

Trevor Zoo  
renamed, honoring  
noted alumnus



Conservation biologist and Millbrook School alumnus Tom Lovejoy in 1990. Courtesy photo

On Saturday, June 7, Millbrook School will hold a ceremony to rededicate the Trevor Zoo, which is currently home to more than 170 exotic and indigenous animals and nine endangered species, renaming it the Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo. The name change honors late Millbrook School alumnus Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy III '59, who studied under the zoo's original namesake, Frank Trevor, and went on to become one of the world's foremost conservation biologists.

The Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo is an integral part of Millbrook's academic and community service programs. As the only zoo on a high school campus in the U.S. accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the zoo offers students the unique opportunity to study animal science and participate in critical environmental conservation work. Students work alongside staff and visiting scientists to care for some of the most endangered species in the

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# Clinton Community Day: New date Saturday, June 7

By Craig Marshall

"Family Ties; Local Vibes" is the theme for Clinton Community Day, being held much earlier this year on Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with the parade beginning at 5 p.m. It will be located again at the site of the 1777 Quaker Creek Meeting House at 2433 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners. The theme represents the coming together of families, businesses, and community organizations for fun, education, and social interaction. Grand Marshal Jeanie Bean is the well known owner with her husband David of Jeanie Bean & Family Delicatessen, a popular restaurant that has welcomed patrons for many years in

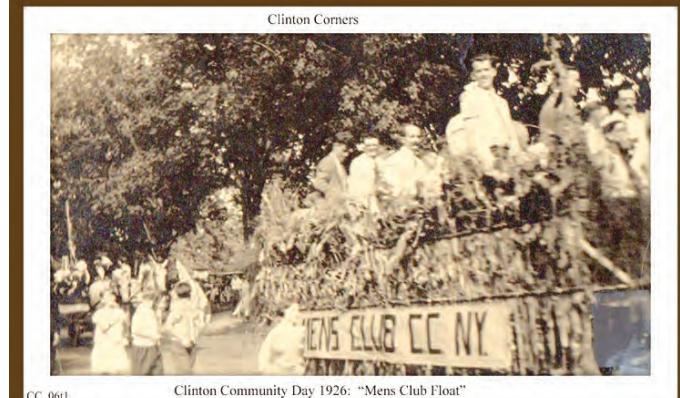
the Clinton Corners hamlet.

Community Day has a long history beginning in 1917 by the local Upton Lake Grange when this same site was the Grange Hall, before the Clinton Historical Society acquired it as its headquarters. To our knowledge, the event was heretofore held on Labor Day. With the agricultural beginnings of the area, farming families looked forward to a break in their routine to meet friends, display home-grown vegetables and flowers for ribbon awards, and join the parade with floats by community organization and local schools.

The tradition of floats will be brought back again through a special build program. Beginning this year, the annual event will be hosted and conducted by Friends of Clinton, Inc., a community based, non-profit organization focused on events & community impact within the Town of Clinton. All are invited to attend.

Once again, family-oriented events

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Clinton Community Day 1926: "Mens Club Float"



The Town of Clinton's Community Day is set for Saturday, June 7. The day features family-oriented activities, including entertainment by Bee Bee the Clown (above) and a parade. The photo, left, shows the Men's Club float from the 1926 parade. Courtesy photos

## Clinton Historical Society to open Summer Exhibit of antique samplers

By Craig Marshall

The Clinton Historical Society is celebrating the Quaker history in our region with this year's annual summer exhibit of antique schoolgirl samplers made at the Nine Partners Boarding School (1798-1846) along with related samplers from Clinton and the surrounding area.

Beginning Saturday June 7, the exhibit is free and open June weekends from 1 to 4 p.m. at the 1777 Quaker Meeting House (the Society's headquarters) located at 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, one mile east of the Taconic State Parkway.

The Quaker school and the samplers made there are known throughout the

world and this is a rare opportunity to see these needle works as they are all taken from private collections. The exhibit will highlight both the embroideries and lives of the girls who made them. Related items will be included such as a display of linen and silk, showing how the materials used in the samplers were produced. It will also show the influence that the school, its teachers, and its students had on the making of samplers throughout the area and beyond.

The Nine Partners Boarding School was nationally famous and located in Millbrook. Its establishment was influenced by both the Ackworth School in England and the Westtown Boarding

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1818 sampler made at the Nine Partners Boarding School by Keziah Wood. Courtesy image

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world, such as seven of the roughly 300 American Red Wolves remaining on the planet.

Renaming the zoo to honor one of Millbrook's most impactful teacher-student relationships is a nod to the organization's legacy of preparing young people for lives of meaning and consequence through stewardship of the natural world.

## The zoo's impact on Dr. Lovejoy

Dr. Lovejoy, who passed away in December 2021 at the age of 80, was not interested in biology when he came to Millbrook. In fact, he viewed Millbrook's biology requirement as a perfunctory inconvenience that he planned to get out of the way in his first year. However, when he entered the classroom and zoo to study biology with Trevor, the experience ignited a lifelong passion for environmental science.

After completing a bachelor's degree in biology and a PhD on the ecology of Amazon forest birds at Yale, he worked with an array of leading environmental organizations, including the World Wildlife Fund, the United Nations Foundation, the Smithsonian Institute, and the National Geographic Society. Instrumental in spearheading efforts to preserve the Amazon rainforest, Dr. Lovejoy coined the term "biodiversity" and earned the moniker "planet doctor." He taught the next generation of conser-

vation biologists as a professor at George Mason University and also influenced environmental policy, working with every U.S. presidential administration during his professional life.

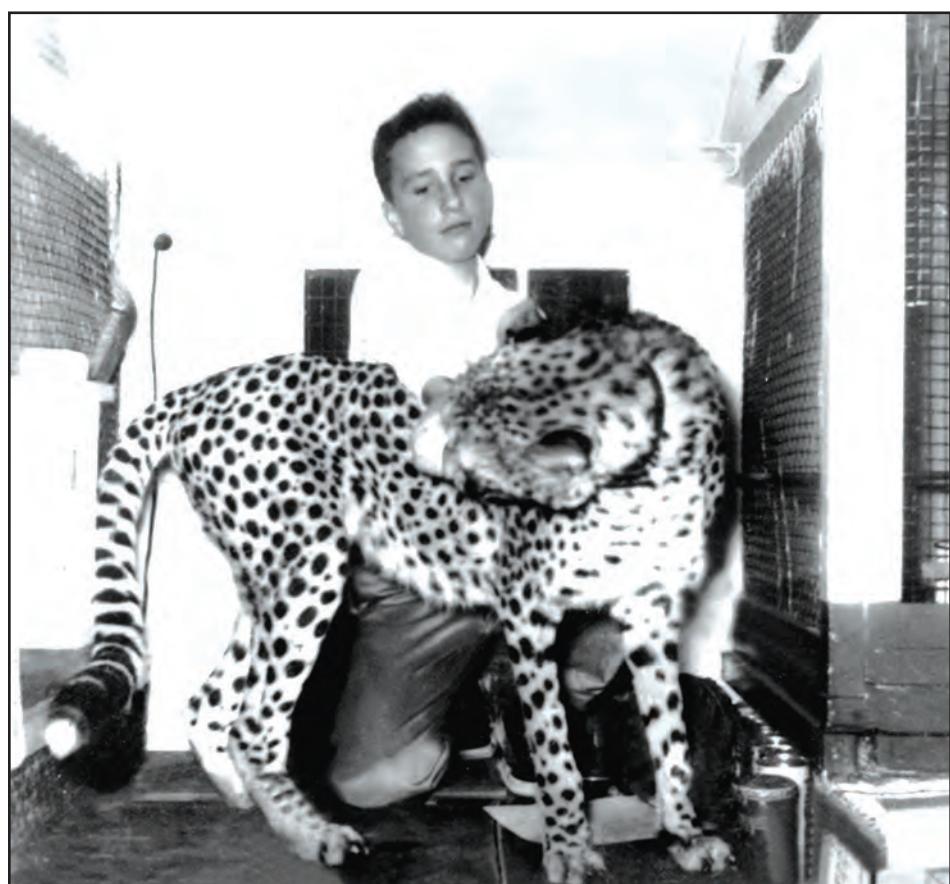
Lovejoy, who also worked at the zoo to fulfill his community service requirement, carried Millbrook's commitment to sustainability as a core value with him throughout his career. "...Understanding that learning about sustainability comes through doing it as a community and as an institution puts Millbrook in a very special position," Dr. Lovejoy said during a 2007 talk at Millbrook School. "Nature, in the end, is part of our community and the community we serve."

## About Frank Trevor

Trevor joined Millbrook School in 1936 as its first biology teacher, bringing with him an assortment of wildlife. Students contributed more animals to the collection, including a pair of armadillos from James L. Buckley, who would go on to become a federal appeals court judge and US senator.

Initially, Trevor housed his "zoo" in his classroom and faculty residence. When that arrangement became untenable, he moved the animals to the east end of campus, where the Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo now flourishes.

Trevor was known for his charismatic teaching style. According to Lovejoy and



Tom Lovejoy as a student in 1957, caring for a cheetah as part of his Millbrook School community service. Below: The Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo is home to nine endangered species, including the Red Panda. Courtesy photos

other Millbrook alumni, he used the zoo and the school's 800-acre campus – an ecologically diverse outdoor classroom with forests, hills, and wetlands – to bring biology to life.

## Zoo is open to the public

The Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo is one of only 238 zoos and aquariums in the world accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Covering six acres, the zoo is home to exotic and indigenous animals, including mammals, reptiles, and birds. Open 365 days a year, every day provides opportunities to fulfill our mission of inspiring all to live responsibly by educating students and visitors about conservation, wildlife, and the natural world.

Nearly 100 Millbrook School students help care for the animals daily, assisting with feeding, cleaning, and veterinary procedures, through Millbrook's unique

community service program that is woven into the academic day. In addition, students complete hands-on science research projects focused on animals and conservation biology in classes that take full advantage of Millbrook's Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo: Animal Behavior, Primate Evolution, and Independent Science Research.

The zoo is also a public entity, welcoming 40,000 visitors annually. Local community members love bringing their children to see the animals, and the zoo also hosts group tours and birthday parties, offering seasonal keeper talks and interactive experiences with some of the animals.

The Trevor-Lovejoy Zoo is located at 282 Millbrook School Road in Millbrook. It is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [www.trevorlovejoy-zoo.com](http://www.trevorlovejoy-zoo.com) to learn more.



# County, Marist to host free Hudson Valley AI Summit on June 18

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming governments, businesses and daily life, making it essential for individuals and organizations to understand and adapt to this technology's growing role in how people learn, shop, interact with technology and more. To help municipal leaders, school districts and higher education administrations, fire and police agencies, nonprofit organizations,

local businesses and others learn about the potential benefits – as well as the ethical considerations – of using AI, the Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS), in partnership with Marist University, will host its fourth free technology-centered summit, the Hudson Valley AI Summit, on Wednesday, June 18 at Marist University in Poughkeepsie.

"As technology continues to evolve at lightning speed, it's critical that our local leaders, educators, and business owners are prepared to navigate the opportunities and challenges that come with it," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "This summit is about making sure our community stays informed, engaged, and ready to lead in this new era. I'm proud that Dutchess County is helping drive that conversation forward right here in the Hudson Valley."

OCIS Commissioner Stephen Oscarlece said, "From education to healthcare to public services, AI technologies are changing operations and ushering in new innovations. As AI becomes a bigger part of our lives, understanding this technology becomes essential. Our AI Summit will help public and private sector businesses and organizations better understand this emerging technology, learn best practices for setting AI policy within their organization and explore some of the emerging trends in training and workforce development for working with AI."

At the summit, experts, including representatives from private sector industry leaders and New York State agencies, will discuss topics such as:

- The history of AI, what it is and is not; different types of AI and potential uses;
- The benefits and challenges of AI, how it is being used to improve organizations and how it is being used by malicious actors; and
- The ethical considerations for using AI within an organization.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Marist University Student Center and is free to attend. Registration and a complimentary networking breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. Registration is required in advance by Monday, June 16th, and is available at [DutchessNY.gov/AI-Summit](http://DutchessNY.gov/AI-Summit). For more information, please contact the Dutchess County Office of Central & Information Services at 845-486-2450, email [DCTechSummits@dutchessny.gov](mailto:DCTechSummits@dutchessny.gov), or visit [DutchessNY.gov](http://DutchessNY.gov).



# Serino expands housing rehab program to help more homeowners

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced the expansion of the County's Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program, helping more residents make critical home repairs to remain safely in their homes. The expansion of this beneficial program preserves local housing stock, a key initiative in the County Executive's commitment to the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

Serino said, "This program reflects our continued commitment to ensuring safe, quality housing for all residents in Dutchess County. For years, we've seen this program assist local older adults age in place and live independently. By expanding eligibility, we continue to remove barriers and give even more homeowners the chance to preserve and improve their homes. Making sure people can stay in their homes is just as important as building new ones, and we hope many in our community will take advantage of this great opportunity."

The Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program was originally designed to assist income-eligible Dutchess County older adults. Serino, having seen the initiative's success in helping seniors remain safely in their homes, announced in her 2025 State of the County Address her intention to expand the program to help additional low- and moderate-income residents

bring their homes up to current health, building, fire and safety codes.

Serino noted, "This program not only helps residents remain safely in their homes, it helps preserve local housing stock. When homes fall into disrepair, or even become uninhabitable, it only exacerbates the affordable housing shortage. Making a home safe for today and ensuring it is maintained for the future is a win-win."

The Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program provides financial assistance, up to \$40,000 per project, to complete rehabilitation projects to address one or more substandard conditions that fail to meet federal, state or local codes relating to health, safety or fire hazards. The program's focus is to repair major systems, including, but not limited to furnaces, plumbing, structural (roofs, walls, decks/porches), electrical, necessary handicapped accessibility improvements, bathrooms, and kitchens with significant deterioration and appliances.

A key component to the Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program is that the homeowner is provided with assistance in developing the scope of work to be performed, selecting a contractor and monitoring the project.

To qualify, applicants must:

- own a single-family detached home located in Dutchess County;

- reside in the home;
- be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident; and
- meet income eligibility requirements (see below).

#### Income eligibility requirements

For homeowners age 60 and over

| Family Size | Income Limits |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1           | \$64,300      |
| 2           | \$73,500      |
| 3           | \$82,700      |
| 4           | \$91,850      |
| 5           | \$99,200      |
| 6           | \$106,55      |

For all other homeowners

| Family Size | Income Limits |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1           | \$40,200      |
| 2           | \$45,950      |
| 3           | \$51,700      |
| 4           | \$57,400      |
| 5           | \$62,000      |
| 6           | \$66,600      |

The Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program is one of several housing priorities the County supports utilizing funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Serino was able to extend the program to all income-eligible homeowners, regardless of age, with funding from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC). The Dutchess County Legislature supported this expansion, voting earlier this month to accept \$225,000 AHC funding.

The complete Owner-Occupied

Property Rehabilitation Program instructions and guidance, as well as application, are available online. Interested applicants with questions, or in need of additional assistance, can contact the Department of Planning & Development at [community-grants@dutchessny.gov](mailto:community-grants@dutchessny.gov) or (845) 486-3600.

This program is one of several initiatives coordinated through the Department of Planning & Development to expand safe, affordable housing.

Applications, for example, are now being accepted for the second round of Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund awards, with \$3 million available for developers to build or maintain affordable housing, particularly smaller projects in rural areas. Additional information about this round of funding is available on the Department of Planning & Development's website; the deadline to apply is Monday, June 9.

Dutchess County also collaborates with community partners, Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County and Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley, to build and repair homes for homeowners of various incomes and backgrounds. In the last two years, for example, six local homes have been built or repaired through these partnerships.

For more information about Dutchess County's housing initiatives, visit <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Housing-Department-of-Planning.htm>

## Clinton Community Day: New date Saturday, June 7

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Clinton Community Day 1953

Community Day has a long history, beginning in 1917. The photo above shows townspeople on horseback in the 1953 parade. Courtesy photo

will include children's games, BeeBee the Clown, the Bubble bus, Hudson Valley Reptile Rescue, Touch a Fire Truck, and a bike decorating contest. Among other popular features there will be over 35 community and vendor booths and the annual vintage car show. Music will be on hand with our very own local Red Barn Band.

The Clinton Historical Society will open its annual free summer exhibit (see article on page XX), this year displaying over 24 antique samplers mostly made by young girls attending the famous Quaker Nine Partners Boarding School (1796-1853) in Millbrook. The Historical Society will also conduct tours of its 1777 National Register Quaker meeting house and large archive, and have a celebratory 50th Anniversary float in the parade. Continuing traditions, the parade will fea-

ture civic groups, local businesses, and area fire companies.

As Lisa Metcalfe, president of Friends of Clinton, Inc. commented, "We are thrilled to host this community event, here in historic Clinton. We have expanded the event to include more family events in addition to access to our local musicians, crafts-people, food trucks, breweries, and other local businesses. We thank all the many volunteers of the Clinton Community Day Committee, without which this event would not be possible."

Free parking will be at the nearby Evangelical Free Church. All dogs must be leashed for everyone's safety. Donated food will be collected for the Town of Clinton Food Pantry. For more information, please email [friendsofclintonny@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofclintonny@gmail.com).

## RED HOOK BOE SETS SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 4

The Red Hook Central School District Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, at 5 p.m., in the Mill Road Primary School Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a resolution related to the ongoing Capital Project in the District.

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## 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

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

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- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News.  
Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.*

### Honor America's heroes by continuing to support Ukraine

To the editor:

Another Memorial Day has been observed - lowering our heads in tribute to those who have given all for the freedoms and prosperity the rest of us have enjoyed and have been gifted by their sacrifice over the 250 years since the firing of the shot heard round the world.

Three years ago, on the first Memorial Day of Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine, my wife and I – as supporters of Ukraine – had the honor of addressing the Memorial Day observance in Bangall and were invited to speak by our local community horrified at the barbarous cruelty being inflicted daily upon innocent civilians of a nation who refused to cede its freedom to a rapacious neighbor.

My wife recalled what the idea of America meant to those nations locked within the Soviet Union and how an American victory in 1980 on a hockey rink in Lake Placid caused the jubilant eruptions of "The Yankees won! Yankees won! Yankees won!" in a small and otherwise silent Estonian village on a darkened February night. I recalled my grandfather – an official in the Estonian Red Cross – who was arrested and disappeared into the Soviet Gulag, and we both spoke to how Ukraine was carrying on in the same fight in defense of our freedoms as those who we were honoring that day.

In the three years since, Ukraine has continued in its brave defense, regained about half of its lands which had been seized, and shown that with courage, innovation, and the steadfast support of its allies, that it can defeat Russia and end the terror waged upon it, thereby saving itself, Europe, and the rest of us from a world where brutal dictators think they can get away with subjugation of free peoples.

And in those same three years, Russia simply continues to kill innocent people and destroying the lives of millions. In honor of this Memorial Day, we again ask our friends and neighbors – after we have honored the American heroes of our past and present – to recall that Ukraine is still fighting for the freedoms of our birthright and that Russia is still inflicting the horrors which inspired our community to act with generosity and resolve.

We pray that a Just Peace – rather than "just any peace" – can be achieved by Ukraine and her allies, and that true American patriots will continue to support Ukraine.

Mark Lagus  
Town of North East

### One Vietnam veteran to another: 'Welcome home, Brother'

To the editor:

Thank you for publishing Jeff Ohlbaum's frightening article that retold the horrors of the attack on Firebase Tomahawk. I am a Vietnam veteran myself who was stationed somewhat south of Tomahawk in the Two Corp area at that time. Jeff's story clearly explained much of the horrors experienced during that horrible war. I am grateful for his survival and the pray for his fallen buddies. I wish Jeff well after this harrowing experience; it seems he has handled it well.

Welcome home, Brother.

Art Mulford  
Vietnam Veteran 2/69-2/70  
Holmes, NY

## COLLEGE NOTES

UNION, NJ - Kean University proudly congratulates Amber Ortiz of Pleasant Valley for earning a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 academic term. Ortiz is studying Psychology.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who have completed at least 12 credits and achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.45 or higher.

CEDARVILLE, OH - Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Spring 2025 semester. The list includes Gabriel Hieter of Clinton Corners and Elizabeth Hieter of Clinton Corners.

This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

POTSDAM, NY - Students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester at Clarkson University, including William Gieseler of Red Hook and Griffin Giles of Staatsburg.

WILKES-BARRE, PA - Aiden Plant of Salt Point received the BBA in Management from Wilkes University.

Wilkes University awarded more than 700 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at its 78th spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17.

SCRANTON, PA - Charlotte E. Bodack of Pleasant Valley was among the more than 550 graduates who were awarded master's and doctoral degrees at The University of Scranton's graduate commencement ceremony held May 18 at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza,

Wilkes-Barre Township.

Bodack earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in physical therapy from The University of Scranton.

POTSDAM, NY - The State University of New York at Potsdam recognized the Class of 2025 during the College's 205th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 17.

Local candidates for graduation include:

Allison Budd of Red Hook, who is set to graduate with distinction with a Master of Music degree in Music Education (K-12).

John Havird of Pleasant Valley, who is set to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature/Writing.

Tristan Hayes of Pleasant Valley, who is set to graduate with distinction with a Master of Music degree in Music Education (K-12).

Nicole Luciano of Pleasant Valley, who is set to graduate cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics.

Charlotte Mayer of Amenia, who is set to graduate with a Master of Science in Teaching degree in Childhood Education.

Kat Tompkins of Pleasant Valley, who is set to graduate with both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science in Teaching degree in Physics Middle/Secondary Education and Physics.

Michael-Antonio Tsahalis of Millbrook, who is set to graduate with distinction with a Master of Science in Teaching degree in Childhood Education.

MANCHESTER, NH - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the fol-

lowing students on being named to the Spring 2025 President's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Local students include Luckner Bellevue of Staatsburg, Russell Reckhow of Salt Point, Shane Horboychuk of Red Hook, and Alexis Sullivan of Clinton Corners.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

POTSDAM, NY - Students from Clarkson University were awarded bachelor's, masters and doctoral degrees this spring on May 10, including Eric Laferriere of Pleasant Valley and Ethan Laferriere of Pleasant Valley.

CANTON, NY - Nearly 500 students were named to SUNY Canton's Dean's List for the Spring 2025 Semester.

Among the students recognized are: Trevor Scarperi, a SUNY Canton Esports Management major from Millbrook.

Caleb Cisco, a SUNY Canton Finance major from Pleasant Valley.

Harol Quintero, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Wassaic.

There are three different honors recognizing student academic excellence. Dean's List recognizes full-time students who earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74 during a single semester of study.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Abilities First Recognition

### Reception set June 5

Abilities First and Foundation for Abilities First NY will hold their Recognition Reception on Thursday, June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at The Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction. Visit [www.abilitiesfirstny.org](http://www.abilitiesfirstny.org) to purchase tickets and learn about this year's honorees.

## Dress for Success Sale dates

Dress for Success Dutchess County, a program of Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, will continue its Shopping for a Cause Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, from noon until 5 p.m., at Post Road Plaza, 2536 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie. Recognizable brand-name dresses, tops, pants, blazers, and suits will be priced from \$5 to \$15, while one-of-a-kind designer apparel will be priced \$25 and up. For more information, call (845) 452-5104, ext. 144, or email [dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org](mailto:dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org).

## Garden Talks set at

### Beatrix Farrand Garden in June

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will host series of free garden talks on Saturdays in June from 11 a.m. to noon in the Beatrix Farrand Garden, located at the FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. The Bellefield Garden Talks series is made possible by a grant from the Maurice D. Hinche Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Talks are free and open to the public by reservation: [www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org](http://www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org). The schedule:

June 7: "Designing Gardens with Peonies," Kathleen Gagan, owner, Peony's Envy;  
June 14: "Our Relationship with Fungi," Luke Sarrantonio, founder, Mycophilic;  
June 21: "Fragrant Native Plants," Ashley Gamell, landscape designer;  
June 28: "Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk," Dina Falconi, author and educator.

## Flea Market set June 7 in Stanford

The Stanford Lions Club will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the lawn of Town Hall, Route 82, Stanfordville. Free admission and parking. Rain date: Sunday, June 8. For more information, call (845) 868-1988 or (845) 868-1387.

## PV Rec to host teen fishing trip June 7

Pleasant Valley Recreation is offering teens a chance to go on a fishing trip aboard the Sound Bound Princess-New Rochelle on Saturday, June 7. The cost is \$100, which includes transportation. Boarding will take place at 6 a.m., with fishing from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at [pvrec.com](http://pvrec.com).

## Hyde Park Trail 'End-2-End' hike set June 7

Celebrate National Trails Day by hiking the Hyde Park Trails on Saturday, June 7. Trek (on your own) 9 miles from Top Cottage to Vanderbilt National Historic Site. Bring lunch, water and everything you need for the hike. Visit [Facebook.com/HydeParkTrail](http://Facebook.com/HydeParkTrail) for more information.

**Got good kids' stuff? Exchange or donate it**  
Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, hosts a Kids' Swap and Sale, June 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's time to exchange gently-used clothing, toys, and baby/child gear. Young families can bring their gently-used items for babies, toddlers and young children to swap. A few items will be for sale. All sales benefit the Grange. Clean out storage bins and exchange items for what you need. The Grange Program Committee and Amelia Harnish sponsor/organize this event. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Get more information by emailing [ameliafaith@gmail.com](mailto:ameliafaith@gmail.com) or visit [www.copakegrange.org](http://www.copakegrange.org).

## Learn mahjong at your own pace at Hyde Park Library

Hyde Park Library is offering a six-part instructional series on how to play mahjong. Learn the ins and outs of this addictive game Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the library annex. Game sets and cards will be provided for each session. No need to attend all six workshops – you can come to as many or as few as you'd like, just make sure to register for the ones you want to attend. The programs will be held June 9 and 16. Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park. Call (845) 229-7791 for more information.

## Plant Swap June 11 at Hyde Park Library

The Hyde Park Plant Swappers will have a free meet, greet, and swap event from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Hyde Park Library Annex, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. Items available for swapping can include indoor and outdoor plants, gardening tools and accessories, and gardening books. Attendees must bring at least one plant to swap. The plants should be in a container and labeled. Native, non-invasive plants are encouraged.

## Library event to discuss sustainability topics

"Recycling and Sustainability in Dutchess County" is a presentation set Thursday, June 12, at 2 p.m., at the Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville. Dani White, recycling educator for the Dutchess County Department of Solid Waste Management, will review the "dos" and "don'ts" of recycling, where garbage and recyclables go in Dutchess County, and how to dispose of hazardous waste and electronics. Registration is required for this program; call the library at (845) 868-1341 or email [stanfordlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:stanfordlibrary@optonline.net).

## Anderson Golf Classic set June 12

2025 Anderson Golf Classic, sponsored by Oldies 98.9, will take place on Thursday, June 12, at The Links at Union Vale, 153 North Parliman Road, Lagrangeville. The all-day event is open to golfers of all playing abilities; event sponsorships also available. The cost is \$300 per person; includes golf (shotgun start), raffles, prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and awards dinner. Unlimited beverage cart and stations are included. All golfers will receive a golfer gift and favor bag. For more information, call (845) 889-9208, email [events@AndersonCares.org](mailto:events@AndersonCares.org) or visit [andersoncenterforautism.org/golf](http://andersoncenterforautism.org/golf).

## Strawberry Festival set June 14

### at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m. Dinners will be Take Out only. The menu will include traditional picnic fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs (let us know which one you would like!), potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and homemade strawberry shortcake for dessert made with hand-picked local strawberries and homemade ice cream and biscuits. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! For reservations (which are a must as we will sell out), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

## County to offer free, sensory-sensitive screening of family film June 14

As part of Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to build an inclusive community for those with disabilities, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites families and residents of all abilities to a free sensory-sensitive screening of "How to Train Your Dragon" on Saturday, June 14, at Lyceum Cinemas, 15 Old Farm Road in Red Hook. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the movie will begin at 10:30 a.m. Registration for this free event is required, and residents can register online at [dutchessny.gov/movie](http://dutchessny.gov/movie).

## 'Poker Run Regatta' set June 14

On Saturday, June 14, the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club is planning a "Poker Run Regatta" to benefit Athens lighthouse. Entry fee will be \$50 per boat which PYC will donate to Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society. This event would be open to sailboats on the Hudson, the idea being a casual sail more or less between Kingston and Hyde Park. Participants will sail by five checkpoints where they will receive via text a random playing card finishing up at the PYC clubhouse for food and beverages. The best 5 card poker hands win! Sail at your own pace, enjoy the river, try your luck and support a good cause. For further information visit [poughkeepsiepycachtclub.com](http://poughkeepsiepycachtclub.com) or e-mail [regatta.pyc@gmail.com](mailto:regatta.pyc@gmail.com)

## Cupcake Celebration June 22 at Copake Grange

One thousand cupcakes of every flavor and description will fill the tables at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, during the fifth annual Cupcake Celebration, Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. The sweet stars of this tasty showcase are creative, confectionery masterpieces—made by talented bakers near and far—all are for sale at \$1 each and all are vying in a competition for the Ultimate Copake Cupcake. Everyone is invited to shop and vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at a 1 p.m. awards ceremony. Get more information at 917-270-5989 or [www.friendsofcopakegrange.org/our-activities](http://www.friendsofcopakegrange.org/our-activities)

## Brunch to benefit library project

A brunch to benefit the Hyde Park Library's accessibility project will be held at Joseph's Italian Steakhouse (728 Violet Ave.), from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. The event will feature a delicious buffet-style breakfast as well as a silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$70 at the door, but can be purchased in advance for a small processing fee when you register via the library's online calendar. Proceeds will be put toward the upcoming construction taking place in the library, which will include an accessible restroom and the installation of a lift. For more information call the library at 845-229-7791.

# FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington Farmers Market, Vassar College Alumnae Lawn, Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 30. <https://arlingtonhasit.org/farmers-market/>

Eastdale Farmers Market, Eastdale Village, 10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie. First & third Sundays through October, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop farm-fresh produce, handmade goodies, and local treats while soaking up the community spirit. Located in front of Sims Podiatry & Jolie Medi Spa on Eastdale Avenue South. <https://www.eastdalevillage.com/farmers-market>

Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market, Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 25. Locally harvested foods, artisanal items and ready-to-eat goodies. Children's activities, special events and more. See Facebook page for more info.

NECC Farmers Market, Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Offers a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, fruit, cheeses, baked goods and prepared foods. All vendors are local and use sustainable and ethical growing practices. <https://www.necmillerton.org/farmers-market-millerton>

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park (across from Town Hall). Opening Day: Saturday, June 7. Runs Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian special-

ties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and more. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. More info on Facebook, or email [oakgreen@optonline.net](mailto:oakgreen@optonline.net).

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, The Pavilion at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Open Tuesdays, June 10-Oct. 21, 2-6 p.m. Features farm fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods, maple products and more. (845) 471-0589

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 28. Rain or shine. More info at [www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com](http://www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com)

Roosters' Roadside Farmers Market, 669 County Rte. 2, Elizaville. Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Produce, meat, soap and other local items. @roostersroadsidegrill

Todd Hill Outdoor Market, 4640 Taconic State Parkway North, Poughkeepsie. Run by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to bring its stakeholders together throughout the summer and fall seasons. The market includes seasonal produce, craft beverages, textiles, and value-added products that result from farming efforts or small businesses with a link to sustainable agriculture and horticulture in the Hudson Valley. (845) 849-0247 or <https://tastenytoddhill.com>

## PAUL'S HYDE PARK FARMERS MARKET

### RIBBON-CUTTING SET SATURDAY

The official opening of Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market will take place with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 7. The market, located across from Hyde Park Town Hall on Route 9, runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through October. This year's market features many returning vendors and new additions offering a range of locally made products, including fresh produce, baked goods, meats and eggs, treats for humans and pets, artwork and crafts, information about community organizations and more. Visit the Facebook page ("Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market") for details. Call (845) 337-9349 or email [paulshydeparkfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:paulshydeparkfarmersmarket@gmail.com) for information on how to participate as a vendor.

## Clinton Historical Society to open Summer Exhibit of antique samplers

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School in Pennsylvania. The needlework produced at Nine Partners is reflective of the famous samplers from both those schools. Over time, several identifiable styles of sampler were produced at Nine Partners and examples of all will be included in the exhibit.

The experience of the school was quite unlike that of any comparable institution of the time. It was run as a family, with a married couple at its head. It was their responsibility not only to administer the school and teach in it, but also to act as surrogate parents, for the school operated year-round, with no breaks. Quaker schools were concerned with the forma-

tion of character and the development of social responsibility in addition to the acquisition of academic skills.

These schools were maintained for the use of both sexes, an unusual, though not unique, circumstance for the era, which reflected the Quaker belief in equality of the sexes. Boys and girls were strictly separated. The building was divided into two parts, with separate quarters and classrooms, and attendance initially ranging from 90 to 140 "scholars" of ages seven through fifteen. Due to lack of students in later years, the school closed in 1846.

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## Late-game reliever Hueston Morrill shuts down hitters for Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades relief pitcher Hueston Morrill knows a thing or two about two-way players.

In just one dazzling defensive play, just over one year ago, this righty showed his infield experience hasn't left. Morrill nosedives off the mound, flips the ball to Josh Moylan, and nabs the runner just in time for a highlight clip worthy of a "Renegades Rewind" segment.

Known for his quick ball release, Morrill is one of the top arms called to hold a Hudson Valley lead. Although the Wilmington Blue Rocks handed Morrill this season's first record loss on May 29, the Renegades are 11-3 in games where he appears.

Morrill is one of four right-handed pitching prospects who, as undrafted free agents, were signed by the Yankees in 2022. Like current teammate Kyle Carr, he is etched in Renegades history as part of the third no-hitter in team history.

A true reliever, Morrill has not started a game since college and is best used in late-game situations. Opposing lefties hit just .156 against him, while

righties sit at .182. And if either faces Morrill in the ninth inning this season, they're hitting .077 (4.0 innings).

In 2019, Morrill, a first-year Oklahoma State University player, started 34 games at shortstop and hit .282 in the leadoff spot. It wasn't until 2021 that he saw time on the mound, with 3.2 innings under his belt in his debut season. By the end of his Cowboy career, he pitched 26.2 innings. In Morrill's final collegiate season, OSU earned a top seed in the NCAA baseball tournament and hosted the Stillwater Regional, but fell in the Regional Final.

Gainesville native Morrill was a standout pitcher and shortstop at Suwannee High School and was once ranked the #8 shortstop in the Sunshine State. Morrill joined the Renegades pitching staff in April 2024 after a successful stint in his home state with the Single-A Tampa Tarpons.

Nearly halfway through 2025, Morrill boasts a 2-1 record and a .87 earned run average (ERA) in 16 minor league appearances. In three innings over two appearances with Double-A Somerset Patriots, Morrill gave up two



Over nine May outings, Renegades relief pitcher Hueston Morrill has held batters to a .147 average, including those faced with Somerset. Photo by Dave Janosz

hits, one run, and three walks. Over nine May outings, Hueston held batters to a .147 average, including those faced with Somerset.

Atlanta Braves fan Morrill hasn't pitched against the Rome Braves (for-

merly Emperors) since last summer. But when they come to the Hudson Valley from July 22-27, Atlanta's High-A affiliate might be reminded why Morrill is a favorite arm to emerge from the bullpen.

### League Standings

| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH |    |    |      |      |     |      |
|-----------------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK |
| Brooklyn NYM                | 36 | 15 | .706 | -    | 8-2 | W6   |
| Greensboro PIT              | 34 | 16 | .680 | 1.5  | 7-3 | W1   |
| Hudson Valley NYY           | 31 | 19 | .620 | 4.5  | 5-5 | W1   |
| Wilmington WSH              | 21 | 30 | .412 | 15.0 | 5-5 | L1   |
| Aberdeen BAL                | 19 | 32 | .373 | 17.0 | 3-7 | L6   |
| Jersey Shore PHI            | 18 | 32 | .360 | 17.5 | 3-7 | W1   |

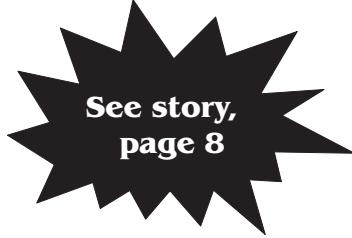
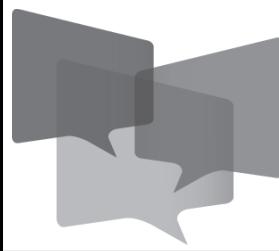
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|-----------------------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|------|
|                             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  | L10 | STRK |
| Bowling Green TB            | 27 | 23 | .540 | -   | 6-4 | L1   |
| Hub City TEX                | 27 | 24 | .529 | 0.5 | 6-4 | W1   |
| Rome ATL                    | 26 | 25 | .510 | 1.5 | 4-6 | W1   |
| Greenville BOS              | 25 | 26 | .490 | 2.5 | 7-3 | L1   |
| Asheville HOU               | 22 | 29 | .431 | 5.5 | 3-7 | L1   |
| Winston-Salem CWS           | 18 | 33 | .353 | 9.5 | 4-6 | L1   |

### HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES

#### Home Schedule

| June     |               |          |  |
|----------|---------------|----------|--|
| 06/10/25 | vs.Greenville | 06:35 PM | Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA  |
| 06/11/25 | vs.Greenville | 06:35 PM | Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery   |
| 06/12/25 | vs.Greenville | 06:35 PM | Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union |
| 06/13/25 | vs.Greenville | 07:05 PM | Dino Night Fireworks Friday  |
| 06/14/25 | vs.Greenville | 05:05 PM | Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggis Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38                      |
| 06/15/25 | vs.Greenville | 02:05 PM | Father's Day Sunday Family Funday  |
| July     |               |          |  |
| 07/01/25 | vs.Brooklyn   | 06:35 PM | 2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA  |
| 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   |





## Former Yankees' Star – Turned Musician & Wine Enthusiast – Bernie Williams Builds Relationship with Millbrook Winery

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## RENEGADES FEATURE

# Former Renegade, MLB Star John Jaso is now ‘at home’ sailing and exploring

By Morgan E. Maier

Peaceful, calm, leisurely. The many meanings of “lasai” in Basque are the language spoken by a people of the same name, across France and Spain.

When the New York Times published a February 2023 profile on former MLB player John Jaso, he was gearing up not for spring training, but to sail the French Riviera. Seeking a change of landscapes and consumption, John, who began his 14-year professional career as a Hudson Valley Renegade, traded first base for the ballast.

To John, it’s the peace he spoke of with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 2017. Teasing his retirement from baseball, he said, “I have a sailboat, so I just want to sail away.”

In 2003, John found himself on the opposite coast from his native California, playing for the Short-A Renegades (then affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays). That summer marked the first year of a 14-year professional baseball journey, a voyage that stretched coast to coast, north to south. A 2004 postseason All-Star, John was promoted to AA after hitting .302 for Hudson Valley and debuted for the Rays in 2008.

With two stints in Tampa Bay, a season with the Seattle Mariners, and a spell with the Pittsburgh Pirates, John’s career had a nautical pull, if only by name in the moment. Every road trip and hotel room overlooking breezy, billowy bodies of water brought him closer.

“Baseball also provided me the financial freedom and the early retirement to be able to live this lifestyle at such an early age,” said John. “I am forever grateful for that.”

Two monohull (sailboat) seasons later,

plus three on Lasai, John now spends the bulk of baseball season on the water. With prime sailing months now upon the European seas, he’s spending this summer in the Aegean Sea with his partner, Jayden, with whom he’s embarked on five journeys since 2021.

John and Jayden, both competitive athletes, are constantly on the move: diving, hiking, exploring. Jayden, a four-year collegiate volleyball player, twice led the Division-II Gulf Southern Coast in assists and led the country in average sets per game at the University of North Alabama.

Much planning goes into the itinerary. Fuel stops and groceries, necessities. Local cuisine and culture are next. Once they arrive at the destination, John and Jayden take any opportunity to explore landscapes, people, and islands in their entirety, from Venice to the Virgin Islands.

Even globetrotters have small-world moments. At a pizzeria in Antibes, France, a random celebrity sighting turned anonymity into a memorable encounter. As John’s ‘Hey, Kenny’ greeting reached the only soul in the parlor, jazz legend Kenny G showed pleasant surprise to be known by someone in the old coastal town. “It was cool to meet him in that setting,” John reminisces. “He inspired my short-lived saxophone career when I was nine.”

Knowing when to ride it out is key to success in sports and sailing. At sea, the victories are not in box scores, but bays. With wind and water acting as guides, Jayden feels a victory each time they touch down in a new destination, a feeling she compares to sports.

“You enter the game with a strategy, but things rarely go exactly as planned. You



Former MLB star John Jaso is pictured swinging with the Pittsburgh Pirates and aboard his catamaran with partner Jayden, a former collegiate volleyball player at the University of North Alabama. Courtesy photos

have to stay flexible, adapt your mindset, and shift your approach in real time to still reach your goal—a win,” she said.

Half of an athlete’s season is spent away from home. Sightseeing in MLB cities showed John what could lie beyond team hotels and baseball stadiums. It’s the learning, the appreciation for the greater world that comes with sailing that keeps their journey afloat.

As John and Jayden sailed the Mediterranean on their catamaran in 2024, Hurricane Beryl devastated the Caribbean nations they had visited just two years prior. Docked in Grenada’s Prickly Bay, the couple’s damaged monohull washed ashore with other vessels in the aftermath.

With functional kitchens, beds, and

room to house individuals who lost everything, the grounded boats in Prickly Bay were repurposed as a refuge for the hurricane victims. A glimmer of hope in a land ravaged by destruction.

“We have been through calm, serene paradise, and we have seen panic and scary situations...We love sailing, we love the lifestyle, and appreciate that we both have this opportunity to live it and discover more about ourselves through it all,” said John.

The world, and the people in it are designed for learning. Abroad, on the baseball field, land and sea, everywhere! Check out the local spot you haven’t made time to visit – better yet, find someone to ride the wave, and appreciate the beauty together.

## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Renegades at 31-19 after losing first series of season

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades returned to Heritage Financial Park to host the Wilmington Blue Rocks for the final week in May. After a bit of a slide in Winston-Salem, the Renegades closed out the first full month of baseball with a 14-13 record. This most recent homestand was not quite F.R.I.E.N.Dly to the Renegades, as they dropped their first series of the season.

No worries, Renegades fans! Hudson Valley still has players outshining these pesky May showers. With a 2-1 walkoff win on Sunday, the run support wasn’t quite there, but Hudson Valley salvaged 2-of-6 from Wilmington. Here are a few keys to an

otherwise average month of baseball.

**1. MVP - Carlos Lagrange** - After the May 27 opening game loss, Carlos Lagrange tossed a beauty in Wednesday’s matinee. After taking a no-hitter into the sixth inning, Lagrange fanned eight and gave up just three hits in 6.2 innings. With just four baserunners credited to Lagrange, the Renegades evened the series with a 7-1 win. His 64 strikeouts is third in the South Atlantic League, behind Wilmington’s Alex Clemmey and Aberdeen’s Trey Gibson, who each have 67.

**2. Rookie of the Week - Luis Durango** - Since his High-A debut on May 13, Luis Durango is hitting .353 in his fledgling Renegades career. As one of manager

James Cooper’s four left-handed options in the outfield, Durango adds an extra boost off the bench, with speed and a reliable bat. Pinch running for Anthony Hall on Sunday Durango scored on Jace Avina’s walkoff walk. He’ll come in handy on the days when his southpaw peers need a day off.

**3. Big Winner? - Mario Lisson**, manager of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. After dropping five in a row to the Renegades in their home stadium May 7-11, the Blue Rocks finally got a jump on their division rivals. In the return to Heritage Financial Park, Blue Rocks pitching held the home team to one run or fewer in three games. Under Lisson’s valiant leadership this week, Wilmington

improves to 6-13 against the Renegades this season.

**4. Last Laugh - Phew!!!!** The Renegades were three outs from losing five of six. A one-run loss in the finale? Not these ‘Gades. Undeterred from the 10th inning loss on May 29, Hueston Morrill improved to 3-1 with a scoreless Sunday outing.

What’s the best way to refresh from a few series’ skid? A visit to the Aberdeen IronBirds (19-32), of course! If you recall what was written a few weeks back about the ‘Birds player facilities, perhaps the Renegades (31-19) can get back on track with some much needed R&R.

# Former Yankees' star – turned musician & wine enthusiast – Bernie Williams builds relationship with Millbrook Winery

By Morgan E. Maier

It began with a mystery motorcyclist zipping through the Hudson Valley's back roads. As Millbrook Winery owner David Bova discovered the identity of the wine enthusiast in front of him, a harmony based in community and identity was soon to follow.

A handful of summers removed from that encounter, Bernie Williams has proven to a master of swings and strings. From a performing arts school in Puerto Rico to baseball in the Bronx, he has brought his tune to the Millbrook Winery for the last three summers. Williams, along with his Band of Friends, will perform a set on Millbrook's Winery's grounds on June 28, a night of programming to benefit the Dutchess Community College (DCC) music program.

For those who care to know his favorite Yankees head coach, Williams will share, but his concerts are best spent to enjoy a glass of well-made vino and spend an evening with the sounds of jazz.

Featuring an ensemble band of DCC students as the opening act, this event offers an opportunity to engage with Williams as sounds of jazz fill the open air. Grab a bite, grab a chair, and bring a friend to enjoy an evening which, according to Williams, often stretches until dark.

In partnership with the Dutchess Community College Foundation, \$10 from each ticket sale will be placed back into the music program. Limited quantities of VIP tickets, including a bottle of

"Bernie's Blend," open wine bar and meet and greet with Williams, are on sale. Lawn tickets will be reserved – for best experience, bring your own chairs!

Williams' guitar pairs quite well with a glass of full-bodied, locally made wine. Bernie's Blend, created by Williams and Milbrook winemaker Ian Bearup, has been an artistic endeavor since that destined meeting in 2021. This evening will also debut three batches blended by Williams himself: a 2022 vintage blending Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc; the Chardonnay created in 2023; and Pinot Noir varietals from 2021.

"When it comes to the blending of the flavors and the aromatics, that's when the art really comes in. So we were able to connect on that level, and then kind of take it from there" said Bearup.

A partnership that began with Bearup's eagerness to see Williams' artistic side has evolved over the years. As palettes change, percentages and flavor profiles follow suit. Like music, a minor adjustment to elevate a blend of notes.

Like Williams' music, the beauty of winemaking is in the details -the minor adjustments to elevate a blend of notes.

Time with Bernie and his guitar is a moment shared with longtime friends. Whether one met Williams through his debut album "The Journey Within" (2003), or #51 was your grandfather's favorite ballplayer in the '90s, the music begets memories.

His on-field talents and adoration-

inducing personality are matched evenly with his on-stage appeal and personable. Deeply ingrained in his being since childhood, music was an escape from the bright lights of baseball. Outside of passion, opportunities for improvement offers Williams a different perspective on his music.

"It takes a lot of the work to make it good, and that's one of the things that I find fascinating. Baseball, I kind of know my limitations. Music, on the other hand, I don't know how good I'll get," said Williams. He is ever-growing in his musical journey, constantly practicing, always listening to music. All types of music, too, because Williams is more than just a jazz person.

DCC music students Jevaughn Brown and Pedro Velez de Assis joined Williams for a short set at Hyde Park's Inn at Bellefield, to preview the June 28 festivities. The trio blended their individual notes through the setlist curated by Brown, which included the Bill Withers/"Just the Two of Us" and Williams' original composition "Desvellado."

As Williams calls on his childhood swirling with music, a deep sense of identity is felt with the trio's every chord.

"We are three men of color, all from different countries, that have found a community here and are doing our best to uplift it," said Velez de Assis.

Once the audience joined the chorus of the finale, "Take Me Out to the



Bernie Williams' guitar pairs quite well with a glass of locally made wine. Bernie's Blend, created by Williams and Milbrook Winery's Ian Bearup, has been an artistic endeavor since 2021. Courtesy photo

Ballgame," the most seasoned baseball veterans could have shed a tear. The music fills a room, a silence at a table, yet each note makes both seem smaller.

"Music as a whole, it's very powerful. It's the healing power of music: to get you out of a bad mood, to pump you up working out, to inspire you when you feel down," Williams said.

Summer afternoons at Millbrook spent with Williams often stretch to the nighttime, an opportunity to dance, enjoy some food and good wine, and feel inspired under the stars.

## GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

# Improving one's understanding and skill in math

By Irvin M. Miller, Ph.D.

Math education is a work in progress. Few truly understand mathematics. For that matter, the foundations of mathematics are just accepted by observation; yet, we can build a structure on top of that foundation that is both beautiful and amazing. The challenge for our educational system is to teach math so that we can build upon what we were taught -- for ourselves. It all starts with respectfully challenging what we are taught.

Somewhere in time, mathematicians decided to explain their observations of the number zero as being nothing because  $0+5=5$ . As a result of being nothing, it had no sign and was uniquely thought as a place holder. By challenging this concept by noting that if  $1 \times 5=5$ , you conclude that 1 must be nothing. Our education system picked up on this by deciding that 0 is the identity element for addition and that 1 is the identity element for multiplication. Noted mathematicians in the video "Zero to infinity" apparently did not pick up on this

progress in mathematics. Without going into the mathematical proof, I can tell you that zero is the identity element because of its position on the number line. From this we can conclude that zero does have a sign and that it has a better use other than that as a place holder.

I have studied many math you-tubes by amateurs and qualified mathematicians to draw the observations that I have just stated. There are many things that we are taught incorrectly or not taught. For example, we are taught that we cannot find the logarithm of a negative number. On most of the you-tubes that I have watched, the authors only solve half the problem because they did not know that you can find the logarithm of a negative number.

We have not been shown how to raise a number to a decimal power, yet building upon what we have been taught, we can. I watch a renowned math teacher dance around that problem without ever showing how to do it.

So, how do we progress further and faster in math education. I have used the

approach of finding a simpler, more accurate and faster way of doing a problem. Let us look at the development of multiplication in the past decade.

In order to allow children to do multiplication with less mistakes, the lattice method was introduced. There were two problems you had to spend time drawing a grid and it was difficult to add with the numbers along an angle. It worked fine for a two digit by two digit multiplication, but became exponentially more cumbersome and error prone for longer multiplications.

More recently, the area method was introduced to help children understand the distributive property. It is not clear to me whether they learned the distributive property, but the area method grew exponentially more cumbersome than the lattice method. However, by not using a grid (a geometric approach) and limiting to a  $2 \times 2$  multiplication (algebraic approach), the area method becomes extremely powerful. For example, it can be used as follows:  $(20+4)(30+5)$  or  $(12300+123)(12300+123)$  using the traditional method to do the multiplications for  $123 \times 123$ . This allowed students to do  $18 \times 18$  digit multiplication.

What does one do for a  $48 \times 48$  multiplication? It requires using what I call a binary/ distributive method. For a  $384 \times 384$  multiplication, we have to go to a repeating decimal approach.

Most children have great difficulty doing  $5 \times 5$  digit multiplication. So what is the significance of learning to do unbelievably long multiplications? First it shows the need for better understanding the application of distributive, commutative,

associative properties, and number structure. As important, it teaches the children how to layout a problem and develop techniques for checking your work. The process from going to trivial multiplications to seemingly impossible multiplications develops the creative process for building upon what you learn.

Does this effectively build upon what our students are currently learning? This method has been used to teach children in 4th and 5th grade classes to do  $18 \times 18$  digit. The more advance version has been used to teach children in an enriched math course to do  $48 \times 48$  digit multiplication in under 10 minutes and to do  $96 \times 96$  digit multiplications in under 20 minutes. Some students on their own have been doing  $192 \times 192$  and  $384 \times 384$  digits. In doing this work these students generated lots of excitement in their regular classes.

The most powerful person for a student to be motivated to learn is a parent who takes an interest in his/her math notes and homework.

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# Over 80 quilts, vendors and speakers lead return of Dutchess Heritage Show

By Kaeleigh Banda

Colorful quilts, each with a story of their own, will be on display at the upcoming Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show.

Quilts and their makers from across Dutchess County and beyond are joining together from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 13; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds horticulture building. At the show, there will be over 80 quilts on display and various vendors, raffles and two featured speakers.

The first Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show was held in 1983. The show ran all the way up until the show in 2020, which was shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. After over five years, Tara Reilly, Holly Harvey and Meegan Veeder-Shave – quilters and members of the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show creative team – wanted to bring the show back.

"The three of us have been working for almost two years on trying to find a location, get speakers lined up and judges and ribbons," Veeder-Shave said. "It's very interesting all that goes into a quilt show."

Quilt submissions were open to everyone regardless of quilting level. Veeder-Shave said this year's show caters to every level of quilter.

"A lot of women come and talk about quilts with other quilters and they come for ideas," Veeder-Shave said. "We also

have an education table where they're going to be teaching a couple of different techniques for people to learn."

As part of the educational aspect of the show, two quilters will be speaking about different facets of quilting. On June 13, Lynn Kane, a quilter from the Albany area, will be speaking at 10:30 a.m. about the history of quilting and at 2:30 p.m. about finishes to quilts. On June 14, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill, founder of online quilting store Whole Circle Studio, will be speaking at 10 a.m. about color theory and at 2 p.m. about machine quilting.

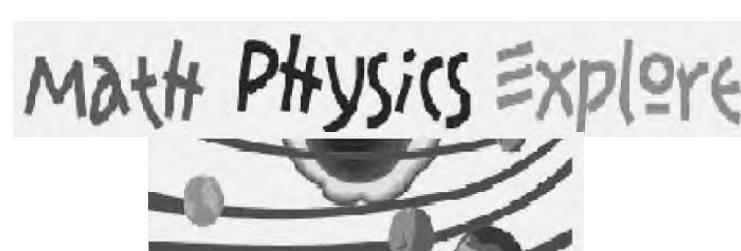
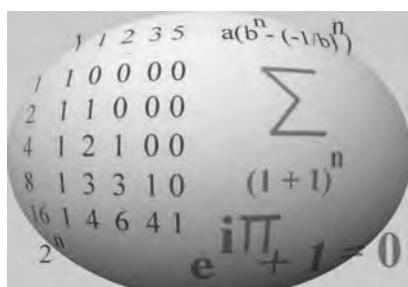
Veeder-Shave said she taught her children how to quilt when they were young because she does not want the art of quilting to get lost in future generations.

"[Quilting] is a way to hang on to the past while moving into the future," Veeder-Shave said. "If you give up the quilt shows or don't expose people to quilting, they will never try it and they're going to be missing out on a way to make connections, whether it's their grandfather's ties ... or grandma's aprons. It's a memory quilt."

A quilt that was made by 19 women that were part of the first Dutchess Quilters will be the raffle quilt for the show. Tickets for the quilt can be purchased on both days of the show and a winner will be announced in the afternoon of June 14. The quilt is entirely hand done and hand quilted. Admission into the show is \$10 per person.



A quilt that was made by 19 women that were part of the first Dutchess Quilters will be the raffle quilt for the Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show set June 13, 14 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Courtesy photo



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# Creative Living

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## N. Dutchess Symphony Orchestra presents 'Music of the Knights'

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) will present its season finale, "Music of the Knights," on Saturday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center at Red Hook High School. The concert will celebrate the songs of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney: three iconic British musicians knighted for their contributions to the world of music.

Audiences can expect to hear timeless selections including Elton John's anthemic "Circle of Life" from The Lion King, "Crocodile Rock," and "Your Song"; Paul McCartney's heartfelt "Maybe I'm Amazed" and "Hey Jude"; and iconic pieces from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals such as "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

"Music of the Knights" has been performed at 54 Below in New York City and across the country, and now it's mak-

ing its way to Dutchess County. Created by Scott Coulter, one of New York's most celebrated cabaret performers, directors, and musical arrangers, the program will be performed by a cast of Broadway talent, whose combined credits include hit productions like "Hamilton," "Les Misérables," "The Lion King," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and "The Cher Show."

Featured performers for this show are vocalists Blaine Alden Krauss and Kelli Rabke, and pianist John Boswell.

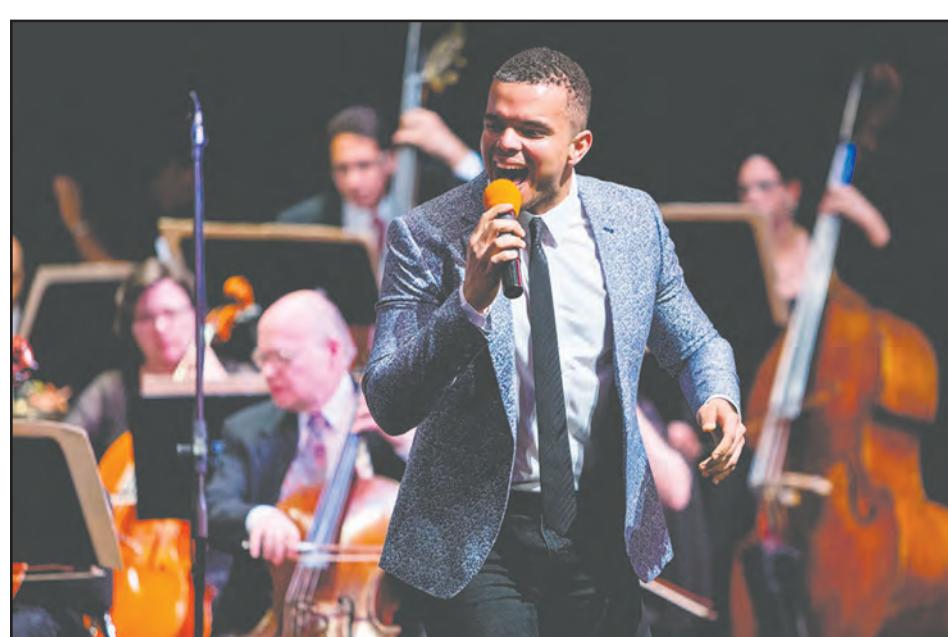
Tickets are \$38 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. A Family Package, for one adult and two students, is available for \$40.

The Performing Arts Center at Red Hook High School is at 103 W Market St., Red Hook.

For further details about the concert and to purchase tickets, visit [www.ndsorchestra.org](http://www.ndsorchestra.org) or call (845) 445-9606.



Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra's June 14 concert, "Music of the Knights," will celebrate the songs of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney. The program features vocalist Kelli Rabke, pianist John Boswell (both above) and vocalist Blaine Alden Krauss (left). Courtesy photos

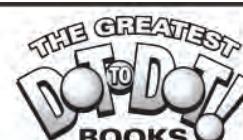


Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. Now in its nineteenth season, the orchestra offers the best possible live performances of classical music at family-affordable prices. Since the beginning, the orchestra has been under the dedicated leadership of Kathleen Beckmann, who serves as both conductor and artistic director.

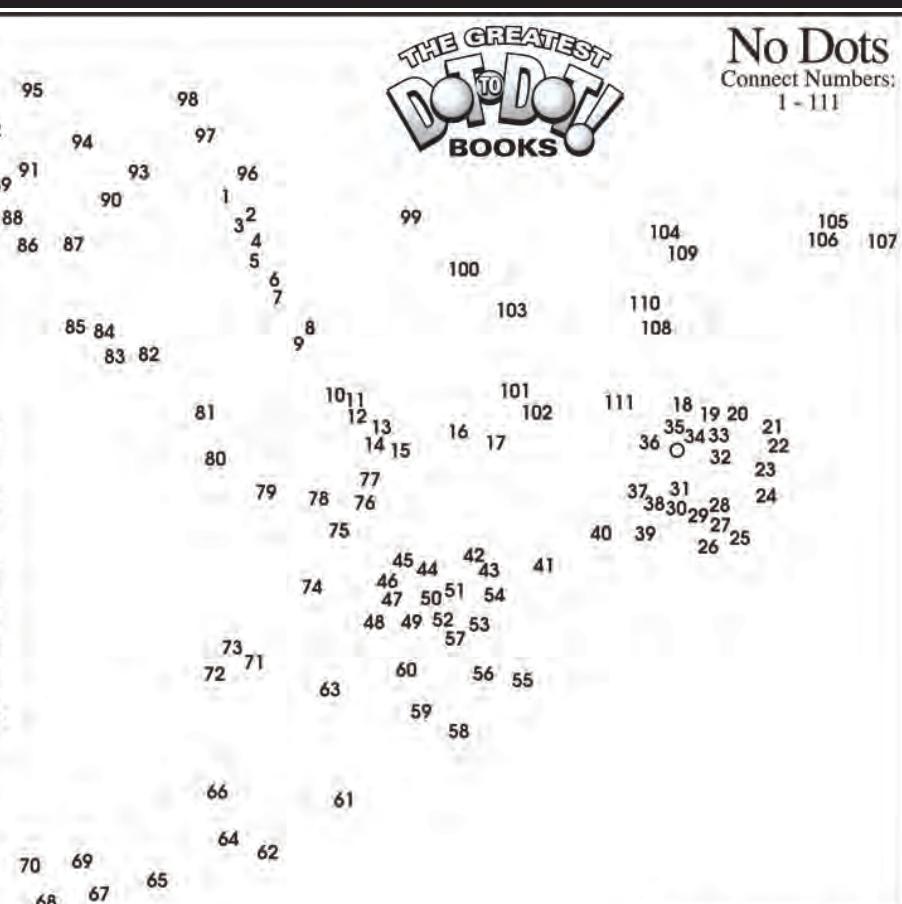
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# Farmers First

New York is rooting for family farms.

Does the federal government care about farmers? I know some farmers who are starting to wonder if President Trump is trying to put them out of business. For example, Sam Filler, executive director of the N.Y. Wine and Grape Foundation, told me that the Canadian boycott of U.S. wines is clobbering local wineries. Grants for small farmers, especially those who sell to food banks, have been paused or rescinded. The tariff situation is a wet blanket across the agriculture sector, which exports \$179 billion of products in a year. RFK Jr. is looking to ban vegetable oil. Not to mention the attempt to deport seven million farm workers.

Now it seems like U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins wants to make nice. On May 19, she issued a 14-page report, titled "Farmers First," that seeks to reassure farmers that the government cares about them.

"It is family farms ... that sustain and preserve the American way of life. The defense of the family farm is a defense of everything America has been – and everything we will be. It is my privilege to come to their defense," Rollins writes in the introduction. She goes on to outline the federal programs aimed at helping small farms:

- **Access to credit** – Loans and loan guarantees for producers who are unable to obtain loans at commercial institutions.

- **Access to farmland** – Financial assistance for purchasing easements or deed restrictions to keep good land forever in agriculture. This could help outfits like Scenic Hudson, who already utilizes state and local funds, to preserve more farmland. Also, the federal government is trying to "disincentivize" the construction of solar panels on productive farmland.

- **Transitioning to the next generation** – Calls on Congress not to increase the inheritance tax for farmers.

- **Access to markets** – Prioritize local farmers in institutional and public food procurement policies.

- **Affordable and reliable labor** – Work with the Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security to

address the critical issue of labor access for agricultural producers.

I visited New York Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball in Albany to get his reaction to the Farmers First Initiative. I wanted to know if or how this would help New York farmers.

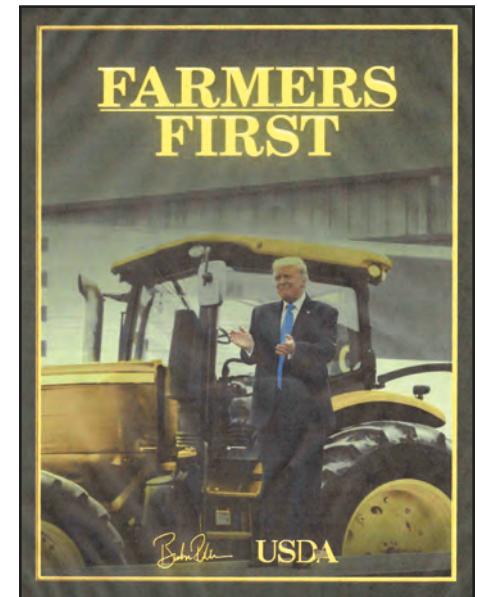
"They're talking about the right subjects," Ball says, which is evidently why he calls the report "very encouraging." The paragraph about affordable and reliable labor leaves the commissioner "hopeful" that at last a solution to the farm labor dilemma is on the horizon. The report is aimed at helping "small family farms," defined as a farm with total annual sales below \$350,000. Ball points out that in New York State, a farm that small would probably have no hired help, which would render the labor discussion moot.

It turns out that, although Secretary Rollins spent 100 days traveling the nation and "visiting directly with hundreds of farmers," she never made it to New York.

Of particular interest is the push to prioritize local farmers in institutional and public food procurement policies. Didn't the administration just "pause" a lot of these programs, which were funded by federal grants? It turns out that most of these types of programs are funded by New York State, which runs its own programs to help local farms. Commissioner Ball is especially proud of Nourish New York, which reroutes surplus agricultural products to populations who need them. Also, the "30% initiative" encourages schools to source at least 30% of their food from N.Y. farms. One school in Sullivan county is up to 70%.

Our state government spends \$1.5 billion annually on food for offices and prisons. To include more local products in the mix, it's not just about monetary incentives. Some of the purchasing managers don't even think about local producers when they're buying, for example potatoes. Commissioner Ball calls it "connecting the dots."

It seems that, with Ball, Governor



NYS Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball. Courtesy photo. The cover of the "Farmers First" report from the US Department of Agriculture. Courtesy image

Hochul, and the people of New York all rooting for family farms, we're doing well, thank you very much.

Commissioner Ball, who is a farmer himself – he operates Schoharie Valley Farms with his daughter Taylor – says he

"wouldn't want to farm anywhere else but New York."

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

## Mid-Hudson Libraries launches new mobile app

The Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) has just launched a new Mid-Hudson Libraries mobile app designed to streamline library services from your mobile device, making it easier for library users to access resources, manage their accounts, and stay updated about library events. With user-friendly features and seamless integration, the MHLS Mobile App is set to transform the way communities connect with their libraries in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster counties.

Features of the new app include:

- Store your library card barcode digitally and use the app to scan your barcode at a participating library
- Push notifications for library news and alerts
- In-app (and soon push) notifications for holds, items due soon, overdue, and account expiration

- Scan any book to see if the libraries have a copy
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- Reading tracker feature
- Quick links to digital library services like Libby, Transparent Language, and JobNow
- Find nearby libraries and their hours with links to navigation
- Use the app to navigate the Mid-Hudson Library System Road Trip around all 66 libraries – souvenirs available this summer!

The new Mid-Hudson Libraries mobile app is available now in both Apple and Android app stores – search for "Mid-Hudson Libraries."

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# Plant Sale success, community service and more

By Felice Gelman  
and Nancy Bendiner

On Saturday, May 17, at the Old Dutch Village Garden Club's (ODVGC) annual plant sale at Veterans Park in Red Hook, tens of new gardeners and many well established gardeners were able to add to their landscape with a great selection of hardy perennials at bargain prices. A fundraiser for the club, it is also a service to the community – providing very affordable perennial plants for everyone. Over the three-hour sale period, hundreds of plant buyers came to find plants to add to their gardens.

The ODVGC's May plant sale is a long-held tradition so, although the sale opens at 9 a.m., at least 50 people were lined up well in advance, hoping to find that special perennial or shrub.

Each year, members of the club gather donations of plants from gardens in our area beginning in mid-April. Many people with established gardens want to remove plants or cut them back. They call garden club member and chief organizer of the plant sale, Linda Lawson, and garden club members come to those established gardens to dig them out. Others do the digging themselves and donate them to the club.

In all, this year's sale featured 1,200 perennials, berry bushes, trees and shrubs on 6 trailers – 116 different varieties – all well adapted to our area's growing conditions. The donated plants are repotted well in advance to give them a good start in their new homes.

In addition to plants, buyers browsed a yard sale of gently used, well priced garden equipment – pottery planters, wooden trellis, tomato ladders, hose nozzles and more. And plant buyers were able to buy raffle tickets for a very large basket of garden tools and supplies – many donated by local businesses. More than 400 raffle tickets were sold; and the

happy winner was able to take her treasures home on the day.

The annual plant sale raises funds for the garden club and its commitment to community service. The club maintains a garden with both perennials and annuals in the Veterans Park and has recently replaced the fencing and arbor and brought electricity and water to the garden. In addition, the club decorates in the village for Hardscrabble Day and the winter holidays, purchases and plants trees around the village, and provides a scholarship to a graduating senior at Red Hook High School.

Monthly presentations on various facets of the plant world are planned for meetings throughout the year. In May, the club heard from master gardener Kathryn Lazar, whose subject was "Gardening for Baby Boomers and Newbies." She had lots of advice on how to garden more enjoyably, efficiently and productively. Lazar advised beginning with a master plan using a pencil and graph paper. Pace off your house and property, add the existing plantings and, importantly, observe and note the patterns of sun and shade throughout the day. Decide what in your garden geography is manageable and be realistic about what you can do, how long you can stand or bend, etc. Keep a cellphone handy in case you need to call for help. Don't forget to hydrate and take breaks. Substitute easy maintenance plants for those that require a lot of care. Prioritize what you enjoy.

June's meeting will feature a presentation from the famous Battenfeld Farm – tree and anemone growers.

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m., except July and August, usually at St. Johns Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. (Check The Old Dutch Village Garden Club on Facebook for up-to-date information).



Early birds line up for the Old Dutch Village Garden Club Plant Sale, held May 17. Below: A trailer full of ground covers. Photos by Felice Gelman



## GARDEN TALKS SET AT BEATRIX FARRAND GARDEN IN JUNE

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will host series of free garden talks on Saturdays in June. The talks will take place from 11 a.m. to noon in the Beatrix Farrand Garden, located at the FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park.

The Beliefield Garden Talks series is made possible by a grant from the Maurice D. Hinckley Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Talks are free and open to the public by reservation: [www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org](http://www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org)

The schedule:

- June 7: "Designing Gardens with Peonies," Kathleen Gagan, owner, Peony's Envy;
- June 14: "Our Relationship with Fungi," Luke Sarrantonio, founder, Mycophillic;
- June 21: "Fragrant Native Plants," Ashley Gamell, landscape designer;
- June 28: "Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk," Dina Falconi, author and educator.



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# 'Lively Flourishes' exhibition to open June 6 at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Project will present "Lively Flourishes," the fourth exhibition of its inaugural season, starting June 6 at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. Curated by Sharon Bates, "Lively Flourishes" features the work of Ben Pederson and Joy Taylor, two multi-disciplinary artists whose practices traverse a range of materials with playful rigor and precision. The exhibition will run from June 6 to July 5, with an opening reception on Friday, June 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

United by their use of lively forms and intricately rendered patterns, Pederson and Taylor evoke a sense of movement and vitality, with each piece a flourish in form and spirit.

Taylor's paintings, sparkling detail, daring composition, and luminous color reflect the power of natural forces. The paintings create a world that defies traditional still life, which seeks to isolate, tame, and order the flora of the world around us. In Taylor's work, life is never still. It is exuberant, irrepressible, at times disconcerting, and even dangerous in its boldness.

Pederson's sculptural works conjure dreamlike, non-terrestrial realms populated by alien glyphs, devotional shrines, and biomorphic entities. Emerging through a deeply intuitive process, these forms channel both interior states and imagined cosmologies. With an emphasis on curiosity, Pederson's works resist resolution, instead inviting viewers into their unfolding mystery—spaces where the familiar slips into the unfamiliar, and where each flourish suggests life growing in new, otherworldly directions.

As an expansion of their relationship and a commitment to support the visual arts in the community, Millbrook Library and Millbrook Arts Group have established Millbrook Arts Project, a community arts space, in the library's newly renovated gallery. This partnership provides opportunities for visual artists to exhibit their work and enhances the experience of visual art in Millbrook and the surrounding communities.

For more information about the Millbrook Arts Project and a list of upcoming exhibits, visit <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>.

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## 'Karaoke Killer' on the loose in Copake



Constance Lopez and Mark Leinung perform in "Karaoke Killer," a dinner theater murder mystery set June 6 in Copake. Courtesy photo

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, will present "Karaoke Killer" in collaboration with Our Lady Of Hope Parish. This dinner theater murder mystery thriller is set Friday, June 6, at Our Lady Of Hope Parish Hall, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for dinner and show are \$25 for adults 12 and up. For reservations, write to [olhfaithformation.dre@yahoo.com](mailto:olhfaithformation.dre@yahoo.com) or call (518) 755-9763.

With "Karaoke Killer," the Our Lady Of Hope Parish has become the latest stop on the National Karaoke Hall of Fame tour. Come on down to the infamous Pink Flamingo Nightclub, hosted by club owner and local impresario "Pinki" Zaloosa and her ever popular bartender Jack Daniels, for a great

evening. Celebrities of the karaoke universe are coming from far and wide for a stellar evening of singing to the best of karaoke's hits.

A karaoke competition brings out the best and worst in people. The best can be something as simple as a gracious applause for the context winner. The worst? Well, let's just say that the contestants in this contest will do anything to win: Undermine the success of others, deliberately plot someone's downfall, pay off a judge or two, or even commit murder.

Before the evening is over, someone else will be ruthlessly murdered, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the murder and motive.



From left: "Symmetry I" by Joy Taylor, 2024. "Those Mountains Inside" by Ben Pederson, 2025. These and other works by Taylor and Pederson are featured in The Millbrook Art Project's upcoming exhibition, "Lively Flourishes," opening June 6 at the Millbrook Library. Courtesy images

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**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Five new art exhibitions. Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is a photographic display by Jim Smith, Jr. At 12 Vassar St., the works of Kate Masters, Sylvia Mueller, and Jacqueline Oster of the CIRCLE24collective are featured in the Reception Gallery; and Mari Keeler Cornwell presents her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: [cunneenhackett.org](http://cunneenhackett.org)

Mari Keeler's "Cornwell"

"The High Life" by Jacqueline Oster

**Darryl's Boutique**, 18A Market St., Rhinebeck. "Keep Your Vibration High," an exhibit of paintings by Theresa Corrigan. (845) 876-8800

**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center**, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 17:** "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues," exhibition that explores the art and myths of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began 200 years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains: a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Also on view: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley," installation related to "Great Green Hope" by Vassar student Harrison Brisson-McKinnon '26; and the second, "Water/Bodies: Sa'dia Rehman." (845) 437-5632 or [https://www.vassar.edu/thelob](http://www.vassar.edu/thelob)

**Kleinert/James Center for the Arts**, 36 Tinker St., Woodstock. **June 7-July 20:** "Andrew Lyght | Touch Wood," curated by Osi Audu, featuring the constructed paintings of Andrew Lyght. **Opening reception for the artist:** Sat., June 7, 4-6 p.m. [www.woodstockguild.org](http://www.woodstockguild.org)

**Millbrook Arts Project**, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **June 6-July 5:** "Lively Flourishes," works by Ben Pederson and Joy Taylor, two multidisciplinary artists whose practices traverse a range of materials with playful rigor and precision. **Opening reception:** Fri., June 6, 6-7:30 p.m. (845) 677-3611 or [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

**Millbrook Vineyards & Winery**, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 9:** "Art in the Loft," a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring the work 16 Arts Mid-Hudson member artists. On view daily, noon-5 p.m. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. [https://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft](http://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft)

**Morton Memorial Library**, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **June 6-28:** "The Diner Project - Discovering a Time Past but not Forgotten," photographs by Andrew Mark Satter. **Opening reception & book signing:** Fri., June 6, 5-7 p.m. (845) 876-2903

**Taste Budd's Cafe**, 40 W. Market St., Red Hook. **Through June 15:** I-Station art students present an installation on "Love," Enchanting abstract sculptural forms hang from above. Upon the wall are watercolors and drawings on the same subject, some painted with coffee and various teas, in keeping with the cafe theme. [istationstudio3@gmail.com](mailto:istationstudio3@gmail.com) or (646) 306-2520.

**Thomas Cole National Historic Site**, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** "EMILY COLE: Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses," placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMaggio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. [www.thomascole.org](http://www.thomascole.org)

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# Funny Days in Beacon: Three comedians at Towne Crier in June



Clockwise from top left: Comedians Michael Ian Black, Chloe Radcliffe and Gary Vider will perform at the Towne Crier in Beacon this month. Courtesy photos

Funny Days is a new stand-up comedy lineup taking place this month at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon. The curated lineup features some of the best comedians in America, and they all have witty and clever new jokes.

Michael Ian Black performs on Sunday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. Black is an actor, writer, and comedian who began his career with the legendary sketch comedy troupe, The State. He has co-created and starred in several television shows. As a stand-up comedian, Michael has released several albums and specials.

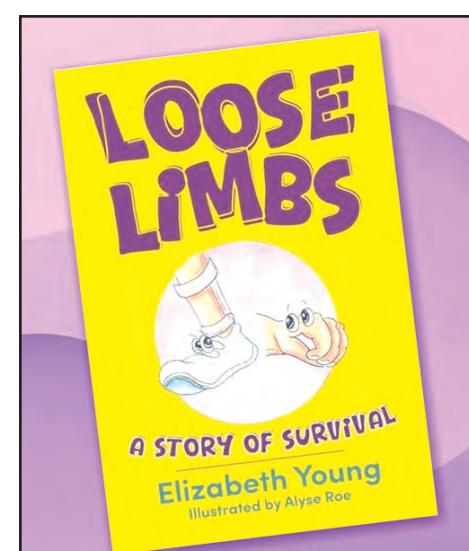
Gary Vider will perform a Father's Day Special on Sunday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Vider is a New York City-based comedian who has made a name for himself in the national comedy scene. Gary's stand-up special "It Could Be Worse" recently premiered on his YouTube channel.

nel. His subtle style of humor took him all the way to the finals on season 10 of "America's Got Talent."

Chloe Radcliffe wraps up the "Funny Days" series on Friday, June 20, at 8:30 p.m. Radcliffe is an NYC-based stand-up comedian, actor, and writer. In 2024, she was named to both Deadline's 15 Comedians Ready To Break Out in 2025 and Vulture's Comedians You Should and Will Know. Her one-woman-show, CHEAT, about her history of serially cheating in relationships, led The New York Times' recommendations for the 2024 New York Comedy Festival, with the Times calling it "a new take on an old subject, while delivering hard-hitting punchlines."

More information about these shows and tickets are at [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com); follow @Funnydaysinbeacon on Instagram for updates.

## Local author launches debut book June 6-7



Elizabeth Young (pictured), based in Rhinebeck, presents her debut book, "Loose Limbs: a story of survival," the story of a young girl named Maddie who masters healing, perseverance and will to overcome an unexpected accident in her childhood. A short story with gentle illustrations, Young creates a fictional setting that imparts themes of strength, sadness, loneliness, social acceptance and - above all - survival. Young will launch her book at two events this weekend: on Friday, June 6, at 6 p.m., at Tivoli Artists Gallery, Tivoli; and on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Esopus Community Day in Port Ewen. Events are free; books will be available for purchase (cash or credit card). Visit [looselimbs.com](http://looselimbs.com) for more information. Images courtesy Elizabeth Young

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## A & E CALENDAR

**June 5:** Author Event, Oblong Books, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Shelley Read ("Go As A River") in conversation with editor Cindy Spiegel, 6 p.m. Free. Registration requested. (845) 876-0500, events@oblongbooks.com

**June 6: Fleeting Inventions,** Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Clarinetist, curator and "musical detective" Graeme Steele Johnson returns to spotlight his instrument's history in the hands of master composers and performers, from Mozart to the "King of Swing" to the present day, 7 p.m. Tickets \$45-\$55. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

**June 6: "Karaoke Killer" Dinner Theater Murder Mystery,** Our Lady Of Hope Parish Hall, 8074 State Rte. 22, Copake Falls. The Two Of Us Productions, in collaboration with Our Lady Of Hope Parish, presents this dinner theater murder mystery thriller. A karaoke competition brings out the best and worst in people. The best can be something as simple as a gracious applause for the context winner. The worst? Well, let's just say that the contestants in this contest will do anything to win - even commit murder. Before the evening is over, someone else will be ruthlessly murdered, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the murder and motive. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner & show are \$25 for adults 12 and up. For reservations, write to olhfaithformation-dre@yahoo.com or call (518) 755-9763.

**June 6-8: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe,** 379 Main St., Beacon. June 6: Willie Nile Band, 8:30 P.M. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. June 7: The American Pink Floyd Show, 8:30 P.M. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. June 8: Comedian Michael Ian Black, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$45 advance, \$50 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

**June 6-22: Fairy Houses at Locust Grove,** 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. The event, formerly known as Fairy House Hunt, features whimsical fairy houses and gnome homes. Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Last ticket entry at 2 p.m. Advance tickets: \$12 per person (adults and children ages 4 and older). Children under 4 are free. Tickets \$15 at the door, if available. www.lgny.org

**June 6-29: "The Wizard of Oz,"** The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the Royal Shakespeare Company adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz," directed by Hannah Corneau. The production follows Dorothy on her journey through Oz, meeting characters like the Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Glinda, and the Wicked Witch. Featuring memorable songs and magical moments, this family-friendly show offers a new level of excitement while hon-

oring the original movie's spirit. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

**June 6-Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series,** Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Payne's Grey Sky, American roots band from Kingston. More info on the Facebook event page.

**June 7: Ars Choralis,** Overlook United Methodist Church, 233 Tinker St., Woodstock. "Sixty Years of Song: A Celebration," a free concert offered as a gift to the community, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Ars Choralis, 6 p.m. Going into the archives, Ars Choralis will feature a musical retrospective from past performances. Donations accepted to support Woodstock food pantries and soup kitchens. Reservations required via arschoralis.org.

**June 7: Community Dance Party with Hillbilly Parade,** Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Hillbilly Parade is a pop-rock country party band, \$10. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

**June 7: Driftwood Chorus,** Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. The chorus presents its Spring Season Concert, 2 p.m. Suggested donation \$15/person, \$25/family (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). All proceeds will support the library. (845) 876-2903

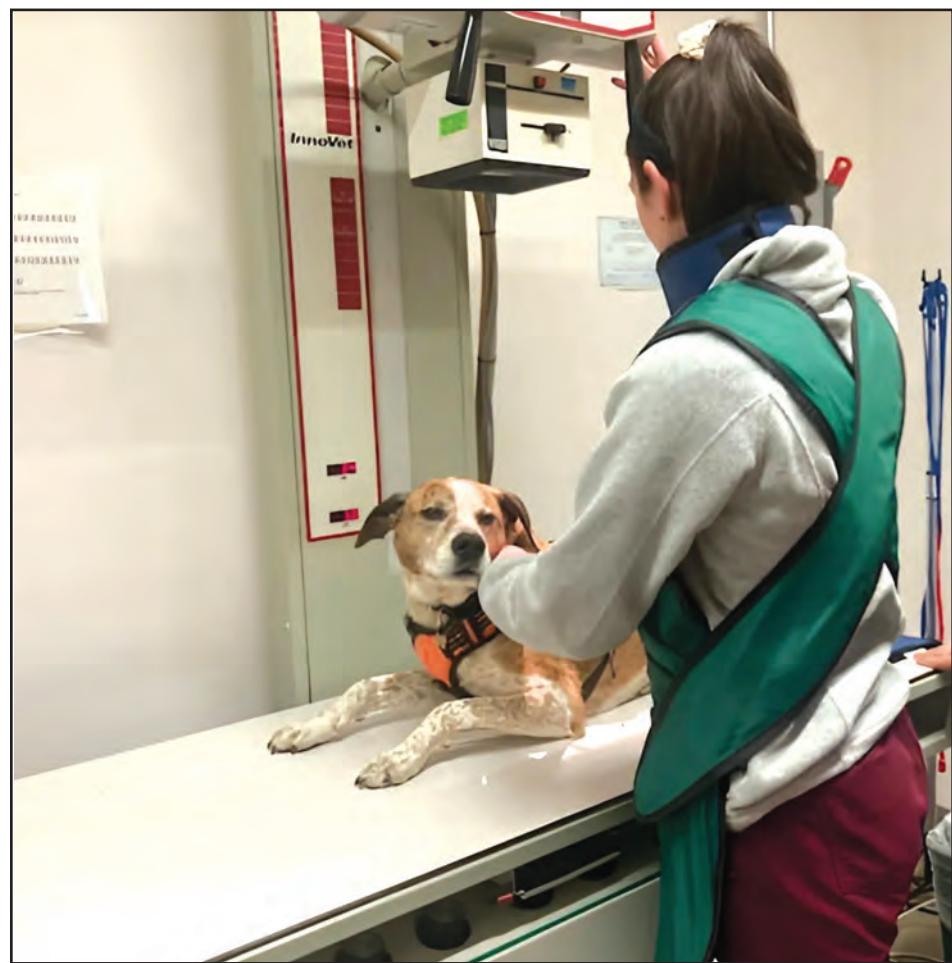
**June 7: The Slambovian Circus of Dreams,** The Falcon, 1348 Rte. 9W, Marlboro. Americana art-rock, 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations: 845-236-7970 or www.liveatthefalcon.com/reservations

**June 8: Free Acoustic Concerts on the Lawn,** Beatrix Farrand Garden, FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. This week: Callie Mackenzie, acoustic soul, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Reservations required via BeatrixFarrandGarden.org.

**June 10: Local Author Event,** Oblong Books, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Gail Straub, ("Home Inside The Globe: Embracing Our Human Family") in conversation with Omega's Carla Goldstein, 6 p.m. Free. Registration requested. (845) 876-0500, events@oblongbooks.com

**June 11: Music in the Parks,** Staatsburg State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburg SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: Weekend at Bernie's. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

## DCSPCA gets new X-ray machine



The Dutchess County SPCA recently installed its new digital X-ray machine, made possible with donations. Courtesy photo

ever before.' Through the generosity of donors, the Dutchess County SPCA has officially installed its brand-new digital X-ray machine. According to Development Director Aubrey Fitzpatrick, "This incredible upgrade is already making a real difference. With faster image processing, improved clarity, and reduced radiation exposure, we can now diagnose and treat animals in critical condition more quickly, safely, and effectively than

The new equipment allows the shelter to provide timely, critical care to animals in need, exactly when they need it, whether the animal is a stray with an injury or that comes to a public clinic with an illness.

"Hundreds of animals a year will directly benefit from this technology, and it's all thanks to you," said Fitzpatrick.

Visit [www.dcspeca.org](http://www.dcspeca.org) to learn more.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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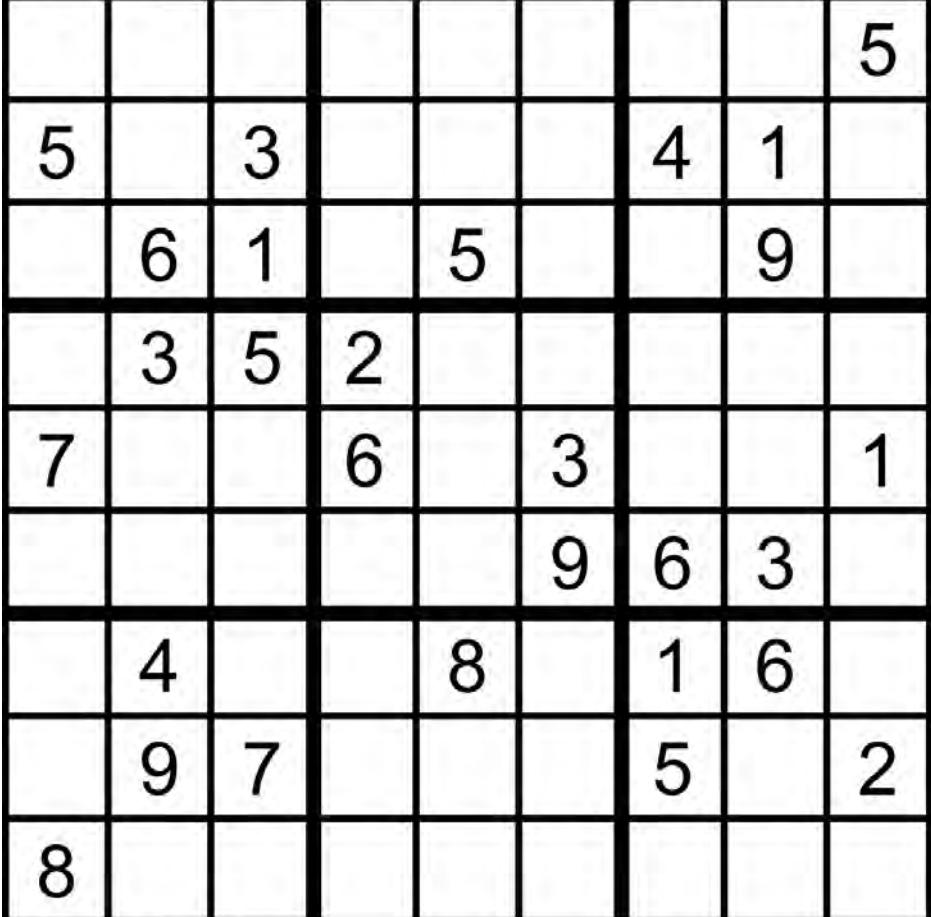
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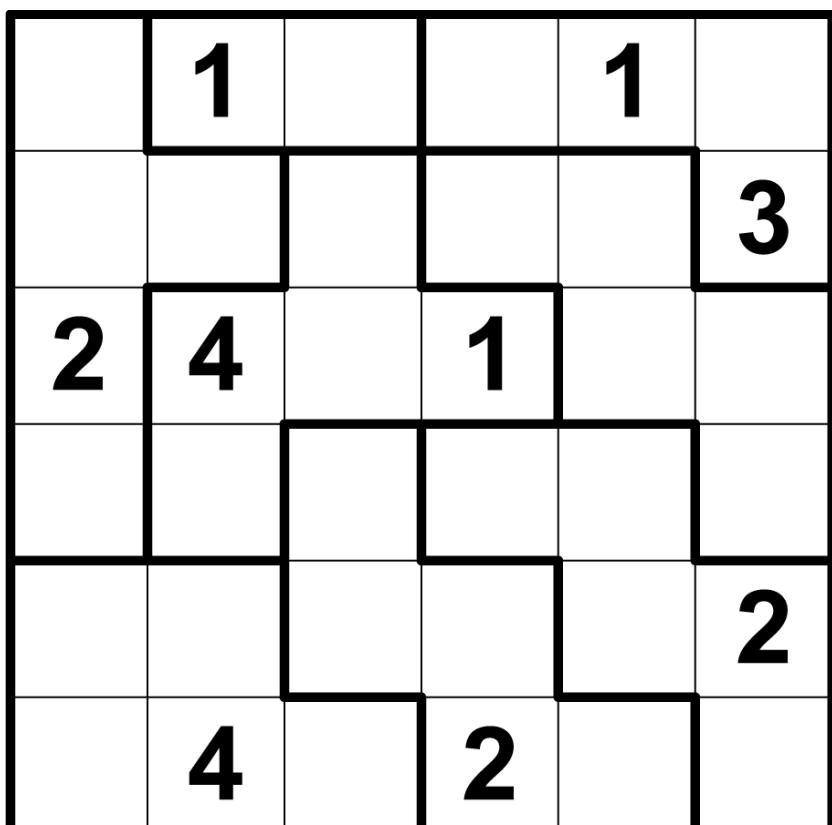
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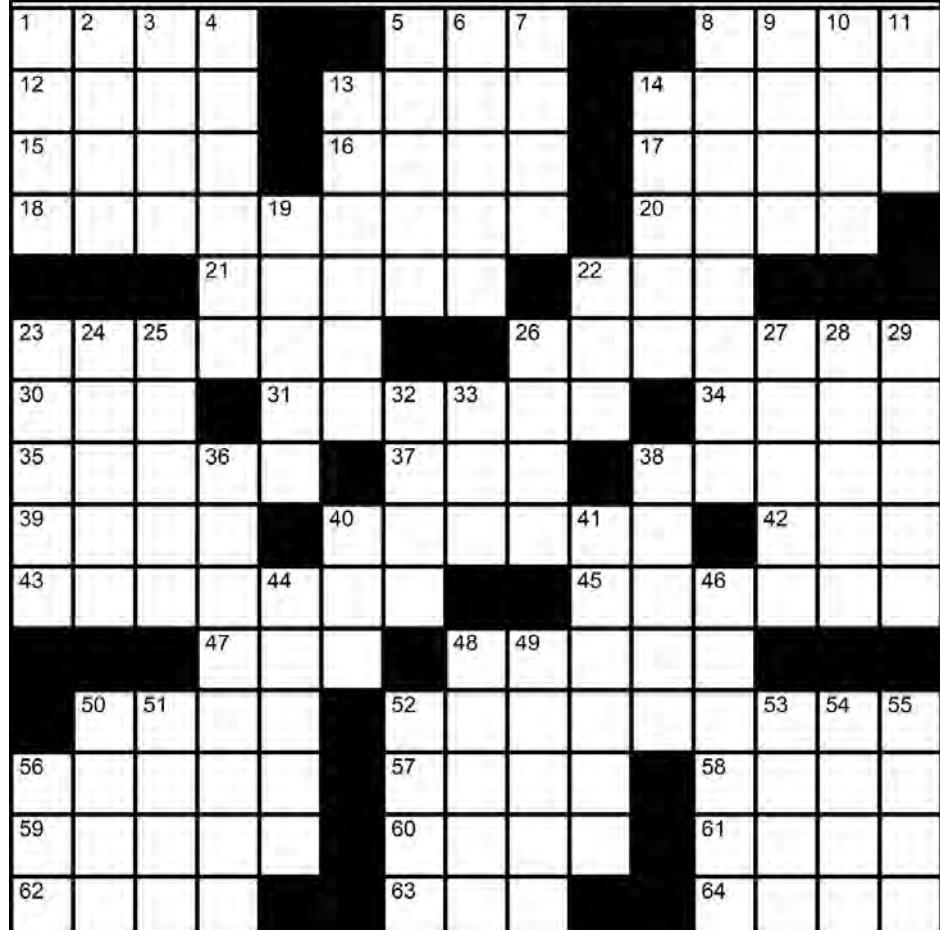
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- Grape holder
- Entertain
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- Snakebirds
- Opposite of hence
- Shooting star
- Milk's favorite cookie
- Zoroaster follower
- A Beatle bride
- Mix-up
- Type of cotton
- \* \_\_\_\_ Lloyd Webber
- Dog command
- Inference of similarity
- 4th letter of Hebrew alphabet
- "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight..."
- Pool table fabric
- Altar location
- \*Last year's Tony Award winner for Best Musical, with The
- Santa Anna's target
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- Cocaine-producing plant, pl.
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- Biblical Isaac's firstborn
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- Black gunk
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- "Encore!"
- \_\_\_\_ Jean, a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe
- Don't let this hit you on the way out
- Use the other end of a pencil
- Re-equip
- \*Rodgers' and Hammerstein's "\_\_\_\_ Pacific"
- \*Award nickname, short for Antoinette
- Finish line
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- Swaziland native
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- Plural of #34 Across
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# A wonderful world

Cultivating a garden of gratitude

No matter how old I get, this big, beautiful world still amazes me and, yes, I still think it's beautiful. As I'm writing this, I'm about to turn 60, which I honestly cannot believe, and I was asked how I wanted to celebrate it. I thought we'd go to dinner as a family, but beyond that I wasn't feeling much like celebrating me. But then a few unforeseen things happened which made me appreciate all I have, including the people I love, and that changed my mind. I was reminded that this big world is really a small one after all, that life is what you make it and that we never really know how significant a mark we leave on those around us. Until we do. Those things are worthy of celebration.

I am very fortunate. I have always been surrounded by love and encouragement. I have an amazing, supportive family, which includes both of my parents, my sister and my nephew, and the very best friends. Some I've known for over 40 years, and we all turned 60 over the last few months. At a party for one of them just last week, I had the pleasure of speaking with the man of honor's mother and aunt, who grew up within walking distance of my family home. They knew my father and grandparents — my grandfather drove the school bus and my grandmother was their 4-H leader — and as we talked the years melted away. I was treated to their reminiscences and it was amazing and lovely to note that we had a lot of memories, people and places in common. I was struck by how even the

littlest things can stay with you and become fond memories. I loved hearing that my family was so well remembered. My grandparents are gone but they live on not just through those of us related to them, but by others they touched along the way. There's power in that. (Thank you, Ethel and Alice.)

You just never know what people will remember about you. It isn't something you can necessarily control. When I look back on some of my earliest memories they really aren't anything extraordinary, just little, sometimes subtle things that others probably didn't even notice, let alone remember, and I kinda like that. It means that the slightest gesture or simplest phrase can be eternal, shaping another person's view or even life choices. It pays to be a good person, of course, but even negative memories have the power to stay with others, informing their actions and helping them become who they are. I was taught by example to be kind and thoughtful and, although I've certainly had my lapses, I've tried to be positive and spread a little joy when I can. Something as simple as complimenting or thanking someone can brighten their day; and that's no small thing, believe me. Small gestures of respect and appreciation, or just acknowledgment of someone, can mean the world to someone, and you may never know the long-lasting impact that can have. I've certainly experienced that and wish I could thank those whose kindness touched me, letting them know their gestures really mattered and

will stay with me for a long time.

Having just spent some time at the hospital visiting my father, I had the opportunity to see profound kindness in action. Of course, health care providers are supposed to help heal, but most that we encountered went above and beyond that, which has not always been my experience. The nurses and aides were respectful, compassionate and incredibly pleasant, again, not always my experience. I don't envy what they must deal with every day; and that made their gestures and kind words even more meaningful and comforting to us all. I'm talking about it now because it just happened, but I know their treatment of my father will stay with me for a long time. Thankfully he's back home and mending and I hope he takes their admiration of him to heart. (They all said he's amazing, and he really is).

My mother never left his side. She takes care of him, and all of us, so selflessly; and I've learned everything I know about nurturing from her. She was quick to thank every care-giver with sincerity, and I couldn't help noticing a little shyness from them when she did so, as if it was something they're not necessarily used to. You could tell it pleased them, and it warmed my heart to see them rewarded for their kindness, if only from simple words of appreciation. While we were visiting one day, a man walked past the room then came right back. He had recognized my sister because they work together, though not closely. Even so, he

saw her and came back to say hello, a big, infectious smile lighting up his face as they talked. This is a perfect illustration of what kindness can do. She hadn't seen him go by, and he certainly didn't have to come back to visit but he did so because she mattered to him, an obviously mutual feeling. Later, one of the aforementioned aides (who was my favorite) came in and told us that lovely man was his father and only works at the hospital one day a week! It really is a small world!

With all that's happened over the last week or so, including my impending milestone birthday, I could be forgiven for being a bit blue, but I'm not. I have witnessed and experienced such love and kindness that all I feel is gratitude, hope and joy. I have been reminded that there is goodness all around, that I have a wonderful family that others also appreciate, and that simple acts of kindness stay with those who experience them for a lifetime. What a wonderful gift and what a beautiful reason to celebrate! Love and thanks to you all.

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## Rooted Voyageurs to present Shakespeare comedy at parks, farmers markets and wineries

The Rooted Voyageurs will kick off their fourth season of presenting free live theater at beautiful outdoor spaces this summer at outdoor venues in the region. This season's performance will be William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by The Rooted Voyageurs Artistic Director and Co-founder, Devante Owens.

Enjoy Shakespeare's classic tale of magic, transformation, and mischief. While four lovers find themselves caught in a mystery of love and desire, the world of the fairies is thrown into chaos by rivalry and sparkling passion. Meanwhile, an ensemble of workers from Athens comes together to rehearse a play to be performed for the Duke's upcoming wedding day. With enchanted flowers, fiendish spells, and mistaken identities, the lines between what's real and fantastical blur in this joyful rendition of Shakespeare's famous play.

The Rooted Voyageurs' family-friendly bare-bones production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is abridged and will run 90 minutes. Bring your own

seating and a picnic, or pick up food from the farmers markets or food trucks at select venues.

Venues and dates are:

Hillsdale Hamlet Park: Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m.;

Marist University Poughkeepsie Campus: Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m.;

Sand Lake Center for the Arts (Rensselaer County): Sunday, June 22, at 7 p.m.;

The Spencertown Park: Friday, June 27, at 2 p.m.;

Les Trois Emme Winery (New Marlborough, Mass.): Sunday, June 29, and Saturday, July 12, at 3 p.m.;

Little Apple Cidery (Hillsdale): Saturday, July 5, at 3 p.m.;

Millbrook Winery: Sunday, July 6, at 3 p.m.;

Stable Gate Winery (Rensselaer County): Sunday, July 13, at 2 p.m.;

Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market: Saturday, July 19, at 11 a.m.

All performances are donation based; you can pay as much as you want or nothing at all.

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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church announces auditions for 'Godspell'

**Directed by Emmy Award-Winner Rita Kogler Carver**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley recently announced open auditions for its upcoming production of the beloved musical "Godspell," a vibrant, soul-stirring show that blends heart, humor, and song in a celebration of community and faith.

Auditions will be held in the church hall on the following dates:

Friday, July 11, 6-8 p.m.;

Saturday, July 12, 3-6 p.m.;

Sunday, July 13, 3-6 p.m.

No appointments necessary.

All are welcome to audition—whether seasoned performers or first-timers eager to share their spirit and talent!

This dynamic production will come to life March 20 and 21, 27 and 28, 2026,

transforming the church hall into a stage filled with joy, movement, and timeless music. The production is helmed by an acclaimed creative team:

Directed by Emmy Award-winner Rita Kogler Carver

Musical Direction by Josh Set & Lighting Design by John Carver St. Paul's invites the community to be a part of this exciting journey—onstage, backstage, or in the audience. "Godspell" is more than a musical; it's a message of love and hope delivered through a dazzling theatrical experience.

Audition Location:  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
808 Traver Road  
Pleasant Valley

For more information or audition requirements, contact: EA Kafkalas at (484) 358-1624.

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# AT YOUR LIBRARY

## MORTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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(845) 876-2903  
<https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/>

**Yoga with Kristin**  
Sundays @ 10:00 am  
All levels welcome in peaceful Morton Hall. The classes are breath-based with an emphasis on thoughtful sequencing and alignment so that practitioners can move with stability, awareness, and grace. This is a drop-in class and all are welcome. Please bring your yoga mat, a blanket, and blocks if you like. \$12 suggested donation

**Rescheduled Morton Book Club:**  
Harriet Tubman Live in Concert by Bob The Drag Queen  
Thursday, June 5 @ 7:30 pm  
Read, ponder, discuss, broaden your horizons, and have fun - all in a very casual and low key style.  
Books available at the library. Potluck encouraged!!

**Andrew Mark Satter - The Diner Project**  
Opening: Friday, June 6, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Exhibition: June 6 - June 28

**THE DINER PROJECT** is an exhibition of black-and-white photographs taken in Cambridge, MA, in the mid-1970's—a time in American labor history when a blue-collar job could support a family and was yours for a lifetime.

ENTER and meet the staff and regulars of Russ's Kitchenette Diner, a tightly knit community that embraced joy and laughter in the face of encroaching urban renewal, shifting race relations, and upheaval in America's place in the world.

**Euterpe Ensemble Call for Musicians**  
Rehearsals: June 16, 23, 30, and July 7, 13. Concert: July 14 @ 7:30 pm  
Calling all string players, oboists, bassoonists, and horn players!

The Euterpe Ensemble, a local community orchestra, will be holding our second annual summer concert at the Morton Memorial Library, and is looking for musicians to join.

Five Monday evening rehearsals lead up to a concert in mid-July.

The program this year is centered around songs of protest, hope, and peace, and includes Haydn's "Farewell" symphony and Barber's Adagio for Strings, as well as five new pieces written for this concert on the theme.

We are open to intermediate and advanced musicians of all ages! For more information or interest: Dávid Bánoczi-Ruof at [david.banocziruof@gmail.com](mailto:david.banocziruof@gmail.com).

**Thomas Finnigan Storytelling "Fates & Faeries"**  
Wednesday, June 18 @ 6:30 pm  
Thomas I. Finnigan is a Hudson Valley resident with a deep passion for mythology and folktales and has spent many years in their study. He has drawn a triad sampling of exciting tales of fate and faeries from Irish and Scottish folklore, myth and legend.

The great joy of these timeless stories is in sharing them and he looks forward to doing so. Free and open to the public.

**Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show**  
Friday, June 20 @ 8:00 pm  
Featuring: Pat Lamanna, Phil Miller, Sharon Klein, Mark Houghtaling & Neil Herlands, Jasperoo. Donations to benefit Morton are suggested.

**Nivedita ShivRaj & Charanams "Ragas and Rhythms" Solstice Concert**  
Saturday, June 21 @ 3:00 pm  
Nivedita ShivRaj and her band Charanams are the recipients of a grant from Arts Mid Hudson for a World Music composition. They will present an exclusive summer solstice concert featuring a

unique blend of melodious carnatic music and groovy jazz. For more information check out [charanams.com](http://charanams.com). Free and open to the public.

**BeckHook Pride Parade and Festival**  
Village of Red Hook Municipal Lot Sunday, June 22 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
The Parade will lead everyone to the BeckHook Pride Festival in the Village of Red Hook municipal lot. Enjoy free raffles, demonstrations, workshops, and performances by local artists on stage.  
Your local libraries will all be there.  
All ages welcome.

**Oblong Books Presents:**  
Ashley Poston, **SOUNDS LIKE LOVE** in conversation with Patti Murin  
Sunday, June 22 @ 2 pm (at Morton)

A hitmaking songwriter and a bitter musician share a startling and inexplicable connection that they'll do anything to shake. When she returns to her hometown of Vienna Shores, North Carolina, Joni Lark hopes that the sand, the surf, and the concerts at The Revelry, her family's music venue, will spark inspiration. But when she gets there, nothing is how she left it.

Ashley Poston is the New York Times bestselling author of *A Novel Love Story*, *The Seven Year Slip*, and *The Dead Romantics*. A native of South Carolina, she lives in a small gray house with her sassy cat and too many books. You can find her on the internet, somewhere, watching cat videos and reading fan fiction.

Patti Murin starred as Anna in Disney's *Frozen* on Broadway, earning her an award nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical from the Drama League. On television, Patti plays Dr. Nina Shore on both *Chicago Med* and *Chicago Fire*, and starred in the Hallmark movies *Holiday for Heroes* and *Love on Iceland*.

**Tickets/Registration Required.**  
Tickets: \$20.55 includes 1 paperback copy of *SOUNDS LIKE LOVE* by Ashley Poston and sales tax.

**Morton Book Club:**  
The Years by Annie Ernaux  
Thursday, July 10 @ 7:30 pm  
Read, ponder, discuss, broaden your horizons, and have fun - all in a very casual and low key style.  
Books will be available at the library. Potluck encouraged!

**RED HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
7444 South Broadway, Red Hook  
(845) 758-3241  
[www.redhooklibrary.org](http://www.redhooklibrary.org)

**NEW PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES**  
Intro to Jiu Jitsu for Kids: The Gentle Art Mind, Body, Community  
Thursday, June 5 at 4:30 PM  
Ages 4+ Registration Required

**Pop-up Library at Red Hook Soccer Club Fields**, Saturday, June 7 at 9 AM, at Red Hook Soccer Club Fields

**Hummingbird Storytime with Iza Trapani**, Wednesday, June 11, 10:30 AM

**Art Explorers: Create, Discover, Imagine!** Thursday, June 12 at 4 PM  
Registration Required

**Art Explorers: Create, Discover, Imagine!** Thursday, June 26 at 4 PM  
Registration Required

**Monday & Friday Tunes and Tales, Monday Wiggles and Words, Tuesday Lego Club, and Wednesday Storytime** continue throughout the month.

**NEW PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS**  
Intro to Jiu Jitsu for Adults: The Gentle Art Mind, Body, Community  
Thursday, June 5 at 5:15 PM

**Ages 14+ Registration Required**

**Adult Crafting: Marbled Cards**  
Monday, June 9 at 6:30 PM  
Registration Required

**Author Talk: Frank Marquette, "The True Story of Murder Cafe"**  
Wednesday, June 11 at 6 PM  
Register for an event reminder

**Keeping Children Safe - Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse**  
Thursday, June 12, 6 PM  
Registration Required

**Worldwide Knit in Public Day**  
Saturday, June 14 12:30 - 2:30 PM  
Register for an event reminder

**Music on the Porch: Joel Blumert and Paul K Maloney**  
Saturday, June 14 at 1 PM

**Evening Book Club - The God of the Woods**, Monday, June 16 at 6 PM

**Friends of the Red Hook Library - General Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 17 at 6 PM

**Adult Crafting: Quilting**  
Monday, June 23 at 6:30 PM  
Registration Required

**Afternoon Mystery Book Club: The Stolen Child**, Friday, June 2, 7 at 2 PM

**Chair Yoga, Knitting Group, ESL, All Abilities Teens & All Abilities Adults** continue throughout the month.

## STANFORD FREE LIBRARY

6035 NY-82, Stanfordville  
(845) 868-1341  
<https://stanfordlibrary.org/>

Registration required for events unless noted otherwise. Please email [stanfordlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:stanfordlibrary@optonline.net) or call 845-1341

**Music in the Library**  
Saturday, June 7th, 11-12pm  
Andrew Baffi will be back bringing classical guitar for all to enjoy

**Father's Day Stories and Crafts**  
PreK-1st Grade, Thursday, June 5th, 3:30-4:30pm  
2nd-5th Grade, Friday, June 6th, 3:30-5pm  
Registration is required

**Supper Club with Lenny**  
Wednesday, June 11th, 6 pm – 7 pm  
Enjoy a community tasting and sharing event with friends and family. This month we are doing a cheese tasting/share, bring your favorite cheese or cheese infused dish to share. No need to register - just come with your cuisine and enjoy food and conversation!

**June Book Club**  
Monday, June 9th, 1:00 pm-2:00pm  
This months selection is *The Women by Kristin Hannah*. This novel is a riveting account of women who served in Vietnam but were all but forgotten.

**Read to Therapy Dog Jambo**  
Tuesday, June 10th, 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
He's a gentle giant who loves to make new friends. People of all ages are welcome to come and visit with him. Sign up for a 15 minute slot with Jambo.

**Recycling and Sustainability in Dutchess County**  
Thursday, June 12, 2 PM

Presented by Dani White, recycling educator for the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management. This program will cover sustainability topics and how they pertain to Dutchess County. Learn the dos and don'ts of recycling, where garbage and recyclables in the county go, and how to dispose of hazardous waste and electronics. Dani will

discuss why it's so important to responsibly dispose of our waste and what the county is doing to reduce our impact and make disposal more accessible to the community

**Yo-yo club**  
Friday, June 20, 5 to 6 PM  
Open to students grades 4+

Join us at yo-yo club with Marc Smith. Have hands-on fun while learning about different types of yo-yo's including fixed axle, responsive, and unresponsive. Yo-yos will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Advance registrations suggested.

**Repair Cafe**  
Saturday, July 12th, 10am-2pm  
The Repair Cafe is open for business. Bring clothes, furniture, appliances, toys, bicycle, etc to our talented volunteers. Get professional advice, personal encounters and inspiration. Enjoy refreshments, handicap access, easy parking.

**Introduction to Babysitting**  
Wednesday, July 30th, 5pm-8pm  
This three hour class is designed to prepare teens to feel confident when accepting a babysitting job. Participants will learn interviewing tips, communication skills, ages and stages of young babies and toddlers, safety, first aid tips, and feeding and caring for children, including diaper changing. At the completion of the course, participants will take a brief quiz and certificates of completion will be distributed. This program is for ages 10+. Pizza will be provided. Registration is required.

**Ongoing Events**  
Qigong at the library  
Thursdays 530pm to 630pm with Therese Balagna  
Why consider the practice of Qigong? Empower yourself, improve your physical and mental health, create a state of balance, strengthen your willpower. Registration is required

**Preschool Storytime (will end June 10th for the summer)**  
Tuesday Mornings  
Preschoolers (Age 3-4) 9:30 am — 10:15 am  
Toddlers (Age 18 months-2 years) 10:30 am - 11:15 am  
Babies (Birth-18 months) 11:30 am—12:15 pm  
Stories, songs and free play.

**Case Management Services**  
Tuesday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Free and available to anyone in our community. North East Community Center's case management services can help clients meet emergency needs and provide ongoing support. For example, we can assist with food rent and utilities.

**Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners**  
Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
All levels welcome.  
Knitting  
First, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Come for knitting, tea and conversation. All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

**Brain Games**  
Thursdays 10:30 – 12:00 pm  
Calling all seniors! Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games! Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation and laughter!

**Mahjong for Intermediate Players**  
Fridays 10:00 am - noon  
Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group. Are you a beginner or want to learn the game, ask at the library for more information.

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**STARR LIBRARY**  
68 West Market St., Rhinebeck  
(845) 876-4030  
[www.starrlibrary.org](http://www.starrlibrary.org)

**MARSHAL TRAINING WITH ALEXIS DANZIG**  
Thursday, June 5th, 6-8pm

**THE BEING TOGETHER PROJECT**  
Friday, June 6th, 1-2:30pm

**COOKING CLUB: PICNIC FOODS**  
Tuesday, June 10th, 5pm

Now that summer is almost here, it's time to fine-tune our picnic game. Whether it's fried chicken, cole slaw, or a favorite sandwich or cookie, whip up your favorite picnic-friendly food and we'll gather together to sample the results. Please remember to bring whatever serving utensils your dish requires and the library will supply the rest.

**CHILL: THE ART OF MINDFUL SELF-CARE WITH MARY MCQUAID**

Wednesday, June 11th, 5-6:30pm

Feeling overwhelmed? Discover the power of mindful self-care in our transformative "CHILL" workshop. This 90-minute interactive experience offers practical, evidence-based tools for managing stress and enhancing well-being.

**ADDRESS EARTH: OVERSTORY ARTISTS RECEPTION**

Saturday, June 14th, 2-4pm

Art meets ecology through painting, sculpture, video, installation, music, dance & more. Part of an interconnected network of exhibitions throughout the Hudson Valley.

**GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PARTICIPATION WITH RITA VANACORE FROM PLANET SENIORS**

Monday, June 16th, 2-3pm

Join Planet Seniors host Rita Vanacore for a primer on how to get more involved in advocating for the issues you care about at the local, state, and federal levels. Part of the Rhinebeck @ Home at Starr series.

## ORIGAMI WORKSHOP WITH RUBY SILVIOUS

Saturday, June 21st, 11am-1pm  
Back by popular demand after her tea bag painting workshop this winter. Register now, spots in this class will go fast!

## BECKHOOK PRIDE'S 2025 PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 22nd, 10am-5pm

## THE SELF WORK SHELF: A MENTAL HEALTH BOOK CLUB WITH JENNIFER UHRLASS

Thursday, June 26th, 6-7pm

Join us for a cozy, uplifting book club focused on mental health, happiness, and relationship well-being. We'll explore powerful reads that spark reflection, conversation, and growth—all in a warm, welcoming space. Perfect for anyone craving deeper connection and insight. Our first book is Attached by Amir Levine.

## WATERFALL QIGONG WITH STEVEN MICHAEL PAGUE

Thursdays beginning June 5th, 10-11am

Steven Michael Pague is back for another season of qigong! Outdoors on Thursday mornings at the library through September, cancelled in the event of inclement weather. \$10 suggested donation.

## ONGOING

Every Monday, 12:30pm - Weekly Pilates with Marie Russo

Twice monthly on Wednesdays, 7-9pm - Nerds at Nite

Plus Chair Yoga, Brain Games, Scrabble Club, Starr Stitchers, Mahjong, Navigating Medicare, and more.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning in June, all of our adult clubs and programs will be meeting downstairs in the Community Room so we can ensure that the Children's Wing is designated for kid-and-family use only.

# DCAS accepting nominations for Farm Family of the Year

The Dutchess County Fairgrounds, owned and operated by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc. (DCAS), is seeking nominations from the public for an annual Farm Family of the Year Award.

"The mission of the Agricultural Society is to promote and educate the public about agriculture," stated Andy Imperati, DCAS President and CEO. "These families are the backbone of our communities. This award was created to honor a farm family that epitomizes the spirit of the agricultural industry. This is our way to show appreciation for farming families who embody hard-working farm values and a love for farming."

The winning family will be presented with the award at the DCAS' annual July membership meeting. Examples of the prize package can include a \$250 Visa card, free camping for the week of the

Fair, Fair admission, waived entry fees, and ride wristbands.

Eligible nominees must be Dutchess County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture. Nominations should include details about the family and how they fulfill the following:

- Unique or special production; type of crop and/or livestock production, focus of the farm.

- Is the farm multi-generational and who is involved in the family farming operation?

- Why does the family love the Dutchess County Fair?

- Why does this farm family deserve this award?

Nominations are due by June 15, via <https://dutchessfair.com/get-involved/>, in person or by email to [vimperati@dutchessfair.com](mailto:vimperati@dutchessfair.com).

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**Answers to this week's diversions**

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard Albrecht

Richard Albrecht, 79, from LaGrangeville passed away at home on May 19, 2025. He was born in Poughkeepsie on 5/1/46 and married his high-school sweetheart, Betty on 9/24/66. They were married for 59 years. He had two daughters, Erica and Elke Albrecht.

Rich was an avid hunter and fisherman. He went on several hunting trips out west to Wyoming, Montana, Nevada and also to Vermont, Maine and Alaska. He spent many nights coon hunting in the area and owned numerous hounds through the years. He was a great story teller and loved talking about his hunting adventures and even wrote a book about his travels. Rich also visited many National Parks with his wife Betty.

Rich worked as a union carpenter for 30 years and was apart of Local 203 in Poughkeepsie. He also was a Farrier for the last 40 years. He graduated from the Cornell University Farrier Program. He truly loved the trade and all the friendships he made along the way. For the last 10 years he worked with his daughter Elke. Rich was a member of the Empire State Farrier's Association, American Farrier's Association and the International Association of Professional Farriers.

Rich was the organizer and announcer to many draft horse pulls in the area including Tymor Park, Ulster County Fair, Dutchess County Fair and Pine Plains FFA for the last 30 years. In 2021 he was awarded a plaque in appreciation for his 25 years of community service from the town of Union Vale for their draft horse pull at Tymor Park.

To honor his wishes there will be no wake or funeral services. Anyone who wishes to please feel free to donate to the Empire State Farrier's Association in his honor. Please contact Tom Dubois at email: Tomdubois109@gmail.com or cell #845-800-3656 to do so.

## Robert Charles Civitano

Robert Charles Civitano, 73, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday morning, May 26, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Born in Mount Vernon on October 31, 1951, he was the son of the late Dominic and Anna Rose (Servidio) Civitano. Bob was a master machinist with a talent for fixing anything. He had been employed by Henry Schein and Midway Dental for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2022. He was also employed at the Veterans Administration Hospital-Montrose, where he met the love of his life Margaret Gloria Galgano in 1973.

Married on September 18, 1977, Bob is survived by his wife, Margaret (Peggy). They enjoyed 47 years of marriage as they shared in their love of their children, grandchildren, family, and friends. They resided in Cortlandt Manor before settling in Stormville, NY in 1986 to raise their four children. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Robert Civitano Jr. and Brittany Bordeleau of San Diego, CA, Thomas Civitano of South Lake Tahoe, CA, Amanda and John Titus of Fishkill, NY and Megan and Mark Ruggeri of Newburgh NY; his grandchildren, Liliana and Charlotte Titus and Madelyn and Noah Robert Ruggeri; his sister and brother-in-law, Valerie and David Piersall of Stormville, NY, brother, Louis Civitano of Jefferson Valley, NY; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis J. Galgano III and Joan Del Cielo of Brewster, NY, Thomas and Kathleen Galgano of Garden City, NY, Joanne and George O'Donnell of Mercerville, NJ and Donna and John Wishnie of Exton, PA; and many nieces, nephews and close family friends. In addition to his parents and his father and mother in-law Louis and Gloria Galgano, he was also predeceased by his brother, Frank Civitano; his brother-in-law, Stephen Galgano; and his nephew Bennett Galgano.

Bob loved the outdoors, from going hiking to taking the family on memorable ski trips to just relaxing on the beach in Brigantine, NJ. He was an avid fan of his children and grandchildren, helping to coach soccer and baseball. Bob loved rock music and attended the Woodstock Music Festival in Bethel, NY in 1969.

Bob experienced excellent end of life home hospice care from Hudson Valley Hospice, Inc. He was a parishioner of St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction.

Calling hours were held on Friday May 30, 2025 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian

Burial was offered on Saturday May 31, 2025 at St. Denis Church, Hopewell Junction.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Robert Civitano's memory to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

## Thomas A. DeBellis

Thomas Angelo DeBellis ("Junior") beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at home on May 22, 2025, at the age of 85.

Born on January 28, 1940 in Poughkeepsie, NY, Thomas was a loving husband to Carole, who he married on June 17, 1961, and was a loving father to Doreen, Suzanne, Christine and David. He was a graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and worked at IBM from 1961 until his retirement in 1993 as a staff engineer. He was an extremely outgoing man who enjoyed having conversations with others, whether they were friends or complete strangers. He loved going to the beach, which many family members enjoyed with him, often in Outer Banks, NC. He had a very deep sense of family, always making time for family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thomas was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Anna, his brother Michael DeBellis, and his sisters Antoinette Lattanzio, Yolanda DeBellis and Mary Ranalli.

He is survived by his wife Carole, his daughters Doreen Kerr (Kevin), Suzanne Thoma (Robert), Christine Smith (Raymond), his son David DeBellis (Erica), his brother Robert DeBellis, and his sister Gloria Ossolinski. He is also survived by his 10 adoring grandchildren Alyssa Reid, Andrew Kerr, Cassandra Cummings, Rachel Thoma, Caitlin McCoy, Morgan Thoma, Nicolas DeBellis, Lucas Toussaint, Jacob DeBellis, and Shawn Thoma, along with his 4 great-grandchildren Paige Reid, Wesley Reid, River Kerr, and Ryan Kerr. He also has several nieces and nephews that survive him.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Kateri Church on May 30. Interment followed at the mausoleum at St. Peter's Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the entire team at Hudson Valley Hospice for their compassionate care, support and kindness in Tom's final days. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Thomas' memory to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

We are especially grateful to Tom's nighttime caregivers Patty, Sheila and Kim for the loving care and support they provided him and our family. Their kindness and compassion brought great comfort to us all.

## Linda Gower

Linda J. (Dennis) Gower, 80, of Rhinebeck, passed away peacefully at The Meadows at Brookmeade, on May 16, 2025.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on February 12, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Theodore and Bessie (Miller) Dennis.

On June 3, 1967 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, she married Edward J. Gower of Wappingers Falls, NY. Edward Gower predeceased her in 2021.

Linda graduated from the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing in 1967 and worked as a registered nurse in Rhinebeck for many years.

Linda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother (GiGi) and great-grandmother. She enjoyed traveling when she was able with her husband to Maine and Glacier Park. She loved to read, work on word puzzles, she loved the NY Yankees and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds. She was strong, kind and adored by her children, their spouses, and grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her children Edward Gower II (Pamela), Jennifer White (Jason), Alison Sulinski (John), and Sara Schillinger (Ethan); a brother Ted (Ellen) Dennis. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, of which she was immensely proud: Jonathan, Christopher, Kayleigh, Lauren, Megan, Andrew, Matthew, Emma, Avery and Oliver; and two great grandchildren: Tanner and Lucas.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY.

Memorial Donations in honor of Linda Gower can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

To send an online condolence, please visit [www.dapsonchestney.com](http://www.dapsonchestney.com)

## Walter J. Grassie

Walter J. Grassie, 85, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, of Milan NY, passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, at the Baptist Home in Rhinebeck, NY.

Born on June 17, 1939, in Brooklyn, NY, Walter was the son of the late Walter and Elsie (Torboli) Grassie.

After graduating high school, Walter enlisted in the United States Army. Once his service was completed, Walter would go on to return to his civilian life until he was called back to enlist for the Berlin Crisis.

Once Walter returned from his service, Walter would work for Con Edison, working in management at the Indian Point Center in Buchanan, NY, up until his retirement in 1985.

A man of many skills and trades, Walter spent much of his retirement working on various projects that ranged from building furniture to taking care of his log cabin which Walter referred to as his "heaven". Walter also assisted his family in their own housing projects, building decks in the winter, where he insisted that he just needed to add "a few more boards" before heading inside to warm up.

Walter had a gift for hunting and shooting and would often find himself outside in the wilderness, enjoying the beauty of nature. He earned many trophies throughout his hunting career, which he proudly displayed throughout his home. Walter was also involved in the local Gun and Rod Club.

Walter led a conventional lifestyle, often keeping himself strong for all his loved ones and believed that he should never show his emotion so his loved ones could turn to him in their need, however, Walter had his soft spot and recently would tell all his family that he loved them all.

Walter is survived by his loving wife, Marijane Grassie of Milan NY; his children George (Michelle) Grassie of Pennsylvania, Gale Sickler of Florida, Albert (Debbie) Cotto of New York, and Christine Daughtry of South Carolina; his brother, Eugene Grassie of Florida; his brother-in-law Samuel R. Conklin Jr.; sister-in-law Ellen Conklin; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 3 nephews, as well as many other extended family and friends who loved Walter dearly.

In addition to his parents, Walter is predeceased by his brother, Raymond Grassie.

Inurnment will take place privately at the family's convenience.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook.

## Harry Klepp

Harry Klepp, age 92, of Pleasant Valley, died on April 29, 2025 with his children at his side.

Estonian by birth, and American by choice, Harry was a visionary electrical engineer and inventor, man of faith, and devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, husband, brother, uncle, and friend. Born in 1932 on the Estonian island of Saaremaa, he came to the United States as a refugee in 1949. A proud American, he served in the U.S. Air Force 1952-1956. He moved to Poughkeepsie in 1962 to work at IBM, retiring in 1989 after submitting 20 patent applications. He then worked as an electronics consultant.

He is survived by his four children, Deborah, Peter (Natalie), David, and Jeannette (Lou Riverso), ten grandchildren: Sarah, Matthew (Carmen Lechler), Jennifer, Connor, Joseph, Ava, Nathan, Michelle, Lucas, and Caroline, great grandchildren Cadence, Maeve, and Silas, nieces and nephews Anne, Paul, Eva, Sandra, and Erika, stepsons Andres, Matti, and Ivo, 'adopted' sisters Leen and Katri, all their families, and friends.

Harry had a sparkle about him where he made everyone feel special. Now that Harry is no longer with us in person, but in Spirit, he would want us to receive Jesus's love directly.

In the words of "Pass It On," a favorite song, "That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it, You spread His love to ev'ryone, You want to pass it on." Kalli-Kalli (hug) to all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life service will be held at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc, 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, New York on August 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For his full obituary, please see: [https://www.mchoufuneralhome.com/bbook-of-memories/5598114/Klepp-Harry/index.php](https://www.mchoufuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/5598114/Klepp-Harry/index.php)

## Katherine S. Ryan

Katherine S. Ryan, 89, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2025 at Northern Dutchess Hospital surrounded by her loved ones. She was born January 23rd, 1936. She was the daughter of Mary (Kreig) and Lowell Gilnack.

Katherine graduated from Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park and she went on to marry John F. Ryan in 1957. They moved to Pine Plains where Kathy worked at New York Telephone Company in Poughkeepsie New York, then transitioning to IBM. Kathy worked for Pine Plains Central School District, Seymour Smith Elementary School first as a teachers assistant then becoming the secretary to the Principal, from which she retired.

Katherine loved her family, friends and community. She was a very talented green thumb and deeply invested in the Pine Plains Garden Club, she was also an active member of the Gallatin Reformed Church. Katherine was known for her cooking and baking talents, she made the best apple pie but there was not much she couldn't whip up in the kitchen. Beyond her cooking Kathy was a traveler, it was not unusual for she and John to get in the car and take a road trip across the country or for the afternoon.

Katherine is survived by her loving husband John, children Karen (Jerry Rundall), Keith (Susan Robertson) Ryan, Grandchildren, Morgan Ryan, Mason MacIssac, and Shanae Emanuel. In addition to her sister-in-law Marie Gilnack, several nieces, nephews and beloved caregiver Debra Blake.

She was predeceased by her siblings; Robert Gilnack, Rosemary Douglas and Bruce Gilnack.

Graveside service took place at Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains, NY on May 31, 2025. Memorial Donations may be made to Pine Plains Fire Company or the Pine Plains Garden Club. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)

## Glenn Louis St. Cyr

Glenn Louis "Perk" St. Cyr, 62, a lifelong area resident, passed away on Friday, May 16, 2025 at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA. Mr. St. Cyr was a manufacturing associate for many years at I.B.M. in Poughkeepsie, NY and later worked as a correction officer at Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, NY.

Born on March 10, 1963 in Sharon, CT, he was the son of the late Louis E. St. Cyr and Willa (Morris) St. Cyr who survives in Wingdale, NY.

He was an avid motorcycle rider, enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his sister, Robin Rabideau of Poughkeepsie, NY and two nieces, Kristin Schea and her husband, Joshua, of Hyde Park and Erica Rabideau of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Graveside services and burial have taken place at South Dover Rural Cemetery in Wingdale, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 301 Manchester Rd., Suite 105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or at <https://www.heart.org/>.

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# County celebrates completion of new affordable development supported by Housing Trust Fund

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined James Patterson of 21st Century Living LLC, the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), local community leaders, and residents on Thursday, May 29 to celebrate the completion of the first new affordable housing project funded through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF). Located at 30-32 Smith Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, this newly constructed three-unit development received a \$346,134 HTF award and is the latest example of the County's ongoing efforts to expand access to safe, affordable housing opportunities.

Serino said, "This project is a reminder of what's possible when local government works together with people who care not just about the buildings, but about the lives inside them. Thanks to the Housing Trust Fund and local champions like James Patterson, we're creating safe, stable homes that allow families to stay rooted in the community they love. It's a practical solution to a real challenge – and we need more of that across Dutchess County."

Located in a walkable, transit-accessible neighborhood near schools, community services and employment opportunities, the new triplex was developed by 21st Century Living LLC, owned and operated by Mr. Patterson, a lifelong resident of the City of Poughkeepsie. The mission of 21st Century Living is to provide affordable, modern living conditions to the local community.

The 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units feature modern design layout with highly efficient features. Rental costs are below market rate and are affordable to households at 60% and 80% of area median income. All units have been rented, with tenants moving in June 1st.

Patterson is also a graduate of CPC's ACCESS Incubator training program. CPC's ACCESS Initiative provides financial resources, capacity building opportunities and technical assistance to entrepreneurs of color who have historically faced barriers to entry in the real estate development market. The ACCESS Incubator, a free, virtual training series that includes eight 90-minute sessions takes participants through each phase of the development process, and features expert instruction, interactive components and project development support from housing consultants.

"I'm just so proud of producing product for those, who for the most, part wouldn't be afforded the opportunity.

Access to affordable housing keeps our community vibrant – all of our new tenants are fellow Poughkeepsie High School graduates – people who have grown up here and want to build their lives in this community," said Patterson. "I'm thankful for Dutchess County's assistance, through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund, in making projects like this a reality. As 21st Century Living approaches our first decade in business, I'm attuned to the depths we can reach and the people we can help along the way and I am grateful for the partnerships we have forged."

Including acquisition, soft costs and construction costs, the total cost of the 30-32 Smith Street project was approximately \$900,000. In addition to the \$346,134 from the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund, the project received \$350,000 in construction and permanent financing from the Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), a 50-year old nonprofit multifamily finance company that has been serving the region's housing finance needs for more than three decades.

"We're proud to support this meaningful project in the City of Poughkeepsie, which not only brings quality affordable housing to the neighborhood but also marks an exciting milestone for a local developer with deep roots in the community," said Matthew Spallina, Assistant Vice President at CPC. "James Patterson's dedication to this project, along with his desire to learn and grow through the ACCESS Incubator program reflects the kind of talent and commitment we're proud to invest in. We look forward to continuing our relationship with James as he takes the next steps toward revitalizing his neighborhood and thank Dutchess County Executive's Office for their commitment to providing the resources needed to bring projects like this to fruition."

Serino said, "This isn't just the opening of a building – it's the beginning of a new chapter for three families. The Housing Trust Fund was created to turn hope into action and deliver real results, and that's exactly what this project represents. I'm looking forward to seeing more projects like this take shape – projects that truly meet people where they are and give them a real chance at a safe, stable place to call home."

Applications for the second round of Housing Trust Fund funding, prioritizing smaller housing projects particularly in more rural communities, are currently



Taking part in the celebration are, from left, County Legislator Lisa Kaul, County Executive Sue Serino, County Planning Commissioner Eoin Wrafter, developer James Patterson and his wife Jessica, Community Preservation Corporation Assistant Vice President Matthew Spallina, Patterson's in-laws and City of Poughkeepsie Administrator Joseph Donat. Courtesy photo

underway. Ahead of the June 9 deadline for applications, County Executive Serino met with local housing professionals – developers, builders and the like – at a Housing Trust Fund Applicant Workshop earlier this month to discuss the importance of being part of the solution to the housing shortage faced by countless communities nationwide.

This project is one of six funded through the first round of the Housing Trust Fund, totaling \$8,996,134 in

County funds for the development or preservation of more than 600 affordable rental units. The next HTF-funded projects expected to be completed include a single-room occupancy housing project in the City of Poughkeepsie and an 18-unit rental project in the City of Beacon.

More information about the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund is available online at: [dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Dutchess-County-Housing-Trust-Fund.htm](http://dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Dutchess-County-Housing-Trust-Fund.htm)



County Planning Commissioner Eoin Wrafter, left, and developer James Patterson discuss the first new affordable housing project funded through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF). Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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# GOLDEN LIVING

## Two Dutchess residents honored at 'Older New Yorkers' Day' in Albany

Gloria Chase of Beacon and Mike Manning of Pine Plains were among 100 older adults honored in Albany on May 27 for their "extraordinary volunteerism" as part of the The New York State Office for the Aging's (NYSOFA) "Older New Yorkers' Day." The event is held annually during Older Americans Month in May.

The theme of Older Americans Month 2025 was "Flip the Script on Aging" to focus on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.

Looking at the positive impact of NYSOFA's honorees, and the nearly 1 million other older volunteers helping communities across New York, it's clear to see older adults are vital to strengthening communities and local, regional, state and national economies. In fact, older adult volunteers in New York contribute 474 million hours of community service at an economic value of \$13.2 billion.

The honorees are recognized for their support of charitable causes, their work with local health care and human services organizations, grassroots civic contributions, volunteer work with emergency management corps, local fundraising activities, and so much more. This year's honorees have collectively volunteered more than 3,000 years of service, raised 243 children, 420 grandchildren, 122 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Fifteen are veterans.

### About Dutchess County's honorees

**Gloria Chase** moved to Beacon in 2014 and soon began volunteering at the Office for the Aging Beacon Friendship Center. She brings in readings, prayers, and sits with people who are going through a difficult time, whether they are experiencing

depression, are angry, or just need someone to listen and pay attention to them. Chase makes people laugh and encourages them to get up and move. She helps the new volunteers and is always welcoming and willing to help.

Chase migrated from the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean in 1981. She became a U.S. citizen in 1997. She worked as a coordinator at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, N.Y. (which is now New York Presbyterian Westchester) for 33 years.

"Volunteering is very rewarding to me," she says. "I am able to serve in the community, assisting others and forming friendships. It is my obligation to help others. I love the people and what I do. We are one world. As it says in the Old Testament: 'love your neighbor as you would want to be loved.'"

In 2018, **Mike Manning** saw a sign on the bulletin board of the Pine Plains Library about volunteer opportunities with Dutchess County Office for the Aging. This led him to serve the county's nutrition program. Manning not only delivers meals to older adults on the weekly route in Millerton, but he also delivers to older adults in Pine Plains as well. Despite a recent health setback, he anxiously returned to his meal-delivery service as soon as possible.

Manning enjoys writing human interest and personal history articles for the Pine Plains Herald. He also contributes to the Friends of Stissing Landing, which formed in 1986 to preserve the Stissing Mountain Fire Tower and its surroundings for the general public to use and enjoy.

A lifelong New Yorker, Manning moved from Long Island to Dutchess County after college. He likes to drive, and he did so in his job for the New York State Department of Transportation. He founded the road called Carpenter Hill where he now resides. He is an avid hiker and rides his bike frequently on the local rail trail. He has a close relationship with his siblings, several of whom came to his aid during a recent medical setback, as he is a widower.



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it is really good for your mental health. Doing something for someone else is a wonderful experience. When I was a senior in high school, I delivered for Meals on Wheels after school. I guess I was meant to be part of a similar program when I retired."

"Volunteering is good for your health," he says. "I never really thought about it, but

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Clerical picnic season volunteers can help with stocking picnic goodie bags at the OFA main office in Poughkeepsie, and with making reminder calls to older adults who have reserved seats at their community's picnic.

On picnic days, we welcome volunteers who can help set up picnic equipment, guide parking lot traffic, bring guests their food and drinks, and help break down picnic equipment when the day is done. The OFA Summer Picnic schedule is available at [dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics](http://dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics).

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