

## Red Hook High School remediation continues

By Kate Goldsmith

A fire on May 29 in a bathroom at Red Hook High School has kept the building closed as remediation efforts continue to remove hazardous material.

In a series of posts on Facebook and at its website, the Red Hook Central School District has provided several updates for the public.

"Each message is crafted with both Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Warden and High School Principal Dr. Kyle Roddey involved," said Public Information Officer Mike Benischek. In addition, he said the district communicates directly with families through the ParentSquare app.

According to a post on May 29, the fire alarm first went off at 10:22 a.m., triggering an evacuation. An on-site Red Hook Police Department School Resource Officer responded immediately, and first responder agencies arrived within eight minutes, including the Red Hook, Tivoli, Germantown and Rhinebeck fire departments; as well as the Red Hook Police Department, which immediately launched an investigation.

The fire was brought under control by 10:45 a.m., though crews remained on the scene to assist with ventilating smoke and to evaluate the building.

On May 31, the Red Hook Police Department issued a statement on Facebook indicating that their investigation had resulted in the arrest of a 16 year-old male from Red Hook. The juvenile was charged with arson

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## Town of Wappinger watch party cheers on Tyler Adams, Team USA

By Matthew Fetzer

For Linda Russo, it was "actually surreal and amazing." She was talking about the support for her grandson, Tyler Adams, during a watch party for the U.S. Men's National Team in its' FIFA World Cup game against Australia last Friday afternoon at Martz Field in the Town of Wappinger.

"The support that Tyler has had from the community is something that I can't even explain. It's just amazing. He's had so much support and so many people cheering for him. It's really a great feeling. I'm so proud of him," said Russo, smiling as she was wearing a USA No. 4 jersey to honor her grandson.

The U.S. team extended its World Cup record to 2-0 with a 2-0 win over Australia, much to the delight of the crowd of residents who were gathered under the Martz Field pavilion. Adams has now played for two Team USA World Cup squads, even captaining the team in 2022.

The watch party on June 19 was hosted by Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini and the Wappinger Town Board.

"It's true hometown pride in the town of Wappinger today," said Cavaccini. "Tyler, first of all, is one of the most humble and caring people that I know. He's been very generous with the things

that he's done for the town, so it is only fitting that our community comes out to return the favor to him and root him on."

Martz Field is also home to the Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch, which was renamed in July 2025. This was made possible through a partnership between Adams and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. "Tyler was able to direct a significant investment from Scotts to revitalize the soccer pitch here for our community," Cavaccini added. "He's made many other sizable investments throughout the community and we continue to have a strong relationship with him. Again, first and foremost, he has never forgotten his roots. He's never forgotten where he comes from."

Community members watched the game from lawn chairs, as the live broadcast was shown on a large projector. As



Linda Russo, grandmother of U.S. Men's National Team member Tyler Adams, cheers during a watch party at the Martz Field pavilion in the Town of Wappinger on June 19. The event was held to cheer on Adams and the U.S. World Cup team, which defeated Australia, 2-0. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

the United States squad continues to play, local residents will have additional opportunities to spectate as World Cup watch parties are popping up all over Dutchess County.

## Debate continues over Aerodrome expansion plan

By Cynthia Baer



The Red Hook Town Planning Board responds to resident concerns over the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome expansion. Photo by Cynthia Baer

RED HOOK – Public feedback continued at the Red Hook Town Planning Board meeting on June 15 regarding the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Master Plan-Special Use Permit. Applicant Representative Kelly Libolt of KARC Planning Consultants, Inc. – a professional consulting firm based in New York that specializes in land development, construction management and environmental assessments – was present. KARC continued the Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit

Application for a Master Plan for Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum located at 9 Norton Road in the RD3 District.

Over 150 letters favoring the Aerodrome expansion were sent to the Board over the last two weeks, but the meeting drew many residents opposing the expansion with concerns regarding increased commercialization, traffic and noise. Key debates focus on the proposed construction of two-story structures, a controversial 2019 zoning classification of the site, and the need

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# RevCon kicks off 250th celebrations in Dutchess County

By Will Tatum

Visitors to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park on June 13th enjoyed a rare experience of local history three years in the making that kicked off the 250th Anniversary of the United States for Dutchess County. The event, “RevCon: Dutchess County in the Revolution,” was the third in a series of 250th-themed offerings at the site, which began in 2024, representing a multi-year collaboration between the federal National Archives and Records Administration that operates the Library, Dutchess County Government, and Destination Dutchess, the destination marketing organization for Dutchess. Drawing on the experience of past years, the event team delivered a varied program that included livestock demonstrations, cannon and musket firing, a hands-on history fair, and scholarly presentations that combined for an outstanding day of local history.

The day kicked off with a welcome from Library Executive Director William Harris and a ceremony to honor the recipients of the 2026 Dutchess County Rev250 Programming Grant. Last year, Dutchess County Government took the unprecedented step of offering competitive funding to the county’s 20 historical societies to make up for the absence of federal or state support for local programming. The 2025 grant program funded 22 projects, ranging from dramatic productions to exhibits to a multi-town driving tour.

This year’s grant program awarded funding to nine projects representing work by 10 historical societies across Dutchess County. These projects range from a special augmented reality experience enabling children to engage with exhibits and historical sites—the Sergeant Chirp Dispatch—to two dramatic productions. The multi-town Quaker Meeting House Tour has also returned for a second year, focusing on the stories of individual Quaker residents of Dutchess County.

The grant program, managed by the Department of History, represents a multi-department collaboration within Dutchess County Government, engaging the County Clerk’s Office, the County Executive’s Office, and the Count Legislature. Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Yvette Valdes-Smith was joined by Legislators Brendan Lawler, Kevin M. Giles, and Alex Winsby during the presentation of awards.

“It was an honor to take part in Dutchess County’s Rev250 Programming

Grant Award ceremony,” said Chair Valdes-Smith, “Our County Historian, Will Tatum, has been instrumental in not only preserving and sharing the Revolutionary War stories that define Dutchess County, but his support has elevated the work of our historical societies and ensured these narratives remain accessible and celebrated. I was joined by Dutchess County Legislators Alix Winsby, Brendan Lawler, and Kevin Giles to present legislative certificates honoring each of the county historical societies and organizations awarded grants for Rev250 programming. The Legislature and I are proud to champion and support programs like RevCon and the many Rev250 events taking place across Dutchess County this summer, all of which help bring our shared history to life and strengthen our community’s connection to it.”

Following the grant ceremony, the Hands-On History Fair opened to visitors. The Dutchess County Historical Society, Town of Dover Historical Society, Fishkill Historical Society, East Fishkill Historical Society, Pawling Historical Society, Quaker Meeting House Tour Group, Dutchess County Genealogical Society, Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the 5th New York Regiment of the Continental Line, and the FDR archives staff presented a variety of engaging activities for the public. From colonial toys to displays of reproduction Revolutionary War equipment to making butter, visitors enjoyed a rare opportunity to engage with topics that are most often addressed behind glass display cases. A steady flow of visitors circulated through the multi-purpose rooms of the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center all day.

Outside, visitors enjoyed a rare opportunity to interact with Revolutionary War reenactors and, for the first time at this event, livestock that would have been a common sight during the Revolutionary era. John and Danny Blumberg from Rock Hill Farm in Pawling, brought a team of draft horses, Jim and Jake, and two young oxen, Chip and Dale, to the event. Prior to the invention of railroads and automobiles, draft horses and oxen provided the power to move cargo overland. Jim and Jake powered a series of wagon rides for visitors throughout the day, while the Blumbergs demonstrated how Chip and Dale are training to obey the commands necessary to guide them in



Christopher and Michelle Numssen (left) discuss indigenous material culture with visitors at RevCon. Photo courtesy Historic Red Hook. Below: Oxen Chip and Dale from Rocky Hill Farm in Pawling stole the hearts of children and adults alike as they demonstrated how cargo was hauled overland during the Revolution. Photo courtesy Dutchess County Department of History



pulling sleds and wagons. Both pairs of animals were a huge hit.

Nearby, reenactors portraying the British Royal Artillery, the 2nd New York Regiment, the 5th New York Regiment, and Butler’s Rangers offered ongoing interpretation to the public along with two sets of firing demonstrations. The boom of the canon and crackle of musketry offered visitors a small window into the brutal realities of the American struggle for independence. Interpreters Christopher and Michelle Numssen displayed indigenous equipment and tools, sharing the native perspective on the Revolution with visitors.

Two academic scholars completed the line up of offerings for RevCon. Dr. Michael P. Gabriel, Professor of History at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, delivered a presentation exploring how General Richard Montgomery of Rhinebeck, who died during an assault on Quebec City in December 1775 as part of the American invasion of Canada, became immortalized as martyr to the revolutionary cause. For eighty years after his death, Montgomery enjoyed a reputation on par with George Washington, before fading into relative obscurity. Gabriel’s authoritative biography of Montgomery is now in its second edition. Sara Evenson, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at SUNY-Albany, drew upon her 20 years of experience in colonial open hearth cooking and exhaustive research into Hudson Valley foodways to discuss the realities of colonial kitchens. Her presentation illuminated how, while many elements of cooking have changed over the centuries, there are still details of continuity in design and purpose that link all kitchens together over time.

According to NARA officials, the event attracted an official count of 2,133

visitors over the course of the day, an extraordinary turn out that more than doubled attendance at the previous events. Coordinated through the Dutchess County Department of History, the RevCon series represented a massive investment of time, resources, and effort among federal, county, and a multitude of volunteer organizations. Ultimately, this effort resulted in an outstanding showing for Dutchess County in an event that ranks well among the other offerings within New York state for the 250th. Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, who has long championed local history in Dutchess and attended the event, remarked:

“RevCon 2026 is a model of effective countywide collaboration. By leveraging partnerships with cultural institutions, historical organizations, volunteers, and municipal stakeholders, Dutchess County was able to deliver a high-quality public program that expanded access to local history, supported Revolutionary War commemoration efforts, and strengthened relationships throughout our community. The success of this event demonstrates the value of coordinated planning and long-term investment in public engagement.”

Commemorative activities for the 250th will continue throughout the year. If you enjoyed RevCon, or were sorry to miss out on the fun, consider joining Destination Dutchess and the Department of History at “Revolutionary Cider Celebration” at Fishkill Farms in East Fishkill on Saturday, June 27. For information on this event and other offerings in 2026, visit [www.destinationdutchess.com/rev250](http://www.destinationdutchess.com/rev250).

Will Tatum has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012. He resides in Red Hook.



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# Pine Plains, John Jay students attend State FFA Convention

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters from Pine Plains and John Jay High Schools joined forces on a bus trip to the annual New York State FFA Convention held in Buffalo in late May.

Students participated in leadership workshops, career exploration opportunities, competitions, tours, and award ceremonies alongside FFA members from across the state.

One highlight included a visit to Niagara Falls, where students “traded blue jackets for blue ponchos” while exploring one of New York’s most iconic landmarks.

Members also toured the Buffalo Raceway and learned about the world of harness racing. The raceway has hosted an estimated 30,000 horses and more than 4,000 trainers and drivers over the years. Students met the many professionals who help keep the industry running, including grooms, blacksmiths, veterinarians, feed suppliers, harness shop owners, and track crews. Students also had the opportunity to meet Standardbred horses and learn more about careers connected to the harness racing industry.

The Pine Plains FFA contingent numbered 19. Abigail Marino, garnered the prestigious Empire Degree. In addition, Jaden Cotte was a finalist in the public speaking event, “People in Agriculture”, exploring welding as a career pathway. Addison Stapf competed in the Agriculture Education career development event. Pine Plains also fielded

teams in Jr. and Sr. Quiz Bowl, Jr. Food Science and Jr. Tool Identification. Students enjoyed workshops, meeting National FFA Officers, State FFA Officers from Virginia and Minnesota, and exploring agriculture education as a career path.

John Jay’s 15 FFA attendees fielded teams in food science and aquaculture. Nicolette Argow entered a research project in the Agri-Science event in the plant science division. Yasmin Pedroso and Maria Pires served as delegates for District #2 during the business meeting. Natalya Session, the chapter secretary, entered the secretary’s notebook event, winning 3rd. Students chose among several tours including a visit to Canisius College, the 1500 cow Phillips dairy farm, and the Niagara Culinary Institute. Workshops attended by students included International Agriculture opportunities, Agriculture Education and Regenerative Soil Biology.

John Jay also saw the retirement of Matthew Mulligan as an officer (sentinel) of the NYS FFA Association. Matthew has spent the last year criss crossing New York attending to the business of the FFA organization.

Available to all students at the convention was an extensive college and career expo featuring numerous New York State colleges, branches of the Armed Services, and a variety of non-profit and for profit vendors related to agriculture.

FFA, approaching it’s 100th year, has



FFA students from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains are pictured at the State Convention in Buffalo. *Courtesy photo*

chapters in every state. There are over 13,000 members statewide with over one million members nationwide. The organization endeavors to develop leadership and career skills through competitions, projects and Supervised Agriculture Experiences. Its mission is to promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For most FFA students in New York, the State Convention is one of the high points of the year, allowing students

to learn, meet other like-minded students from around the state and explore their own career goals.

All of the chapter members wish to thank our sponsors and supporters including the Dutchess County Agriculture Society, Dutchess County Dairy Committee, Andrea Parent-Tibbitts, Harriet Ackerman and Dutchess Mason Supply. They also thank the administrators and Boards of Education from the Pine Plains and Wappingers School Districts.

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in the third degree and reckless endangerment in the first degree, both felonies. He was arraigned in the Town of Red Hook court and released to a parent’s custody with a future court date. Red Hook Police were assisted in the investigation by New York State Police Troop K Major Crimes.

Initially, the district had hoped that classes could resume, but the extent of damage and unsafe air quality prompted the decision to close the school for the rest of the year.

In a June 16 Facebook post, the district reported: “Our cleaning partners, Advanced Disaster Recovery, notified the district this morning that all hallway ceiling tiles have been replaced. Other recleaning on the first floor, which could not happen until those ceiling tiles were replaced, is also underway. The company has been working on cleaning the impacted hallway bathrooms, and expects that cleaning to be complete Wednesday.”

Questioned about the price tag of the cleanup, Benischek said, “There’s no set estimate for repair costs. The work is ongoing and we’ll be able to discuss that once our remediation is complete. The district is insured through NYSIR (New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal) and our insurance adjuster has been involved in this process throughout.”

The district provided virtual learning to students through the last day of school, which was June 16. Regents exams were scheduled at alternate locations, and the June 13 prom went on as planned.

On June 22 (after this paper went to press), the Red Hook PTSA planned to hold a party for all Red Hook High students, “to ensure everyone can get together and celebrate the end of the school year despite last month’s fire.”

## Free composting workshop at Lagrange Library on June 29

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management is hosting a free Home Composting Workshop on Monday, June 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the LaGrange Association Library, 1110 Route 55 in Lagrangeville. This public event will give participants the knowledge and tools they need to turn everyday organic materials into healthy, nutrient-rich compost for their gardens and landscapes. Seating is limited; registration is

required and can be completed at [dutchessny.gov/workshop](http://dutchessny.gov/workshop).

Led by an experienced composting educator, the workshop will cover the basics of starting and maintaining a backyard compost system. Attendees will learn what materials can be composted, how to avoid common problems, and how composting helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills while supporting a healthier environment.

The Division of Solid Waste Management offers backyard compost bins for purchase at a reduced cost for County residents. More information about this program and other waste reduction initiatives is available on the Division of Solid Waste Management’s website, [dutchessny.gov/solidwaste](http://dutchessny.gov/solidwaste).

For additional information, please email [solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov](mailto:solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov) or call 845- 486-2841.

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# As America celebrates 250 years, our founding ideals are challenged

By Paul Donnelly

As I close out another school year as a US History and Government teacher on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on our nation's founding ideals within the context of where we are as a country politically. The 13 colonies revolted against a monarchy with the aspirations of establishing a government devoted to the Enlightenment principles of human rights. This fledgling country was founded on the ideals of protecting "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Essential to this ideal, the framers based the idea of government on the consent of the governed, which established that governments get their power to rule from the people, not a king or despot.

The colonists despised monarchy, having risked their lives fighting for independence and autonomy. Consequently, when the newly independent states created their first constitution, the Articles of Confederation, there was no executive branch. The people were afraid that a strong central government would threaten the rights of the citizens. That weak government failed, so a new framework of government was created that included a President. Under the Constitution, this executive would be constrained by Congress. Congress gives orders, and the President executes these orders.

Two hundred and fifty years later, our country is facing a crisis. Donald J. Trump is acting more like a monarch than an elected executive. Three examples of this include: keeping standing armies on the streets during peacetime, the President's attempts at taxation without

representation, and interfering with the judicial system.

One of the many grievances the colonists had against King George was their accusation that he was keeping standing armies in their streets as a way to enforce British law, intimidate the colonists, and infringe on their liberty. The king imposed this without the consent of colonial legislatures. President Trump has engaged in similar acts. For example, last year, Mr. Trump deployed the National Guard in several states, including California, Oregon, and Illinois, against the wishes of the governors of those states. More recently, he has used armed federal agents in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to enforce an immigration crackdown that resulted in the deaths of two Americans.

Another grievance that colonists had was imposing taxes without consent and cutting off their trade. The colonists had no colonial representatives in the British Parliament but were forced to pay taxes to the Crown. Last April, when the President announced his "Liberation Day" and unilaterally applied tariffs on imports from almost 100 countries, he usurped congressional authority and imposed what is essentially a national sales tax. The Constitution clearly gives Congress alone the power to tax.

Finally, the last example of how Mr. Trump acts more like a king than an elected president is his interference with the courts. According to the Declaration of Independence, the colonists accused the King of destroying the rule of law and obstructing judicial powers. Mr. Trump has repeatedly undermined the judicial system by granting pardons to convicted felons, including the perpetrators

involved in the January 6th insurrection, some of whom were serving lengthy sentences for assaulting police officers. The most controversial abuse of this power occurred when he pardoned Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, who was convicted in federal court and sentenced to 45 years in prison for running Honduras as a "narco-state." Beyond these examples, the administration's actions have further undermined the judicial branch; most tragically, the deportation of Kilmar Abrego Garcia which was carried out against a 2019 court order barring his removal due to fears of persecution by MS-13. Garcia spent over three months in a prison in El Salvador while the administration claimed it could not retrieve him.

These are just a few examples of how the current president is acting more like a king than an elected executive. As Americans prepare to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary, we should be reminded of how many colonial grievances against King George III now apply to President Trump. In the context of the current state of the presidency, the Declaration of Independence reads more like articles of impeachment against Mr. Trump rather than a 250-year-old rebuke of King George III.

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### Veteran encourages all to support Veterans March

To the editor:

This concerns the Veterans March in Philadelphia on July 4th. We want the (current presidential) administration to know that there are so many Military veterans who are against this Iran-Israel-US War.

Your fellow Hudson Valley Veteran, Brian McElroy of Wappingers Falls (USMC 1981-87) is letting you know of this event, if you like myself do not support this immoral War. There are many Veterans action organizations involved like "About Face" and "50501 Vets," and sponsorship from the Womens March. The event organization site is <https://www.vetsagainstfascism.org/july4>.

I will be going. Any Vet who is interested can contact me at this email address for up-to-date info ([brianextra@trm-truthhurts.org](mailto:brianextra@trm-truthhurts.org)).

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# Knicks' NBA title parade unites NYC

By Morgan E. Maier

Expectations are not always reality. A team down 29 points in a playoff game will not come back to win. The second-round draft pick will not thrive as a big market team's first option. And a bus that drops its rides blocks away from the optimal parade spot is not worth a ride.

These things are true anywhere but New York.

The New York Knicks, sports media's beloved punching bag of decades, have shown us this in 2026. The reigning NBA champions caused a shift in the city the day they received their keys to the city and a parade audience that stretched miles high and wide. The energy remained long after the floats were out of sight, palpable as confetti strewn on sidewalks.

And when one expects to see said championship parade and misses the entire thing, they will find the day holds much more than floats and Walt "Clyde" Frazier and his classic car.

A city divided by five boroughs became united by basketball. Community is synonymous with the world's greatest sport, as it is Larry O'Brien and Jalen Brunson. Each person perched on streetlights and balconies represented a goal achieved, a milestone that millions were a

part of. Businesses and bars and bodegas were booming, as clusters perched on balconies for a closer look – or a once-in-53-years camera shot. Thousands of courts exist in New York City, each beginning to fill as the string of summer days lengthens – few (if any) were empty on this day that confetti and beer poured through boroughs.

These moments are bigger than basketball, bounds taller than the Knicks, and the 7-foot-4 San Antonio Spur they slew to reach this moment. An NBA title, a key to the city, a nationwide calling of New York Knicks fans who fill seats in 29 arenas not named Madison Square Garden. Each was felt in the city on parade day, from the earliest moments of dawn to the late-night shenanigans at pubs. Strangers and friends traded crossovers where closed-down streets made for the best 1-v-1 basketball.

Indeed, New York's first Big 4 sports title since 2012 was well worth the wait.

NYPD patrolled as bagpipers played a tune or two, one for each Corona traded to place in their kilt. Artists who have restored the feeling of sports and cities with custom cards or prints, clothes, and media brands. Kids who will never know what it felt like to watch a 17-win Knicks team fumble the draft lottery, or playoff hopes dashed in the Eastern Conference



New York Knicks fans gather to watch the NBA championship parade on June 18. Courtesy photo

finals. The feeling is alive in the sorrow that Pat Ewing never got a ring himself, or that Willis Reed was not here to witness this history.

The past and present swish around this revelry, because on this day, everyone is a New York fan, no matter how long we've watched or listened to games.

I can't say if another day like this will come around next year. Even until the next lifetime. But New York will be there in droves for the next, remembering the feeling of a city buzzing in orange and blue, and united for one improbable play-off run.

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## Pine Plains CSD voters approve 2nd budget

By Kate Goldsmith

On June 16, voters in the Pine Plains Central School District passed the second budget presented to them for the 2026-27 school year. The budget passed with 643 "yes" votes to 288 "no" votes.

Pine Plains initially proposed a \$40,778,791 budget that was rejected by voters by a count of 458 to 432. Because the proposed tax levy (4.43%) exceeded the mandated cap (3.4%), passage required a super majority (60% or more

voting yes). The percentage of "yes" votes was 51.5%.

If this second budget had failed, a contingency budget would have required major cuts totaling almost \$1 million.

Personnel Administrator/District Clerk Julia Tomaine said, "Thank you to all of the voters for coming out and participating in this budget vote."

For more information, contact Tomaine at (518) 398-7181, ext. 1408, or j.tomaine@ppcsd.org.

## Debate continues over Aerodrome expansion plan

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for extensive environmental reviews. In response to these concerns, Mike Fisher, Secretary of the Board of the Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum, stated, "The Rhinebeck Aerodrome has been working with the Red Hook Town Planning Board regarding this project for a very long time. It has been a back-and-forth process to meet the requested requirements. The idea that we are trying to change the fundamental way the Aerodrome has operated for the past 65 years is just not true. We intend to remain the Aerodrome for the next 65 years; however, to do that, we need to upgrade the facilities we are working in. That is the essence of what this project entails."

The museum preserves, restores and flies more than 80 antique aircraft from the Pioneer era (pre-WWI), World War I, and the Golden Age of Aviation (the 1920s and '30s). It also houses incredibly rare pieces, including a fully restored, mostly original 1911 Bleriot—the oldest flying airplane in the United States. Fisher says, "Just recently, we had a ceiling leak that was dripping on one of our planes. Of course, we make repairs, but at this point, we need fundamental improvements."

With regard to the change over from seasonal to a year-round venue, Fisher commented that the extended season will be used primarily for maintenance and

educational programs that offer hands-on learning where students earn flight instruction hours by maintaining antique planes and volunteer at the living history museum. According to the Aerodrome, "There is no plan to expand the hours of operation per day – in fact it has been reduced in recent years. Nor is there any plan to add to the number off-lying days or the types of planes that would use the Aerodrome – The runway is suitable for vintage and light, general aviation aircraft only. It will not be a public or commercial airport, and aircraft landing there can only do so with tightly controlled permission."

The meeting concluded with responses from Planning Board members regarding resident concerns. Speaking to the applicant's representative, Kelly Libolt, Board Chairman Sam Phelan informed her that environmental issues and commercial considerations will be weighed together. He advised that the current Master Plan be revised further. He said, "The data that you provided in the master plan to date is fine, but it's general, and it's not specific."

Other information sought by Planning Board members includes an inventory of the planes currently on the grounds, a detailed explanation for the additional 50,000 square feet in structure space, a detailed schedule of events, and

expectations for new events in the future. A comparative chart showing current vs. proposed changes was recommended. In addition, the FAA designation and any limitations on future uses of the site were requested. A new traffic study been

requested at the June 1 meeting.

The issue as to whether the use of the Aerodrome in a non-conforming use, is now before the ZEO for a legal interpretation. The public hearing will be kept open and meet again on Aug. 3.

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## RENEGADES FEATURE

# Versatile fielder Kyle West develops into key RBI machine for Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

Infielder Kyle West had the first of the Hudson Valley Renegades' seven-home run onslaught on June 16, but the 23-year-old 2025 draft pick is no stranger to starting a rally or ending a game with his power hitting in his first High-A season.

A West Virginia native, West spent his college years as a Mountaineer, propelling West Virginia University to a few strong seasons in the Big 12. West's improvements at the plate underscored this power hitter's draft stock. A decreased strikeout rate for the lefty hitter in his final collegiate season – 32.7% to 22.4%, according to On3.com – highlighted extra patience at the plate and extended at-bats in a milestone season that saw him hit .339 with 25 home runs.

One of a few Renegades adjusting to new positions since joining a professional roster, the Yankees converted West to an infielder. Where he

spent time in the outfield and at third base in college, West has played exclusively at first base between the Tampa Tarpons and Hudson Valley.

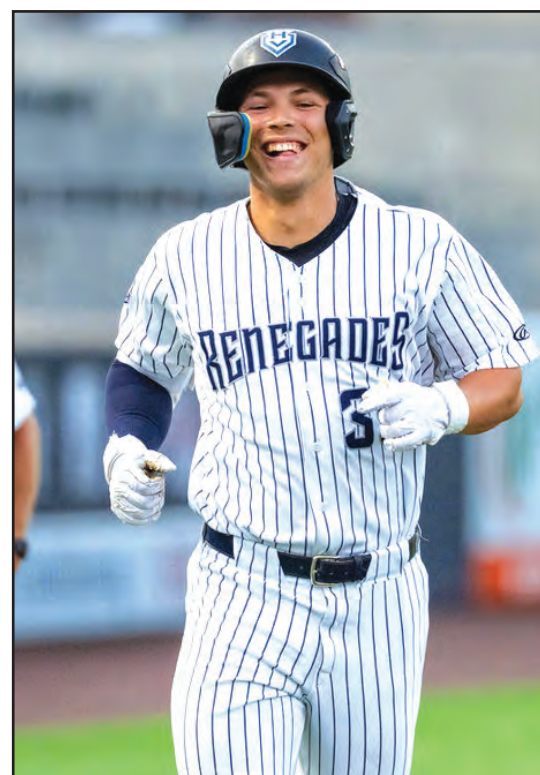
He's liable to spray the field at varying degrees of power – and Kyle West has long since proved to be a power-hitting first baseman, a la Mark Texeira. In the offensive onslaught against the Rome Emperors, West was one of four Renegades with multiple hits. West's three-run home run in the first inning – his fourth first-inning shot of the season – welcomed the eventual 12-5 Hudson Valley win. The Emperors' pitching bowed again to West on June 20, a two-run shot, for the final slug of the 3-2 Renegades win.

This season, West has batted in 10 first-inning runs via the long ball. He has knocked in 12 more with extra base hits, fielder's choices, and sacrifice groundouts in the first frame. This consistent cleanup bat melds nicely with the front of the order's tendency

to snatch early bases.

From walkoff to clutch ties and timely hitting, Kyle West continues his development – and South Atlantic League pitching, from first to ninth frame, has watched the proof glide many times over an outfield fence.

Kyle West has batted in 10 first-inning runs via the long ball. He has knocked in 12 more with extra base hits, fielder's choices and sacrifice groundouts in the first frame. Photo by Dave Janosz



## League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Wilmington WSH	3	0	1.000	-	3-0	W3
Frederick BAL	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	W1
Greensboro PIT	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	W2
Jersey Shore PHI	1	2	.333	2.0	1-2	W1
Brooklyn NYM	0	3	.000	3.0	0-3	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	2	1	.667	-	2-1	W2
Greenville BOS	2	1	.667	-	2-1	L1
Asheville HOU	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L2
Hub City TEX	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L1
Rome ATL	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	W1



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07/02/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	America 250 Celebration WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/03/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	America 250 Celebration WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/04/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Independence Day: Happy 250th Birthday, USA! presented by Central Hudson Gas & Electric WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/05/26	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Unicorn Day WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/07/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	90s Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/08/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/10/26	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Renegades: The Musical! WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/11/26	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Christmas in July WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/12/26	vs. Rome	01:05 PM	Princes & Princesses Day WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets





# Renegades Extra!



## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Renegades rack up hits, homers to take series win over Emperors

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades went down to Georgia and took a blazing chariot to victory over the South Division rival Emperors of Rome. An onslaught of home runs, an eye-catching catcher's performance, and a rubber match comeback highlighted the three Hudson Valley victories of the five-game series.

**Rome Run** - Six different Renegades hit a season-best seven home runs in the series opener. Five left the park with two strikes. Kyle West kick-started it with three runs in one first-inning swing. Roderick Arias followed with his own strike three innings later. Josh Moylan, having worked ahead in two at-bats, sailed his 12th and team-leading 13th of the season. Core Jackson saw seven pitches before launching his seventh of the season, and Wilson Rodriguez continued his solid hitting with a solo shot. Cam Troyer put Hudson Valley up by 10 with his own one-way trip around the bases, as the Renegades went on to win 14-5.

In the series-deciding finale, Rome's John Gil put up three runs with a shot into the left field bullpen. Gil's teammate snagged the ball in jubilation, and the Emperor offense left the inning up by five runs. But Hudson Valley would also hit the Rome bullpen hard, scoring in frames 5, 6, and 7. With 4 RBI on the day, Kaeden Kent put the Renegades within one on a two-run single. Troyer scored Enmanuel Tejada on a single to tie the

finale at six. Troyer's next at-bat saw the big knock, a two-out RBI to take the Renegades' 7-6 lead. After the first two Emperors reached base, Franyer Herrera (6.0 innings, 4 H, 0 ER, 6 K, 2 BB) retired the next two to complete his relief outing. Luis Velasquez retired the final Emperor to complete the 7-6 Renegades victory.

**Et tu, Eric?** - Eric Genter was a knife in the Emperors' side as the Renegades broke the two-game slide on June 20. Genter was 5-for-5 with a pair of doubles and three singles. After going hitless in the series' first three games, Genter would contribute half of the 11 total Hudson Valley hits in the 3-2 win. A first-inning Core Jackson homer caught an early lead, but Rome jumped in front in the 4th. Kyle West got the 'Gades in front in the next, and scored Genter on a two-strike homer to right-center. Rory Fox was the winning pitcher, allowing no Rome runs outside of a two-run home run and striking out six in 5.2 innings.

**I, in III** - The teams traded four one-run decisions after the lopsided series opener; Rome took the first two in walkoff fashion. Luis Serna was back to his strong starting ways on June 18, a four-hit, 7 inning performance. Enmanuel Tejada's RBI single marked the Renegades' only run in a combined three-hit night. Tejada added a stolen base; Wilson Rodriguez also reached twice.

Five Emperors reached base with two



Catcher Eric Genter is pictured talking to Yankees starter Carlos Rodon earlier this season. After going hitless in the first three games of last week's series vs. Rome, Genter contributed half of the 11 total Hudson Valley hits in a 3-2 win. Photo by Dave Janosz

outs to spare the following night, blowing a two-run Renegade lead in the bottom of the ninth inning. A wild pitch tied it, and a sharp single won it for the Emperors, 5-4, as Hudson Valley lost the game they'd led since the first inning. Rome held Hudson Valley scoreless from the third inning; Roderick Arias went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his sixth home run of

the season.

The Renegades continue on the road with a bout in Bowling Green to face the first-half champions of the South Atlantic League South. The Hot Rods have lost just seven games at home this season. Hudson Valley looks to continue its season turnaround before returning home to end the month.

## RENEGADES EXTRA



Pitcher Luis Serna was back to his strong starting ways in a victory over the Rome Emperors on June 18. Serna turned in a four-hit, seven inning performance. Right: Roderick Arias continued his strong hitting as he went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his sixth home run of the season in a 5-4 lost to Rome last week. Photos by Dave Janosz

# New Live Fire Training building honors Hyde Park's Ray Nichols

Joined by firefighters and other first responders, elected officials and residents from across the county, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response officially opened the County's new, state-of-the-art Live Fire Training Building at the County's Emergency Response campus at 392 Creek Road in Hyde Park last week.

The modular fire training structure will provide local firefighters with the opportunity to train in a variety of live burn scenarios.

As part of the celebration, the County dedicated the Dutchess County Fire Training Grounds in honor of Ray Nichols, who has served as Deputy Fire Coordinator for Dutchess County for nearly 40 years.

Serino said, "This new fire training building is an exciting step forward for firefighter training in Dutchess County. Live burn training is essential, and our firefighters now have a top-tier facility to sharpen their skills safely and effectively. Every day our community counts on the dedication and expertise of volunteer and career firefighters, and we're proud to give these brave men and women the tools they need to protect lives and property."

Dutchess County Emergency Response Commissioner William H. Beale said, "This new training building is a game-changer for firefighter readiness. It provides cutting-edge, scenario-driven training that meets modern standards and elevates firefighters' skills. We are grate-

ful to the local departments for their continued support of our Fire Training Grounds and look forward to continuing to elevate training opportunities for the brave men and women of fire service, ensuring they will be even more prepared to keep our communities safe."

Live burn exercises allow firefighters to train in real-time fire conditions within a controlled structure, helping them better understand fire behavior, strengthen coordination, and make critical decisions safely and effectively.

The County's new three-story modular burn building is constructed using reinforced shipping containers and features movable wall partitions that can be reconfigured to simulate realistic interior environments such as hallways and rooms. This flexibility enables firefighters to train for a broad range of emergency situations with the highest level of authenticity.

Additional components—including a rappelling tower, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) maze, rebar cutting prop, pitched roof prop, forced-entry door, standpipe connections and more—support training in confined space operations, hose configurations, forcible entry, search and rescue, and high-angle rope rescues.

Each year, thousands of volunteer and career fire professionals train at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Fire Training Grounds - thanks in large part to the leadership and commitment of Ray Nichols. Nichols, a Hyde Park resi-



Above: County Executive Sue Serino is pictured with Dutchess County Emergency Response Commissioner William Beale as he "burns" through the ribbon for Dutchess County's new Live Fire Training Building. Left: Ray Nichols - past Chief of the Roosevelt Fire Department in Hyde Park and longtime Dutchess County Deputy Fire Coordinator - was honored with a special dedication of the Fire Training Grounds. *Courtesy photos*



dent, has served as Dutchess County Deputy Fire Coordinator since 1988 and has been foundational in the development and expansion of the County's training facilities. A longtime member of the Roosevelt Fire Department, he served as Chief in the 1980s, leading the department through many significant emergency response events. He also played a key role in the creation of the Hyde Park

Training Association.

"The new Live Fire Training building is part of Dutchess County's longstanding commitment to excellence in fire services and Ray Nichols has been at the forefront of that commitment, so it is only fitting to honor Ray for all he has done to advance fire training with today's dedication. It was truly an honor to celebrate him and express our gratitude," said Serino.

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## Pine Plains church to mark centennial on June 27 with organ concert & barbecue

First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its church building and organ at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, with an organ recital followed by an old-fashioned BBQ on the back lawn.

On August 1, 1922, the church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, just over a year into the 42-year pastorate of the newly ordained Rev. Charles Marshall Moser. The new church, dedicated on September 12, 1926, is notable for being the only stone church in Pine Plains and its Estey pipe organ the only pipe organ in the town. It is also known for its beautiful stained-glass windows made by the acclaimed local firm, Bill Stuetzle Stained Glass

Company.

This program will honor the legacy of both Rev. Moser and his wife, Margaret Moser, the church's long-time organist and choir director.

The organ recital, performed by guest organist Terry Boothe Earles of Kingston, N.Y., will feature a mix of religious and secular pieces. There will also be special music performed by Youth members from Stanford Grange #808.

The event is free and open to the public; however, reservations are requested by calling the church office at (518) 398-7117.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15—11:30am-1:00pm—DC OFA Picnic, Pine Plains, NY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22—11:30am-1:00pm—DC OFA Picnic, Wappingers Falls, NY

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Bingo on June 24 in Rhinecliff

There will be Bingo on Wednesday June 24, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, 17 Shatzell Ave. Rhinecliff. This will be our last BINGO! until the Fall. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Limit 75 people. Concessions will be available for purchase. No outside food. 8 games, top prize \$250. Play all games for \$25. Arrive early to find parking. Benefits the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. For more information call (845)532-8885

## CCEDC Disease and Insect Scouting Workshop set June 24

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County for this workshop to learn about disease and insect scouting on your farm. Topics will include different scouting methods, sample collection, common diseases and insects and integrated management plans; there will also be a hands on scouting activity. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 24, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook. The fee is \$15 per person. Any questions, contact Agriculture/Horticulture Program Leader Dr. Isabella Yannuzzi at [imy3@cornell.edu](mailto:imy3@cornell.edu)

## LaGrange to hold Summer

### Luau Social for 55+ on June 24

The Town of LaGrange will host a Welcome Summer Luau Social for LaGrange residents ages 55+ on Wednesday, June 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church (Route 55). Admission is \$10/person. Registration is required at [www.lagrangeparksandrec.com](http://www.lagrangeparksandrec.com) or in person in the Recreation Office, 120 Stringham Rd, M-F, 9am-3:30pm. Proof of residency through a property tax or utility bill is required (if not already provided for 2026).

Sponsored in part by The Pines at Poughkeepsie Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, the event will include a delicious buffet prepared by Simply Gourmet, music, raffles and giveaways.

### 'The Story of Arthurdale' set June 27 at FDR Library

"The Story of Arthurdale: Eleanor Roosevelt's

Vision of Community" is a program taking place on Saturday, June 27, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. Tickets are \$65, with all proceeds supporting future programming at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center (ERVK).

Following an informal lunch, join the Eleanor Roosevelt Center and Arthurdale Heritage for a special fundraiser and panel discussion exploring the extraordinary history of Arthurdale and Eleanor Roosevelt's enduring connection to the community she called her "pet project." Purchase tickets at <https://ervk.org/arthurdale/>.

### Gardening workshop set June 27 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will present a gardening workshop on Saturday, June 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. At "Storytelling through Garden Photography," Lori Adams will demonstrate how to create compelling botanical photographs in the beautiful setting of our garden. This workshop is open to all experience levels. Bring the camera you prefer to use, whether a phone, point-and-shoot, or 35mm, along with a willingness to experiment and explore. The cost is \$75. Register at [www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org](http://www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org).

### Cupcake Celebration at

#### Copake Grange on June 28

Copake Grange's Sixth Annual Cupcake Celebration is set Sunday, June 28, at 11 a.m. There will be 1,001 cupcakes! Kids will have a chance to create their own confectionery wonders at the Kids' Cupcake Creation Table. The Wheel of Fortune will spin again with even more prizes. Funny faces will abound with face painting for kids. All are welcomed. The Grange is at 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Learn more at [www.copakegrange.org/events](http://www.copakegrange.org/events)

### Hyde Park's July 4th Parade

#### has Rev250 theme

The Town of Hyde Park Recreation Committee will hold the town's annual July 4th Parade on Saturday, July 4. This year's theme will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday.

#### Stanford Grange to host

## America 250 trivia event July 4

Stanford Grange #808 will host an America 250 Trivia Game on Saturday, July 4th as part of the Town of Stanford Independence Day Celebration. The game will take place at the Stanford Rec Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Independence Day. Teams of any size and ages are welcome to participate, and it's free to participate! Advanced sign ups are helpful, but not required. There will be prizes for the top 3 teams. To sign up or to request more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or [orton808@yahoo.com](mailto:orton808@yahoo.com).

### Rev250 July 4th celebration set in Stanford

Stanford will celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's independence with an event organized by the Stanford Fire Company, in coordination with the Town of Stanford and Stanford Grange #808. The celebration will take place at the Stanford Recreation Center (40 Creamery Road). The Festivity Tent opens at 5 p.m. with a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Stanford Grange #808 Secretary Ryan Orton. A Chicken BBQ Dinner (includes half chicken, salads, and dessert) begins at 6 p.m. There will be fireworks at dusk (approximately 8-8:30 p.m.)

Prices for the BBQ Dinner are \$12 for adults, \$8 kids (ages 6-16) and free for children under 5. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, June 22. A limited number of tickets will be available the day of for \$15.

Tickets available by calling (845) 868-7320 (Kathie) or (914) 456-9846 (Doreen) or by asking a Fire Company member you may know.

Please note: As this event is held on Town property, alcohol will not be permitted.

### Copake Falls Day set July 18

The community is invited to celebrate the annual Copake Falls Day on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This family-friendly event features a wide range of activities designed to bring residents and visitors together while supporting vital local organizations.

Event highlights include:

5K Run: A morning race to kick off the day's

festivities. Registration: [cf5krun@gmail.com](mailto:cf5krun@gmail.com)

Family Entertainment: Live music, kids' activities, and rides on the Pomeroy Family Railroad.

Shopping & Auctions: A community tag sale, local market vendors, raffles, and a silent auction.

History & Food: Tours of the Copake Iron Works, historical exhibits, and a community BBQ.

A portion of the proceeds from the day will directly support Dollars for Scholars and the Roe Jan Food Pantry. For more details, visit [copakefallsny.com](http://copakefallsny.com) or email [copakefallsdayny@gmail.com](mailto:copakefallsdayny@gmail.com).

### Repair Cafe in Stanfordville July 18

There will be a Repair Cafe on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville. Get your broken things fixed for free. Questions? Call the library at (845) 868-1341.

### Free tour of 8 local gardens on July 25

Garden lovers, families and community members are invited to experience the beauty and diversity of gardens in the Hudson Valley during Growing Together: A Tour of Mid-Hudson Gardens. This is a free, self-guided garden tour taking place on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine).

This collaborative event brings together historic estates/gardens, educational programs, and community gardens across the Mid-Hudson region for a day celebrating horticulture, local history, wellness, and community connection. Visitors are invited to visit as many of the gardens as they wish.

Visit [www.growingtogethergardentour.com](http://www.growingtogethergardentour.com) for participating gardens and more information.

### Daily Vacation Bible School

#### set July 27-31 at Rhinebeck church

Grace Bible Fellowship Church will hold its Daily Vacation Bible School July 27-31 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Ages: 4-Teens. Free. All are welcome. The church is at 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck, 1/4-mile north of the Route 9/Route 9G intersection. For more information, call (845) 876-6923 or email [fcirone@aol.com](mailto:fcirone@aol.com). [www.grace-biblefellowshipchurch.org](http://www.grace-biblefellowshipchurch.org)

## Children's Home launches new youth crisis residence AnchorPoint

AnchorPoint, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie's newest initiative to address the need for youth mental health services, celebrated its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 4, surrounded by approximately 65 local elected officials, government representatives, community partners, supporters, board members, and staff.

Located at 316 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie, AnchorPoint is the first and only children's crisis residence serving the region. The launch marks the culmination of more than five years of planning and development. From establishing program criteria to completing a comprehensive building renovation, the project was made possible through the support of local government, partner organizations, and community stakeholders.

AnchorPoint provides 24/7 care and support for youth ages 5 to 21 experiencing a psychiatric crisis. The program offers intensive, short-term stabilization



Staff from AnchorPoint and the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie gather with local dignitaries to cut the ribbon to officially open the AnchorPoint facility. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

services designed to help youth safely transition back to their homes or connect with appropriate community-based services.

In addition to crisis treatment, AnchorPoint works closely with families and caregivers to strengthen long-term stability and improve successful outcomes. The average length of stay is approximately 21 days. Youth may be referred to AnchorPoint after being diverted from inpatient hospitalization or following treatment through emergency psychiatric services. The program also serves children and adolescents who have received support from mobile crisis teams or other behavioral health providers and require additional stabilization before returning home or to their community.

"Now more than ever, youth and families are faced with complex individual and systemic crises, arising often and without warning," said Courtney Rovere, PhD, LCSW(NY), LICSW(MA) Assistant Executive Director for Clinical Program Development at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. "For those that do not require inpatient hospitalization, but could benefit from increased mental health support in a home-like setting in their own community, we developed AnchorPoint."

Since opening the doors in January, AnchorPoint has already supported 31 youth and families. To learn more about this critical new resource or to make a referral, visit [childrenshome.us](http://childrenshome.us) or call 845-275-0648.

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# Nineteen students to graduate on June 26 at Anderson Center's commencement

Anderson Center for Autism will host its 102nd annual commencement on Friday, June 26, at 1 p.m., at Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg.

Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director at Anderson Center for Autism, said, "This is a milestone that represents tremendous work and unwavering perseverance on the part of our students with autism - but also reflects the dedication of caring families and team members who have believed in their potential every step of the way. Without question, it is one of the most uplifting events of the year."

Since 1924, nearly 1800 students have graduated from Anderson Education Center. The Class of 2026 includes 19 individuals: Brandon M., Luke S., Francisco W., Enrico Q., Aiden V., Owen K., Jakks V., William F., Joseph D., Michael D., Christian S., Cameron P., Maxwell K., Hershy S., Devin H., Asher E., Ryder E., Anson D., and Winston L.

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson (who will step in as CEO/Executive Director following

Paul's retirement later this year) noted: "Anderson's commencement never fails to inspire all of us; the ceremony is a powerful reminder that every individual deserves to be applauded, accepted, and celebrated for the unique set of qualities and interests that he or she brings to the world. We are so proud of every one of our graduates and look forward to sharing this special day with them."

The collaborative, interdisciplinary education program at Anderson, which all of these students have completed, incorporates behavioral analytic teaching strategies, interventions, and evaluative data review. Visual, environmental, sensory, and communication supports are also utilized as needed by Anderson's team of behavior specialists and analysts, speech and occupational therapists, and certified special educators. Classroom content is developed in the context of New York State Learning Standards, and progress is measured against goals set forth in IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) developed and adopted annually for each student.

This year's graduation speaker will be Philip J. Bronzi, who is First Senior Vice President - Commercial Market President at Rhinebeck Bank, where he leads the Bank's commercial lending strategy, and helps businesses and individuals across the Hudson Valley and Capital Region achieve financial goals. With extensive experience in commercial banking, leadership, and community development, Bronzi has become well-known for his strategic thinking, collaborative leadership style, and for tireless efforts to strengthen the communities that the Bank serves.

In addition to his professional role, Bronzi is deeply committed to nonprofit leadership and community service. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Anderson Center for Autism, sharing that he "feels honored to support the organization's important mission of optimizing the quality of life for the individuals it serves."

Bronzi is also on the Board of Directors for Destination Dutchess, promoting the tourism industry in

Dutchess County, and previously served as Chair of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and as Treasurer for Sparrow's Nest of the Hudson Valley.

A lifelong advocate for service-driven leadership, Bronzi notes that he "believes strongly in the power of relationships, resilience, and helping individuals reach their fullest potential; values that make Anderson's graduation celebration especially meaningful."

Said Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism, "Phil Bronzi has championed our mission for many years now; we are incredibly grateful for all that he has done and achieved as Board Chair, and for the ideas, insights, and deep sense of humanity that he brings to every conversation. It will be our great privilege to welcome him as this year's keynote speaker."

For more information, call (845) 889-9208 or visit [andersoncenterforautism.org](http://andersoncenterforautism.org).

## Ruge's expands team through partnership with Dutchess BOCES CTI

MILLBROOK - Ruge's Automotive recently appointed of Landon Quijada, resident of Pine Plains, NY and soon-to-be graduate of Stissing Mountain Senior High School, as a full-time Service Technician. This comes on the heels of a yearlong internship that Quijada completed as a student of Dutchess BOCES Career and Technical Institute (CTI).

Explained Joanne Holmes, Service Manager at Ruge's Chevrolet, "As a longtime industry partner with Dutchess BOCES CTI, we assist in curriculum development and advising on the ever-changing and growing needs of the automotive industry. Additionally, we offer real-world, hands-on internship and career training opportunities to students engaged in CTI's work-based learning program, which is how we met Landon Quijada. He came to Ruge's to gain experience, but opened the doors to an entire career; through his internship with us, Landon learned the real-time process of servicing a vehicle from start to finish, including how to perform a MultiPoint Inspection of vehicles and how to confidently and successfully make repairs and bring issues to resolution. He is excellent at what he does and we are so thrilled to announce that upon graduation, Landon is shifting from his intern role into a full-time position as a service technician!"

According to Holmes, Quijada will graduate from Dutchess BOCES with multiple Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certifications, as well as a New York State Inspector's License.

"Not only is this a wonderful opportunity for Landon, but likewise for us. When he was interning, Landon consistently demonstrated an impressive work ethic, always eager to work during school breaks and weekends; he works beautifully with everyone here, and is clearly motivated to continue his career path and become an established automotive technician. Hiring him right out of school was an obvious choice, and we are so pleased that he said 'yes' to joining our Ruge's team full-time."

Holmes noted, "One of the best-kept secrets in our community is the incredible opportunity students have through

Dutchess BOCES Career & Technical Institute (CTI). CTI goes beyond textbook and classroom learning experiences, giving young people practical, technical skills that really prepare them for the workforce. Students like Landon get hands-on experience with real vehicles, real tools, and real industry professionals. Not every student, of course, earns an internship opportunity; they must be recommended and approved by their instructors. We also have to give weekly updates on work that was performed by the student as well as comments to pass along to CTI. There are many different roles that someone coming out of the automotive program at CTI can obtain. With the knowledge a student receives upon completion of their program, they can also obtain opportunities like Service Advisor or Parts Advisor.

"At Ruge's Chevrolet, we have seen first-hand how successful the pathway can be. Like Landon, other students who started as interns have gone on to become full-time technicians here, ultimately gaining opportunities to obtain manufacturer training, certifications, and to build long-term careers. I am a big advocate for the trades. College is not for everybody - but every person who has a car, for example, (college degree or not) needs a tradesperson like Landon who can help navigate and resolve challenges that only a well-trained expert in that field can handle."

In addition to its collaborative work with Dutchess BOCES CTI, Ruge's Automotive has supported a wide range of other community initiatives designed to enhance life for community members, including Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation, American Legion Post 429, Rhinebeck Rotary, and Taconic Little League, among many others.

Reflected Holmes, "Supporting our entire community and region, and particularly trade schools and the next generation of techs, has never been more important. We're so glad to be a part of the Dutchess BOCES CTI program, and to be involved in so many other programs as well."

For additional information about Ruge's Automotive, visit [rugesauto.com](http://rugesauto.com).



Joanne Holmes, Service Manager at Ruge's Chevrolet in Millbrook, with Landon Quijada, Dutchess BOCES CTI graduate who has accepted a full-time role as Ruge's Service Technician. *Courtesy photo*

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# Arlington HS historic markers project draws to a close



Another marker was placed at the home of S. Josephine Baker, a pioneering American physician and public health leader who graduated with her M.D. in 1898 and served as director of the New York City Bureau of Child Hygiene 1908-1923. From left are Robert McHugh; students Aba Hammond, Liv Heuser and Allen Wang; Poughkeepsie Councilmember for the 6th Ward Christopher Grant; and Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. Not pictured are students Lond'n Powell and Praneel Gandhi. *Photo by Sam Falk*



Additionally, another marker was placed at the childhood home of Lee Miller, an art photographer and model who documented WWII concentration camps in 1945 as a photojournalist for Vogue. Pictured, from left, are students Annabel Weir, Tanya Jabcuga and Lucas Thazyik. Not pictured is student Charlotte Stefano. *Photo by Sam Falk*

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith

In May, Arlington High School students in Robert McHugh's classes completed the last three of 16 historical marker projects done over more than three years, funded through a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation.

The students could pick anywhere in Dutchess County that they believed was deserving of a marker. They had to then find primary sources (government documents, newspaper articles, maps, photos, etc.) that could prove the importance of

the site. They had to come up with language that would go on the marker and secure permission from whoever owned the land on which the marker would be installed.

Pictured above: The final projects included a marker commemorating a building that served as a school in the Town of Poughkeepsie from around 1850 to 1912. It has been a private home since. The students, from left, are Avery O'Connell, Ella Gescheidle, Averiana Kunkel, Ashley Laurenzano, and Ava Wolf. *Photos courtesy of Robert McHugh*



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## CAPITAL PROJECTS AT PINE PLAINS SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FACILITIES TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH SEPT. 1

Due to capital project work in the Pine Plains Central School District, the public will be unable to access the building and playground at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center from June 29 to Sept. 1; the tennis courts and track at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School are currently closed and will remain so until Sept. 1.

The replacement of floor tiles at Seymour Smith is scheduled to start on Monday, June 29. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by Sept. 1. As a safety precaution, the building and the playground at Seymour Smith will be closed to the public while the work is completed. As required by law, an asbestos abatement notice was posted on all entrances to the Seymour Smith building on June 18, 10 days prior to the commencement of the asbestos abatement work.

The roof replacement at Stissing is under way and is anticipated to be completed ahead of schedule. The resurfacing of the track and replacement of the tennis courts at Stissing will set to begin on Monday, June 22. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by Sept. 1.

For more information regarding the PPCSD Capital Project work, visit [www.ppcsd.org](http://www.ppcsd.org).

# Lady Gray Bridal of Beacon: Honoring a 60-year legacy

## Tina Pomarico gives farewell

By Morgan E. Maier

For more than 70 years, one family has been a true cornerstone of the Beacon community.

It began with Rocky's Deli, a neighborhood business built on hard work, personal relationships, and a commitment to the community. Over time, that family business evolved into the Lady Gray Dress Shop and eventually Lady Gray Bridal 60 years ago, becoming a destination for generations of brides.

For the past 45 years, Tina Pomarico has been the heart of that business.

As she announces her retirement, Tina is not looking back at thousands of gowns sold or countless alterations completed. Instead, she is reflecting on the relationships that have defined her career and the trust that so many families placed in her during some of the most important moments of their lives.

"That trust means everything," Tina says. "When someone chooses you to be part of such a special time in their life, that's something you never take for granted."

Over four and a half decades, Tina built Lady Gray Bridal into one of the Hudson Valley's most respected bridal salons. Brides who once stood in front of their mirror searching for the perfect gown returned years later as mothers of the bride and groom. Flower girls became brides themselves. Families came back generation after generation, not just because of the dresses, but because they knew they would be treated with honesty,

kindness and genuine care.

While Lady Gray Bridal was founded by her parents, Grace and Rocco Garbellano, Tina's own legacy is one she built through dedication, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to her customers. There were long days, busy weekends, and years when the business came before almost everything else. Through it all, she remained focused on creating an experience that made every bride feel important, heard, and beautiful.

The success of Lady Gray Bridal was never about selling dresses. It was about helping women celebrate one of life's most meaningful milestones.

Tina is quick to credit the people who helped make the journey possible. She is grateful to her husband, Mike, for his decades of support and understanding, and to her children, Mike and Danielle, for their sacrifice along with her staff who were her "Lady Gray Girls", Jamie, Danielle, Ginny, Kristen and Erin. She is especially thankful to the Beacon community, whose loyalty allowed the business to thrive for generations.

As she closes this chapter, Tina does so with a full heart and a deep sense of gratitude.

"I've been blessed to do something I truly loved for 45 years," she says. "I have met incredible people, built lifelong friendships, and been part of so many special moments. For that, I will always be grateful."

Retirement will bring more time with family, especially her grandsons, Mikey and Cole and the opportunity to enjoy a slower pace after decades of caring for everyone else.

But while the doors of Lady Gray Bridal will close, the legacy remains!



Tina Pomarico of Lady Gray Bridal in Beacon is surrounded by bridal gowns at her salon in Beacon. She is holding a wedding photo of her parents, Grace and Rocco Garbellano. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

## Endowment to benefit symphonic music in region

Three Hudson Valley institutions recently took important steps to ensure that the region's symphony orchestras—present and future—have access to the musical resources they need to thrive. Long-standing endowed funds originally created to support the Hudson Valley Philharmonic will soon benefit symphony orchestras in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties through new grant opportunities. At the same time, an expansive collection of music scores and parts will become publicly accessible through the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, creating a new resource for ensembles, educators, and musicians of all kinds to explore and borrow from this rich library.

These developments follow a process in which Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Inc. was granted permission to transfer nearly half a million dollars in restricted endowment funds to the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV). Many of these funds were established in the 1970s, when the Hudson Valley Philharmonic was the only orchestra serving the tri-county region. Under CFHV's stewardship, these funds will support grant-making aligned with their original charitable purpose—advancing professional orchestral programming throughout the region. The new CFHV fund will be named: Bardavon/HVP Randall Craig Fleischer Memorial Fund for Symphony Orchestras, in honor of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's beloved long-time

conductor who passed in 2020.

The announcement also includes the transfer of the Kurt Grisham HVP Music Library to the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD). Grisham was a violinist with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic for over 50 years and passed in 2017. This extensive collection—which includes classical, pops, and choral repertoire—will be cataloged and made available through PPLD's lending system, offering unprecedented public access to orchestral materials previously held in a private archive.

CFHV will steward these endowed funds for the long term, ensuring responsible management and thoughtful grant making that both honors donor intent and supports a strong, evolving orchestral ecosystem in the tri-county region of the Hudson Valley.

Founded as the Hudson Valley Philharmonic Society, Inc. in 1932, the HVP became the leading regional orchestra for decades. In 1999, after the HVP's financial collapse and Chapter 11 filing, the Bardavon—with support by regional funders—purchased the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's name and assets, and they managed and presented the orchestra until 2023. For decades, the endowed funds and music materials helped sustain programming for the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. With this transition, their impact broadens—helping an entire ecosystem of orchestras, educators, and community musicians.

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# Nature's special club of 'velvety fruits': One grows here, another is trying

Have you ever tasted mamey sapote, durian, or cherimoya fruits? Depending on your heritage, travel, or culinary adventures, you may have experienced their smooth texture. Even if you haven't tried any of those fruits, I'll bet that you have eaten the star of guacamole and a favorite toast-topper: the avocado.

Avocados, and a unique group of others, evolved to invest their metabolic energy in micro-emulsions of dense, buttery plant lipids, rather than sweet, water-soluble carbohydrates, like most other fruits. The members of the "Velvety Fruits Club" once used their healthy fats to entice prehistoric giant mammals to be transport mechanisms. Nearly all of the trees that grow fat-rich fruits require frost-free regions.

### They like it Hot, Hot, Hot

Bananas, olives, and coconuts are unique fruits that grow in warm climates. Yet, they are excluded from the Velvety Fruits Society. Nature's special club members are defined by a whipped,

oil-in-water suspension, that produces a silky puree.

Bananas' soft texture comes from starch and water, not plant fats. Olives are not custard-like; they become succulent only after curing and fermenting. Coconuts do have dense plant lipids; however, they are excluded from this elite group because of their evolutionary survival strategy. Rather than relying upon animal digestion to spread their seeds, coconuts use their buoyant husks to wash ashore and sprout on distant tropical beaches.

Members of the Velvety Fruits Society are botanical anomalies that grow across select continents. Central and South America produce buttery avocados, sweet-potato/apricot-flavored mamey sapote, chocolate-pudding-like black sapote, cheesecake-like canistel, pear-custard cherimoya, creamy-peach keule, fruity-cheese-like pequi, and uxi's herbal-butter flavor found in the Amazonian basin. The African Continent contributes



Cherimoya, mamey sapote and avocados are "velvety fruits," which are defined by a whipped, oil-in-water suspension, that produces a silky puree. Below: Olives, bananas and coconuts don't fall into the "velvety fruits" category. Below, left: Avocado sprouts in compost. Photos by Francine Wizner



safou, which cooks into a lemon-butter paste, and marula, which has mango-citrus flesh and a rich, nutty kernel. Southeast Asia's tropical climate provides the correct conditions for the vanilla-almond-custard-like durian and the cream-cheese-like dabai.\*

There has been one outlier. That is the banana-mango-custard flavored North American Pawpaw. They can survive sub-zero New York winters. In fact, there are a dozen (baby) pawpaw trees growing in the field outside my house. But, today, I am reporting on a second outlier.

### Persevering pits

My compost is a monument to a household that consumes far too much guacamole. Peeking through the decaying layers of autumn leaves and vegetable peels I have found avocado pits with thick roots aggressively tunneling downward and vibrant, glossy leaves yearning skyward. Against all geographical logic, discarded store-bought Hass pits have cracked open in Dutchess County dirt and sprouted into healthy, tiny trees.

We are in Zone 6. Of course, I would not let my accidental botanical infants succumb to the elements. A couple of Augusts ago, I dug them out of the pile, potted them up in fresh soil, and moved them indoors. I gifted most of them, but I remain the guardian of one persevering domestic avocado tree.

### Avocado attributes

This oversized, single-seeded berry likely relied on ancient elephants, rhinos, and giant armadillos to swallow it whole, passing the massive pit intact through their digestive tracts to disperse its seeds. Those megafaunas were immune to persin, the antifungal toxin found in parts of the plant. Smaller animals, incapable of carrying the avocado embryo long distances, are repelled by persin\*\*. When the prehistoric giants went extinct, the avocado could have followed them into oblivion.

But early Mesoamericans began cultivating the fruit. It provided a dense source of calories and vital nutrients. Even more importantly, avocados, with their monounsaturated fats, allowed the absorption of fat-soluble Vitamins A, D, E, and K found in squash and corn, staples of the ancient Mesoamerican diet. Without dietary fat, the body will excrete those vitamins, ultimately leading to malnutrition.

Beyond the plant's toxin, and its nutrient reward, Avocado's survival strategies include uniquely timed flowering phases and delayed fruit ripening. Differing tree varieties have flowers that alternate between female and male openings over a two-day cycle to encourage cross-pollination. The trees release a hormone

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# Creative Living

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## Old Dutch Village Garden Club beautifies the community with Plant Sale and more

By Nancy Bendiner and Felice Gelman

With the help of many generous donations from local gardens and much hard work from garden club members, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club (ODVGC) held its annual plant sale on May 16. What a stunning success, with more than 1,200 perennials and shrubs sold to help beautify our local yards and community. The line of buyers stretched around the sale area for hundreds of feet. Then the yellow tape was lifted, signaling the start of the sale.

What helped make this sale – and all our sales – special are the donations of the sale plants from local gardens. The plants are almost all perennials acclimated to our local weather and conditions. Also those who donate have a chance to beautify their yards by creating space for new species and by removing plants that have spread beyond their allotted space. Many buyers at the plant sale excitedly spoke about how they would use their new plants in their home landscapes.

Huge thanks to Linda Lawson, the master organizer of the sale; her husband Rich, whose help was invaluable at all stages; and to all those who gave their time and energy to this fun and worthwhile project.

Learning opportunities for ODVGC members come at every meeting. Recently speakers have covered a wide range of subjects including how to prune shrubs, gardening best practices for baby boomers, and a June 11 presentation by Thomas Johnson about monarch butterflies. The July meeting will be our annual picnic, with a raffle of gardening related objects and, in the fall, crafting with garden materials.

We hope you saw our decorations at the Four Corners highlighting Fall with materials donated by local farmers. ODVGC finds community projects to beautify and represent our community. You are invited to visit ODVGC's Memorial Garden, just north of the Veteran's Memorial, near to and across the street from CVS in Red Hook. Sit a while, and enjoy the flowers! In the holiday season, the garden will be festively decorated and lighted.

ODVGC meets at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook, usually on the second Thursday of each month except August. Our meetings are open to the public. If you would like to learn, enjoy fellowship, and take part in some community activities, join us. Follow our Facebook page for details and dates of our activities. Have a great summer in your garden!



Theresa Burke and raffle at the Plant Sale. Photo by Felice Gelman

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## Discover Dutchess County's hidden garden gems on June 28

On Sunday, June 28, the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program invites garden admirers for a one-day-only opportunity to view four extraordinary gardens in Dutchess County. These experiences allow guests to get a glimpse of the horticultural artistry, dedication, and personality of the garden owners. Each garden offers a distinctive opportunity. The participating gardens are:

Highgrove Cottage – Millerton. This colorful oasis features an array of roses, Crocosmia, Russian sage, lilies, and phlox among stone, cast-iron sculptures and stone walls. The 2-acre garden's defining aspects are the views of the landscape of the valley.

Dappled Berms – Poughkeepsie. This woodland hideaway presents a collection of more than 480 Hosta cultivars and mature trees. The 1-acre garden's defining interest is the juxtaposition of color, texture, and form.

eco-friendly sanctuary presents mulched pathways lined with rocks winding around the area. The property features a vegetable garden and over 200 different herbaceous perennials like medicinal herbs and native plants.

Shekomeko Hillside Garden – Millerton. This hillside haven displays colorful plants like viburnum, hydrangea, Salvia nemorosa, and tulips with stone walls and privet hedges. The key aspect of the 3-acre garden is the expansive views of the valley and Catskill range.

The gardens will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for registered guests. Tickets are \$10 per person; \$5 for members of the Garden Conservancy. Children 12 and under are admitted for free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Visitors are reminded that no pets are allowed. All registrations must be processed online through the Garden Conservancy's website: [gardenconservancy.org/opendays](http://gardenconservancy.org/opendays).

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# Dressing down

History repeats itself in the Coppola kitchen.

The other night my brother Vinny told the dishwasher Josh – clearly, slowly, like he was narrating a children’s educational program – to: “Throw the garbage in the garbage bin ... and throw the boxes in the recycling container.”

Simple. Basic. Two-step choreography. I walked outside five minutes later, and what did I see? Garbage in the recycling. Boxes in the garbage. And Josh standing there like he was waiting for a parade to pass by.

I looked at Josh. I looked at the bins. I looked back at Josh.

I went inside and told Vinny. I couldn’t wait to see how he handled this. He walked outside and called Josh over. He asked him if he knew what a garbage can looks like. He then asked him if he knew what a recycling symbol looks like. He then asked him if maybe he thought this was a suggestion and not a direction. He then asked him if he’s ever successfully matched socks before.

Josh said yes to everything.

So then Vinny hit him with it:

“THEN WHY DID YOU MIX THEM UP LIKE YOU’RE PLAYING MUSICAL TRASH CANS?!”

Perfect setup. Pop would’ve given him a standing ovation.

Later, Vinny came back inside after he directed Josh how to correct his “mistake.” I started laughing and said, “You know who you sounded like? Pop. Let me tell you what he did to that kid who got dressed like a circus act...”

We had a kid working for us back then – sweet kid, heart of gold, brain made of mashed potatoes. Let’s call him Josh 1.0.

One day he showed up for his dining room shift wearing ... sneakers. Not subtle sneakers. Not “maybe he forgot” sneakers. No, these were bright, loud, neon sneakers that practically screamed, “I’m here to bus tables AND run wind sprints.”

Pop saw him. Pop called him over. And Pop ... doesn’t yell. Pop never starts with yelling. He starts with the slow, gentle, fatherly setup – the kind that makes the whole kitchen lean in like it’s a live performance.

Pop: Buon Giorno, Josh.

Josh: Good afternoon, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: (pause ... long inhale ... dramatic head tilt) Leta me aska you someting. When youa getta dressed thisa morning ... you putta on the underwear first, si?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: Then you putta on the socks?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: Then you putta on the shirt?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: You irona the shirt?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: Then you putta on the pants?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: Very good. Now ... aftera the pants ... whatta you put on next?

Josh: My shoes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: Si, si, the shoes. And youa remember whatta shoes you put on, si?

Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop: And youa know we wear the black shoes in the dining room, si?

Josh: (pause) Yes, Mr. Coppola.

Pop leaned in. The kitchen froze. Even the steam from the pasta water stopped rising.

Pop: THEN WHYA YOU WEAR THE SNEAKERS LIKE YOU GOING TO PLAYA THE BASKETBALL AT TABLE SEVEN?!

Josh nearly fainted. The staff collapsed. Pop walked away, shaking his head. Then he muttered something I will never forget “Ifa Josh dressed himself the sama waya he breaded the chicken cutlets, we’d all be eating sneakers for dinner.”

So with that visual in mind, please enjoy this recipe for chicken cutlets.

## POP’S CHICKEN CUTLETS

### Ingredients

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- to taste salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 2 ½ cups seasoned breadcrumbs
- ½ cup grated Pecorino-Romano
- 1 stick butter (8 tbsp)
- ½ cup olive oil

### Method

Slice each chicken breast lengthwise

to make 8 pieces. Pound each piece between plastic wrap to 1/4-inch thickness and set aside.

Dish 1: flour, salt and pepper. Mix

Dish 2: eggs beaten with 1 tbsp water.

Dish 3: seasoned bread crumbs, Pecorino-Romano

Coat each piece in flour (shake off excess), dip in egg, then press firmly into the breadcrumb mixture so it adheres. Set the breaded pieces aside.

Heat 2 tbsp butter and 2 tbsp olive oil in a large skillet over medium-low. Cook 2 cutlets at a time, 3–5 minutes per side, until golden and cooked through. Set aside on a plate with paper towels to soak up and excess oil.

Wipe the skillet between batches and repeat with remaining butter, oil, and chicken until all cutlets are fried.

Serve hot with lemon wedges if desired. Oh, and of course, a nice chilled glass of Pinot Grigio

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

## Special exhibition to open June 26 at FDR Library

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will open a new special exhibition, “Declaring the Revolution: America’s Printed Path to Independence -- Historical Works from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection,” on Friday, June 26, in the William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery of the Library and Museum. The exhibit runs through Dec. 6. Regular Library and

Museum admission applies to view the exhibit.

“We are grateful for Mr. Rubenstein’s generosity in making this history come to life for our visitors,” said Library Director Willam A. Harris. “He collects these irreplaceable items about our nation’s founding not to possess them, but to share them. Having the rare William J. Stone engraving of the Declaration of

Independence here, along with two volumes of Thomas Paine’s ‘Common Sense,’ and many other rare treasures -- some specifically related to this region -- would have thrilled FDR, too.”

Between 1765 and 1783, the 13 American colonies, once separate possessions of Great Britain, strove to become a self-governing, democratic alliance with a shared identity and destiny. This struggle is known as the American Revolution. In the process, eighteenth-century Americans defended their liberties as citizens, protested their second-class political status, organized economic boycotts, established fighting forces and shadow governments, and affirmed their legal bonds with one another. This was all done through “declarations” of various kinds, which were all expressed through the dominant medium of the time: print.

The supreme example of printed democratic aspirations is the Declaration of Independence, the 250th anniversary of which we celebrate in 2026. This exhibition honors the Declaration as the central printed achievement of America’s revolutionary generation by assembling various political and intellectual forerunners of

that momentous document, as well as printed evidence of the ways that America’s founders self-organized to bring about its stated ideals. The Declaration was both the culmination of previous printings and an influence on future ones -- “it was,” its author Thomas Jefferson noted, “intended to be an expression of the American mind.”

“Declaring the Revolution” is presented by the philanthropist David M. Rubenstein, and it serves as his contribution to our national efforts of commemorating the events of 1776. The complexity of those events is revealed by the three sections of the exhibition, which depict the publishing, governmental, and military developments of the period. The American Revolution was both an active war and an ideological war; it saw the replacement of both a national government and a national identity. This exhibition commemorates 1776 by seeking to understand how the events surrounding that year led to the birth of democracy in the United States.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 with questions about the exhibition.

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**IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE**

Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



**Through July 26: Powerhouse Theater,** Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Annual summer season brings together some of today's most influential theatrical voices and welcomes the next generation of theater artists as members of the renowned Powerhouse Theater Training Program. Powerhouse will also host the Soundpainting Thinktank, a week-long gathering of artists from around the world, culminating in a one-night-only performance. Soundpainting is the universal live composing sign language created in Woodstock by composer Walter Thompson. 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 26: A reading of "pits" in the Powerhouse Theater. Set inside an underfunded American public middle school, two eighth-grade boys spiral down dark internet rabbit holes while their first-year teacher struggles to keep up with a mandated "social-emotional learning" curriculum and a generation of kids raised by algorithms. June 27: A reading of the musical "Marielitos" in the Powerhouse Theater. In 1980, thousands of Cuban refugees arrived in the U.S. via the Mariel Boatlift. "Marielitos" were a motley crew of political dissidents, artists, prisoners, "mental patients," and homosexuals; - all eager to escape Castro's regime. Told through the rhythms of the Caribbean and the Midwest, Marielitos centers around the linguist René Valdes' quest for belonging, as well as his struggles as a partner and father. June 28: A reading of "The Power of Something Invisible" in the Powerhouse Theater. Separated by space and time, united by the same sky, astronomers Caroline Hershel, Maria Mitchell, and Vera Rubin dared to see beyond their known world. As these women stood on each other's shoulders aiming for clarity and truth against all odds, their brilliance pierced the darkness, reshaping how we understand the stars...and our place among them. Reading are free, but reservations required. Reserve tickets at phtboxoffice@vassar.edu.

**June 25: Harmonies on the Hudson Concert Series,** Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Concert on the Arryl Lawn featuring The Cosby Gibson & Tom Stauble Duo, award-winning singer-songwriters from the Adirondacks. 6 p.m. Free. www.friendsofclermont.org

**June 25-27: Music at the Towne Crier Cafe,** 379 Main St., Beacon. June 25: Latin Dance with Beacon Dance Beat, 7 p.m. All seats \$15. June 26: Rockin' Jake, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. June 27: Sharkey & The Sparks, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

**June 25-Aug. 16: Bard SummerScape,** Fisher Center & other locations on the Bard College Campus, Annandale-on-Hudson. Annual performing arts festival features music, dance, theater & more. Now playing: June 25-July 19: The world premiere of "Suddenly Last Summer," MacArthur Fellow Courtney Bryan's first work for the stage, with libretto by Gideon Lester and Daniel Fish based on Tennessee Williams' play, directed by Fish, with music direction by Nathan Koci. In the LUMA Theater. A thrilling new opera based on Williams' fever-dream of a play about a family secret, and a mother's desperate attempt to silence the truth. See the website for performance days & times. June 26-28: Lucinda Childs: "Momentary Reprise," a program of new and landmark work from the groundbreaking choreographer, including a solo danced by Childs—who turns 86 the day of the program's first performance—and Childs's collaborations with Philip Glass, John Adams, Anri Sala, Robert Wilson, and Frank Gehry. In the Sosnoff Theater. Performances: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. June 26-Aug. 15: The return of the festival's majestic handmade mirrored pavilion, the Spiegeltent, with live music, performance, and dancing curated by Jason Collins, emceed by Spiegeltent darling Adrienne Truscott, with Andy Monk hosting the After Hours series. Tickets & more info at fisher-center.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

**June 26: 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: Soul Purpose. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup may be subject to change.

**June 26: Susan Werner,** The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. A virtuoso of guitar, piano, and voice, Werner's songs span folk, jazz, gospel, Latin, and musical theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

**June 26: Walkway at Night Kickoff Concert,** Walkway Over the Hudson Ulster Welcome Center, Highland. "The Local Jam" performs favorite classic songs from the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s, 6-8 p.m. Free. All ages. www.walkway.org

**June 26: Walkway At Night,** Walkway Over the Hudson. Experience the Walkway when the sun sets and the Hudson Valley begins to glow, 8:30-10 p.m. From 212 feet above the river, take in breathtaking views as the moon rises overhead and the lights of Poughkeepsie and Highland shimmer in the distance. Tickets \$5 in advance or at the gate. Children 12 & under free. Advance registration is encouraged to shorten your wait at the gate. Reserve at walkway.org/walkwayatnight.

**June 26: Walkway Connections (For Kids!): Making Art With Microscopes,** Walkway Over the Hudson East Gate Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Heritage Nature educators from The Environmental Cooperative show off traditional and digital microscopes with plenty of cool samples to explore, 7-8 p.m. Then, learn how to make your own unique art inspired by the tiny things you discover. Free. All ages. www.walkway.org

**June 26-27: "Real People, Real Stories,"** Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Everyone has a story to tell. With each edition of Real People, residents share stories with the community, 7:30 p.m. Featured: Bonnie Long, Steven Favreau, Jolie Kobrinsky, Joan Coombs. Tickets \$25, students w/valid ID \$20. www.ancramcenter.org

**June 26-28: "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 Stroly. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

**June 26-28: The Millbrook Fashion Edit – Summer Edition,** 58 Front St., Millbrook. The Millbrook Fashion Edit, offers the thrill of great designer finds. As the world pivots toward elevated thrifting and the rediscovery of craftsmanship, treasure hunting for past season gems, barely worn statement pieces, and classic staples that feel as fresh as the day they were made. With budgets tighter and shoppers getting smarter, the Edit taps into the joy of scoring luxury pieces without the luxury price tag. A lemonade stand with snacks will be available for purchase. Hours: Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. villageofmillbrookny.gov

**June 27: Author Book Talk & Signing,** Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, on the grounds of the FDR Library, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Local artist & writer Wendy Hollender will discuss her book, "The Album of Plant Families: An Illustrated Exploration of Nature's Beauty and Bounty," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free, but RSVP required at oblongbooks.com

**June 27: The Dances of Chihuahua,** Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. An interactive workshop for children exploring the vibrant cultural dances of this dynamic Mexican region, 10 a.m. Led by Karina Powers of Red Hook's Dance and Theater Arts Center, young participants will experience authentic movement while learning about Mexican culture and geography. Tickets pay-what-you-can or free. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

## LYRA MUSIC PRESENTS HUDSON VALLEY SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Lyra Music Festival returns to the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon this summer with an outstanding series of classical music events bringing together world-class musicians, exceptional artist-educators, and outstanding young artists for intimate chamber music concerts featuring the music of Bach, Debussy, Korngold, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, and more. Tickets: <https://lyramusic.org/festival-events>

### Lyra 2026 Festival Schedule

June 30, 7 p.m. A benefit event featuring Grammy-Nominated pianist Simone Dinnerstein in support of Lyra Music Young Artist Performance Program and Lyra Music's Free Outreach Concert Initiative in the Hudson Valley. The program: J.S. Bach Fifteen Sinfonias, BWV 787-801

July 2, 7 p.m. Lyra Artist Concert with Avery Morris, Natalia Vilchis, Diyi Tang. Program: Mozart: Piano Trio No.5 in C Major K.548, Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet (Young Juliet/Montague and Capulets), Toussaint: Tango, Copland: Ukulele Serenade, Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No.2 in C minor, Op.66

July 7, 7 p.m. Special Guest Artist Concert with Danbi Um, Raman Ramakrishnan, and Albert Cano Smit. Program: Korngold: Much Ado About Nothing Suite, Op. 11; Debussy: Sonata for Cello and Piano, L. 135; Tchaikovsky: Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 50

July 11, 2 p.m. Young Artist Concert with Lyra Young Artist Program Pre-College Musicians. Program to include Piano Trios by: Beethoven, Coleridge-Taylor, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Clara Schumann, and Turina. Lyra's Young Artists: Ella Chan, Jake Cheon, Daphne Connole, Lucero Diaz, Willa Hansen-Kohn, Emily Hau, Christopher Lee, Yan Ki Liang, Yu Huan Liu, Henry Lynch, Mabel Shin, Bryanna Vines, Cocona Wang, Simone Yemin, Junyi Yuan

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St., Beacon. For more information about concerts and programs by Lyra Music, visit [lyramusic.org](http://lyramusic.org) or email Rachel Odo at [info@lyramusic.org](mailto:info@lyramusic.org).

**June 27: Documentary, "Bar None: Cannabis Redemption,"** Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Film explores how outdated marijuana laws impact formerly incarcerated individuals, 7:30 p.m. Though cannabis is now legal in much of the U.S., hundreds of thousands still carry past convictions, and tens of thousands remain imprisoned. This documentary follows 13 people who've transformed their lives by entering the legal cannabis industry as advocates, business owners, and community leaders. Tickets \$15. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

**June 27: For Living Lovers String Duo,** VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Acoustic guitarist/banjoist/vocalist Brandon Ross and acoustic bass guitarist Stomu Takeishi craft an innovative, distinctively chamber-like approach to modern string music, 8 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale at <https://4living.eventbrite.com>

**June 27: Live Music on the Portico: Bennett Harris Ragtime Blues Acoustic Guitar Duo,** Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Revel in the sounds of a Gilded Age summer on the grand portico of Staatsburgh, the country home of Ruth and Ogden Mills, 4 p.m. Free. Rain date: June 28, 4 p.m. Limited

seating on the portico. Guests are also welcome to bring a blanket or chair for lawn seating, no reservations required. Parking for this event is in the lower carriage house lot. <https://millsfriends.org/>

**June 27: Millbrook Summer Concert Series,** Millbrook Bandshell, 3323 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. This week: The Lustre Kings (rock, country, blues & R&B), 6:30 p.m., are free & open to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music. www.millbrookartsgroup.org

**June 27: Movies in the Park,** Taconic State Park, Copake Falls, near the Ore Pit. Free movie night in the park, 8:45 p.m. Bring family and friends, a blanket or lawn chairs, and snacks. Check social media for movie title, or call (518) 329-3993

**June 27: Movies Under the Walkway,** Upper Landing Park, 83 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Free, family-friendly movies will be shown on the big screen beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson. This month: Disney's "Zootopia 2." Doors open at 7:30 p.m., followed by the feature film at sundown at approximately 8:30 p.m. Shows are sunshine only. Bring blankets and chairs. Free parking available at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, and Metro North parking areas. Updates &

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- \*Mike Brady's sons in "The Brady Bunch"
- Taylor Swift's sixth tour, with The
- Bob Marley, spiritually speaking
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- Magi's gift, pl.
- Of a particular kind
- Like Scotch whisky, flavor-wise
- "\_\_\_\_ the land of the free..."
- \*Fred MacMurray in "My \_\_\_\_ Sons"
- Nessie's hangout
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- A Beatle bride
- Give right or privilege
- 3.26 light-years
- Sun, in Spain
- The Gem State capital
- London native, e.g.
- \*Danny Tanner's show
- Make awake
- Popular sandwich cookie
- Elephant trainer's poker
- Loathing
- Hot rum drink
- Goodness gracious!
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- Letters of distress
- Infamous Roman Emperor

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- Crystal in the street
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- Kills a dragon
- Hitler's deputy
- \*Dre Johnson's show
- Verdant
- "The Simpsons" palindrome
- General Services Administration
- Assortment
- \*Dr. Leonard \_\_\_\_ of "Friends"
- Delectable
- Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_
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- High-\_\_\_\_ image
- \*Jack Pearson's show
- Spam destination
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**The Church in Staatsburg**, 5 Market St., Staatsburg. **June 25-Aug. 2:** "Artist Books of Loss & Healing," an exhibition bringing together artist books centered on love, loss, and healing, on view during Upstate Art Weekend, June 25-29. The exhibition features work by over 25 artists working across letterpress and bookbinding, photography and text, drawing and collage, and hand-sewn construction. Exhibition hours June 25-29 are noon-6 p.m. daily, with an **Opening Reception** on Sat., June 27, 4-6 p.m. **Closing Reception:** Sun., Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m. Open by appointment and weekends, July through Aug. 2, noon-6 p.m. [www.thechurchstaatsburg.org](http://www.thechurchstaatsburg.org)

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be photographer Joel Mason. At 12 Vassar St., Julian Allen will present his paintings in the Reception Gallery and Monika Kalra will display her multi-media work in the Hancock Gallery. The Victorian Gallery is open Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery are open Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but visitors should stop by 9 Vassar St. first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar Street Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. More info about the artists at [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org).

**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum**, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7:** Special exhibition, "Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans," During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a "who's who" of the 20th century. "Signature Moments" opens the FDR Library's archives and museum for an insider's view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org)

**Hessel Museum of Art**, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard), Annandale-on-Hudson. **June 27-Nov. 29:** "Uman: In Between," a solo exhibition exploring over two decades of creative practice by the painter Uman, marking the pathbreaking artist's most comprehensive survey to date. Featuring more than 100 works, the exhibition will trace the evolution of Uman's prolific painting practice from the intimate portraits she made in the 2000s to the commanding images she creates today, including two new murals developed for the exhibition. <https://ccs.bard.edu/>

**Millbrook Library**, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through June 28:** "UN-REAL," works by Fern Apfel, Monica Link, Kevin Mosca, Laura Von Rosk & Daniel Walworth. **Upstate Arts Weekend Reception:** Sat., June 27, 5-7 p.m. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

**Millbrook Vineyards & Winery**, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 15:** Arts Mid-Hudson and Millbrook Vineyards & Winery Present 2026 Art in the Loft, a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring 16 AMH member artists. Wine Label Competition: Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. [www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft](http://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft)

## Tickets on sale for Walkway's July 4th Fireworks Spectacular

POUGHKEEPSIE – Friends of the Walkway invites the community to celebrate Independence Day with one of the Hudson Valley's most unique experiences - viewing the City of Poughkeepsie July 4th Fireworks Spectacular from atop Walkway Over the Hudson. Seated 212 feet above the Hudson River on the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge, guests will enjoy panoramic sunset views and eye-level access to the dazzling fireworks display.

On Saturday, July 4 at 6 p.m., Walkway Over the Hudson will open exclusively to ticket holders for this unforgettable perspective on the professional fireworks show launching between 9-9:30 p.m. Tickets, which sell out in advance of the event every year, are available now at [walkway.org/fireworks](http://walkway.org/fireworks).

General admission is \$25, with Walkway members, seniors and veterans admitted for \$20. Children age 12 and younger have free admission. Registration is required at [walkway.org](http://walkway.org). All sales are final. Tickets will not be sold on-site at the event.

Proceeds support Friends of the Walkway and its mission to connect communities and enhance the Walkway experience for all through programming, events, and amenities serving more than 600,000 visitors every year.

### EVENT PROCEDURE

On Saturday, July 4, Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park will close at 4 p.m. for setup and safety preparations. It will reopen at 6 p.m. to event ticket holders only. The last entry onto the Walkway is at 8:45 p.m. The fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:20 p.m. and the Walkway closes immediately following the conclusion of the fireworks.

If the event is postponed due to severe weather, the fireworks will launch on Sunday, July 5. Information will be posted to [walkway.org](http://walkway.org) and Walkway's social

media channels.

Due to the unique nature of the July 4th Fireworks Spectacular, all ticket holders are asked to adhere to these special guidelines:

- No pets are allowed on the Walkway during this event.

- No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, personal fireworks, or firearms are permitted.

- Drone photography is prohibited. Guests may set up cameras and tripods within designated seating areas only.

- Personal coolers, food, and drink are permitted, but no glass containers are allowed. The Walkway is a smoke- and alcohol-free park.

- Guests may bring bags, chairs, blankets, and similar items, but all must be set up in the designated seating area along the south railing. No tents are allowed. Items are subject to inspection at entrances.

### PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Those with valid tickets are encouraged to carpool and to park at various City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Lloyd locations, or approved on-street parking spaces, and allow ample time to get to the Walkway in time for the fireworks. Ticket holders may access the Walkway from either the East (Poughkeepsie) or West (Highland) entrances. The elevator at Upper Landing Park will be closed. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Thanks to Friends of the Walkway, all parking along Haviland Road and in the Hudson Valley Rail Trail lot is free on Saturday, July 4.

See [walkway.org](http://walkway.org) for a list of all available parking lots on both sides of the Hudson River.

For tickets, parking information, accessibility details, and complete event guidelines, visit [walkway.org/fireworks](http://walkway.org/fireworks) or call (845) 454-9649.

**Thomas Cole National Historic Site**, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through December:** "Circles of Influence: Thomas Cole and the American Landscape Movement," In Thomas Cole's Library Gallery. New exhibition explores the rapid influence that Thomas Cole and his work had on other 19th-century artists, including Susie M. Barstow, Albert Bierstadt, Ralph Albert Blakelock, Frederic Edwin Church, Mary B. Cole, Thomas Cole, Sarah Cole, Jasper Francis Cropsey, Asher B. Durand, John Frederick Kensett, Mary Josephine Walters, and Worthington Whittredge. **Through December:** "Emily Cole & Valerie Hegarty: LIFE CYCLES" presents a visual dialogue of two craft-based women artists across three centuries: 19th-century artist Emily Cole, daughter of Thomas Cole, and 21st-century artist Valerie Hegarty. The spotlight exhibition juxtaposes more than 30 works of painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole (1843-1913) with a mixed-media installation by Hegarty. The work by Valerie Hegarty was made specifically for the Thomas Cole Site in 2025 and explores the connection between Thomas Cole and Emily Cole and their fascination with cycles of life, while considering Hegarty's own relationship with her mother. [www.thomascole.org](http://www.thomascole.org)

**Tivoli Artists Gallery**, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through June 28:** "A Moment in Time: Inflection Points," exhibition centered on the idea of something that happened at a particular and specific time. The artists in the exhibit were encouraged to consider before and after periods in time when important change occurred, and to clarify them in visual terms. (845) 757-2667 or [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com)

**Tyte Gallery**, 3280 Franklin Ave., 2nd floor, Millbrook. **Through Aug. 2:** Paintings by Scott Balfe, James Coe and Tarryl Gabel.

**Vassar College Art Library**, Van Ingen Hall, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 26:** An international traveling exhibition of 50 unique artist books addressing environmental and social challenges through the shared language of art. Artists will be on-site daily, 1-3 p.m., to show individual books. This is the only time to flip through the otherwise glass cased books. **Artist Reception:** Thurs., June 25, 5 p.m., at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center. **On-Site Artist Talk:** Thurs., June 25, 5:30 p.m. Gallery Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**WomensWork.art**, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through June 28:** "Version/Vision," a national group exhibition celebrating LGBTQ artists. [www.womenswork.art](http://www.womenswork.art)

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more info: @MoviesUnderTheWalkway Facebook page or [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org).

**June 27: Revolutionary Cider Celebration**, Fishkill Farms, East Fishkill. Enjoy a taste of Dutchess County's modern agricultural offerings alongside some farm history, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn about the secrets of apple cultivation, how the bounty of Dutchess County farms changed from the 18th century to the modern day, and hear storytelling by the renown Jonathan Kruk. Renowned culinary historian Sara Evenson will be on hand to demonstrate what farm to table meant 250 years ago. The farm market, cider tasting, and hayride tours will also be available. [www.destinationdutchess.com](http://www.destinationdutchess.com)

**June 27: "Storytelling through Garden Photography" with Lori Adams**, Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, on the grounds of FDR Library, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Lori Adams (Lori Adams Photography) will present a hands-on workshop about how to make strong botanical photographs, 2-5 p.m. All experience levels welcome. Bring the camera (phone, point & shoot, 35mm) you wish to use and a willingness to experiment and explore. Class size limited. Fee \$75, BFGA Member \$65 Register at [BeatrixFarrandGarden.org](http://BeatrixFarrandGarden.org)

**June 27: World Cup Soccer Championship Food Fest & Watch Party**, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Get ready for an epic day of soccer thrills and tasty treats, 4 p.m. Come hang out in person with fellow fans as we watch the big games live. [www.MJNCenter.org](http://www.MJNCenter.org)

**June 27-28: Millbrook Arts & Open Studios**, various locations in Millbrook. Discover Millbrook's vibrant arts community, as local artists will open their studios to the public, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. [www.millbrookartsgroup.org](http://www.millbrookartsgroup.org)

**June 27-28: Tangent Theatre Company's Reading of "Three Tall Women,"** The Spark of Hudson, 502

Union St., Hudson. Michael Rhodes directs this reading of Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama centering on the arc of a woman's life: youth, middle-age and the end. Performances: Sat., 6 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Free; donations welcome. RSVP required via [tangent-arts.org](http://tangent-arts.org).

**June 28: "Billie & Banter,"** Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Writing Out of Bounds commemorates the world-renowned jazz singer, Billie Holiday, 4 p.m. This performance will celebrate Billie Holiday through music and words. This presentation is especially unique, due to the personal connections of the performers to their subject, offering a rare up-close view of an iconic singer. Tickets \$20 online, \$25 door. [www.howlandculturalcenter.org](http://www.howlandculturalcenter.org)

**June 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 sturdy footwear. Free. Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

**July 1: Music in the Parks**, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd, Staatsburg. Outdoor concert series featuring That Guy Larry, 5 p.m., and 4 Guys in Disguise, 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.

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# Poughkeepsie Public Library District receives Twila Snead Award for Excellence

The Southeastern NY Library Resources Council (Southeastern) has presented the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) with the 2026 Twila Snead Award for Excellence in recognition of the library's remarkable service to local history. The library took over stewardship of the Poughkeepsie Journal's Photo Morgue, a collection of more than 300,000 black-and-white photos (some unpublished) documenting over a century of local history.

The award committee honored the library for its leadership in taking on a project that will provide a valuable service to the community. By taking custody of the photos, which might otherwise have been discarded, the library has created a vital resource for historians and local researchers for years to come.

"Working alongside Kira Thompson, the former Local History Librarian, I have used the collection to support my research on urban renewal in the city of Poughkeepsie. The collection provides an

invaluable resource to researchers interested in tracing and documenting the transformation of the region's political, economic and social landscape," said Kafui Attoh, Associate Professor at CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, who wrote a letter of support for the nomination.

"The fact that PPLD is a public institution with significant extant local history collections and services means that the photo morgue will be in conversation with those resources, and that it is accessible to a broad range of audiences that goes well beyond historians," said Hillel Arnold, Associate Director of Archives & Chief Digital Strategies Officer at Rockefeller Archive Center, who also wrote a letter of support.

The award was presented to staff of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District at Southeastern's Annual Meeting on Friday, June 5, at the Cornell Boathouse on the Campus of Marist University in Poughkeepsie.

# Upstate Art Weekend set June 25-29

Taking place June 25-29, Upstate Art Weekend (UAW) is an artist-forward, region-rooted arts platform dedicated to amplifying artists, organizations, and creative communities throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills, while fostering meaningful exchange with aligned creative communities beyond the region.

The Opening Celebration will take place on Thursday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 New York 9G, Hudson. The program includes a welcome toast followed by Creative Exchange in the Hudson Valley, a conversation with artists Jean Shin, Gabriela Salazar, and Ellen Harvey, moderated by UAW founder Helen Toomer, and an opportunity to explore Olana's grounds afterward. RSVP at [www.upstateartweekend.org](http://www.upstateartweekend.org).

Founded in 2020, UAW began as an annual festival celebrating the cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York. Today,

UAW functions as both its flagship annual event and a broader platform—supporting artists, strengthening cultural networks, and deepening public connection to art, people, and place through multiple initiatives.

At the core of UAW's work is a commitment to centering artists' voices and practices while honoring the organizations, institutions, and individuals who shape regional creative ecosystems. UAW advances this mission through artist-forward programming and region-rooted partnerships that prioritize care, reciprocity, and long-term impact.

This annual event brings together artists, organizations, and audiences across the Hudson Valley and Catskills, inviting exploration of exhibitions, programs, and cultural spaces throughout the region. Visit the website for programming and more information.

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# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library expands in region

The Dutchess-Orange Region recently announced the official expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library into the Red Hook and Tivoli communities. This beloved initiative delivers high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes every month, from birth through their fifth birthday—at no cost to families.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's expansion of the program will now include these towns in Dutchess: Amenia, Annandale-on-Hudson, Barrytown, Millerton, Red Hook, Tivoli and Wasaia.

The expansion marks a significant milestone in local early childhood development. By removing barriers to book access, the program ensures that every child in the region can enter kindergarten prepared and inspired.

Go to [www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary](http://www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary) to register your child in the program.

How the program works: In partnership with The Dollywood Foundation, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region manages the local logistics and funding to ensure these "gifts" reach every registered doorstep.

- Cost: 100% free for families.
- Frequency: One new book mailed every month.
- Impact: Promotes early literacy, family bonding, and school readiness.

Founded in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library began as a local effort in Dolly's home county in Tennessee. Her vision was to foster a love of reading regardless of a family's income. The program went national in 2000 and has since mailed hundreds of millions of books to children worldwide.

Why is early reading so important? It's more than just fun; it's fundamental. Early exposure to books develops critical cognitive and language skills, sparks creativity, and strengthens the bond between children and caregivers. Research consistently shows that having books in the home is one of the most effective ways to encourage early literacy and academic success. By building strong foundations, we're helping to create a brighter, more equitable future where all children can thrive.

United Way is seeking community support for this critical initiative. To donate or for more information, go to [www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary](http://www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary).

# Hudson Valley Naturalist

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which inhibits fruit ripening while attached to the tree (unlike apples and peaches, which will decay quickly).

## Living in NY, The Avocado Way

Nearer the equator, an avocado tree can soar to forty feet. A potted ornamental will require aggressive pruning. It's unlikely my little tree will ever produce a fruit for a batch of Dutchess County guacamole. That would be cool, but I didn't set out to be an avocado farmer. I just like that, even in the unlikelyst of places (like a NY compost pile), life finds a way to survive. My velvety avocado tree is like a defiant tropical Frank Sinatra living its best New York Life ... singing "My Way."

*\*(Keule, pequi, uxi, safou, marula, and dabai fruits cannot be bought fresh in the US, but may be obtained online or in*

*specialty markets via altered formats, such as jars, jams, or freeze-dried. Regional ethnic grocery stores such as Tropical Fresh, Casa Latina, and Market Fresh in Poughkeepsie may carry mamey sapote, cherimoya, durian and black sapote seasonally.)*

*\*\*Persin is non-toxic to humans.*

*Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com>.*

## Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 17)

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# COLLEGE NOTES

POTSDAM, NY - The State University of New York at Potsdam recognized the Class of 2026 during the College's 206th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 16.

This year's local candidates for graduation include:

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

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

Ilse Kollmar of Millbrook, who is set to graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry

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

Mya Peek of Hyde Park, who is set to graduate magna cum laude with both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in BA/MA Mathematics

Katie Pullaro of Red Hook, who is set to graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education

Samala Rubin of Millbrook, who is set to graduate with distinction with a Master of Music degree in Music Education (K-12)

Ryan Shaw of Staatsburg, who is set to graduate cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education

Alicia Tierney of Pleasant Valley, who is set to graduate with distinction with a Master of Science in Teaching degree in Childhood Education

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

SCRANTON, PA - Ainsley J. Farrell of Hyde Park was among the more than 900 members of the Class of 2026. The newest Scranton alumni received their bachelor's degrees on Sunday, May 24, at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre Township. Graduates must have completed their academic degree requirements in August and December of 2025, as well as January and May of 2026.

Farrell earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in nursing from The University of Scranton.

ROCHESTER, NY - Nazareth University is proud to announce that Autumn Cupano of Rhinebeck has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester.

A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean's list at Nazareth.

WORCESTER, MA - Julia Biamonte of Hyde Park received a bachelor of arts degree Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

Biamonte is among 803 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 180th Commencement held on Friday, May 22 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

ONEONTA, NY - Alycia Camacho of Pleasant Valley was recognized with a silver-level leadership milestone through the SUNY Oneonta's Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program.

Camacho is studying Dietetics at SUNY Oneonta.

Camacho earned this distinction through a commitment to improving oneself and enhancing knowledge by exploring leadership opportunities, participating in campus organizations, and serving the campus community by taking on recognized leadership roles. Completion of this level requires attending nineteen events designated with a learning outcome

(three must be diversity events), actively participating in four recognized organizations, completing three online courses (Foundations of Leadership, Personal Development, Organizational Development), and serving as an officer in a club or organization for at least two semesters (average of 219 hours to complete).

NASHVILLE, TN - Belmont University released the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester, with approximately 49% of the University's 6,724 undergraduate students earning the academic recognition.

Local students making the list were Payton Gardner of Red Hook, and Joseph Dicarolo of Red Hook.

Dean's List eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

NEWPORT, RI - Thomas Langan of Red Hook was awarded an undergraduate degree during Salve Regina University's 76th Commencement held May 17, on the University's oceanside campus. Dr. Kelli J. Armstrong, president, conferred 525 bachelor's degrees upon the Class of 2026.

CALIFORNIA, PA - Marisa Markou of Clinton Corners was named to PennWest University's spring 2026 Dean's List.

Markou, a PennWest Clarion student who is studying Sport Management, was among more than 2,800 outstanding PennWest students recognized for superior academic performance during the spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, degree-seeking undergraduate students must earn a minimum semester GPA of 3.4 while taking at least 12 graded credits.

CEDARVILLE, OH - Gabriel Hieter of Clinton Corners and Elizabeth Hieter of Clinton Corners were named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2026. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

MANCHESTER, NH - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Local students include Brett Robertson of Staatsburg, Branden O'Brien of Red Hook, Alexander Day of Millerton, Alex Staples of Hyde Park, and Francesco Jerry of Hyde Park.

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

MANCHESTER, NH - Breanna Diestelkamp of Hyde Park has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Spring 2026 Dean's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Susquehanna University congratulates its students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester, including Jacob Osborn

of Lagrangeville and Liam Dima of Stormville.

The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

CANTON, NY - SUNY Canton has announced the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. Area students who made the Dean's List include:

Maria Alonso, a SUNY Canton Early Childhood major from Millbrook.

Roman Hincapie, a SUNY Canton Forensic Criminology major from Millbrook.

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

Harol Quintero, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Wassaic.

Dean's List recognizes full-time students who earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74 during a single semester of study.

CLINTON, NY- Nicholas McPherson of Pine Plains was recently named to the 2026 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) spring All-Academic Team for men's outdoor track and field. The recognition honors sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

McPherson, a rising junior majoring in chemistry, is a graduate of Stissing Mountain Junior-Senior High School.

The NESCAC, established in 1971, includes 11 highly selective colleges and universities located in the Northeast, and sponsors 27 conference championship sports.

CANTON, NY - Trevor Scarperi, a SUNY Canton Esports Management major from Millbrook, earned President's List honors during the spring 2026 semester.

To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester of study.

CEDARVILLE, OH - The following students graduated from Cedarville University in spring 2026 with an undergraduate degree: Connor Cavey of Pine Plains, Joshua Hieter of Clinton Corners, and Jonathan Wolfe of Millerton.

DANBURY, CT - The following full- and part-time students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester at Western Connecticut State University:

Amenia: Ella Compitello, Visual Arts  
Dover Plains: Jesse Jaynes, Communication

Holmes: Anna Chiacchia, Psychology; Timothy Maston, Business Administration; Rosemary Notaro, Accounting; Paolina Perpepaj, Psychology; Melissa Pfister, Management

Lagrangeville: John Bernhardt, Cybersecurity

Pine Plains: Catlin Dillinger, Elementary Education Interdisciplinary Major

Pleasant Valley: Roxana Contreras, Accounting; Desmond Gomez, Social Work; Christopher Vallone, Music Education

Poughquag: Camden Jackson, Marketing; Hannah McCabe, Biology; Kathleen McCabe, Biology; Fred Mourad, Music Education

Red Hook: Lindsay Farinaccio, Sport and Wellness Management

Staatsburg: Jacqueline Ellis, Public Health

Stormville: R. Hunter Brown, Business Administration

Wingdale: Carrie D'Andrea, Nursing; David Ipavich, Psychology; Nicole Sanchirico, Pre-Nursing; Emilia Simone, Psychology

POTSDAM, NY - Students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester at Clarkson University, including local students Kirby Davidson of Red Hook, Maxwell Moore of Pleasant Valley, Jack Rickard of Pleasant Valley, and Patrick Roach of Clinton Corners.

POTSDAM, NY - Janneke P Baks of Pleasant Valley, a sophomore majoring in university studies, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Spring 2026 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA - A total of 1,867 students, including Eleena Francia of Clinton Corners (12514), have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University for the Spring 2026 semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Students eligible for the Dean's List must have achieved a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) or higher and be enrolled full-time. For reference, the grade "B" equates to 3 quality points per credit, while an "A" earns 4 quality points per credit.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize 805 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean's List, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to achieving their educational goals.

Local students on the list include Lucas Cardella of Pleasant Valley, and Kathryn Cimorelli of Hyde Park.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize 597 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 President's List, one of the University's highest academic honors.

WNE congratulates these outstanding students on their remarkable academic performance and applauds their continued pursuit of excellence: Aislin Kellner of Pleasant Valley, Hunter Atkinson of Pine Plains, and Kathryn Cimorelli of Hyde Park.

The President's List celebrates students who have achieved exceptional academic success through their dedication, discipline, and pursuit of excellence by earning a GPA of 3.80 or higher, while the Dean's List honors students who earned a semester GPA of 3.30 or higher.

WORCESTER, MA - On Friday, May 15, Kevin McCrudden of Red Hook, who majored in Robotics Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 157th Commencement. Nearly 1,200 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

WPI President Grace Wang and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the university's undergraduate Commencement exercises.

ONEONTA, NY - Two hundred and ninety-four SUNY Oneonta students earned Provost's List honors for the spring 2026 semester, including Jackson Booth of Staatsburg, McKenzie Hannon of Hyde Park, and Ciara Woods of Hyde Park.

To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

ONEONTA, NY - One thousand two hundred fifty-five SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean's List honors for the spring 2026 semester. Local students include Dustin Burgess of Hyde Park, Natalie Calabro of Millbrook, Miranda

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# Pine Plains' Dillinger awarded SFA scholarship

Amanda Dillinger of Pine Plains is a winner of the The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the New York State SFA (School Facilities Association) Scholarship Program, sponsored by Mid-Hudson Chapter of NY State SFA.

Amanda is the child of Alicia Dillinger. Amanda is majoring in Environmental Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The following is a partial list of Amanda's school and community activities: National Honor Society, FFA, Student Activism Team, Math Honor Society, Key Club.

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the NYS SFA Scholarship Program was established by the Mid-Hudson Superintendents of Buildings & Grounds Association (SBGA) to help finance the higher education of children of persons who are employed in the Buildings & Grounds Departments in the Mid-Hudson area. Through the program, Mid-Hudson SBGA awards scholarships to current



Amanda Dillinger

college students and promising high school seniors who plan to attend accredited colleges or universities.

The scholarship winners are chosen competitively on the basis of their academic records, participation in school and community activities, full- or part-time work experience, a statement of goals and aspirations, and a recommendation.

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Colacchio of Pleasant Valley, Delano Knox of Pleasant Valley, Jason Moffitt of Millbrook, Nj O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley, Jessie Sozzi of Staatsburg, Jack Viator of Rhinebeck, Thomas Westpfal of Pine Plains, and Joshua Youngquist of Rhinebeck.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Springfield College recognized its Dean's List students for the 2026 Spring Semester. The following local students were recognized for academic excellence:

Emanuel Allen from Rhinebeck. Allen has a primary major of Health Science.

Hope Christensen from Red Hook. Christensen has a primary major of Education.

Collin Fuller from Millbrook. Fuller has a primary major of Strength & Conditioning.

Briseida Ortega-Gutierrez is from Red Hook. Ortega-Gutierrez is a primary major in Health Science.

Faith Owusu-Ansah from Pleasant Valley. Owusu-Ansah has a primary major of Health Science.

Parker Ruger from Rhinebeck. Ruger has a primary major of Psychology.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Student must not have been barred from Dean's List due to disciplinary action.

POTSDAM, NY - The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named Sebastian Hughes of Pleasant Valley to the SUNY Potsdam Dean's List.

Hughes, whose major is Music Education, was among 134 students who were honored for academic excellence in the Spring 2026 semester.

To achieve the honor of being on the Dean's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

ROCHESTER, NY - Autumn Cupano of Rhinebeck graduated from Nazareth University with a bachelor's degree in Studio Art during the 99th Commencement ceremony on campus at the Golisano Training Center on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

POTSDAM, NY - The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 682 students to the President's List, in recognition of their academic excellence in the Spring 2026 semester. The SUNY Potsdam students were honored for earning top marks by President Dr. Suzanne Smith.

The students included: Josh Buessem of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Music Education Mya Peek of Hyde Park, whose major is Mathematics

Chris Percopo of Hyde Park, whose major is Music Education

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

ONEONTA, NY - Two hundred forty-six SUNY Oneonta graduate students completed the requirements for a master's degree, Certificate of Advanced Study or Advanced Graduate Certificate following the spring 2026 semester. Graduates were honored and recognized during spring commencement, held Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the Dewar Arena of the Alumni Field House.

Victoria Reichert of Pleasant Valley completed the Literacy Education (5-12) graduate program and earned a Master of Science in Education degree.

Edward Sablinski of Pleasant Valley completed the School Counselor graduate program and earned a Master of Science in Education degree.

Isabella Torre of Clinton Corners completed the School Counselor graduate program and earned a Master of Science in Education degree.

WEST HARTFORD, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 2,332 students have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2026 semester.

Please join us in congratulating: Briahna Curcio of Staatsburg - Dean's List and President's List

Shea Gallagher of Rhinebeck - Dean's List

Amelia Jensen of Pleasant Valley - Dean's List

The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C.

The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better.

CHARLESTON, SC - College of Charleston congratulates students named to the President's List for Spring 2026, including Drew Milne of Rhinebeck, and Beatrice Zorub of Millbrook.

To qualify for the President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

GARDEN CITY, NY - Adelphi University's Class of 2026 crossed the stage at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., in two commencement ceremonies on Thursday, May 21. Surrounded by family and friends, Adelphi undergraduate and graduate students from all eight of the University's schools and colleges celebrated their milestones and achievements.

More than 2,100 undergraduate and graduate students from Adelphi were awarded degrees, including the following local students: Jasper Otvertchenko of Pleasant Valley, Saige Stephney of Pleasant Valley, and Anastasia Burlingame of Hyde Park.

ADELPHI, MD - The following local students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus:

Alyssa Sorbellini of Poughquag, Luke Hobson of Red Hook, and Richard Wasvary of Hyde Park.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

## Millbrook Library to launch Summer Reading program June 27 with 'Dinosaurs Rock' party

Summer reading is here, and the Millbrook Library is starting it off with a prehistoric bang on Saturday, June 27, as "Dinosaurs Rock" transforms the library into a hands-on dinosaur museum experience perfect for curious kids and families.

Dig up real fossils, including dinosaur bones, shark teeth, and ammonites. Touch and explore genuine prehistoric specimens and life-size replicas. Get up close with the creatures that ruled the Earth millions of years ago through dynamic storytelling, amazing facts, and interac-

tive exhibits that bring the Jurassic era to life.

Dinosaurs Rock will start at 10 a.m. From 11 a.m. to noon, enjoy some dinosaur-themed activities, ice cream, and a steel drum performance by Jahlan Roberts sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group. You will also have a chance to pick up your summer reading logs and learn about the upcoming exciting events that are planned.

Visit [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org) for the full schedule of events.

## Beekman Elementary raises more than \$11K at Kickball for Life

Submitted by Kathleen Ehlers

On June 3, Beekman Elementary School hosted its 18th Annual Kickball for Life event, bringing together students from Universal Pre-K through 5th grade for an evening of fun, community, and giving back.

Kickball for Life is a beloved school tradition that raises money for the American Cancer Society through t-shirt sales, raffles, a bake sale, and, new this year, a dunk tank. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, staff, local businesses, and community members, this year's event was a record-breaking success, raising an astounding \$11,250.

More than just a fundraiser, Kickball for Life teaches students the importance of kindness, compassion, and supporting those in need. It provides children with a meaningful opportunity to see firsthand how a community can come together to make a difference.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors, families, volunteers, and community supporters whose contributions make this event possible year after year. Their generosity continues to have a lasting impact, helping us support the American Cancer Society while teaching our students valuable lessons about service and caring for others.

### 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that requests have been filed with the Dutchess County Legislature, pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets law Section 303-b for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within Agricultural District 21 which have received a favorable recommendation as set forth below:

**SUMMARY OF PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION**

Landowner	Municipality	Swis	Print Key	Acreage
Diamond Horse Developers Inc	Beekman	132200	6758-00-590688-0000	18.25
Gregory S DeCesare	Hyde Park	133200	6165-02-845770-0000	26.8
Megan Deichler	La Grange	133400	6562-02-999628-0000	14
Sweet Showers Hill LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-809539-0000	40.5
Edward A Russell	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-423606-0000	5.93
Aurora North Meadows LLC	Union Vale	135400	6762-00-067068-0000	15.31
Three Sprouts Valley LLC	Wappinger	135689	6057-04-964107-0000	62.09
Thomas Drummond	Wappinger	135689	6158-02-915594-0000	10
Melanie L Williamson	Wappinger	135689	6359-03-383254-0000	2.8
Ray A Alexander	Wappinger	135689	6359-03-441218-0000	13.8
James Glorioso Jr	Wappinger	135689	6157-02-877760-0000	6.72

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the parcels listed below were rejected for inclusion in the Agricultural Districts:

**SUMMARY OF PARCELS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION**

Deborah Evans	Pawling	134089	7057-00-210557-0000	9.53
Megan L Calogero	Union Vale	135400	6660-00-728564-0000	30.1
Attis Health LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6269-00-035395-0000	3.15
Attis Health LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6169-00-866590-0000	4.24
Kerrie Abela	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-600224-0000	50.55

And that the Dutchess County Legislature has received the report of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto, which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours, and the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess shall conduct a public hearing on the 13th day of July 2026 at 6:30pm in the Dutchess County Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, to consider the requests and recommendations of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto at which time all interested persons or parties will be heard.

JULIE SHIROISHI

Clerk

Dutchess County Legislature

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF MILAN, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, FOR THE YEAR 2026, HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE UNDERSIGNED ASSESSOR, AND A CERTIFIED COPY IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2026, WHERE THE SAME WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2026  
ELIZABETH BURNS,  
ASSESSOR  
TOWN OF MILAN  
20 WILCOX CIRCLE  
MILAN, NY 12583

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess will meet in the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor Poughkeepsie, New York at 6:30 PM on the 13th day of July 2026, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of Dutchess Community College for the period of September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the copies of said Budget are available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined by interested parties during regular business hours.

JULIE SHIROISHI

Clerk

Dutchess County Legislature

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Please take notice that the Town of Milan Democratic Committee will hold a caucus on Wednesday July 1st, 2026 at 5pm at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY to nominate candidates for the following town offices: Town Supervisor, Town Justice to be voted on at the General Election to be held November 3, 2026 and to conduct any business that may properly come before the caucus. All residents of the Town of Milan enrolled in the Democratic Party are eligible to vote. Town of Milan Democratic Committee.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication\* \*When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

# OBITUARIES

**Virginia 'Ginny' Deragon**

HYDE PARK - Virginia Deragon, 87, of Poughkeepsie, passed away on Sunday, June 14th at the Lutheran Care Center in Poughkeepsie.

Born on January 20th, 1939, in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Mabel Gaddis. She is survived by her brother, Floyd Gaddis Jr. (Judith), and predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia Lewis (Charles).

On July 21st, 1957, Ginny married her childhood sweetheart Allen Deragon at Hedding Methodist Church. They were married for 60 years, until Allen's passing in 2018.

Virginia spent the early years of their marriage raising their family. She received a degree in Accounting from Dutchess Community College. She retired from the Hudson River Psychiatric Center after 20 years of service.

She is survived by her children, Shawn Deragon and Drew Deragon (Kathy) of Poughkeepsie, and Kristen Hamilton (Bruce) of Lake Mary, FL.

In addition to her children, Ginny is survived by her grandchildren, Amy Smith, Kasey Gupta (Stefan), Michelle Deragon, Bruce Hamilton III (Kati), and Matthew Deragon (Kaitlyn). She also leaves 8 great grandchildren, Maxen Smith, Aria Hamilton, Penelope Smith, Elliott Smith, Bruce Hamilton IV, Vallyn Gupta, Logan Deragon, and Theodore Smith.

Virginia and Allen travelled all over the world during their time together, and we wish them an eternity of wonderful journeys together.

Calling hours were held Sunday June 21st at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Funeral services were held on Monday June 22nd at the Funeral Home. Burial followed in the family plot at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.hvhospice.org), or the charity of your choice.

To send an online condolence, please visit Ginny's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneral-home.com.

**David John Secor**



STAATSBURG - David John Secor, 68, of Staatsburg, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Born on May 15, 1958, in Poughkeepsie, David was the son of the late William J. Secor and Jean "Chucker" O'Halloran.

A lifelong builder and craftsman, David began working alongside his father in the construction industry at a young age and spent more than fifty years building, restoring, and improving properties throughout the Hudson Valley. He was most recently employed by Elijah Bender and his family in Rhinebeck, where he dedicated the last 12 years of his career working on properties including Foster's Coach House Tavern. Over the course of his career he also built many homes from Texas to New York, a career that spans for as long as he was able to hold a hammer. At one point he owned a family business and built homes with his children. His talents also extended beyond construction, as he restored and rehabilitated numerous commercial and residential properties and took great pride in preserving local history. One of his most cherished accomplishments was restoring the historic Old Stone Church in Rhinebeck.

David was a Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council #6111 and a proud member of the Local Model T Club. He found great joy behind the wheel of his beloved 1921 Model T, "Miss Lizzy," often taking

leisurely Sunday drives through the countryside with his wife Linda.

An avid gardener blessed with a true green thumb, David appreciated the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed picnics along the Hudson River, climbing mountains in his younger years, performing magic tricks, sharing jokes, and bringing laughter to those around him with his quick wit and sense of humor. He loved celebrating holidays and treasured the traditions that brought family together.

Above all else, David loved his family. They were his life; he was a perfectionist and was always striving to help them build a better tomorrow than they were the day before. He cherished time spent with his grandchildren and relished in being able to build them playgrounds using spare parts, and found his greatest happiness in the quiet moments shared with his wife, Linda.

David is survived by his loving wife,

Linda Secor; his daughter, Deseree Rubertone and her husband, Michael; his grandchildren, Alaina, Anna, Aaron, David John Secor III, and Hunter; his siblings Jean, Patty, Billy Marie, Sandy, Timmy, and Kim; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

David was predeceased by his beloved son, David John "DJ" Secor Jr., who passed away on July 31, 2022 his grandson, Anthony, and his brother Woody.

He will also be sorely missed by Elijah Bender and his wife, Christiane, the entire Bender family, and all of those who worked with him.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. during the visitation.

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

**SUDOKU**  
This week's answer

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*Answers to this week's diversions*  
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121 Special Instruction	223 Beauty Services	406 Garages for Rent	700 Pets & Supplies	725 Collectibles
122 Musical Instruction	225 Business Services	407 Vacation Rentals	701 Free Pets	750 Events
140 Nursery Schools	226 Travel & Services	408 Houses for Rent	702 Lost & Found Pets	800 Boats
141 Child Care	227 Bridal Services	420 Commercial Rentals	703 Pets for Adoption	801 Campers & Trailers
142 Day Care	295 Financial	500 Musical Merchandise	710 Garage & Yard Sale	802 Motor Homes
143 Baby-sitting	296 Mortgages	501 Kid Stuff	711 Tag Sale	803 Recreational Vehicles
145 Adult Care	300 Real Estate	502 Clothing	712 Moving sale	900 Autos for Sale
150 Announcements	301 Townhouses & Condos	503 Furniture	713 Rummage Sale	901 Vans/SUV's
151 Adoption	302 Commercial Property	504 Appliances	714 Flea Market	902 Trucks
152 Novenas	304 Mobile Homes	505 Free Items	715 Craft Corner	903 Motorcycles
154 Lost & Found	305 Lots & Acreage	506 Computers	716 Barn Sale	904 Auto Parts & Tires
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# GOLDEN LIVING

## 2026 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Starting on Monday, July 6, qualifying Dutchess County older adults (age 60+) again have an opportunity to improve their nutrition while supporting local farms, thanks to New York State's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), which provides a booklet containing five checks valued at \$5.00 each that can be used at participating farmers markets throughout the state.

Many older Dutchess County residents may already be qualified if their household income is below 185% of US poverty guidelines. An older adult who qualifies for other means-tested assistance programs may also qualify for SFMNP.

To find out more about SFMNP qualifications, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov). Older residents of low-income housing complexes may be able to find out more about SFMNP from their residence manager.

SFMNP booklets will be distributed, starting in July, at the OFA main office (114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie) only on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:30-4 pm.

Booklets are also available from OFA Friendship Centers, by appointment only. OFA Friendship Centers are in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Pleasant Valley (Tri-Town), Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and South Amenia/Wassaic.

Booklet distribution will continue throughout the 2026 growing season for as long as supplies last. SFMNP checks can be used until November 30th or a participating market closes for the season, whichever comes first.

As of this month, here are the markets participating in SFMNP in Dutchess County, and their operating hours and contact information:

Beacon Farmers Market, 223 Main St., Beacon, Sundays 10 am - 2 pm, [beaconfarmersmarket.org](http://beaconfarmersmarket.org) • 845-231-4424

Dykeman Farm - Farm Stand, 31 Dykeman Lane, Pawling, Tue-Sat 9 am-6pm, Sun/Mon 9 am-5 pm, July 1 - October 31, [dykemanfarm.com](http://dykemanfarm.com) • 845-832-6068

Judson Farm Market, 3255 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Wingdale, Daily 10am-6pm, August 1-October 31, 845-832-6286

Millbrook Farmers Market, 3263 Franklin Ave. (Parking Lot), Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm through October 10th, [millbrookfarmersandmakersmarket.com](http://millbrookfarmersandmakersmarket.com)

Millerton Farmers Market, 6 Dutchess Ave. (Millerton Methodist Church), Saturday 10 am - 2 pm, [neccmillerton.org/farmers-market](http://neccmillerton.org/farmers-market) • 518-789-4259

Obercreek Farm Stand, 81 New Hamburg Rd., Wappingers Falls Wed-Sat 11 am-6 pm, Sun 12-5 pm, [obercreekfarm.com](http://obercreekfarm.com) • 845-218-9262

Pawling Farmers Market, Pawling Village Green, 85 Charles Colman Blvd.

Saturdays 9 am-1 pm through Sept. 28, [pawlingfarmersmarket.org](http://pawlingfarmersmarket.org) • 914-941-8762

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, Municipal Lot, 61 E. Market St., Sunday 10 am - 2 pm, [rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com](http://rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com) • 845-479-2072

A list of participating markets in Dutchess County will be available at [dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition](http://dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition) starting in July, and will be updated as new markets join the program. For a searchable statewide list, visit [agriculture.ny.gov/farmers-markets-county](http://agriculture.ny.gov/farmers-markets-county)

### Treat SFMNP checks like cash to avoid loss or theft.

Customers redeeming SFMNP checks at participating markets will not receive cash change, so use the whole check whenever possible. SFMNP checks cannot be exchanged for cash. Leftover checks from 2025 or earlier years are no longer valid. New York SFMNP checks cannot be used in other states.

### What's in season in July

The following fruits and vegetables are traditionally first harvested in July in the Hudson Valley:

Apples, blueberries, cherries (sweet and tart), peaches, plums, raspberries, beans (snap), beets, carrots, collard greens, cucumbers, onions, peppers, potatoes

Harvests typically concluding in July include:

Strawberries, garlic, peas (resuming in September), rhubarb.

See [dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition](http://dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition) for the monthly Nutrition News, packed with useful information and large-print, simple recipes.

## "SilverShield" Scam Prevention events with OFA in June/July

OFA is hosting at least two more "Introduction to SilverShield" scam prevention technology sessions in June and July. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required by calling the OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours.

Monday, June 29th, 2 p.m., The Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Dr., Rhinebeck

Monday, July 13th, 2 p.m., Fishkill Recreation Center, 793 NY 52, Fishkill

### OFA Mobile Office Hours for Summer

Here's the summertime list of OFA Ambassador Mary Reedy's mobile office hours...thus far.

To book your half-hour time slot to get your aging services questions answered, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555:

Tuesday, June 23rd, noon-1:30pm – Clinton Library, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck

Thursday, June 25th, noon-3pm – Amenia Library, 3309 NY 343, Amenia

Tuesday, June 30th, 10am-noon – Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Ln., Millbrook

Tuesday, July 28th, 1-3pm – Millbrook Library

Thursday, August 27th, noon-3pm – Amenia Library

Your local civic organizations or governments can arrange Mobile Office Hours for your home community by contacting OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours or emailing [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov).

### Bad Joke time!

In the US it's called an elevator, but in the UK it's called a lift. I guess some people are just raised differently.

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## In Flight brings weekly farm store pop-up to Red Hook through partnership with Lonely Worm Farm

In Flight, Inc. recently announced a new weekly Farm Store Pop-Up in Red Hook, bringing fresh local products and meaningful vocational training opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the community.

The Farm Store Pop-Up is held every Friday throughout the summer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 7509 North Broadway in Red Hook, across the street from In Flight's Red Hook I-SAIL program. Shoppers can purchase fresh eggs, seasonal produce, herbal products, flowers, ceramics, merchandise, and more.

The pop-up is an extension of the successful partnership between In Flight and Lonely Worm Farm in Hyde Park. In 2025, the organizations collaborated to establish In Flight's third I-SAIL academy, creating a unique farm-based learning environment where participants build independence, vocational, and employment skills through hands-on experiences.

Located at 77 Ruskey Lane in Hyde Park, I-SAIL at Lonely Worm Farm is home to the Farm Store, which is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Many of the products available at both locations are grown, harvested, crafted, or prepared through the work of I-SAIL participants at the farm.

The Red Hook Pop-Up provides additional opportunities for participants to apply the skills they develop through I-SAIL. From stocking products and assisting customers to processing



In Flight's farm store pop-up in Red Hook is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout the summer. *Courtesy photo*

transactions and managing inventory, participants gain valuable real-world experience while building confidence and independence.

Equally important, the pop-up creates meaningful opportunities for participants to connect with community members. Through these interactions, they strengthen communication skills, develop relationships, and demonstrate the valuable contributions individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities make every day.

The Farm Store in Hyde Park also offers picking your own bouquets in season, along with other workshops and events open to the public. To visit and shop outside of store hours or to learn more about the Farm Store, workshops or events, contact the farm at (845)-445-9078, by email at [info@lonelywormfarm.com](mailto:info@lonelywormfarm.com), or visit [www.lonelywormfarm.com](http://www.lonelywormfarm.com)