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Banners set stage for Hyde Park's July 4th parade



The Town of Hyde Park's new 250th anniversary banners from the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee are lining poles on Route 9 in preparation for the annual July 4th parade, set to step off at 10 a.m. Saturday. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

The Town of Hyde Park's annual Independence Day Parade is set for Saturday, July 4, with the theme of "Celebrating 250 Years of the United States of America."

The parade will step off at 10 a.m. and march north on Route 9 from the Roosevelt Cinemas toward Town Hall. Call (845) 229-8086 for more information.

This year, the Grand Marshal is Michael Athanas, Commander of the Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303. Roundout Savings Bank is the official sponsor of the parade.

Town Supervisor Al Torreggiani commented, "Hyde Park has every reason to feel proud right now - a town gearing up for America's 250th with genuine enthusiasm is something special. The Town's new 250th anniversary banners from the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee are doing exactly what good civic design should do, lifting spirits, sparking conversation and reminding

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Walkway fireworks to celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary

By Jim Donick

The annual July 4th Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular on the Hudson River is particularly special this year as the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Hudson River was very much key to the success of the United States' quest for independence and, thus, the celebrations on the river will stretch from the largest ever gathering of Tall Ships in New York Harbor all the way to Poughkeepsie and beyond.

Friends of the Walkway Over the Hudson is again a proud sponsor of the City of Poughkeepsie's annual fireworks.

Friends of the Walkway Executive Director Lori Robertson, notes that, "In this 250th anniversary of the United States, the Friends of the Walkway invites the community to experience the City of Poughkeepsie 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular from the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge. Folks will secure a perch 212 feet above the Hudson River at nearly eye level with the dazzling display."

The public is promised a memorable evening. The Friends of the Walkway note that tickets for the event are going fast. Tickets sell out every year and will not be available for purchase on-site during the event. It will be a busy evening.

Space is strictly limited at this event



The annual fireworks at the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th. The event offers visitors the opportunity to view the dazzling display at eye-level, 212 feet above the Hudson River. *Photo by Jim Donick*

and tickets are required for all attendees. Children 12 and under are free, however a ticket must be reserved for them online in advance for admittance.

On Saturday, July 4, at 6 p.m., Walkway Over the Hudson will open exclusively to ticket holders, offering panoramic twilight views and an unforgettable perspective on the professional fireworks show launching between 9-9:30 p.m.

Food and beverage concessions will be available on-site. Guests are permitted to

bring their own food and beverages and may bring small personal coolers. Bags and coolers may be subject to inspection.

Prohibited items must be removed by the owner prior to entry. No glass - including all glass containers for food, beverages, and baby food/bottles. Items in glass containers must be repackaged into non-glass containers prior to entry.

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is a smoke- and alcohol-free facility. The Walkway is a carry-in, carry-out park. Visitors are expected to deposit all waste in an appropriate container or take it home.

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CCEDC welcomes Sam Storey as new Executive Director



Sam Storey

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County has announced that Sam Storey has joined the organization as its new Executive Director.

Storey brings more than a decade of experience leading community and economic development initiatives through nonprofit organizations, local government partnerships, and research institutions. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the York Road Improvement District in Baltimore, Maryland, where he led efforts to revitalize North Baltimore through economic development, environmental stewardship, public safety initiatives, workforce development, and community partnerships. His previous experience includes leadership roles with the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,

as well as research positions focused on housing, workforce development, and public policy.

Storey holds a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in Public Policy from Stanford University.

As Executive Director, Storey will work with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners to advance the organization's mission of delivering research-based education and programs that strengthen individuals, families, businesses, farms, and communities throughout Dutchess County.

"I am honored to join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

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Unofficial Primary results

Compiled By Kate Goldsmith

All primary elections this cycle were in the Democratic Party. All results are unofficial. Visit <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/> for updates.

STATE COMPTROLLER

Incumbent Thomas P. DiNapoli handily won with 574,441 votes statewide (61.20%). Opponents Drew Warshaw received 175,791 votes (18.73%) and Raj Goyle received 121,066 votes (12.9%). There were 3,777 write-in votes (0.40%).

In Dutchess County, DiNapoli received 9,410 votes (66.99%); Drew Warshaw received 2,177 votes (5.50%); and Raj Goyle received 1,862 votes (13.26%). There was only one write-in vote.

DiNapoli will face opponents Joseph Hernandez (Republican/Conservative) and Sienna Fontaine (Working Families Party) in the General Election on Nov. 3.

NYS SENATE – DISTRICT 39

Current Dutchess County Legislator Lisa Kaul prevailed over Gay Lee and Evan R. Menist in the Democratic primary for New York State Senate District 39, which includes parts of Dutchess, Putnam and Orange counties.

District-wide, Kaul received 8,251 votes (61.14%); Menist received 4,041 votes (29.94%); and Lee received 980 votes (7.26%). There were 8 write-in votes.

In Dutchess, Kaul received 6,138 votes (66.10%); Menist received 2,567 votes (27.64%); and Lee received 475 votes (5.12%). There was one write-in vote.

In the Nov. 3 election, Kaul will compete against incumbent District 39 Sen. Rob Rolison (R, C) and Evan Menist under the Working Families Party banner.

NYS ASSEMBLY – DISTRICT 106

Incumbent Assemblymember Didi

Barrett defeated Samuel Hodge by a district-wide vote of 6,412 (72.47%) to 2,366 (26.74%). There were 5 write-in votes.

District 106 covers parts of Columbia and Dutchess counties.

In Dutchess, the totals were 3,531 votes (70.46%) for Barrett and 1,441 votes (28.76%) for Hodge, with one write-in vote.

Barrett will defend her seat against Republican challenger Gregory Campus in the General Election.

NY-17 includes portions of Rockland, Putnam, Westchester and Dutchess.

In Dutchess, Conley received 732 votes (52.66%), Davidson received 357 votes (25.68%), Phillips-Staley received 224 votes (16.12%), Sacks received 38 votes (2.73%), and Cappello received 31 votes (2.23%).

Conley will vie against incumbent Congressman Mike Lawler (R, C) and Phillips-Staley on the Working Families Party line.

RHINEBECK TOWN SUPERVISOR

Current Town Council member Debbie Hecht defeated Amanda Miller by a vote of 989 to 315. There were no write-in votes

AMENIA TOWN BOARD

P. Damian Gutierrez received 98 votes, defeating Kimberley Travis, who received 78 votes. There were no write-in votes.

US CONGRESS DISTRICT 17

Decorated combat veteran and national security expert Cait Conley prevailed in a five-candidate race with 22,876 votes, netting 48.87% of total ballots cast, district-wide. Beth Davidson received 14,725 votes (31.46%), Effie Guadalupe Phillips-Staley received 7,059 votes (15.08%), and John Cappello and Michael Sacks each received 745 votes (1.59%).

First Townhouses at Bellefield under construction

Argo Construction with developer Mike Abuladze (pictured below) and Elliott Fireworker are working to construct the first series of town homes near the Inn at Historic Bellefield in Hyde Park. Phase one of "The Townhouses at Bellefield" Architecture & Design will include: 12 units total, 4 bedrooms - 3 full baths - 2 half baths, over 4,600 SF, starting price \$1,950,000 and expected completion is December 2026 - March 2027. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



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'Opinion' writer comments regarding the president 'simply are not true'

To the editor:

The guest "OPINION" writer made many opinionated comments with respect to the current Commander in Chief Donald J. Trump that simply are not true in the June 24 edition of Northern Dutchess News.

The President of the USA must act like an executive to advance the agenda that was promised to the American people who elected him. Therefore, the President must direct the executive office like a CEO of a corporation within the enumerated US Constitution and US Laws. A President who acts like a figure head will therefore not keep his election promises. I'm not going to address each false opinion cited in the guest "OPINION."

However, I want to point out one favorite false accusation that is summarized as follows: Salvadoran citizen and "Maryland man" Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia [KAAG] has become the Joan of Arc of the American left. "Abolition" for these activists means that no illegal immigrant should even be detained, let alone be deported. No "process" is complete unless the alien wins.

For progressives, no one is ever deportable, whatever their criminal history, and whatever the imbalance between what they take and what they give.

Helmut Gartner
East Fishkill

Memo to Representative Pat Ryan – stay away from the Crypto money

To Representative Pat Ryan:

I am a constituent of yours living in Salt Point. I support you politically and vote for you every chance I get. That pattern of behavior will not change for the foreseeable future, short, I suppose, of your name coming up in the Trump-Epstein Files™, as Jimmie Kimmel is wont to represent them.

Other than as a victim of Ghislaine Maxwell, of course!

However, I do wish that you had read your Paul Krugman more carefully on the scam that is Crypto. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/06/opinion/cryptocurrency-bubble-fraud.html>.)

And that is just one of many pieces Krugman has written about Crypto. If you need more by this Nobel Laureate and paragon of progressive Democratic politics, just put the query "Paul Krugman on Crypto" to Gemini, Claude, or even ChatGPT – whose CEO, Sleazy Sam Altman himself supports Crypto. Then read the results, and the underlying documentation which Gemini conveniently supplies. Or, if you are too busy picking up campaign contributions from other sources, have your Chief of Staff, Dan Torres, to do it in his spare time, and report the results back to you.

If you are as intelligent as you seem – I have chatted with you face-to-face at various fund-raising events and have always been impressed by you in person – then, we are convinced, no amount of cozening campaign contributions by the Crypto Lobby will suffice to get you to continue to support the kleptocratic-promoting sociopathy (however ill-informed) of Crypto.

Indeed, the fact that Donald Trump, family, friends, and fawning courtiers are all-in on Crypto would hopefully be enough for you to return the nickels and dimes Crypto has

dropped into your campaign cup along the way.

Indeed, announce an epiphany, and give back the money. You don't need it. You almost certainly didn't ask for it in the first place. It was sent to you, unsolicited, as a "poisoned fruit" by the Crypto Lobby, which has pre-emptively tried to compromise every politician in sight, no matter the party.

Remember, if you lie down with dogs, you will, eventually, get fleas. So, just don't do it!

Ed Reno
Salt Point

Supporting data center moratoriums

To the editor:

Dozens of Hudson Valley residents and advocates from Food & Water Watch, Indivisible 845 and For The Many gathered last week outside East Fishkill's Town Hall to demand the Town Board stop Treetop's proposal for a massive data center in East Fishkill and enact a local three-year moratorium on data centers. Impacted community members called on elected officials across the state and country to pass moratoriums to create regulations for the significant environmental impacts, loss of public funds, and electricity costs associated with data centers.

The moratorium measure passed.

The people of East Fishkill and the Hudson Valley have made it abundantly clear: They don't want massive, noisy, polluting, expensive data centers in their backyards, and they're ready to show up and fight to protect their communities. The people of East Fishkill have spoken. Now, we need the rest of our elected officials to meet the moment and stand with their constituents, just like the leaders of East Fishkill have. Governor Hochul must get with the program and make a statewide moratorium on the law. If Congressman Lawler was smart, he would support the same action at the federal level.

East Fishkill's three-year moratorium comes on the heels of towns including Lysander, Oneonta, North Tonawanda passing moratoriums on data centers, the town of Dryden passing a ban on data centers, and Monroe County passing a resolution in support of a moratorium. The town of Brookhaven on Long Island will consider an 18 month moratorium at their next town board meeting on July 16th. Meanwhile, Governor Hochul is considering a one-year statewide moratorium bill passed by the legislature earlier this month. If the 1 year moratorium bill is signed into law, municipalities like East Fishkill will still be able to keep their longer moratoriums.

Congressman Mike Lawler, who has several data center proposals in his district, including proposals in Orangeburg, East Fishkill and at Indian Point in Buchanan, has thus far failed to support a federal moratorium like the one introduced in the U.S. House by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

The rally and passage of the three-year moratorium came amidst growing opposition to AI data centers across the state and country. Residents of towns where data centers are being proposed are stepping up to fight back against noise pollution, increased water consumption and electricity costs, grid instability, and environmental damage that would result if data centers are built.

Melissa Hoffmann
Poughkeepsie
Organizer with Food & Water Watch

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Rhinebeck Chamber welcomes Whiteley as Board President

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce has announced a leadership transition for its Board of Directors. Following an extensive selection process, the Board has unanimously elected Sharon Whiteley, Vice President and Branch Manager of Rhinebeck Bank's Montgomery Street location, as the organization's next President. Whiteley succeeds Luciano Valdivia, who has completed his service as President after two terms of dedicated leadership.

During Valdivia's time as President, the Chamber prioritized small business resilience, economic development, and community advocacy through a period of significant change.

"It has been the greatest professional honor of my life to serve as President of this Chamber," said Valdivia. "Over the past years, I have seen our business community weather unprecedented challenges and emerge stronger than ever. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, and I have full

confidence that under Sharon's leadership, the Chamber will continue to innovate and advocate effectively for our members."

Local business owners and the Chamber's Board of Directors extended their gratitude to Valdivia citing his unique impact on the community and highlighting his deep understanding of the local economy and dedication to the village.

"Luciano brought a breath of fresh air, new ideas, and an in-depth understanding of the importance of independent shop and restaurant owners that make our walking Village such a special destination," said Maureen Missner and Serine Hastings of Paper Trail. "We greatly appreciated his tenure as Board President."

"Luciano has been a reliable merchant and restaurateur for many years in Rhinebeck, and hospitality truly runs in his blood," added Barbara Schreiber. "During the pandemic, his creativity in

offering takeout and other provisions was a welcomed relief to the community. He represents the ever-evolving Rhinebeck, reminding us all that one must evolve to survive."

Valdivia will remain involved with the Chamber as a board member and President Emeritus, ensuring continuity as Whiteley steps into the President role.

Whiteley brings extensive experience in banking, community engagement, and relationship building through her role at Rhinebeck Bank. She has served on the board of the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce for four years and her longstanding commitment to supporting local businesses and community organizations has made her a valued leader throughout the region.

With strategic vision and deep commitment to the region's business landscape, Whiteley will lead the Chamber's efforts to support local businesses, foster economic vitality, and strengthen connections throughout the Rhinebeck commu-

nity. Her term begins this month.

"I am honored to have been elected President of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce," said Whiteley. "I look forward to working with the Board, our members, and community partners to support local businesses and strengthen the Chamber's role in the community. I've worked closely with many local businesses and organizations throughout my career, and having grown up with parents who ran a local family business, I understand firsthand the challenges local business owners face and what matters most to them. I hope to bring that experience to the Chamber as we continue to strengthen member support, recognition, advocacy, and community engagement. I want to thank Luciano Valdivia for his dedication to the Chamber and our small business community. Together, we will build on the Chamber's strong foundation and continue supporting the businesses that help our community thrive."

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Free rabies vaccination clinic on July 18 in Beacon

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH), in partnership with Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARs), will host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Beacon Recreation Department, located at 23 West Center Street in Beacon. The clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets that are at least 3 months old. Advance registration is required and will open at hvars.org.

Rabies vaccinations will be provided at no cost to Dutchess County residents; non-residents pay \$15 per pet. Dogs must be leashed, and cats and ferrets must be transported in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years with proof of prior vaccination; for those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year. Microchipping will also be available for \$45 per pet, and a one-year distemper vaccination will be available for \$25 per pet.

New York State law requires all cats, dogs and domestic ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies by 4 months of age and to remain current on their vaccinations. Pet owners who fail to comply with these requirements may face fines of up to \$200.

Residents who observe an animal behaving unusually should contact their local law-enforcement agency. Anyone who is bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to an animal, or whose pet has been exposed, should contact the DCDOH at 845-486-3404 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 845-431-6465 evenings and weekends. DCDOH staff will investigate the incident and provide guidance on any necessary next steps.

For more information about rabies prevention, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact the Dutchess County Department of Health at ehs@dutchessny.gov.

County Comptroller: County sales tax revenues \$2.2M less than 2025 projection

County reports

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has completed its annual report on the County's sales tax revenues for year ending 2025. Sales tax collections totaled \$265.8 million in 2025, up 0.8% from 2024, but \$2.2 million less than what had been projected for the 2025 budget.

Dutchess County collected approximately 2.75 times more in sales tax than property tax, comprising 41% of all County revenue in 2025, according to the Comptroller's Office. There were two notable updates to sales tax collection last year:

- Dutchess County received Home Rule approval from the State Legislature to permit the County to extend its previously increased sales tax rate from 3% to 3.75% through November 30, 2027.
- Beginning March 1, 2025, sales tax

began to apply to all short-term rental occupancy units.

According to the 2026 adopted budget, sales tax revenue is projected to be \$268.4 million. This projection is likely to be impacted by the rising cost of fossil fuels and, effective June, a new sales tax cap on gasoline at \$3/gallon took effect. As of the publication of this report, year-to-date sales tax payments are up by 5.86% compared with 2025, it was stated by the Comptroller's Office.

"Because sales tax revenue is so vital to the County's finances and prone to the whims of consumer decision-making, we will continue to monitor sales tax collection on a monthly basis," said Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair.

The special report on 2025 Sales Tax Revenue can be found on the Comptroller's website.

CCEDC welcomes Sam Storey as new Executive Director

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and excited to become part of this community," said Storey. "I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers, board members, and partners to build on CCEDC's legacy and expand the organization's impact across Dutchess County."

"The executive director position requires a multifaceted leader with a great variety of skills from finance management, grant expertise, fund development and programmatic development, and as one of our board members stated, the perfect candidate should also know how to fly and wear a cape," said Chris Shave, President of CCEDC's Board of Directors. "We found just the hero we were looking for in Sam Storey. He has an incredible depth of experience and a passion to be here serving our communities in Dutchess County."

Storey began serving as Executive Director on July 1. The position had been held since mid-December by the CCEDC Family and Consumer Education Program Director Jessica Canale, who took on the additional duties of Interim Executive Director. Canale's additional work was possible with the support of Kristin Ludl, Senior Administrator, Human Resources and Operations Management, who also shouldered more responsibilities.

"The board was thrilled to have this dedicated dynamic duo at the helm during this transitional time," said Shave. "Having Jessica and Kristin divide the duties and responsibilities of the executive director was the perfect plan. We appreciate their effort and professionalism."

Libraries partner to launch Summer Reading Program

This summer, Morton Memorial Library, Starr Library, Red Hook Public Library, Tivoli Free Library and Clinton Community Library are teaming up to bring their communities a region-wide reading adventure. The program, titled "Dinosaur Dig," runs July 6-Aug. 15.

Inspired by the theme "Unearth a Story," this year's program is a paleontology themed scavenger hunt challenge for all ages, combining reading, exploration

and community discovery. Visit libraries, explore local businesses, attend events, and complete fun challenges to earn points and prizes.

Whether you're reading your first book of the summer or your fiftieth, every step brings you closer to uncovering something new. Register at your local library and check out the full schedule of programs and events at all participating libraries.

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RENEGADES FEATURE

Hernandez highlights benefits of MLB 'Development List'

By Morgan E. Maier

Twenty-one-year-old catcher Diomedes Hernandez rejoined the Hudson Valley Renegades this week, activated for the first time in nearly a year. Since entering the New York Yankees organization as a teenager in 2022, Hernandez has spent considerable time on the Minor League Baseball Development List. The Renegades activated him on June 25 – but how do both the team and player benefit from nearly a year off the roster?

Players and teams have much to gain from the Minor League Baseball Development List, implemented in the league's 2021 restructuring. It is an opportunity to work on mechanics, pitch management, or other fundamentals, and not to be confused with the disabled list. Only healthy players may remain on this list. There are regular film sessions, along with engagement with team professionals. Effective for some players is practic-

ing without the pressures of game situations. The resources highlight the direct training that this designation offers, among other bonuses for the parent teams that relate to roster management.

The Yankees have been able to explore roster shakeups and promotions without holding a spot for the young catcher. As major league clubs prepare for the player draft (held July 11-12), some roster maneuvering must be settled to accommodate new additions.

There is no minimum or maximum term a player can stay on the Development list; Hernandez has been placed eight times, for various lengths of time. The most recent stretch since rejoining the Renegades on May 27 went four weeks. Though Hernandez was once assigned to Hudson Valley (August 10-17, 2024), he never saw High-A action. Hernandez played 10 games for Double-AA Somerset in 2025, blasting an RBI double in his first Patriots at-bat.

Hernandez is one of many players across Minor League Baseball assigned to the Development List multiple times in his young career. Debuted for the FCL-Yankees at 18, Hernandez is part of the 2022 International Free Agent (IFA) class that includes current Renegades teammate Roderick Arias.

Hernandez trained in Tampa, Fla., at the BayCare Player Development Center and Scouting Complex, not far from where he caught eyes as a member of the Tampa Tarpons at age 19. At the central hub for the Yankees' player development, Hernandez stayed ready, sharpening his game until his name was called.

New players will soon emerge from the Yankees' scouting radar. Some will be NCAA alumni. Others are teenagers, like Hernandez was when he was scouted out of Venezuela. As Diomedes continues developing within the Yankees organization, Hudson Valley fans will hope to get a better glimpse of him this time around.



Diomedes Hernandez

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W5
Wilmington WSH	6	3	.667	1.0	6-3	W1
Brooklyn NYM	5	4	.556	2.0	5-4	W3
Frederick BAL *	5	4	.556	2.0	5-4	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	2	7	.222	5.0	2-7	L3

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *	6	3	.667	-	6-3	W1
Asheville HOU	5	4	.556	1.0	5-4	W4
Hub City TEX	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	L1
Greenville BOS	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	L4
Rome ATL	2	7	.222	4.0	2-7	L5



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07/03/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	America 250 Celebration WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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07/05/26	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Unicorn Day WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Walkoffs rampant during HV's crazy week in Bowling Green

By Morgan E. Maier

A wayward start to this road series saw the Hudson Valley Renegades lose in last-frame fashion, dropping each decision to the red-hot Bowling Green Hot Rods. While the Gatorade flowed off a trio of Hot Rod walkoffs, starters and offense revved the Renegades to a pair of wins over the weekend. The Renegades are now 33-38 on the season and are in 4th place in the Northern Division of the South Atlantic League.

One Run Stunners - The teams combined for a single run through six innings of the opener until a Josue Gonzalez sacrifice fly knotted the score in the seventh. Hudson Valley led by two into the bottom of the ninth inning before Bowling Green completed its first of three straight walkoff wins. Wilson Rodriguez, Luis

Durango and Kyle West each had two hits. The next one-run result took the Hot Rods an extra inning. Hudson Valley, holding a two-run lead, was held scoreless after the fifth inning.

Bowling Green got both back late on a balk and a wild pitch, respectively. Bowling Green's automatic runner Caden Bodine scored from second on a soft fly to the outfield in the 10th, effectively ending the game - and Renegades hopes to salvage a win over the South Division leaders. Starter Allen Facundo was strong on June 25, the night Caleb Durbin took fellow Hudson Valley alum Cam Schlittler deep in Boston. Facundo struck out 10 to set up Enmanuel Tejeda's ninth-inning home run to force extra innings. The visitors fell 6-5 in 11 innings, the fifth walkoff loss in Hudson Valley's previous seven games.



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RENEGADES EXTRA

MOYLAN IS MOVING UP THE MINOR LEAGUE LADDER



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Yabba-dabba Doubleheader - When an inclement Saturday called for two seven-inning Sunday games, the Renegades made no bones about taking on the Cavemen (Bowling Green's alternate jersey identity) early. Kaeden Kent opened the 8-0 win with a leadoff solo shot. He finished with a 3-3, 2-RBI night. Kyle West scored a two-run blast, and Roderick Arias sent a meteoric home run to left field to lead off the sixth inning before Core Jackson's two-run double got the 'Gades up seven. Franyer Herrera matched his offense's outburst by clob-

bering Bowling Green batters, allowing just three hits and one walk. He also matched a season-high with eight strikeouts. Herrera was perfect for five frames of the seven-inning complete game shutout, tossing 57 of 83 pitches (68.67%) for strikes.

The Renegades found less success in the second half, going 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position. Eric Genter launched a first-inning home run, but the Hot Rods accelerated for three more in their opening frame. Hudson Valley scored two in the top of the seventh after loading the bases, but the comeback turned extinct with two runners left on base. Bowling Green took wins of the finale and the series with the 5-3 triumph.

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Fireworks, fastballs, and family fun await Hudson Valley's home return. A celebration of internet culture, baseball, and three-day festivities for America's 250th birthday highlights the Renegades' first of two straight homestands, as they get set to host the Wilmington Blue Rocks.

John Morgan of Mountain View Strategic Wealth earns Five-Star Recognition for sixth consecutive year

Demonstrating a commitment to clients, quality of services provided and strong industry credentials, John Morgan AIF®, APMA®, founder and chief investment officer of Mountain View Strategic Wealth, has once again been named a Five Star Wealth Manager.

This year marks the sixth consecutive year Morgan has been recognized, an honor received by only a small number of Hudson Valley financial professionals.

Five Star Professionals uses a rigorous, research-based approach to analyze Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)-registered representatives and Securities and Exchange Commission-registered investment advisers to identify potential nominees. Professionals' peers and firms are also asked to put forth worthy candidates, who are then evaluated based on a set of 10 criteria, including assets under management, client retention rate and a review of any regulatory or consumer complaints. While 486 Hudson Valley-based wealth managers were considered for the award in 2026, only 7%, 32 individuals, received the five-star accolade.

"Clients are at the heart of every decision our team makes," said Morgan. "So, it's truly an honor to be recognized for our commitment to them and for the success we achieve in managing their wealth and futures. Receiving this top-tier designation for six consecutive years is a testament to the continued impact not only of our work, but also of the financial futures built through Mountain View Strategic



John Morgan

Wealth."

A graduate of Union College, Morgan is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) and an Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor? (AMPA®) through the College for Financial Planning. Morgan, who has over two decades of experience in the financial services industry, founded Mountain View Strategic Wealth in 2018 with the goal of helping individuals and families achieve long-term financial success with the firm's proprietary Total Life Compass® process. Morgan serves on the Board of Education for the Wappingers Central School District, regularly fosters dogs on behalf of BluePath Service Dogs, Inc. and is an active member of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more about Morgan and Mountain View Strategic Wealth, visit mvswealth.com.

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.

Dialing 988:

- Is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress.
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- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Comptroller releases first in 'By the Numbers' series

Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair has released the first in a new series of brief, informational reports for County leaders and taxpayers. Each "By the Numbers" one-sheet will focus on a particular population or subject relevant to County taxpayers. The first in the series, focusing on Veterans, was produced in coordination with the Office of Veterans Affairs, and includes data such as periods of service, demographics, and available benefits.

"It's been a priority from the start of my time as Comptroller to present the public with regular, easily digestible data points that can better inform them about where they live, work, and pay taxes," said the Comptroller. "We're hoping that this series of regular reporting will be a

useful source of information for residents as well as policymakers."

"Understanding the number of veterans residing in our County is crucial for ensuring they receive the support and resources they deserve," said Adam Roche, Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs. "Accurate data allows us to tailor our programs and services effectively, ensuring that every veteran knows they are valued and cared for in our community."

Each "By the Numbers" will always be available in full on the Dutchess County website, www.dutchessny.gov, as well as related social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram).

If you have any ideas for the next topic send an email to comptroller@dutchessny.gov.

NYSOFA: Enacted state budget invests in healthy aging, affordability and opportunity for older adults and their families

State reports

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) recently issued a wide-angle analysis of the Fiscal Year (FY) 27 New York State Enacted Budget and its many linkages to supportive, age-friendly initiatives for older adults and their families across agencies and programs.

Gov. Kathy Hochul's 2026-2027 policy agenda and the Enacted State Budget for New York families center on affordability, public safety, family support, and expanding opportunity for all New Yorkers – an agenda that is especially and uniquely supportive of older adults.

For NYSOFA specifically, the enacted state budget includes:

- \$8 million in new funding to expand the NORC program. A Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) is a community or neighborhood with a growing population of older adults in which the dwellings were not purposefully intended for older adults when they were originally designed and/or built. The program is a New York innovation that brings together health care, social services, information and assistance, and other supports for residents in the designated community setting.

- Continuation of \$68 million for older New Yorkers who are waiting for aging network services through NYSOFA due to lack of funding or workforce shortages.

- \$11.5 million in funding for a variety of community-based organizations in the areas of elder abuse prevention, guardianship, holocaust survivor services, home share programs and respite, advocacy organizations, and more.

- Protecting individuals from scams and fraud, through training and a public awareness campaign being developed by NYSOFA.

- Developing recommendations for a one-stop for all benefits that older adults may be eligible for across state agencies.

Other highlights

- Energy affordability for older adults and families: \$1 billion in one-time energy rebate checks, a Ratepayer Protection Plan, and establishment of the RATES Commission to combat rising utility bills.

- Building more housing and protecting vulnerable renters and homeowners, including: \$250 million to accelerate affordable housing development; \$100 million to support the expansion of the MOVE-IN NY program and continued exploration of innovative emerging factory-built and modular construction technologies; \$140 million for capital improvements to New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments and \$75 million for public housing authorities outside New York City; clarifying anti-harassment laws for renters; and increas-

ing income eligibility limits for New York's Rent Freeze Program for both the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

- Supporting workers of all ages by combating wage theft and increasing access to medical care for injured workers.

- Strengthening communities to make them more age-friendly by enhancing the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and New York Forward (\$200 million total).

- Investing in critical health care services that older adults and families rely upon to stay healthy, including: an additional \$1.5 billion in state support for hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living programs that serve the needs of older adults and their families; reforms to prior authorizations to improve patient care and remove barriers; protecting immunization access; and more.

- Delivering universal childcare and new protections for kids on online platforms: Governor Hochul is putting New York State on a pathway toward universal childcare, beginning investments to support the delivery of affordable childcare to up to nearly 100,000 additional children. The Governor's landmark investment will increase funding by \$1.7 billion, bringing the total FY 27 investment to \$4.5 billion for childcare and pre-Kindergarten services statewide.

- Lowering car insurance for older adults, protecting affordability and access to a vehicle for independence: sweeping reforms designed to help drive down New York's exorbitantly high auto insurance rates, addressing the root causes by targeting fraud and tackling runaway litigation. The Budget also includes provisions that enable prosecutors to seek criminal penalties against any individual responsible for organizing a staged accident, not just the particular individual behind the wheel.

- Helping New Yorkers put food on the table: by investing \$51 million in the Department of Health's (DOH) Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) program and protecting New Yorkers from theft of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits by upgrading New York's EBT cards to secure chip-based technology that makes cards virtually impervious to skimming. (SNAP skimming steals hundreds of millions of dollars from families' EBT cards.)

- Affordability for Veterans: allowing local governments the option to provide a full property tax exemption for Veterans within that locality who have a 100% permanent and total disability compensation rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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High school graduation ceremonies bring communities together in different ways

By Kaeleigh Banda

Across Dutchess County, 28 high schools celebrated the Class of 2026 high school graduates in recent weeks. Each school has its own unique characteristics and ceremonies, but one element that differentiates Arlington High School and Dover High School is the size of the student body. Big or small, both schools foster community in different ways.

Dover High School - The DHS commencement ceremony was held at 7 p.m. June 26 on the high school football field. Families and friends gathered on folding chairs on the field as the students lined up in the bleachers. DHS Principal Matt Latvis said the Class of 2026 is unique in that it is one of the largest class sizes the school has seen in years at 128 graduates. While the class size is large for the school, the Dover Union Free School District is small, with only two elementary schools, and the middle school and high school are combined in one building.

"They've been together for 13 years, a lot of them, so they've just built so many strong bonds," Latvis said of the graduates. "They're a close-knit group, and every class is very close so it's sad, but it's also a celebration at the same time."

Valedictorian Daniel Sanchez spoke at the ceremony to honor his fellow graduates, but also his family and mentors who have supported him throughout his educational journey. "To our teachers, thank you for being our captains, our guides that channel the spirit of learning," Sanchez said. "Your wisdom has imparted itself in us, and your words will be the tools we will use to carry on into our new chapters. Many of us have created strong bonds in many of you. And like, that's not just the ability to think critically and strive for excellence, but also to have a shoulder to cry on, someone to cheer you on or just someone to geek about Star Wars with for a few minutes after class."

Latvis previously worked as the Beekman Elementary School principal in the Arlington Central School District. He said that transitioning to a smaller district showed him how the small size created more personal bonds.

"Being so small is a benefit because the staff, we get to know the kids really well," Latvis said. "I know all of my students, and the teachers know them and have them over multiple classes, so the relationships they form are just so unique and so special."

Arlington High School - The AHS commencement ceremony was held at 7 p.m. June 17 at Heritage Financial Park. The baseball stadium was filled with families and friends cheering on the graduates. With all graduates, the classic tune "Pomp and Circumstance" played on a long loop by the Arlington High School Graduation Band as the 603 graduates processed in. AHS is the largest high school in Dutchess County with approximately 2,500 students.

Valedictorian Courtney Foltz said she found a sisterhood with her soccer team. While the many students in the graduating class do not know one another, the teams, extracurriculars and classes create community for AHS students.

"When we slow down and look back at school, most of us won't remember any science or test scores," Foltz said. "We'll remember the people."

The ceremony marked the 101st AHS commencement, making this the first class of the new century. Superintendent Philip Benante spoke to the class to provide advice and congratulations. He said the world is full of more scrutiny than ever before, and no matter what you do, people will judge.

In his speech, Benante emphasized the importance of friendship in the students' journey ahead. He said it is not easy to find a good friend, but he has seen many students being good friends to one another in the Class of 2026.

"To the Arlington High School Class of 2026, our 101st class, I commend you on the completion of your course of study. We wish you well in college, the Armed Services and the workforce. We are inspired by the young adults that you've become, and congratulations once again to you and your families."

The ceremony concluded with the traditional cap toss, filling the sky with maroon to mark the beginning of the graduates' new chapter.



Dover High School Valedictorian Daniel Sanchez addresses classmates and attendees at the graduation ceremony on June 26. Below: Arlington High School graduates toss their caps in the air after the ceremony at Heritage Financial Park. *Courtesy photos*



Next Steps - Five students from DHS are joining the military. During the ceremony, the five students were asked to stand and be acknowledged. Graduating senior Fallon Walsh said she wanted to join the marines because she felt it was her purpose to help others.

"I always had wanted to join the military but last summer I had a realization

that I just wanted to help people and make sure people that were scared would have hope and that I could help as many people as possible," Walsh said.

As the high school graduates from across the county go off to college, enter the workforce, join the military or discover their path, their high school communities will stay with them.

Farm & Garden Ramble set July 19

RHINEBECK & RED HOOK - On Sunday, July 19, The Good Dirt: Farm & Garden Ramble invites the public to explore a vibrant network of gardens, small farms, and pollinator habitats across Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff, and Red Hook. This self-guided tour celebrates the creativity, care, and ecological stewardship of local growers and land-tenders.

Building on the success of Dirty Gaia's beloved "Edible Gardens Tour" of the past, this year's event expands both the footprint and diversity of the tour to include Red Hook and community and school gardens. Designed to be both joyful and educational, The Good Dirt makes gardening and ecological stewardship more accessible to all.

Featuring approximately 20 stops, the Ramble highlights a diverse mix of sites, where visitors can experience firsthand the many ways people are cultivating

food, habitat, and beauty in sustainable and imaginative ways. They will have the opportunity to learn practical techniques, discover sustainable approaches, and connect with neighbors reimagining how we grow and care for the places we live.

Visitors can explore at their own pace, stopping in for a quick visit or lingering to chat with friendly hosts who will be on site and learn more about each site.

The day is divided into morning & afternoon:

9-10 a.m.: Registration at Rhinebeck Community Garden

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Rhinebeck & Rhinecliff sites open

1-2 p.m.: Registration for afternoon participants

2-5 p.m.: Red Hook sites open

5-7 p.m.: Celebration and raffle at Rose Hill Farm

The Ramble concludes with a celebratory happy hour (and raffle) from 5 to 7

p.m. at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook, bringing together participants, hosts, and community members to honor the shared work of cultivating healthy land and local connections.

Details about locations will be revealed at registration on Sunday, where Ramblers will receive a special booklet and map, along with other surprises.

Tickets are offered on a sliding scale of \$5-\$50, with all proceeds going to support the nonprofit's work. Space is limited. To purchase tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/ramble2026>

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19 thriving students celebrate milestone at Anderson Center for Autism commencement

By Curtis Schmidt

Nineteen students were honored during the 102nd annual commencement ceremony on Friday, June 26 at the 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.”

Prior to each student receiving their diplomas, one graduate led his fellow students, staff and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance. And, as Assistant Principal Jayson Pistrutto noted “He did not miss a word.”

The Class of 2026 includes 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.

In her message to the graduates, Principal Kristin Warren noted, “To our graduates, this day belongs to you. Each of you have traveled a unique path to reach this moment. Along the way you have learned new skills, overcome challenges, discovered your strengths, and grown in ways that may not be visible to others.

“As you move into the next chapter of your lives, know that you are surrounded by people who believe in you, care about you, and celebrate who you are. Continue to grow. Continue to explore. Continue to be proud of who you are.

“And as we celebrate today, may we all remember a lesson our graduates teach us every day...kindness matters.”

Commencement speaker Philip J. Bronzi, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Anderson Center for Autism, was unable to attend and his speech was given by Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer, Anderson Foundation for Autism.

Anderson's mission is especially meaningful to Bronzi and his family, as his nephew, Stevie, has been a member of the Anderson community for nearly 15 years. Through Stevie's journey, Bronzi has had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the life-changing impact Anderson has on the individuals it serves and their families.

Speaking from Bronzi's speech, Bozenski stated, “First, I want to thank

the dedicated staff of the Anderson Center for Autism. Every graduate we celebrate today arrived at this moment because of the commitment, compassion, and hard work of so many people throughout this organization.

“I would especially like to recognize the Executive Team and Senior Management for their leadership and vision. Their commitment to providing best-in-class programming ensures that Anderson continues to fulfill its mission every day, creating opportunities for students to learn, grow, and thrive.

“And to all of the staff who make that mission a reality, thank you. In particular, I want to recognize our Direct Support Professionals. These extraordinary individuals live the mission of Anderson every single day. They provide care, encouragement, patience, dignity, and hope. They celebrate victories both large and small, and they walk alongside our students and residents through every challenge. Simply put, they are angels on this Earth.”

To the families gathered at the event, she stated on behalf of Bronzi, “Congratulations. This is undoubtedly a bittersweet moment. Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. Along the way, you have faced challenges, celebrated milestones, overcome obstacles, and demonstrated extraordinary perseverance. Through it all, you have been your graduates' greatest advocates, strongest supporters, and most consistent source of love.

“Your graduates are here today because of their hard work and determination—but also because of the love, encouragement, and belief you have shown them every step of the way. This achievement belongs to you as well.”

And to the graduates, “I am humbled and honored to be here as part of your journey. Today represents years of effort, growth, courage, and accomplishment. This milestone is truly extraordinary, and each of you should be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

“As you take the next step forward, remember that your accomplishments today are not the end of your story—they are the foundation for all that lies ahead. We at Anderson are honored to have been part of your journey, and we are excited to see all that you will accomplish in the years to come. May we continue to celebrate the potential, the achievements, and the bright futures of these remarkable graduates.”

The event concluded with a barbecue meal for all, along with music and even a photo booth.



A graduate leads his fellow students, staff and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance during the 102nd Commencement ceremony at the Anderson Center for Autism on June 26. He is accompanied by Assistant Principal Jayson Pistrutto. Additional speakers included Principal Kristin Warren, below right, and Chief Development Officer Eliza Bozenski, speaking on behalf of Philip Bronzi. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



Anderson graduate Owen K. is pictured with his mother, Lorrie K. Courtesy photo

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 20 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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THE GREATEST DOT-TO-DOT! BOOKS

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250 years of gardening

Mark highlights some of the area's horticultural gems and the gardeners who created them.

Dr. David Hosack could not save Alexander Hamilton from his mortal wound after the duel with Aaron Burr. During the night of July 11, 1804, Hosack sent word to Dr. Samuel Bard in Hyde Park, hoping for assistance, but Bard was unable to help.

Hyde Park, the estate of Dr. Bard, now the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, purchased by Dr. Hosack after Bard's death, became a showplace for the naturalistic style of landscape gardening sweeping the new nation in the years following the American Revolution. And the tradition lives on – Dutchess County is famous nationwide as a garden showcase. Here are five famous gardeners who shaped our heritage:

- **Dr. Samuel Bard** – George Washington's personal physician was ahead of his time when he sketched plans for his estate in Hyde Park in 1764. "I think straight lines should be particularly avoided, except where they serve to lead the eye to some distant and beautiful object – serpentine walks are much more agreeable," he wrote. By 1806, the estate included a sunken flower garden, flowering shrubs, a greenhouse for tropical foliage, melons from Italy, vines from Madeira and a lake stocked with goldfish shipped from China. Most of the trees we can see now at Vanderbilt were planted by Dr. Hosack. Together the two doctors created a landscape that inspired homeowners across the nation.

- **Andrew Jackson Downing** – The naturalistic style of gardening was all the rage when A.J. Downing published "A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening" in 1841. The book went on to sell 16,000 copies over 10 editions. Downing defined the "picturesque landscape" as a design style that mimics nature, creating a bold alternative to a manicured lawn. His influence is evident in the current enthusiasm for native wildflowers, pollinator gardens and "no mow May." You can see an example of Downing's work at Springside National

Historic Landmark, 185 Academy Street in Poughkeepsie.

- **James Brown** – The formerly enslaved Master Gardener at Mount Gulian, the Verplanck family's estate in Beacon, was influential in a way that is dear to my own heart – he kept a diary. From 1829 until a few years before his death in 1868, Brown wrote about daily garden tasks, local events, the weather and even recipes. He records a visit to Newburgh in 1845 to see a newly unearthed mastodon skeleton. Most famously, his entry on November 8, 1837, reads "The election at Fishkill took place this day at which place James F. Brown voted for the first time." His garden, which he tended alongside Mary Anna Verplanck, has been partially restored at Mount Gulian Historic Site. Destination Dutchess is sponsoring a garden tour at Mount Gulian August 1 and 2, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations accepted at info@mountgulian.org.

- **Beatrix Farrand** – By the time landscape designer Beatrix Farrand began her career in 1895, European influence, especially Italianate landscape, was in vogue. Farrand combined this style, which utilized stone terraces, walls and central walkways with naturalistic features, making sure to utilize the site's original layout. The restored Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, is one of the few remaining examples of her work.

- **Chauncey Stillman** – Bringing landscape gardening almost into the 21st century, or should I say back to the Classical Italian Renaissance style, the Wethersfield Estate in Amenia is quite possibly the finest restored landscape in the Hudson Valley. Chauncey Stillman, heir to a banking fortune, worked tirelessly to improve agriculture, pioneer soil and water conservation, and turn his home into a showcase – a thousand acres laced with hiking trails and gardens. My friend and fellow classmate (Arlington,



The formal garden at Wethersfield in Amenia. Photo by Mark Adams

class of 1968) Pete Sepe was the farmer for a few dozen years when Wethersfield was a working farm, raising hundreds of Romney sheep. The gardens are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with a \$15 reservation. Access the Wethersfield Estate and Garden Reservations page.

Let's keep up our tradition for the next 250 years.

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

Murder Cafe to hold auditions July 14-15

Murder Café Entertainment Group, now in its 28th season, will hold auditions for a series of productions that will be staged at major venues between August and October of this year. A range of roles are available for both male and female participants, ages 21+. All positions are paid, and include dinner. It is recommended that actors live in the mid-Hudson Valley and have reliable transportation.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, Murder Café will produce a Vaudeville Show at Mohonk Mountain House. This family-friendly variety show will feature acts that include comedy, music, magic, puppetry, juggling and whatever else actors can bring to it.

On Oct. 2, 3 and 4, Murder Café will stage "Tales from the Underground" in the Widow Jane Mine in Rosendale. Guests will be greeted by The Night Watchman and he'll introduce four historic characters, each of whom made an

impact on local history. All roles are open.

Murder Café will return to Mohonk Mountain House on Friday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 31, with the following productions:

- "Forest of Fright": a guided wagon ride that will be interrupted by five different haunted characters. They will include a mysterious Lady in White, an asylum escapee, a grave robber, the vanishing hitchhiker and a Hudson Valley gnome.

- "Carnival of Curiosities": a sideshow of oddities including a fortune teller, spooky conjoined twins, bearded lady, ventriloquist and a Gypsy fortune teller.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Studio KTM in Red Hook.

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Clown/movement duo PePe returns for Cocoon Theatre Soiree July 5

Cocoon Theatre Sunday Soiree Series
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By Kate Goldsmith

Cocoon Theatre, known for presenting thought-provoking original arts programs, will hold its next Sunday Soiree on July 5. The clown/movement duo of Peggy Florin and Peter Smith – collectively known as PePe (pronounced Pay-Pay) – will reprise two solo works that they presented in 2025 at Cocoon's former space in Red Hook, and will debut their newest piece, "Sh*t Show," their meditation "on the weird and comic travails of living in this world," according to advance publicity for the event.

Based in Vermont, PePe represents a reunion of Florin and Smith, who worked together four decades ago in the Cumeezi Bozo Ensemble (tagline: "NYC's Resident Clown Troupe").

"There were probably 10-12 of us in this group," Smith recently recalled. "We invariably went out as a troupe, mostly interacting with people on the street. That was the gist of our art."

In a phone interview last week, Florin said, "We met as clowns [in Cumeezi] ... that was fun and great for me. I was doing dance, dance, dance ... and [clowning] was a fantastic release for me. I was drawn to it and wanted to explore it."

Smith and Florin worked together outside the Cumeezi Ensemble, with Florin's expertise as a ballet and modern dancer bringing a different dimension to the partnership, "sort of a combination of clowning and dancing," said Smith.

Eventually, Smith and Florin went their separate ways, with Florin going on to teach dance at Bennington College and Bard College, and Smith teaching at The Buxton School in Williamstown, Mass. But "we kept tabs on each other," Smith said, adding with a chuckle, "and after a 40-year hiatus we said 'why don't we get the band back together?'"

They started meeting once a week, "kind of just playing around," said Smith. "I think we're in our fourth year of doing that, and we've put together a number of pieces, some of it revised work of what we did in the city, but most of it's new material."

For Cocoon's July 5 Soiree, Smith will perform a solo piece titled "Pardon My Shadow."

"I think what it's about ... [is] kind of trying to find your place in the world, always feeling like you're always apologizing for your own existence," he said, hence the title. "[The piece is] kind of a series of physical tropes that are ways of being in the world, of behaving in the world, and they're very gestural."

Because it's Fourth of July weekend, Smith said he's embedded a "sneak little birthday celebration" into "Pardon My Shadow."

Florin's solo piece is "BALLS! Death to the Patriarchy," set to music.

"It starts out with her producing all these balls from her coat," Smith said, "an exercise of shedding what you might describe as female body parts, really, those parts that are objectified. So it's kind of a shedding of those body parts, and ultimately feeling satisfied to be rid of them."

Florin said, "We were working together for about two years before working with solos, and that was a great experience. Peter was a great director for me, he brought out more clown in me than I had wanted to before. It's great to have a director! For me, maybe it's the clowniest thing I've ever done."

"When we do solos we give each other feedback and help structure each other's pieces," Smith said.

The new piece, "Sh*t Show," perhaps unsurprisingly involves toilet paper.

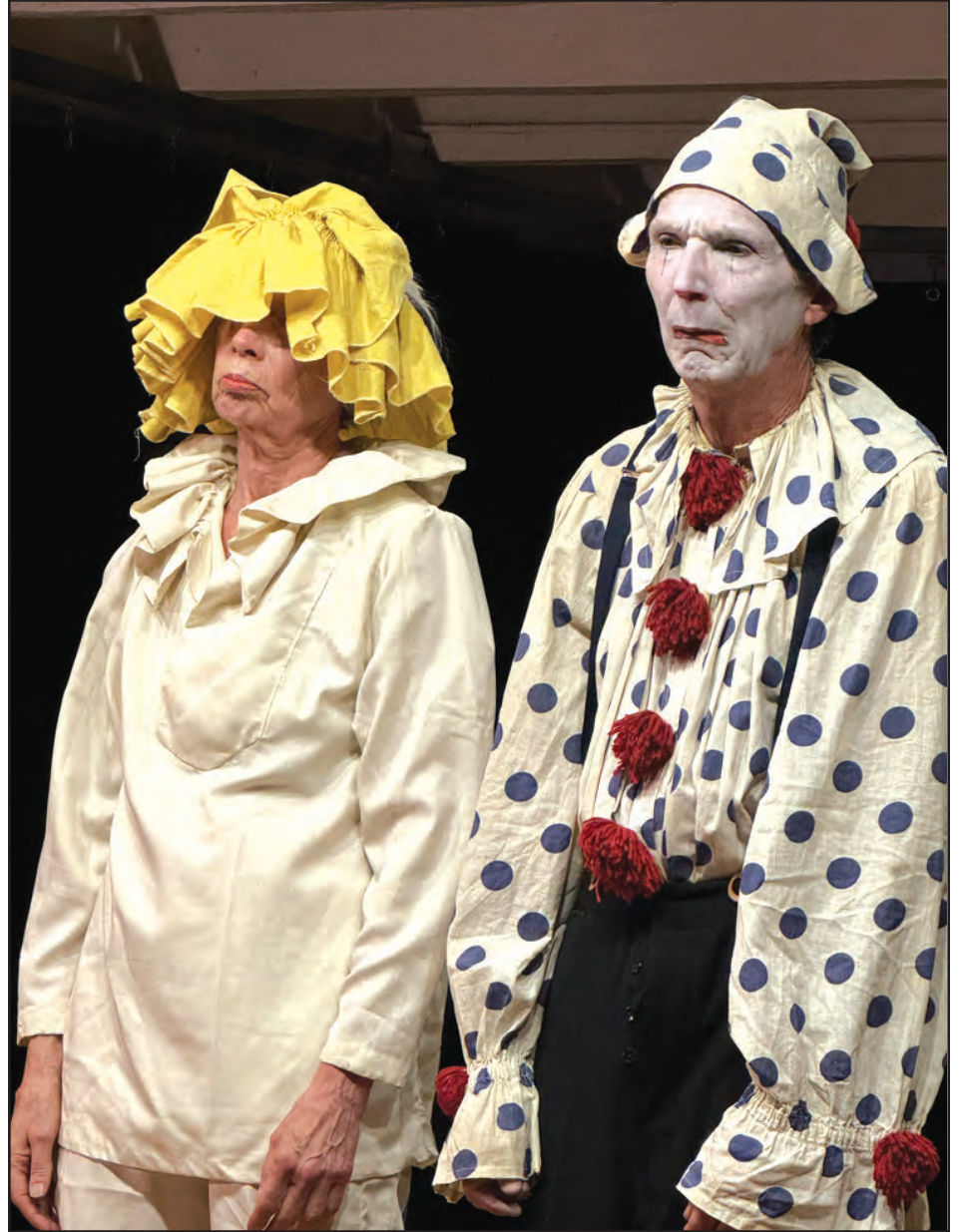
"It started out with an image of having toilet paper dispensers, standard household dispensers, strapped to our bodies," said Smith. "We interact with these dispensers, pulling toilet paper out of ourselves."

"Sh*t Show" references the current state of affairs, Smith said.

"We were trying to put together a piece to live in this 24-hour news cycle, having all this data and horror coming at you – you have to digest it somehow, but because we're in survival instinct, we just go about our days ... coping with trauma and awful news and tragedy," he said.

"Peter started that with a contraption he made [the toilet paper dispenser]," said Florin. "Off we went! It's been an interesting process. You're dancing with the prop, respecting it, not doing the obvious. The shaping of the piece began organically, [created by] both of us, me as more of a choreographer. In our relationship, it's been amazingly balanced with coming up with ideas."

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The clown/movement duo of Peggy Florin and Peter Smith (a.k.a. PePe) is featured at Cocoon Theatre's Sunday Soiree on July 5 in Kingston. Photos by Lisa Hecht



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Scottish Cranachan

A dessert that celebrates the bonhomie fostered by the World Cup, just in time for America's 250th.

Because July 4th marks America's 250th birthday, I naturally wanted to write something celebratory and relevant to commemorate it. I thought about it for a long time, but every idea I had fell flat. I kept going back to dishes people in the new nation made back then, but research yielded some spectacularly odd recipes: Fried Lamprey, Soused Mackerel, Baked Beef Tea, Partridge Soup, Useful Soup ("for benevolent purposes"), Wiggins Red Flannel Hash to name a few. NOT making me love Early American food!

My intentions were good. It was fascinating and I spent a crazy amount of time poring over old recipes, but nothing seemed right, or easy, to share. Then something rather unexpected happened. While researching with YouTube videos in the background, I caught a bit of the excitement that is World Cup soccer. Now, I don't usually watch the sport, but with the U.S. hosting, it's everywhere. What pulled me in was the overwhelming surprised European response to America. I had no idea how badly our country was thought of overseas or even how VERY different things are here. Before I knew it, I was riveted by video after video of Europeans reacting to barbecue, free refills of beverages, huge portion sizes, the variety and enormity of Buc-ees, Target and Walmart and the size and beauty of America. Wow – it was A LOT to take in and gave me new perspective. It also made me even prouder to be an American.

But what really warmed my cockles was the Scottish. They love their soccer, their team and their whisky. But they also love our beer and literally drank Boston out if it. Not only that but everywhere they went throughout our country, the 'Tartan Army' spread joy, good vibes and good times. Everywhere they graced was a party, and they endeared themselves to Americans from coast to coast. They even sang our National Anthem word for word. Peace, joy, love and revelry were the themes, friendships were made, and national pride was wonderfully rampant. In fact, all the visiting nations shared their love of country and left with a new-found love of ours. It was really the gift America needed on its milestone birthday, and my heart is fuller because of it.

So a new idea came to mind: a thank you/homage to the beloved Scots who gave us so much and left overwhelming happiness and a zest for life in their wake. The logical choice was found in something sweet that embodies so much of the country's spirit, the traditional Scottish dessert cranachan (pronounced KRAH-nuh-kun): raspberries layered with whisky and honey-kissed cream with a smattering of toasted oats for good measure. Known as the King of Scottish desserts, this rich, cool treat traditionally celebrates the June raspberry harvest, making this even more fitting to share now.

As Europeans in particular have found American things to differ from what they're used to, the reverse is also true. For example, apparently Scottish raspberries are sweeter than ours, so I added honey when I mashed them to make up for that. The cream in Europe is also quite different, and originally this was likely made with a soft, fresh Scottish cow's milk cheese called Crowdie. Heavy cream in the U.S. won't whip up as rich or thick as the double cream they have

across the pond, so I added a few tablespoons of mascarpone for extra richness and a little more structural heft. This is traditionally sweetened with heather honey, but that can be hard to find here (I used clover).

The oats are another debate. Some say to use steel cut (or pin) oats, which are essentially whole chopped groats with a chewy texture, while others say 'no way' because they're too hard, even after soaking. I went with another popular choice – rolled oats – which worked just fine and added a delightful nuttiness and texture when toasted. Quick oats are not recommended, probably since they would be mushy (fun fact: they're called instant oat flakes in Great Britain). Then there's to toast or not (you should), to soak or not (I tried both and am on the fence) and whether to add them to the whipped cream or make them a separate layer (I did a bit of both). Of course, we can't forget the Scotch whisky! (It's typically whiskey in America and Ireland and whisky in Scotland, Canada and Japan, funny enough countries without an e in them!) Again, it's a matter of preference. Some use brands with peaty smokiness but most seem to prefer the lighter, honey-eyed nuances of single malts. The bottom line is you WILL taste it no matter how much you use, so pick a good one with flavor that suits your taste.

CRANACHAN

I found quite a few variations ranging from very simple to pretty complex but the ingredients are basically the same across the board and, because they all play a big part, use the best quality you can find. Amounts of everything are also up for debate according to taste, so use more or less of whatever you like. I found this combination and method to be tasty, but just like the Scots you should go with the flow, have fun and make it your own. If you make this for the 4th of July you could even add a layer of crushed blueberries for a red, white and blue dessert. The Scots won't mind a bit!

A note on presentation: Use cut crystal rocks glasses (or any you'd serve whisky in), parfait or stemmed glasses. Clear are best so you can see the layers. You could also use one big clear bowl.

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 2 cups heavy cream
- Pinch of salt
- 2-3 tablespoons mascarpone
- 2 tablespoons honey (or more to taste)
- 2 tablespoons Scotch whisky (or more to taste)

Toast the oats: Spread them in a single layer on a baking pan. Move oven rack down one from the top position and turn on the broiler. Toast oats just until golden and fragrant watching constantly so they don't burn, 2-3 minutes. Alternately, place them in a pan on the stovetop over medium heat, shaking the pan until golden. Set aside to cool. Once cool you can, but don't have to, place half the oats in a small bowl and add a few tablespoons of cream. Stir and refrigerate. You can also add a wee bit o' whisky (wink wink).

Place raspberries in a bowl and mash them with a fork. Reserve a few whole berries (3 for each glass) for the top. Add a little honey if they're tart.

Make the cream: Place heavy cream in a large bowl. Whip until just starting to

thicken. Add a pinch of salt and honey, then mascarpone and whisky. Continue to whip until stiff peaks form. Add more honey if needed. Mix about 1/3 cup of the whipped cream to the soaked oats, if using.

Assemble: Place a layer of berries on the bottom of each glass. Add a layer of the cream mixed with oats, more berries, a sprinkle of toasted oats, then plain cream. Top each with 3 whole berries and a sprinkling of toasted oats. Drizzle with a little honey if you like.

Serves 2-4 depending on glass size and appetite.

The World Cup brought the world together, literally and figuratively. We shared our beautiful nation and all that makes it truly great with the world, they in return shared their cultures with us, we all embraced every bit of it and we're all better for it. For just a little while we all just got along, reveling in what makes us the same rather than focusing on the differences. We shared a few precious moments and our American hospitality with a world that views us differently, now understanding and appreciating our patriotism. Celebrating our similarities as well as what makes us all unique united us and made us forget for the moment all the trouble in the world. Here's to hoping that prevails. I'm grateful for the indomitable American spirit and neighborliness and for all those who visited, like the Scots, who left us perhaps better than they found



Scottish Cranachan. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

us. What a gift! Happy Birthday America!

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1776: How have we remembered?

By Bill Jeffway

Let's examine the celebrations of our nation's founding at 50-year intervals. We are about to reach the fifth such anniversary, counting 1826, 1876, 1926, 1976, and 2026. If we are lucky, we may live to see two such events. Comparing them, broadly through the lens of local history, can help us see how deep-seated principles can endure, or vanish. We can see how people become icons and become memorialized and remembered.

There is no doubt that the deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson on July 4, 1826, forever gave that anniversary of our nation's founding a divine providential dimension. It took several days for word to spread, so the Fourth of July festivities proceeded without this knowledge. But when word arrived, the nation was stunned. (Not to be outdone, President James Monroe died July 4, 1831. Perhaps more optimistically, President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.)

The greatest local highlight, still fresh in the public's memory in 1826, was the September 1824 arrival of Major General Lafayette for a two-year national tour. It was his first return trip from France since the end of the Revolutionary War. Although aged, there were several important local, living people, like Colonel Jacobus Swartwout (1732-1827) of Fishkill, who served in the war. And there were lesser-known veterans, like Milan's Andrew Frazier (1742-1846), who by July 4, 1826, had become a landowning, successful farmer after being born into enslavement at the Manor of Morrisania, a kind of "proof point" to the American promise.

We had come out of a period that was called at the time the "Era of Good Feelings." There was a sense that conflict was receding. It turned out to be the calm

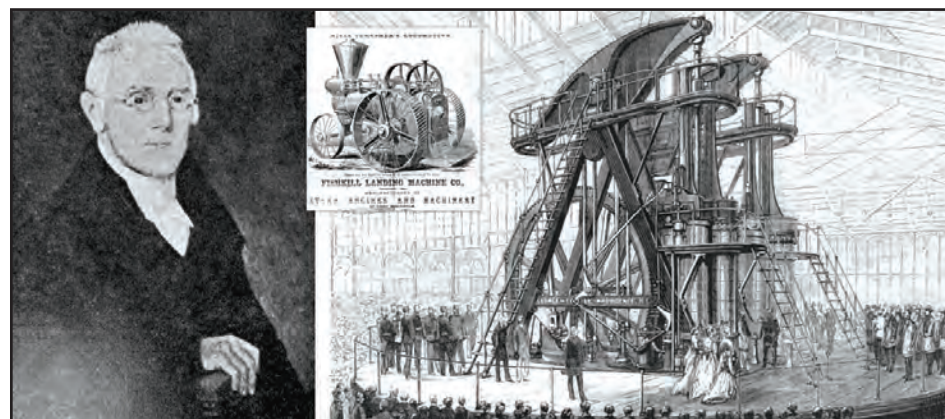
before the storm. The 1824 U.S. presidential election, which was decided by the U.S. House of Representatives after no candidate received an Electoral College majority, was, and continues to be, referred to as the "corrupt bargain" that made John Quincy Adams president. In the 1828 rematch, Andrew Jackson won and ushered in what became known as the era of Jacksonian Democracy, marking the arrival of the common man in the U.S. presidency and throughout society.

Although New York State was about to abolish slavery in 1827, in 1826 there was an awareness that the "divided house" of free and enslaved states that Lincoln warned about in 1858 could not stand. This was a time of optimism and dread, a sense of losing a familiar past and embracing an unprecedented, uncertain future.

1876 events

By the time of the 1876 celebration, there were no living people with direct ties to the Revolutionary War. Instead, there were descriptions of those who were living who recalled Lafayette's local visit to Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and today's Beacon. The Poughkeepsie Journal reported, "The visit of Gen. Lafayette to this country in 1824 and his reception by the military in this city is still remembered by many citizens, Gen. Thomas L. Davis, who conducted him along the line, and Capt. Samuel B. Dutton, who commanded the cavalry on the occasion are still living, as are several who stood in the ranks and saluted the grand old revolutionary hero." These were the last of the diminishing living ties to 1776.

The nation's signature event was the massive Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, which we can come to understand through the detailed writings of Poughkeepsie's Edmund Platt in his



The great difference between the 1826 and 1876 celebrations cannot be overstated. Above left: In 1826 there were living veterans like Jacobus Swartwout (DCHS yearbook 1966) and the visit of Major General Lafayette that kept the ties to 1776 very personal. By 1876, the celebration of the birth of America was focused more on the celebration of its industrial might. Shown is a view of the Corliss engine at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial exhibition that inspired the Fishkill Landing Machine Company to develop one of Dutchess County's most famous products (inset). *DCHS images*

Moving on to 1976

In 1976 the nation's signature event was "Operation Sail." In New York Harbor there were two hundred ships and perhaps six million viewers. Although the ships did not sail north from Manhattan, there is a tie to Dutchess County. The tie reflects the increasing memorialization of people who have passed away. U.S. President Ford launched the ceremonies by ringing a bell on the USS Forrester. The ship was named for Beacon (then Matteawan) resident James V. Forrester, who was Under Secretary of the Navy under President Franklin Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy under President Truman.

A review of the 1976-1977 DCHS Yearbook reveals the news that the "Friends of Elmendorph" in Red Hook had organized and raised funds to successfully purchase the aging Elmendorph Inn, which was described as "currently decrepit, but historically deserving, historically interesting, structurally useful and culturally enriching." Plans had been under way to demolish the building. The demolition of New York City's Penn Station between 1963 and 1966 is considered to have been the "wake-up" call showing that major efforts were needed for historic landmark preservation, including efforts around places like the Elmendorph.

This period is well studied as the period of Vietnam and the resignation of President Nixon, meaning the bicentennial occurred in a period of unprecedented change.

Now, in 2026, "Rev250" is taking shape in another period when past achievements can inspire us to take on what can seem like unprecedented challenges by recalling the principles that endure, sometimes at great cost, and the innovation that becomes necessary to create from a combination of the present, and a wish for the future.

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This photo of the cast of the pageant presented July 9, 1926, at White Plains New York representing the ratification by New York of the declaration of independence. Pageants were among the items encouraged by New York State to help educate the public on the importance of New York's role in the revolution. *DCHS yearbook 1926*. In 1976 there were many traditional parades and fireworks. There was also a growing awareness that the celebration of our history required the preservation of historic properties like the Elmendorph (lower image) that is handsomely operated by Historic Red Hook. *Photo by Bill Jeffway.*

diary as he describes (in sixteen pages of notes) his August 1876 five-day trip there. Platt was a major figure locally, forming the massive Luckey Platt department store, supporting Christian missions to Turkey, and working to create YMCAs (Young Men's Christian Association) locally and nationally. This is what he wrote about the massive steam engine made by Corliss: "The Corliss engine is a prominent thing standing near the center of Machinery Hall. It is 50 ft high, has two working beams and a flywheel 30 or 40 feet in diameter, two cylinders 40 inch and 120 inch in stroke, the boiler is outside, it is 1,400 horsepower and able to drive all the machinery on exhibition here." One of Dutchess County's most successful businesses, the Fishkill Landing Machine Company, was successful in using the Corliss prototype for its own manufacturing, making a national name for itself and creating one of Dutchess County's most famous products.

Looking at 1926

By 1926, America's military and industrial might had been demonstrated through its victorious role in World War I (1917 to 1918). New York State's focus on history involved correcting what it saw as an overrepresentation of the role of New England (Boston in particular), Pennsylvania, and Virginia in the narrative of our country's founding. So, New York State put an emphasis on concrete substantiation of local events and people by passing a law outlining how to celebrate!

The things from that period that remain visible today are the roadside historical markers used to "designate sites that are of historic significance in the colonial, revolutionary or state formative period." To locate original signs, look to the middle, at the bottom; each sign should have a date of when it was erected.

But the law laying out 150th anniversary plans was much broader. The recommendations included "literary and musical exercises, addresses, plays, parades, fireworks, pageants, moving pictures, historical exhibitions, games, contests, historical pilgrimage, history ball or party, erection of a Liberty Pole, markers and monuments," among other things. The 371-page book, *The American Revolution in New York*, was published by the state as a guide to celebration.

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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: July 2-5:** Workshop: "Ocean Walk," in the Powerhouse Theater. Fire Island is gone. A cataclysmic storm has breached the island's last defenses, leaving the Pines swallowed by the Atlantic Ocean. All residents have evacuated—except Harry, a 70-year-old man unwilling to abandon his submerged home. When Casey, a 17-year-old deckhand from the Sayville Ferry Service, arrives to pull him out, the two find themselves caught between survival and surrender, history, and erasure. Tickets \$30. **July 2, 9, 16 & 23:** "In This Economy?" Developed and performed by members of the Training Company. "In This Economy?" utilizes the gestural composing language of Soundpainting to create an ensemble-based improvised performance about what things cost. Free. No ticket required. Call (845) 437-5599 or email phtboxoffice@vassar.edu for tickets and more information.

Through 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: Through 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. **Through 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 fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

July 1: Twilight Music in the Park, Walkway Over the Hudson State Park, Ulster Welcome Plaza, Highland. Every Wednesday in June, July and August, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation welcomes an eclectic mix of talented local musicians for live music, 6-7 p.m. This week: Erin Hobson, soft rock covers. Concerts are free and suitable for all ages. www.walkway.org

July 2 & 7: Hudson Valley Summer Music Festival, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. 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. This week: Thurs., July 2, 7 p.m. Lyra Artist Concert with Avery Morris, Natalia Vilchis, Diyi Tang. Tues., July 7: 7 p.m. Special Guest Artist Concert with Danbi Um, Raman Ramakrishnan, and Albert Cano Smit. Details & tickets at lyramusic.org

July 3: Bannerman Island Movie Night. Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary by seeing "1776," the classic 1972 Musical directed by Peter H. Hunt on historic Bannerman Island. The film stars William Daniels as John Adams, Howard DaSilva as Benjamin Franklin, Ken Howard as Thomas Jefferson and Blythe Danner as Martha Jefferson. For tickets visit bannermancastle.org

July 3: First Friday Poughkeepsie. Downtown Poughkeepsie comes alive with food, drink, music, art, and culture on the first Friday of each month through October, 6-9 p.m.. Sponsored by The Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District. For complete details, visit

dtpk.org/firstfriday.

July 3: 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: The Dead Beats. Bring a chair or blanket, some food and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live. Lineup may be subject to change.

July 4: Independence Day at Clermont, Mansion Lawn, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Celebrate America250 at the home of Robert R Livingston, drafter of the Declaration of Independence. See reenactors portray the daily lives of colonists through live demonstrations. Explore the historic mansion and learn about the whole history of Clermont. Go on a spy mission to protect the Declaration of Independence. Make a historic craft or try out a colonial game. Dance to the traditional music of Tamarack. Be entertained by the songs and stories of Thomas Hooker Hanford. Hear readings of Frederick Douglass' famous speech "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" Enjoy delicious food from At First Bite. The day will end with a reading of the Declaration of Independence. The cost of this event is \$15 per vehicle. Cash only. The event ends at 5 p.m. The park closes at sunset. www.friendsofclermont.org or (518) 537-4240

July 4: Millbrook Summer Concert Series, Millbrook Bandshell, 3323 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. This week: Big Band Sound, favorites from the Big Band era 6 p.m., Concerts are free & open to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music. www.millbrookarts.org

July 4 & 18: Movies in the Park, Copake Falls Near the Ore Pit. Free movie night in the park. Bring family and friends, a blanket or lawn chairs, and snacks to join the Movie Nights at Taconic State Park. We'll be showing some of our favorite movies throughout the season in the open air on the lawn at Copake Falls. Movie choices will be announced via social media and in the Park's Office. Free. Time: July 4, 8:45 p.m.; July 18, 8:30 p.m. (518) 329-3993

July 5: Cocoon Theatre Sunday Soiree, Church-Hill Barn Theater, 283 Lapla Rd.,

Kingston The Vermont-based clown duo known as PePe (Peter Smyth and Peggy Florin) will perform their unique blend of dance/clown performance, 4-6 p.m. Soiree performances are followed by open discussion and a potluck inviting artists and audience to bring a dish/dessert ready to serve and share. The barn is neither heated nor cooled so all are asked to dress for the weather, with a \$20 suggested donation, by cash only (no wifi available). Parking is limited, carpooling encouraged. www.cocoontheatre.org or (845) 758-0695

July 5: Concert Series, Opus 40, Saugerties. Afro-Cuba! Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. <http://thelocalsaugerties.com/>

July 5: Freedom Day, Freedom Park, LaGrange. Attendees will meet George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Baron von Steuben while enjoying a period music performance by the Young Colonials Fife and Drum Corps. Period artisans will be on hand practicing trades including cooking, spinning wool, and blacksmithing. The event, running 11 a.m.-2 p.m., will also feature a colonial crafts table for the kids. Free and open to the public. www.lagrangeny-historicalsociety.org

July 5, 12 & 19: Guided Hike: History Hidden in the Woods, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills and Norrie State Parks might be? The beautiful park land was once the setting for grand Hudson Riverfront estates. This two-hour guided hike will lead visitors through 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. The hike begins at 10 a.m. and is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain, requiring study footwear. Free, but reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

July 8: Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Outdoor concert series featuring Southern Dutchess Concert Band, 7 p.m. Rain location: Taconic Reginal OFC-NY Parks, 9 Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. For any cancellations or changes, check the Hyde Park Recreation Facebook page.

EXHIBITIONS

The Church in Staatsburg, 5 Market St., Staatsburg. **Through Aug. 2:** "Artist Books of Loss & Healing," an exhibition bringing together artist books centered on love, loss, and healing. The exhibition features work by over 25 artists working across letterpress and bookbinding, photography and text, drawing and collage, and hand-sewn construction. Closing Reception: Sun., Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m. Open by appointment and weekends, noon-6 p.m. www.thechurchstaatsburg.org

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through Dec. 6:** Special exhibition, "Declaring the Revolution: America's Printed Path to Independence -- Historical Works from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection." 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, 18th-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. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Hessel Museum of Art, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard), Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through 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. **July 6-Aug. 22:** "PLACE | MEANT," exhibition by Laura Cannamela, Monica Church, Elisa Lendvay, Susan Newmark & Barbara Todd. **Opening Reception:** Fri., July 10, 6-8 p.m. 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

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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **July 3-Aug. 2:** "Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies," the exhibition explores the dialogue that emerges when an artist creates groups of related works. The show features a diverse range of works by gallery members across all mediums, styles, and sizes: from intimate visual "duets" to expansive four-part "quartets." **Opening reception:** Sat., July 4, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

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

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THEME: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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- Hawaiian flower garland
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- Pack animal
- Charged particle
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- Where there's trouble
- Rani's dress
- Useful quality
- Volcano off Sicily coast
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- Dems' opponents
- Not divisible by two
- Like certain people's glasses
- Australia's flightless bird
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- Not a minor
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- 168 hours
- Rookie
- Beauty pageant winner's headgear
- Make a blunder
- Serfdom, archaically speaking
- Indian black tea
- Capital of Tibet
- One's entourage
- *Liberty's partner
- Permission to leave
- Muse of love poetry
- Nickname for a certain violin
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- Like TV's famous ranger
- Candle shape
- Fortune teller's deck, pl.
- Who is Bugs Bunny talking to?
- Blemish
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- Driver's 180
- Bypass firewall, illegally
- Yemeni port
- Classic art subject
- Ball of yarn
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- Miami basketballer
- Cookbook direction
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- Sylvester Stallone's nickname

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Arts Mid-Hudson announces awards

Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH) and the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 Statewide Community Regrant (SCR) Program. A total of \$173,438 has been awarded to artists, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, libraries, and community groups throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties through three funding opportunities: Community Arts Grants, Individual Artist Commissions, and Arts Learning Grants.

Arts Mid-Hudson's Statewide Community Regrant program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The program supports arts and cultural activities that enrich commu-

nities, expand access to the arts, strengthen arts education, and provide opportunities for artists to create and share new work.

This year's awards will support a wide range of projects, including exhibitions, performances, festivals, workshops, cultural celebrations, public art initiatives, and arts learning opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley. 59 grant recipients across Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties were selected through a competitive peer-review process involving community panelists from across the region.

The complete list of 2026 Statewide Community Regrant recipients is available at <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/previously-funded>.

PePe at Cocoon Theatre Soiree

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Despite the grim subject matter, Smith said, "We do a fair amount of clowning in it. Our stuff is clowny, but also expressive movement and dance, kind of a hybrid of all those things. To some degree we're shattering expectations of those forms, bringing them together; something different comes out of that."

"We're not really improvising now. We're making work," said Florin. "We came back to it with a curiosity: What is this clowning thing and is it still within us? I've been delighted by it, as an older person and a very well trained, disciplined dancer, the expressiveness that's possible. It feels amazing, and we're interested in being funny – Peter's always saying 'is it funny?' – but I think there's a lightness of spirit that we're after."

Speaking about the power of silent, movement-based performance, Florin said, "It's about restraint, and being aware of the images that you're making, and letting those images have their time, and imprint on an audience. I think the older I get, the more I want to do less and let the imprint live. As a creator, you're getting out of the way of trying to tell and trying to reveal more. It's really so much getting rid of the stuff that's not necessary. It's slowing us down. Performance does that: you're brought to a different world. It changes your perception."

PePe has become a Cocoon Theatre favorite over the last few years.

"I'm honored to host PePe again at Cocoon," said Artistic Director Marguerite San Millan. "Their work is truly unique – outside the realm of dance rules or expected clowning techniques. They came to work with Cocoon in a curved way – bit by bit through a quick conversation here and there, a chance meeting, an acquaintance or two or three or four and more."

San Millan's association with Jean Churchill, Professor Emerita of Bard College's dance program (and Florin's longtime colleague), was one of those "curves." San Millan, herself a trained dancer, has performed several of

Churchill's works in and out of Cocoon Theatre.

Recalling her discovery of Florin, San Millan said, "She was a clown. She was a ballet dancer. She was a modern dancer. She was a choreographer. She was a teacher. Wait, clown!?! Now, there are all kinds of clowning. But what her work reminded me of is the work of a German-American dancer I studied when working on my degree in dance... way back in Texas, where my eyes were opened to the magic of Lotte Goslar. As choreographer she mixed pantomime with dance to create the most touching characters. Peggy follows suit."

San Millan added, "When Cocoon began its Soiree Series at the Red Hook space, Churchill was invited to present. Peggy Florin was invited to present. And with Peggy came Peter, who became the duo dance/clown team PePe."

"I really admire Marguerite," said Florin. "She is the epitome of a theater artist: Able to keep it going with such a passion, commitment and such generosity. She's been incredibly supportive of [PePe], she's an incredible producer as well as a beautiful mover. I'm thankful for her and the energy she puts out."

Some things to know if you go...

Cocoon's Soiree Series is held monthly on the first Sunday from June through October from 4 to 6 p.m. at the rustic Church-Hill Barn Theater, 283 Lapla Road, Kingston.

The soirees feature local and out-of-town artists bringing original work in a relaxed environment. Each performance is followed by open discussion and a potluck inviting artists and audience to bring a dish/dessert ready to serve and share.

The barn is neither heated nor cooled, so all are asked to dress for the weather, with a \$20 suggested donation, by cash only (no WiFi available). A simple compost toilet is offered.

Parking is limited, carpooling encouraged.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 or email 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 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. www.gracebiblefellowshipchurch.org

ONGOING

Parkinson's Support Group - at Starr Library Community Room, third Monday of the month, noon-1:30 p.m. The monthly Parkinson's Support Group is a gathering place for those with Parkinson's and their loved ones to create community and share information. The group will meet each month to offer a space for everyone to discuss their challenges and successes, share stories, connect with others who are navigating similar issues, and sift through medical information and the latest news about available treatments. Refreshments and resources provided. Register via the online calendar at www.starrlibrary.org. The library is at 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck.

Chess: First Monday, 7 p.m., at Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck.

PV Garden Club meets first Thursday of the month. Want to learn more about gardening while helping your neighbors? Join Pleasant Valley Community Gardens for its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Pleasant Valley Library. No experience necessary. Pleasant Valley Community Gardens are volunteers learning as they grow vegetables and flowers in Helen Aldrich Park on Route 115. Everything we grow is to benefit local food pantries. See our Facebook page and web site at www.pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com.

GREETERS IN THE GARDEN: Visit the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, located at 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, on the FDR National Historic Site, any day from dawn to dusk. Entry is free. On the first and third Sunday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., Volunteers Greeters will be on hand to informally provide historic and garden information. The historic, walled garden was designed in 1912 by Beatrix Farrand, the first American woman landscape architect, making this Hyde Park garden very significant. The newer "Wild Garden" is a thriving demonstration garden featuring 140 native plants. Free parking and restrooms are available at Wallace Center, a few steps from the historic, walled Beatrix Farrand Garden garden. For information about the nonprofit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service, visit the website: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.

Volunteer at Vanderbilt Garden: The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets, but there are other support tasks such as greeting the public that require no physical labor. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail volunteers@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit www.vanderbiltgarden.org.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.



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Red Hook High Auto Club hosts show with 90 cars

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Members of the Red Hook High School Auto Club are pictured at their car show on June 7. Close to 90 cars of many different makes were on hand for the 300 spectators. *Photos by Logan Rhinehart*

The Red Hook High School Auto Club hosted a car show on the grounds of the Mill Road Elementary School on Sunday June 7 with close to 90 cars of all different makes. The New York State police brought a 1970s Plymouth Fury police cruiser, which was one of the most viewed pieces in the collection. Approximately 300 visitors enjoyed the event.

Radio station, WKZE was on hand playing music and conducting interviews. The Red Hook Sports Club held a raffle to support athletes in the Red Hook Central School District.

This was the Red Hook Auto Club's first event and many more are planned. The students partnered with a local charity, Red Hook Responds, that battles food insecurity.

By charging a small entry fee and selling merchandise, the students raised \$3,000, half of which was donated to Red Hook responds.

The teens in the club managed everything from the merchandise and ticket sales to logistics, scheduling, and media throughout the event. Trophies were given at the end of the event to the best cars.

For more information and photos, check out the club Instagram page: @redhookautoclub. Red Hook High Auto Club



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. This year, more than 2,100 Adelphi graduates participated in the commencement ceremonies, including Jasper Otvertchenko of Pleasant Valley, Saige Stephney of Pleasant Valley, and Anastasia Burlingame of Hyde Park.

NEW PALTZ, NY - SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Local students include Colby Ackley of Staatsburg, Jessica Amato of Tivoli, Emily Anderson of Red Hook, Brooke Arco of Pleasant Valley, Olivia Babcock of Hyde Park, Kylie Barbatto of Red Hook, Mara Blatz of Pleasant Valley, Moira Burns of Red Hook, Daniel Butt of Hyde Park, Myah Cagliostro of Tivoli, Steven Cassarino of Rhinebeck, Vanessa Coons of Red Hook, Rebecka Deleon of Tivoli, Carolina Dickens of Rhinebeck, Caroline Dockstader of Stanfordville, Colleen Doherty of Tivoli, Bridget Donnelly of Stanfordville, Caitlyn Doyle of Red Hook, Camila Duran of Hyde Park, Lidia Espinoza Soriano of Hyde Park, Jay Forbes of Red Hook, Gianna Geraci of Clinton Corners, Madison Guzman-Henriquez of Millbrook, Mimzy Guzman-Henriquez of Millbrook, Allie Hammell of Pleasant Valley, Marco Jerry of Hyde Park, Cole Londin of Hyde Park, Lara Longman Azevedo of Rhinebeck, Gloria Losurdo of Red Hook, Thomas Macpherson of Pleasant Valley, John Magnarella of Pine Plains, Madeline Marchant of Clinton Corners, Gwen Masina of Wassaic, Mawazi Matende of Hyde Park, Ella Munderback of Millbrook, Katelyn Oles of Hyde Park, Ashley Ottman of Red Hook, Lacy Parsons of Red Hook, Sophie Pelletier of Pleasant Valley, Joseph Randazzo of Pleasant Valley, Marco Reyes of Millbrook, Katie Russell of Pine Plains, Abigail Scott of Red Hook, Jack Scott of Pleasant Valley, Ryan Scott of Hyde Park, Max Shock of Staatsburg, Benjamin Siebold of Hyde Park, Jack Sozzi of Staatsburg, Reign Stokes of Hyde Park, Paige Teixeira of Red Hook, Maxwell Ulyatt of Millbrook, Ryan Van Leuvan of Salt Point, Tania Wells of Stanfordville, Ashlynn Wilk of Hyde Park, Sean Wilk of Hyde Park, Grace Youngquist of Rhinebeck.

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Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited scholarships

Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited (MHTU) has announced two scholarships to high school seniors during recent graduation events. Left, Ezekiel Wouffin from Red Hook High School receives a \$500 scholarship award presented by Mike Matts, Vice President MHTU (left) and Mark Jones, MHTU president. The Southern Dutchess recipient was Dylan Hetrick of Beacon High School. Scholarship winners are passionate about the outdoors and will be pursuing a career in an environmental or ecology based field of study. *Courtesy photo*

Two BOCES CTI students receive 2026 Thomas Olivo Leadership Award

KINGSTON – Henry Cavanaugh, a student in the Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management program at Dutchess BOCES Career & Technical Institute, representing Rhinebeck High School, and Zane McCormick-Blaine, a student in the CISCO and Cybersecurity program at Ulster BOCES Career Academies at iPark 87, representing Rondout Valley High School, have been selected as the 2026 recipients of the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award for ACTEA Zone 4, representing the Hudson Valley region including Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties.

Presented through the Association for Career and Technical Education Administrators (ACTEA), the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award recognizes Career and Technical Education (CTE) students who exemplify leadership, service, technical excellence, and commitment to their communities. Recipients are selected based on their accomplishments in Career and Technical Education, leadership experiences, community involvement, future goals, and recommendations from educators and mentors. Each award includes a \$500 scholarship to support students as they continue their educational and career journeys.

“These students represent the very best of Career and Technical Education,” said Ulster BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Design, Career Pathways Programs, Peter Harris, who serves as ACTEA Zone 4 Representative & President of NYSACTE. “Through leadership, technical skill, innovation, and service to others, they demonstrate the powerful impact of CTE experiences in preparing young people for success in college, careers, and community leadership.”

Named in honor of Thomas Olivo, a respected advocate and champion for Career and Technical Education, the award celebrates students who embody the values of service, professionalism, collaboration, and leadership through CTE.

Henry Cavanaugh: Rhinebeck High School / Dutchess County BOCES

CTE Program: Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management

Post-Secondary Plans: Culinary Institute of America – Hyde Park

Henry Cavanaugh is the kind of student who lights up both a kitchen and a room. As SkillsUSA Captain of the Quiz Bowl Team, he leads with warmth and encouragement while supporting teammates through competitions and community service experiences. His culinary teacher, Amanda Scora, describes him as a “natural born leader” who has grown into a confident and independent voice that helps run the kitchen each day. His advisor, Heidi Thunder, shared that in 24 years of teaching, Henry is among the most caring and driven students she has known.

Henry has earned High Honors at both Dutchess BOCES and Rhinebeck High School, placed second at the SkillsUSA Regional Culinary Quiz Bowl, and earned both ServSafe Food Handlers and Managers certifications. He has worked as a Prep Cook at the Beekman Arms, Fry Cook at Buns Burgers, and Line Cook/Caterer at Young Chefs Café. He also completed an internship at the Anderson Center for Autism and operates a freelance cooking and caretaking business within his community. His passion for culinary arts and his genuine care for others embody the spirit of the Thomas Olivo Leadership Award.

Career and Technical Education programs across New York State provide students with opportunities to engage in hands-on, industry-connected learning experiences that prepare them for both college and career success. Through partnerships with business, industry, labor, and post-secondary institutions, CTE students develop technical expertise, professional skills, and leadership capacities that support lifelong success.



Henry Cavanaugh, Dutchess BOCES Career & Technical Institute, prepares meatballs in his culinary program's kitchen. *Courtesy photo*

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TUSCALOOSA, AL - Chloe Su of Pleasant Valley was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for Spring Semester 2026.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

BUFFALO, NY - The following local students were named to the University at Buffalo's spring 2026 dean's list.

Daniel Bopp of Pleasant Valley, Cameron Decker of Red Hook, Irelynn Fitzgerald of Hyde Park, Jake Florin of Hyde Park, Liam Hally of Red Hook, Talia Lipke of Milan, Philip Ouma of Pleasant Valley, Micah Sinclair of Amenia.

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must demonstrate academic excellence by earning a grade point average of at least 3.600 while completing a minimum of 12 UB letter-graded (A-F) credit hours. Students are named to the dean's list at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

TUSCALOOSA, AL - Sydney McKay of Red Hook has received the following degree from The University of Alabama:

Master of Library & Information Studies. UA awarded some 7,000 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies.

DELHI, NY - SUNY Delhi congratulates over 850 students who achieved the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Gina Coluccio of Hyde Park is pursuing an associate degree in Veterinary Science Technology.

Leonardo De Anda of Stanfordville is pursuing an associate degree in Electrical Construction & Plumbing.

Amanda Intrieri of Millerton is pursuing an associate degree in Veterinary Science Technology.

Jennifer Massarone of Rhinebeck is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management.

Evan Thomas of Millerton is pursuing an associate degree in Electrical Construction & Plumbing.

Gionna Wrobel of Clinton Corners is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Construction Management: Design & Building.

The Dean's List is a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

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Growing Gardeners program to start July 7 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (BFGA) will present Growing Gardeners, a weekly story and craft program presented in partnership with the Hyde Park Free Library District, Staatsburg Library, and Adriance Memorial Library. Designed for children entering 1st through 3rd grade, this engaging program connects stories, nature, and hands-on creativity. The programs will be held Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. from July 7 to Sept. 1.

Each week, a guest librarian will read a garden-themed story, followed by a fun, age-appropriate craft led by a BFGA volunteer.

Programs take place outdoors on the lawn inside the Walled Garden (weather permitting), or in the pavilion during hot or rainy conditions.

Families are encouraged to stay and enjoy the garden together. Free parking, restrooms, and a water refill station are available at the nearby Wallace Center.

Advance registration is requested at <https://beatrixfarrandgarden.org/>

Weekly schedule:

July 7 – Butterflies in the Garden

July 14 – Trees Are Awesome!

July 21 – What Do Worms Do?

July 28 – Bees Are Buzzing

August 4 – Do Plants Drink Water?

August 11 – Birds Live in the Garden Too!

August 18 – Why Do Plants Live in the Dirt?

August 25 – Flowers Come in Many Shapes and Colors

September 1 – Leaves Are Falling – It Must Be Fall!

Macdonald, Raitt named top students in Rhinebeck's Class of 2026

Beatrice Macdonald and Alan Raitt were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the Class of 2026, the high school announced.

"My colleagues and I are proud of Beatrice and Alan and all they have achieved, both in and out of the classroom," said Edwin Davenport, high school principal. "We wish them every success in what comes next and hope they always feel connected to Rhinebeck High School."

Macdonald and Raitt were part of the start and growth of the high school robotics club. Macdonald was one of the founders of the robotics club with Kaia Rouse, Ellie Firestone and Zsuzsanna Moore. The seniors started the club as sophomores.

"That's been our passion project," said Macdonald. "It's been really amazing. We started the club, did the proposal for all of it and have now been able to host events. We've gotten some generous grants from the Rhinebeck Science Foundation that have helped us to do that. It'll be a little sad to say goodbye to that."

Raitt benefited from the initiative of his classmates, joining the club when it started.

"I did have an interest already," he said. "I had done several summer programs revolving around robotics. I do think the club greatly contributed to my interest in robotics."

Raitt will soon leave the region to

attend the University of Southern California to pursue a career in robotics.

"I'm looking forward to that; I'm also going to be sad to leave everybody," he said. "I think I've always loved making things. I think robotics combines the virtual aspect of programming, figuring out procedures and also designing something. That whole process is really rewarding."

Raitt is the son of Alexander Raitt and Mia Cha, and has a younger sister, Anna. Raitt has played the violin in the high school band, and is a member of the science club, crew program and National Honor Society.

His advice to everyone is to "stay curious."

"For every really difficult thing you do, there might be something on the other side," he said. "In school, you're learning and part of that learning is always to build an understanding of things. You should always remain inquisitive, even if the subject might be boring or you might think it's not your thing."

Macdonald is the daughter of Peter and Trisha Macdonald, and has a younger brother, Oliver. Macdonald entered Bulkeley Middle School after moving with her family to Rhinebeck from New York City.

Macdonald is the president of the science club, vice president of the National Honor Society and treasurer of the senior class. She is a member of the French club



Beatrice Macdonald and Alan Raitt were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for Rhinebeck High School's Class of 2026. Macdonald will attend the University of Chicago. Raitt, left, will attend the University of Southern California. Courtesy photo

and school newspaper.

Macdonald will attend the University of Chicago where she'll major in biochemistry and romance languages. She'll continue toward a Ph.D. in biochemistry and hopes to one day be a professor doing long-term scientific research.

"I hope I'm remembered at Rhinebeck

as a positive contributor to the classroom," she said. "I think there is more to doing well in school than just getting good grades. I hope what I've brought to the classroom has made it more interesting and more collaborative in our discussion-based classes."

COLLEGE NOTES continued from page 19

WEST HARTFORD, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Amelia Jensen of Pleasant Valley has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture.

CORTLAND, NY - There were 2,578 students recognized for academic excellence on the SUNY Cortland Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Each of SUNY Cortland's three

schools publishes its own Dean's List. They are the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Education.

Those honored included:

Kathryn Boyd of Red Hook, Sport Management

Liam Boyd of Red Hook, Physical Education K-12

Claire Fanelli of Pleasant Valley, Physical Education K-12

Nadiya Grossman of Rhinebeck, Political Science

Morgan Hannon of Hyde Park, Physical Education K-12

Kerry Hare of Red Hook, Inclusive Education Childhood

Ginamarie Kirk of Stanfordville, Exercise Science

Colin MacDonald of Red Hook, Exercise Science

Katharine Quinn of Millbrook, Communication Studies

Maeve Szwed of Rhinebeck, Physical Education K-12

Eric Wahlquist of Red Hook,

Criminology

Emma Wilson of Red Hook, Sport Management

Aleksa Yambrick of Staatsburg, Adolescence Education: English

The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

Answers to this week's diversions
(puzzles on page 16)

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Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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3	7	6	4	8	9	2	1	5
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Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)

Stars
Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 101

By David Kalvitis
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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on June 8, 2026, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
June 22, 2026.

/s/Julie Shiroishi
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2026076

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,731,679, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,365,840 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Construction Management Services Building
Period of probable usefulness: 5 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$4,731,679
Amount of bonds to be issued: \$2,365,840 bonds
Other monies: \$2,365,839 State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status: Type II Action

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-77-26

Rebid for Air Compressor Preventive Maintenance and Repairs
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of July 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Govern-

ment", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, FOR THE YEAR 2026 HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE UNDER-

SIGNED ASSESSOR, AND A CERTIFIED COPY IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK ON JULY 1, 2026 WHERE THE SAME WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION, DATED JULY 1, 2026 GARTH SLOCUM ASSESSOR TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

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A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
June 22, 2026.

/s/Julie Shiroishi
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2026077

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGN COSTS FOR THE CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT FOR THE DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$8,707,356, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,353,678 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Design costs for the DCC transformation project
Period of probable usefulness: 5 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$8,707,356
Amount of bonds to be issued: \$4,353,678 bonds
Other monies: \$4,353,678 State grants-in-aid
SEQRA status: Type II Action

Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Planning Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: **Gretna Farm LLC, Kyle and Kelly Kirchoff - Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment**

Gretna Road
Grid #: 6364-03-273476
194 Gretna Road
Grid #: 6364-03-312379

The applicant would

like to have a lot line adjustment on a 90.09 acre lot of vacant land and take 0.83 acres from it and move it to 194 Gretna Road. The remaining 89.26 acres of vacant land then will be subdivided into two parcels: the original being 44.23 acres, and the newly created lot will be 45.03 acres.

SAID Meeting will take place on July 8, 2026 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 and begins at

6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO CLOSE A HIGHWAY

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Milan, County of Dutchess

This is to certify that the undersigned Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Milan closes a section of highway in the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, known as Battenfeld Road. It is necessary to close that portion of the highway between the

intersections of Becker Hill Road and Shookville Road as an existing culvert pipe/bridge is being repaired or replaced under the provisions of the Highway Law, and the work cannot be properly conducted and completed unless that portion of the above-described road is closed during the time such work is in progress. You are hereby notified that the above-described section of road shall be closed by me on July 8, 2026, for the duration of 30 days.

Executed on this 10th day of June 2026.

Glenn Butler
Supt. of Highways

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-82-26

Pressure Seal Forms - PSF2W

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of July 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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

H. Ellis Griffin

POUGHQUAG - It is with deep sadness that I announce the death of my best friend and loving husband of over 50 years of marriage, H. Ellis Griffin, on June 18, 2026. He was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas on October 21, 1939. He also lived in Baytown, TX; San Diego, CA; Chicago, IL and Peekskill, NY.

Ellis was a voracious reader and a traveler by nature. He traveled through space and time through his Sci-fi readings, having as many as four books going at one time. He started traveling the world after high school by joining the Navy and seeing all the sights in the Pacific. When he worked for Union Carbide Medical Products, he visited Australia, the Soviet Union, Caribbean, and the main countries in Europe as International Service Manager. His work with Emerson Process Management brought him to Asia, Central and South America and as far as Terra del Fuego. While working at Emerson, he won the Service Excellence Award three times.

By hosting 27 international high school students from 14 different countries, we did some armchair traveling. Through these students, we also had the opportunity to visit many of their homelands and to meet their families and even attend weddings. Ellis and I also visited all 50 of the United States, taking some of the students along on our adventures.

He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond Ellis Griffin and Icie Mae Foster, his two older brothers, Warren and William, his two brothers-in-law, Joseph Grabon and Robert Juszczuk and one of the international students, Katarina Novichkova.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Griffin; his sisters-in-law Barbara Juszczuk and Sherry Grabon; and several nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 am on Friday July 3, 2026 at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road Hopewell Junction,

NY 12533. Burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery.

For anyone unable to attend the Mass, you may tune into the livestream here: <https://vimeo.com/event/6008534/941ea06d60>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to National Marrow Donor Program (formerly known as Be the Match) 500 N. Fifth St. Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Susan 'Sue' Haug

STAATSBURG - Susan "Sue" Knabbe Haug, 75, of Staatsburg, NY, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Born on May 21, 1951, to Bob and Nancy Knabbe, Sue was a proud "true Ghent kid." She graduated from Chatham High School in 1969 and moved to Staatsburg in 1975.

Sue worked for many years at Hyde Park Grand Union before beginning a career at the Culinary Institute of America in 1989. Over more than 30 years at the CIA, she worked in the Financial Aid Office and later the Student Recreation Center, where she became a mentor and friend to countless students she affectionately called her "CIA kids."

Sue enjoyed gardening, traveling, cruising, NASCAR, and spending time with the many dogs she and her husband, Tom, loved throughout the years. Nothing brought her greater joy than her family, especially her beloved granddaughters, Kyra and Sydney.

Sue was predeceased by her parents, Bob and Nancy Knabbe.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Tom; her daughters, Melissa (Keith) Crysler, Becky Holt (Shaun Sproul), and Carrie; her beloved granddaughters, Kyra and Sydney; her brothers, Bob (Joann) Knabbe and Mike (Laura) Knabbe; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at Sweet's Funeral

Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd. Hyde Park, NY on Wednesday, July 1, from 3pm to 5pm. A celebration of Sue's life will be held at a later date, with details to be announced by the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nancy Knabbe Scholarship Fund, c/o Chatham Central School District, 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, NY 12037. Please note "Nancy Knabbe Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Rose Moore

RED HOOK - Rose "Suggy" "Titi" Moore, 91, of 5 Elizabeth Street, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2026. Affectionately known to many as Suggy or Titi, Rose was a beloved fixture in the Red Hook community and a friend to all who knew her. True to form, she was still sporting her signature jet-black hair.

Born on January 21, 1935, in Poughkeepsie, NY, she was the daughter of the late Muriel A. Briggs. She graduated from Rhinebeck High School in 1953. Rose married Thomas Lee Moore in Red Hook, NY and had two beloved children, Terry and Brian.

She worked for decades at the Grand Union both in Red Hook and Rhinebeck. She was a familiar face for all shoppers. Following a strong example from her mother, Suggy worked cleaning homes and offices. Her most recent and most loved position was "working her fingers to the bone" as cake decorator at Holy Cow Ice Cream with Patty Bowman. The laughs, hugs and free ice cream were an added bonus. No matter where she worked, what she enjoyed most was the people. She had a gift for lively conversation, loved getting to know others, and could always be counted on for a laugh and a warm smile.

Suggy became a familiar face throughout Red Hook. She enjoyed many of the local favorites while "running the streets," including

Ben's Village Pizza, C&R Deli, Griff's Deli, Stewart's Shop North, the Village Diner, and, of course, Holy Cow. Whether running errands or stopping in for a treat, she rarely met a stranger.

Suggy was an enthusiastic athlete for the Rhinebeck Indians and an accomplished bowler, participating in many leagues. She was also a devoted supporter of Red Hook athletics, and especially loved cheering on Brian and later, Emma. She loved cheering on her Raiders from the front row of the bleachers and was known to watch little league from her car parked along the road near Father Carroll Field honking the horn for children she didn't even know. Her enthusiasm and unwavering support earned her the distinction of being named Booster of the Year by the Red Hook Raiders Sports Club 2007-2008.

One of the greatest joys of her life came with the birth of her great grandchildren, Eva and Mason. She treasured the time they spent together and was overjoyed to watch her family continue to grow. The kids were always the first things she thought about and the lights of her life. Titi never missed an event, often bringing presents even though she was told not to. "Poor Titi"

In addition to her mother and her husband, Rose was predeceased by her beloved children, Terry "Sissy" and Brian T. Moore.

She is survived by her brother, Jacob Briggs (Fawn); her granddaughter, Emma Brooks (Aaron); her great-grandchildren, Eva and Mason; her nieces and nephews; many dear friends who helped care for her and became family; and a community of neighbors who adored her.

Friends and family called on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook.

Memorial donations may be made to the Red Hook Raiders Sports Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook.

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NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES:

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July 8th Issue Deadline is as follows:
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THREE (3) bedroom apartment AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, rent is \$1,764.00 per month or join SHORT WAIT LIST for Two (2) bedroom apartment, current rent is \$1,540.00. One month security deposit is required. Tenant is responsible for electric for lights, cooking air conditioning (wall-thru air conditioners provided) as well as cable, phone and internet service. Included in rent is heat, hot water, water, sewer and trash collection. Credit/Criminal Background Check is required. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Income restrictions apply. Please call (845) 297-2004 for an application.



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Note: the Office for the Aging, OFA Friendship Centers and Dutchess County Government offices are closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day (Saturday, July 4th).

New SNAP/EBT technology coming ... but not yet

We've harped for years on the issue of improving security for the magnetic-stripe cards used in New York State for benefits programs like SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) and other programs that use electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards.

"Chip and PIN" technology on credit and debit cards has been minimum basic security for such cards, for over a decade - but not on SNAP/EBT cards in New York. That has made it all too easy for thieves and scammers around the world to steal benefits from food-insecure New Yorkers. Among those vulnerable to SNAP theft are over 3,700 Dutchess County residents age 65 and up, according to the most recent numbers from the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

If you think we at OFA are frustrated, imagine what goes through the mind of a SNAP recipient on the first of the month -when they find out that their newly replenished monthly benefit has already been stolen by scammers.

Less secure than a hotel room keycard: That's what a current New York SNAP/EBT card amounts to: magnetic stripe technology largely unchanged since hotel room keycards came on the market over 40 years ago. It doesn't take a criminal mastermind to exploit the weaknesses.

Light at the end of the tunnel? The recently passed New York State budget for fiscal year 2027 includes a measure requiring OTDA to update all

SNAP/EBT cards, starting on January 1st, 2027. The transition is supposed to be completed by the end of 2027. That's promising news, if all goes according to plan; in the meantime, the old cards are still in effect -and still vulnerable.

How to protect your SNAP/EBT benefits: Visit dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable for instructions in English and Spanish on how to "freeze" an EBT/SNAP card so that it can only be used by the true recipient, only at the time a purchase is being made. Also available are instructions on protecting a card from the skimmer technology that thieves use to steal benefits.

Maybe by this time next year, we won't have to worry about this particular scam. But scammers are relentlessly adaptable when it comes to crime. Whatever methods they come up with next, OFA will help you prepare for them.

The best scam defense is human connection

Stopping scams requires all of us to use every tool in our toolbox of ideas. Technological solutions can be tremendously effective in blocking scammers from reaching us in the first place, but sheer force of numbers means that a few scammers will always get through, the way we still get mosquito bites no matter how thoroughly we thought we bug-sprayed ourselves.

How could they fall for that obvious scam? is not the question to ask. You could fall for that obvious scam, too. We are all capable of hearing only what we want to hear, disregarding the red flags. It's what scammers count on, and why they seek out and exploit socially isolated people.

We can thwart scammers by filling the gaps in human connection that lead to this isolation. Every moment of human connection is one less opportunity for a

scammer.

Help our older adults get ready for the coming heat wave

The forecast (as of when this Aging News was emailed) calls for high temperatures in the 90s starting on Wednesday, July 1, and sticking around into at least the start of the long Independence Day weekend.

For qualifying Dutchess County older adults and medically vulnerable residents without air conditioning, there's an immediate opportunity (while supplies last) for a free residential air conditioner. For details, visit this link from the county executive's office, or call OFA during business hours at 845486-2555.

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

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

Your local civic organizations or gov-

ernments can arrange Mobile Office Hours for your home community by contacting OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours or emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov.

OFA Picnic 'Bye' Week

After five OFA Summer Picnics in five weeks, serving over 1500 Dutchess County older adults, we need a breather!

There's no picnic this coming week; the schedule resumes on Wednesday, July 8th with the OFA Picnic for City of Beacon older adults. Beacon seniors who haven't signed up yet can call OFA to save their seat, at 845-486-2555, during business hours. The full picnic schedule, with directions to each upcoming venue and pictures from past picnics, is at www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics.

Thanks in advance to those guests who can car-pool to picnics. It makes parking that much easier for everybody.

Thanks also to AccentCare, Central Hudson, Westchester Medical Center Health Network and The Pines at Poughkeepsie for their support of the 2026 picnic season.

And a Bad Joke!

How do sea turtles communicate with each other? Shell phones.

Serino directs \$35,000 toward cooling assistance for seniors and medically vulnerable residents

With New York State's Cooling Assistance Program (CAP) already depleted, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is again making sure help is available for older adults and medically vulnerable residents to stay safe and cool during the summer heat. The County Executive has dedicated \$35,000 in County funding to provide free window air conditioning units to eligible residents in need.

The initiative is being coordinated through the County's Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS) and Office for the Aging (OFA), with distribution and installation provided through the County's partnership with Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC).

"The summer heat can be a huge concern for many of our older adults and neighbors with health conditions - especially those on fixed incomes who struggle to afford the air conditioners that keep them safe and cool," said Serino. "With this funding, we can help ensure those most at risk can get the help they need to stay cool as temperatures rise. I encourage all eligible adults to reach out and apply today."

Modeled after New York State's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Assistance Benefit program, Dutchess County's initiative is available to residents who:

- Are 65 or older OR have a medical condition that is made worse by heat;
- Meet income eligibility requirements; and
- Do not currently have a working air

conditioner in their home.

Applications are available online via www.dutchessny.gov and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Priority will be given to older adults with medical conditions that may be worsened by extreme heat. Those who have received an air conditioner within the past five years either through HEAP or the County's cooling assistance program, are not eligible.

Those who have the New York State of Health Essential Plan must apply through the Essential Plan Cooling Program: <https://share.google/8JGikbG3ghhL1No0Y>.

Applications should NOT be mailed. Completed applications and required documentation may be submitted by email to Zoe.Levy-Serrano@dfa.state.ny.us or Donna.Parker2@dfa.state.ny.us; by faxing them to 845-486-3232; or presented in person at one of the following locations:

Dutchess County DCFS60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie

Dutchess County DCFS223 Main Street, Beacon

Dutchess County DCFS131 County House Road, Millbrook

Dutchess County OFA114 Delafield Street, Poughkeepsie

Once approved, CAPDC staff will conduct an in-person visit to assess needs and determine the most appropriate cooling solution, followed by installation of the air conditioner.

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