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

Tina Pomarico gives farewell

By Morgan E. Maier

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

kindness and genuine care.

While Lady Gray Bridal was founded by her parents, Grace and Rocco Garbellano, Tina's own legacy is one she built through dedication, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to her customers. There were long days, busy

weekends, and years when the business came before almost everything else. Through it all, she remained focused on creating an experience that made every bride feel important, heard, and beautiful.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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Annual Reading of the Declaration set for July 4th in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon Fourth of July Declaration Reading Committee is gearing up for a celebration to celebrate 250 years of America. The annual event will be held on July 4th at noon at the Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, in Beacon.

Dennis Pavelock is the chair of the committee.

Anne Thomas, who is a Daughters of the American Revolution member and who has generations of family members that have served in the military, is the vice chair. Thomas remarked, "I hope people realize what a rough start [the country] had." She noted "there were some rifts between families" and that they "fought so hard to become a country."

Sharon Forbes is a volunteer who assists with the event. "It's such a big anniversary for the United States of America. I wanted to be a part of it," she explained.

Committee member Joanne Buck said, "I enjoyed coming last year and meeting everybody. It's a nice atmosphere."

Committee member Lynda Kamerling remarked she hopes people come to "celebrate our country and to celebrate our forefathers who made our country what it is."

Pavelock noted that for those who attend this special event, they will "receive some history - that you may not know or be aware of."

Along with the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which will be read by Pavelock and City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, there will be raffles and gift cards. There will be a candy challenge, which one should arrive early for, according to Pavelock. He added, "We have a face painter coming this year."

"We have a dedicated committee who is focused on bringing a different kind of event to Beacon," said Pavelock. He recalled not knowing if this event would last three or five years when it was first held.

"I can't believe we're in our 16th year!" he said.

Attendees from previous events, according to Pavelock, say it is "a great event" and "to keep doing this."

"This isn't a festival or carnival. They come to get history," noted Pavelock, who has dressed up as numerous political figures for the event throughout the years.

In 2019, there were more than 100 people in attendance according to the committee members. Pavelock recalled two people from Iowa were traveling the area and saw a sign announcing the event on Route 52 and stopped by City Hall one year.

Pavelock said this event, although held in City Hall, is not a city-sponsored event and relies on donations. He noted he wants to continue to "serve the community with history and knowledge."



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

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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

By Matthew Fetzer

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

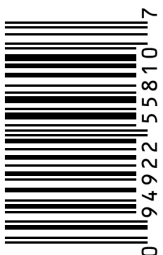
"The support that Tyler has had from the community is something that I can't even explain. It's just amazing. He's had so much support and so many people cheering for him. It's really a great feeling. I'm so proud of him," said Russo, smiling as she was wearing her grandson's No. 4 jersey.

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

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

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



Clockwise from above left, Thank You cards line the counters at Lady Gray Bridal in Beacon. A historic photo from 1967 shows Rocco and Grace Garbellano standing with children Tina Marie and Rocco Garbellano III at the opening of the dress shop in Beacon. Tina Pomarico stands in front of the signature sign at Lady Gray Bridal. Danielle Grace Pomarico is pictured with her grandmother Grace Garbellano.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt and courtesy photos

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

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

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

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

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

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



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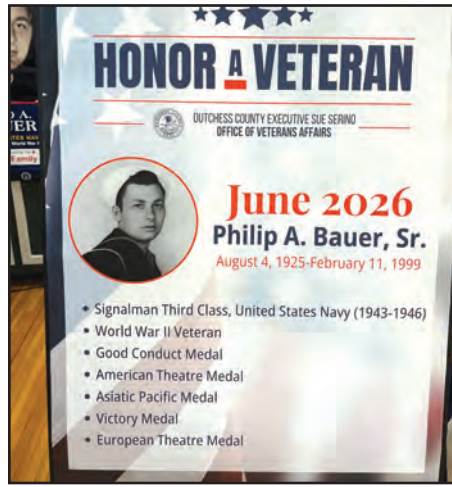
'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony commemorates Navy Veteran from Pawling

SM3 Philip A. Bauer Sr. left legacy of compassion, dedication & selflessness

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County's Office of Veterans Affairs today commemorated the life and service of U.S. Navy Signalman Third Class (SM3) Philip A. Bauer Sr., a former Town of Pawling resident, at the County's most recent "Honor-A-Veteran" observance, held at the Beekman Community Center in Poughquag.

Born in Poughkeepsie in 1925 and raised in Pawling, Philip A. Bauer Sr. dedicated his life to serving both his country and his community. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17 during World War II. After returning home, built a life with his wife, Dorothy, and their family while working as a steamfitter and later as a school district courier. A tireless volunteer, he helped found Pawling Little League and Pony League Basketball; served as Commander of the local American Legion Post; and supported numerous civic organizations, including the Pawling Fire Department, Knights of Columbus and VFW. Remembered for his kindness, loyalty and willingness to help others, SM3 Bauer passed away in 1999.

Serino said, "Philip Bauer lived a life of service. He answered the call to serve his country during World War II, and when he came home, he never stopped giving back. Through his work, his volunteer efforts and his commitment to his neighbors, he helped make the Pawling community stronger. His kindness, loyalty and dedication touched countless lives, and his legacy, which we are proud to



The recent "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony was held for deceased Signalman Third Class Philip A. Bauer Sr.

share through Dutchess County's 'Honor-A-Veteran' initiative, will continue to inspire us."

Dutchess County invites nominations for its monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies, held April through November, to pay tribute to deceased U.S. Armed Forces veterans who served in wartime or peacetime. Community members can submit nominations and required military documentation for consideration through the County's Office of Veterans Affairs, with the next ceremony scheduled for July 16. Learn more and download applications at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran.



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and other community leaders honored the life and legacy of deceased Signalman Third Class Philip A. Bauer Sr. during the most recent "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony, held at the Beekman Community Center in Poughquag. -Photos courtesy Dutchess County Gov't

State Legislature passes nation-leading data center regulation bill, one-year moratorium

Bill awaits Governor's signature

ALBANY – Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Columbia/Dutchess) recently announced that the Responsible Data Center Development (A.11560), legislation she sponsored with Senator Kristen Gonzalez, passed in both the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate. This legislation will

enact a one-year moratorium on new data centers in New York State, create a new utility rate class for large energy users like data centers to ensure their costs aren't passed on to other ratepayers, require robust host community benefit agreements between data centers and the municipality they are located in, energy efficiency standards for data centers, a requirement that these facilities are powered by predominantly renewable energy, and labor provi-

sions for the construction of data centers.

"Across the state our constituents are talking about data centers: they are worried about data centers, they are confused about data centers and they are looking for answers about data centers. As Legislators it is our job to help our state address this issue with a measured, thoughtful, and comprehensive approach to ensure the responsible

operation and development of data centers, to protect our natural resources and to make sure that ratepayers are not being asked to unfairly subsidize the costs – economic and environmental – of this industry," said Barrett. "I am proud to sponsor the Responsible Data Center Development Act to take a holistic look at the proliferation of data centers and their impacts and put meaningful regulations in place. I thank Speaker Heastie and my colleagues for passing this timely, common-sense bill."

The bill now goes to Gov. Kathy Hochul for her signature.

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The BonfireWORKS Foundation to present 'REV250 Illuminated'

The BonfireWORKS Foundation presents "Rev2050 Illuminated," a series of projections celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on municipal buildings and other iconic locations in Beacon, from 9-11 p.m. The projections will take place on June 26 & 27, July 3, 4 and 5.

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Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice as we approach America's 250th birthday

To the Editor:

As we approach our nation's 250th birthday. We cannot forget the sacrifices of those who made it possible. This year, after the town hosted its annual Memorial Day service, a citizen approached me and asked me if I knew a particular name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I told him yes and I asked why. He told me he was a student in one of the elementary schools in Fishkill. When news came that this soldier died during combat, he remembers the teachers crying for this young man.

His name was US Army Lieutenant Robert Bruce and he was killed in a firefight. I believe he was the only son of the Bruce family. He returned to Fishkill and his memorial was at Trinity Church, and he is buried at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. A few years ago, the town and county dedicated Red Schoolhouse Road in his honor. He turned 25 a week before he was killed.

Also killed in Vietnam was US Marine Private Michael Garlo. He was killed in a grenade attack. I believe his family emigrated from Canada and he was also an only son. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The town and county dedicated Osborne Hill Road after him. He lived on Charlotte Road just off Osbourne. He was 20 years old.

A third citizen from Fishkill was also killed in Vietnam. US Marine Corporal Richard Smith. He was killed when his tank hit a mine. Of the 3 honored we were only able to find his brother and invited him to the ceremony. Baxtertown Road was dedicated to him. His brother told me that his father would travel Baxtertown on his way to Castle Point. He was only 20 years and is buried in Fishkill Rural Cemetery next to his father, a WWII combat Marine.

As we all celebrate the 250th, remember those that made this happen.

Ozzy Albra
Supervisor, Town of Fishkill

Lesser-known patriots 'deserve same honor' as planned for Nimham

To the Editor:

In the June 17-23 issue of SDN an article regarding a bill introduced by Congressman Pat Ryan to award Chief Nimham the Purple Heart brings to mind 91 patriots from over 8 original colonies and Canada who perished at the Fishkill Supply Depot and should be included in this effort of recognition.

These lesser-known patriots who died at Fishkill deserve the same honor and recognition as our famous Chief Nimham will receive.

The individuals who are documented to have "died at Fishkill" have their names, state origin and dates of death recorded from historical records eg: letters, pension files, orderly books of attending officers, etc. on the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot website at: <https://www.fishkillsupplydepot.org/Xtribute.html>.

I am a historical reenactor for over 50 years, a co-founder of the 5th NY Regiment, a former board member for 5 years with the Supply Depot Friends Group and current Trustee at the East Fishkill Historical Society where I present historical events and assist in programming and presentations. My late wife Judy Wolf was also instrumental in documenting many of the names that are now known to have died at Fishkill.

Let us not pass through this 250th anniversary year of the founding of our country and forget all those who now lie in unmarked graves in Fishkill. Honor them all by presenting the Purple Heart posthumously.

James K. Burr Sr.
Poughkeepsie

Veteran encourages all to support Veterans March

To the Editor:

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

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

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

Brian McElroy
Wappingers Falls

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



A watch party was held at the Martz Field pavilion in the Town of Wappinger on June 19. The event was held to cheer on Tyler Adams, who grew up in Wappinger, and the U.S. World Cup team, which defeated Australia, 2-0.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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"It's true hometown pride in the town of Wappinger today," said Cavaccini. "Tyler, first of all, is one of the most humble and caring people that I know. He's been very generous with the things that he's done for the town, so it is only fitting that our community comes out to return the favor to him and root him on."

Martz Field is also home to the Tyler Adams Soccer Pitch, which was renamed in July 2025. This was made possible through a partnership between Adams and the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. "Tyler was able to direct a significant investment

from Scotts to revitalize the soccer pitch here for our community," Cavaccini added. "He's made many other sizable investments throughout the community and we continue to have a strong relationship with him. Again, first and foremost, he has never forgotten his roots. He's never forgotten where he comes from."

Community members watched the game from lawn chairs, as the live broadcast was shown on a large projector. As the United States squad continues to play, local residents will have additional opportunities to spectate as World Cup watch parties are popping up all over Dutchess County.

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank to hold meetings June 30

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Finance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. and the Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, in person at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 1st Floor Conference Room, 9 Vassar St, Poughkeepsie. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome

to attend. To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires 5 days' notice), please call 845-293-3547 or email info@dcpoklandbank.org.

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New Live Fire Training Building honors Hyde Park's Ray Nichols



Above: County Executive Sue Serino is pictured with Dutchess County Emergency Response Commissioner William Beale as he "burns" through the ribbon for Dutchess County's new Live Fire Training Building. Top right: Firefighters, first responders and local dignitaries are pictured at the opening of the new facility. Right: Ray Nichols - past Chief of the Roosevelt Fire Department and longtime Dutchess County Deputy Fire Coordinator was honored with a special dedication of the Fire Training Grounds.

-Courtesy photos



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

The modular fire training structure will provide local firefighters with the opportunity to train in a variety of live burn scenarios. As part of the celebration, the County dedicated the Dutchess County Fire Training Grounds in honor of Ray Nichols, who has served as Deputy Fire Coordinator for Dutchess County for nearly 40 years.

Serino said, "This new fire training building is an exciting step forward for firefighter training in Dutchess County. Live burn training is essential, and our firefighters now have a top-tier facility to sharpen their skills safely

and effectively. Every day our community counts on the dedication and expertise of volunteer and career firefighters, and we're proud to give these brave men and women the tools they need to protect lives and property."

Dutchess County Emergency Response Commissioner William H. Beale said, "This new training building is a game-changer for firefighter readiness. It provides cutting-edge, scenario-driven training that meets modern standards and elevates firefighters' skills. We are grateful to the local departments for their continued support of our Fire Training Grounds and look forward to continuing to elevate training opportunities for the brave men and women of fire service, ensuring they will be even more prepared to keep our communities safe."

Live burn exercises allow firefighters to train in real-time fire conditions within a controlled structure, helping them better understand fire behavior, strengthen coordi-

nation, and make critical decisions safely and effectively.

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

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

Each year, thousands of volunteer and career fire professionals train at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Fire Training

Grounds - thanks in large part to the leadership and commitment of Ray Nichols. Nichols, a Hyde Park resident, has served as Dutchess County Deputy Fire Coordinator since 1988 and has been foundational in the development and expansion of the County's training facilities. A longtime member of the Roosevelt Fire Department, he served as Chief in the 1980s, leading the department through many significant emergency response events. He also played a key role in the creation of the Hyde Park Training Association.

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

HV Volunteer Firefighters attend annual convention



Clockwise from top left: Slater Chemical Company won honors for Best Appearing Fire Unit Bloused Uniform 41 & Over in Line at the annual Convention. New officers of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association are pictured at the swearing in ceremony. The Hughsonville Fire Department won honors for the Best Rescue squad at the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Convention in Lake George.

-Photos by Vinny Galvin



The Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association held their 137th Annual Convention and Parade in Lake George on June 11, 12 and 13.

The Membership elected a new president in Robert Fritsche from the Ossining Fire department, John O'Brien from the New Hamburg Fire Department, Ed Buttler from the Brewster Fire Department, Jessica McKinney as Secretary and Brenda Gausby, Kyle Pottenburgh from the New Hackensack

Fire Department. The highlights of the Dress Parade were Hughsonville Fire Department for the Best Rescue and the Slater Chemical Company Best Appearing Fire Unit Bloused Uniform 41 & Over in Line. Congratulations to all the Dutchess County Firefighters who were elected to office and Hughsonville Fire Department and Slater Chemical Fire Department for bringing home trophies.

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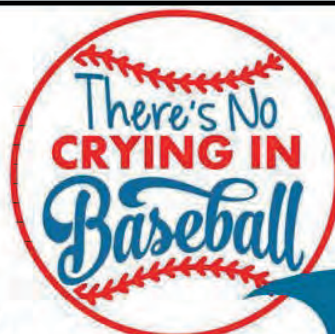
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RENEGADES FEATURE

Versatile fielder Kyle West develops into key RBI machine for Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

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

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

One of a few Renegades adjusting to new positions since joining a professional roster, the Yankees converted West to an infielder. Where he spent time in the outfield and at third base in college, West has played exclusively at first base between the Tampa Tarpons and Hudson Valley.

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

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

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



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-Photo by Dave Janosz

League Standings

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Hudson Valley NYY	2	1	.667	1.0	2-1	W2
Jersey Shore PHI	1	2	.333	2.0	1-2	W1
Brooklyn NYM	0	3	.000	3.0	0-3	L3

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
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Bowling Green TB *	2	1	.667	-	2-1	W2
Greenville BOS	2	1	.667	-	2-1	L1
Asheville HOU	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L2
Hub City TEX	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L1
Rome ATL	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	1	2	.333	1.0	1-2	W1



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07/01/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM	Celebration of Baseball WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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07/04/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Independence Day: Happy 250th Birthday, USA! presented by Central Hudson Gas & Electric WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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07/08/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/10/26	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Renegades: The Musical! WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/11/26	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Christmas in July WMCHHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

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

By Morgan E. Maier

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

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

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

Franyer Herrera (6.0 innings, 4 H, 0 ER, 6 K, 2 BB) retired the next two to complete his relief outing. Luis Velasquez retired the final Emperor to complete the 7-6 Renegades victory.

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

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

Five Emperors reached base with two outs to spare the following night, blowing a two-run Renegade lead in the bottom of the ninth inning. A wild pitch tied it, and a sharp single won it for the Emperors, 5-4, as Hudson Valley lost the game they'd led since the first inning. Rome held Hudson Valley



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

-Photo by Dave Janosz

scoreless from the third inning; Roderick Arias went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his sixth home run of the season.

The Renegades continue on the road with a bout in Bowling Green to face

the first-half champions of the South Atlantic League South. The Hot Rods have lost just seven games at home this season. Hudson Valley looks to continue its season turnaround before returning home to end the month.

RENEGADES EXTRA



Roderick Arias continued his strong hitting as he went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI, including his sixth home run of the season in a 5-4 loss to Rome last week.



Pitcher Luis Serna was back to his strong starting ways in a victory over the Rome Emperors on June 18. Serna turned in a four-hit, seven inning performance.

-Photos by Dave Janosz

RCK Valedictorian: 'All the hard work I put myself through finally paid off'

By Kristine Coulter

Roy C. Ketcham High School's Valedictorian this year is Jack McCarthy and Salutatorian is David Carbone.

"I was glad that all the hard work I put myself through finally paid off," Jack recalled thinking when he learned he was at the top of this year's class.

David said, "I was happy when I was told about" being salutatorian. He noted he has two sisters, and his older sibling was valedictorian of her class.

Jack said his favorite subject in high school was mathematics. He said he likes to think of math as like "a puzzle that you have to solve."

"I like physics," remarked David. "It also includes a lot of math and it's not unambiguous."

David thanked his teachers. His teachers "really shaped me to this point," he said, and taught him to think critically and take different approach-

es. Jack said, "I am definitely ready to move on to the next thing," adding, "What I'm going to miss about Ketcham is the community. I've gotten to know not only friends but teachers."

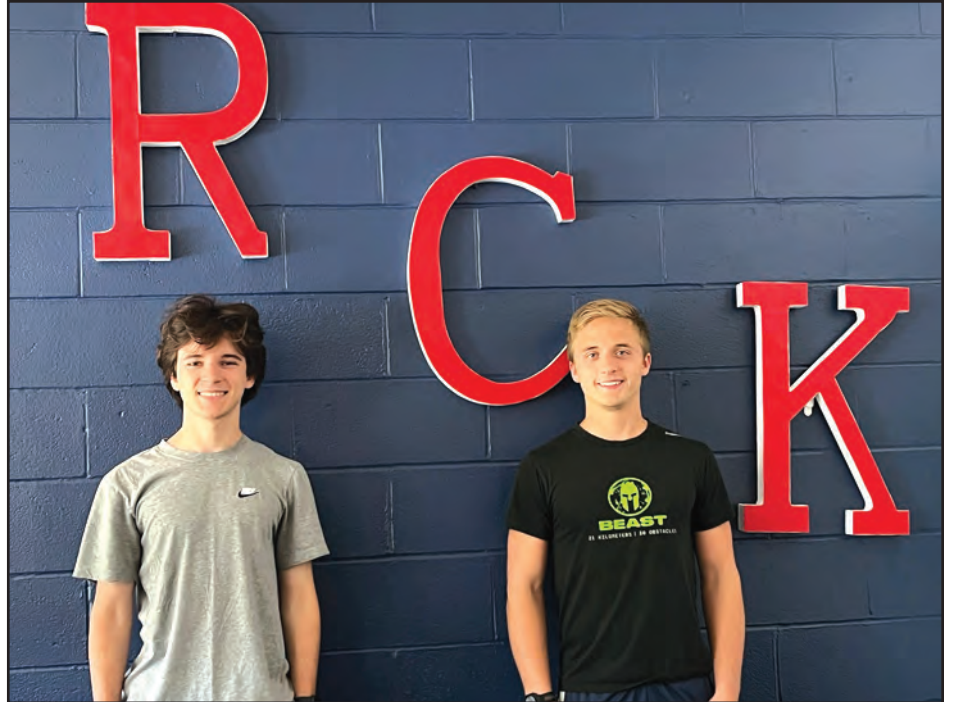
Jack said attending the Naval Academy has been his "Number 1 dream" and "Number 1 thing on my bucket list."

David will major in Computer Science during his college career.

"I want to get to know how software on iPhone is made," he said.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to my family members who supported me the whole time," said Jack. He added his parents, brother and coaches made him into the person who "always finds a way to achieve my goals."

David said, "I'd like to thank my family - my mom and dad. They helped me stay on a good path. They always brought me to where I should be."



David Carbone, left, and Jack McCarthy are the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2026 at Roy C. Ketcham High School.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

Kim, Eisley top of JJHS's Class of 2026

By Kristine Coulter

Hailey Kim is at the top of the class at John Jay High School this year.

Hailey was asked what she thought when she was told she was the valedictorian.

"Being named Valedictorian made me feel proud and grateful. For me, the most meaningful part wasn't the title itself, but what it represents: the hard work I've put in and the challenges I've overcome over the past four years. It also reminds me of all the people who supported me along the way," said Hailey

What will Hailey miss about high school?

"Definitely the people. High school gave me the chance to learn alongside classmates who challenged and inspired me, and to work with teachers who genuinely cared about their students. The relationships I've built over the past four years are what I'll miss most," shared Hailey.

Hailey will be attending the University of Pennsylvania and plans to study Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

What advice does she have for students beginning their high school years in September?

"Don't be afraid to try new things. High school goes by much faster than you expect, so make the most of the opportunities available to you. Make new friends, join the clubs that interest you, challenge yourself, and most of all, have fun," advised Hailey.

Nathaniel Eisley is also at the top of this year's class.

"I was surprised at first to hear that I was the salutatorian because even though I knew I was towards the top of my class, there are many other smart students that I know could have taken the position," he said.

Nathaniel will be enrolled at UConn in the fall as an actuarial science major.

What will he miss about his days learning at John Jay?

"I will miss being able to see my friends every day the most, although I plan on making new friends at college while staying in touch with my current friends as well," replied Nathaniel.

What advice would Nathaniel offer students starting high school in September?

"I would tell them to be open to new things even if they don't think they would like them, and that it is important to put your best effort into everything that you do."



Nathaniel Eisley, left, and Hailey Kim are the Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2026 at John Jay High School.

-Courtesy photos

Blood donations needed during summer months

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give blood or platelets. Donors of all blood types and those giving platelets are needed to keep a strong supply of lifesaving blood products on hospital shelves into the summer.

As a thank-you for those who step up to give, all who come to give June 1-28, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/June for details.

Additionally, during the month of June, presenting donors at participating Red

Cross blood drives across the Eastern New York Region will receive a voucher redeemable for one free pre-packaged pint of Stewart's Shops ice cream or gelato at any Stewart's Shops location.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Poughkeepsie
June 23: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road

June 26: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd.

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

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

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Historic #FreedomWalk2026 brings interactive Underground Railroad experience to Oakwood Friends School



Historian Tony Cohen with the Harriet Tubman statue. -Courtesy photo by Martin Radigan Photography



Oakwood Friends Head of School Chad Cianfrani shares remarks at the #FreedomWalk2026 Bonfire held on Oakwood's campus in Poughkeepsie. -Courtesy photo

From Sandy Spring, Maryland to Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie to Ontario, Canada, and multiple East Coast cities in between, #FreedomWalk2026 is a modern-day retracing of the Underground Railroad to Canada, on the 250th anniversary of America's independence. The walk will commemorate the brave self-liberators, the abolitionists, and their secret networks. The walk team, led by historian Anthony (Tony) Michael Cohen—who first walked the route in 1996—will trek 750 miles by foot, boat and rail using modes of transport of the original freedom seekers. Oakwood Friends School was honored to host the inspiring group of intrepid travelers as they made their way through the Hudson Valley recently.

Head of School Chad Cianfrani reflected on #FreedomWalk2026, sharing, "This moment connects deeply to Oakwood's history. Tracing its roots to Nine Partners Meeting, Oakwood is grounded in a Quaker tradition shaped by equality, community, justice, and the inherent dignity of every person. Figures such as former teacher Lucretia Mott and many other Friends helped lead abolitionist efforts, and this journey echoes that legacy in a powerful and present-day way. It is a meaningful and mission-aligned opportunity for our community, an invitation to connect past and present, and to reflect together on the ongoing work of justice, equity, and freedom." The walk launched from Sandy Spring,

MD on May 4, on the 30th anniversary of the original walk, and will conclude in Ontario, Canada on July 4, 2026. Each week the walkers will establish a base of operation in a different city along the way, where they will co-host events with local communities around the themes of history and community empowerment. Events will include teach-ins, service projects, lectures, installations and tours as well as opportunities for the public to walk with our team. Together with Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting, Oakwood welcomed members of the public to their campus for a bonfire gathering with moments of silence, song and a sharing from Tony about his journey - what it was like in the past, what it is like today, and what it stands for now, in this

particular day and time. Tony expressed his gratitude for the group's time spent in Poughkeepsie, "Oakwood Friends School provided the #FreedomWalk2026 team with more than just a place to rest our heads. The school embraced us as family, offering shelter, sustenance and a restorative environment, in the long tradition of aiding those in need which defined the Underground Railroad." To connect with #FreedomWalk2026 follow them on Instagram @freedomwalk2026 and on Facebook at FreedomWalk2026. Email contact: freedomwalk2026@gmail.com For more information see: <https://www.menare.org/freedomwalk2026-about>

Air National Guard announces promotions

Air Force Major General Gary Charlton, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announced the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership. Kostikey Mustakas from Beacon and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion March 1, to the rank of master sergeant. Charles Meyer from Lagrangeville and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion March 1, to the rank of senior airman. David Manresa from Poughkeepsie and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion March 1, to the rank of master sergeant. Walter Allen from Poughkeepsie and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a

promotion March 1, to the rank of senior master sergeant. Air National Guard promotions are based on an Airman's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential. These promotions recognize the best qualified Airmen for a career in the New York Air National Guard, according to Charlton. Air National Guard Citizen Airmen who serve our state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k). For more information about the New York Air National Guard or contact a recruiter, visit <https://dmna.ny.gov/ang/>.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that requests have been filed with the Dutchess County Legislature, pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets law Section 303-b for inclusion of predominately viable agricultural land within Agricultural District 21 which have received a favorable recommendation as set forth below:			
SUMMARY OF PARCELS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION			
Landowner	Municipality	Swis	Print Key
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Gregory S DeCesare	Hyde Park	133200	6165-02-845770-0000
Megan Deichler	La Grange	133400	6562-02-999628-0000
Sweet Showers Hill LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-809539-0000
Edward A Russell	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-423606-0000
Aurora North Meadows LLC	Union Vale	135400	6762-00-067068-0000
Three Sprouts Valley LLC	Wappinger	135689	6057-04-964107-0000
Thomas Drummond	Wappinger	135689	6158-02-915594-0000
Melandie L Williamson	Wappinger	135689	6359-03-383254-0000
Ray A Alexander	Wappinger	135689	6359-03-441218-0000
James Gloriosso Jr	Wappinger	135689	6157-02-877760-0000
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FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the parcels listed below were rejected for inclusion in the Agricultural Districts:			
SUMMARY OF PARCELS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION			
Deborah Evans	Pawling	134089	7057-00-210557-0000
Megan L Calogero	Union Vale	135400	6660-00-728564-0000
Attis Health LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6269-00-035395-0000
Attis Health LLC	Rhinebeck	135089	6169-00-866590-0000
Kerrie Abela	Rhinebeck	135089	6371-00-600224-0000
Acreage			
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And that the Dutchess County Legislature has received the report of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto, which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours, and the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess shall conduct a public hearing on the 13th day of July 2026 at 6:30pm in the Dutchess County Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, to consider the requests and recommendations of the Dutchess County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with respect thereto at which time all interested persons or parties will be heard.			
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36-year-old sentenced to 40 years to life for murder of Marlorville Road couple in 2025

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on June 10 that Robert Buda Jr., 36, was sentenced in Dutchess County Court to 20 years to life on two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, both Class A-1 Felonies. These sentences will run consecutively to each other. Additionally, Buda was sentenced to 15 years in prison on one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony. That sentence will run concurrently to the murder sentences. Buda plead guilty to these crimes on March 18, it was stated.

Parisi said, "Robert Buda executed two innocent people in an act of unimaginable violence. Today's sentence ensures that he will never again have the opportunity to threaten another member of our community. While justice can never erase the pain suffered by the Hait family, it demands accountability, and that accountability has now been imposed. Dutchess County will continue to stand with victims and their families, and my office will continue to aggressively prosecute those who commit acts of violence in our community."

The charges stem from an incident that occurred in the evening of January 26, 2025, at 78 Marlorville Road, in the Town of Wappinger. The Defendant intentionally killed Jo-Ann and Paul Hait by shooting them multiple times with a firearm. Buda was in possession of a 9-millimeter Sig Sauer P354 semi-



Robert Buda Jr.

-Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

automatic pistol with the intent to use it unlawfully against them and the possession of the firearm did not occur in his home or place of business.

The case was investigated by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fluck and Deputy Unit Chief Nick LaStella. The Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes and former Dutchess County Court Judge Edward T. McLoughlin presided over the case.

Poughkeepsie man sentenced on criminally negligent homicide in case involving his 16-month-old child

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on June 3 that Haitham Dasan, 49, was sentenced to 2-4 years state prison after entering a guilty plea to Criminally Negligent Homicide, a Class E Felony, in Dutchess County Court in March.

Parisi said in a press release on June 3 stated, "For far too long, this case remained unresolved despite the profound loss suffered by this family and the seriousness of the allegations. My administration made the deliberate decision to re-examine the evidence, follow the facts wherever they led, and move this matter forward in pursuit of justice. Cases involving the death of a child demand accountability and action, not delay. The loss of a child is profound and leaves a permanent scar not only on a family, but also on the first responders, investigators, medical personnel, and prosecutors who are called upon to confront these tragedies firsthand. The impact of responding to the death of a child does not simply go away. These are scenes and experiences that stay with those involved for the rest of their lives." Parisi further said, "I also want to commend the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department for their diligence, professionalism, and continued commitment to this investigation. Their work, coupled with the dedication of the prosecutors and investigators involved, helped ensure that this matter did not remain unresolved."

According to the D.A.'s Office, the incident occurred on April 12, 2021, in the early afternoon at 75 Oakdale Avenue in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The defendant admitted that he negligently caused the death of his daughter Soraiya Dasan. Dasan admitted that he touched a plastic straw in a clear plas-



Haitham Dasan

-Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

tic container that contained fentanyl. He further admitted that he prepared food and fed his daughter food tainted with fentanyl. An autopsy of Soraiya Dasan was conducted by the Dutchess County Medical Examiner's Officer along with a toxicology report. Soraiya Dasan's cause of death was determined to be from acute fentanyl intoxication. Fentanyl was found in her blood. As a result of the defendant's negligence, Soraiya Dasan was exposed to fentanyl which ultimately caused her death.

The case was investigated by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Russo. Judge Edelman-Reyes presided over the case.

Town of Fishkill Police tell residents to be aware of new scam

Town of Fishkill Police announced on social media that residents should be aware of a new scam going on locally.

"We received reports of a subject attempting to collect money for the Town of Fishkill Police Department. This subject was able to

spoof our phone number to make the phone call look like it was coming directly from the department," the post states.

If one receives a phone call or has any questions, please call the Fishkill Police Department at 845-831-1110 to confirm

Obituaries

David John Secor



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

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

A lifelong builder and craftsman, David began working alongside his father in the construction industry at a young age and spent more than fifty years building, restoring, and improving properties throughout the Hudson Valley. He was most recently employed by Elijah Bender and his family in Rhinebeck, where he dedicated the last 12 years of his career working on properties including Foster's Coach House Tavern. Over the course of his career he also built many homes from Texas to New York, a career that spans for as long as he was able to

hold a hammer. At one point he owned a family business and built homes with his children. His talents also extended beyond construction, as he restored and rehabilitated numerous commercial and residential properties and took great pride in preserving local history. One of his most cherished accomplishments was restoring the historic Old Stone Church in Rhinebeck.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Stella



On June 19, 2026 John entered into eternal rest with his loved ones by his side.

Born in Beacon, NY on October 19, 1941, John was the only child of John and Susanna (Pavone) Stella. John graduated from Beacon High School Class of 1959 and attended Dutchess Community College. On April 11, 1964 he married the love of his life Margaret (Peggy) Congdon at St Mary's Church in Poughkeepsie NY. She survives at home. Together they had two beautiful daughters, Cynthia (Cindy) Rizzo and her husband Erick, and Michelle whose life was cut short in 2011- a death that broke his heart.

In 1993 at the age of 51, he retired

from IBM after 31 years as a Senior Financial Planner. John worked as short order cook (bucket list item) and as a realtor. He was a charter member of the Beacon Pop Warner Youth Football League where he coached young men. A time in his life that he really enjoyed. To this day he is still addressed as Coach by his former players. John also officiated and coached high school football.

John was a parishioner of St Joachim - St John Church, where he attended daily mass until he needed major surgery in 2024. He survived and with Peggy's love, support and care, she was able to prolong his life.

He was blessed by three wonderful grandchildren Elizabeth Jerolimo (James), Samantha Rizzo and Lucas Liguoro and a great granddaughter Lucia Michelle.

He was a life member of W.H. Mase Hook and Ladder Co., a life member of St Rocco Society, a member of the Elks BOPE #1943, past member of the City of Beacon Board of Education, past Chairman of City of Beacon Traffic Safety Board, and past Chairman of the City of Beacon Board of Assessment Review.

John loved the game of golf especially playing with his friends Andy and Tim. He was an avid New York Mets and New York Giants fan and watched them as often as he could.

Along with his parents and beloved daughter, he was predeceased by his grandparents and his many cousins and friends, most recently Bobby Palisi.

The family would like to thank the amazing doctors and nurses in the Vassar Brothers ICU, especially Dr. Abdulaziz Ahmed and Dr. Sean Lee who took their time to explain everything.

Family and friends gathered on Tuesday, June 23 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 31 Willow Street, Beacon, on Wednesday, June 24 at 10 a.m., followed by burial at St Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

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Creative Living

John Jay's 'Jaybots' take on the Canada Cup of Robotics



Members of the 2026 Jaybots, John Jay High School's robotics team, who recently took part in the Canada Cup of Robotics.

-Courtesy photos



John Jay High School's Jaybots with the medal they won in the Canada Cup of Robotics. The Jaybots earned second place in the Design Award category and made it up to the second match in the tournament's playoff bracket.

By Matthew Fetzer
 John Jay High School's very own robotics team, Jaybots, was one of the 78 teams that were invited to compete in the Canada Cup of Robotics which spanned June 12 – 16.

The team of eight students made their way to Canada Games Park in Thorold, Ontario, to participate in this year's competition. Members were accompanied by coaches and mentors, James Amodio and Jocelyn Humphries.

Every year Jaybots are involved in a league challenge known as the FIRST Tech Challenge.

According to the official FIRST website, "FIRST Tech Challenge is a student-centered program that focuses on giving young people a unique and stimulating experience. Every September, at an event known as 'Kickoff,' a new game challenge is introduced. Once the challenge is released, small teams of students with the help of mentors design, build, test, and program robots that must perform a series of game tasks autonomously and under driver control. These teams then put their skills to the test in a series of tournaments which combine the excitement of a competitive sport while encouraging students to help and learn from one another."

The introduced game this year was "DECODE," which was ultimately played by the team at the Canada Cup. Jaybots spent the entirety of their 2025-26 season perfecting their robot to play this game.

"In the game we have these little wiffle balls that are called artifacts, where the robot has to take them and aim it towards where the goal is and then they have to shoot it into the goal," said Anika Anne, a member of Jaybots. "So, it's like the more they shoot into the goal, the more points

they get. There's also penalties too which play a factor into this."

Using Onshape, a popular product development software, the team is able to design the entire robot, where it is then built in the classroom.

"After that we start coding it, and through trial and error, and driver practice, we refine some of the things that don't work – and that's how we prepare for competition," Anne added.

With dozens of hours put into working on the robot, Jaybots earned second place in the Design Award category and made it up to the second match in the tournament's playoff bracket. They also set their new event high score of 308 points while competing.

This is just one of the many major tournaments that Jaybots has been invited to. Last year, the team traveled to Houston for the World Championship where they won first place in the Judges Choice Award.

"I think this team does really well because it's made up of a bunch of dedicated members who put in the time," said Amodio. "Robotics is great because you're not a specialist in one field. You have to be good at a bunch of different things. Similarly, everyone's role is inter-related here. If one person doesn't do what they're supposed to, the whole team fails or looks bad at something. There's a lot of reliance on each other and they work in cooperation in that."

The Canada Cup of Robotics was the team's final competition of the year, but they will be back in September for the 2026-27 season.

More information on the team and how to support Jaybots can be found at jaybots.org.

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Children's Home launches new youth crisis residence AnchorPoint

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

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

AnchorPoint provides 24/7 care and support for youth ages 5 to 21 experiencing a psychiatric crisis. The program offers intensive, short-term stabilization services designed to help youth safely transition back to their homes or connect with appropriate community-based services.

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



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

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

require additional stabilization before returning home or to their community.

"Now more than ever, youth and families are faced with complex individual and systemic crises, arising often and without warning," said Courtney Rovere, PhD, LCSW(NY), LICSW(MA) Assistant Executive Director for Clinical Program Development at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. "For those that do not require inpatient hospitalization,



From left, Rebecca Mercado, Representative from the Office of NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett; Courtney E. Rovere, PhD, LCSW(NY), LICSW(MA), Assistant Executive Director for Clinical Program Development; Walter J. Joseph, MPA, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer; Valerie Murphy, Board Chair for Children's Home of Poughkeepsie; Danielle Mitchell, MPA, Associate Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer; Jonathan Link, Representative from the Office of NYS Assemblymember Anil Beephan.

but could benefit from increased mental health support in a home-like setting in their own community, we developed AnchorPoint."

Since opening the doors in January,

AnchorPoint has already supported 31 youth and families. To learn more about this critical new resource or to make a referral, visit childrenshome.us or call 845- 275-0648.



From left, Rebecca Cohen-Lillard, Program Director, OMH Residential and Courtney E. Rovere, PhD, LCSW(NY), LICSW(MA), Assistant Executive Director for Clinical Program Development stand in a resident's room at AnchorPoint.

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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

BY FRANCINE WIZNER



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

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

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

They like it Hot, Hot, Hot

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

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

Members of the Velvety Fruits Society are botanical anomalies that grow across select continents. Central and South America produce buttery avocados, sweet-potato/apricot-flavored mamey sapote, chocolate-pudding-like black sapote, cheesecake-like canistel, pear-custard cherimoya, creamy-peach keule, fruity-cheese-like pequi, and uxi's herbal-butter flavor found in the Amazonian basin. The African Continent contributes safou, which cooks into a lemon-butter paste, and marula, which has mango-citrus flesh and a rich, nutty kernel. Southeast Asia's tropical climate provides the correct conditions for the vanilla-almond-custard-like durian and the cream-cheese-like dabai. *

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



Avocado sprouting in compost

-Photos by Francine Wizner



Avocados



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Not velvety fruits.

I am reporting on a second outlier.

Persevering pits

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

We are in Zone 6. Of course, I would not let my accidental botanical infants

succumb to the elements. A couple of Augusts ago, I dug them out of the pile, potted them up in fresh soil, and moved them indoors. I gifted most of them, but I remain the guardian of one persevering domestic avocado tree.

Avocado attributes

This oversized, single-seeded berry likely relied on ancient elephants, rhinos, and giant armadillos to swallow it whole, passing the massive pit intact through their digestive tracts to disperse its seeds. Those megafaunas were immune to persin, the antifungal toxin found in parts of the plant. Smaller ani-

mals, incapable of carrying the avocado embryo long distances, are repelled by persin**. When the prehistoric giants went extinct, the avocado could have followed them into oblivion.

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

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

Living in NY, The Avocado Way

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

*(Keule, pequi, uxi, safou, marula, and dabai fruits cannot be bought fresh in the US, but may be obtained online or in specialty markets via altered formats, such as jars, jams, or freeze-dried. Regional ethnic grocery stores such as Tropical Fresh, Casa Latina, and Market Fresh in Poughkeepsie may carry mamey sapote, cherimoya, durian and black sapote seasonally.)

**Persin is non-toxic to humans.

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WALTER PARKER MD PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 123 Daisy Lane, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine.

Notice of Formation of Continuity Dance LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Robin Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

A N A G N O S RESIDENTIAL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4 Albie Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

1604 ROUTE 9, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1604 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Business name: Bejazaly LLC Date of formation: 11/7/25 did not operate until 5/1/26 County: Dutchess The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of Bejazaly LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Address: 54 E

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Market St, Rhinebeck NY 12572 Business purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

WILD ROSE SIMMER CO. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3979 Albany Post Road, #149, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of C-Legacy LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/16/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Justin Clark, 2 Barnes Drive Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

450 Route 9 Land LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/17/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 448 Rte 9, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: any lawful act.

Studios Services LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Dept of State on 04/17/2026. Location: Dutchess County. Inc Authority RA has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Address is 2822 NY-82 Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. Purpose: Mold Assessments/ Inspections.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: JRZ Security Integration, LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 29, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at: 54 Mill Street Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: to engage in any and all business for which LLCs may be formed under the New York LLC law.

ONE EAST 6400, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

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with the SSNY on 05/18/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 402 Gardenia Drive, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Hudson Valley Skyview Imaging & Inspection LLC filed w/SSNY 5/12/26. Off. in Dutchess Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 6 Cross Rd, Beacon, NY 12508. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of LOWELL APARTMENTS, LLC. Appl/Auth filed 5/19/26. Office loc: Dutchess Cty. LLC formed in AR 4/24/07. SSNY desig. agent for svc/proc at PO BOX 643, RHINEBECK, NY 12572. AR address: 413 COLUMBIA PLACE LOWELL, AR 72745. Art/Org filed w/AR SOS, 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 256, Little Rock, AR 72201. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

G A R R I S O N HOMES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/20/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1888 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Mommo Fishkill LLC., DBA: Mommo Pizza Shop. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on May 6, 2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 19 Robinson Street, Fishkill NY, 12524. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DiMarco Digital, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1639 Route 9G, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of MARIA'S TEAM CLEANING SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Maria's Team Cleaning Service LLC, 13 North Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF COOPER HALL ARCHITECTURE, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 11, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1420 Route 83, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Purpose: to engage in the profession of architecture.

Bentley Lane LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/27/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 6030 Rte 82, Ste D, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Purpose: any lawful act.

42 ROKEBY ROAD LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 05/12/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Eastview Lane, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful.

540 Bainbridge Street LLC, a domestic LLC filed with the SSNY on 5/26/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Treybich Law, P.C., 272 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose for LLC: any lawful.

PEAR FARM, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/22/2026. Office loc: Dutchess County.

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SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 52 Broadway, Tivoli, NY 12583. Reg Agent: Susan G Baer, 1475 County Route 21, Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

ROMBOUT RD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/27/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 12561 SW Sunrise Lake Terr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 167 Rombout Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

S T E P H E N G R U N B O K P H Y S I C A L THERAPY PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/12/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 1 Molly's Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Physical Therapy.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GS VISION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/21/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to the LLC at: 465 Field Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 62 SOUTH WHITE ROCK LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at 4 Fox Run, Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of RK Cattle LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/2026. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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Legalzoom USCA, Inc, 45 Main St-Suite 238, Brooklyn NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Courier Shmourier LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 5/9/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Courier Shmourier LLC, 41 Raymond Ave, P.O. Box 2701, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

H V R MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Christopher Acuti, 2 Locust Court, Apartment B, Fishkill, NY 12524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Eagles Cliff LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/29/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 14 Wynclyffe Ct, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of a Confield Associates LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/01/26: The County in which the office is to be located: Dutchess. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at 4 Fox Run, Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

F O R T I L L I PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 LaGrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Fire Tower LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 1, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at: 19 Kent Street, Beacon, NY 12508. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

M&F Landscapes LLC Filed 3/01/26. Office: Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 104 Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: General

Notice of Form. of Vanguard Ventilations LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/2025. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 NASSAU ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of RITA RYAN TRAVEL LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/19/2024. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of RR CUSTOM TRAVEL LLC Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. Office located in Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Our Volleyball League and our two Basketball leagues are full and games have begun.

There are just a few seats left for our August 6 trip to Saratoga Raceway. The fee is \$60 residents and \$75 nonresidents and includes round trip Coach Tours transportation, tip for driver, admission ticket and reserved grandstand seating.

We are now signing up baseball fans to see the red hot NY Mets (August 1) and Yankees (August 12). The fee is \$100 resident/\$115 nonresident). One may sign up online.

Our concert this Friday Night June 26 at 7pm features the very talented Chain Gang Band with John Jay High School graduate Sam Costanzo. The concert is at 7 p.m. at the fields by the Davis House. Next Friday, July 3, we have a British invasion with Everything Else performing at 7 p.m.

Red Wing Park is now open daily thru September 7. Season passes are on sale weekdays at the Rec Office on 4 Anne Avenue. The Bob Martinson Band will be at the Lake Sunday, July 5 at 1 p.m. with "Musical Fireworks" for all.

You may still sign up at the Rec Office for our Youth Golf Program (4 sessions in July starting July 6 for 4- and 5-year-olds, 6-10-year-olds and 11 and older.

You can now sign up for our Summer Youth Basketball Camp which will be the week of July 20-24 at Fishkill Plains Elementary School.

There are still some openings for our two Fishing Camps (August 3-7 and 10-14.) The fee is \$95 for residents and \$125 for nonresidents.

Red Wing Park fishing takes place on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

If you have any recreation questions or concerns please call 845 226-8395 or go to Recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov.

Upstate Art Weekend set June 25-29

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

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

grounds afterward. RSVP at www.upstateartweekend.org.

Founded in 2020, UAW began as an annual festival celebrating the cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York. Today, UAW functions as both its flagship annual event and a broader platform—supporting artists, strengthening cultural networks, and deepening public connection to art, people, and place through multiple initiatives.

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

Visit the website for programming and more information.

this week's puzzle solutions

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Sudoku solution

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Notice of Qualification of SHEARBURN GST LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/26. Office location: Dutchess County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/16/20. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of WOOD DUCK HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/04/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michael Hirschberg, 378 West End Ave., Apt. 8C, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LEWIS ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 5/26/26. OFFICE LOCATION: DUTCHESS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS

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AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO KELLY LAW PRACTICE, PLLC, 75 S BROADWAY, SUITE 400, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

AUREA OLJE, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 04/2/26 Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 5 Tanglewood Ln. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION NEXTGEN WORX, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 04/27/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: NEXTGEN WORX, LLC, P.O. Box 101, Stormville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Odico LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Odico LLC PO Box 64, Millbrook, NY 12545.

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Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of HOLMES FARM DEVELOPMENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/26. Office location: Dutchess County. Princ. office of LLC: 134 South White Rock Rd., Holmes, NY 12531. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

L R K CONSTRUCTION ADVISORS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/18/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 17 Crosswinds Lane, Union Vale, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of YOROSHIQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/02/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 29 Lagrange Avenue, Apt.

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1, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of HUDSON VALLEY NABA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: HUDSON VALLEY NABA LLC, 37 Kendall Dr, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of HVN Hamilton, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/01/26. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 36 Crescent Drive, Beacon, NY, 12508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

MAIN STREET 595 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

V I N S A M PROPERTIES LLC.

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Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

VSD PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 595 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Helio Aesthetics Hudson LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 4/14/26. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Dutchess. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process to the limited liability company is 932 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Company is organized for Aesthetics Business.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MELAS KITCHEN HV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to the LLC at: 1413 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

113 N CLINTON ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/05/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Luele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: XAVIER MARINE L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2026 OFFICE LOCATION: DUTCHESS COUNTY SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC

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upon whomever process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is: 199 High View Rd Dover Plains NY 12522. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE

Notice of Formation of Almighty Sewer & Drains LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 8th, 2026. Office location: Dutchess County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 70 Van Scoy Road, Poughquag, NY 12570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

LINKED BY CAS & CO. LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/11/2026. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 60 ROCKLEDGE DR. PLEASANT VALLEY NY, 12569. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Discover Dutchess County's hidden garden gems on June 28

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

Highgrove Cottage – Millerton. This colorful oasis features an array of

roses, Crocosmia, Russian sage, lilies, and phlox among stone, cast-iron sculptures and stone walls. The 2-acre garden's defining aspects are the views of the landscape of the valley.

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

Tranquil Garden – Poughkeepsie. This eco-friendly sanctuary presents

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

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

Catskill range.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on July 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Village Hall Courthouse, 2582 South Road, Wappingers Falls, NY, on the application submitted by Jeana Fanelli (Applicant) Noel Katz, Owner, for property having an address at 1659 Route 9 (Grid # 6158-14-493399). This property is in a Commercial Mixed-Use (CMU) Zoning District. The applicant is seeking to convert a pre-existing restaurant into a culinary classroom for children. The applicant states there is no change to the existing 2,875 sq. ft. There will be no changes to the exterior other than a name and sign change.

A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Dated: June 11, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wappingers Falls will hold a public hearing on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Village Hall Courthouse, 2582 South Road, Wappingers Falls, NY, on the application submitted by Saff Holdings Inc., Tariq Mahmood, (Owner and Applicant), for property having an address of 67 South Remsen Avenue (Grid #6158-18-378043). This property is located in the Residential (R) Zoning District.

Per Chapter 151, Attachment 3, Table 5 - Lot Occupation, the maximum lot coverage allowed is 45%, since the proposed lot is less than 10,000 sq. ft. Lot 1 is proposed to be reduced to 4,850

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sq. ft.; allowed coverage would be 2182.5 sq. ft. The proposed lot coverage of 61.3% (2973 sq. ft.), will require a variance of 16.3% (790 sq. ft.). Per Chapter 151, Attachment 3, Table 5 - Lot Occupation, a minimum lot depth of 100 feet is required. The proposed depth for Lot 1 is a preexisting nonconforming condition. The proposed depth for Lot 2 is 97 feet, requiring a variance of three feet. A copy of this application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Department and is available for inspection when the Department is open, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The telephone number is 845-297-5277. All interested persons may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney, and all will be heard. Date: June 3, 2026

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on August 11, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County,

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New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York, June 16, 2026. /s/ Joseph P. Paoloni Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 11, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,578,000, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF WAPPINGERS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,578,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.
Specific object or purpose: Reconstruction of the Town Highway Garage located at 10 Highway Drive in Wappingers Falls, New York
Period of probable usefulness: 25 years, subject to permissive referendum
Maximum estimated cost: \$1,578,000
Amount of obligations to be issued:

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\$1,578,000 serial bonds
SEQRA status: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours by appointment.

TOWN OF FISHKILL PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 400 WESTAGE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that pursuant to Chapter 150-97B of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, the Town of Fishkill Planning Board (Planning Board) will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524** for the proposal known as 400 Westage - Site Development Plan Amendment, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 6155-00-955561 located at 400 Westage Business Center Drive, consisting of 7.62 ± acres in the PSC (Planned Shopping Center) Zoning District for the following approval:

Site Development Plan Approval (Town Code Chapter 150-97B.) - Applicant seeks to amend the existing Site Development Plan Approval for 400 Westage to construct a four-story, 24,000 SF building addition, paved loading area, porte-cochère, curbed island, and to realign the main entrance and subsurface stormwater detention at the existing medical facility located at 400 Westage Business Center Drive. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

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fishkill-ny.gov.
BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK
Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

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

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

TOWN OF FISHKILL, NY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP 2026-03

Request for Proposal
The Town of Fishkill (Town) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Landscape Renovation of the Fishkill Veterans Memorial Park, at 801 Fishkill Avenue, Fishkill NY 12524. This area is between the Town of Fishkill Police Department and the Town's Recreation Center. Drawings which include details, instructions and notes are included in the RFP. The Contractor shall furnish and install all materials shown, listed and described on the drawings, notes and instructions. The Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, tools, material, equip-

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ment and scaffolding necessary to complete the work.
Effective 9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 24, 2026, a Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained either in person at Town Hall or electronically by emailing the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and Brandon Knapp at BKnapp@fishkill-ny.gov.
The requestor / proposer must provide the legal company name, address, telephone number, representative name and email address when either picking up in person or via email. **In addition, the requestor / proposer must be registered with the NYS Contractor Registry.** Any and all questions, clarifications, or requests shall be provided in writing to the Town of Fishkill Project Facilitator Joe DeFrancesco via email at jdefrancesco@fishkill-ny.gov and Brandon Knapp at BKnapp@fishkill-ny.gov.
A pre-bid walkdown / site visit is scheduled for **Wednesday 7/1/26 at 10am** at the Town of Fishkill Town Hall 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524. We will meet in Lobby of Town Hall.

All questions, clarifications, and requests, together with answers, if any, will be provided to all firms that have indicated an interest or intention to submit statements. However, the names of any firm submitting any questions, clarifications, or requests will not be disclosed until after the deadline for submitting Proposals. The Town reserves the right to respond or not respond to any questions, clarifications, or requests. The data herein is provided without warranty or representation as to accuracy. Each proposer is directed and encouraged to make any and all examinations independently, to verify any and all examinations independently, and not to rely solely on the information stated herein, which is

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to be used only as a general guide.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until Thursday July 16, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Town of Fishkill Town Clerk's Office, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524 and will be opened on the same day. No proposals will be accepted after the appointed time. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. All Proposal copies must be signed in ink and in longhand by an official authorized to bind the Proposer. The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause. Awarding of the contract will take place at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of Fishkill.

Should your firm be interested in submitting a proposal, submit the signed and sealed proposal with the requested / required information in the RFP, marked on the outer envelope as: **FISHKILL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.** Mail or deliver to: **Cooper Leatherwood, Town Clerk Town of Fishkill 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 (845) 831-7800 x3333 FAX (845) 831-6040 cleatherwood@fishkill-ny.gov**

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

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THEME: TV DADS

ACROSS

1. Calculus, e.g.
5. Emerald ____ borer
8. Web journal
12. Eurozone money
13. Ginger beer cocktail
14. Overabundance, pl.
15. *Mike Brady's sons in "The Brady Bunch"
16. Taylor Swift's sixth tour, with The
17. Bob Marley, spiritually speaking
18. *Howard Cunningham's TV show
20. Answer from a tunnel
21. Calms
22. Albanian currency
23. House that's mostly gable
26. Smallest
30. Ante-
31. Magi's gift, pl.
34. Of a particular kind
35. Like Scotch whisky, flavor-wise
37. "____ the land of the free..."
38. *Fred MacMurray in "My ____ Sons"
39. Nessie's hangout
40. Passport-giving organization, e.g.
42. A Beatle bride
43. Give right or privilege
45. 3.26 light-years
47. Sun, in Spain
48. The Gem State capital
50. London native, e.g.
52. *Danny Tanner's show
56. Make awake
57. Popular sandwich cookie
58. Elephant trainer's poker
59. Loathing
60. Hot rum drink
61. Goodness gracious!
62. Yearnings
63. Letters of distress
64. Infamous Roman Emperor

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1. Crystal in the street
2. Atmosphere
3. Acid "journey"
4. Commotion
5. Pertaining to ear
6. Kills a dragon
7. Hitler's deputy
8. *Dre Johnson's show
9. Verdant
10. "The Simpsons" palindrome
11. General Services Administration
13. Assortment
14. *Dr. Leonard ____ of "Friends"
19. Delectable
22. Fleur-de-____
23. Granny Smith, e.g.
24. Banned aerosol propellant
25. Strike back, e.g.
26. Through, for short
27. #12 Across, pl.
28. Part of an act
29. *Sandy Cohen's show
32. *Johnny ____ of "Schitt's Creek"
33. High-____ image
36. *Jack Pearson's show
38. Spam destination
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41. Final words
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46. Resume business
48. Old West pack animal
49. Bread spreads
50. Foretell
51. Today's Colosseum, e.g.
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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 8B.

RevCon kicks off 250th celebrations in Dutchess County

By Will Tatum

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

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

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

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

"It was an honor to take part in Dutchess

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

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

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



Indigenous Interpreters: Christopher and Michelle Numssen (left) discuss indigenous material culture with visitors at RevCon.

-Photo courtesy Historic Red Hook

while the Blumbergs demonstrated how Chip and Dale are training to obey the commands necessary to guide them in pulling sleds and wagons. Both pairs of animals were a huge hit.

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

Two academic scholars completed the line up of offerings for RevCon. Dr. Michael P. Gabriel, Professor of History at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, delivered a presentation exploring how General Richard Montgomery of Rhinebeck, who died during an assault on Quebec City in December 1775 as part of the American invasion of Canada, became immortalized as martyr to the revolutionary cause. For eighty years after his death, Montgomery enjoyed a reputation on par with George Washington, before fading into relative obscurity. Gabriel's authoritative biography of Montgomery is now in its second edition. Sara Evenson, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at SUNY-Albany, drew upon her 20 years of expe-

rience in colonial open hearth cooking and exhaustive research into Hudson Valley foodways to discuss the realities of colonial kitchens. Her presentation illuminated how, while many elements of cooking have changed over the centuries, there are still details of continuity in design and purpose that link all kitchens together over time.

According to NARA officials, the event attracted an official count of 2,133 visitors over the course of the day, an extraordinary turn out that more than doubled attendance at the previous events. Coordinated through the Dutchess County Department of History, the RevCon series represented a massive investment of time, resources, and effort among federal, county, and a multitude of volunteer organizations. Ultimately, this effort resulted in an outstanding showing for Dutchess County in an event that ranks well among the other offerings within New York state for the 250th. Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, who has long championed local history in Dutchess and attended the event, remarked:

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

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

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

Knicks' NBA title parade unites NYC



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

-Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

Expectations are not always reality.

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

These things are true anywhere but New York.

The New York Knicks, sports media's beloved punching bag of decades, have

shown us this in 2026. The reigning NBA champions caused a shift in the city the day they received their keys to the city and a parade audience that stretched miles high and wide. The energy remained long after the floats were out of sight, palpable as confetti strewn on sidewalks.

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

A city divided by five boroughs became united by basketball. Community is synonymous with the world's greatest sport, as it is Larry O'Brien and Jalen Brunson. Each person perched on streetlights and balconies represented a goal achieved, a milestone that millions were a part of. Businesses and bars and bodegas were booming, as clusters perched on balconies for a closer look – or a once-in-53-years camera shot. Thousands of courts exist in New York City, each beginning to fill as the string of summer days lengthens – few (if any) were empty on this day that confetti and beer poured through boroughs.

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

1 basketball.

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

NYPD patrolled as bagpipers played a tune or two, one for each Corona traded to place in their kilt. Artists who have restored the feeling of sports and cities with custom cards or prints, clothes, and media brands. Kids who will never know what it felt like to watch a 17-win Knicks team fumble the draft lottery, or playoff hopes dashed in the Eastern Conference finals. The feeling is alive in the sorrow that Pat Ewing never got a ring himself, or that Willis Reed was not here to witness this history.

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

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

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