

Contract awarded
for Red Hook
solar project

By Kate Goldsmith

The Red Hook Town Board at its June 25 meeting awarded Harvest Power LLC the contract for the town's Cookingham Community Solar Project. Harvest Power's bid of \$1,816,320 was the lower of two bids for the project. Renua Energy, the other company, proposed \$2,328,603.

In a letter to Supervisor Robert McKeown, consulting firm Tighe & Bond said it "believes that the bid and contract price encompasses the full scope of work. In addition, the contractor asked questions during the bidding process to satisfy us that they understand the level of effort to complete the scope."

The town's May 13 bond resolution "authorizes the construction and equipping of an approximately 499 KW Ac/ 749.1 KW DC community solar array on an approximately 4 acre portion of the 11.16 acre parcel" adjacent to the Cookingham Farm property west of Route 9 North. The Town Board has determined the project will not result in "any significant environmental effects, or the action avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable."

The Town Board plans to finance the project through bonds, in addition to a \$175,000 NYSERDA grant. The board will also seek additional grant funding.

More information is available at <https://www.redhookny.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/974?fileID=17665>

'A calling to help' drives extraordinary
Millbrook volunteer Joan Van Tassell

Fire Dept. sets
annual carnival,
parade July 9-12

By Curtis Schmidt

The year was 1965 and Joan Van Tassell had to make a difficult decision. She and her family were attending the Sunday service at Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook and the minister noted that the Millbrook Ambulance Corps was in need of volunteers.

She was an experienced emergency room nurse and Nurse Supervisor at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Joan said she has always "felt a calling to help" whenever and wherever she could. The emergency room role was her "first love." So, volunteering with the Ambulance Corps provided another strong attraction.

"I talked to my husband, Henry, and the four boys. I was already doing 24 hours a week on the 3-11 p.m. shift at Vassar, so the Ambulance Corps would add many more hours a week that I would not be at home," she said.

It was a life-changing decision and one that Joan never regretted.

Earlier this year, she was honored for 60 years of service to the Millbrook Rescue Squad. She will also be honored a



From left are Millbrook Fire Department President Matt Rochfort, Past Assistant Chief of the Rescue Squad Joan Van Tassell and Past Fire Chief Ted Bownas. *Archive photo by Curtis Schmidt*

second time as Grand Marshal of the Millbrook Volunteer Engine Hook and Ladder Company Parade, set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 12. The parade is the culmination of the four-day carnival running evenings from 7 p.m. to midnight beginning Wednesday, June 9, at the

Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue. Looking back now at the age of 90, Joan says "the all-volunteer approach was the lifeblood" of the Rescue Squad, not only in Millbrook, but all over the Hudson Valley. "Employers let the

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'Signature' exhibit at FDR Library
features historic letters, objects

By Alexander Tsahalís



A cartoon cell signed by Walt Disney is one of the many objects on display in the new exhibit at the FDR Library & Museum. *Photo by Alexander Tsahalís*

HYDE PARK - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the longest-serving president in U.S. history. His wife, Eleanor, was the longest-served first lady. During his four terms in office, they received letters from many celebrities, politicians, heads of state, and military heroes. Now, the FDR Museum and Library has compiled some of these, along with letters from famous historical figures and the general public, into their new exhibition, "Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and everyday Americans."

This exhibition has something for everyone, from the celebrity-obsessed to someone who can't get enough of World War II history. Here's a sample of what's

on display:

Have you ever wanted to see letters written by some of the most famous people in Hollywood? This exhibit has quite a few! In June 1938, Shirley Temple, then one of the biggest box office draws, sent FDR a Shirley Temple Police Force badge, making him an official member of her police force. Gary Cooper's January 1944 letter to FDR also makes an appearance, along with a gift that he was given and asked to pass along to FDR from a soldier fighting in WWII. What did the soldier send? An ashtray made out of shells and bullets in the shape of a plane! This ashtray wasn't the only gift that FDR received from Hollywood royalty. In January 1940, Walt Disney sent him an animation cell from "The Pointer," a

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Locust Grove to host annual car show on Sunday, July 13

By Jim Donick

This Sunday, July 13, will see the annual Locust Grove Car Show on the grounds of the iconic estate of Samuel F.B. Morse.

“This is always one of the best shows of the season,” notes local aficionado and one of the founders of the event, Tom

Weisman.

The venue attracts well over 500 cars each year. Enthusiasts note that the show is particularly family friendly. The late Herb Lorenz used to say that wives would tell him that this was the only event they wanted to go to. The beauty of the grounds, the clean, air conditioned rest rooms and the attraction of the man-

sion itself, make for a lovely family outing.

“We love doing this,” says Mike Butler, president of the Hudson Valley Auto Enthusiasts. “In 2024 we had more cars than ever before and we are hoping for even more in 2025.”

The proceeds go to help support the Locust Grove estate. After last year’s

event, Emily Ellison, Director of Programs and Marketing at Locust Grove Estate, said “We love the car show, it’s just awesome. Seeing all these beautiful cars on the lawns under the trees here is marvelous.”

The show will run, rain or shine, on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Huge crowd turns out for fireworks at Walkway Over the Hudson



A stunning display of fireworks on the Hudson River near the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park provided a fitting culmination to activities on July 4th. Hundreds of visitors made the trek to the Walkway, which is the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge, perched 212 feet above the Hudson River. *Photos by Jim Donick*

‘A calling to help’ drives extraordinary Millbrook volunteer Joan Van Tassell

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volunteers off work whenever they were needed.”

But it was much more than emergencies. The responsibilities of the Rescue Squad also included countless hours of training and teaching.

During those early years, Joan had plenty of favorites. Number one was her husband and farmer Henry. “He was an angel. He would always pick up and do whatever was needed when I needed to be away,” she said. “He always said, ‘I don’t care if you have to go out in the middle of the night, just don’t come back to bed and put your cold feet on my back!’”

And then there were her colleagues with the Rescue Squad. Joan named John Kading, Rev. Edwin Daniels and Elmer Mock as early members.

“We all lived in the community and this was all about caring for each other,” she said. “We had several nurses, but we were all learning by the seats of our pants. We had training meetings every Tuesday night, sometimes with squads from other towns, sharing our skills.”

Joan noted that the members set up mock accident scenes with blood and used makeup kits to make everything look as believable as possible.

“It was all very serious, but we did have a lot of fun and built some great friendships as we learned and the squad evolved with the times. These were incredibly wonderful people,” she said.

But this was a true Rescue Squad and that meant many difficult times as well. In addition to fires, they responded to auto and farm accidents and even suicides.

“With emergencies and rescue, we never knew what we would encounter from one day to the next,” said Joan. “There were plenty of fatalities, and there were lots of times where we sat down and cried together, holding hands. You can say ‘That’s life,’ but those events leave lasting marks on your life.”

Joan has vivid memories of every situation – like the time a friend was killed in an accident with a dump truck, and talking to survivors following a suicide.

And then there was the accident with a tractor that involved her son, Jeffrey, who was 13 at the time.

“His hand got caught and I told him while we were in the ambulance that he would probably lose two fingers,” said Joan. But her friend and colleague, plastic surgeon Dr. Robert Scileppi, met the ambulance as it pulled into the parking area of the emergency room at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. During the surgery that followed, Dr. Scileppi saved the two fingers.

Joan said, “There were plenty of times when I came home and said ‘I don’t know if I want to go back and keep doing it.’ But my husband always said ‘Just take your time and think about it.’ He never discouraged me.”

For her, it always came back to her calling of wanting to help out, regardless of the situation.

Joan was elected Captain of the Rescue Squad in 1978. In 1985, she became a Life Member and continued to serve as Captain for 13 more years. In April of 1991, she was elected Assistant Chief of Rescue, serving for seven years, before stepping down in 1998.

Joan recently received the Earl Laffin Volunteer Award from Dutchess County. In 1999, she received the Edward “Bud” Marona Service Award for the Rescue Squad, and in 2003 she received the Bert Roberts Memorial Award for her dedication to the fire department. In April of 2012, alongside her two close friends and rescue squad colleagues, Bud Marona and Wayne Tompkins, she was honored with the Augustine Rotunno Lifetime Achievement Award. In June of 2015, Joan retired from Vassar Brothers Medical Center after 59 years.

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Joan Van Tassell, right, has been a member of the Millbrook Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad since 1965. She will be honored a second time as Grand Marshal of the annual Fireman's Parade, which steps off at 6 p.m. Saturday on Franklin Avenue in Millbrook. The parade will be the culminating event of the four-day carnival of the Millbrook Fire Department. Photo by Curtis Schmidt



Resilience is theme of July 17 Women’s Networking Event

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino will host her annual Women’s Networking Event on Thursday, July 17, at 5:30 p.m., at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center in Hyde Park. This free event is an opportunity for local women to build new connections and grow their personal and professional networks.

This year’s theme, “The Faces of Resilience,” will shine a light on local women who have demonstrated unwavering strength in perseverance in the face of life’s challenges.

Attendees will hear from inspiring speakers, including:

- Karmen Smallwood, Assistant Commissioner for Youth Services, Dutchess County Government
- Britney Ettinger, Bolger House Program Director, Mental Health America of Dutchess County
- Epiphany Musabyemariya, Personal Care Assistant

“Life can test us in ways we never expect, but the women speaking at this year’s event remind us that true strength is found in how we keep moving forward – for ourselves and for the people who count on us,” said Serino. “My hope is that everyone who attends leaves not only feeling inspired by these stories, but also connected to new friends and neighbors they can lean on. We’re stronger when we lift each other up, and this event is all about making those connections that help us do just that.”

Serino launched this annual Women’s Networking Event in 2018 while serving as State Senator and has since brought together over 1,000 women from every

walk of life to share stories, build connections, and uplift one another.

This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and an RSVP is required. To reserve your spot, visit DutchessNY.gov/WomensEvent or call 845-486-2000.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The lessons of satire in our current world

To the editor:
Sometimes we can learn from satire - for instance "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll, written in 1865 about a young innocent girl who fell through a rabbit hole into a wonderland that challenges her perceptions of the world. What started this for me was the holes from Trump's bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities that is supposed to bring peace. We even had Pakistan nominating Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize - a paradox of a person who spews so much hate about his opponents. Israel wants and should have their homeland, but peace will never exist there until the Zionists stop their actions to control all of Palestine and the Palestinians have their own homeland.

Trump's MAGA and his 2020 election denial could compare with trial of the "Knave of Hearts" for supposedly stealing Tarts made by the Queen. Biden being accused of stealing the election is like the Knave of Hearts. The King and Queen preside over the trial. The Queen, like Trump, being authoritative and quick to anger and obsessed with "off with their Heads" is like Trump's actions against Biden and ALL who opposed him (Trump). The King, like Chief Justice Roberts, being foolish and ineffective, is now giving Trump more power to destroy our country.

Some words stand out to me: Alice said "It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." Mad Hatter said, "When you can't look on the bright side. I will sit with you in the dark."

David F. Queen
Red Hook

What is the real goal of Congress - and billionaires?

To the editor:
To balance the budget and pay down a debt, a homeowner does not look for a job that pays a lower salary. This is precisely what Congress is doing when it wants to lower its income - federal taxes. Because of campaign promises, they have set a red line at increasing taxes. Warren Buffet pointed out that he pays [a lower tax rate] than his secretary, hinting to us that maybe we should charge him more taxes.

I think that he might be wrong. In the last election over \$8 billion was given, of which \$2 billion was given by 150 billionaires. This comes out to \$24 per family of four. Assuming that the other \$6 billion comes from billionaires and the corporations they control, that comes to \$13 million per billionaire. There are 800 billionaires in the U.S. that have total assets of 6 Trillion dollars, double of that from 7 years ago. It seems reasonable, maybe not democratic, that Warren Buffet should pay lower taxes than his secretary since that \$13 million is a large expense. These numbers were based on a Google(c) search

Because of locking themselves out of a reasonable way of balancing the budget and reducing the national debt, our elective representatives have chosen to further impoverish the poor and

to increase the debt.
I would have expected that the goal would have been to reduce the national debt. Apparently, there is only so much blood one can get from a stone. There are only so many necessary services that we can cut and still meet our goal of at least balancing the budget. Other sources of income, such as tariffs have had unintended consequences. What are the unintended consequences of stepping over the red line?

In today's world, facts and logic are not key, just emotion. Billionaires give a total of \$250 billion to charities with Buffet, Gates, Soros, and Bloomberg giving a combined total of \$152 billion -- Buffet alone \$62 billion.

Elon Musk gives \$9 billion, which is about \$12 billion less than Soros or Bloomberg. As one looks deeper into these numbers, one comes out with big surprises.

"We can either have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few," famously said former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis. "But we can't have both."

Irvin M. Miller
LaGrange

Billionaires should not run the U.S.

To the editor:
Poor people take another sucker punch. The "deplorables" are being asked to make do with less again, while the billionaires rake in obscene tax breaks. This was part of our gilded age grifter's plan all along.

Will stirring up racism, homophobia, misogyny, and hatred of immigrants somehow make all this more palatable to the Trump voters living on the edge of poverty in this great land of plenty? To the voters who only got little red hats to show for all their enthusiasm?

Meanwhile, the empire is showing us what the billionaires are capable of: the starvation of tens of thousands of children in the Holy Land. For the very rich, the destruction of empathy is the eleventh Commandment. Whether they are cheating the poor in a tax scheme in the US, or blocking food trucks in Gaza, billionaires have proven again and again that they aren't human. Having them run our nation will simply bring our democratic experiment to an end.

One day, the accumulation of a billion or more dollars will be a capital offense. Trump Tower will be remade into a huge courthouse for another Nuremberg Tribunal. And all the quivering members of Congress will swear that they were only following orders.

Maybe some billionaires will even be spared, as long as they apologize and return their fortunes to the poor and working class people. As long as they stop making piles of money selling weapons to Israel, a country committing the worst war crimes of the 21st century.

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

'Signature' exhibit at FDR Library features historic letters, objects

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1939 Mickey Mouse cartoon, as a birthday gift.

Are you an Anglophile obsessed with anything to do with England? You're in luck, as both Eleanor and Franklin sent letters back and forth across the Atlantic. FDR received letters from Edward VII during his time as Governor of the Bahamas, and Eleanor received several

letters from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, including a slice of their wedding cake, which is on display along with a Christmas card from them.

Military buffs will have the chance to see letters by George S. Patton and Douglas MacArthur. The letter from Patton was sent from Sicily during the Sicilian campaign of World War II and includes a map that Patton had been using at the time. The map also includes a note from Patton, apologizing for the dirt, as it had been in his pocket. This is the first time the map has been on display, so make sure you look out for it. The messages from MacArthur "capture the lowest and highest moments in the war with Japan in the Philippines." They relate the struggles he faced in the Bataan Peninsula and his

later return to the Philippines to free it from Japanese control.

If you want to celebrate America's upcoming 250th anniversary, the historical documents that FDR collected are the way to do it. A letter from John Paul Jones, which he sent to an American diplomat in France, is on display, offering an opportunity to see the struggles he faced as he gave everything to the revolution. Along with that are pieces with signatures from two Americans with even greater name recognition: Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

All of this and more are on display now through July 2026 at the FDR Museum and Library in Hyde Park. Regular museum admission applies. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org for more information.

This map has a handwritten note to President Roosevelt from Gen. George S. Patton, sent during the Sicilian campaign during World War II. It is one of the items on display in the FDR Museum & Library's new exhibit, "Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and everyday Americans," Photo by Alexander Tsahalish



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Dutchess County 4-H poultry members learn from the best

4-H members enrolled in the 4-H poultry project met at Stony Kill Farm on June 21 for an afternoon of hands-on learning. Each year, the 4-H poultry advisory committee selects a breed of chicken for the youth to raise and learn more about. The breed selected this year was the Silkie Chicken, known not for their intelligence, but for their unique looks. These birds are easy to handle but require additional grooming and preparation for show day.

Master breeders Billye Davis and Pinnie Sears supplied chicks to all Dutchess County 4-H members who expressed interest earlier in the year. Members have been raising the birds in preparation for exhibition at the Dutchess County Fair this August. Billye and Pinnie shared their expertise with members at the June clinic. They discussed the history of the silkie breed, how to prepare a Silkie Chicken for show, and the standard of perfection, or what an ideal Silkie Chicken should look like. The presenters provided birds for youth to practice handling for showmanship. Thank you to Billye and Pinnie for sharing their knowledge with Dutchess County 4-Hers, thank you to the Stony Kill Foundation for hosting, and thank you to the 4-H poultry advisory committee for organizing and promoting this opportunity.

Poultry are often considered gate-

way species for those considering raising livestock. They require less space and food and start producing much younger than larger species like cattle or hogs. The last decade has seen a change nationwide in the number of suburban and urban localities that allow backyard chickens; check with your local government though as some do not allow roosters within city or town limits.

There are several factors to consider when selecting what breed of chicken to raise: egg or meat production, size, color, temperament, etc. Hens will still lay eggs without a rooster present, however if you want to raise the next generation, you'll need to add a rooster to your flock. Check out Cornell Cooperative Extension publications online for more information about raising chickens.



4-H members get together at a poultry workshop and a baby Silkie Chicken is shown in a cage.



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‘Rascals’ - Renegades hand out inaugural red carpet awards

By Morgan E. Maier

The Renegades promotional staff has just released the inaugural Rascals. Jace Avina took the prize for favorite Renegade and Josh Moylan’s grand slam was voted favorite Play of the Season by Renegades fans.

Fans in attendance on July 2 won their accolades, as youngster Jack won the “Super Swaggy” Award by unanimous decision. This is the writer’s first-half All-Hudson Valley awards. Of course, everyone can’t be a winner in baseball, but everyone who walks on the Heritage Financial red carpet must feel like one.

1. Rookie of the Year – awarded to a player who played less than a full season at the High-A level. As the only Yankees prospect to be named to the 2025 All-Star Futures Game, shortstop George Lombard Jr. takes the award. Lombard, 20 years plus one-month-old, has stolen 14 bases for Somerset and reached safely in 13 straight games to close the month of June. He’s further amassed a highlight reel of defensive plays that bring him to the top of the MLB farm system rankings.

2. Song of the Summer – “Fireman” by Lil Wayne. The song that happens every time the Renegades take the field. Every. single. Game. Other teams have “Thank God I’m a Country Boy” or “Take Me Out

to the Ballgame,” but the Renegades’ anthem speaks to their hot hitting and slinging pitches - especially the flame-throwing Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz. Batters beware. Blink and you’ll miss those triple digit pitches. The more Renegades games one attends, the more they may learn to rap like Mr. Wayne.

Runner-up: The entire lineup’s walk up songs. From Bad Bunny to Creed, to Pop Smoke, the Renegades offense is fueled by various genres, artists and pump-up jams. For fans who have chameleon-like music tastes, the bottom innings are a joy, a mixed bag of buzzing tunes.

3. Stephen Vogt Coach of the Year – Demetre Kokoris, no doubt. The Renegades’ first-year pitching coach has dialed up the heat, playing each hurler to their strengths. Before July, pitchers allowed just 29 home runs and 425 hits to lead the South Atlantic League. Vogt, reigning American League manager of the year, was himself a catcher. And he knows good pitching. His Cleveland Guardians boasted the lowest bullpen ERA in the majors last season, plus the Closer of the year and Cy Young finalist Emmanuel Clase. Kokoris’ relievers offered Hudson Valley a similar result, with the only sub-.200 batting average against in the league ahead of July – especially newcomer Tony Rossi, who made 15 straight appearances



Left, shortstop George Lombard Jr. won the Rookie of the Year honor. He has moved to Double A Somerset. Right, Demetre Kokoris was named Coach of the Year. The Renegades’ first-year pitching coach has dialed up the heat, playing each hurler to their strengths. *Photos by Dave Janosz*

before allowing a run.

4. Best Dressed – Styled by Rene Gade, not Dolce and Gabbana. The vintage throwback threads win best in show. Where other, newer teams must enlist the designer “Fauxbacks” instead of classic

looks, the Renegades have a costume fit for any retro feel. A showstopper, a classic written in maroon and green. Just pinstripes, vintage Rookie decal, and a bushy-tailed HV for the cap.

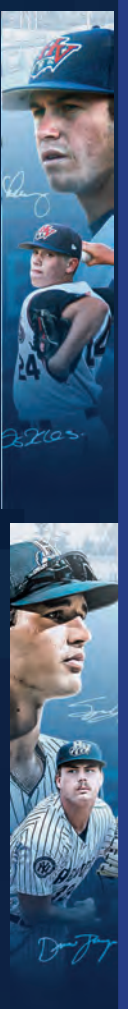
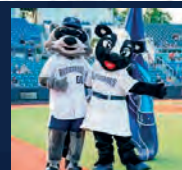
League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	11	4	.733	-	7-3	W1
Hudson Valley NY Yankees	9	6	.600	2.0	6-4	W2
Brooklyn NY Mets	8	7	.533	3.0	4-6	L2
Wilmington SH	7	8	.467	4.0	6-4	W2
Aberdeen BAL	6	9	.400	5.0	4-6	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	5	10	.333	6.0	4-6	L2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	9	6	.600	-	5-5	L1
Hub City TEX	9	6	.600	-	7-3	W5
Asheville HOU	8	7	.533	1.0	5-5	W1
Greenville BOS	7	7	.500	1.5	6-4	L1
Rome ATL	6	8	.429	2.5	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	4	11	.267	5.0	2-8	L5



Home Schedule

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07/09/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/10/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Union Night Blue Renegades Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/11/25	vs. Asheville	07:05 PM	Italian Heritage Night Fireworks Friday
07/12/25	vs. Asheville	05:05 PM	Beach Night Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/13/25	vs. Asheville	02:05 PM	Gades 5K Star Wars Day
07/23/25	vs. Rome	12:05 PM	Camp Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/24/25	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Hudson Valley Retrievers: Who’s A Good Dog? Presented By The Brothers That Just Do Gutters Retrievers Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/25/25	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Christmas In July Fireworks Friday
07/26/25	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Introducing The Hudson Valley Big Apples Big Apples Bucket Hat Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/27/25	vs. Rome	02:05 PM	Princess Day Sunday Family Funday
August			
08/05/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Strikeout Cancer Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
08/06/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Renegades Musical HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth)
08/07/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	Copa De La Diversión: Caribbean Night Presented By Cafe Con Leche HOPE Week Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth)



Renegades grab five key wins against Cyclones

“Amazin’ Starts Here,” read the Maimonides Park backstop. So does resetting, apparently. The Hudson Valley Renegades (47-32) entered the latter half of a home-and-away series against the Brooklyn Cyclones (54-27) with three straight wins. As the MLB Subway Series was underway between New York’s Mets and Yankees, the Renegades won the High-A edition, winning five of six against Brooklyn.

It’s just a stone’s throw away from where Joey Chestnut devoured 70 hot dogs in the annual July 4 eating contest, Hudson Valley took two wins on Coney Island. Prior to dropping three at Heritage Financial Park from June 1-3, the Cyclones hadn’t lost more than two straight games all year.

Double or nothing – After Monday’s downpour couldn’t dry out the field, the

Renegades swept Tuesday’s doubleheader. Three doubleheaders happened in the SAL that very day, culminating in three sweeps. The Renegades were on the right side of theirs, gaining two games on the division standings. In the Renegades’ first complete game this year, Kyle Carr went 7.0 scoreless innings. He held the Cyclones to just three hits in Hudson Valley’s second two-run win of the say. A few hours earlier, the Renegades prevailed 5-3, backed by a three-run first-inning bomb by Vargas. The who extended his hitting streak to 11 on July 2. Two wins in fourteen innings, and ground gained in the division standings. Not bad for a shortened homestand.

Fourth Fireworks – Perhaps propelled by Chestnut’s antics, the Cyclones captured their only win of the series on July 4. Luis Durango’s speed on the basepaths

made the difference on July 5. With a gutsy bunt off the triple digit-throwing Raimon Gomez, Durango set up Duncan Pastore to knock in the game’s first run. The Renegades own flamethrower Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz, (cue “Fireman” by Lil Wayne) pitched a three hit masterpiece for the Saturday series win. The Renegades scored all seven of their runs after the sixth inning. And Brenny Escanio twice flashed the leather – once on a screaming line drive and a sliding ground ball play – to keep ERC’s scoreless outing.

Running of the Bullpen - With six pitchers taking the mound for Hudson Valley, the visitors prevailed in the series finale.

Dillon Lewis hit a two run home run on July 6 to break a 0-0 deadlock, while

LHP Geoff Gilbert offered his longest outing of the season. The ‘pen combined for just two hits, and one run in the Renegades win. Though Brooklyn has three walkoff Sunday wins this season, they couldn’t finish the comeback. Hudson Valley closed the series with a 2-1 win, though Brooklyn threatened to tie with a leadoff ninth inning double. Tony Rossi shut down the Cyclones without real damage, stranding inherited runners at first and second base.

This series began with Alex Vargas’ first career South Atlantic League Player of the Month award. He looks to continue a 15-game hitting streak – Hudson Valley’s longest since 2007 — when the Asheville Tourists (37-43) come to visit Hudson Valley this week.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Catchers Frick, Palencia turn up heat with hitting and defensive prowess

By Morgan E. Maier

The New York Yankees haven’t had a consistent power-hitting catcher since Jorge Posada retired in 2012. Already halfway through the 2025 season, the Renegades have featured four catchers on the active roster. The recent promotion of hard-hitting Omar Martinez, has left an offensive gap that will need to be filled. Tomas Frick and newest Renegade Manuel Palencia are fit to split the difference.

Talk about a jersey swap, Martinez’s number 25 jersey was hardly waiting on a hanger for Manuel Palencia’s arrival on June 24. The Venezuela native has been in the Yankees system since 2021, appearing in the Florida Complex League and Single-A Tampa Tarpons before his present stop in the Hudson Valley.

In 115 games with the Florida Complex League (FCL) Yankees, Palencia led the team with a .312 average this season. He was bolstering those stats all season, all the way to a three-hit performance in his final FCL appearance.

Signed as a 17-year-old, Palencia was a prime candidate for the Yankees’ farm system in 2019. Through development leagues and the rookie leagues, Palencia has found his way to Minor League Baseball, now 22 years old. He hit .333 last season, after separate stints on the injured list kept him inactive for half the Tarpons’ year. He arrived to the Renegades during the recent roadtrip,

debuting on June 25. That first High-A hit didn’t take long. Palencia extended a game-tying rally with a single in his second at bat. Palencia has made 14 plate appearances in his young Hudson Valley career, and it’s likely he will continue to split games with Tomas Frick.

The other righty behind the plate, Frick became the everyday starter after the promotion of Martinez. Frick grew up around baseball. He arrived from Tampa to begin the season in the Hudson Valley, miles from his home in Greenville, SC.

On June 4, Frick launched the first multi-home run game of his High-A career, with five RBI to propel an 8-1 win over Aberdeen. His breakout junior campaign at the University of North Carolina and subsequent NCAA Tournament appearance caught the attention of the New York Yankees. Frick’s 75 hits set a career high and a program high of the season, where he also led in doubles (22), batting average (.322) and multi-RBI games. He also hit 12 home runs, second on the Tar Heels team. With five years of college ball and a season in Single-A in his bag, Frick is a fresh, seasoned figure behind the plate and in the batter’s box.

This year he leads the Renegades in an unusual stat: getting plunked. Eight times Frick has sacrificed his body for a base, tying him for sixth most in the SAL. In 32 games played, he is top 10 among the league’s active catchers in home runs and RBI, and 11th in hits.



Above, In 115 games with the Florida Complex League (FCL) Yankees, Manuel Palencia led the team with a .312 average this season. Below, with five years of college ball and a season in Single-A in his bag, Tomas Frick is a fresh, seasoned figure behind the plate and in the batter’s box. Photos by Dave Janosz



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Montgomery House Museum in Rhinebeck open to visitors on select Saturdays

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday July 12, 19 and 26, and August 2, 9 and 16, 2025. The House, located at 77 Livingston Street, is the oldest clapboard house in the village of Rhinebeck. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston Montgomery, resided there in 1773 while building Grasmere. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District.

This is an opportunity to view the many items that have been donated over the years. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com. <https://sites.google.com/view/clcdar/>

Crafters Market at Ruby Hill Farm

Ruby Hill Farm, at 2325 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners, will host a Crafters Market from noon to 4 p.m. on the following Sundays: July 13, July 27, and August 24. See beautifully hand-made items made by local artists and visit the farm store offering in-season goods. Entry for public is free. Vendors please register using the vendor ticket on Eventbrite. For questions, contact rubyhillfarm@yahoo.com. Visitor passes may be purchased for viewing the farm animals at the farm store. Vendors may sign up online at www.rubyhillfarm.com/events.

Free Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7412 So. Broadway in Red Hook, is going to be a blast! For free, your child can enjoy lots of active play, discovering Bible stories, singing, playacting, prayer, conversation, and arts & crafts. A special highlight is a pottery workshop with local artist Marion Quenzer. All children, grades K-5th in the fall, are welcome at this fun filled annual event, July 14-18, 1-3:45 PM.. To save your child's space please register at myvbs.org/celebrate2025

Stanford Democratic Caucus

Notice is given to all enrolled Democrats in the Town of Stanford. A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at Bangallworks, 97 Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions: Town Supervisor, Town Council Member, Town Council Member, Highway Superintendent, Town Clerk, Town Justice and for the transaction of other business that may properly come before those assembled. Doors will open at 9.30 a.m. and you must sign in before 10 a.m.

Penny Social set July 19 at Stanford Grange
Stanford Grange #808 will host a Summer

Penny Social on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced), calling begins at 7 p.m., and the Grange Hall has air conditioning! There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Summer items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale (please don't bring outside food - it takes money away from the kids). For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or the Stanford Grange Hall at (845) 868-1700.

Copake Falls Day set July 19

Copake Falls Day will take place on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the intersection of NY Route 22 and NY Route 344. There will be live music, train rides, food, raffles and silent auction, tag sale, kids activities, 5K run, market and local history tours. Visit www.copakefallsny.com for more information.

Pets can parade, win prizes at Copake Falls Day

Copake Grange #935 sponsors the third annual Pets in the Park event at the Taconic State Park, 35 Valley View Road, July 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Held in conjunction with Copake Falls Day and co-sponsored by the Copake Veterinary Hospital, this is a fun event where adults and children are invited to bring their favorite pet dog (all dogs must be licensed), cat, lizard, goat or whatever (except—no birds this year due to the risk of bird flu) to mingle and parade around at a beautiful location in the Taconic State Park.

There is a \$5 registration fee for each pet. Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded for the cutest, the most vocal, the best tail, etc. Proceeds benefit AnimalKind, Inc. and Everlasting Pet Rescue. More info at copakegrangepets@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org/events for a registration form.

Chicken BBQ dinner in Salt Point

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will have their annual chicken BBQ on Saturday July 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu is marinated boneless chicken breasts, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, cornbread, corn on the cob and dessert for \$15 for all ages. Reservations with a pick up time is required. Call Jeanne at 845-797-9621 to make your reservation/time.

Millbrook Historical Society to present Quaker lecture

The Millbrook Historical Society will hold a lecture related to Quaker history as part of Dutchess County's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (a.k.a. Rev 250).

Carl Lounsbury of the College of William and Mary and Colonial Williamsburg will speak on the

architecture of the Nine Partners Meetinghouse on Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. His talk, "Nine Partners Meetinghouse Plan: A New Form in the Hudson Valley," will put the structure in the context of other later 18th-century houses of worship in New York and New England. Lounsbury is the author of many works on early American architecture. The talk will be held at the historic Nine Partners Quaker Meetinghouse in Millbrook. Enter through the cemetery gate on Church St. The program is free and open to all.

Ukraine fundraiser set July 27 at Stissing Center

'Words to America from Ukraine' is an experience to connect our Dutchess County community with the unwavering spirit of Ukraine. The event will be held on Sunday, July 27, from 5 to 8 p.m., at The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains.

Expect to be moved by contemporary war-time Ukrainian poetry, eloquently blended with the vibrant sounds of folk music performed by the renowned Ukrainian Village Voices ensemble. Savor delicious food and drink, hear inspiring speakers, and participate in a live auction featuring exceptional works from local and Ukrainian artists.

Every ticket, every bid, every donation directly supports Razom for Ukraine, providing critical aid and keeping Ukraine's fight for freedom in the hearts and minds of Americans. WordsFromUkraine.org

Rhinebeck church to offer Vacation Bible School

Daily Vacation Bible School, a ministry of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, will meet July 28-Aug. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the church at 6959 Route 9, just north of the 9/9G light in Rhinebeck. The Bible School is geared to ages 4-18; each day includes Bible lessons, music, skits, crafts, activities and refreshments. There is no fee to attend, and all are welcome. Call (845) 876-6923 or (845) 876-7214 or email fdcirone@aol.com for more information.

Brunch to benefit library project

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

ONGOING

Men's fellowship and Bible study: Tuesday nights, 7-9 p.m., in the home of David Mahoney, 21 Mountain View Road, Staatsburg. Call (845) 797-4805 for more information.

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 non-profit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org.

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 eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. 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, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

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.

Older Adult Skills Fair set Thursday at Wallce Center

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino's "Putting Your Skills Back to Work" Older Adults Skills Fair, is happening on Thursday, July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

This free event is a unique opportunity for older adults across Dutchess County

to explore flexible part-time job openings, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and ways to stay active and engaged in the community.

Whether you're looking to re-enter the workforce, share your experience in a new way, or simply connect with others, this event is just for you.

Dozens of area organizations and businesses will be at the skills fair

because they want to connect specifically with our older adults and their unique blend of ability, work ethic and experience.

No RSVP is required; light refreshments will be available. No RSVP is needed to attend, and complimentary light refreshments will be available.

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Clockwise from top left, World War II veteran and Grand Marshal Ralph Osterhoudt waves to the crowd. He was followed by a float carrying members of the Hyde Park American Legion Post 1303. Members of the Roosevelt Fire District march and were followed by an antique fire engine from the Roosevelt Fire District. Members of the F.W. Vanderbilt Garden Association put together a colorful float. Cub Scouts from Pack 153 carry their banner and wave to the crowd. Members of the Patriot Fife and Drum Corps play flutes. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

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LaGrange Library to host British Invasion program featuring amplified cello

While the American Blues found its origins in the United States, the unique sound traveled across the ocean to England, where it took root and later returned as part of the highly successful British Invasion of the 1960s. Travel back in time with Alex Prizgintas and learn some of the fascinating stories behind iconic hits such as Led Zeppelin’s “Kashmir,” The Kinks’ “You Really Got Me,” The Zombies’ “Time of the Season,” and more.

The unique sound of Alex and his amplified cello will be featured at the LaGrange Association Library on Wednesday, July 23, at 6 p.m. (please register on the library website). Classically trained, he employs non-clas-

sical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic “wah-wah” guitar pedals symbolic of 1960s rock ‘n’ roll bands – all in conjunction with a looping station. Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Alex is able to craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000-watt amp.

Accompanied with a narration that reveals some of the back stories of baroque, jazz, folk, and rock ‘n’ roll classics, Alex immerses his audience in a journey through musical history. To learn more and see other video samples of his music and lectures, please visit alex-prizgintas.com or follow him on Facebook and Instagram at Alex Prizgintas.



Musician and historian Alex Prizgintas will present a program on July 23 at the LaGrange Association Library featuring the music of the British Invasion, as well as stories behind some of the iconic hits from that era. *Courtesy photo*

‘PIPPIN’ AUDITIONS SET JULY 29-31

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, announced auditions for its autumn production of “PIPPIN, The Musical.” Auditions will be held in late July for performances in early November.

Audition dates are Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, July 30, at 7 p.m.; and Thursday, July 31, at 7 p.m. Call backs will held as needed on Saturday, Aug. 2, starting at 10 a.m.

Sides will be provided. Please be prepared to sing 16 bars of an uptempo swing tune; an accompanist will be provided, so please bring marked music. Wear comfortable clothes and bring dance footwear for the audition. Please bring proof of COVID vaccination.

All auditions will be at the Dutch Reformed Church, 88 Route 9H in Claverack.

Performances will be held Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 14-16 at the Copake Grange.

For more information, or to schedule an audition, visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or write to the director at StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 19 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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Make an endothermic reaction AND my favorite dessert

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for ... the best dessert ever. Frozen confections, the precursors of ice cream, have been consumed since the second century BCE. Ancient writings tell us that Alexander the Great, King Solomon, and Nero Claudius Caesar indulged in snow and ice flavored with milk, honey, fruits, and juices.

A rare treat, snow and ice may have only been seasonally or geographically available, depending upon the ancient civilization. And, even with access to an “ice house” or other cooling method, cream that is frozen will produce large ice crystals. And that will result in a frosty, granular texture.

It wasn’t until the discovery of the endothermic effect that cream could be frozen and still be creamy. Heat energy is absorbed in endothermic reactions. Other examples of the phenomenon include evaporation, photosynthesis, and baking a cake.

In ice cream making, an endothermic effect is caused by adding salt to ice. Salt lowers the freezing point of the ice, enabling the ice cream mixture to reach a colder temperature. Smaller ice crystals form at the lower temperature, resulting in a smoother consistency.

Interestingly, the process of freezing is exothermic, which means it releases heat into the environment. But, because making ice cream involves using ice to absorb heat away from the ingredients and chill them, so that they freeze, the process of making the confection is endothermic.

Immerse yourself in the process

When you use a Cuisinart, or an ice cream attachment on your stand mixer, or even your Nostalgia Machine, you are disengaged from the ice cream making process. The best way to truly experience the endothermic reaction is to make the ice cream in a bag! You probably have everything you need for the sweet scientific indulgence right in your kitchen. Gather one cup of half-and-half, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract, 1 tablespoon sugar, ice, 1/4 cup salt, a gallon size (large) zip top bag, a quart size (sandwich) zip top bag, and gloves or oven mitts.

Make ice cream in a bag

Pour the half-and-half into the quart bag, along with vanilla and sugar. Seal the bag firmly, removing any excess air. Fill the gallon bag to 3/4 full with ice, and then add salt. Place the quart bag with its contents inside the gallon bag with ice and seal it. Now, put on gloves or oven mitts and shake the gallon bag (with quart



A serving of homemade vanilla ice cream in a bag. Below: Supplies for making ice cream in a bag. Photos by Francine Wizner



bag inside) for 10 minutes!

Feel the quart bag every couple of minutes while you shake it. Observe any changes to the ingredients and to the ice. Take the quart bag out of the gallon bag and rinse the outside of it with cold water to remove the salt residue. Use a spoon to mix the ice cream and enjoy!

Change it up

Try the recipe again, but this time, don’t add salt. After ten minutes of shaking the bags, notice how (or if) the ingredients or the ice changed. Note the temperature as compared to the recipe with salt.

Ice that is exposed to salt will melt more and feel much colder than the ice that has not been exposed to salt. The gallon bag with salt was cold enough to harden the ingredients in the quart bag and turn them into ice cream. In contrast, the gallon bag without salt was not cold enough and to solidify the ingredients in the quart bag.

As the ice started to melt in the gallon bag, the water molecules mixed with the salt molecules, making it harder for the water molecules to make an orderly pat-

tern and crystalize. This caused a slower rate of ice re-freezing. Salt makes the temperature at which water freezes lower than it is for plain water.

If the quart bag with the still-liquid ingredients is placed in a gallon bag with ice and salt and shaken for 10 minutes it will, at that point, turn into ice cream. Without an endothermic reaction, ice cream would just be soup. Here is an organized write-up of the activity. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/ICE-CREAM-IN-A-BAG-BIO-CHEMISTRY-HANDS-ON-ACTIVITY-7511818>

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THEME: HUMAN BODY

ACROSS

1. Composer Joplin's first name

6. Stomach pain-causing acronym

9. Boxing practice

13. Horatio ____ of "Ragged Dick" fame

14. Not cooked

15. This and desist

16. *Torso, pl.

17. Wrath

18. *DNA half

19. *Body part, not Elvis

21. *Part of blood, not type of TV

23. *Lung filler

24. Same as on top

25. Seth MacFarlane's bear

28. Helps

30. Genus, pl.

35. Paper unit

37. Comme ci, comme ça

39. Burdened

40. Egg on

41. *Pumps blood, not tires

43. Type of nuclear missile, acr.

44. River in West Africa

46. Fraternity recruitment season

47. Purse to go with evening gown

48. "Annie Hall" star

50. Urban myth, e.g.

52. Kenan Thompson's TV show, acr.

53. Target of a joke

55. Cemetery jar

57. *Fingers, not numbers

60. *Muscle, not skeletal or cardiac

63. Enticed (2 words)

64. ____ Baba

66. Scary movie consequence

68. "____ came a spider..."

69. Old towel, e.g.

70. Nail salon file

71. *Gallbladder contents

72. ____ of Sam

73. Poet ____ Alighieri

DOWN

1. Fri follower

2. Hoofbeat sound

3. Princess Fiona, by night

4. Unit of magnetic flux density

5. Ken Jennings' forte

6. *Part of an eye, not a flower

7. "Cheers," e.g.

8. Moved under the rug

9. Witnesses

10. *Part of a hand, not a tree

11. Continent

12. Tyrannosaurus follower

15. "____ of Love" by The Dixie Cups

20. Like one from Dublin

22. Lincoln lumber

24. Battery's partner

25. *Torso, not part of a tree

26. Fear-inspiring

27. Cannabis, in South Africa

29. Not talker?

31. Umberto Eco's "The ____ of the Rose"

32. Marks on a manuscript

33. Old episode

34. *Part of an ear, not blacksmith's block

36. Swimming competition

38. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)

42. Monotonous hum

45. Dressing a priest, e.g.

49. Bolt's partner

51. Washed away

54. Nicholas I and Alexander III

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A father's lesson

Pop can sometimes be a master of chaos.

My parents have a knack at getting flat tires. I changed my mother's tire about 5 times and my father's about 4 times. I have gotten so good at changing tires I'm thinking of going to work for Mavis Discount Tires. However, it's been about a year since I had to change one, so I was due.

My father comes in to the restaurant every day at around 11:30 a.m. and leaves at 2 p.m. In those 2 1/2 hours he wreaks havoc on my kitchen making his dinner. When 2 p.m. comes and it's time for him to go home, my brother and I breathe a sigh of relief that we survived another day. Don't get me wrong, it is a pleasure being able to work with your father and to see him every day. But sometimes, well you know...

On this particular day 5-6 years ago, the temperature outside was around 100 degrees. We were in the middle of a heat wave like I have not felt in a few years. The kitchen was running around 120 degrees and everyone was short tempered

due to the extreme heat. 2 p.m. came and Pop said his good-byes to everyone as he clutched his pan of Mussels Marichiar and walked to his car. I began to clean up his work table and to breathe a little easier. I no sooner got finished with cleaning his table then he came back inside.

Pop: I gotta the flat tire. Getta me John's keys. I'ma gonna to taka his car.
Me: Wait. What happened?
Pop: You no understand I gotta get home to mom. Get me the keys, then you figure out what you have to do.
Me: OK, Pop.

I walked outside to find the tire off the rim with a huge gash in the sidewall. He hit a curb. I don't know how or where, but he hit a curb.

John comes out with Pop. As I begin to take out his stuff and put it in John's car, Pop is explaining that he has to go to church tomorrow and we have to get it fixed in a hurry.

As I am loading the car, he gets in and start to back out. I stop him.

Me: Pop! What are you doing!?
Pop: What! I gotta go.
Me: Pop, I still have to put Mom's wheelchair in the car and the rest of your stuff.
Pop: Why? You no can fix it now?
Me: (walking away twitching) @#%&*!!
Pop: Caio!
Pop pulls away not even looking as he pulls onto Route 9. As John and I change Pop's tire in the sweltering heat, we are both laughing. Not the laugh of joy, but the laugh of insanity. Gotta love Pop.

MUSSELS MARICHIARA

Ingredients
20-30 fresh P.E.I. Mussels
5 cloves fresh peeled garlic minced
5 tablespoons fresh chopped parlsey
5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 jar Coppola's Pizza and Cooking

Marinara Sauce
1/2 fresh lemon

Directions
Place the garlic and extra virgin olive oil in a large pan on high heat. Saute until golden brown.
Add parsley and mussels.
Add white wine and sauce. Squeeze the 1/2 lemon, making sure not to add the seeds.
Simmer until all the mussels open (5-8 minutes).
Serve over angel hair pasta

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

Olana's Third Thursday to feature outdoor concert

The Olana Partnership will hold its monthly free Third Thursdays on July 17 from 1 to 7 p.m. at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. The day will be capped off with a special outdoor concert with Hudson Valley views.

Olana Third Thursdays are free monthly community days of tours and programs for all ages. Celebrate summer with free tours, nature, art, music and history while participating in engaging experiences for the whole family.

This month, enjoy "Tunes with a View featuring Mariachi Citlalli" from 6 to 7 p.m. as part of Olana's summer outdoor concert series. Experience vibrant mariachi music and the sounds of Mexico, one of the countries frequently visited by

artist Frederic Church, all set against the backdrop of Olana's stunning views. Bring family, friends, and a picnic for this lively outdoor celebration.

The performance is free and takes place outside the historic house; check in at the Visitor Center the day of the event for details. All Third Thursday programs are free and open to the public.

Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy free guided landscape tours and self-guided historic house access from 1 to 6:30 p.m. No tickets required.

For further information and inquiries, call ticketing at (518) 751-0344, email tickets@olana.org, or visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays.

Catskill Mountain Shakespeare to present 'Romeo and Juliet' July 12-27

This summer, Catskill Mountain Shakespeare (CMS), in association with The Catskill Mountain Foundation, presents its 2025 Mainstage Production, "Romeo and Juliet." One of the greatest love stories ever told comes alive in an exhilarating new staging directed by acclaimed theater director Rebecca Wahls, Artist in Residence at Duke University, Carnegie Mellon University graduate, and TEDx speaker.

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Catskill Mountains, outdoors and under the tent, "Romeo and Juliet" runs for 12 performances July 12-27 at The

Red Barn, 7970 Main St., Hunter.

Returning to the stage are audience favorites and CMS company members Jordan Mann, Sydney Berk, and Devante Owens. Max Gallagher (fresh off CMS's "Pericles" Community Tour) stars as Juliet alongside Carnegie Mellon graduate Julio Gutierrez as Romeo. Local favorite Jess Gibbons and six additional cast members round out this talented ensemble.

Come experience the electricity of opposites in motion. Watch as the stars align ... and fall. Visit catskillmountainshakespeare.com for tickets and details.

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EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **July 11-Aug. 3:** “Riverlight,” images by Elisabeth Barnett that highlights the Hudson River with its different nuances and seasons. **Reception:** Sat., July 19, 4-6 p.m. (presentation on protecting the river at 5:30). www.art-gallery71.com

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 29:** Local artist Jenny Sweeney presents her solo show, “Through the Eyes of a Child,” in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St.; and internationally acclaimed artists Semine Hazar, Fatma Kadir and Ilhan Sayin are featured in a group art exhibition entitled “I Love New York” in the Reception and Hancock Galleries at 12 Vassar St. Free Public Art Opening **Receptions held in all three Art Galleries** on Fri., July 11, 5-7 p.m. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7, 2026:** Special exhibition, “Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans,” During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a “who’s who” of the 20th century. “Signature Moments” opens the FDR Library’s archives and museum for an insider’s view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

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

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **July 12-Aug. 23:** “Generated Utility,” curator Sharon Bates brings together the work of Natalie Beall and Kathy Greenwood, two artists who explore the regenerative possibilities of domestic forms and functions. Through material invention and abstraction, they reimagine familiar objects and traditions, shifting them from the realm of the functional into spaces of poetic ambiguity and formalist play. **Reception:** Sat., July 19, 4-6 p.m. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

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

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Nov. 2:** “What’s Missing?” site-specific artworks in the Olana landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Pawling Free Library, 11 Broad St., Pawling. **Through July 12:** “Wild Toys: The Toy Photography of Zach Oat,” one of the photographers of the cult classic Twisted ToyFare Theatre strips in ToyFare magazine, Oat takes you into the fantastical world of toys as they battle for supremacy in action-packed photos taken on both indoor sets as well as in the real world. (845) 855-3444

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** “EMILY COLE: Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses,” placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMattio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. **Through Dec. 14:** “ON TREES: Georgia O’Keeffe and Thomas Cole,” exhibition brings together two iconic American artists in the COLE 200 anniversary year (1825-2025). The presentation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O’Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **July 11-Aug. 10:** “Hudson Valley Towns: Interpretations of our Beautiful Hudson Valley Villages, Landmarks and Vistas.” **Opening reception:** Sat., July 12, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

The Transverse Gallery for Contemporary Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 14:** “Spirit Rising: Recent Works by Susan Miiller.” A resident of the Hudson Valley for over 25 years, Miller continues the tradition of fine landscape painting that dates back to the early 19th century in America. Her distinct style builds upon the innovations of the past. (845) 454-4500 or www.lgny.org

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **July 11-Aug. 31:** “Invoke & Imbibe,” a powerful exploration of feminine power and ecstatic transformation, drawing inspiration from the frenzied, experiential rituals of the Maenads—the wild followers of Dionysus. **Opening reception:** Fri., July 11, 6-8 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

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The Amenia Garden Club
presents ‘The Real Gardens
of Amenia’ July 12

The Garden Club of Amenia will hold its annual garden tour on Saturday, July 12 (rain or shine) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature four private gardens and a local nonprofit public garden: the garden of Jim Flaherty, the Stefanopoulos family compound, the garden of Thomas Tunk, Teeniepaw Cottage and Wethersfield Estate and Garden. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.ameniagardens.org.

The club’s annual tour has been a community favorite for over 25 years. The theme for this year’s tour is once again “The Real Gardens of Amenia” and will feature a wide range of gardens, including three new gardens, an old favorite and an Amenia institution.

Emily Fuller’s Teeniepaw Cottage has been on the tour a number of times as she continues to add new features. As an artist, Emily is inspired by form, texture, and color. What was once just lawn surrounding her mid-1960s house is now a beautiful oasis filled with plants that attract insects, birds, and small animals.

The three new gardens are all quite different. Jim Flaherty’s garden is a continuing testament to his late partner, Bob Skibsted’s love of land and all the beauty it produces. It includes a rustic arcade with climbing roses, an arc-shaped garden with irises, as well as columbine, day lilies, Shasta daisies, hostas, sedum, butterfly bush, lilacs and honeysuckle, and large sweeps of hydrangeas.

Thomas Tunk has been gardening in the hamlet of Wassaic since January 2020, but you would think he had been there for decades based on the number of plants in his postage-stamp sized proper-

ty. He has created a series of garden rooms containing many different perennials, shrubs and especially trees, to give more vertical interest and a little more shade to a mostly very sunny property.

The club is excited that the Stefanopoulos family, owners of many restaurants in the area, are welcoming visitors for the first time to their compound in Amenia. Located high on a hill off Route 343, the property has sweeping views of the surrounding area. There is an orchard of fruit trees, a large vegetable garden and numerous perennial beds. There are also plantings around the family’s private chapel at the top of the property.

Lastly, Wethersfield Estate and Garden, which occupies 1,000 acres in Amenia, is the highest point in the region, offering majestic views of the Berkshires, the Catskills, and the Taconic Hills. The estate is comprised of a Georgian-style house, classical gardens, a carriage house, and a conservation farm. The Wethersfield garden is generally considered one of the finest examples of Italian Renaissance gardens in the United States. Wethersfield hosts a variety of formal and native-inspired garden spaces, such as an Arts and Crafts English perennial garden, cut flower garden, hedged yew topiaries, mature tree specimens, and 20 miles of trails for equestrian activities and hiking.

The Garden Club of Amenia is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. In addition to its annual garden tour, the club carries out community projects with its volunteer members. Most recently it installed a native plant pollinator garden at the Amenia Free Library.

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Through July 12: The Lyra Music Festival, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Summer classical music series with concerts and masterclass workshops, bringing together world-class musicians, advanced pre-conservatory string players and pianists, and an exceptional faculty of professional musicians and artist educators for concerts, masterclasses, and young artist performances. This year's festival will feature performances by guest artists: Amy Schroeder, Violin; Julia Yang, Cello; and Michael Stephen Brown, Piano. Full calendar of events and tickets: <https://lyramusic.org/festival-events>.

Through July 27: Powerhouse Theater, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Theater artists experiment and develop new plays and musicals for productions headed to Broadway, off-Broadway and regional theaters around the country. This week: "The Chamber," July 11-13, devised and written by Members of Hook & Eye Theater. In 1628 Brussels, Alexandrine Von Taxis, the imperial postmistress, runs something more than mail through the empire's hands. In present-day Follansbee, West Virginia, Charley Gibson works at her family's hardware store, where lockers hold more than tools. One misplaced letter. One break-in. The consequences could be larger than anyone expects. As 17th-century operations collide with contemporary Appalachia, The Chamber explores how resistance takes shape through cunning, risk, and subverting laws. www.vassar.edu/powerhouse

Through Aug. 17: SummerScape, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Bard SummerScape returns with opera, dance, Spiegeltent, and the 35th Bard Music Festival, "Martinu and His World." Tickets & more information at fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

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

July 10: Summer Concert Series, Cady Field, 1554 Main St., Pleasant Valley. PV Rec presents The Crew, playing 7 decades

of rock, soul & pop hits, 6 p.m. Grab your picnic blankets, lawn chairs, family, and friends. www.pvrec.com

July 11: Alexis P. Suter Band Album Release, The Falcon, 1348 Rte. 9W, Marlboro. 7:30 p.m. www.liveatthefalcon.com

July 11-13: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. July 11: Family Game Night featuring Matt The Electrician, Erin McKeown, Natalia Zukerman, and Stephen Clair, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. July 12: Last Minute Soulmates; Robert Hill Band w/ Rae Simone; Jonathan Frith, 7:30 p.m. No cover; \$20 minimum per person for food & drink. July 13: SIRSY; guest Annalyse and Ryan, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

July 11-13: New York Stage & Film Play Readings, Marist University, Poughkeepsie. **July 11: "Vidas Privadas,"** 7 p.m. Cesar and Celia are top campaign managers on opposite sides of the partisan divide. They also used to be married. They also just rocked up to Ibiza to honeymoon with their new spouses. Coward wrote it, but Cubans explode it--rocketing from old world to the new, from the ballot box to the bedroom in a no-holds barred immigrant debate that's smart, sexy and uproarious. **July 12: "The Teetee and Lala Show,"** 2 p.m. The play follows two LGBTQ+ teens on the coldest night of the year as they try to scheme their way off the streets. Would it be easier to secure housing if TeeTee were living with HIV? Then he could get some support from the city - at least until Lala becomes a rap star and can take care of them both. **July 13: "Backyard Boys: A Pack Play,"** written by Hansol Jung, 2 p.m. Fifteen years after the height of their boy band popularity, the Backyard Boys are making a comeback! Or so they are told by producer Dianca Prescott Carter Jr, from the Prescott Carter Media Dynasty. She claims to be their biggest fan and wants to produce their new demo -- but there are some stipulations to this welcome interest. The comeback album will be accompanied by a Behind the Scenes Documentary ... which the Boys learn is actually a reality competition show, in which just one of the four will get to debut as a solo artist. Let the games begin. Tickets at www.newyorkstageandfilm.org

July 11-20: "Where the Mountain Meets the Sea," Ancram Center for the Arts,

1330 Cty. Rte. 7, Ancram. By Jeff Augustin; music by The Bengsons. Lyrical storytelling and live folk songs weave a tale of searching and longing, family and legacy. A Haitian man and his wife, expecting their first child, travel from Miami to California on a once-in-a-lifetime road trip. Years later, their gay son travels the same route in reverse. Does re-tracing the steps of those that come before us help us learn who they were? As their respective journeys unfold, time becomes fluid, the father and son forge a connection that had eluded them for years, and they find comfort in their shared and separate identity. Performances: Thurs.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. (518) 329-0114 or www.ancramcenter.org

July 11-26: "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. County Players presents the adult comedy-drama by Terrence McNally. Set on the beachside deck of a house on Fire Island during the 1990 Fourth of July weekend, McNally's story imagines a gathering between two mismatched couples. Debate, discussion, and disclosure (including secrets, a mystery, and an affair) follow. Content warning: Contains strong mature language. Directed by Kit Colbourn. Performances: Fri. & Sat, 8 p.m., with matinees on Sun., July 20 & Sat., July 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$26 Adult, \$24 Senior 60+, Military, Students (with ID at the door). www.countyplayers.org

July 12: "Jazz Age" Summer Celebration Fundraiser, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. The event promises an evening of elegance and opulence with live jazz, swanky drinks, delicious bites, silent auction, house tours and roaring fun, 5-8 p.m. RSVP at www.wilderstein.org or (845) 876-4818.

July 12: Movies Under the Walkway, Upper Landing Park, 83 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Free, family-friendly movie on the big screen beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson. This week: "Paddington in Peru." Doors open at 7:30 p.m., followed by the feature film at sundown at approximately 8:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnics while viewing the movies. The events are sunshine only. Free parking will be available at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, and Metro North parking areas. Up-to-date movie schedule information can be found on Facebook @MoviesUnderTheWalkway, @DutchessCountyParks and

@WalkwayOverTheHudson

July 12: "No Joke" Improv, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. 7 p.m. Not suitable for all audiences. Admission \$10. (845) 876-2093

July 13: The Center's Community Picnic, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. A relaxed and festive afternoon on the Grand Lawn filled with food, connection, and celebration, 1 p.m. This event is to honor and recognize The Center's community members, specifically our cherished volunteers and members. This event is free and open to all, but an RSVP is required so we can plan accordingly. Light fare will be supplied, and guests are encouraged to bring their own drinks and picnic supplies. A recognition ceremony at 1:30 p.m. will acknowledge the Lou Trapani Legacy Scholarship winners, Jackson Bowles and Janey Langan, as well as the recipient of this year's Rodney Plimpton Award for Distinguished Service. Attendees can enjoy lawn games and should bring essentials like blankets, chairs and pop-up tents, as there won't be any shade provided. RSVP at www.centerforperformingarts.org

July 14: The Euterpe Ensemble, "Songs of Protest, Peace, and Hope," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. 7 p.m. Free. (845) 876-2903

July 16: Film Screening, "Mrs. Miniver," Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, Hyde Park. The series, "Hollywood Goes to War, 1941-1945," continues with the Academy Award-winning film "Mrs. Miniver: (1942), 2 p.m. Kay Miniver doesn't fly a Spitfire in dog-fights over London or ply the North Sea in a battleship, but she's doing her all for wartime England. And she does it so well that Winston Churchill would say Mrs. Miniver was more vital to the nation than a fleet of destroyers. Free, but registration is required at www.fdrlibrary.org to register.

July 16: Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: West Point Military Academy Band. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

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Program on Borscht Belt artifacts set July 16 at Millbrook Library

"Borscht Belt Artifacts: Relics of the Catskill Resort Age" was first debuted by local author, musician, and historian Alex Prizgintas last November to a strong audience. Prizgintas's popular Borscht Belt lecture will be featured by the Millbrook Library on Wednesday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. This event will feature displays of historical artifacts allowing the audience to visibly and tangibly view the region's past.

Since Prizgintas began collecting items from the Borscht Belt ten years ago, awareness for this crucial aspect of the region's local past has rapidly expanded with the opening of the Borscht Belt Museum in Ellenville, the ongoing Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project, and a number of both films as well as books that have been published.

"Seeing this history finally receiving the recognition it deserves is incredibly rewarding, and I am honored to be a part of this new chapter for the memories of the Borscht Belt," said Prizgintas.

An advisory board member of the new Borscht Belt Museum of Ellenville, he did not live during the age of the grand hotels and bungalow colonies but is nonetheless fascinated by what artifacts remain.

"Beyond their revolutionary architecture and nexus of cultures, I was always drawn to how the Borscht Belt intersected with many of my other historical interests—principally railroads," said Prizgintas. "With thousands of items from each of an estimated 926 hotels and bungalow colonies, this program covers a broad history of the Borscht Belt extending back to the earliest records of summer agricultural colonies in the late 1830s. From here, I showcase five unique items from my personal collection that all have a special place amidst the hearts and hands that shaped this region of New York."

The Millbrook Library is at 3 Friendly Lane in Millbrook.



Field Hall Foundation awards \$280,605 in grants

Field Hall Foundation has announced \$280,605 in grant awards as part of its Spring 2025 grant cycle. The funding will support programs aimed at reducing food insecurity, preventing elder abuse, promoting aging in place, and providing vital services such as home repairs, case management, and homecare. Since 2019, the Foundation has awarded more than \$5.2 million in grants to non-profits and government agencies throughout Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties.

Spring 2025 grant recipients include:
Pace Women's Justice Center – \$40,000. Civil legal services to protect seniors from all forms of elder abuse

Family Service Society of Yonkers – \$25,000. Kinship Program for seniors

raising grandchildren

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess
County – \$25,000. Home repair services
for low-income seniors in Putnam
County

Putnam/Northern Westchester
Women's Resource Center – \$25,000.
Support and resources for older victims
of elder abuse

Wartburg – \$25,000. Re-launch of the Circle of Friends daycare program for seniors needing enhanced support

Cancer Support Team – \$20,000. In-home nurse education, counseling and case management for senior cancer patients

CAREERS Support Solutions – \$20,000. Workforce readiness, job place-

ment and ongoing job support for seniors

Meals on Wheels of White Plains – \$15,000. Home meal delivery program for seniors

My Brother Vinny – \$15,000.
Essential household items for formerly
homeless senior veterans

Meals on Wheels of Greater Hyde Park – \$12,710. Home meal delivery program for seniors

Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation – \$12,500. Home-based healthcare services for financially vulnerable seniors

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson – \$10,490. Dance classes for seniors with Parkinson's disease to improve mobility.

balance and coordination

Horseman's Harvest Neighborhood Pantry – \$10,000. Food pantry support and rolling carts for senior clients

My Sisters' Place – \$10,000.
Enhanced support for senior victims of
domestic violence

St. John the Evangelist Church – \$10,000. Support for weekly food pantry
Stonewood Community Project –

\$4,905. Farm-fresh produce and prepared foods for low-income seniors

The Foundation awards grants in the winter, spring and fall. For more information about these grants or upcoming grant opportunities, please visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org.

OBITUARIES

John J. Bray

John J. Bray, 84, passed away at home on June 29, 2025, surrounded by the love and comfort of his family.

Born in the Bronx to Catherine Kelly and John Patrick Bray, John grew up with strong family values and a deep sense of purpose. He graduated from Martin Van Buren High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from St. John's University. In 1963, he proudly joined the New York City Police Department, where he dedicated 20 years of service and rose to the rank of lieutenant before retiring in 1983.

Following his retirement from the NYPD, John continued to dedicate his life to helping others. He served as the Personnel Director at the Astor Home for Children until his retirement in 2009. Never one to sit still, John embarked on a third career as Director of Operations at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, where his leadership and compassion left a lasting mark.

John was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Ann, with whom he shared over 50 years of marriage. Together they built a life centered on love, family, and unwavering support for one another. He was a proud and loving father to Kimberly Henry Canner and her husband Michael, Jennifer Lamping and her husband Richard, and Douglas Bray. Nothing brought John more joy than being “Grandpa” to his eight cherished grandchildren: Emily, Richie, Jason, Hailey, Stella, Cayden, Gavin, and Delaney. He was their biggest fan—present for every milestone, numerous school events and cheering them on at games, always with a smile of pride. Among the many special memories John created with his family, their trips to Walt Disney World held a special place in his heart. What began as a magical first visit with his children in 1980, blossomed into a family tradition that continued for decades. As the family grew, so did the joy of these adventures. These vacations were more than just trips—they were treasured moments that reflected John’s deep love for making memories with those he held closest.

John is also survived by his siblings: Dennis and his wife Nancy, Bobby and his wife Patty, and Kathy and her husband Jeff, as well as many loving nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

A man of quiet strength and deep intellect, John was an avid reader of history and found great joy in collecting model trains, planes and cars that each held a special meaning to events in his life. He was a loyal friend to many, always ready with thoughtful advice and a steady hand in times of need. His gift for planning and problem-solving brought reassurance and clarity to those around him.

John took special pride in the home he

helped build for his parents. He found peace in the simple joys of country life, especially riding his tractor around his property known as “Kit and Jack Acres,” named after his loving parents.

Above all else, John lived for his family. His presence was a constant source of comfort, strength and love. He leaves behind a legacy of integrity, generosity, and empathy that will live on in all who knew him.

Family and friends were invited to share memories and offer condolences on July 4, 2025 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 5, 2025 from Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stanfordville. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. For directions, to share a favorite memory or to leave a message of condolence for the Bray family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Joyce Catellier

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joyce Faith Catellier. Joyce passed peacefully on June 18, 2025 at the age of 80 in the home she resided in for 49 years. Joyce was born in Kingston, New York on August 27, 1944 to Hope and Harold Tubby. Joyce was a devoted and loving mother to Jennifer Iacomini (Angelo Iacomini Jr.) of Stony Creek, NY and Joel P. Morley Jr. (Ashley Hinkebein) of New Port Richey, FL, grandmother to Kerry and Kaitlin Iacomini, Joel and John Morley, and great grandmother to Angelo Rafaniello and Samantha Horowitz.

Joyce spent her career at the Hudson River Psychiatric Center as a cleaning aide for 28 years. Joyce loved what she did. Her dedication and hard working mentality was evident throughout her entire career, never taking a day off. She brought this same mentality into much of her life. Joyce took great pride in her home and beautiful gardens.

Joyce found joy in shopping and spending time with her grandchildren doing various activities such as going to the beach and The Catskill Game Farm. Joyce hosted many events such as Halloween gatherings and epic Easter egg hunts. She enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends. Joyce loved going to the movies and reading the newest murder tale. She had a profound love for animals and a large collection of stuffed animals. When she was younger she enjoyed going for walks, roller skating, and was an excellent pogo stick jumper.

Along with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren Joyce will be deeply missed by many of her aunts, cousins, grand paw babies, and close friends.

The family invites you to join us at Joseph V. Leahy Funeral Home in Kingston on

Thursday, July 10th for a viewing from 4pm to 7pm. Funeral services and celebration of Joyce's life will take place on Friday, July 11th at 11 am at the funeral home. An opportunity to share your memories of Joyce will be welcomed. Please help us remember Joyce and honor her memory by wearing her favorite color, purple. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joyce's name may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at Hvhospice.org.

Mary F. Kelly

Mary Florence (Barich) Kelly, 94, died Tuesday, June 24, 2025, peacefully at home under the loving care of her son John Kelly and his wife, Jodie Wische. She was born on September 13th, 1930 to Michael Barich, Sr. and Susan (Belerit) Barich in Rhinebeck, New York and was a life-long resident of the Red Hook area.

Mary was a force of nature. She was the most devoted mother and grandmother, and she often said that she gave her all to her family and that she “did it with her whole heart.” With nearly incomprehensible joy, too. Her loved ones were central in her life and she was central to theirs, bringing family and friends, who were family too, together in her home for all occasions, big or small. With Mary Kelly, life was celebratory every day.

Her life was fully lived and her accomplishments reached far and wide. Beyond bringing her five children into the world and helping raise her eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, Mary was an active and beloved member of her community. She began her career at the Bard College Bookstore where she worked for 27 years starting as assistant manager and retiring as manager. She then went on to serve the Village of Red Hook as the Deputy Clerk for another 20 years, officially retiring at the age of 80.

Mary's contributions did not stop there. She was a founding member of the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival (est. 1980) and the Elmhendorph Handspinners Guild of Red Hook, New York established in 1992. Mary was also a longtime leader of the Dutchess County 4-H Club The Golden Fleece, where she shared her love and knowledge of all aspects of shepherding. Her legacy in fiber arts lives on in the Mary Kelly Dye Garden just outside the Wool Nook and the sheep barn at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. There, and in her own home, she taught hundreds of people of all ages how to spin with a wheel or handmade drop spindle; how to card, felt, and dye wool; and how to knit and weave. Her influence, dedication, and passion for her craft will continue to enrich the lives of those who pass through the wool workroom at the fairgrounds for generations to come.

As matriarch of the Kelly family, Mary leaves behind an enduring and inspiring legacy. Mary taught all of her children and grandchildren the value of family, of being together, and of working with your hands and being connected to the land around you. She grew beautiful vegetables and flowers, raised happy animals, taught herself to spin wool from her sheep, wove heirloom textiles, prepared wholesome meals from scratch, brewed the best pot of coffee, and baked the most delicious confections. She had a gift for creating traditions, bringing magic to the everyday and especially to the holidays. Mary was the heart of every gathering and it brought her immense pride to sit around her table and

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-11-25 Rebid Alterations to Dutchess County Office for Central and Information Services. Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RF Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am August 1, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States,

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Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 930 813 906#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00am at 503 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business July 25, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
MORTGAGED PREMISES: 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538
SBL #: 6264-03-408225
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as

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Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2005-1CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1CB, Plaintiff, vs. Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, as Administrator of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Diane Wynant, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Clifford Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Patrick Wood, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Francis Hildwin, Jr., aka Frank Hildwin, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Gary Plass as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Justin Plass, as Heir of the Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass; Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor Indenture Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association for CWHEQ Revolving Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-F; Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Petro, Inc. DBA Love Efron Fuel Oil; Mary Ellen McArthur; New York State Department of Finance and Taxation; United States of

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America o/b/o Internal Revenue; Midland Funding LLC; Hudson Valley FCU; GE Money Bank; Hyde Park Greens LP; Vassar Brothers Medical Center; The People of the State of New York; Credit Acceptance Corporation; Snap-On Credit LLC, TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.
SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.
SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$ 149,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on January 19, 2005, as Document No. 01 2005 1180 covering premises known as 164 Honeywell Lane, Hyde Park, NY 12538, SBL #: 6264-03-408225
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.
To the Defendants Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Linda J. Plass a/k/a Linda Plass and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria G. Rosa S.J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the

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State of New York, County of Dutchess dated and filed June 2, 2025.
Dated: June 24, 2025 /s/ Deborah M. Gallo
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HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE
NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.
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process.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Milan Republican Committee will hold its party nominating caucus on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Milan Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571. The purpose of said meeting is for the nomination of candidates to appear on the November 4, 2025 general election ballot for the following positions: and Town Justice (1), Supervisor (1), Town Council (2), Town Clerk (1) and for all other pertinent business raised at the caucus. Only enrolled voters and registered members of the Republican Party in the Town of Milan are permitted to vote at the caucus. For further information, contact Stephanie Weber, Chair 6 Hidden Hollow Trail, Milan, NY 12571 – (845) 464-0724.

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.

Rhinebeck Bank promotes Brooke O’Connell

Brooke O’Connell has been promoted to senior vice president, retail banking at Rhinebeck Bank. Prior to her promotion, O’Connell served as vice president, area retail leader for six years, where she provided oversight of the Bank’s branch network located in Southern Dutchess and Orange Counties. In her new role, she will lead Rhinebeck Bank’s retail banking, cash management and customer solutions center.

“Being part of the Rhinebeck Bank team for over 13 years has been very important to me as it has allowed me to make a meaningful impact in the local community,” noted O’Connell. “I share the Bank’s commitment to valuing customer relationships, supporting local businesses and genuinely caring for our customers. It creates a strong sense of purpose and pride for me.”
“Brooke brings deep experience, proven leadership, and a vision for con-

tinued excellence in client service and team development,” said Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Banking Officer at Rhinebeck Bank, Jamie J. Bloom. “This is a well-earned recognition of her outstanding contributions and leadership.”
O’Connell holds a master’s degree in public administration from Marist University and is a 2023 graduate of the American Bankers Association

Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Philadelphia, where she also earned the prestigious Wharton Leadership Certificate from the Wharton Institute of Executive Education.
When not working, she enjoys traveling, golf and spending time watching her children, Maggie and Declan, participate in their respective sports.

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(puzzles on page 12)

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This week's answer

5	7	6	9	1	3	2	4	8
1	3	4	6	2	8	5	7	9
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9	2	3	4	6	1	8	5	7

Suguru solution

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

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COLLEGE NOTES

CANTON, NY - St. Lawrence University congratulates more than 630 students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester. Local students making the list are:

Shelby Oken of Millbrook. Oken is a member of the Class of 2026 and is majoring in performance and communication arts. Oken attended Westminster School.

JD Whiting of Millbrook. Whiting is a member of the Class of 2027 and is majoring in history. Whiting attended Millbrook School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

CANTON, NY - More than 800 students have received the credits necessary to graduate from SUNY Canton.

Alex McPhee of Hyde Park earned their Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management.

Alaina Watson of Hyde Park earned their Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.

SUNY Canton held its 117th Commencement Ceremony on May 10 to celebrate all students who completed their education within the past year. The top three bachelor's degrees awarded, in order of popularity, were Healthcare Management, Cybersecurity and Applied Psychology. The top three associate degrees awarded were Nursing, Veterinary Science Technology, and Business Administration.

LOUDONVILLE, NY - Siena College names students to the President's List for the Spring 2025 semester. Local students include Ashley Bavis of Millbrook, Leandra Costa of Clinton Corners, and Jonah O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

NEWPORT, RI - The following students were named to the Dean's List during the spring 2025 academic semester at Salve Regina University: Hailey Cummings of Pleasant Valley, Thomas Langan of Red Hook, and Nathaniel Strassberger of Milan.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 for full-time students completing at least 12 graded credits, or a semester grade point average of 3.8 for part-time students completing at least six credits.

GARDEN CITY, NY (06/25/2025)-- More than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students from Adelphi University were recently awarded degrees. Among them are Nicole Fejka of Millbrook, Ashley Leitmann of Pleasant Valley, and Richard Spearman of Hyde Park.

Adelphi's Class of 2025 celebrated their accomplishments with family and friends at the University's 129th Commencement ceremony on May 20 at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, New York.

NEW PALTZ, NY - SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the spring

2025 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 Katelyn Ackley of Staatsburg, Anthony Aiello of Hyde Park, Brooke Arco of Pleasant Valley, Olivia Babcock of Hyde Park, Chloe Baden of Pine Plains, Kiersten Barkstrom of Red Hook, Ariana Bianchini of Pleasant Valley, Mara Blatz of Pleasant Valley, Syd Bonelli of Hyde Park, Kevin Briccio of Salt Point, Danielle Bunn of Pleasant Valley, Melody Burke of Salt Point, Abigail Canales Castrejon of Tivoli, Steven Cassarino of Rhinebeck, Vanessa Coons of Red Hook, James Derbyshire of Rhinebeck, Alyssa DiBartolo of Staatsburg, Brianna DiLoreto of Red Hook, Caroline Dockstader of Stanfordville, Colleen Doherty of Tivoli, Caitlyn Doyle of Red Hook, Camila Duran of Hyde Park, Mackenzie Ean of Pleasant Valley, John Forbes of Red Hook, Gianna Geraci of Clinton Corners, Caleb Grey of Hyde Park, Allie Hammell of Pleasant Valley, Chelsea Houston of Hyde Park, Julia Jacques of Hyde Park, Marco Jerry of Hyde Park, Lyndsay Johnson of Millerton, Pavan Kang of Hyde Park, Madeline Kerzner of Red Hook, Thomas Macpherson of Pleasant Valley, John Magnarella of Pine Plains, Gwen Masina of Wassaic, Mawazi Matende of Hyde Park, Sofie Morton of Wassaic, Aaron Munn of Red Hook, Eitan Neustadt of Rhinebeck, Ian O'Connor of Rhinebeck, Julia Osterhoudt of Staatsburg, Lacy Parsons of Red Hook, Marco Reyes of Millbrook, Heidy Ruiz of Pleasant Valley, Abigail Scott of Red Hook, Jack Scott of Pleasant Valley, Ryan Scott of Hyde Park, Fiona Seabrook of Rhinebeck, Benjamin Siebold of Hyde Park, Mia Socci of Millbrook, Paige Teixeira of Red Hook, Trinity Thompson of Red Hook, Paris Tretola of Red Hook, Maxwell Ulyatt of Millbrook, Sarah Vena of Pleasant Valley, Tania Wells of Stanfordville, Jake Wilber of Millbrook, Sean Wilk of Hyde Park.

TROY, NY - Nearly 600 students were named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at Russell Sage College.

The following local students made the list:

Kaleigh Dean of Salt Point, Naiya Garvin of Hyde Park, Gabriella Grant of Tivoli, Peyton Grant of Tivoli, Mason Kievit of Pleasant Valley, Elizabeth Mastrantuono of Pine Plains, Nicholas McCrudden of Red Hook, Mia Merino of Red Hook, Elizabeth Moore of Pleasant Valley, Meghan Weckesser of Red Hook.

ADELPHI, MD - Jason Sember of Red Hook was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

BUFFALO, NY - The following local students were named to the University at Buffalo's spring 2025 dean's list:

Sean Cadden of Stormville, Austin Carl of Poughquag, Cameron Decker of Red Hook, Gabriella Dos Santos of Pleasant Valley, Benjamin Finch of Red Hook, Seamus Hally of Red Hook, Liam Hally of Red Hook, Ryan Hermann of Lagrangeville, Sarah Holtman of Red Hook, Talia Lipke of Milan, Giancarlo Martinez of Pleasant Valley, Megan Howard of Poughquag, Brenning Johnson of Lagrangeville, Alexander Miller of Red Hook, Philip Ouma of Pleasant Valley, Anna Recktenwalt of Poughquag, Joseph Rivera of Lagrangeville, Lowell Santoro of Stanfordville, Waheed Saroyia of Hyde Park, Sean Schmidt of Holmes, Micah Sinclair of Amenia, Alex Ulrich of Rhinebeck.

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.

BUFFALO, NY - Krystal Johnson of Wassaic graduated from Buffalo State University with a MA in Biology.

LOCK HAVEN, PA - Sharon Squire of Hyde Park graduated this spring from Commonwealth University-Lock Haven.

BUFFALO, NY - Michael Lotz of Staatsburg has been named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at Buffalo State University.

In general, students who have completed at least 12 credit hours and who have attained a term GPA of 3.5 or higher qualify for the Buffalo State dean's list.

DUDLEY, MA - Patrick Doyle of Lagrangeville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Nichols College during the College's May 3, 2025, commencement exercises at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. Anne F. Ackerley, a senior advisor to the retirement business at BlackRock and former head of the firm's U.S. Retirement Group, delivered the commencement address.

HAMDEN, CT - The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2025 semester at Quinnipiac University:

Sarah Vincent of Dover Plains, Nicole Deneny of Holmes, Ashley McLoughlin of Lagrangeville, Ryan Connolly of Pleasant Valley, Gabriella Zocchi of Pleasant Valley, Angelina Giordani of Poughquag, Thomas McAlley of Poughquag, Victoria Moses of Poughquag, Gianna Dupont* of Red Hook.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

KENNESAW, GA - Rosemarie Finlay of Hyde Park has been named to Kennesaw State University's Spring 2025 Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement.

Majoring in Computer Science, Finlay is among more than 8,500 students named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of nine credit hours.

ADELPHI, MD - Alyssa Sorbellini of Poughquag was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

AMES, IA - More than 11,300 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester Dean's List. Among them is Shane Maleonskie of Pleasant Valley (Finance, B.S.).

Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

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