition was long established.”

Everyone who comes loves the tradition remarked Houston. “Some talk about how they first came as children, or how they try to come every year because it’s become their own tradition.” One can sign the guestbook after the ceremony and enjoy water and cupcakes courtesy of ShopRite, said Houston.

Re-enactor Jack Sherry will be the reader at the annual event, sponsored this year by the Fishkill Historical Society. Sherry will be portraying Benjamin Franklin, one of 56 delegates who signed the founding document.

Sherry has been portraying Franklin (who

was a publisher, writer, scientist, diplomat and accomplished more during his life) since 2003 (and it is Doctor Franklin, “after all, I did not spend two years of my life in formal schooling for nothing you know,” remarked Sherry as Franklin).

At 2 p.m., Sherry will be portraying Franklin at the Van Wyck Homestead Museum. He will be there “to explain how the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, as written by Thomas Jefferson, was changed by the delegates to the Continental Congress,” said Alexis Lynch, who is with the Fishkill Historical Society. “Thomas Jefferson kept the original document so that comparisons can be made. You will be amazed at what was removed!”

Sherry acknowledged that attendees “will discover why Ben did not write the Declaration of Independence and what changes he contributed to it.” He also mentioned, “Ben was probably the most approachable of all the Founding Fathers.”

A retired history teacher, Sherry said, “I enjoy teaching people about Franklin’s life and times, especially the little details the history books leave out.” He added, “One aspect of Ben’s life that usually surprises people is that he never patented any of his inventions. Find out why by attending the reading and program on the Fourth of July.”

The Van Wyck Homestead Museum is at 504 Route 9, in Fishkill.

“The event is free and open to all,” noted Lynch, who suggested attendees bring lawn chairs, as the event is outside (weather permitting).

Fireworks to celebrate Independence Day in East Fishkill

The Crew will be performing in East



The annual reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on Independence Day, Friday, July 4, at Van Wyck Village Hall in the Village of Fishkill.

-File photo by Kristine Coulter

Fishkill this year for Independence Day. The performance will be at 7 p.m. at the Hopewell Recreation Park, 392 Route 376. This concert will take place on Friday, July 4.

Join Adam & the Jersey Four at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 5 at the same location, the Hopewell Recreation Park. Then there will be a fireworks show by Legion Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. (rain date is July 6).

“All ages love the fireworks and look

forward to them and Adam’s band is always a great lead-in to the show,” said East Fishkill Recreation Director Bill Green. Fireworks night more than 1,000 people are at the field, while hundreds more fill local parking lots to watch the festivities, he added.

Still looking to enjoy and celebrate the holiday? Then on Saturday, July 6, go to Red Wing Park, 11 Old Farm Road, at 1 p.m. for a concert by the Bob Martinson Band.

Wappinger WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday



Local veterans recognize Wappinger resident Al Hubner on June 27 in Wappingers Falls. Hubner turned 100 years old on June 29.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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Al and Virginia moved to Wappingers Falls in the mid-1950s, where they raised their family. Al worked for IBM for almost 40 years. He served in IBM World Trade, which took him to Scotland, England, India, Japan, Argentina, and Brazil.

“It’s a wonderful accomplishment. All the kids are happy that he’s still here with us and we can continue to share these memories,” remarked Steven, who noted

he and his siblings are “very proud” of their father’s service to the country during WWII.

Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini announced a proclamation proclaiming it “Al Hubner Jr. Day” in Wappinger. Cavaccini noted, “Al was the Grand Marshal” for the Town’s 150th birthday celebration earlier this year. Al is also the longest-serving Odd Fellow in the community, added the supervisor.

Linda said of her father’s 100th birthday that it is “a great milestone for a wonderful father,” adding he was also a won-



Al Hubner, a Wappinger resident and WWII veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday on June 29. Local veterans and his family gathered to honor him on June 27 at the VFW Post in Wappingers Falls. Pictured with Hubner, sitting, are his children, from left, Andrew, Linda and Steven.

derful husband to her mother.

Andrew said of his dad, that he is “a wonderful father and role model.” He

continued, “It’s been nothing but a pleasure to be his son.”

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-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier
Picture fun, music, food and family, plus lights, rides and cotton candy. Then, add the massive “Livestock Hill” plus gallons of lemonade fit for guzzling, and every food item you can think of – fried! Are you at the Dutchess County Fair?

On June 23, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets took to the Ulster County Fairgrounds to announce initiatives to fund local and youth participation for the 50 county fairs across the Empire State.

At last week’s meeting, Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball highlighted the two newest initiatives: the Transportation for Youth to Local and County Fairs Program and the Agricultural Fairgrounds Advertising, Promotion and Education Program. Both intend to increase interest and participation in local fairs, especially for younger and underserved demographics. The tradition of fairs in New York State is one that spans generations. Family summers spent, prize goldfish that miraculously live for years on end.

Said Commissioner Ball, “I’m excited to continue our support of county fairs, including a unique new program that helps bring more young people to experience the tradition of their local fair. I’m looking forward to seeing the impact that these programs have during the 2025 season.”

Continued involvement from young folks in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H initiatives across Dutchess County shows a promising future of fairs in the local region. With state officials implementing campaigns to strengthen and support the efforts of local fairs and agricultural properties, the promo-

tion of county fairs will also be evolving across platforms.

The New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs also gives out \$10,000 in scholarships per year.

The Dutchess County Fair, a representative of the Mid-Hudson region, received the Advertising and Marketing Grant.

A total of \$1 million will be dedicated to spotlighting fairs across the state, in a full marketing campaign to direct attention to fairs in local hotspot regions. In a multimedia approach, radio, television, and other modes of advertising are set to highlight the summer campaign. The “Get Offline, Get Outside” as named by Gov. Kathy Hochul, approaches fairs as a mechanism for creating memories with the entire family, no tech necessary. It’s an opportunity to learn about agriculture-based economies while spending a day within the local community.

There is an another opportunity to explore outside one’s county lines, too, while Dutchess County Fair visitors wait for our own fair, which runs August 19-24.

Included in the campaign is the NYS Fairs Passport Program, encouraging New Yorkers to stamp their way across the state’s county fairs, with an enticing promise of pins and stamps aptly named “Ag Swag.” Frequent fairgoers can be delighted by the fairs of distant and neighboring counties. All it takes is a willingness to venture outside the borders.

New York’s county fair season kicks off way north in Allegany County on July 15 and will wind down in September on Long Island.

So...which New York fairs will fill your passport pages this summer?

Dance at the Elks Lodge in Beacon on July 12

Get On Doan at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m., located at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. These dances are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner

on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of delicious complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or email rhodaja@optonline.net.

Mount Saint Mary College president named Distinguished Citizen of the Year



Dr. Robert Gervasi, president of Mount Saint Mary College, accepts the Distinguished Citizen of the Year from Greater Hudson Valley Council, Scouting America. Presenting the award to Dr. Gervasi is Brayden Rappa of Troop 4027.

The Greater Hudson Valley Council, Scouting America serves youth across seven counties: Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Pike. In 2024 alone, the council served 9,159 young people, supported by 3,095 adult volunteers. The council’s work focuses on instilling values and skills in young individuals through the Scouting program.

-Photo by Cole Kerridge of CK Journey Productions

Latin Dancing at the Towne Crier on July 24

A Night of Latin Dancing will be presented by Beacon Dance Beat on Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. for dining and music), located at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main Street in Beacon. Enjoy the artistry and influences of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton and

much more, played by DJ Rhoda. Song requests welcome.

Full menu and bar service are available before and during the dance. Admission is \$15, which can be paid at the door.

For reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500.

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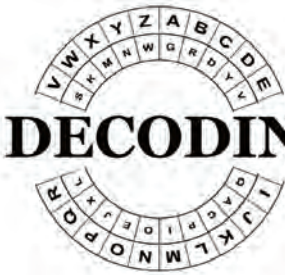
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July 4th starts celebration of local American journeys



Above left to right: Daniel Nimham (1726-1776), shown in a memorial statue in Fishkill, was a fierce advocate for Indigenous Peoples’ land rights and fought, and died, in service to the newly formed United States. The journey of equal treatment when it comes to voting took several generations. Lucretia Mott was an early advocate for women’s rights who was first a student (1806 to 1810) and then a teacher at Nine Partners Boarding School in the Town of Washington. It took until 1919 for Anna Rozelle to become the first woman candidate in a contested election as Overseer of the Poor in the town of Clinton.

-DCHS Collections

By Bill Jeffway

This July 4th marks the 249th anniversary of the founding of our country, and the run-up to the celebration of the 250th anniversary in twelve months. Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) recently revealed how it will tell this amazing story at “RevCon” at FDR Library & Museum, where local historical organizations gathered to share their plans with each other and the public. The narrative of “American Journeys” will be explored in DCHS’ 2025 Yearbook and in published articles, programs and performances. We will feature what is unique about our location, and profile local persons who journeyed to embrace and realize the American promise and dream.

Our unique location

General George Washington described the military site at West Point specifically, and the mid-Hudson area in general, as the “key to the North American continent” during the Revolutionary War. The British plan was to approach by ship from the south where they occupied New York City – and by ship from the north where Canada was a British territory. In addition to cutting the north/south supply route, New England’s six States would be separated from the other Seven. Mountainous Putnam County was a natural, protective barrier. Strategic sites emerged just north of it on both sides of the Hudson. Poughkeepsie became the State capital and the Fishkill Supply depot was a major supply point between New England and the other States, and was just across the Hudson from where Washington set up headquarters at Newburgh.

The unique intersection of local and national

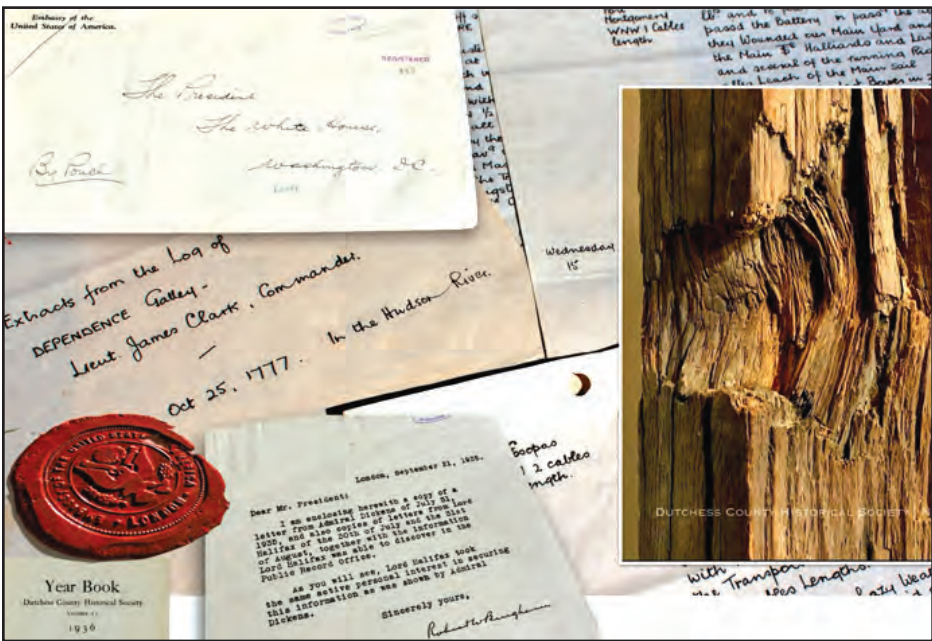
We are fortunate to have persons and events of national importance locally. As states were voting in 1788 whether to endorse the United States Constitution being proposed at the time, the New York State convention at Poughkeepsie was famously hesitant. Alexander Hamilton was arguing for its adoption, and New York State Governor George Clinton was pushing back. That pushback resulted in the creation of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, a major consequence of the Poughkeepsie convention.

Although the overall goal of the British securing the entire Hudson River was not accomplished, a raid in October of 1777 up the Hudson from New York City was very destructive. The city of Kingston was completely destroyed by fire, and the New York State capital moved to Poughkeepsie.

Among items relating to the burning of Kingston in DCHS Collections is the beam of the Poughkeepsie home of Henry Livingston that was hit by a British cannon ball, as well as a letter from him a few months earlier saying the British would never do such a thing! One of the first things Franklin Roosevelt did as US President was to ask the British Admiralty to provide the logs of the ships involved in the Kingston raid. FDR then gave them to DCHS Collections.

The journeys of Indigenous peoples

The scale and sophistication of the pre-contact Indigenous peoples is reflected in the number and variety of Indigenous names which remain in use today. “Poughkeepsie”



Above: Shortly after becoming president, Franklin Roosevelt requested the October 1777 ship logs for the British ships that burned Kingston from the British Admiralty in London. Excerpts were published in the DCHS Yearbook and were given to DCHS Collections where they are kept today. Inset: Beam of the Poughkeepsie home of Henry Livingston which was hit by a British cannon ball.

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is what European ears heard local Indigenous People refer to as a “reed covered lodge at the watering place,” and the name stuck. Halfway between the cusp of the Atlantic to the south and the intersection of the west-bound Mohawk River to the north, Dutchess was a crossroads with the great Mahican civilization to the north, the Wappinger or Delaware to the south, the Schaticoke to the east, and Munsee to the west.

Daniel Nimham (1726-1776) was from the area we refer to today as Wicopee. He became a renowned military leader in service to the British in 1755 in King George’s War, but chose to side with the patriots in the Revolutionary War. He served with distinction but was killed in a raid in 1776. Nimham was a fierce advocate for the return of lands he claimed were illegally taken, which included his traveling (albeit unsuccessfully) to England. The issue of land rights remains among the prominent issues of Indigenous People today.

The journeys of the traditional working class

As the population of the United States grew beyond anyone’s expectations in its first century, the largest population group, the White Protestant working class, fought for an equal seat at the increasingly diverse American table by arguing (successfully) for the elimination of property requirements for voting and the abolition of imprisonment for debt before the Civil War. After that, their advocacy expanded the revolutionary changes brought by manufacturing and industry to include broader economic justice.

One of the leaders of the “Mechanics Movement” (mechanic referring to any working class job) was Rhinebeck’s Nathan Darling, whose rise from abject poverty to personal financial and political success was launched through service in the military in the Florida Seminole Indian wars.

The journeys of Persons of Color

The resolution of the contradiction of slavery in a country founded on the premise

that all are created equal was resolved through what remains America’s deadliest war. The US Civil War saw the deaths of 2% of its population, the equivalent of 7 million people today. The story of Northern Dutchess’ Andrew Frazier is inspiring. He served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, earning a pension. Local descendants served in subsequent wars, including WW2.

The story of Andrew Frazier is told in schools using DCHS’s booklet on the Rhinebeck post office murals to inspire contemporary expression by students (also shown).

The journeys of women

Dutchess County had the largest Quaker population outside of Philadelphia. In spite of a rapid drop in size after an internal schism in 1848, many local Quaker women took their faith’s values that gave women an equal opportunity in education and other matters and took them to a broad national stage. Four out of five organizers of the 1848 Seneca Falls convention on women’s rights were Quakers. The fight for equal suffrage was a long one. Anna Rozell became the first woman to win a competitive election when she won for Town of Clinton Overseer of the Poor in 1919 with a majority of 157 votes (416 to 259).

The generous 2025 Dutchess County “Rev250” grant to local historical societies, including DCHS, will allow us to share these amazing journals through a variety of ways like our Yearbook, programs, and performances. Please check our website or ask to receive our monthly newsletter by emailing bill.jeffway@dchsn.org.



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HV resident Kyle Kirshner named ‘Athlete of the Month’ for June 2025 by NY ABLE

Special Olympics New York and the New York Achieving a Better Life Experience Program (NY ABLE) congratulated Hudson Valley resident Kyle Kirshner on being named the June 2025 Athlete of the Month.

Whether it’s Floorball, Basketball, Track & Field or Softball, Kyle never misses a practice. His coaches commend him for always being there to support his teammates. In addition, Kyle was recently recognized at the West Point Spring Games for proudly demonstrating his dedication to Special Olympics.

“Kyle is the epitome of a team player,”

said Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman. “He’s the sort of teammate everyone should aspire to be. For his selflessness and dedication to his peers, we’re honored to award him this recognition.”

To earn eligibility for Athlete of the Month, athletes must exhibit leadership in one or more of the following: Achievement in Sport, Sportsmanship (respect for coaches, officials, opponents, teammates), Character (playing by the rules, honesty, integrity), and Commitment to Improvement and Perseverance.

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Great Summer reads for fans of the game

By Morgan E. Maier

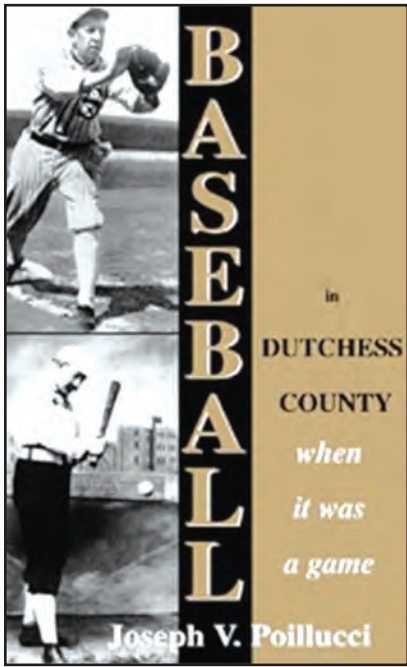
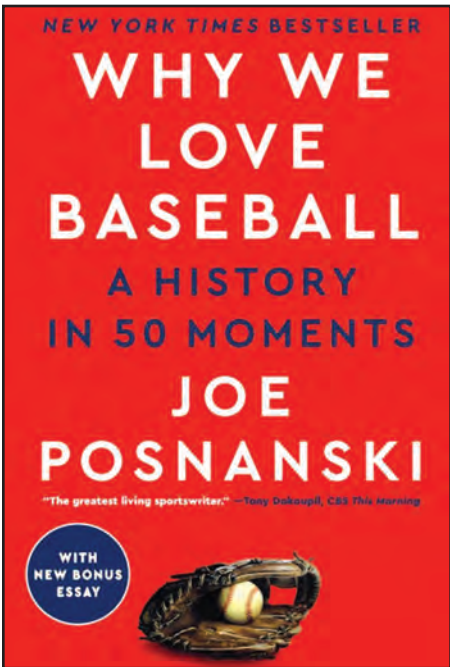
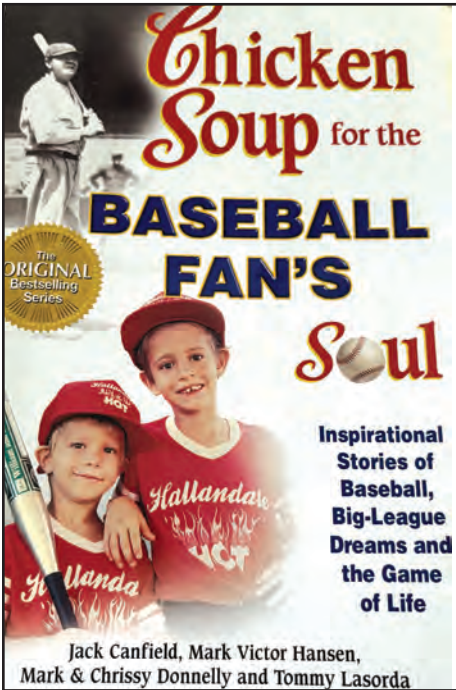
With long summer nights replacing school days, kids and adults alike need to continue working out those reading muscles. Though the Renegades didn't claim the first half league title, there are still plenty baseball titles fans can feast on this summer! These nonfiction baseball reads will steer one towards enjoying a ball game or a trip down memory lane. Sometimes, the cure to a heat wave is a cool page-turner.

1. Baseball in Dutchess County: When it was a Game (2000)

Baseball didn't begin in Dutchess County with the arrival of the Hudson Valley Renegades in 1994. Dutchess County native Joseph V. Poillucci was for decades the leading source on local history. In this work, he chronicles a century of baseball, from the players who traversed the Hudson River to compete and promoters who filled seats, to community clubs that set a competitive fire ablaze in many neighbors and fans. From 1859 - 1959, the baseball climate and conditions were mighty different than those of today's era, but the hometown love for ballplayers is still alive in Dutchess County. A century condensed in 720 pages, this book explores the roots of the county's pastime and a community's dedication to grow a game while keeping it close to the heart.

2. Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan's Soul (2001)

The famous Chicken Soup series comes with cracking tales of hope, nostalgia, and love for the game, from Little League to the majors. Humanizing stories of giants like Roger Maris and Tommy Lasorda, plus musings of t-ball parents and the fond memories of kids



Some summer reading about baseball may include "Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan's Soul," "Why We Love Baseball - A History in 50 Moments" and "Baseball in Dutchess County: When it was a Game."

-Courtesy images

whose dads took the time to dust off the old glove after a day of work, still dressed in uniforms. Keep the tissues in sight for this read; the baseball-loving reader never knows when a memory will strike.

3. Why We Love Baseball - A History in 50 Moments (2025)

Joe Posnanski brings us the baseball book of the summer with accounts of electrifying plays and devastating defeats from the people who experienced them firsthand. Written through the eyes of fans, umpires, players, and other baseball faithful, this collection of essays hinges on the momentous feats caught not on camera,

but in memories. Written not only by the heroes but the witnesses. The defeated, and the blamed. If 50 isn't enough by the final page, pick up Posnanski's debut "The Baseball 100" for twice as many vignettes of figures in American baseball history!

4. Moneyball: The Art of Winning a Losing Game

How does a team replace a traded MVP, frankensteining a new one? No. We recreate him in the aggregate. No better time to revisit the glory days of the Oakland A's, who currently play home games in a minor league ballpark in Sacramento. Over twenty years before the great Athletics imple-

sion of '24, there was Billy Beane. The multidimensional Beane, as portrayed by Brad Pitt in the "Moneyball" film, built his game-changing baseball maneuver on statistics, budgeting, and sheer market research. Though Oakland's bunch of misfits didn't go on to hoist the World Series trophy, this account of Beane's antics captures the spirit and science of moneyball as only author Michael Lewis can. Every off-field player who contributed to Beane's idea, down to the dream draft class of 2002. Dedicated to "Coach Fitz" Billy Fitzgerald, whom Lewis "can still hear him shouting at me.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM *	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W3
Greensboro PIT	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W3
Hudson Valley NYY	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L3
Aberdeen BAL	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	W3
Jersey Shore PHI	2	7	.222	5.0	2-7	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	6	3	.667	-	6-3	W1
Asheville HOU	5	4	.556	1.0	5-4	L1
Greenville BOS	4	4	.500	1.5	4-4	W1
Hub City TEX	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	W1
Rome ATL	3	5	.375	2.5	3-5	L1
Winston-Salem CWS	3	6	.333	3.0	3-6	L3



Home Schedule

July			
07/02/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America!! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!
07/08/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Cider Donuts: Dusty's Revenge, Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/09/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/10/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Union Night Blue Renegades Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/11/25	vs. Asheville	07:05 PM	Italian Heritage Night Fireworks Friday
07/12/25	vs. Asheville	05:05 PM	Beach Night Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/13/25	vs. Asheville	02:05 PM	Gades 5K Star Wars Day
07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who's A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday





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Jad Haddad Receives
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Avina gains honors & continues to lead Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

There is one unwritten stat in Jace Avina’s stat line: Robbery. In his young minor league career, his tendency to scale walls has led to a few stolen home runs, including one that landed the number one spot on SportsCenter’s Top 10 Plays of the Week.

This season, Avina returned from injury in time for the May 17 giveaway, a bobblehead commemorating the viral grab. One thousand (and more!) approving nods for the 22-year-old, who cemented the Renegades’ comeback win with a game-tying sacrifice fly.

Along with diving plays and well-timed free climbs, Avina has made leaps in the Hudson Valley lineup this season. One of just two outfielders batting from the right side, Avina hits .311 against right-handed pitchers.

When the South Atlantic Leagues Weekly awards dropped on April 27, Avina, alongside top pitcher Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz, showcased a Hudson Valley sweep. Hitting a monstrous 545/.643/.773 with seven RBI in a series win against the Asheville Tourists. Adding back-to-back three-hit games that week in North Carolina, Avina was in familiar territory.

Milwaukee drafted Avina out of Spanish Springs High School (NV) in 2021. He was the state's sixth overall

prospect and third-ranked outfielder.

With the Brew Crew’s affiliate Carolina Mudcats, Avina hit a pair of home runs in his Single-A debut. Three launched over the fence in the first two games, and none came close to glancing into an outfield glove.

He showed Zebulon, N.C. a bit of juggling talent the following season. After Avina snagged a would-be walkoff home run, the ball threatened to drop to the left field grass upon his landing. A few bobbles, but a catch, and a Mudcats’ win. Quite the knack for defying gravity.

New York caught wind of Avina in the second half of 2023, when he dropped his strikeout rate and put up a 1.097 on base plus slugging percentage (OPS) in 38 games.

Brewers beat writers with twinkling saucers for eyes had the organization’s 28th prospect bookmarked for ‘24 when... The Yankees front office made its off-season move.

New York dealt outfielder Jake Bauers for two promising prospects in Avina and Brian Sánchez. Fans couldn’t imagine a trade more than a bag of baseballs in Bauers, and were rewarded with the acrobatic Avina, who heated up in the second half of 2024.

Since June 2, Avina was sidelined once more. Returning this week, he again was a spark that the Renegades have desperately needed. Hitting coach Tom DeAngelis



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Great performances are not enough as Renegades drop series to Wilmington

By Morgan E. Maier

The Renegades dropped another series at Wilmington despite magnificent performances from Alexander Vargas and a franchise-record-setting grand slam by Josh Moylan.

In its second consecutive away series, Hudson Valley had little rebuttal for Wilmington’s early-inning leads and late-game comebacks, dropping the series four games to two.

Hudson Valley was shut out twice in the series. In the 11-0 stomping on June 27, Hudson Valley was held to just four hits.

Moylan’s homer set the Renegades single-season record for grand slams as a team, and we’re only halfway through

the year!

In the series finale, Wilmington scored three early runs. The Hudson Valley negated two, but couldn’t fully rally. Moylan cut the deficit with an RBI in the ninth, but it couldn’t salvage the series split. The Renegades ended their extended road trip with a 4-3 loss, an overall 5-6 record, and a three-game losing streak.

Vargas recorded a hit in every game of the series, including a two-run home run in the Renegades’ 10-3 win on June 25. He finished the series with 12 hits, three RBI, and a .288 batting average. Against the Blue Claws just a series ago, Vargas’s average was .176.

In another 1-0 loss to open a series, the

Renegades weren’t able to provide a big hit to break the shutout.

Under rainy conditions and an extended delay, the June 26 matchup was tabled for the following day. With two innings to make up in a quasi-double header, the game resumed in the fifth inning with a couple of goose eggs on the scoreboard. The Renegades jumped ahead with seventh inning RBI singles from Vargas and Tomas Frick, and kept the Blue Rocks at bay for their second win in Wilmington.

On June 28, Josh Grosz went 7.1 innings, but gave up four earned runs on seven hits. Despite the longevity that has become typical of Grosz’s outings, the righthander was charged with his

sixth loss of the year. Wilmington posted a five-spot in the eighth inning en route to a 7-4 lead. Moylan’s grand slam put the Renegades ahead 4-2, but they didn’t score past the sixth. With just three outs to spare after the Blue Rocks’ big comeback, Hudson Valley couldn’t make up the lost ground.

The Renegades (42-31) return home for a home matchup with the Brooklyn Cyclones (53-22). They will play six at Heritage Financial, then ring in Independence Day with the firecracker spectacular. The Renegades need no Roman Candles or Cherry Bombs, but some rockets at the plate if they want to make up ground on the division leaders.

get growing!

by mark adams



Northeast Ag Labor Working Group

It's no big secret that almost half of the U.S. Agricultural workforce is undocumented (42% of crop workers, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture). Since President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act in 1986, it has been illegal for an employer to "knowingly" hire an unauthorized worker. Contrary to popular belief, and as a consequence of the law's wording, the vast majority of undocumented farm workers are "on the books" – receiving a paycheck, paying taxes and Social Security, and making at least minimum wage, in some cases much more.

I was recently recruited to be a member of an outfit called the Northeast Ag Labor Working Group, made up of stakeholders – farmers who rely on a stable supply of labor to produce locally grown food. The group brings together people from the dairy, vegetable, fruit and ornamental horticulture industries, all concerned about the current political climate as it affects the agricultural labor market.

As a member of New York Farm Bureau, I've spent way too much time advocating for a legal workforce, traveling to Washington to meet with legislators, going back to when Hillary Clinton

was our senator. Back then, the big sticking point to granting any kind of amnesty to undocumented workers was that they "broke the law" by coming here in the first place. At one meeting with some legislators, I said I broke the law on my way to the meeting. I drove 68 miles an hour on the New Jersey Turnpike. I was even an illegal worker myself, in London for a few months in 1970, working in a Heinz ketchup factory.

How did U.S. Agriculture get itself into this situation of relying on illegal workers? Our porous southern border is one contributing factor. These people just showed up, with credible documentation, willing to work. Employers were actually prohibited from discriminating, as long as the documents were properly filed and an I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) form filled out. And it isn't easy to find people who are willing to pick tomatoes all day.

But what about the H-2A visa program that allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in agricultural jobs? That program was originally set up to help with seasonal harvests, where a lot of labor was needed for a short period. It worked well and still works well for the apple industry. Charles Hurd from Hurds

Family Farm in Clintondale says his apple farm has employed H-2A workers since 1953, and has enjoyed a consistent and reliable legal workforce ever since. But other aspects of agriculture need workers on a more permanent basis.

On a Zoom meeting of our group, Paul Bleiberg of the National Milk Producers Federation was advocating for a three-year renewable visa, since the dairy industry works year-round. Brian Reeves, president of the N.Y. Vegetable Growers Association, points out that any "permanent" H-2A workers should be allowed to go home to visit their family, not stuck on a farm for 365 days straight. One problem with H-2A is the cost. Employers must pay above minimum wage rates (currently \$18.83 per hour), provide free housing, and pay air fare.

Back when the program started in the 1950s, apples farmers in particular were flush with cash. My father remembered getting five dollars for a bushel when he paid workers 15 cents an hour. Nowadays farmers in New York State are up against the wall. I don't know how Charles Hurd does it, but he points out that if more farmers had bought into H-2A from the get-go, the program would by now be

working more efficiently, even for dairy farmers. Right now it's a burden, especially for farmers who don't have on-site housing.

The Northeast Ag Labor Working Group is looking for a legal workforce, with help from our legislators. I contacted the office of my congressman, Pat Ryan. He sent me this message:

"When I speak with farmers across the Hudson Valley, labor is often their top concern. Many producers in New York are already struggling to keep their doors open and their lights on. Having to contend with a bureaucratic, outdated agriculture immigration system makes it even harder. Washington owes it to America's farmers to deliver a reliable and legal workforce that is accessible and affordable. That's why I'm fighting for bipartisan reform in Congress. We have to be willing to attack the issue from every angle, and I remain committed to working with anyone to deliver for Hudson Valley farmers."

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

Jad Haddad of Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP honored by DC Bar Association

Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP announced that Jad Haddad has been honored with the Amee VanTassel Young Lawyer Award. The award is given each year to an attorney who has been practicing for less than 10 years and is recognized by their peers for their civility and professionalism, service to the Bar and community and commitment to pro bono service.

"It is an honor to receive this award," said Haddad. "It is especially meaningful to be recognized by the Dutchess County Bar Association so early in my career."

A 2020 graduate of Albany Law School, Haddad joined Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP in 2022. He works across the firm's litigation, criminal and real estate teams.

"Jad has distinguished himself through his drive, work ethic and commitment to excellence," said Kenneth Stenger, founding partner at Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP. "His clients trust and value his legal acumen and ability to protect their interests. We are proud of



Jad Haddad receives the Amee VanTassel Award.

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him and look forward to seeing his continued career growth."

Dutchess Figure Skating Club to send 3 skaters to U.S. Excel National Final

Ranked among the top figure skaters in the U.S. Figure Skating National Excel Series, three athletes from the Dutchess Figure Skating Club have qualified to compete at the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Excel National Final, taking place July 9 – 13 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the headquarters of the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

Alexa Brittell (14), Kaitlyn Brittell (17) and Sadi Roloson (15), all residents of Highland, train at McCann Ice Arena in Poughkeepsie under the coaching team of Allison Constant, Heather O'Connor and Sergei Sakhnovskiy. Together, they will represent the Dutchess Figure Skating Club on the national stage at their respective levels.

"It is incredibly meaningful to see three skaters you've coached since their earliest days on the ice step into the national spotlight," said coach Heather O'Connor. "Alexa, Kaitlyn and Sadi have been part of the Dutchess Figure Skating Club family for more than 10 years, and in that time, they've shown exceptional talent and unwavering dedication. This year, they showed up at every competition with focus, resilience and heart. This isn't just a milestone, it's the result of years of work and belief in themselves."

To qualify for the Excel National Final, skaters must rank among the top six in one of U.S. Figure Skating's three regions, East, Midwest or Pacific, or hold one of the next six highest national scores at their level earned at sanctioned Excel Series events.

Alexa Brittell, competing at the Excel Intermediate Plus level, is currently ranked first in the East and third in the nation. Her sister, Kaitlyn Brittell, will compete in the Excel Junior category, ranked fourth in the East and sixth nationally. Sadi Roloson, qualifying at the Excel Novice level, holds the third-place ranking in the East and sixth nationally.

The Excel Competition Series and



From left, Alexa Brittell, Sadi Roloson and Kaitlyn Brittell will represent the Dutchess Figure Skating Club on the national stage at their respective levels.

-Courtesy photo

National Final offer a prestigious platform for skaters across all levels to showcase their skill, determination and growth in a national spotlight. The Dutchess Figure Skating Club, based in Poughkeepsie, continues to build its reputation for developing passionate, high-performing athletes committed to excellence.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



Chicken inspiration

An alternative to the usual hot-weather fare, cooked on the stove with delicious results.

I feel like a broken record saying this because it happens every year at this time, but summer’s heat usually leaves me without much of an appetite. It also tends to drive me from the kitchen for any extended time. For me that usually means coming up with light, fresh things that are easy to throw together, like sandwiches and salads, but after a while those get a little old. But I recently made a light, lemony chicken dish that changed all that, and was well worth the time in my hot kitchen.

(A word about my kitchen: I live in an early 1900s bungalow without central air conditioning, which means I rely on window units in the summer to cope with the heat. They do what they can in my sweltering abode, but don’t do a thing for the kitchen. I’m sure many of you don’t have this problem and so cooking in the summer months isn’t that big of a deal; but since heat and I do not get along, it’s a huge issue for me. I really can’t complain, though, since it’s forced me to come up with more summer-friendly recipes than I would have thought possible. Necessity really is the mother of invention!)

What happened was this: I was in a bit of a dinner rut. It was the start of a beastly hot week, but the thought of yet another salad for dinner just wasn’t gonna cut it. I didn’t want to fire up the grill or the oven or even order takeout. But I had a few things in the fridge to use up and a crisp, ice cold Chardonnay for inspiration, and a recipe was born! I used thin chicken cutlets, which took no time at all to cook on the stovetop, so I wasn’t adding much more heat to my already stifling kitchen; used a rice cooker to make a side dish; and tossed up a light side salad. In under 30 minutes I had a lovely dinner to go with that Chardonnay. But the best part? It’s all about the sauce, my friends. I could drink it, it’s THAT good! I really don’t have much more to say about it, so we may as well get right to it.

Chicken in Lemon Cream Sauce
But not just any lemon cream sauce!

It’s kissed with white wine, and garlic and Parmesan get blended in for a velvety texture. The flavor is bright and luscious. A sprinkling of fresh mixed herbs is the crowning glory.

Ingredients

- olive oil (about 2 tablespoons) for the skillet
- 1/2 cup flour
- salt and pepper to taste
- 6 thin-sliced, skinless chicken cutlets
- 1/4 cup dry white wine (preferably the same one you serve with it)
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- Juice and zest from 1 lemon (helpful tip: zesting before juicing is easier)
- 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic
- chopped fresh herbs: parsley, oregano, thyme and/or basil (about 2 tablespoons total)

Method

Heat olive oil in a large skillet.

In a shallow bowl, whisk flour, salt and pepper together. Dredge chicken cutlets in the flour, coating both sides. Place chicken in the skillet and cook until golden, 3-5 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a plate.

Add wine to the skillet and scrape up any browned bits. Add wine, cream, lemon juice and zest and garlic. (NOTE: I used a microplane/fine cheese grater for the garlic right over the skillet so the resulting paste would mix in better). Add more salt and pepper if needed. Stir to combine, lower the heat and simmer to thicken slightly, 4-6 minutes.

Stir in herbs and return chicken to the skillet. Simmer another 2 minutes or so to warm through. Plate chicken and spoon extra sauce over the top. Sprinkle with more fresh herbs and serve immediately. Makes 3-6 servings.

This recipe makes quite a bit of sauce, so you will likely have some left over, which is a great thing! Put it in an airtight container in the fridge and use it within a day or two. It would be amazing on cooked shrimp, fish or grilled vegetables. You could even drizzle it on a sandwich



A plate of Chicken in Lemon Cream Sauce. -Photo by Vicki Frank Day

or over tuna salad. Or eat it by the spoonful. I can’t say I haven’t done it, so no judgment here! Enjoy!

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

Local firefighters graduate



On Friday, June 26, at the East Fishkill Fire Training Center, there was a graduation of Firefighter 1 & BFO Class. After many weeks of classroom and hands-on training, these students graduated. The lead instructor was John Sirgant, and instructors were Ray Valentin and Dan Shultz.

Also on hand were 2nd Vp Michael Carter, Director Jack Schmidt and Financial Secretary Vinny Galvin from the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association who handed out Certificates, Nomex hoods and a year membership in the organization. To see additional pictures, visit to DCVFFA.com and click on galleries.

-Photo by Vinny Galvin

Needlework Flea Market set for July 9

Skyllkill Chapter’s Annual Needlework Flea Market will be held on July 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, LaGrangeville. There will be yarn, fabrics, beads, threads, notion, kits and tools for all one’s needle arts projects presented

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Adults 25 to 55 can pursue EMS careers with new Reconnect program

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino encourages adults looking for new career options to consider a career in EMS, and take advantage of State University of New York’s (SUNY) new Reconnect program at no cost. The Reconnect program covers tuition, fees, books and supplies for adults between the ages of 25 and 55 who have not yet earned a college degree enroll in one of a dozen in-demand programs, including Dutchess Community College’s (DCC) Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic field of study. The tuition-free program begins with the Fall 2025 semester. Registration information is available on DCC’s website.

The County Executive joined SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. and DCC President Peter Grant Jordan this morning to discuss the new SUNY Reconnect program at the college’s Town of Poughkeepsie campus.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Dutchess County has long championed Emergency Medical Services as a critical and in-demand career path. We are excited to see that recognition reflected in the SUNY Reconnect initiative so local students can take advantage of this amazing opportunity. While New York State doesn’t consider Emergency Medical Services (EMS) a mandated essential service, we in Dutchess County know how critical it is. We are grateful to have a local partner in DCC, which can help bolster recruitment and training for this important and vital career.”

Strengthening EMS, including workforce recruitment and retention, has been a priority for County Executive Serino. Earlier this year, she was joined by the New York State County Executives’ Association in urging Gov. Kathy Hochul to include EMT training in the new,

tuition-free program, explaining the inclusion would “remove a significant barrier to entry and help ensure that our communities have the life-saving personnel they need.” One can read the letter online.

The County has been working to address the EMS workforce shortage by recruiting new talent and supporting current responders with resiliency training and peer support. Dutchess County worked closely with DCC’s EMS Coordinator to better understand the student experience – surveying and meeting with students to learn more about their career goals and the barriers they face in completing certification or serving on an EMS squad. For many, the EMS program is a stepping-stone to careers in nursing, physician assistant programs, or medical schools, which means they often do not enter the workforce directly after completing the course.

To help reverse this trend, the County is actively promoting EMS as a career path: investing in marketing efforts like vehicle wraps and committing \$100,000 in new equipment for EMS training and education. In addition, Dutchess County is developing wrap-around services to help students overcome personal and financial obstacles and ensure they successfully complete the program and are prepared to serve.

Dutchess Community College President Peter Grant Jordan said, “Just like County Executive Serino, Dutchess Community College knows the crucial role Emergency Medical Technicians play in our community’s health, safety and well-being. We at DCC are thrilled to play an active role in training the next generation of these life-saving professionals. Partnering with Dutchess County on this important initiative, including through the



From left, County Executive Sue Serino, DCC President Peter Grant Jordan, and SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr.

-Courtesy photo by Dutchess County Gov’t

SUNY Reconnect program and other efforts, strengthens our school’s standing as a valuable community asset that has greatly impacted so many lives for decades.”

Addressing the EMS workforce shortage is just one aspect of the County’s multi-faceted effort to respond to EMS challenges. The County Executive’s 2025 Budget included a historic \$2 million investment in EMS that includes contracted supplemental ambulance coverage, fly-car grant program and a public-awareness campaign to help residents

better understand when to call 911 for an ambulance and how to use EMS resources wisely.

The Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic program is one of 12 high-demand associate degree programs offered at DCC, tuition-free, through the SUNY Reconnect program; others include Architectural Technology, Computer Science, Mental Health Assistant and Nursing. A full list of eligible degree programs, and additional SUNY Reconnect information, is available on DCC’s website.

Obituaries

Richard James Buoniconti



Richard James Buoniconti, an area resident for many years, formerly of The Villages, FL and Mount Vernon, NY, passed away at his home on June 23rd. He was 93 years old.

Son of the late Salvatore & Tessie (Dato) Buoniconti, he was born on March 14th, 1932, in Mount Vernon. Richard would go on to join the United States Army. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. Following his service, he worked for the Weights and Measures department in Westchester County. He was a part of the American legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Richard was a devout New York Yankee fan. He also cheered for the New York Jets. He loved to go golfing. He adored the many cruises and trips

he spent with his wife. They especially loved going to Italy and Hawaii. While in the service, Richard travelled all over Europe to many different countries. He would always marvel about the surreal experience of swimming in the Mediterranean Sea in the fall.

On May 15th, 1955, he married the love of his life, Theresa (Chiodo) at Our Lady of Victory Church in Mount Vernon. Theresa predeceased him on February 2nd, 2018.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Gail Rothe & her husband John; Lynn Fearon & her husband James; his grandchildren, Aubrey, Jeffrey, Erin, Michael, and Melissa; his great- grandchildren, Teigan, Kaedyn, Malachi, Jack, Camden, and Brady.

Including his parents and his wife, Richard is predeceased by his brother James.

Calling hours were on Friday, June 27th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. On the following day, June 28th, there was a graveside service at Saint Denis Cemetery, 604 Beekman Rd, Hopewell Junction.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation. 374 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/>.

David George Fontanella



David George Fontanella, a 40-year resident of Hopewell Junction and formerly of Old Mystic, Connecticut, passed away at home on Monday, June 23, 2025. He was 87.

Son of the late Lino and Rachel (Carocari) Fontanella, he was born in New London, CT on February 22, 1938. In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a radar specialist. He was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant. David earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hartford.

He dedicated his career to his greatest passion, which was aviation. As a pilot, he began flying seaplanes at a

young age. He later accepted a position with the State of New York and was tasked with flying the Governor throughout the region. David went on to work as a corporate pilot for UST Corporation in Greenwich, CT, retiring in 2007.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, trap, and skeet. A longtime member of the East Hook Sportsmen Association in Fishkill, he dedicated countless hours to the organization’s campus landscape. David had a keen interest in the utilization of tractors, specifically related to land preservation. He was also a lifelong UConn Huskies fan.

On November 21, 1975, he married Eileen M. Farrell at the First Reformed Church of Fishkill. Eileen survives at home in Hopewell Junction.

Additional survivors include his sister, Joanne Fontanella; his siblings-in-law: Barbara Fontanella, James Farrell (Sharon), Nora Moulton (Craig), and Julie Farrell; his nieces and nephews: Jonathan Fontanella, Lino Fontantella, Shannon Gruelich (Joe), James Farrell (Nicole), Michael Farrell (Tatiana), Brian Farrell (Meghan), and Julianna Zeigler (Ron); his great-nieces and great-nephews: Kelsey, Douglas, Andrea, Victoria, Camila, Braeden, and Evaleigh; in addition to many other loving relatives & friends.

In addition to his parents, David was also predeceased by his brother, Everett Fontanella.

Dave had a wonderful sense of humor and was deeply loved by family and friends.

Calling hours will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A memorial prayer service will follow at 3.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (www.t2t.org).

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Elevate, educate, integrate – Dutchess Roots brings recreational cannabis to local area

By Morgan E. Maier

“Weed like to meet you” read the signs around South Road Crossing in Poughkeepsie on June 28. The Dutchess Roots cannabis dispensary was celebrating its grand opening, but owners and Queen City natives Lisa and Scott Sweeney didn’t just introduce themselves. Their goal is to elevate and educate everyone on the industry.

The area’s first licensed dispensary to be built from the ground up, Dutchess Roots was a seedling in the Sweeneys’ minds for four years. It became a reality with the decriminalization and legalization of recreational cannabis in 2021. In recent memory, the brick-and-mortar storefront was uninhabited concrete, then a construction site. Dutchess Roots is the first dispensary of its kind to be built from the ground up.

“Scott and I wanted to build something of our own,” said Lisa. “We wanted to be in our community.”

Customers and neighboring businesses came out to celebrate the first official day of a new era. Vendors hailed from far and wide to support Dutchess Roots commitment to accelerating the industry. Some traveled two hours south from Argyle, while others crossed the Hudson River from High Falls.

Per NYS law, Dutchess Roots sells products made only in New York state, with a full wall dedicated to Hudson Valley farmers and their products.

The “typical” cannabis user does not exist. They are young and old, new parents and medical patients - from fledgling business owners to recreational users of 40 years ago. For every consumer of cannabis, there is a duty to a responsible, educated use. As is the mantra of Dutchess Roots: elevate, educate, integrate.

The middle third takes form in a sort of “Dispensary 101.” It includes informative material for all who pass through the Dutchess Roots doors that explains doses, mechanisms of cannabis, hemp, CBD and THC. A few areas are for consumers to document the products they liked, or those to avoid in the future. Thrown in - free of charge - the material teaches consumers about products as much as it allows an opportunity to learn about the people behind the Town of Poughkeepsie’s newest business.

Dutchess Roots has partnered with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to give back to the college’s Cannabis Retail Program. They will award a scholarship to a student, in hopes they continue growing and educating others within the industry.



The Dutchess Roots cannabis dispensary celebrated its grand opening at 2615 South Road in Poughkeepsie on June 28.

-Photo by Mike Mazzuca

ers within the industry.

“It goes both ways. We’re investing back in the community, the community invests in us, and it’s just this beautiful cycle,” said Lisa.

Born from a lifetime in the hospitality

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This special celebration will feature stirring patriotic music, inspiring stories of service, and the premiere of "Hand in Hand," a new song composed by Bill Sherman ("Hamilton," "Sesame Street") and Sam Hollander ("High Hopes," "HandClap"). In attendance will be the new cadets of the Class of 2029, representing the future of Army leadership and the continuation of a proud tradition of service.

Experience the magic of live music, breathtaking performances, and a dazzling fireworks display, all set against the historic backdrop where our Army fought for freedom. It's a family-friendly event that honors our nation's heroes and promises an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit westpointband.com, or follow the West Point Band on Facebook, Instagram, or X.

For West Point Band concert information, cancellations and updates, visit www.westpointband.com, or follow on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X.

Bowen reflects on term with Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls

Each year, the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls raises funds to support vital youth, international and community programs including scholarships, Student of the Month, RYLA, the Dictionary Project, and more. As part of an annual tradition, the club's board allocates funds at the end of the Rotary year for the sitting president to donate to local organizations of their choosing.

As the 2023–2025 Club President, Todd Bowen has announced the following contributions:

- \$1,000 to Hudson Valley Clubhouse
 - \$500 to BluePath Service Dogs
 - \$250 to CAPE's Generation Hope Youth Clubhouse
 - \$250 to the Ketcham Winners Circle Project
- These donations reflect President Bowen's commitment to uplifting youth, families, and underserved communities across Dutchess County

In his closing message, Bowen reflected on his term: "It has been an honor to serve as Club President for two consecutive years—the first time that's happened since 1975—and to do so as the youngest Club President in Rotary District 7210 history. Our club has grown in membership, in service, and in spirit. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together."

Bowen said, “We brought life and energy back to our weekly meetings, and more importantly, back to our mission.” Although he concludes his presidential term, Bowen will continue serving the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls as Past President and Club Treasurer, and on a broader level as Rotary District 7210’s District Governor Nominee. He was recently selected to serve as District Governor for the 2027–2028 Rotary year, making him the youngest District Governor in District 7210 history.

Incoming Club President Dick Thurston was set to take the reins on July 1.



Right: The West Point Band will honor 250 years of the U.S. Army on Independence Day at West Point.
-Courtesy photo West Point Band

this week's puzzle solutions

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SUMMARY OF PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION

Landowner	Municipality	Swis	Print Key	Acreage
Jennifer E Cianflone	Beekman	132200	6756-00-720174-0000	20.28
Dennis Mark Remsberger	Beekman	132200	6660-00-180070-0000	2.7
Nicole M Skalla	Clinton	132400	6266-00-819678-0000	38.75
David J Karchmer	Clinton	132400	6468-00-562520-0000	12.34
Blake M Williams	East Fishkill	132800	6358-03-197001-0000	8.7
Steven Relyea	Fishkill	133089	6255-00-987282-0000	5.6
Steven Relyea	Fishkill	133089	6255-00-933256-0000	11.51
435 Realty Group of Hyde Park	Hyde Park	133200	6164-02-706839-0000	77.14
Dennis Mark Remsberger	La Grange	133400	6660-03-144102-0000	3.3
Dennis Mark Remsberger	La Grange	133400	6660-03-145151-0000	1.8
Ann Cary, Trustee	Pine Plains	134200	7171-00-044884-0000	7.95
Christian W Baks	Pleasant Valley	134400	6364-02-790535-0000	12.75
Brian G Denu	Red Hook	134889	6373-00-540143-0000	4.82
Jaime Chabuz	Rhinebeck	135089	6169-00-573323-0000	59.28
Stanleys Hilltop Properties	Stanford	135200	6768-03-200174-0000	13
Benjamin Rathjen	Stanford	135200	6568-00-753988-0000	7.17
William P Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-199431-0000	16.18
William P Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-256440-0000	13.9
William P Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-311450-0000	13.79
Doreen Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-426354-0000	81.58
William P Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-488256-0000	37.53
Doreen Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-475468-0000	4.3
Doreen Brown	Stanford	135200	6869-00-494471-0000	4.33
Still The One LLC	Stanford	135200	6869-00-513480-0000	4.5
Dennis Mark Remsberger	Union Vale	135400	6660-00-175107-0000	4.1
Vorapote Vivattanapa	Union Vale	135400	6760-00-392350-0000	4.1
Vorapote Vivattanapa	Union Vale	135400	6760-00-382447-0000	8.36
Kinga Terepka	Union Vale	135400	6662-00-596581-0000	5.59
Kinga Terepka	Union Vale	135400	6662-00-611582-0000	5.76
Paul Geoffrey Sturtz	V. Red Hook	134801	6272-10-493612-0000	4.22
Lynde S Estabrooke	Wappinger	135689	6257-04-658420-0000	11
Deborah Swenson, Trustee	Wappinger	135689	6158-02-983915-0000	8.5
James Glorioso	Wappinger	135689	6157-02-867721-0000	4

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following parcels of land are located in the Agricultural Districts:

SUMMARY OF PARCELS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION

Landowner	Municipality	Swis	Print Key	Acreage
Deborah Evans	Pawling	134089	7057-00-210557-0000	9.53
Sweet Showers Hill LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-809539-0000	40.5
Kerrie Abela	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-600224-0000	50.55
Attis Health LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6269-00-035395-0000	3.15
Brian Macaya	Wappinger	135689	6258-01-363836-0000	6.2

And that the Dutchess County Legislature has received the report of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto, which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours, and the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess shall conduct a public hearing on the 14th day of July 2025 at 6:30pm in the Dutchess County Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, to consider the requests and recommendations of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto at which time all interested persons or parties will be heard.

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk
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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.

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

1. "He said, _____ said"
2. Russian left
3. Pomegranate seed
4. South African grasslands
5. Knight's protection
6. Odd and unusual
7. Like ghostly howls
8. *July 4th culinary tradition
9. _____ 51 in Nevada
10. Lecherous look
11. Dog tags
13. Felidae family member
14. As a rule
19. Casper, e.g.
22. Cricket club
23. Measurement
24. Hello, to Mr. Hand
25. Opposite of atonal
26. *Philadelphia's Liberty _____
27. "_____ death do us part"
28. Draw out a conclusion
29. Drank too much
32. Lowly laborer
33. What lintel and mantel have in common
36. *Personification of the U.S. (2 words)
38. Show contempt
40. Decompose
41. In eighth, book format
44. "The Second Coming" poet
46. Chemical cousin
48. Relish
49. In an unfriendly manner
50. Horseback sport
51. Bear's hang-out
52. Sail holder
53. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" captain
54. Part of an eye
55. Sun kiss
58. "The Extra-Terrestrial"-inspired toys

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 14.

Beacon High School Class of 2025 recognized for achievements



The Beacon High School Class of 2025 celebrated their achievements on Thursday, June 26. The members of the class received their diplomas and were congratulated by their family, friends and members of the Beacon City School District staff and administration.

-Courtesy photo BCSD

Congratulations to John Jay Class of 2025



Graduation for the members of the John Jay High School Class of 2025 in the Wappingers Central School District took place on Thursday, June 26. The commencement ceremony ended with the graduates throwing their caps in the air.

-Courtesy photo by Brynn McLean

Orchard View students celebrate gradaution



“Treating others with kindness while asking nothing in return has been the theme of your class. The world needs young adults willing to spread love and kindness, and this is the legacy of the class of 2025,” said Orchard View Principal Laura DiStefano during the commencement ceremony for this year’s class at Orchard View Alternative High School in the Wappingers Central School District on June 26 in Wappingers Falls.

-Courtesy photo WCSD

RCK Class of 2025 earn diplomas



Diplomas were awarded to the members of the Roy C. Ketcham High School Class of 2025 in the Wappingers Central School District on Friday, June 27 on the school grounds in Wappingers Falls.

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