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Planning Board finds inconsistencies with LWRP on proposed park in Red Hook

By Kate Goldsmith

Over the course of nearly four hours on June 2, the Town of Red Hook Planning Board reviewed the town's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to determine whether the plan to acquire property currently owned by the Red Hook Boat Club is consistent with the policies outlined in the LWRP. Following sometimes-contentious discussion among Planning Board members and occasional outbursts from the attending public, the board determined that the proposed action was inconsistent with seven of the 44 policies.

The town intends to use eminent domain to obtain the Boat Club's two parcels along the Hudson River in Barrytown to create a waterfront park.

As they addressed each policy on a Coastal Assessment Form (also referred to as a worksheet during the meeting), the board indicated whether the policies complied with the town's 1995 LWRP, or if a particular policy was not applicable to the acquisition. Certain policies generated prolonged discussions.

Following its May meeting, which took place just days after a May 16 public hearing on the project, the Planning Board sent several questions to the Town Board in hopes of gathering more information about the proposed plan. At the June 2 meeting, some members commented that the responses they received from the Town were vague and inadequate, prompting "what-if" scenarios that contributed to the protracted meeting.

"We can't speculate," said Planning Board Attorney Jennifer Gray. "We have to use the information that they've given us. ... We're just looking at how they've defined it. Stay in that box."

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24 new citizens take oath in ceremony at DC Fairgrounds

By Curtis Schmidt

Congratulations to the 24 new American citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance on Friday, June 6 at a Naturalization Ceremony hosted by Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall and presided over by Honorable Judge Tracy MacKenzie at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Coming from 21 different countries, County Executive Sue Serino and other county officials and community members welcomed these individuals to our country and the Dutchess County community.

The 21 countries included Albania, Antigua-Barbuda, Argentina, China, Colombia, Dominica, Egypt, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine and Vietnam.

In her opening remarks, Judge MacKenzie told the candidates for citizenship, "I can safely say that today is a day that you will remember for the rest of your lives. Not because of what is said here by the distinguished speakers but by what you say when you take the Oath of Allegiance."

"Politicians will come and go. Stocks will rise and fall and rise again. As surely as day follows night, fall will follow summer to be followed by winter and



Right, A young mother, holding her new American Citizen certificate, and her son are pictured at the Naturalization Ceremony on June 6 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center. Above, from left, are County Clerk Brad Kendall, Honorable Judge Tracy MacKenzie, County Historian Will Tatum and Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. In front is Nicky the Fair Calf, the #agfluencer for the Agriculture Society. *Courtesy photo and photo by Jenny Lang*

spring again. But the decisions that have brought you to this moment will change your lives ... the lives of your daughters and sons and grandsons and granddaughters forever.

"In 1787, the Congress of the United States adopted a new Constitution. This new Constitution, in Article 1, enumerat-

ed the powers of the Congress. The fourth clause of Article one grants to Congress the power 'To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization.' "That the power of naturalization is enumerated ahead of the power to coin money, to declare war and to raise an Army and a Navy is proof that

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Arlington High School student wins awards for his work supporting the renaming of 'slave cemeteries'

By Kaeleigh Banda



Arlington High School senior Marcus Owens will attend a ceremony at Carnegie Hall on June 11 to recognize his accomplishments in the National Scholastic Art and Writing contest. Owens was awarded gold medals for his pieces, "Slave Cemetery" and "Cemetery for the Formerly Enslaved" (pictured in the foreground) and another artwork. He won another gold medal for a related work. *Courtesy photo*

Marcus Owens, a senior at Arlington High School, received two gold medals from the National Scholastic Art and Writing contest. His art not only demonstrates skill and hard work, but it fights for change and justice.

Two of Owens' winning pieces share a message of opposition toward the names of "slave cemeteries." His art depicts the importance of renaming the cemeteries to "cemetery for the formerly enslaved" and the significance of the past tense. The other piece illustrates the eternity of enslavement the names of the cemeteries place on the deceased.

Joe Torres, bus driver for the Arlington Central School District

and political activist, said he has been working to rename the Storm Family Slave Cemetery in East Fishkill since 2020 and tells students on his bus about the cemetery.

"We need to create justice for those that are buried in the cemetery and restore some dignity," Torres said. "The people that are buried there are still shackled by the label of slavery, and renaming the cemetery can serve as a way to free their souls and give them the peace that was stolen from them during the brutal life that they lived."

Torres gave Owens, a student on his bus, the inspiration for the art after noticing the name of the cemetery. Torres said he asked

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Rhinebeck, Beacon plan ‘No Kings’ protests June 14

On Saturday, June 14 – as President Trump hosts a multimillion-dollar Flag Day military parade coinciding with his birthday in Washington, D.C. – Hudson Valley residents will rally in Rhinebeck and Beacon, along with millions of people nationwide, to declare to “America has no king!”

Presenter of the protest, Hudson Valley Strong–Indivisible, calls the event a National Day Defiance and Mass Mobilization. It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Lions Minipark, South Parsonage Street & North Park

Road, Rhinebeck.

A core principle of all “No Kings” events is a commitment to nonviolent action. Hudson Valley Strong–Indivisible expects all participants to help de-escalate any potential confrontation with individuals holding opposing views.

More information is available at www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/787686/

Another group, Indivisible 845 and a coalition of partner community organizations, will hold a “No Kings” rally and march in Beacon on June 14. The event will begin at 1 p.m. at Veterans Plaza.

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Owens if he wanted to create art to depict the story of the cemetery and its name, and Owens seized the opportunity.

“A great skill can be your voice,” Torres said. “So, by using his artistic skills, he doesn’t have to actually say anything. Just look at what he’s done with the creation of these pieces, it speaks a lot. ... He captured the story more than I could have imagined.”

Owens has experienced the full impact of Torres’ mission. After months of work – and support from his family, friends, art teachers and Torres – Owens created award-winning art that captures the importance of renaming the cemetery. His artwork offers more than visual appeal; it tells a story that sparks change.

“It’s a piece that shows why change is necessary,” Owens said. “So, if I could get one thing out of the artwork, it would be more attention on the issue.”

Torres said he strives to uphold the Arlington Central School District mission statement by inspiring the students on his bus to engage in their communities and fight for what they are passionate about.

“I want to introduce students to something they might not otherwise receive in a classroom, and that is direct civic activity engagement,” Torres said. “So, while they can learn about it in the classroom, I try to give them a first-hand introduction and let them know, hey, one person can make the difference.”

On June 11, Owens will attend a ceremony to recognize his accomplishments

in the National Scholastic Art and Writing contest at Carnegie Hall. After graduation, Owens will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design where he will study painting or industrial design.

“I’m super grateful for the opportunity to create the pieces,” Owens said. “It was a great thing that I was happy to contribute to. ... Now I’m ready for the next steps.”

Torres said he hopes to eventually have the cemetery renamed with help from state and local elected government officials. Despite his efforts to reach out, he said he has received few responses and no active support. Torres said if anyone wants to help support the renaming, they should contact the governor and ask for change and legislative action.

Throughout his life, Torres has battled with his health. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013, prostate cancer in 2016 and in April 2025, he learned that his cancer had returned. While he has had to take a step back from work, Torres said he still feels passionately about returning for the students and continuing to fight for what he believes in.

“Bus drivers are more than just drivers,” Torres said. “We’re nurses, we’re safety people, we’re mentors, we’re counselors, we are educators. Every day we safely transport the world’s most precious natural resources. The student that’s getting on my bus means the world to somebody.”

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Planning Board Chairman Sam Phelan said, “The overriding question: Is the acquisition plan consistent with the LWRP?”

Looming in the background, and often coming to the fore, was opposition to the proposed eminent domain action. As Phelan reminded everyone, that issue is not within the Planning Board’s purview; their job is to determine whether the town’s plan for a waterfront park constitutes an appropriate use as outlined in the LWRP.

Gray also urged the members to not “throw the baby out with the bath water,” meaning they should avoid arguing against a policy based on one sentence within that policy.

The full LWRP can be viewed and downloaded at <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/05/town-red-hook-1995.pdf>

At points in the meeting, members of the public shouted at Phelan, and there was a robust comment period with concerns that ranged from ADA compliance (or non-compliance), to questions about the park’s capacity in light of Red Hook’s population (11,000) and the probability that out-of-area visitors would also frequent the facility.

The Planning Board set a Special Meeting for Tuesday, June 10, at 4:30 p.m. (after this publication has gone to press). They will put their response in writing at that time to present to the Town Board.

Go to <https://www.redhookny.gov/AgendaCenter/Planning-Board-6> to download audio and video from the June 2 meeting.

‘No’ votes on seven policies

A summary of the policies that were determined to be non-compliant follows. Full text of each policy is available at the LWRP link provided above.

1A: Restore, revitalize, and redevelop deteriorated and underutilized waterfront areas for commercial, industrial, cultural, recreational, and other compatible uses (page 99).

5: Encourage the location of develop-

ment in areas where public services and facilities essential to such development are adequate, except when such development has special functional requirements or other characteristics which necessitate its location in other coastal areas (page 104).

9: Expand recreational use of fish and wildlife resources in coastal areas by increasing access to existing resources, supplementing existing stocks, and developing new resources. Such efforts shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other activities dependent on them (page 111).

19: Protect, maintain, and increase the level and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities so that these resources and facilities may be fully utilized in accordance with reasonably anticipated public recreation needs and the protection of historic and natural resources. In providing such access, priority shall be given to public beaches, boating facilities, fishing areas and waterfront parks (page 121).

21: Water-dependent and water-enhanced recreation will be encouraged and facilitated, and will be given priority over non-water-related uses along the coast, provided it is consistent with the preservation and enhancement of other coastal resources and takes into account demand for such facilities. In facilitating such activities, priority shall be given to areas where access to the recreation opportunities of the coast can be provided by new or existing public transportation services and to those areas where the use of the shore is severely restricted by existing development (page 126).

21A: Undertake efforts to establish a town dock and park area or areas in Barrytown to provide public access for water-related recreation activities including fishing and boating (page 128).

23: Protect, enhance and restore structures, districts, areas or sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the state, its communities, or the nation (page 129).

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the founders knew what we know: that only by providing a means for this nation to welcome new citizens with their talents and abilities could this nation grow and prosper.

“For 296 years, the oath of allegiance has been administered in Dutchess County. Today it is my pleasure to continue that long practice.”

Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society stated, “The Ag Society was honored to be asked to host the Naturalization Ceremony on the Fairgrounds. We donated the facility, The Phantom Gardener donated the flowers, and our staff donated their time to create a beautiful setting for this ceremony. Each new citizen was given two complimentary tickets to be our guest at this year’s Fair, where we hope the Dutchess County Fair will become a part of their family traditions.”

Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. He began by thanking the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for hosting the event in the Welcome Center at the Fairgrounds.

“Please take a moment to look around: despite being completed in 2017, this structure is not a modern build,” said Tatum said. “It is timber-framed, held

together with wooden pins instead of nails and screws, in the tradition of structures built 300 years ago by the first settlers of Dutchess County. This building, like the Society’s work in general, is a vital reminder that the origin, foundation and lifeblood of Dutchess County has always been rooted in agriculture. From colonial farms focused on wheat, apples, and sheep to the nineteenth century Violet flower industry and big dairy to today’s agri-tourism and beverage industries, the economy and lifestyles of Dutchess County have been defined by what we can plant and reap from the soil. I encourage all of our new citizens to return here between August 19-24 to experience the wonder that is the Dutchess County Fair, now in its 179th year.”

In his address, Tatum also highlighted events in American history on June 6, most notably “June 6, 1944, 73k American soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy in France to begin the liberation of Europe. Many of them were new citizens, just like you. 2,501 of those soldiers died that same day. These events, achievements, and sacrifices become part of the tapestry of your lives today, just as you now join the fabric of our American nation.”

He also spoke of the history of



Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum speaks at a Naturalization Ceremony held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center on June 6. *Courtesy photo*

Dutchess County, naming Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and went on to discuss the Great Depression, World War II and other important events in U.S. history.

The presentation of Colors was by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Color Guard and Loren Petrella led the singing of our National Anthem and “America the Beautiful.”

Sweet’s Funeral Home enters a new chapter with ownership transition

After decades of service to the Hyde Park community, Sweet’s Funeral Home recently announced the sale of the business to longtime employee, Ryan Boryk. This transition marks a significant milestone for the funeral home, as the operation moves into the hands of someone who has been a vital part of its success and shares its deep commitment to care, dignity, and service.

For years, Sweet’s Funeral Home has been a trusted establishment in Hyde Park, offering comfort and support during life’s most challenging times. The decision to pass the torch to Ryan Boryk – a familiar and respected figure among colleagues and community members alike – ensures that the legacy of personalized and compassionate care will continue seamlessly into the future. Ryan’s long-standing dedication, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the funeral home’s traditions and operations, positions him ideally to honor the past while guiding the service into a promising future.

Rob Sweet shared, “Ryan has worked by my side for a number of years, and I know that he will proudly carry on the legacy that my grandfather and father established. I am also comforted knowing that Ryan believes in the same values as I do and will continue to serve our community with compassion and dignity. Now it is time for me to work by his side.”

“I am deeply honored to assume ownership of Sweet’s Funeral Home,” Ryan said. “For many years, I have had the privilege of contributing to a service that so many in our community rely on. I

intend to build on the legacy of trust and empathy established by the Sweet family, dedicating myself even more to ensuring that every family we serve feels supported during their time of need.”

The sale to a longstanding member of the Sweet’s team not only underscores the company’s commitment to stability and continuity but also highlights a thoughtful approach to preserving the values that have made Sweet’s Funeral Home a cornerstone in the community. Current staff members expressed their confidence in this transition, knowing that Ryan’s leadership will continue to provide the same level of personalized care and community engagement that the funeral home is known for.

To learn more, visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.



Longtime employee Ryan Boryk (left) has purchased Sweet's Funeral Home in Hyde Park. Former owner Rob Sweet (right) will continue working at the business. *Courtesy photo*

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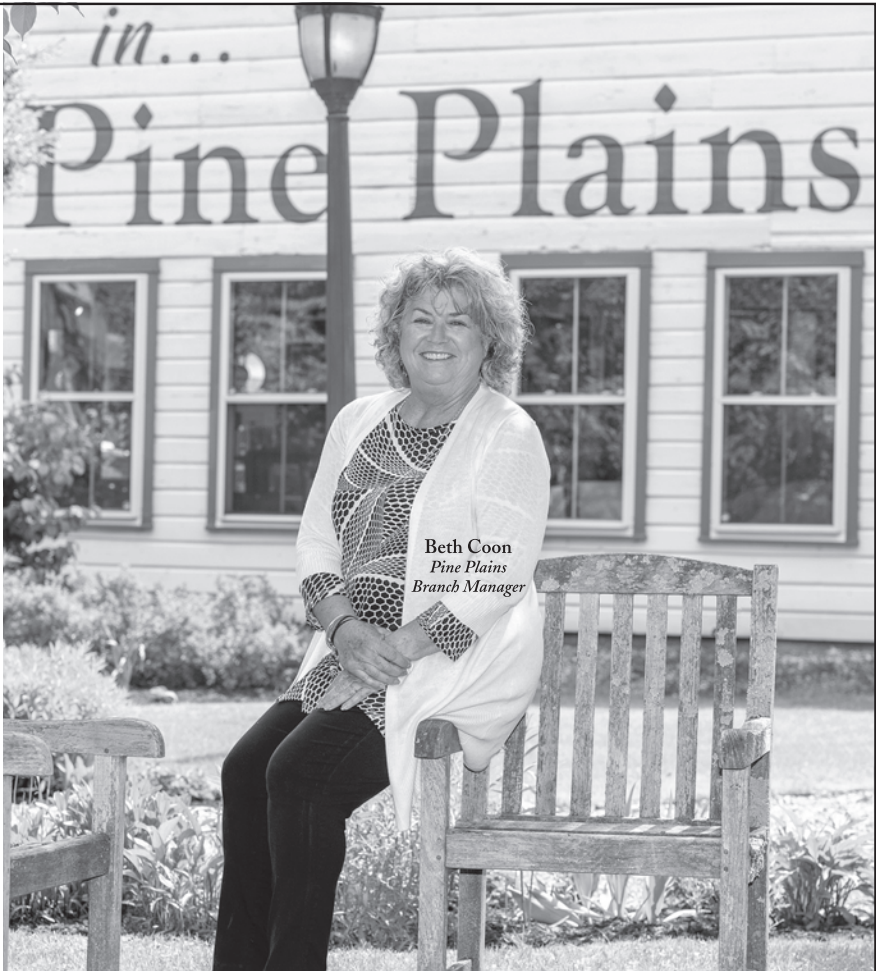
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Those who really deserve raises
To the editor:
Having spent three stays at a rehab these past two years, I came to have the utmost admiration and respect for the many jobs held at the Lutheran Care Center and the devotion of duties performed. Nurses, physical and occupational therapists, aids observed. From my room I watched PT workers all day pulling a wheel chair behind them, holding onto the garments in the back of an elder trying to walk. Slowly, up and down the hall all day. Such patience. The OT exceptional and informative.
Extra kudos must go to the aides. These individuals work around the clock, in shifts, to take people to the bathroom, clean them afterwards. If bedridden and diaper messed, they clean, redress, and fix sheets. Day and night, no matter how many calls, they come quietly, do their job, and leave. They do errands, take people to showers, or bathe at bedside and dress. Never complain. Fewer are willing to serve in this capacity. Higher wages would help. No job more important than to keep bedridden people clean.
I thought of our politicians, congressmen. Outrageous salaries, perks, freebies, jets, pages, aides, secretaries, excellent food, the same job with no term limits. There is no incentive or motivation to do better. Perhaps once a year they should be required to serve a full day in the capacity at these jobs to better understand their lives. Yes, as an aide. As it should be, you do a job well, your salary rises. Those in government get raises; so should everyone else.
Joyce Benedict
Hyde Park

Democracy can make our country better than Trump's 'dictator rule'
To the editor:
I find the world a place of wonderment at my stage in life, still wondering why I was put on earth, but thankful to be still here with my wife of 70 years. One of my joys is seeing our great grandchildren under age 10 looking at life with new and inquiring eyes. Our nation can seem to be in chaos with fear at street-level generated by Trump. Was Trump placed on earth by our creator to show that our population is too stupid to govern themselves or that we really do want a dictator to rule us. For me - I still believe in Democracy with checks and balances.
Now we have Democrats spending \$20 million on something called "Speaking with American Men: A Strategic Plan" to try and convince working-class to vote for them. It is making the comedy show circuit and it plays into Trump's beliefs. They might rather empathize their respect for women, women's equality, the fact that our creator put us all here on earth - male, female, Hermaphrodite (born with both sex organs), or the homosexual, together with their efforts in protecting women, our families, society, and inclusiveness of all.
Trump is a cowardly bully who wants to project a

"Machismo Male" insane image with threats to bring everyone and everything under his control and put women "in their place." "Manhood" is not about how many - women you have sex with, children you have, wives you had, persons you have killed, fights you have been in, women you beat into submission. It is about protecting the family, protecting the group you live in - not destroying it while building a better life for all.
Trump did attract young men under 30 years (60% white, 40% Latino, 33% black). A writer called it "aspirational masculinity" or as an old woman said "their brains go to their crotch." Trump attracted some with his history of abuse of women and lawlessness. Trump and followers are really afraid of women and want to destroy the image of women and their accomplishments. We remember the women and nurses dying, piloting planes to Europe, and dying for this country. Someday we will have a woman president.
David F. Queen
Red Hook

It's time to stand up to Trump and his 'racist bullying'
To the editor:
Let me see if I have this right, the president of the United States of America, Donald Trump (a white man), is scrutinizing American universities, colleges, corporations, businesses etc. to see if they are advocating equal employment opportunities to all races, such as, African Americans, Latinos, Asians, LGBTQA, etc, and if they have DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) persons in their ranks, they must either fire them, deport them or ostracize them and if they don't, he will defund them, fine them or remove their tax exempt status.
So in plain English, Trump is saying, "if you are not a racist, I will punish you." Since when does an American president punish equal treatment of all races and enforce racism, in this case White Supremacy?
I find this unbelievable in a democratic America. This behavior is un-American and really disgusting. Why aren't all these minorities suing the government over this? Where is the ACLU? Where are the lawyers defending these people? Unfortunately many law firms, corporations, businesses have caved to Trump's racist bullying.
Bravo to Costco, Harvard, and a few law firms who have stood up to these egregious threats. There will be a national day of protest on Saturday, June 14th, the same day as the wasteful military parade in Washington DC and Trump's birthday. I encourage the American people of all stripes to go out and protest this fascist takeover of our country. Carry signs and be counted as someone who is standing up to tyranny and holding the American beliefs that all men and women are created equal under the law.
Frank Palaia
Rhinebeck

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Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market started its 22nd year with a great turnout of vendors and customers for the ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 7. Long-time manager Dot Chenevert wields the scissors as the new managers Shannon and Brian Lasher and family look on. Courtesy photo

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Stony Kill Farm to host accessible activities for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

By Kaeleigh Banda

New York's annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day will be celebrated across the state from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. In Dutchess County, Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center is hosting local activities including a bird walk, hikes, seed planting, open barn tours and orienteering as part of the day's festivities.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day is organized by the Department of Environmental Conservation and State Parks along with their partners at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, NYS Department of Veterans' Services, Office of the Chief Disability Officer, Office of Mental Health and the NYS Justice Center. Stony Kill is partnered with the Department of Environmental Conservation to create accessible features for its activities.

Stacey Lynch Adnams, executive director of the Stony Kill Foundation, said the public programs are open to everyone to enjoy, including those with developmental disabilities.

"The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities is going to be on site," Lynch Adnams said. "They started joining us about two years ago when they were really trying to make this whole event accessible for everybody. ...

[There] will be a seed planting activity and maybe a couple different crafts. ... And that's also open to anybody who shows up."

Lynch Adnams said Stony Kill has received grants to help make the farm more accessible by improving the trails, adding ramps and ensuring accessible restrooms.

"We want everybody who comes to the farm to be able to enjoy it and to access all parts of the farm," Lynch Adnams said. "Our most popular areas are our trails, our gardens and our barn. And so those areas are all made accessible, because that's what the public needs. We are serving the public at Stony Hill. So we strive to make sure everything is inclusive at the farm, and that anybody can come and enjoy."

Stony Kill will have tours of its heritage livestock from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the barn. Lynch Adnams said heritage livestock are the equivalent of an endangered animal in the wild.

"These are animals that have a long history and aren't necessarily raised throughout the United States," Lynch Adnams said. "So, we cultivate a lot of these heritage animals at the farm to not only preserve their history but also preserve the genetics which can help further preserve other future species of livestock."

Three of the main activities of Stony



Visitors to Stony Kill can visit the animals in the red barn during New York's annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on June 14. Photo by Kristine Coulter

Kill's Get Outdoors & Get Together Day are "Birding for Beginners," the "Naturalist Walk" and "Intro to Orienteering." Registration for those events is free and can be found under "Public Programs" on the Stony Kill website: <https://stonykill.org/>.

Lynch Adnams said it is a full day of outdoor activities which provides a space for visitors to appreciate their public spaces.

"This event is really nice for the public

because it gives people a chance to try something they haven't tried before," Lynch Adnams said. "If you've never gone birding, it's actually quite fun. Since we have so many species of birds at the farm, you're going to definitely see something. And it gets people outside and off of their phones. ... We offer different public programs on the weekends and events throughout the year, so it gives people a chance to see the kind of things that we offer."

FEEDBACK ON VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK'S COMMUNITYWIDE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SOUGHT BY JUNE 23

The Village of Rhinebeck's Climate Smart Task Force has been working on a Communitywide Climate Action Plan and now has a draft ready for public feedback. Review the draft at <https://village-ofrhinebeck.org/> and click on the link under "Announcements."

Comments may be sent to Village Clerk Martina McClinton via email, mmcclinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov,

by June 23.

This draft compiles actions not only from the Village's public-facing governmental operations (in addition to its Governmental Operations Climate Action Plan), but it also brings in projects from organizations, businesses and institutions in the Village. The goal is to work together towards a greener future.

Register by July 1 for Grange Camp's 'Kids Day Out'

The New York State Grange Camp Program is sponsoring a "Kids Day Out" on Monday, July 28, at the Stanford Grange Hall; 6043 Route 82; Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Kids Day Out" is for children ages 7-17 (5- and 6-year-olds may attend if a parent/guardian attends with the child).

Attendees will enjoy a day of fun with games, crafts, community service, leadership, swimming, and rocketry. A kid-

friendly lunch will be served, and parents are welcome to stay for the day, as well.

The registration fee is \$20 per child (this includes lunch) and \$5 per parent staying for lunch. Registrations are due by July 1. To register or for more information, contact the New York State Grange Co-Camp Directors: Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or rorton808@yahoo.com or Sherri Horner at (315) 380-2294 or kidsbreak1@yahoo.com.

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.eastdalevilage.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.neccmillerton.org/farmers-market-millerton>

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

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, The Pavilion at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Open Tuesdays through 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.rhinebeck-farmersmarket.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://tastenyoddhill.com>

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Retired jerseys hold special spots in memories for everyone

By Morgan E. Maier

As the Seattle Mariners announced plans to retire the #51 jersey for both Randy Johnson and Ichiro Suzuki, baseball fans are reminded that every team's retired jersey holds a spot in the memories of franchises, spectators and front offices alike. The Hudson Valley Renegades have their own set of numbers that will never again take the field at Heritage Financial Park.

Rookie & Rene, #94

Flagship Renegades mascots Rookie and Rene served for decades as the faces of the organization. Number 94 is retired in their honor as a nod to the inaugural Renegades season, 1994. After two decades of morale-boosting feats in summer baseball, including an on-field wedding and the coming of their successor Rascal, Rookie and Rene now enjoy their retirement in Florida like any old snowbirds. They're immortalized on the first base concourse with statues, always ready for a photo opportunity with fans. But Rookie and Rene are just two mascots to hold the honor of jersey retirement, as such love translates across professional sports. In the soccer world,

Europe's Premier League has reserved numbers for mascots in the Bournemouth and Leicester City clubs.

Kevin Brown, #45

As the first Renegades alum to reach the majors, Kevin Brown is written in Hudson Valley history. Brown was the starting catcher in the inaugural Hudson Valley team and later became the first Renegade honored with a jersey retirement. In the summer of 1994, Brown was top-five on the roster in hits, doubles, triples, home runs, and RBIs. After debuting with the Texas Rangers in '96, Brown also spent seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, Milwaukee Brewers, and Boston Red Sox over a seven-year MLB career.

Wade Davis, #33

Once a difference maker for the Short-A Hudson Valley Renegades, World Series champion Wade Davis is, above all, a community leader. Beginning his career with the Tampa Bay Rays, Davis took root in the Hudson Valley and settled in the town of Marlboro. Davis, whose #33 jersey was retired by the Renegades in 2024, makes an impact that transcends the scorebook. As a figure in community



Since being established by the Goldklang Group, 1500 Route 9-D in Fishkill has housed the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, one of three active sites honoring off-field achievers in the sport's history. *Courtesy photo*

baseball leagues at the Little League and intermediate levels, Davis continues to impress on players at the earliest levels of the game. Now retired, the three-time All-Star runs Full Kount, a nonprofit organization that benefits children involved in sports.

Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame

Few successful baseball careers hinge on a single moment or individual performance. For professional baseball scouts, one decision can make or break careers. Scouts could be boast or bust from choices seen beyond highlight tapes and box scores. It's a labor of love, worthy of a hall of fame.

Take Mike Radcliff, who drafted catcher Joe Mauer to the Minnesota Twins. He made an iffy decision in the eyes of many fans and baseball media. Radcliff was, for a time, the Twin Cities' laughingstock for passing on presumed 2001 number one pick Mark Prior. Mauer became a beloved name in the franchise, the fans' favorite face and jersey, and Radcliff earned his spot in the Hall of Fame in 2021. Since being established by the Goldklang Group, 1500 Route 9-D in Fishkill has housed the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, one of three active sites honoring off-field achievers in the sport's history.

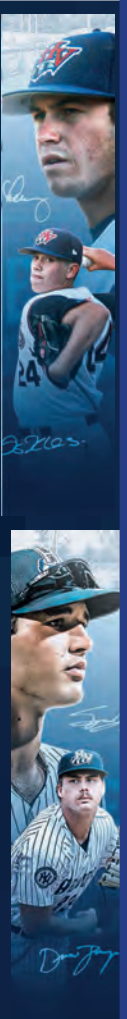
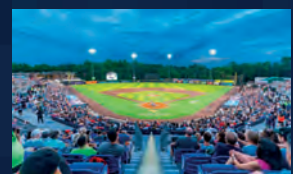
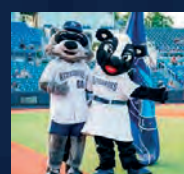
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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM	39	18	.684	-	7-3	L1
Greensboro PIT	37	19	.661	1.5	5-5	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	34	22	.607	4.5	4-6	L2
Wilmington WSH	24	33	.421	15.0	6-4	W1
Aberdeen BAL	22	35	.386	17.0	3-7	W2
Jersey Shore PHI	21	35	.375	17.5	4-6	W3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	30	26	.536	-	5-5	L3
Greenville BOS	30	27	.526	0.5	8-2	W4
Hub City TEX	30	27	.526	0.5	5-5	L1
Rome ATL	27	30	.474	3.5	3-7	L4
Asheville HOU	25	32	.439	5.5	5-5	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	21	36	.368	9.5	5-5	W3



Home Schedule

June			
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 Riggio 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



Strong pitching helps Renegades to series split

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades needed to bounce back this week. Following another series split with the Ironbirds, the Renegades hold a 4.5 game lead on the third position in the South Atlantic League (SAL). Some early-inning heroics for the slow-starting squad and a spot start from Somerset's Bailey Dees offered what Hudson Valley was hunting on this road trip. Five straight 7:05 p.m. start times helped the visitors a bit, as the Renegades move best under the brightest lights.

Pitching prowess

Renegades pitchers have allowed the fewest hits in the SAL with 344. This week, Hudson Valley allowed just 12 hits in its three wins. The Renegades held Aberdeen scoreless for 24 straight innings before a late-inning push on June

7 broke the streak.

Seven strong innings from Dees held Aberdeen to one hit on June 6, and put a third straight in the Renegades' win column. Hudson Valley pitching also has the league's lowest WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) with 1.08. Baserunners' chances of getting on base are significantly lower with Renegades on the mound.

Omar, Jackson, Tomas, and Coby

Renegades earned the series edge with back-to-back offensive showcases, scoring 19 runs on 23 hits after dropping the opening game by one run. Hudson Valley soared in 8-1 and 11-2 victories. Omar Martinez and Jackson Castillo are leading the Renegades with 32 and 31 runs batted in, respectively, placing them in the SAL's top 10. Tomas Frick and Coby Morales led the charge on June 4, com-

binning for five hits and three home runs. Frick had a five RBI night, while Morales was 3-5 with a home run and a triple.

The next night, Martinez drew early blood, a sharp line drive to give the Renegades a lead in the opening frame. Aberdeen pulled away 2-1 on a bottom-first sacrifice fly, then Castillo scored Dillon Lewis the same way in the top of the fifth. Frick added the insurance run in the sixth, his RBI single sandwiched between two two-run home runs to blow the game open. Castillo finished 2-4 on the night, one of five Renegades (Lewis, Parks Harber, Brenny Escanio, and Frick) with two or more hits.

Wild ending

The Renegades lost the final two games of the series to settle for the split. On June 7, a walk-off wild pitch secured a Saturday win for Aberdeen. In the series finale, the Renegades' late push wasn't

enough, twice. MLB rehabber Jake Cousins allowed the game-tying run on one that sailed to the backboard, then Aberdeen went on, despite a 2-1 Renegades lead on a Parks Harber single. The Ironbirds didn't get a hit in the bottom of the tenth, yet came out with an extra-inning win on Saturday.

The Renegades (34-22) will head down I-95 to host league RBI leader Miguel Bleis and the fifth-place Greenville Drive (30-27) this week. The Hudson Valley has not faced its South Carolinian rivals since 2023, but the Drive are on a hot streak, winning four in a row against the Rome Emperors. With a 9-5 record (.653) in all-time matchups, the Renegades will host these unfamiliar foes for another week of fun at Heritage Financial Park.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Lewis, Vargas bring hitting, speed to Renegades' lineup

By Morgan E. Maier

In two ways, minor league baseball is a game of promotions. From April to September, fans receive a nightly schedule of entertainment and weekly shake-ups of rosters. As they close out the opening half of the season, the Hudson Valley Renegades have added two names to the list, a first-year player in outfielder Dillon Lewis and a familiar face in two-season alum Alexander Vargas.

OF Dillon Lewis is a 2024 Draft, Round 13, Pick 391.

Before his promotion from the Single-A Tampa Tarpons, Lewis was hitting .250 with 29 RBI and 9 home runs. With 13 stolen bases with Tampa, Lewis could fill the gap left by the team's leader in stolen bases, Brendan Jones (23).

Lewis was born in Columbia, Maryland, just an hour southwest of Aberdeen, where he debuted for the Renegades on June 3. He notched his first High-A hit that night, one bright note of a 3-2 Renegades loss, and the first of a four-game hit streak.

Figures. Lewis likes to get things started from day one. In his professional debut down in Single-A, Lewis recorded his first hit, stolen base, and first home run — in that order!

Lewis recorded three home runs in his

last Single-A series, facing the Dunedin Blue Jays from May 20-25. In his Tampa sendoff, Lewis went off for 3 RBI in a 9-5 Tarpons finale win.

Drafted in the 13th round out of Queens University of Charlotte, Lewis had a record-shattering junior season that impressed the Yankees' scouts. Breaking the program's single-season records in home runs, runs, RBIs, and hits, Lewis was named a 2024 First Team All-Conference selection in the Atlantic Sun Conference. As the Royals' everyday left fielder, he recorded a 1.000 fielding percentage in 107 putouts for his final collegiate season.

With an offense that has improved steadily since his professional debut, Lewis adds a much-needed spark to the front of the Renegades lineup. He picked up his first multihit performance in Aberdeen on June 5, with his first High-A home run, a triple, and 2 RBI.

INF Alexander Vargas is a switch-hitter and versatile infielder and he returns to the Renegades after 39 games at AA Somerset.

Vargas came out hot to start 2024, with five RBIs in as many games. Finishing the season in Somerset, Vargas ended the season with half as many strikeouts as he did in 2023. A season prior, he was third on the Renegades with 116 punchouts.



Alexander Vargas' speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base. Photo by Dave Janosz

Over 39 games with Somerset this season, Vargas had 29 hits and 13 RBIs. The speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base.

Just 23 years old, Vargas has moved through the Yankees organization since being signed in 2018. Vargas's most magical moment came on a late, muggy August night in 2023, as his 12th-inning

walk-off home run finally put the Jersey Shore BlueClaws to bed. He finished 4-6 with four RBI on the night.

Like Lewis, Vargas launched a home run on June 5, his first hit since re-joining the Renegades. An eighth-inning sacrifice fly on June 3 put the Renegades in reach of Aberdeen's wire-to-wire lead. Though the late-game rally ultimately fell short, Vargas notched his first RBI since his return to Hudson Valley.

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Clinton Community Day features parade, fun for all



The Town of Clinton held its Community Day on Saturday, June 7. In the photos, clockwise from left: Parade Grand Marshal Jeanie Bean poses for a photo with Don Estes, Chief of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Dept. and parade announcer. Participants in the parade included Clinton Alliance Church, Clinton Corners Post Office and The Clinton Historical Society (celebrating its 50th anniversary). The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department's "Willie the Jeep" pulls their antique 1830 hand-drawn hose cart restored by their members. Grand Marshal Jeanie Bean leads the parade. She is owner (with her husband, David) of Jeanie Bean & Family Delicatessen. Popular entertainer Bee Bee the Clown creates balloon animals for children. The Clinton Volunteer Fire Dept. was on hand to distribute information. Voters just approved funding their new fire house. Photos by Craig Marshall and Judith Grabowski



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RevCon 250 event set June 14 on lawn of FDR Library

Dutchess County continues its multi-year commemoration of America's semi-quintennial (250th anniversary) with RevCon 2025 – the second-annual Revolutionary War Re-enactment and History Fair – hosted by Destination Dutchess and the Dutchess County Department of History on June 14, on the lawn at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

Re-enactors from the Brigade of the American Revolution will be on hand for weapons demonstrations and tactics, exhibitions of military camp life and uniforms, and question-and-answer sessions about life in Revolutionary America. Historians will be on hand at the accompanying history fair to talk about the Hudson Valley's role in the Revolutionary War.

Visitors can also pose for photos with

Destination Dutchess' very own "Commander in Cheers" and listen to stories of Dutchess County's revolutionary heroics as told by a pint-sized, augmented reality version of George Washington – also known as "Tiny George."

Here is a timeline for the day's events:

- 10 a.m.–4 p.m. History Fair & Re-enactment, Wallace Center and Library Lawn.
- 11 a.m. Uniform talk and firing demos.
- 12:30 p.m. A presentation by historian and author Todd Braisted, titled "They Absolutely Did Not Murmur: The Hudson Valley Takes Up Arms for King George."
- 2 p.m. Uniform talk and firing demos.

Visit www.fdrlibrary.org or www.destinationdutchess.com for more information.



American Revolution re-enactors will be on hand June 14 at FDR Library & Museum in Hyde Park as part of an event commemorating the 250th anniversary of America's independence, known as RevCon 2025. *Courtesy photo*

Passion play set June 20-22 at Poughkeepsie church



The Poughkeepsie Passion Play will run June 20-22 at Living Water Church in Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo*

The Poughkeepsie Passion Play, entitled "The Promised One," will premiere in New York under the direction of Dr. James D. Whitmire. Five performances are set June 20-22 at Living Water Church, 260 Mill St., Poughkeepsie. Tickets are available at www.poughkeepsiepassionplay.org through Eventbrite.

"The Promised One" is the story of Christ: His life and death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to Heaven. The The staged musical production will

include more than 150 cast, crew, pit choir, and live instrumentalists.

Crossroads Baptist Church Memphis, Living Water Church Poughkeepsie and Love Worth Finding Ministries join together for this presentation.

For nearly four decades, Dr. Whitmire produced and directed the Memphis Passion Play, Jacksonville (Florida) Passion Play, Uruguay Passion Play (South America), Mid-America Passion Play, and now the Poughkeepsie Passion Play.

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Investigate local fruit and learn about plant reproduction

June in the Hudson Valley is a great time of year not only to eat locally grown fruit, but also to learn about plant reproduction. Cutting up different kinds of fruits and observing their internal structures can offer clues from their former “lives” as flowers. After flowering, the ovary, and sometimes other accessory structures, becomes a fruit, which contains the next generation of the plant. Why not dissect (and taste) some delicious fruit from Dutchess County’s own Mead Orchards?

Mead Orchards in Tivoli is on the verge of its 2025 Pick-Your-Own summer season! They start with sweet cherries in mid-June (the exact date depends on Mother Nature; check meadorchards.com for details), and then roll into their spray-free blueberries in early July, followed quickly by raspberries and plums. Sadly, due to the icy January temperatures, they won’t have peaches for picking this year. But everything looks great for apples in the fall!

Seed dispersal

Plants produce fruit to protect and disperse their seeds. Animals eat the fruit and act as vessels when they transport the seeds to distant locations. The animals then deposit the seeds far and wide in their droppings.

Fertilization in flowering plants occurs when a sperm cell from pollen fuses with an egg cell in an ovule, resulting in an embryo, which is located within a plant’s seed. While seeds develop from plant ovules, plant ovary tissue matures into a fruit.

Fruit classification

Fruits are broadly classified based on the number of ovaries and flowers involved in their formation. Simple fruits develop from a single ovary, such as apples and cherries. Aggregate fruits develop from multiple ovaries of one flower, such as raspberries and strawberries. Multiple fruits develop from many flowers fused together, such as pineapples and figs.

Materials for the investigation

Plenty of fruits are grown here in Dutchess County. Gather an assortment of them, such as berries, plums, corn, fava or green beans, pea pods, red peppers, grapes, cucumbers, and peppers. Other materials you’ll need are a knife, magnifying glass, cutting board, paper and pencil for diagramming and recording.

Also, obtain a flower with easily viewable structures, such as a lily, tulip, daffodil, alstroemeria, or gladiolus. Flowers to be avoided for this activity are daisies, asters, calla lilies, roses, and iris. Those blooms have more complex floral anatomies, making their structures difficult to discern.

Observe fruit and flower

Examine your assortment of fruits and note what they have in common, both externally and internally. Draw and describe the structures you observe, any symmetry, and the number of seeds. Dissect the flower to examine its structures. (Flower dissection activity here: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FLower-DISSECTION-REPRODUCTION-6674749>.) What similarities do you notice between the structures of the flower and those of the fruit?

Scientific snacking

Any time during this investigation is the perfect time to snack on a few of your “research subjects”!

You may have noticed that some fruits contain the remnants of flower structures. For example, tomatoes and peppers retain sepals—the leaf-like structures surrounding the flower’s petals. The dried filaments on the bottom of apples and the tops of strawberries are former stamens, which carried pollen. The fibers on every raspberry bump are former stigmas, which were connected to the ovary.

Once you have observed and drawn the various structures, use them as evidence to explain how fruits are related to flowers. An organized write-up of this investigation is available at: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FRUIT-TYPES-INVESTIGATION-REPRODUCTION-DEVELOPMENT-7545068>.



Mead Orchards in Tivoli offers a variety of pick-your-own fruit in season, including black and red raspberries, blueberries and red cherries. Photos by Francine Wizner



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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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NYS awards major grant to Stissing Center

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) recently awarded the Stissing Center in Pine Plains a grant of just over \$1.5 million to help progress the renovation and addition to its historic building. The funds will go to essential building stabilization, roof repair, and completion of the lower level community and performance space.

This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$86 million to 134 capital projects across New York State.

The Stissing Center was formed in 2015 to raise the cultural profile in the Town of Pine Plains. It is housed in a historic building that has undergone extensive renovations. The NYSCA grant will go to continue the building’s renovation and move the Center forward along its path to becoming a hub of arts, culture and community activity that brings in jobs and visitors.

“The Stissing Center is beyond thrilled to receive this grant and is tremendously grateful to board member Eileen Yajure, supporter Jorge Yajure, and architect and board member Doug Larson, who poured hours of time into preparing the application of this all-important grant,” said Patrick Trettenero, Executive Director of the Stissing Center. “As a gathering place for the arts and community in our small town, the Stissing Center is proud to contribute to the local economy by creating jobs while at the same time supporting the unique rural character of Pine Plains and helping it grow as a welcoming destination for visitors and weekenders.”

The Stissing Center provides programming for adults, children and teenagers. Its board and community of donors and supporters in neighboring towns have raised over \$300,000 in the last year alone to create strong programming that is benefiting everyone at all socio-economic levels.

“Our arts and culture sector is a powerhouse, inspiring the world with innovation and creativity,” said Gov. Kathy Hochul. “By investing in our museums, our theaters and our arts centers, we enrich our communities, strengthen local economies and improve tourism all over the State.”

Stissing Center Board President Gwen Greene said, “This grant is a huge boost for our organization, and will move us closer to finishing this critical renovation. It will go a long way toward energizing us, our donors, and our vast community of supporters to continue to invest in the Stissing Center. We have made such great progress over the past five years and have been motivated and impacted by this grant. We will continue to succeed.”

NYSCA Executive Director Erika Mallin said, “These transformative projects improve communities, drive tourism and foster innovation in the field. Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature’s dedication to arts and culture, we are building a thriving future for our world-renowned creative sector. Congratulations to the Stissing Center, NYSCA is a proud supporter of your contributions to New York’s arts and culture.”

Learn more about the Stissing Center at www.thestissingcenter.org.



The Stissing Center in Pine Plains received a sizable grant from the New York State Council on the Arts to help continue renovations to the historic building. *Courtesy photo*

Pull a World War II tank on June 14 to benefit United Way’s veterans programs

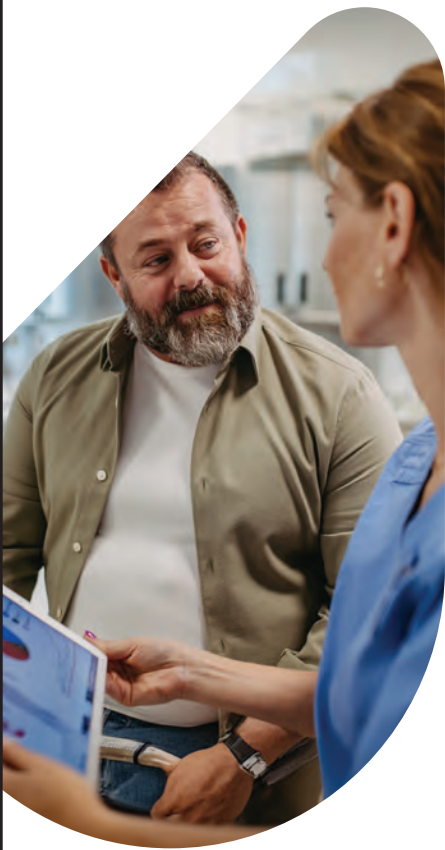
United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will hold the third Annual Pull the Tank event on Saturday, June 14, at the new venue Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Route 416 in Montgomery, in Orange County. Teams will battle it out to see who can pull a WWII Veteran Combat Sherman Tank the fastest, and all for local veterans.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is bringing back this event for Mission United. Pull the Tank offers a unique opportunity for the community to actively show support for veterans and

military families.

Advance registration is required. Participants can register for Pull the Tank as individuals or as part of a team. Teams are encouraged to fundraise and can compete for prizes based on their fundraising and pulling performance. The event will also feature a DJ and other activities for participants, including an ice cream truck and a children’s game area for families to enjoy.

For more information and to register for Pull the Tank, visit www.uwdor.org/ptt25.



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THEME: SOCCER

ACROSS

1. Heidi's footwear, pl.
6. * ____ Hamm
9. Humorous anecdote
13. It doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles
14. Like Mother Hubbard
15. Popular pie nut
16. Hiker's path
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18. Makes better
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43. Lice eggs
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46. 3 squared
47. High rocky hills
48. Post-roller coaster ride state
50. Captain of Nautilus
52. ____ chi
53. Unforeseen obstacle
55. Acronym, abbr.
57. *FIFA headquarters location
60. *Soccer footwear
63. Uninterested
64. Hundred Acre Wood's wise resident
66. Parkinson's drug
68. Pool problem, pl.
69. Romanian money
70. Wooden ship caulking
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72. Cotillion ball's main attraction
73. * ____ Alexander-Arnold

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5. Forest spirit
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7. UN labor org.
8. Sun-dried brick
9. Exclamation, with Louise
10. Palm tree berry
11. ____ Mall, London
12. Ensign, for short
15. a.k.a. Lighthouse of Alexandria
20. *Provide with shin guards, socks and uniform, e.g.
22. Drake's genre
24. Playing roulette
25. *FIFA Women's World Cup current champion
26. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
27. Singular of cornua
29. Kill (2 words)
31. "By ____ of" or "by means of"
32. "The ____," Dostoyevsky's novel
33. U in UV
34. *Lionel ____
36. Coloring substances
38. Teenager's breakout
42. Relating to blood
45. Dwell
49. African National Congress
51. Central American wildcat
54. Get ____ ____ of someone
56. Highway patrolman's gun
57. "Germinal" author mile ____
58. Desire
59. * ____ Madrid
60. *C in AFC Richmond
61. Puff of marijuana
62. Spin, past tense
63. The Herm s Kelly, e.g.
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4-H youth make waves at 'Under the Sea' Fashion Show

Young designers made a splash on Thursday, May 29th as they took to the runway for their Annual 4-H Fashion Show, themed "Under the Sea." The event, held at the Farm and Home Center in Millbrook, was a celebration of creativity, confidence, and months of hard work in 4-H sewing and fashion programs.

Decked out in aquatic hues, shimmering fabrics, and handmade accessories, the participants wowed an audience of about 30 family members, friends, and community supporters.

"Community, creativity, and confidence - that's what this event is all about. It was inspiring to watch these young women lift each other up and celebrate their hard work and talents," said a 4-H staff member.

Each participant chose their own music and confidently worked the runway, bringing personality, style, and plenty of sparkle to the show. From ocean-inspired skirts to beachy casual wear, the garments showcased both creativity and craftsmanship developed over months of hard work.

The support in the room was unmistakable: Cheers echoed for every participant! These hard-working and talented artists showed us what 4-H is all about—not just learning skills, but building friendships, sharing ideas, and lifting one another up. Many of the members worked side by side in the lead-up to the event, sharing fabric, trading tips, and encouraging each other every step of the way.

"Under the Sea" may have been the theme, but what we saw

on stage were confident, capable young women. These 4-Hers now have lifelong skills; they'll never be fazed by a ripped seam or a last-minute fix again.

Didn't catch it? Don't worry! You'll have two more chances to catch the fashion magic during the Dutchess County Fair!

For details on 4-H programs or other CCEDC initiatives, visit ccedutchess.org or call 845-677-8223.



Local 4-H youth are pictured at their "Under the Sea" Fashion Show on May 29.
Courtesy photo

A & E CALENDAR

June 12: Birding & Landscape Walk, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Birding expedition led by Alan Peterson of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, 9 a.m. Along the way, participants will learn about Wilderstein’s romantic-style landscape, the exterior design of the mansion and outbuildings, as well as the intriguing lives of the Suckley family. Wilderstein is home to a wide range of avian species and habitats. All levels are welcome - wear your hiking boots and bring your binoculars. Tickets \$12. www.wilderstein.org or (845) 876-4818

June 12: Summer Concert Series, Cady Field, 1554 Main St., Pleasant Valley. PV Rec presents the Southern Dutchess Band, 6 p.m. Bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs, family, and friends. Arrive at 5 p.m. to enjoy bounce houses & outdoor games, brand new playground, family-friendly activities and more. www.pvrec.com

June 12 & 17: Author Events, Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Thurs., June 12: John Seabrook, “The Spinach King: The Fall of an American Dynasty,” 6 p.m. The riveting saga of the Seabrook Family, by one of The New Yorker’s most acclaimed storytellers. Free. Registration requested. Tues., June 17: Local author Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian (“Forest Euphoria: The Abounding Queerness of Nature”) in conversation with Oblong Books’ Fred Rossero, 6 p.m. Free. Registration requested. (845) 876-0500, events@oblongbooks.com

June 13: The Lox, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Legendary rap trio bring their raw energy and timeless bars to the MJN Center stage for an unforgettable night of pure hip-hop, 8 p.m. Tickets & more info at MJNCenter.org

June 13-14: Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show, Dutchess County Fairgrounds Horticulture Bldg., Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Colorful quilts and their makers from across Dutchess County & beyond on display. Various vendors, raffles and two featured speakers. Hours: Fri., June 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., June 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission \$10. www.dutchessfair.com

June 13-15: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. June 13: Grayson Hugh with Polly Messer; special guest Route One, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. June 14: The Weeklings – The Music of The Beatles & More, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. June 15: Comedian Gary Vider, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

June 13-29: “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 honoring 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 13-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 & tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts on Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Hurley Mountain Highway Band, a Cornwall, NY based quartet that plays “pop rock” from the ‘60s, ‘70s & beyond. More info on the Facebook event page.

June 14: Juneteenth and Pride Celebration, Lateef Islam Auditorium, Family Partnership Center, 29 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie. The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is celebrating both Juneteenth and Pride Month with the screening of the documentary film, “Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin,” followed by a Q&A, 2-4:30 p.m. Following the screening, Walter Naegle, Rustin’s life partner, will discuss Rustin’s extraordinary life, legacy, and continued relevance today. Registration is required for this event. www.poklib.org

June 14: Music on the Porch, Red Hook Public Library, 7444 S. Broadway, Red Hook. Joel Blumert and Paul K Maloney, 1 p.m. Free. (845) 758-3241 or www.redhooklibrary.org

June 14: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, “Music of the Knights,” The Performing Arts Center at Red Hook High School, 103 W. Market St., Red Hook. on Saturday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., at 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. Tickets \$38 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. A Family Package, for one adult and two students, is available for \$40. More info & ticket purchases: www.ndsorchestra.org or (845) 445-9606.

June 14-22: 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 15: Free Acoustic Concerts on the Lawn, Beatrix Farrand Garden, FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. This week: Duo Andalucia, Latin rhythms on guitar, 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Reservations required via BeatrixFarrandGarden.org.

June 18: Murder Café Summer Variety Show, The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston. In celebration of its 27th year in operation, Murder Café will deviate from the mystery entertainment it is known for by offering a variety show featuring comedy, song, dance and a bit of mischief, 7 p.m. This performance will consist of seven actors, each playing a role that they originated in one of Murder Café’s murder mysteries. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by visiting www.murdercafe.net. For information, call (845) 475-7973. The Best Western will be offering an a la carte menu and a cash bar. www.murdercafe.net

June 18: Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: Wyld Blue. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

June 18: Thomas Finnigan Storytelling, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. “Fates & Faeries,” 6:30 p.m. 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. (845) 876-2903

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through June 13:** Dutchess Handmade Spring Pop-Up Shop, unique shopping experience features handcrafted works by over 60 Hudson Valley artists and makers. Includes glassware, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor & more. www.artsmidhudson.org or or (845) 454-3222

Clinton Historical Society, 1777 Quaker Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Tpke., Clinton Corners. **Through June 29:** Exhibit of antique schoolgirl samplers made at the Nine Partners Boarding School (1798-1846) along with related samplers from Clinton and the surrounding area. Open weekends, 1-4 p.m. (845) 242-5879

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: cunneen-hackett.org

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 Brisbon-McKinnon ’26; and the second, “Water/Bodies: Sa’dia Rehman.” (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, 36 Tinker St., Woodstock. **Through July 20:** “Andrew Lyght | Touch Wood,” curated by Osi Audu, featuring the constructed paintings of Andrew Lyght. www.woodstockguild.org

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through 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. (845) 677-3611 or 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>

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through June 28:** “The Diner Project - Discovering a Time Past but not Forgotten,” photographs by Andrew Mark Satter. (845) 876-2903

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **June 14-Nov. 2:** “What’s Missing?” site-specific artworks in the Olana landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. **Art & Landscape at Olana: Afternoon Symposium and Celebration:** Sat., June 14, 4-6 p.m. Cost of the event is \$35 per person and \$20 for members of The Olana Partnership. www.olana.org or (518) 828-1872(518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Pawling Free Library, 11 Broad St., Pawling. **June 14-July 12:** “Wild Toys: The Toy Photography of Zach Oat,” one of the photographers of the cult classic Twisted ToyFare Theatre strips in ToyFare magazine, Oat takes you into the fantastical world of toys as they battle for supremacy in action-packed photos taken on both indoor sets as well as in the real world. **Opening reception:** Sat., June 14, 2-4 p.m. Copies of Oat’s book, “Wild Toys,” will be available for sale. (845) 855-3444

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 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 DiMattio, 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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **June 13-July 6:** Rae Gagliardy Vincent, “A Solo Show Honoring the Summer Solstice,” this exhibition, a reflection of light, spiritual awakening, and personal rebirth, embodies Vincent’s deep connection to nature and the sun’s energy. Her art represents a journey of introspection, revisiting the past and embracing an enlightened future. **Opening reception:** Sat., June 14, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

E-mail exhibition listings to:
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‘America250 Film Series’ kicks off June 25 at Wallace Center

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents the first program in its “America250 Film Series” with a screening of the Academy Award-nominated film “1776” (1972) on Wednesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register.

“1776” is a musical celebration of the founding of the United States of America based on the award-winning Broadway production. The story centers around familiar historical characters as they organize a movement for independence from Mother England: the tough and unyielding John Adams (William Daniels); the charming and pragmatic

Benjamin Franklin (Howard Da Silva); the brilliant Thomas Jefferson (Ken Howard) who is chosen to write the Declaration of Independence even as he longs for the company of his new bride Martha (Blythe Danner); and the rest of the Continental Congress. All events lead up to that most significant date of July 4, 1776 when the Declaration was signed.

The full slate of films included in the “America250 Film Series” will be announced on June 25, during the program. Films in the series will explore the American Revolution and broader themes relating to American civics. Screenings will include films such as “Gabriel Over the White House” (1933) and “Drums Along the Mohawk” (1939).

Contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 with questions about the event.

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Italian hand gestures

Another tutorial from Luigi

Italians are famous for talking with their hands; and much like the language dialects, hand gestures mean different things depending on where you're at in Italy. For example, to point up to your eye signals someone who is a cunning manipulator. Swiping the hand under the chin in a forward motion means I do not give a damn. There are easily 250 hand gestures, which are understood by most of the Italian population. Below are some of the most popular hand gestures and their meanings

Today we will be once again teaching and translating Italian. Please imagine the following is a language video.

In a throaty whisper the female narrator begins the lesson.

"Today we will be learning to speak in Italian hand gestures. I will describe the hand gesture, then give you it's meaning."

-beep- toss something behind back
"A long time ago," "Way back when..."

-beep- index finger spins forward in circle
"Later," "See you later"

-beep- drill finger into cheek
"Good!" "Beautiful!" "Delicious!"

-beep- kiss fingertips and toss away
"Wonderful!"

-beep- pinch fingers, draw straight line
"Perfect!"
-beep- hands together in prayer (for something)
"Please," "I beg you"

-beep- straight hand taps stomach
"I'm hungry"

-beep- make pistol with thumb/index

- finger, wag
"There isn't any more"
- beep- tug lower eyelid
"Watch out," "That guy is sneaky"
- beep- turn large imaginary knob
"(Someone is trying) to steal"
- beep- upturned hand, pinch fingertips together
"Full," "Crowded"
- beep- stirring imaginary bowl with fingertips
"Something secret/illicit is going on"
- beep- thumb slices down cheek
"That guy/gal is really sharp"
- beep- chin flick
"I don't give a damn"
- beep- index finger/hand taps head
"You/he/she is crazy!"

As you practice these hand gestures, remember to use them properly and in the right context. This recipe for Ciabatta bread calls for you to let part of the dough sit overnight. This will give you more time to practice. Caio!

CIABATTA BREAD

Make the biga, also called sponge today, and tomorrow you can bake two loaves of this wonderful, somewhat tart, rustic Italian bread with a hearty crust.

For the Biga (sponge)

1/8 teaspoon active dry yeast

2 tablespoons warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)

1/3 cup warm water

1 cup bread flour

For Bread:

1/2 teaspoon active dry yeast

2 tablespoons warm milk (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)

2/3 cup warm water

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups bread flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

To make sponge: In a small bowl stir together 1/8 teaspoon of the yeast and the warm water and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In a bowl stir together yeast mixture, 1/3 cup of the water, and 1cup of the bread flour. Stir 4 minutes, then over bowl with plastic wrap. Let sponge stand at cool room temperature for at least 12 hours and up to 1 day.

To make bread: In a small bowl stir together yeast and milk and let stand 5 minutes, or until creamy. In bowl of a standing electric mixer fitted with dough hook blend together milk mixture, biga (sponge), water, oil, and flour at low speed until flour is just moistened; add salt and mix until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes. Scrape dough into an oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

Let dough rise at room temperature until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. (Dough will be sticky and full of air bubbles.) Turn dough out onto a well-floured work surface and cut in half. Transfer each half to a parchment sheet and form into an irregular oval about 9 inches long. Dimple loaves with floured fingers and

dust tops with flour. Cover loaves with a dampened kitchen towel. Let loaves rise at room temperature until almost doubled in bulk, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

At least 45 minutes before baking ciabatta, put a baking stone on oven rack in lowest position in oven and preheat oven to 425 F (220 degrees C).

Transfer 1 loaf on its parchment to a rimless baking sheet with a long side of loaf parallel to far edge of baking sheet. Line up far edge of baking sheet with far edge of stone or tiles, and tilt baking sheet to slide loaf with parchment onto back half of stone or tiles. Transfer remaining loaf to front half of stone in a similar manner. Bake ciabatta loaves 20 minutes, or until pale golden. Cool loaves on a wire rack.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)

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OBITUARIES

Winfield Scott Begor

Winfield Scott Begor, 58, a lifelong area resident, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 30, 2025 at his home. Scott was a supervisor and teacher at Taconic OPWDD in Wassaic, NY for 36 years retiring in 2022.

Born on June 3, 1966 in Sharon, CT, he was the son of the late Chester W. Begor and Grace (Mellon) Begor. On July 9, 2005 at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church in Pleasant Valley, NY, he married Mary Beth Franks who survives at home.

Scott attended Dover High School and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club in Dover Plains. He was a vestry member and an honorary Altar Guild member at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, CT.

Scott was always a very generous and caring person ,especially in any time of need, who loved cooking for friends and family; his pulled pork was always welcome!

In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and clay shooting with good friends. He bonded with his father-in-law watching Penn State games. He enjoyed travel, especially camping with his “camping family.” The last two years he spent doting on his new best friend, Maine, the yellow lab who is lost now without him.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children: a son, Justin Begor of Rome, NY and two daughters, Amber Ellis of Rome, NY and Tara Ann Begor of Dover Plains, NY; two brothers, James Begor of Malone, NY and Wellington “Skip” Begor of Dover Plains, NY; three sisters, Connie Hearn of Pleasant Valley, NY; Wava Barlow of Plattsburg, NY and Penny Wilson of Millbrook, NY. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Hunter, Alex and Jacob Begor; Richie Cianfrocco-Begor; Daisy Ellis and Remington King.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St. in Sharon, CT.

Memorial contributions may be made to Towers to Tunnels Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 or online at <https://t2t.org/>. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Harry E. Pierson

Harry E. Pierson 90, previously of LaGrangeville, NY and Bradenton, FL passed away peacefully in Liberty, SC on Monday, May 26th, 2025.

Harry was born in Cedarhurst, NY, to Harry E. and Anne Louise (McGrath) Pierson. His Father passed away when he was young, and his Mom remarried John (Jack) Richards. Harry often spoke about how blessed he was to have this wonderful man as his “Pop”.

As a teenager his family moved to Billings, NY where he met the love of his life, Jane M Washburn. They were married 68 years prior to Jane’s passing in October, 2023.

Harry was a life member of the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department and served as President and Commissioner during his 50 year service.

Harry and Jane retired to Bradenton FL in the mid 80’s and enjoyed many wonderful years with friends at the West Winds and Garden Lakes Community.

Harry is survived by his two daughters, Debra (William) Dunstan of Poughkeepsie and Suzanne (David) Hall of Liberty, SC. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael (Katie) Dunstan, Sara Dunstan of Poughkeepsie, Robert and Nicolas Hall of Palm Bay, FL. He also leaves 3 great-grandchildren, Michael and Liam Dunstan and Athena Hall. His brother William (Carolyn) Pierson of Bradenton FL also survives along with many nieces and nephews.

The family has opted for a private service at the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Cemetery in mid July with friends and family.

Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff



Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff, 69, an area resident since 1990 and formerly of Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, died on June 3, 2025 surrounded by her immediate family.

Born in Quakertown, PA on November 1, 1955, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Mianna (Eisenhart) Geissinger. She graduated from Goshen College, taught high school math, and later studied theatre at Michigan State University. After moving east, she took on multiple roles at WMNR radio in Connecticut and subsequently became the program director at WFUV in NYC. Before retiring in 2022, Jewel was employed as the Public Information Officer for the Poughkeepsie Public Library where she spearheaded the community wide Big Read project.

Jewel was a member of the New Beginnings Alliance Church in Poughkeepsie where she served as the choir director and was very active in church life. In 2009, she co-founded Mid-Hudson Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC), an organization that builds relationships with people in need to encourage transformation. There, she passionately served as board chair, furniture delivery coor-

dinator, volunteer coordinator, event planner, and teacher. She directed and acted in plays with the County Players and volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America. Jewel loved playing the piano, baking, reading, playing games, and gardening. In 2023, Jewel was honored as the Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women. Most recently, she enjoyed adventures to the Pacific Northwest, Iceland, and China, as well as trips to dote on her treasured grandchildren.

Jewel is survived by her husband, Eugene H. Ratzlaff; her daughter, Caitlin Harris; her son, Lucas Ratzlaff; her grandson, Oliver and granddaughter, Chandler; her siblings, Ladnor, Cordell, Glenn and Timothy Geissinger, and Tanya Shealey; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

On Saturday, June 14th, visitation will begin at 9:00 with a Memorial and Celebration of Life at 11:00 at New Beginnings Alliance Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. A lunch reception at the church will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mid-Hudson Love INC, 748 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or at www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org.

William E. Scileppi

William E. Scileppi, born November 15,1955 in Brooklyn, NY to Dr. Robert and Alice Scileppi, has left this world to join those he loved and cared for the most. He was preceded in death by his adoring parents Robert and Alice, his beloved grandparents Myron and Genevieve Scileppi, Ralph & Hermena Brodrick, his brothers Robert I. Scileppi Jr., Christopher J. Scileppi, dear friend Isabel Krisen, and great niece Aurora Decker.

He is survived by his siblings their spouses and children; Peter (Mary) Scileppi with whom he made his home, their children Christopher, Alexandra, and Sarah. Jeremy (Sharon Berlin) Scileppi, their sons Matthew and Jonathan Scileppi. His sister Alice Claire (Robert Douglas) their children: Nick (Shawna), Zane (Elizabeth), Charlotte, Angela, Dean (Courtney). Also surviving are his Aunt Elizabeth Yanity, Ridgefield, Ct and Thomas Scileppi, Chicago, Il, as well as a host of Yanity and Scileppi cousins.

Bill graduated from the Dutchess County BOCES Special Ed program, he worked at the ARC sheltered workshop for several years. He was a participant in The Special Olympics, a Boy Scout in Troop 90. He participated in many programs and activities through the Dutchess County ARC.

Bill had a special relationship with all his nieces and nephews, was always interested in them and their lives. “Uncle Billy” had a sweet and caring nature and loved unconditionally. He enjoyed a special closeness with his great nephew Maddox and niece Nova, seeing them and spending time with them weekly.

Although Bill had a significant speech impediment, he was always able to communicate, he would not give up until he made his point. He was a tattletale and world class snitch, enlisted by Dad to report our wrongdoings and missed curfews. We didn’t mind too much. He was also keenly aware of how to

tease, with the slightest flick of his pinky and a “deet, deet, deet” this innocuous act could infuriate like nothing else.

Bill loved receiving mail, he had an obsession with receiving cards on any holiday but especially his birthday. He was indulged in this obsession by the whole family as well as family friends . Heaven help anyone who did not send a card. He kept a list and hounded anyone he thought might be able to rectify that slight.

Bill lived at home with our parents his whole life, shuttling between New York and Florida, he helped care for our grandparents, then our parents. Bill’s calm and steady demeanor allowed him to accept the loss of the most important people in his life, with the exception of the passing of our dear mother, his lifelong advocate and best friend, her passing left an un-fillable void. Bill would point skyward asking for Mom and wanting to know when he would join her and Dad.

Bill, we hope you received a royal greeting upon your arrival. You are loved and will be missed forever.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, June 9, 2025 at St. Martin de Porres Church, Poughkeepsie, NY. Burial followed in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Poughkeepsie.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Richard Stevens

Richard Stevens, a long-time resident of Poughquag, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 30, 2025; he was 68.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens, he proudly served his country as a U.S. Air Force Veteran and later retired as a Postmaster with the U.S. Postal Service.

He was married for 39 years to his beloved wife, Susan, and is also survived by their daughters, Kristin and Danielle; his sisters Christine, Diana, and Connie; his brother Lenny, and their families. He is also lovingly remembered by many in-laws and extended family who held a place in his heart.

Richard made his home in Poughquag for the past 36 years, where he loved the community, the quiet of the area, and his peaceful mountain view.

He enjoyed the simple things fishing, cheering for the Yankees, planting and gardening, listening to classic rock, and spending hours in his backyard watching the birds and beauty of nature. He was an avid reader who cherished quiet time, especially with his girl Ellie, his fur baby for the past 13 years.

Private services will be held with interment to follow at St. Denis Cemetery in Hopewell Junction.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to CrateEscapeRescue.com.

His family will honor his life by celebrating all the things he loved, and will remember him as a man of quiet strength and a heart full of love for those closest to him. His family will continue to love and miss him deeply.

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NAME OF PROJECT: Beekman Salt Shed Roof Replacement Project
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enced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00AM Friday, June 27, 2025, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll)

Conference ID: 788 947 878# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed en-

elope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday June 20, 2025 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is August 11, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 19, 2025. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC# 2025006579. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
RFB-DCB-08-25
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Other sources are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before **11:00am Monday, June 30, 2025**, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be at-

ended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All bidders will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 924 769 155#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Walk-through is scheduled for 10:00am, June 12, 2025 at 50 Market Street, Probation's Main lobby, Poughkeepsie, NY. Questions will be accepted by the close of business June 24, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd_dmckenna@dutchessny.gov. The County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project

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Notice is hereby given that FRANK VENTURELLA, JR. is to appear before the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court on June 27, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. at the Dutchess County Supreme Court-house, located at 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, as the Respondent in an Extreme Risk Protection Order application. At the hearing, the parties shall have an opportunity to be heard, give testimony, call witnesses, and offer evidence to assist the Court in determining if a final Extreme Risk Protection Order will be issued. The respondent may request a later hearing date to prepare for the hearing. To request a later hearing date, the respondent

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GOLDEN LIVING

HOLIDAY NOTES

OFA and OFA Friendship Centers are closed for the following national holidays in the coming weeks:

Thursday 6/19 – Juneteenth

Friday 7/4 – Independence Day

Clients of OFA’s Home Delivered Meals receive shelf-stable meals in advance of each holiday.

JUNE 15TH IS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

The abuse of older people (also known as elder abuse) is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust that causes harm or distress to an older person, according to the World Health Organization’s definition of the term.

Elder abuse can occur in community (for example, at home) or institutional settings such as nursing homes. Elder abuse takes many forms including physical, psychological, financial/material, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect and self-neglect. Abuse takes many forms, and sometimes those forms are so subtle that an outsider cannot easily recognize them.

Worldwide, around 1 in 6 people aged 60 years and older experiences some form of abuse in the community, annually. In institutions, the rates of abuse of older people are higher, with 2 out of 3 staff reporting they have abused an older person in the past year. The number of older people who experience abuse is predicted to increase as Europe, North America and Asia undergo rapid population aging, a phenomenon that’s also been observed in Dutchess County.

Elder abuse can happen to older adults regardless of their socioeconomic status. The most notable locally connected example of this is the financial and other

abuse suffered by New York philanthropist Brooke Astor (1902-2007) in her final years, at the hands of her son, Anthony Marshall, who was convicted in 2009 of 14 of the 16 elder abuse-related charges against him. The abuse was brought to light by Astor’s grandson Philip Marshall, whose www.beyond-brooke.org website continues to raise awareness of elder abuse.

For more information on preventing elder abuse, visit www.dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable, where you’ll find an Elder Abuse Resources flyer you can print for yourself and those you care about.

JUNE 18 CLINTON/HYDE PARK OFA PICNIC AT CAPACITY

And this coming week’s June 11th free picnic for older residents (age 60+) of Milan, Red Hook and Rhinebeck is close to capacity too. The June 25th picnic for Town of Poughkeepsie seniors is also close to capacity.

OFA Summer Picnics tend to reach capacity, especially with the older adult population of Dutchess County continuing to grow while overall county population stays roughly level.

Here’s the list of remaining picnics and venues:

June 25 - Bowdoin Park, Poughkeepsie (Town of Poughkeepsie residents)

July 9 - Memorial Park, Beacon (City of Beacon residents)

July 16 - Stissing Mountain High School, Pine Plains (North East, Pine Plains, Stanford & Washington residents)

July 23 - Robinson Lane Park, Wappinger (Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls residents)

July 30 - West Road School, Pleasant Valley (Pleasant Valley residents)

Aug. 13 - Stitzel Field, Poughkeepsie (City of Poughkeepsie residents)

Aug. 20 - Freedom Park, LaGrange

(Beekman and LaGrange residents)

Aug. 27 - Hopewell Recreation Park, Hopewell Junction (East Fishkill residents)

Reservations are required for picnics, because seating is limited. Call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 to make yours. We cannot accept reservation requests made by email or voice mail. Visit www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics for the full picnic schedule, along with Facebook links to photos from past 2025 picnics.

Thanks to Central Hudson, AccentCare, Hudson Valley Medicare Group and The Pines at Poughkeepsie for their support of all twelve picnics.

SAVE THE DATE – GOLDEN GATHERING AT ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL (Sat 9/27)

The annual Golden Gathering for older adults and caregivers takes place on Saturday, September 27th. County Executive Sue Serino, New York State

Senators Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinchey, and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging are co-hosting the event for the benefit of older adults and caregivers throughout the 39th Senate District and Dutchess County.

This year’s Golden Gathering will be held at Arlington High School, 1157 Route 55 in LaGrangeville, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program will consist of health screenings, entertainment, refreshments, and various informational tables geared toward the interests and needs of area older adults. Dozens of organizations will be represented. The Golden Gathering is the single largest annual event of its kind in Dutchess County.

From health and nutrition to caregiving and technology, the event is a “one-stop shop,” bringing together essential resources for older adults and their families.

DUTCHESS COUNTY TO HOST OLDER ADULTS SKILLS FAIR ON JULY 10

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced the County will host a free “Putting Your Skills Back to Work” Older Adults Skills Fair for older adults who are interested in exploring part-time employment or volunteer opportunities, on Thursday, July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

Whether retirees are seeking a flexible job, an opportunity to share their expertise through volunteerism or simply exploring ways to stay socially and mentally stimulated, this event will give them the chance to:

- meet local employers offering flexible, part-time positions tailored to experienced workers;
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There is no RSVP required for guest attendance; participants can simply show up and take advantage of the many offerings.

Businesses and non-profits organizations interested hosting a table at the event can call the County Executive’s Office at 845-486-2000, email countyexec@dutchessny.gov or go to dutchessny.gov/senior-skills to reserve a spot.

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