

Bard College appoints Becker acting president

The Bard College Board of Trustees announced last week the appointment of Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jonathan Becker as acting president, as the Board of Trustees launches a comprehensive search for a new permanent leader. Becker will begin his new position on July 1, immediately following the retirement of Bard's 14th President, Leon Botstein, who has served for more than 50 years.

Becker will chair a newly formed Leadership Council, comprising the College's senior leadership, to work with the board and to ensure their expertise and diverse perspectives inform Bard's path forward.

Becker has held numerous leadership positions during his three decades at the College as a faculty member and as an administrator in student and academic affairs. His work has primarily focused on bridging life in the classroom to students' lived experience. Becker is founding director of Bard's Center for Civic Engagement through which he supports community-based learning, Bard's groundbreaking advocacy for student voting rights nationwide, student-led civic engagement efforts, and Bard's institutional mission as a private college in the public interest.

"Bard is fortunate to have a leader of Jonathan Becker's caliber step in as acting president to lead the College through its most significant transition in 50 years," said Brandon Weber '97, chair of the Board of Trustees. "After carefully considering options to transition our college into its future permanent leader, the Board unanimously agrees that Jonathan is the right person for this moment."

Vibrant network inspires students with Harvest-To-Table choices

Todd Middle School shines

By Curtis Schmidt

The goal is to inspire middle-school students to make nutritious, sustainable food choices during the formative years of their lives. It's a Harvest-To-Table initiative and it's coming together at Orville Todd Middle School in the Spackenkill District with the help of five collaborating partners.

Leading the effort is Interim Food Service Director Larry Anthony. He retired last year, but has been on a mission to connect farms and schools with the goal of benefiting children for many years. He is an Education Specialist Master Instructor/Culinary Arts Training Team with the NY State Department of Education in Child Nutrition.

"This vibrant network of school and community partners connects agriculture, environment, health and culinary arts through the unique contributions of each partner," said Anthony. "By connecting the dirt in the garden to the food on the plate, this partnership shows students that eating healthy isn't just good for their bodies - it's delicious, fun and impactful for their local community."

Partners include the following:



Culinary Institute of America student Christian Hurdle slices peaches in the Orville Todd Middle School kitchen with staff member Zev Bordowitz. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

- The School Garden & Environmental Club: Students see their hard work come full circle. The club helps harvest fresh, seasonal produce directly from the School Garden, demonstrating the power of sustainable, hyper-local food production.
- The School District Food Services Department: Bridging the gap between

the garden and the cafeteria, Food Services ensures the event aligns with school nutrition goals and showcases how fresh ingredients can be integrated into daily school meals.

- The NY Local 30% Initiative:

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County celebrates Hyde Park's Ralph Osterhoudt at Inaugural 'Veteran of Distinction' ceremony



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche joined the family of Army PFC Ralph Osterhoudt Sr. and the community in celebrating his service at the County's first "Veteran of Distinction" ceremony. Courtesy photo

Nominations open to honor living Dutchess County veterans

From County reports

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the launch of the County's new "Veteran of Distinction" program, an initiative that recognizes outstanding living County veterans for their military service and their continued contributions to our local community. Building on the success of the "Honor-A-Veteran" program, launched last year to honor deceased veterans, this new effort invites residents, families, and friends to nominate local veterans whose stories

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This initiative highlights the economic and environmental importance of farm-to-school pipelines, celebrating the milestone of sourcing 30% of school meal ingredients from local New York farms.

- The Dutchess County Health Department: Public health educators are on-site to facilitate interactive activities that promote lifelong healthy lifestyles, emphasizing the vital role school gardens play in community wellness and chronic disease prevention.

- The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) Student Chefs: Bringing profes-

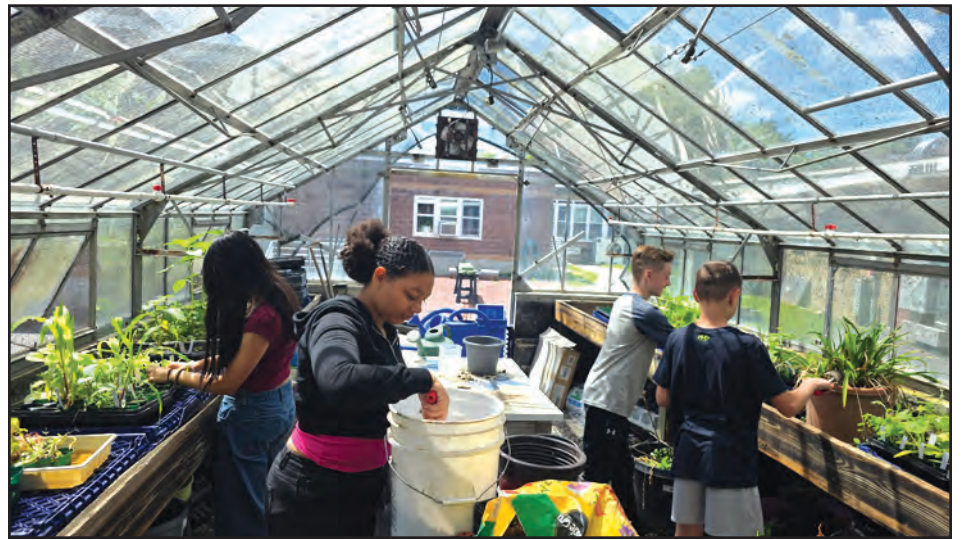
sional flair and culinary excitement, CIA student chefs lead the cooking demonstration. They teach middle schoolers basic knife skills, flavor balancing and creative ways to make fresh vegetables taste incredible.

All of the partners and components came together to produce a great meal for students at the end of May with food choices like Chicken Fajita Nachos, Arugula/Peach Salad with Feta and School-Grown microgreens, plus basil and peach smoothies. Anthony termed the event a “screaming success” as the

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Left: Orville Todd Middle School Interim Food Service Director Larry Anthony works with CIA student chef Julianna Hromek in the school kitchen. Above: Students give the “thumbs up” on their Harvest-To-Table lunch. Below: Students work in the greenhouse at the school, which is part of the Spackenkill District. *Courtesy photos*



MILLBROOK TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION JUNE 23

Village of Millbrook residents are invited to participate in a Special Election on Tuesday, June 23, from noon to 9 p.m., at Village Hall, 35 Merritt Avenue, Millbrook.

Voters will be asked to consider two propositions:

- Proposition No. 1 – Bingo
Would authorize eligible charitable, religious, educational,

fraternal, service, volunteer firefighter, veteran, and civic organizations to conduct licensed Bingo games within the Village in accordance with New York State law.

- Proposition No. 2 – Games of Chance
Would authorize eligible charitable, religious, educational, fraternal, service, volunteer firefighter, and veteran organi-

zations to conduct licensed Games of Chance within the Village in accordance with New York State law.

Village residents who are registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections at least 10 days prior to the election are eligible to vote.

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students kept asking for more.

Microgreens and plants take place with 7th grade Life Science students and the Environmental Club, advised by instructor Kim Rogers. The microgreens unit was introduced this year in the classes of Rogers and fellow instructor Melissa Walsh. Rogers said students explored plant growth, germination, photosynthesis, nutrition and sustainability through work with broccoli and radish microgreens.

The classroom greenhouse and indoor growing projects are integrated throughout the science curriculum to help students connect concepts to real-world applications. Students take part in planting, observing growth, maintaining plants and harvesting.

Instructor Elyse Joy works with her seventh-grade Life Science class in the school greenhouse and hydroponics system in the classroom. Parents donated seeds and soil. Seedlings are started in the greenhouse and then transferred to the garden located at Vassar College Community Gardens. The herbs go to the cafeteria and vegetables are used to make

dishes for the students to enjoy, like Swiss chard quiche and kale chips.

Anthony, who is also a CIA alumnus, enjoys working with current CIA students in the project. Student Julianna Hromek sees it as an opportunity to “apply our knowledge and give back to the community. We want to explore ways to do that now so that we can continue the process in our professional work.”

Christian Hurdle said he and fellow CIA students enjoy the interaction and learn as they work with the school cafeteria staff. “We blend experiences like this with our business administration and applied food studies,” he said.

Additional help has come from community partners, including Milestone Mill of Kingston, Dagele Brothers Produce of Orange County, Bread Alone, Indoor Organic Garden of Poughkeepsie, New Corn Crib and donations from local businesses including Miscedra Insurance, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Lowes Home Improvement Stores and Candreva Environmental Foundation.



Above: Todd Middle School instructor Kim Rogers holds a plate of microgreens in a gathering of students in her Life Science class. Left: Kitchen staff members used school-grown microgreens to prepare healthy dishes. From left are Silvia Sanders, Tina Alessandro and Steve Lawler. *Courtesy photo and photo by Curtis Schmidt*

‘Fit Dutchess’ works to help young people build lifelong healthy habits

Editor’s note: The Dutchess County Department of Health contributed to this article.

By Curtis Schmidt

According to the Dutchess County Department of Health, “Fit Dutchess” is a new initiative bringing together organizations from across the county to improve community health through a unified mission.

At its core, “Fit Dutchess” works to help young people build lifelong healthy habits - encouraging them to try nutritious foods, learn where their food comes from, and understand how daily choices shape long term well-being. To ensure lasting impact, “Fit Dutchess” is organized into three committees - Nutrition, Stakeholders and Engagement. These groups meet regularly to share ideas, form new partnerships, and strengthen each other’s work, ensuring a consistent and community-driven approach.

Among the early champions of “Fit Dutchess” is committee member Larry Anthony, former Director of Food Services for the Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Pine Plains school districts and, most recently, Interim Director of Food Services for the Spackenkill district. From the start, Anthony has played a key role in building healthier school environments. His collaboration with teachers, cafeteria staff, and community partners highlights the importance of school-based initiatives in the “Fit Dutchess” model.

Through his “Harvest to Table” initiative, Anthony helped re-energize school gardens with support from Master Gardeners and connected with student chefs from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) to introduce fresh, local ingredients into school cafeterias. These efforts exemplify how creativity and collaboration can transform student experiences around food.

Programs inspired by this work continue to gain momentum. One example is the “Dutchess Youth Kitchen,” the Dutchess County Department of Health’s hands-on, after-school cooking and nutrition series recently offered in the Poughkeepsie City and Spackenkill school districts, with support from the Poughkeepsie Farm Project. Together, these initiatives are planting the seeds for healthier futures across Dutchess County.

Anthony said the “Fit Dutchess” program interaction with Todd Middle School in the Spackenkill District promotes the school garden and connects students to the food that they eat.

“It’s an incredible honor to be working with Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado and the entire ‘Fit Dutchess’ team,” said Anthony. “We are connecting the dots and closing the gaps that exist between community and school gardens with the students and school nutrition programs.”

The team includes local leaders of institutions such as the CIA, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, local community gardens and local school district administrators.



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Law Enforcement Torch Run raises awareness of Special Olympics



Some of the participants in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics New York on the Walkway Over the Hudson. *Courtesy photo*

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics New York made its way through Dutchess and Ulster counties on Friday, May 29, and community members were invited to take part in this event.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is more than a run—it’s a statewide movement led by the “Guardians of the Flame.” This title is carried by more than 6,200 law enforcement officers representing over 470 agencies across New York. Together, they carry the Flame of Hope to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics New York, alongside athletes, families, and supporters.

The 8-mile awareness run began at Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park and proceed south along U.S. Route 9, passing through the Marist University campus. Participants will connect to the MJM Northside Trail and continue onto the Dutchess Rail Trail.

The group then headed to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park and continued toward Haviland Road in Highland. The group crossed the Mid-Hudson Bridge back into the City of Poughkeepsie. The final stretch follows North Water Street and Main Street, concluded at Mahoney’s Irish Pub & Steakhouse.

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PRIMARY ELECTIONS SET JUNE 23; EARLY VOTING UNDER WAY

Registered party members may vote in the Primary Election set Tuesday, June 23. Polling sites will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Early voting is under way; visit <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/> for sample ballots, Primary Day polling sites and more information. Winners of these elections will move on to the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early Voting Locations
Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie
Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Board of Elections Training Center, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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There is still hope for the historic Hudson River State Hospital

To the editor:

On June 3rd, a fire devastated the stately Administration Building on the Hudson River State Hospital property upper campus above where the ShopRite was recently built on the lower campus. The building stands proudly at the top of the hill, and its brick shell still stands after the fire. This historic building was planned for reuse, and there is still hope this can happen.

Over the past several years, the Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Commission has been working with the Town and the developer to save several of the historic buildings that were feasible to save and reuse, which resulted in a Letter of Resolution with the State Historic Preservation Office requiring five of the buildings (including the Administration Building) be secured for future adaptive reuse. Following this fire, the Commission sent the Town a letter advising that not all is lost. Their letter states that the Administration Building should not be deemed a total loss until it has been evaluated through an independent third-party engineering study, because it may still be able to be reused.

Historic structures just like this have repeatedly been restored following catastrophic damage. One notable example is a similar state hospital building in Danvers, MA. Following extensive deterioration and partial demolition, the exterior masonry shell was preserved and incorporated into a successful redevelopment project that retains its historic character. Today the property is known as the Bradlee Danvers, residential housing.

Another example is right in our backyard in Rhinebeck. The Wyndcliffe mansion was an abandoned ruin for decades, but now the historic brick shell is serving as the foundation for an extensive restoration effort and reconstruction of the interior.

The Administration Building at Hudson River State Hospital is the architectural and historic centerpiece of one of

the most significant sites in the Town of Poughkeepsie. As stated in the Commission's letter, "its importance to the Town's identity, history, and cultural landscape demands that every reasonable preservation option be thoroughly explored before irreversible decisions are made."

Not only is the property on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, but it also holds the National Historic Landmark designation. Only 3% of the sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places are recognized as National Historic Landmarks. Even in its current condition, opportunities likely still exist to utilize federal and state historic preservation incentives to rehabilitate the structure in a manner that retains its historic character.

So, let's see what the engineering study says before we jump to conclusions.

Stephanie Lewison
LaGrange

Are Ryan's expletives needed?

To the editor:

It was reported recently that Congressman Patrick Ryan (D) posted an expletive-laden social media video. The subject was a hold on a vote on the War Powers Resolution until after the Memorial Day weekend. In chastising the GOP, I wonder if his expletives included his two Republican West Point classmates in Congress who served as Apache helicopter pilots in Iraq?

Mr. Ryan's comments were divisive, long on expletives, but short on solutions. He got his wish to vote on the Resolution and dutifully voted to restrict the President's action. But what is he offering as a solution to the Iranian situation? Does he expect us to just pack our bags and walk away from the enriched uranium and situation in Iran? Is he okay with the Iranians developing a nuclear bomb? Is he okay with Iran dropping said bomb on Israel or elsewhere? Without a solution, his antics could blow up in his face, endangering many people, particularly in

the Middle East. Without a solution, it creates another scenario that would parallel North Korea, with possibly a worse outcome.

It is sad that Mr. Ryan resorted to such a low-bar attack using verbiage that shows weakness rather than command of himself and his language. Sadder still is the number of his constituents who applauded his attack instead of demanding better.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

Lisa Kaul will make our home a better place to live

To the editor:

I'm writing to tell you why I'll be voting for Lisa Kaul in the upcoming Democratic State Senate primary. I'm young and trying to start a life in the Hudson Valley. Twenty-two years and counting, but each year gets harder than the last. I'll probably never own a home, or be able to raise a family, or have more than two grand in my checking account.

Reading financial advice tells me to move somewhere cheaper, away from my family, friends, and home, a complete non-starter for me. I want representation that's looking out for me, that can help solve the problems in my life.

Lisa Kaul shines as the clear winner of the candidates in the Democratic Primary for Senate District 39. She's had huge wins in the Dutchess County Legislature, improving affordability, accountability and the environment. She's been endorsed by the do-ers of the world: unions like the Nurses Association and Communication workers of America, elected officials like Pat Ryan, and county committees with a history of putting up victorious candidates. If there's anybody who can make our home a better place to live, it's Lisa, and that's why I'll be voting for her in the Democratic Primary on June 23rd.

Michael Reilly
East Fishkill

DC Legislature launches Animal Welfare and Community Stewardship Committee

Chair Yvette Valdés Smith has announced that the Dutchess County Legislature is addressing a gap in public safety by launching the Animal Welfare and Community Stewardship Committee (AWCS) with a goal of better protecting both the animal and human residents of Dutchess County. The resolution (2026095) passed unanimously at the Dutchess County Legislature's June Board meeting on Monday, June 8.

Legislator Anna Shah (D-Town of Poughkeepsie), author and sponsor of the AWCS resolution said, "Over the past several months, Legislator Alexander and I have met with law enforcement, animal welfare organizations, shelters, rescues, and community stakeholders across Dutchess County.

"One message was clear: animal welfare is about more than animals," Shah continued. "Preventing cruelty, supporting responsible stewardship, and strengthening coordination among community partners helps protect both animals and people while promoting public safety, public health, and community wellbeing. The AWCS committee provides a transparent forum in the legislature to take much needed action towards sustainable, coordinated and cost effective solutions."

Legislator Eric Alexander (D-Amenia), sponsor and co-author of the resolution added, "For too long, Dutchess County has depended on a patchwork of

solutions, barely held together by good intentions. This new and necessary committee, will ensure that the animals in our county get the attention they deserve, and that the agencies assigned to this important mission, are given the resources they need to work together, cohesively and effectively, to protect their welfare."

Minority Leader Michael Polasek (R-LaGrange) said "The Minority Caucus was proud to support the creation of the Animal Welfare and Community Stewardship Committee. We are hopeful that this committee will help bridge gaps between the municipalities responsible for animal control, strengthen coordination among county agencies, and bring together the many non-profit organizations that are already doing this important work. By fostering collaboration and communication, we can build a more effective and unified approach to protecting animal welfare across Dutchess County."

Legislator Emma Arnoff (D-LaGrange) stated, "As a mental health clinician, I've worked with people who struggle to care for their pets and others who rely on them for emotional support. This committee will bring together agencies, volunteers, and county partners to address these challenges and more—working collaboratively to better support both animals and the people who depend on them."

Prior to the June 4 Committee meet-

ing, where the resolution to establish the AWCS was introduced, representatives from the Dutchess County District Attorney and Sheriff offices spoke in favor of the new committee, emphasizing the urgent need for resources, intra-county cooperation, and coordinated strategies to address the problem.

Sheriff Kirk Imperati said, "The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office has had dedicated professionals devoted to animal rights for many years. Having even more partners in this extremely important work will only strengthen our resolve and will go a long way toward eradicating these crimes and sending a strong message to those who commit them. I am excited to join forces with Chair Valdés Smith and members of the Legislature to work together on this newly established committee to achieve our common goals."

Senior Assistant District Attorney Nicholas La Stella reported that he would be leading the office's recently launched Animal Cruelty unit.

La Stella, Deputy Unit Chief of the DA's Special Victims Unit, was chosen because of the "significant overlap between animal cruelty and special victims cases. The number of victims of domestic violence who report animal cruelty is between 70-80%; people who abuse people they perceive as weaker often abuse animals as well."

Historical talk & tea will shine light on founder of Harts Village in Millbrook

The Millbrook Historical Society will hold a “Talk & Tea” at the Millbrook Library on June 27 at 1 p.m. The talk will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Philip Hart house, home of Nan and the late David Greenwood, at 2:30 p.m.

Kathy Moyer will present “The Illustrious Family of Philip Hart & His Home: Philip Hart (1739-1847).” Harts Village, a place identified by the creek waters tumbling over a significant drop in elevation, attracted ambitious men who saw the opportunity of water power. Philip Hart is the one whose name stuck. Why?

Who was Philip Hart? In addition to milling, he dealt extensively in land transactions, becoming one of the largest land owners in the area. Was he raised a Quaker or was his wife? Learn about the man, his house(s), and the legacy as

Kathy Moyer illustrates his life story through a power point presentation.

The tea is limited to Historical Society members and their guests. Indicate the names of those attending by emailing millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by calling (845) 677-4381, preferably by Wednesday, June 24.

You may join this event online at millbrookhistoricalsociety.org or in person.

Parking at the residence is limited, so carpooling is encouraged.

The home is at 3248 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44). The driveway is directly opposite Valley Farm Road between a ranch house and the Millbrook Country House B&B. Yellow house behind picket fence. Look for MHS Tea sign.

Use parking area or park along drive. Please be mindful of allowing room for others.

County celebrates Hyde Park’s Ralph Osterhoudt at Inaugural ‘Veteran of Distinction’ ceremony

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deserve to be highlighted and celebrated.

Hyde Park resident Ralph J. Osterhoudt Sr., Private First Class in the U.S. Army who served during World War II, was the first “Veteran of Distinction” honoree at the inaugural ceremony on June 9, held at Hyde Park Town Hall.

Serino said, “Our ‘Veteran of Distinction’ program is a meaningful way for us to thank the veterans who have given so much to our country and to Dutchess County. Our Honor-A-Veteran ceremonies have shown how deeply this community values those who served, but those tributes honor veterans who are no longer with us. This new program gives us the chance to recognize our heroes while they are still here to feel that appreciation. That’s why we’re beginning with our World War II veterans — members of the Greatest Generation whose stories we must preserve and celebrate before we lose the opportunity. I encourage residents to nominate a veteran in their life so we can honor their service together.”

On Christmas Eve 1944, PFC Osterhoudt sailed to Europe with thousands of U.S. troops to join the Battle of the Bulge, later considered America’s greatest World War II victory. In early January 1945, he and his battalion were transported in cramped French “40 and 8” boxcars to the front lines, where he fought in the Ardennes, the Colmar Pocket and the Siege of Bastogne during some of the harshest winter conditions of the war. He was also among the first 32 American soldiers to enter the Auschwitz death camp. After returning home to Staatsburg in 1946, he worked at the local post office, founded Osterhoudt Electric and became an active American Legion member dedicated to supporting fellow veterans.

Serino said, “I’ve had the pleasure of calling Ralph my friend for years, so it is very heartwarming for me that he is our first ‘Veteran of Distinction.’ Ralph embodies all we envisioned with this program: He’s a veteran with a record of honorable service to our nation, who returned home to Dutchess County, where he has continued to contribute to his community for 80 years! Though our new program, we look forward to celebrating the service of Ralph’s fellow veterans and thanking them in person for all

they’ve contributed to Dutchess County.”

Monthly “Veteran of Distinction” ceremonies will take place on the second Tuesday of each month from April through November, hosted in the community where the honored veteran resides. This year’s ceremonies will spotlight members of the Greatest Generation—Dutchess County’s living World War II veterans.

Speaking about the ceremony, as well as his continued commitment to his fellow veterans, PFC Ralph Osterhoudt Sr. said, “It was great. It was wonderful. I thank everybody from the bottom of my heart. I thank everyone for coming. It meant so much to me. ... I keep up with any veterans organization, even the flea market out at the airport; there’s probably 3,000 people out there in that airport. There’s probably not a person of those 3,000 people that would have any idea about thinking about World War II and the guys that died, except the ones that talk to me. And if I talk to a thousand of them, that means the veterans that didn’t make it were recognized, and that’s what I want to do. I don’t want people to forget them.”

Nomination requirements

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current Dutchess County resident
- Have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge
- Have served during wartime or peacetime; there are no restrictions on service dates or duration

How to nominate

Applications may be submitted:

- Online: dutchessny.gov/veteranofdistinction
- In person: Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
- By email: veterans@dutchessny.gov

All applications must include appropriate military separation documents (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NGB-22, or casualty report).

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs at (845) 486-2060.

DCHS presents Historic Preservation awards



On May 31, the Dutchess County Historical Society hosted its annual Historic Preservation and Awards Ceremony at the Brinckerhoff Inn in Fishkill. Top row, from left: DCCHS Board President Wayne Nussbickel is shown giving the award for Historic Preservation to Robert Chiulli, for Chiulli’s preservation stewardship of the Brinckerhoff Inn. Bannerman Castle Trust Executive Director and founder, Neil Caplan, received the Dutchess Award for exceptional contributions to the community from DCCHS Trustee, Peter Forman. Charlotte Hampton, an intern at DCCHS, received the FDR Award for early notable achievement from DCCHS Collections Manager Aidan Chisamore. Bottom row, from left: Dutchess County historian Will Tatum presented the Helen Wilkinson Reynolds Award for the “necessary, accurate pursuit of historical truth” to long-serving and current DCCHS Trustee and Collections Chair Melodye Moore. Eileen Mylod Hayden gave the Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for excellence in education to Arlington High School teacher, Robert Mc Hugh. More information and photos can be found at dchsnyc.org/2026-0531. *Courtesy photos*



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RENEGADES FEATURE

Josh Moylan crushes No. 25, becomes Renegades HR leader

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley's most-recognized Renegade has solidified another piece of franchise history. Josh Moylan, with a resounding home run against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws on June 10, became the Renegades' career leader in home runs, notching one more on a career-high tally this season. Known to get a walk-off water bath or pie to the face, Moylan has found ways to impact the Renegades this season offensively.

Shy of the halfway point of 2026, Moylan has eclipsed his single-season home run total — and cemented his name at the top of Hudson Valley's High-A History. On June 10, Moylan plunked a solo shot to left center. As the baseball landed beyond the fence, his Renegades up by a half-dozen, Moylan had become the franchise home run leader, an honor previously held by Spencer Henson's 24.

Moylan's first multi-home run game of the season — and first since

June 23, 2024 — helped propel Hudson Valley's come-from-behind win over the Frederick Keys on June 5. Moylan would launch his 11th of the season days later.

Though Hudson Valley has experienced the inconsistencies of summer, Moylan continues a jubilant June. More than a stalwart infielder, Moylan appears in left field, first base, and third, while offering a reliable designated bat. He is hitting nearly .300 in June (.289 as of June 14), and continues to boost the Renegades with the bat, and performing at various defensive positions. Among others, he is the career leader in home runs, games played, extra-base hits and runs batted in.

For three seasons, Moylan, 23, has been a Hudson Valley mainstay. He has come into the organization with a commitment to career and community, forging connections, and this year, especially, forcing an outfielder's glance above the wall he's meant to defend.



The versatile fielding and hitting star of the Hudson Valley Renegades — Josh Moylan — is now the team's career leader in home runs with 25. That mark was previously held by Spencer Henson. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	40	23	.635	-	7-3	W3
Frederick BAL	38	22	.633	0.5	5-5	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	29	33	.468	10.5	6-4	W1
Wilmington WSH	28	34	.452	11.5	2-8	L3
Brooklyn NYM	25	37	.403	14.5	7-3	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	24	38	.387	15.5	2-8	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	45	17	.726	-	7-3	W3
Winston-Salem CWS	36	27	.571	9.5	4-6	W2
Hub City TEX	33	29	.532	12.0	8-2	W5
Rome ATL	32	30	.516	13.0	4-6	L3
Greenville BOS	25	35	.417	19.0	5-5	L2
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Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Homers and hits set the pace as HV wins series over Jersey Shore



Both Wilson Rodriguez, left, and Core Jackson went deep for the Renegades last week. Rodriguez hit a grand slam on June 11 and Jackson hit a solo shot on June 14. Photos by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

Welcome to summer! The Hudson Valley Renegades were home for one week only this month, and pinched the BlueClaws for four wins at Heritage Financial Park. A franchise record, over-the-fence offense and a long-sought series win highlighted the Renegades' week in sweltering Hudson Valley heat.

Roderick Rolls - With Hudson Valley donning their Fenómenos Enmascarados identity jerseys on June 14, Roderick Arias' aggressive baserunning nearly released Hudson Valley from a 3-3 deadlock, advancing 90 feet from the go-ahead run after a passed ball. Though the Renegades would strand Arias there, they wouldn't wait long for the game-changing swing. And the next came even faster.

Core Jackson knocked a solo home run for the lead, and Eric Genter matched it for a 5-3 lead. Wilson Rodriguez was inches from a third straight shot, but a fortuitous blast of wind got Jersey Shore out of the inning with a 5-3 deficit. Hudson Valley would go on to win the game 5-3, and the series four games to two.

Arias had a hit in each game he played this series, marked by hard contact and tougher baserunning. Arias had two hits in the Renegades' opening 5-0 win, and again on June 12, as the infielder extended a 7-game hitting streak, dating back to the previous series against Frederick. In the finale, Arias had a pair of hits and an RBI.

Grandeur - A Wilson Rodriguez grand slam was not enough to salvage the Renegade win streak on June 11, as Rodriguez pummeled a shot straight to center. It would give the Renegades a lead, a four-run third inning, but Jersey Shore would claw back to a four-spot of its own. In the sixth, a bullpen dismantling would cost Hudson Valley its lead – and the win – as Jersey Shore caught its first win of the series. Kyle West took the BlueClaws out of the park three times in the first two games, sending the Renegades to back-to-back wins to start the series.

BlueClaws Unmasked - Another caped crusade ensued on June 12 with Superheroes and Villains Night, as the Dutchess County crowd reveled in their 11-3 hometown heroism. Josh Moylan hit his 11th home run of the season, as all Renegades reached base in the victory.

Emanuel Tejeda led the way with 3 hits. Genter, Rodriguez, Cam Troyer, and Jackson knocked in 2 runs each, as Hudson Valley overcame an early two-run deficit to earn Rory Fox his third win of the season.

Hudson Valley continues on the road the rest of June, first facing the Rome Emperors, who are coming off a losing bout with Bowling Green Hot Rods. Both Hudson Valley and Rome sit two spots from the bottom of their respective divisions, and look to close the ever-lengthening gap between their squads and the league leaders.

RENEGADES EXTRA



Kyle West took the BlueClaws out of the park three times in the first two games last week, sending the Renegades to back-to-back wins to start the series. Above, West shakes hands with Manager Aaron Bossi after hitting one of his three home runs. Photo by Dave Janosz

'Veterans of Distinction' program honors the heroes still among us



It's rare when an entire community gets the chance to come together, celebrate a life of selfless sacrifice, and personally thank the honoree for their sacrifice. In Dutchess County, though, we now have that opportunity.

Last week, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, our Office of Veterans Affairs staff, and our neighbors from throughout the county lauded Hyde Park resident and World War II veteran Ralph Osterhoudt, the guest of honor at our first "Veteran of Distinction" ceremony.

Through the "Veteran of Distinction" program, County Executive Serino invites us all to attend monthly ceremonies to celebrate the American heroes among us, acknowledging living veterans across Dutchess County for their honorable service. While our popular "Honor-A-Veteran" initiative commemorates local veterans who have passed, "Veteran of Distinction" recognizes the remarkable lives and military accomplishments of our former service members who are still

with us, offering them a unique opportunity to hear our thanks.

In Dutchess County, we have long remembered our departed veterans. Each year, for example, the County holds solemn Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at our Dutchess County War Memorial in Poughkeepsie. Last year, County Executive Serino introduced the "Honor-A-Veteran" program to similarly venerate deceased veterans. Each of these tributes recall a veteran's bravery, sacrifice and service, and they are indeed touching, both for the veteran's family and our community.

There's something powerful, though, when you have the chance to stand before a veteran, look them in the eye, shake their hand and say, "Thank you. We appreciate your service." That's exactly what our "Veteran of Distinction" program offers veterans like Ralph.

Throughout Dutchess County, we're fortunate to have thousands of veterans of every era living among us. You might run into them at the pharmacy or the corner store. Some teach our children or coach our kids' sports teams. They might own their own business, work a part-time job or have retired following a successful post-military career.

These veterans rarely seek the spotlight. Years after they took off the uni-

form, a lot of them seldom talk about their service; some might never mention it.

But their each of their experiences remains remarkable.

Whether they saw combat or served in peacetime, were deployed or remained stateside, each answered the call to serve and made a sacrifice. It might have been moving across the country or across the globe. It could have been missing birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or other milestones, all in service to our country.

There probably wasn't a marching band welcoming them home after their discharge. Most didn't return to a parade trumpeting their service and sacrifice. Rather, they settled back into Dutchess County and led quiet, humble lives.

That's why we started "Veteran of Distinction," to show Dutchess County's appreciation for these men and women who protected us during their military career and have lived alongside us here ever since.

There's no group more fitting to recognize in this program's first year than the "Greatest Generation," veterans who faced unimaginable challenges to defend our freedom more than 80 years ago during World War II. These are veterans whose stories we must preserve and whose service we must honor, and there is no time to waste; theirs is a small fraternity whose membership dwindles with each passing year.

We mustn't let their personal legacies disappear from our memory, and the "Veteran of Distinction" program ensures they won't. Through this program, Dutchess County can thank these heroes

while we still have the chance.

Similar to our "Honor-A-Veteran" program, we will host "Veteran of Distinction" ceremonies monthly, on the second Tuesday of April through November. These aren't just events on a calendar; they're personal expressions of what a community can be – and should be, really – neighbors coming together to earnestly thank one among us who means so much to us all.

We need your help, though.

You're invited to nominate the veteran in your life to become a "Veteran of Distinction" honoree. It could be your parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, neighbor, friend; someone who served our country and continues to be a member of our county. This is your chance to share their story.

Recommending these heroes for this program isn't hard – the nomination form is available at dutchessny.gov/veteranofdistinction or by stopping by my office at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley – but it's a powerful gesture, sharing the veteran's story with all of us in Dutchess County. Don't have a veteran in your life? Please let your friends and co-workers know about the program, so they can nominate a vet who's close to them.

"Veteran of Distinction" is about appreciation and respect, acknowledging the heroes around us while they can still receive our heartfelt thanks. I hope you will join us in celebrating these heroes, either by nominating a vet or attending a ceremony in person, so our Dutchess County's veterans truly understand we will always remember them.



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Daniel Aldrich from Lagrangeville, assigned to Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation Regiment, received a promotion May 2, 2026 to the rank of sergeant.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential. These promotions recognize the best qualified soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

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Festival features:

- The world premiere of "Suddenly

Last Summer," a new opera by MacArthur Fellow Courtney Bryan, with libretto by Gideon Lester and Daniel Fish, based on the seldom performed Tennessee Williams play of the same name, and directed by Daniel Fish, June 25-July 19;

- "Lucinda Childs: Momentary Reprise," a program of premiere and revived works from celebrated choreographer Lucinda Childs, including collaborations with Philip Glass, John Adams,

Robert Wilson, and Frank Gehry, June 26-28;

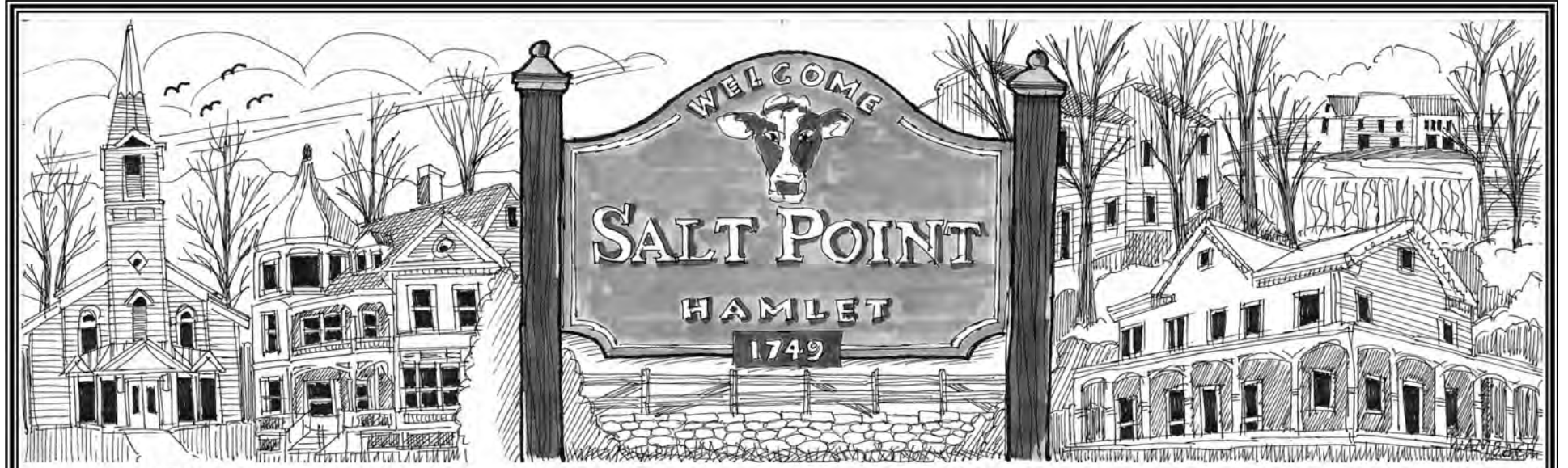
- "The Egyptian Helen (Die ägyptische Helena)," Richard Strauss' rarely staged opera based on the Helen of Troy myth, with a libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, directed by Christian Rätz, with the American Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leon Botstein, July 24-Aug. 2

- "Mozart and His World," The 36th Bard Music Festival, revisiting the life,

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Innisfree Garden welcomes Pilobolus for 'A Day of Dance in the Landscape'

Innisfree Garden will welcome the acclaimed dance company Pilobolus for "A Day of Dance with Pilobolus" at Innisfree on Saturday, June 20, a new collaboration celebrating creative movement, artistic discovery, and the beauty of the garden's dramatic landscape.

Presented as a daylong celebration of dance, collaboration, and landscape, the event includes three separate outdoor workshops led by Pilobolus Teaching Artists. Participants may register for one, two, or all three classes, with offerings designed for families, people of all ages and abilities, and older adults.

All three workshops will take place outdoors on Innisfree's scenic overlook. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes, bring water, and come ready to move, explore, and collaborate.

The day's schedule includes:

Creative Movement for Families with Pilobolus, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This all-ages class introduces families to the fun of Pilobolus' creative process. Teaching Artists will lead movement-based games that encourage experimentation, creative problem solving, and col-

laboration. Pilobolus fans and movers of any age will learn how to make dances, Pilobolus-style.

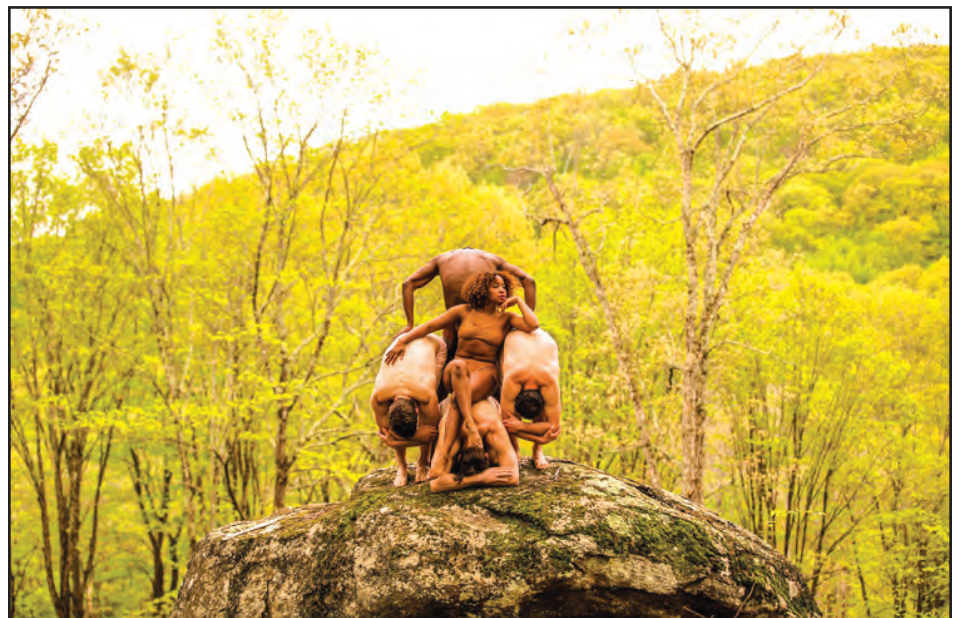
Family Alphabet Workshop with Pilobolus, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

In this playful, fast-paced workshop for families and people of all ages and abilities, participants will create alphabet letters with the human body. The class begins with a Pilobolus warm-up and an introduction to collaborative creativity and partnering basics before participants work together to form a human alphabet.

Connecting with Balance with Pilobolus, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Designed especially for older adults, this exercise class focuses on strength, stability, mobility, and confidence in daily movement. Pilobolus Teaching Artists will guide participants through exercises that reconnect them to their bodies, with modifications and intensifications available to meet a range of abilities. No previous experience or special equipment is required.

Advance registration is highly recommended. Tickets are available at www.innisfreegarden.org/events.



Pilobolus will perform at Innisfree Garden in Millbrook on June 20. Photo by Megan Moss Freeman



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Are you Polylectic?

Symbiotic relationships between plants and pollinators

Native plants are taking the gardening world by storm. It's getting to the point where gardeners are actually afraid to plant anything that might be non-native or, heaven forbid, invasive. This trend has a lot to do with our love affair with pollinators. We've learned that butterfly caterpillars usually feed on only certain species – known as their host plants. The Monarch Butterfly will drink nectar from a wide variety of flowers, especially tithonia, when it's bulking up for its thousand-mile migration. But its caterpillars famously need to eat milkweed, which makes them distasteful to birds. The majority of common butterflies exhibit this trait, although most of their larvae (caterpillars) feed on native trees and shrubs. For example:

- Tiger Swallowtail – tulip poplar, ash
- Mourning Cloak – willow, elm, birch
- Silver Spotted Skipper – black locust
- Spring Azure – dogwood

The larvae of the common Red Admiral feed on native stinging nettles, but I wouldn't plant them in my garden. Black Swallowtail caterpillars eat parsley, dill and carrot foliage—also Queen Anne's Lace, a feral (not native) wildflower. Their original larval food consisted of the natives Golden Alexander and Cow Parsnip. Adult butterflies will sip nectar from any available source, so I personally would encourage gardeners to not be shy about planting zinnias, salvia and especially tithonia for butterflies.

What about bees? I see native bumblebees foraging on feral clover, catmint and a host of other wildflowers that are not native to New York. That got me thinking – can I plant my garden with my favorite petunias, marigolds, celosia and other pretty flowers without worrying about

bees? So I contacted two of my entomologist friends – Dan Gilrein, extension entomologist at the Long Island Horticulture Research and Extension Center; and Samantha Willden, assistant professor at the Department of Entomology at Cornell University. What I learned about bees' relationship with native plants astounded me.

New York State is home to 450 species of native bees. Some are smaller than a grain of rice. Some haven't even been identified yet. Most are solitary, living in holes in the ground or in stems and dead wood. You'll never see them. Yet they play a crucial role in the environment, because very many of these little bees have a unique symbiotic relationship with native wildflowers.

The spring beauty miner bee emerges from its underground burrow in early April, just as the Woodland Spring Beauty starts to blossom. This bee is monolectic, meaning it gets its pollen, which is food for its young, only from this one flower. Few other pollinators are active early in the year, so the Spring Beauty relies on this bee for its survival.

The spotted horsemint fairy bee is another monolectic pollinator, this one feeding solely on *Monarda punctata*, the Spotted bee balm (a.k.a. Horsemint). However, the relationship is rather one-sided, as the bee balm is visited by dozens of other pollinators, including bees, butterflies, even beetles.

Squash bees are oligolectic – they feed on several related species of plants, in this case pumpkins, squash and cucumbers, and do a terrific job of pollination. The sunflower longhorn bee will pollinate both native sunflowers (*helianthus*) and cultivated varieties.



Pollinators such as bees and certain butterflies like Milkweed. Monarch Butterfly caterpillars rely on it for food. Photo by Mark Adams

Around 75 percent of native bees are polylectic – generalists who forage far and wide for their pollen and nectar. The classic example is the bumblebee – 15 species live in New York. Clover was introduced by European settlers. Catmint came over as an ornamental. Both of them are magnets for bumblebees, and provide an extended food source due to their long bloom times.

Carpenter bees, sweat bees and feral honeybees are all polylectic, foraging on a wide variety of introduced garden flowers.

Believe it or not, there are people who don't like bees. Either they're allergic or have apiphobia (I personally have marmotophobia, a fear of woodchucks). Garden flowers that bees won't visit include African marigolds, begonias,

geraniums and impatiens. Certain hybrid varieties of *Echinacea* (coneflower) have been bred with blossoms so tight that bees can't get in.

I was hoping to find out that native plants and flowers are not all that essential in the landscape, to make way for the new varieties from Proven Winners that can add pizzazz to my deck or flower bed. But it turns out that dozens of native bee species rely on specific wildflowers for their survival. If you don't have a place for them among your Proven Winners, try to help preserve the meadows, woodlands and natural areas where native plants can thrive.

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

'Theater Idiot' kicks off Powerhouse season

Powerhouse Theater launches its 40th anniversary season this Thursday, June 18, with a special presentation of "Theater Idiot," written and performed by Drew Droege, in the Martel Theater. Tickets are \$40 and available at www.vassar.edu/powerhouse.

Synopsis: On December 14, 2025, Patti LuPone attended a performance of Drew Droege's play, "Messy White Gays." It was nearly ruined thanks to the outbursts of a raving drunken lunatic.

After the show, LuPone eviscerated this person and told them to "never go back to the theater again."

The New York Post ran the headline "LuPone Blasts Theater Idiot."

Tonight, meet the Theater Idiot.

Drew Droege most recently wrote and starred in "Messy White Gays" Off-Broadway in 2025-26 and developed at Powerhouse Theater in 2024. His other NY credits include "Titanique" and his shows, "Happy Birthday Doug" and "Bright Colors And Bold Patterns." He can be seen on screen in this summer's new comedy "Stop! That! Train!" with RuPaul and Luca Guadagnino film "Queer" opposite Daniel Craig. He's been on TV shows like "Bob's Burgers," "Search Party," "Grey's Anatomy," "Drunk History," "The Goldbergs," and "Your Honor." He's an alum and teacher at The Groundlings in Los Angeles and is best known as the internet's only Chloe Sevigny impersonator.

Visit the Powerhouse Theater website for the full season schedule.



Playwright Drew Droege performs "Theater Idiot" to kick off the Powerhouse Theater season on Thursday, June 18. Courtesy photo

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- It's the limit?
- Alex Honnold's "Free ____"
- Long Island iced ____
- *Military greeting
- *____ greetings, in December
- Last test
- Had a meal
- Ilya Rozanov to Shane Hollander, e.g.
- Take puppy from a pound
- Hemingway's "____ Whom the Bell Tolls"
- Bodily swelling
- Hibernation stations
- Pampering spot
- Extend subscription

DOWN

- Leave without farewell, slangily
- Kids' construction set
- Capital of Norway
- Amazon offerings, originally
- Spoiled, in U.K.
- Nest material
- Even, poetically
- 70s dance joint
- Capone's shoe cover
- *Twice-done greeting move, in Italy
- Creative
- PGA peg
- Bacterial throat infections
- Spiral-horned antelope
- FedEx competitor
- Lower back pain, in the olden days
- *Salaam, in English
- Operatic voice
- Hitching post?
- *Bro fist motion
- Smaller in amount
- Road-tripping guide
- Baby carrier?
- *Cowboy's greeting
- Bristle
- Little Jack Horner's treat
- Fill with happy spirit
- Injury's painful partner
- Toddler
- Closer
- Toronto Maple ____
- Comment to the audience
- Fries, e.g.
- At another time, to Romeo or Juliet
- Swimming lengths
- Doris Day's "Que ____..."
- Kitchen appliance
- Given at birth
- Cabbage dish
- Temporary craze
- *"____ of the morning!"

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Chicken Piccata

Light and satisfying for a special, warm-weather meal

The other night while in a quandary over what to make for dinner, I did what I often do when I don't have a plan: I looked in the fridge for inspiration. Once I knew what I had to work with, the next step was: What was I in the mood for? It was a warm night but not unbearably hot, so something on the light side was in order. But I wanted a proper dinner, not a salad. Chicken is usually a great choice on such occasions, and so I knew just the thing that would hit all the marks – Chicken Piccata.

A dish of chicken breasts in a buttery beurre blanc kissed with fresh lemon and the briny pop of capers is both light and satisfying. Served with mashed potatoes and a fresh, green salad, it's just about the perfect summer meal when you're craving something a little special. I hadn't made it in a very long time and with everything I needed on hand, it was definitely overdue and just the thing!

But before we get to the recipe, a little history, although when all is said and done, it may not be definitive. This is one of the many recipes with different origin stories and meanings, so please take this with a proverbial grain of salt. Take piccata, for instance. The word suggests it may be named for the piquant nature of some of the ingredients (lemon and capers) or perhaps even a region of Italy, but it isn't. It more likely refers to the method used. Piccata, it seems, can be roughly translated from Italian to mean "pounded" or "seasoned." Both are apt, since either chicken or veal are traditionally pounded (or sliced) thin for quick cooking and served in a bright and zesty sauce.

What isn't really up for debate is that it came about when millions of Italian immigrants settled in America in the 1930s. Veal was probably the first meat of choice. The other ingredients are associated with Sicily. Which begs the question: were they making it in Italy before they came over? Since I couldn't find a definitive answer and don't know anyone in Italy to ask, I'll just say it doesn't seem like it would be easy to find there, but there are probably dishes that are similar. (I did warn you this wouldn't really clear things up). I think one thing is clear: that the Italians brought their passion for food with them to America and we are all lucky they did!

And now, a few words about the method when using chicken. You want boneless, skinless breasts for this. You can buy whole breasts, place them on a cutting board between sheets of plastic wrap and pound them thin with a mallet (or rolling pin) or get thin-sliced chicken cutlets. I have done both, though I prefer pounding them myself. At least I usually do. This time I did neither. I tried something different and cut each breast in half lengthwise so I ended up with four pieces. Why? Well, it was easier and the last time I made it I remember it was a little dry (probably due to over-cooking on my part) so I thought I'd keep them a little plumper and yes, I know, it isn't traditional but, oh my! They were tender, silky and moist and cooked to perfection.

There's also a key or two for success. First, season the flour. I used salt, freshly ground pepper and garlic powder, and quite a bit at that. Second, dredge that chicken really well through that flour – several times on both sides – and don't be afraid to pat on more just before adding to the hot skillet to make sure it's completely coated. Third, and perhaps most important: DO NOT overdo it on the lemon! This is where most people get it wrong, in my humble opinion. You may think more is better, but I promise you, not in this case. One tablespoon of fresh juice is perfect for four breasts. You will taste it without it being acrid or overpowering. Butter + lemon + wine + capers in balanced amounts is a miracle and more than enough zestiness. To each his own, but I urge you to try it this way first; and if you don't agree, then add more to suit your taste. As for the capers – those lovely little pickled flower buds from the caper bush – they aren't for everyone but if you've never tried them, you might be delighted by the briny, peppery brightness they lend to the dish. I'm a big fan!

Oh, and one more thing: This is not fried chicken in that it doesn't develop a crisp coating as it cooks, nor do you dip it in egg batter (as in Chicken Francese). The flour mixture adds to the richness and texture of the sauce and helps the chicken stay moist and tender.

CHICKEN PICCATA

What else can I add, except serving suggestions. Pasta may seem like the logical choice, but in honor of my Italian friends who prefer pasta as its own

course, I prefer mashed potatoes, which are brought to a whole new level when drizzled with the velvety, zesty sauce. Rice would be good, too. Serve green beans, broccoli or an arugula salad and you have a lovely meal.

This recipe, as discussed, uses two breasts cut lengthwise. If you're using thin-sliced or pounded cutlets, you may need to reduce the cooking time by about 1 minute per side. Also, if you prefer not to use wine, use ¾ cup chicken broth or stock.

INGREDIENTS

2 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in half lengthwise (to make 4 pieces)

Flour (start with 1 cup), for dredging

1 teaspoon garlic powder

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste (at least 1 tablespoon each)

4 tablespoons butter, divided

1 tablespoon olive oil

½ cup dry white wine

¼ cup chicken broth or stock

Zest from one lemon (about 1 tablespoon)

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon capers, drained

Fresh chopped parsley

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

METHOD

Place flour, salt, pepper and garlic powder in a shallow dish and whisk together. Dredge each chicken breast piece through the flour mixture to thoroughly coat both sides.

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. When melted, add olive oil. When hot, add chicken. Cook 4-5 minutes undisturbed until golden brown. Flip and cook 4-5 minutes more. Transfer cooked chicken to a plate.

Remove skillet from the heat. Add wine and broth, stirring up any browned bits. Return to heat and add remaining 2 tablespoons butter, lemon juice and zest



Chicken Piccata. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

and capers. Whisk until smooth (I just realized what a funny word that is). Return chicken to the skillet and cook about 5 minutes more, turning once.

Garnish with parsley and a sprinkle of Parmesan. Serves 4.

A debt of gratitude to the Italian-Americans who have added so much to our culinary repertoire and, in so doing, richness to our American heritage. In fact, a huge thank you to all of our ancestors who brought their family recipes with them through Ellis Island. They made America the literal melting pot it has become, a unique treasure for us all.

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Roosevelt Reading Festival set June 20 at Wallace Center

On Saturday, June 20, from 9:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will host the annual Roosevelt Reading Festival. This day-long program at the Henry A. Wallace Center will highlight the recently published work of 15 authors – including a special America 250 afternoon presentation with Mary E. Stuckey, author of "Remembering Jefferson: Who He Was, Who We Are."

"Long a fan of Jefferson, FDR found him both personally inspiring and politically useful ... considering Jefferson to represent the most important national

values." – Mary E. Stuckey

In six concurrent sessions taking place throughout the day, 15 authors of works that draw upon the Roosevelt Library archives – or focus on the Roosevelt era – will present author talks and book signings. Copies of all the books will be available for sale in the New Deal Store. The program begins at 9:45 a.m. with coffee and refreshments.

Visit www.fdrlibrary.org for more information.

This program is in-person only. Sessions will be recorded for later broadcast.

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The lost art of naming the Post Office

By Bill Jeffway

In 1845, Dutchess County had 58 post offices. In rural Dutchess, they were usually part of a general store and served as informal gathering places for the community.

The post office—and the local postmaster—were important and influential. Postmasters were appointed by the President of the United States, usually with advice from local political leaders and the area's congressman. The position carried considerable prestige and influence. The postmaster controlled what news came in and out of a community and, at times, could influence how quickly mail moved. Perhaps the most extreme example of this influence occurred in the years before the Civil War, when some Southern postmasters refused to deliver abolitionist literature that they believed might encourage "uprisings" among enslaved people.

The recent announcement by the Jenrette Foundation that it has launched a campaign to restore Red Hook's Barrytown Post Office building (postal operations ceased there in the 1990s) provides an opportunity to look back at the dynamic role post offices and postmasters played in nineteenth-century Dutchess County.

The Jenrette Foundation maintains the impressive Edgewater estate, built in 1824 by John R. Livingston. The home was a wedding gift for his daughter Margaretta, upon her marriage to Captain Rawlins Lowndes Brown of Charleston, South Carolina. Brown (ca. 1792-1851) descended from two prominent South Carolina families: the Browns of Georgetown and the Lowndes family of Charleston.

As one of the Hudson River landings in the town of Red Hook, then known as Lower Red Hook Landing, the area served from the late 18th century as an exchange point where local farmers sold their products and obtained manufactured goods arriving from around the world.

The landing was adjacent to wealthy estate owners at Steen Valetje, Massena, and Rokeby.

A mixed blessing arrived in the form of the New York City-to-Albany Railroad, completed by 1850. Although a railroad stop generally benefited a community, in this case the tracks were laid very close to the Edgewater house and physically separated it from the post office. Such was the cost of progress. Nevertheless, the post office prospered and survived many of the closures that occurred during the early twentieth century, remaining in operation until the 1990s.

Towns, hamlets & families

The most obvious name for a post office reflected the town or hamlet in which it was located. Some names reflected geography or topography: Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, and Fishkill Plains; North Amenia and South Amenia; Red Hook and Upper Red Hook. Perhaps the most remarkable example was the post office known as "West North East." It was located in the western portion of the town of North East at a time when North East still included what later became the town of Milan. When Milan was formed in 1818, the post office became known simply as Milan.

Often, post offices took their names from local families, usually after those families had already given their names to a hamlet or locality. Examples include Beekman, Clinton Hollow, Adriance (in Fishkill), Stormville, Arthursburg, and Shookville.

In an extraordinary public tribute to a national figure—perhaps second only locally (albeit a distant second!) to the 1788 naming of the town of Washington after George Washington—the applicant for a new post office in 1829, a man named Michael S. Martin, agreed to have the office named after the sitting U.S. Postmaster General, William T. Barry. In a reversal of the usual pattern, the hamlet eventually took its name from the post office.



Recent photographs of the building of the former Barrytown Post Office built in 1830 at the Edgewater Estate. "Barry" refers to the US Postmaster at the time, William T. Barry. No doubt the gesture of recognition was made to help accelerate or ensure an approval for what was a new post office at the time. In a reversal of the usual dynamics, the hamlet eventually took the name from the post office. Photos by Bill Jeffway.



Top: In a photo taken by a young woman, Nina McCullough, she used to create a photo and poem scrapbook she made for her grandmother. She wrote under the image, "Clinton Hollow Post-office. This is the country grocery, where all the farmers go / to sit and chat and help to keep the pickle barrel low." Bottom photo: early 20th century image of the Bulls Head Post Office and store, also in the town of Clinton, reflecting the busy social and commercial scene.

The story unfolded against the backdrop of national politics. In 1828, Andrew Jackson defeated John Quincy Adams in a rematch of the fiercely contested 1824 election, which Adams had won through what critics labeled the "corrupt bargain." Jackson's victory ushered in the era of Jacksonian Democracy and the rise of the so-called common man. Jackson appointed William T. Barry as Postmaster General. Like many members of Jackson's administration, Barry proved a controversial figure.

Locally, naming a post office after Barry was not a risky political gesture. Returns from the 1828 presidential election show that Adams carried only four Dutchess County towns—Beekman, Hyde Park, Pawling, and Union Vale—while Jackson won Red Hook by one of the largest margins in the county.

Over time, efficiency began to influence postal naming practices. In 1895 there was an effort to combine some two-word post office names into a single word. As a result, "Pleasant Ridge" became "Pleasantridge," while "Quaker Hill" became "Quakerhill." Sometimes the changes were subtle but intended to standardize usage. The post office known as "Annandale" in 1864 later became "Annandale-on-Hudson" in 1916.

We are approaching the anniversary of the real end of the romantic, strategic, and political era of post-office naming arrived on July 1, 1963.

On that date, the United States Post Office Department introduced the five-digit ZIP Code system to move mail more quickly and efficiently. The term "ZIP" stood for "Zone Improvement Plan." Four additional digits were added through the ZIP+4 system in 1983. Together, these changes removed much

of the local identity that had once been attached to postal destinations.

Today, Dutchess County residents are identified more readily by numbers than by the colorful postal place names that once dotted the landscape—from the rural 125-series ZIP Codes that range from Amenia (12501) to Wingdale (12594), and the four in the 126-series assigned to Poughkeepsie that include Vassar College.

A rich source for the county's postal history is the work of Roy Ahlquist, who researched and privately published extensive studies of Dutchess County post offices during the 1990s. Through the courtesy of the Ahlquist family and the efforts of Clinton Town Historian Craig Marshall, these materials are available in the Dutchess County Historical Society research library. At the time of publishing, Ahlquist himself said he was not sure how Barrytown came to be named, this is a more recent finding.

In each of his publications Ahlquist beautifully wrote, "it is suggested that this booklet be used as a notebook as well. To that end text is printed only on one side of a sheet of paper. Reasonably large margins are used so that there is space to enter additional information. In other words, consider this booklet as a foundation on which you can build." What a wonderful sentiment, and an offer we accept with pride and a sense of responsibility!

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June 18-July 26: Powerhouse Theater, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Annual summer season brings together some of today's most influential theatrical voices. As always, Vassar welcomes a new cohort of young actors, directors, and writers to campus as members of the Powerhouse Theater Training Company. These emerging artists will present a slate of free theater throughout the season. **This week: June 18:** Special Event, "Theater Idiot," written & performed by Drew Droeger, in the Martel Theater. Tickets \$40. **June 19:** Reading, "Legerdemain," written by Lynn Rosen; directed by Julie Kramer. In the Powerhouse Theater. Free; reservations required. **June 20:** Reading, "Rita Hayworth and the Orson Welles Variations," written by Isaac Byrne; directed by Jessi D. Hill. In the Powerhouse Theater. Free; reservations required. Reserve tickets at phtboxoffice@vassar.edu.

June 18: Roberto Garrido Presents "For You a Horizon" Concert, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Cuban songwriter Roberto Garrido performs original songs in the Trova tradition, 6:30 p.m. Trova is a style of Cuban popular music originating in the 19th century, created by itinerant musicians known as trovadores who earned their living by singing and playing the guitar. All are welcome. Donations accepted. (845) 876-2903

June 18: Third Thursday Outdoor Evening, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Celebrate this special Frederic Church 200th anniversary year, Church's global travels, and the beauty of the Hudson Valley with free house and landscape access, a special line up of outdoor music from around the world, and a movie on the East Lawn, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a dynamic performance by rhythm-driven ensemble Illari, led by Peruvian percussionist Angel Michael Laua, 6-7 p.m. Free. www.olana.org

June 19: Red Hook Summer Lawn Concert Series at "Eat-N-Go," 7509 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Free live summer concert series at Eat-N-Go every Friday night, 6-8 p.m. This week: Payne's Grey Sky. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup subject to change.

June 19: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Stray Wolves, David Hemingway, Rick and Marilyn, 8 p.m. Donations to benefit Morton are suggested. (845) 876-7007

June 19-21: "The Minutes," Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. The Two of Us Productions presents "The Minutes," a dark satire and thriller that dissects American politics, local corruption, and the biased rewriting of history. The Minutes is set during a town council meeting in the fictional American town of Big Cherry. The play follows a newly elected councilman, Mr. Peel, who uncovers a dark conspiracy behind the town's founding myth and a secret, unsettling ritual among the leadership, resulting in an allegory about the lengths taken to maintain power. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors. www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or (518) 771-1003.

June 19-28: "Legally Blonde The Musical," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the musical comedy with book by Heather Hach, and music & lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Nell Benjamin, based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture. This fun,

award-winning musical follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Directed by Emily Woolever with musical direction by Matthew Woolever and choreography by Jordan Stroy. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

June 20: "America 250: The Livingstons of Clermont in 1776," Visitor Center, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Join Interpretive Programs Assistant, Emily Robinson, for a talk about the Livingstons of Clermont in 1776 and the events that spurred them towards independence, 3 p.m. Enjoy some liberty-tea punch and spice cake as we follow the international incidents and familial circumstances that eventually brought the British to our doorstep. Free. www.friendsofclermont.org

June 20: Artmaking in the Afternoon, Wagon House Education Center, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Participate in free, drop-in art-making, 1-4 p.m., and learn more about Frederic Church's artist-designed home and studio on the Hudson. Open to all ages & skill levels; all materials provided. Free. No advanced registration required. www.olana.org

June 20: Concert Series, Opus 40, Saugerties. "Summer Solstice: Desert Blues with Nour Harkarti," 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. <http://thelocalsaugerties.com/>

June 20: Create and Cook: Family Cooking & Art Workshop, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. The Sylvia Center Chefs present a fun, family-friendly program focused on cooking food and making art inspired by Olana's landscape and history, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Get creative in the kitchen and art studio at Olana State Historic Site. Join Try new foods and test new art materials together during this free family program. www.olana.org

June 20: Free Family Tour, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Experience learning, looking closely, and conversation as a family during this series of special museum gallery program at Olana, 1-2 p.m. Designed for families with children ages 3 & up. Advanced registration required. www.olana.org

June 20: Garden Talk, Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. "Wild Pollinators: Diversity, Natural History, and Conservation" with Kyle Bradford, MS, Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Project, 10:30-11:30 a.m. This talk will give an overview of some of our pollinating animals and highlight the groups of wild bees, their natural history, and conservation. Pollinator diversity and natural history are spectacular and easily observable wherever you find flowering plants. Tickets \$15. Register at www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org.

June 20: Lindy Hop, Locust Grove Historic site, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Presented by Locust Grove and Got2Lindy. Lindy Workshop with Linda & Chester Freeman of Got2Lindy Dance Studios (all levels welcome, no partner needed to attend), 3-4:30 p.m. Self-guided Mansion tour, (weather permitting), 6-7 p.m. Beginner Swing Dance Lesson, 7-7:30 p.m. Dance featuring Danny Lipsitz and the Brass Tacks, 7:30-10 p.m. Workshop tickets are \$45/person or \$65 for the workshop and swing dance. General swing dance tickets are \$35/person. www.lgny.org

June 20: Movies with Spirit: "Amal," Vivekananda Retreat Ridgely, 101 Leggett Rd., Stone Ridge. A humble New Delhi

rickshaw driver's life of honesty is upended after he shows a simple act of kindness to an eccentric, disguised billionaire, 7 p.m. The 2007 film won five critic and festival awards. It is in English and Hindi with English subtitles, runs 1 hour 41 minutes and is unrated by the Motion Picture Association. Discussion to follow. Suggested donation is \$10 for ages 13 & up. More info: (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com.

June 20: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, "The Beatles, Elvis and Beyond," Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park. This special season finale will mark the final concert conducted by Music Director Kathleen Beckmann, who has led the orchestra since its founding, 7:30 p.m. The program highlights the dynamic American music scene from the 1950s through the 1970s, with music from The Beatles, Elvis Presley, The Righteous Brothers, Simon & Garfunkel, Herb Alpert, Brazilian jazz & more. Tickets \$38 per person; special discounts available for seniors and students. Family ticket packages are \$40 for one adult and two students. www.ndsorchestra.org or (845) 445-9606

June 20: Roger Phillips Concert Series, Professor Louie & The Crowmatix, Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Grammy-nominated Professor Louie & The Crowmatix from Woodstock will perform for the next concert in Starr's summer series, 4:30 p.m. Professor Louie created alongside Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famers The Band for over 15 years. His stories, keyboard playing, singing, and accordion expand the borders of the Americana, Roots & Blues genres and mix well with the Crowmatix songs from their 17 albums of blues and Americana originals. Free. Rain or shine; indoors in the event of inclement weather. Donations welcome. www.starrlibrary.org

June 20: Roosevelt Reading Festival, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. The day-long program will highlight the recently published work of 14 authors - including a special afternoon presentation in honor of America's Semiquincentennial Celebration - with Mary E. Stuckey, author of "Remembering Jefferson: Who He Was, Who We Are." The festival runs 9:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Registration is not required. www.fdrlibrary.org

June 20: Sophia Zhou & Friends Play Gershwin, Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Zhou's program includes a solo piano version of "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Gershwin's music remains endlessly appealing for its lyricism, energy, and unmistakable sense of joy, inviting listeners in no matter the era. Tickets \$40-\$50 in advance. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

June 20: Staatsburg Village Walking Tour. Two-hour walk will explore the Staatsburgh estate's close relationship with the nearby village and its connection to the Mills family. A guide will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburg's vibrant past and the legacy of Ruth and Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. Free. Starts at 10 a.m. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

June 20: Summer Dance, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Community is invited to join the Copake Grange to welcome summer, 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$5 per person; bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry. Participants create the playlist by submitting music at tinyurl.com/SummerDance26

June 21: Jazz Pioneers Concert, Locust Grove Historic Site, 2683 South Rd.,

Poughkeepsie. Free concert, 2 p.m. www.lgny.org

June 21: Live Music, Reason & Ruckus, 305 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Bard Jazz Program Director Angelica Sanchez on Fender Rhodes electric piano and Harris Eisenstadt on drums. Opening set: Sean Morrison on Fender Rhodes and Ben Basile on bass, 7:30 p.m. Admission \$20 at the door.

June 21 & 28: Guided Hike: History Hidden in the Woods, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills-Norrie State Park might be? The beautiful park land was once the setting for grand Hudson Riverfront estates. This 90-minute guided hike will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh's founding as a gentleman's farm in the 1700s to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. Starts at 10 a.m. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain, requiring study footwear. Free. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

June 24: A Celebration of Gershwin, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Harvey Granat & Rob Kelly pay tribute to an American treasure, the composer George Gershwin, 7-9 p.m. You'll hear some of his greatest songs. Harvey will share wonderful stories behind the Gershwin songs, film and Broadway shows - some of them from his personal collection of original Gershwin correspondence, which now resides in the Library of Congress. Admission \$20 or pay-what-you-can. CopakeGrange.org/Events

June 24: America250 Film Series, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Library, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. James Cagney won an Academy Award for his role as legendary Broadway entertainer and songwriter George M. Cohan in this 1942 song-and-dance extravaganza that tells the rags-to-riches story of one of America's most prominent theatrical figures, 2 p.m. Free, but registration required for in-person attendance. www.fdrlibrary.org

June 24: "Leading with Artivism" Event, Cornell Creative Arts Center, 129 Cornell St., Kingston. Arts Mid-Hudson presents an interview with Mike Jurkovic, led by Poet Gold. This live stream and in-person event will take place at 7 p.m. at Cornell Creative Arts Center and will also be live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the streaming link. All who register are invited to submit questions that will be asked during the Q&A session of the event. www.artsmidhudson.org

June 24: Music in the Parks, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd, Staatsburg. Outdoor concert series featuring The Crew, 7 p.m. Rain location: Taconic Regional OFC-NY Parks, 9 Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. For any cancellations or changes, check the Hyde Park Recreation Facebook page.

June 24: Twilight Music in the Park, Walkway Over the Hudson State Park, Ulster Welcome Plaza, Highland. Every Wednesday in June, July and August, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation welcomes an eclectic mix of talented local musicians for live music, 6-7 p.m. This week: Jim Popsipil/Hudson Valley Folk Guild. Concerts are free and suitable for all ages. www.walkway.org

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Luane Ballantine

PINE PLAINS – Luane “Doll” Ballantine passed away peacefully at Vassar Brothers Medical Center on June 9, 2026, surrounded by those she loved most.

Luane was born on June 29, 1961, in Rhinebeck, NY, to Louis Remsburger and Shirley (Fahey) Remsburger. The youngest of three, Luane grew up in the heart of Pine Plains, NY. She attended Stissing Mountain High School and graduated with the Class of 1979. An avid reader and writer, she pursued her associate’s degree at Dutchess Community College and graduated with honors, summa cum laude, with a bachelor’s in English from Marist College in 1983. She dedicated more than 25 years of her professional career to serving others as a legal administrative assistant with the Law Offices of Warren S. Replansky, P.C.

Luane’s two daughters, Brenna and Marina, brought her immeasurable joy and happiness throughout her life. Luane imparted upon her family the importance of meeting the world with kindness and generosity. Her vibrancy and lust for life filled her home with warmth alongside an undeniable joy for music, beaches, wildlife, and tasteful cuisine. Luane was a passionate traveler and concert-goer, well-known for her love of Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band, among many other cherished musicians. She was energetically ingrained in the regional music community, which brought her great warmth and cheer through the years.

Above all else, Luane will always be remembered for her incredible strength and resilience, unwavering care in putting others first, and going above and beyond for her friends and family. Her family extends their deepest gratitude to her dedicated long-term caregivers, Betty, Sidra, and Brittney, and their families for the many years of love, laughter, and support they provided to her.

Luane is survived by her daughters, Brenna (Mikey) Vincent and Marina Ballantine; her grandson and light of her life, Levi Vincent; her brother, Mike (Wendy) Remsburger; her sister, Kathi D’Amato; and her loving and longtime companion, Mike Meiller. She is also remembered fondly by her niece and nephews. She is predeceased by her father and mother.

Family and friends share memories and offered condolences on Monday, June 15 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, June 16 from St. Anthony’s Roman Catholic Church, Pine Plains. A private inurnment took place with immediate family only at Evergreen Cemetery, Pine Plains.

A celebration of life luncheon was held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Inn at Pine Plains.

Donations in Luane’s memory may be made to Willow Roots (willowroots.org) and Helen Hayes Hospital (helenhayeshospital.org/giving). For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.PeckandPeck.net

Daniel Paul Gallagher

MILLBROOK – Daniel Paul Gallagher, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2026, at the age of 89. He was born on November 22, 1936, in Waverly, Iowa, to Paul and Genevieve Gallagher.

Dan is survived by his beloved wife, Merellyn Gallagher; his daughters, Anne Lawrence (Earl) of Schenectady, NY, and Amy Gallagher of Egremont, MA; his grandchildren, Britney del Prado (Marc), Amanda Voelker (Brett), Stephen Lawrence, Nicholas Amado, and Andrew Amado; and his great-grandchildren, Adalyn, Lucas, and Nora.

A service to celebrate Dan’s life will take place on Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at Grace Church in Millbrook, NY.

Virginia Gleason

FORMERLY OF RHINEBECK – Virginia Karen Gleason, 86, of Fort Pierce, FL, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Born on November 16, 1939, in Rhinebeck, NY, she was the daughter of the late George Greene and Irene Elizabeth Craft Greene.

On July 13, 1957 at St. Mary’s Church in Poughkeepsie, she married John James Gleason, he predeceased her on April 12, 2004.

Virginia was a resident of Dutchess County who took great pride in her community and especially cherished the Village of Rhinebeck. She was a member of her church Saint Anastasia in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Virginia enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and was happiest when surrounded by family. She loved gardening, traveling, and taking trips to Maine, particularly Boothbay Harbor. She and her husband shared a love of golf, camping, and canoeing. Virginia also loved to travel and explore new places, creating lasting memories. She had a love for dogs.

Above all, Virginia cherished her family throughout her life. She delighted in spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Virginia is survived by her daughters, Terry Dziendzielewski and her husband, Dan, of Fort Pierce, FL, Stephanie Knapp of Beacon, Arlene Griffiths and her husband, David of Red Hook, Denise Triola and her husband, Michael of Hyde Park; and his sons, John Gleason and his wife, Nancy of Rhinebeck, and Christopher Gleason and his wife, Elida

of Eclectic, Alabama.

Virginia is survived by her 18 grandchildren, Valerie, Paul, Christine, Amanda, Melissa, Ryan, Jessica, Dylan, Daniel, Joseph, Brittany, Julie, Katie, Meghan, Marisa, Timothy, Matthew, and Christian. And many great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Sweet’s Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Regina Coeli Church, 2 Harvey Street, Hyde Park, NY.

Burial will follow at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Hyde Park.

To send an online condolence or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

John Hummel

MILLBROOK – John P. Hummel, 75 of Millbrook, NY, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, at the age of 75. He was born on June 24, 1950, and by his own account, lived exactly the life he wanted.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Mary Kay (née Maley) Hummel; his sons Chris (Kristine) and Kevin (Kelsey); his daughter Ann Marie (Collin); his granddaughter Eleanor, daughter of Kevin and Kelsey; his siblings Peg Brochu, Ed (Jean), Tom (Lisa), Joe, and Jim (Jen). He was preceded in death by his parents, Kathryn and Edgar Hummel, and his brother-in-law Thomas Brochu.

John was a competitive track athlete at Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens, NY, and continued running at Manhattan College in the Bronx, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1972, graduating with honors and on the Dean’s List. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Princeton University in 1976, studying conformational analysis of polyaryl compounds and polysilanes under Professor Kurt Mislow. He then completed postdoctoral research at Stanford University and IBM Research under Nobel Prize-winning chemist Paul Flory, studying the physical chemistry and statistical behavior of macromolecules.

John joined IBM Research and spent 33 years there as a research chemist — what he considered, at the time, the best job in the world. His work spanned polymer chemistry, materials science, and semiconductor research, including contributions to IBM’s work on Magnetic Random Access Memory (MRAM), a next-generation non-volatile

memory technology. He accumulated numerous patents, earned IBM’s Eighth Invention Plateau, and retired having built the career he had set out to pursue.

Alongside his career at IBM, John shared his passion for chemistry as an adjunct professor at Dutchess Community College, Ulster Community College, Marist College, and Columbia-Greene Community College. He also served a year as a faculty member at New Mexico State University through an IBM faculty loan program. In retirement he threw himself into the Meals on Wheels program in Millbrook, NY — organizing and managing all volunteers, shopping for ingredients, preparing and organizing meals, and spending countless hours at home trialing recipes to get them right before serving the community he cared about.

He was also a dedicated volunteer weather reporter for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), logging more than 5,200 precipitation observations over 14 years. Over the course of his life, John pursued an impressive range of hobbies and interests — building the family home in Millbrook with his own hands, winemaking, brewing beer, growing mushrooms, maintaining a large vegetable garden, bowling, and volleyball, among many others. He had a deep well of knowledge across an equally wide range of subjects and was never short of advice. He was a lifelong fan of the Jets and Yankees, and shared his home and life with more than ten very large German Shepherds over the years.

He is remembered as a man who built things—homes, careers, gardens, meals, and communities—and who took quiet pride in the family and life he created.

Calling hours were held on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Church in Millbrook, NY, followed by burial in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Millbrook.

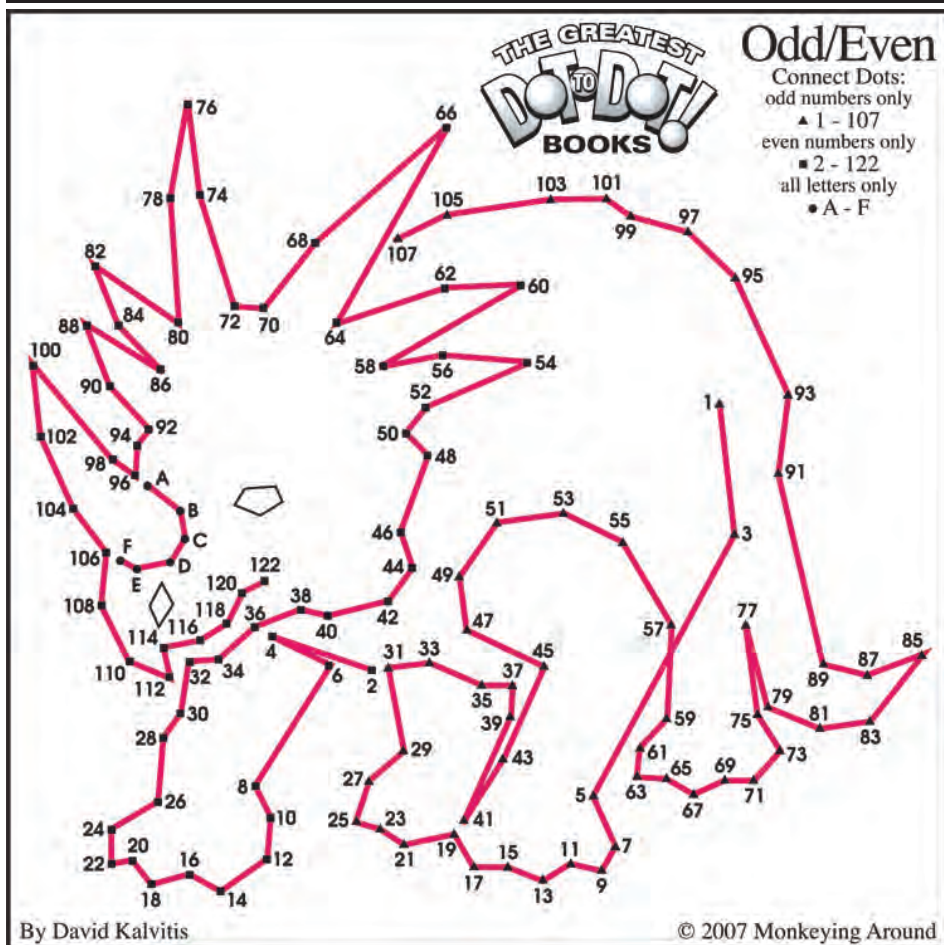
In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Meals on Wheels, care of Lyall Memorial Church, Millbrook, NY: MealsonWheels@Lyallmemorial.org

Valerie Regina Marchini

HYDE PARK – Valerie Regina Marchini, age 68, of Hyde Park, NY, passed away on June 9, 2026, after a brief illness and a lifetime of helping.

Friends and family called at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY on Sunday, June 14. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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



Answers to this week’s diversions

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This week’s answer

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DUTCHESS COUNTY POLLING PLACES

Pursuant to the provisions of New York State Election Law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the below listed towns/cities in Dutchess County on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. ALL POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Qualified voters may vote at ANY poll site location WITHIN YOUR TOWN OR CITY listed below.

Town	Election District(s)	Site	Address
Amenia	All	Immaculate Conception – St.	Anthony's Parish 11 Lavelle Rd, Amenia
Beekman	All	Beekman Community Center	31 Recreation Center Rd, Poughquag
Beekman	All	Town Hall	4 Main St, Poughquag
Beekman	All	Beekman Elementary School	201 Lime Ridge Rd, Poughquag
Clinton	All	Town Hall	1215 Centre Rd, Clinton Corners
City of Beacon	All	South Avenue Elementary School	60 South Ave, Beacon
City of Beacon	All	Beacon Memorial Building	413 Main St, Beacon
City of Beacon	All	Rombout Middle School	84 Matteawan, Rd, Beacon
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Interfaith Towers	66 Washington St, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Mid-Hudson Library, Auditorium	105 Market St, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Family Partnership Center	29 North Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Manor at Woodside	168 Academy St, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Warring School Gymnasium	283 Mansion St, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Bethel Church – Rear Entrance	91 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	Poughkeepsie Middle School Lobby	55 College Ave, Poughkeepsie
City of Poughkeepsie	All	St. John's Lutheran Church	55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie
Dover	All	Town Hall	126 East Duncan Hill Rd, Dover Plains
Dover	All	Dover Middle School	2368 Route 22, Dover Plains
East Fishkill	All	Van Wyck Junior High School	6 Hillside Lake Rd, Wappingers Falls
East Fishkill	All	Town Hall	330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction
East Fishkill	All	Stormville Fire House	112 Old Route 52, Stormville
East Fishkill	All	East Fishkill Fire Training Center	2502 Route 52, Hopewell Junction
East Fishkill	All	Mission Church	4101 Route 52, Holmes
Fishkill	All	Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing	22 Robert R. Kasin Way, Beacon
Fishkill	All	Town Hall	807 Route 52, Fishkill
Fishkill	All	Van Wyck Hall	1095 Main St, Fishkill
Fishkill	All	Brinkerhoff Elementary School	16 Wedgewood Rd, Fishkill
Fishkill	All	Slater Chemical Fire House	76 Old Glenham Rd, Glenham
Hyde Park	All	North Park Elementary School	1593 Route 9G, Hyde Park
Hyde Park	All	Board of Elections Training Facility	4280 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park
Hyde Park	All	Roosevelt Fire House #3	830 Violet Ave, Hyde Park
LaGrange	All	Overlook Primary School	11 Mapleview Rd Ext, Poughkeepsie
LaGrange	All	Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church	1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville
LaGrange	All	LaGrange Fire House #3 (Southwest LaGrange)	21 Red Oaks Mill Rd, Poughkeepsie
LaGrange	All	Town Hall	120 Stringham Rd, LaGrangeville
Milan	All	Town Hall	20 Wilcox Circle (off Route 199), Milan
North East	All	Northeast-Millerton Library Annex	28 Century Blvd, Millerton
Pawling	All	Lathrop Center	2 Lakeside Dr, Pawling
Pawling	All	Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association	239 Route 292, Holmes
Pine Plains	All	Stissing Mountain High School	2829 Church St, Pine Plains
Pleasant Valley	All	Salt Point Fire House	30 Cottage St, Salt Point
Pleasant Valley	All	West Road Intermediate School	181 West Rd, Pleasant Valley
Red Hook	All	Bertelsmann Campus Center	30 Campus Rd, Annandale-on-Hudson
Red Hook	All	Mill Road Intermediate School	9 Mill Rd, Red Hook
Red Hook	All	Red Hook Town Hall	7340 S Broadway, Red Hook
Rhinebeck	All	Starr Library	68 West Market St, Rhinebeck
Rhinebeck	All	Pavilion at Brookmeade	34 Brookmeade Dr, Rhinebeck
Stanford	All	Town Hall – Ground Level	26 Town Hall Rd, Stanfordville
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	East End Fire House #2	2886 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Sheafe Road Elementary School	287 Sheafe Rd, Wappingers Falls
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Vassar Road Elementary School	174 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Oak Grove Elementary School	40 Kerr Rd, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Poughkeepsie Community Room	19 Tucker Dr, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Lutheran Care Center – Rear Entrance	965 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Town Hall	1 Overocker Rd, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Violet Avenue School	191 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Spackenkill High School	112 Spackenkill Rd, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Vassar College, The Aula at Ely Hall	124 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie
Town of Poughkeepsie	All	Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church	2381 New Hackensack Rd, Poughkeepsie
Union Vale	All	Union Vale Fire House, Station #1	3373 Route 82, Verbank
Wappinger	All	Village Hall	2582 South Ave, Wappingers Falls
Wappinger	All	Hughsonville Fire House	88 Old Hopewell Rd, Wappingers Falls
Wappinger	All	Mid-Hudson Chinese Christian Church	306 All Angels Hill Rd, Wappingers Falls
Wappinger	All	Ketcham High School	99 Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls
Wappinger	All	New Hackensack Fire House	217 Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls
Washington	All	Millbrook Fire House	20 Front St, Millbrook

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LEGAL NOTICE

To all voters of Dutchess County, New York Primary Election, Tuesday, June 23, 2026

The following is a true and correct list of all nominations of candidates for the offices to be filled at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, certified to us or filed in our office pursuant to the provisions of Election Law.

ALL POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Democratic

Primaries:

Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli/Drew Warshaw

Raj Goyle

New York State Senate District 39

Gay Lee

Lisa Kaul

Evan R. Menist

New York State Assembly District 106

Didi Barrett

Samuel Hodge

Congressional District 17

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to New York State Election Law §4-118, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in Dutchess County on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Comptroller

New York State

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New York Assembly District

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Resolution 2026090

June 9, 2026

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