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CELEBRATE AMERICA’S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

Reading of Declaration, music in Fishkill on July 4



Above: The annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place at Van Wyck Village Hall on Saturday, July 4 in the Village of Fishkill. Right: Alex Prizgintas, a classically trained musician, will present a program inside Van Wyck Village Hall in the Village of Fishkill on Saturday, July 4.

By Kristine Coulter

The tradition of the reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on the steps of the Van Wyck Village Hall, 1095 Main St., in the Village of Fishkill on Saturday, July 4 at 11 a.m. as the local community celebrates the nation’s 250th anniversary. There will also be music and the ringing of the bells. “Reading the Declaration of Independence together is a powerful way to honor our nation’s founding principles and celebrate the freedoms we enjoy today. As

we approach America’s 250th anniversary, it is especially important to reflect on the words and ideals that continue to unite us as a people,” said Village of Fishkill Mayor Kathy Martin in a statement. Alex Prizgintas, a classically trained musician, will present a program inside Village Hall at 11:30 a.m. He will bring his amplified cello for the performance. “In representing the three pillars of Patriotism, Praise, & Protest, some of the

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The annual fireworks celebration will take place on July 4 on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Pictured is from a previous year’s celebration.

-Photo by Jim Donick

Walkway fireworks to celebrate our nation’s 250th Anniversary

By Jim Donick

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

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

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CCEDC welcomes Sam Storey as new Executive Director

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County announced that Sam Storey has joined the organization as its new Executive Director. Storey brings more than a decade of experience leading community and economic development initiatives through nonprofit organizations, local government partnerships, and research institutions. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the York Road Improvement District in Baltimore, Maryland, where he led efforts to revitalize North Baltimore through economic development, environmental stewardship, public safety initiatives, workforce development, and community partnerships. His previous experience includes leadership roles with the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, as well as research positions focused on housing, workforce development, and public policy. Storey holds a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin’s Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and a bachelor’s degree in Public Policy from Stanford University. As Executive Director, Storey will work with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County’s Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners to advance the organization’s mission of delivering research-based education and programs that strengthen individuals,

families, businesses, farms, and communities throughout Dutchess County. “I am honored to join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and excited to become part of this community,” said Storey. “I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers, board members, and partners to build on CCEDC’s legacy and expand the organization’s impact across Dutchess County.” “The executive director position requires a multifaceted leader with a great variety of skills from finance management, grant expertise, fund development and programmatic development, and as one of our board members stated, the perfect candidate should also know how to fly and wear a cape,” commented Chris Shave, President of CCEDC’s Board of Directors. “We found just the hero we were looking for in Sam Storey. He has an incredible depth of experience and a passion to be here serving our communities in Dutchess County.” Storey began serving as Executive Director on July 1. The position had been held since mid-December by the CCEDC Family and Consumer Education Program Director Jessica Canale, who took on the additional duties of Interim Executive Director. Canale’s additional work was possible with the support of Kristin Ludl, Senior Administrator, Human Resources and Operations Management, who also shouldered more responsibilities.



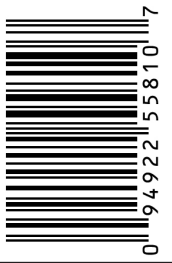
Sam Storey -Courtesy photo

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

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Walkway fireworks to celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary



Attendees at a previous year's celebration anticipate the fireworks show on the Walkway Over the Hudson.

-Archive photo

Friends of the Walkway Executive Director Lori Robertson

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The public is promised a memorable evening. The Friends of the Walkway note that tickets for the event are going fast. Tickets sell out every year and will not be available for purchase on-site during the event. It will be a busy evening. Space is strictly limited at this event and tickets are required for all attendees. Children 12 and under are free, however a ticket must be reserved for them online in advance for admittance. On Saturday, July 4 at 6 p.m., Walkway Over the Hudson will open exclusively to ticket holders, offering panoramic twilight views and an unforgettable perspective on the professional fireworks show launching between 9-

9:30 p.m. Food and beverage concessions will be available on-site. Guests are permitted to bring their own food and beverages and may bring small personal coolers. Bags and coolers may be subject to inspection. Prohibited items must be removed by the owner prior to entry. No glass - Including all glass containers for food, beverages, and baby food/bottles. Items in glass containers must be repackaged into non-glass containers prior to entry. Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is a smoke and alcohol-free facility. The Walkway is a carry-in, carry-out park. Visitors are expected to deposit all waste in an appropriate container or take it home. The schedule of the evening includes:

- 4 p.m. - Walkway closes to the public for event setup and safety Preparations
 - 6 p.m. - Walkway re-opens to ticket-holders
 - 8:45 p.m. - Last entry onto Walkway
 - 9 - 9:30 p.m. - Fireworks show begins
- The Walkway closes immediately after the conclusion of the fireworks show. In the event of rain, the fireworks will launch on Sunday, July 5. Alerts will be

posted online at walkway.org and the Walkway's social media networks. Tickets are available online from the Friends of the Walkway, as well as at Adams Fairacre Farms and other locations around the valley. General admission is \$25, Seniors/Veterans - \$20 and children 12 & under are free. Walkway members receive discount admission. To learn more and become a member to receive your discount code, visit join.walkway.org.

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songs featured will include "God Bless America," "America The Beautiful," "Amazing Grace," "We Shall Overcome," "We Gotta Get Out of This Place" made popular by The Animals, "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival, and a concluding musical journey covering the history and all verses of Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land," said Prizgintas. Prizgintas noted he is thankful to have a long-standing working relationship with the staff at Blodgett Memorial Library in the village of Fishkill. He has partnered with them for cello shows and local history lectures over many years. "Earlier this year, they asked me if I was able to participate in their 4th of July celebration, and I was honored to be considered," Prizgintas remarked. From an "outside perspective," said Prizgintas, "it is very nice to see a local municipality that works to blend in local history and the patriotic spirit along with music." Julie Spann, library director for Blodgett Memorial Library, one of the

organizers of this event, said in an email, "It is going to be fantastic this year. We have Senator Rob Rolison reading the Declaration. Eagle Scout Owen Brown presenting his project- historical walking tour of the Village of Fishkill." She noted after Prizgintas' performance there will be refreshments served (donated by ShopRite). Martin stated there will be guided tours available after the reading of the Declaration of Independence. "This project is the perfect blend of technology and history. It makes our history accessible and will be enjoyed by our community for years to come," stated Martin about Owen's project. There will also be the ringing of the bells at the Fishkill Reformed Church, 1153 Main St. The bells will ring 250 times at 12:30 p.m. "The Reformed Church will welcome anyone interested in ringing the bell (total 250 times) and will get a certificate and Fishkill Creamery coupon for an ice cream treat that day. Brendan Sohan is our vocalist that always sings the National Anthem and it is always a superb performance," said Spann.

Monument dedication

John Mousseau a direct descendent of Major General William Heath, who Heath Road in Fishkill is dedicated for, will be lighting the Mount Beacon Daughters of the American Revolution War monument. This monument was dedicated on July 4th, 1900. The monument represents the northernmost location of a series of 23 signal fires that led to New Jersey during the Revolution War, according to an email from the Town of Fishkill. These signal fires were important as it let General George Washington know of British advances. This monument is located in the Town of Fishkill and will be lit when fireworks go off in the Hudson Valley. One can view the lighting in the southern part of Fishkill or in the City of Beacon.



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Moratorium on data centers in East Fishkill provides time for evaluation of future decisions

To the Editor:

I would like to thank East Fishkill Town Supervisor Nick D’Alessandro and the Town Board for unanimously approving a three-year moratorium on large-scale data centers and creating a task force to study their potential impacts before any future proposals move forward.

While no formal application has been submitted to the town, the fact that a project of this scale is being evaluated by the New York Independent System Operator should raise important questions not only for East Fishkill, but for communities throughout the Hudson Valley.

According to public reports, the facility being evaluated could require as much electricity as approximately 800,000 homes — more than six times the electricity used by all homes in Dutchess County combined. A project of that scale deserves careful review and robust public discussion before any decisions are made.

At a time when families and seniors are already struggling with rising utility costs, residents have every right to ask what projects of this magnitude could mean for energy prices, infrastructure, water resources, and quality of life.

The Town Board’s action provides East Fishkill with the time needed to carefully evaluate projects of this scale and ensure residents have a meaningful voice in decisions that could affect the community for decades to come.

I also want to thank the many residents, advocates, and community leaders who participated in the public hearing and shared their perspectives. Their engagement demonstrated the importance of local democracy and community involvement.

East Fishkill has taken an important and prudent step. I am encouraged that other communities are beginning to have these conversations as well. In the Town of Fishkill, Town Board member Greg Totino recently announced plans to develop legislation addressing large, high-consumption projects and exploring whether developments of this scale should require direct voter approval.

As communities across the Hudson Valley confront increasing development pressures, proactive planning will be essential. Responsible growth means planning for the future, not gambling with it.

Mike Schade
Candidate for Dutchess County Legislature (District 17)
Fishkill

‘Opinion’ writer comments regarding the president ‘simply are not true’

To the Editor:

The guest “OPINION” writer made many opinionated comments with respect to the current Commander in Chief Donald J. Trump that simply are not true in the June 17 edition of Southern Dutchess News.

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

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

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

Helmut Gartner
East Fishkill

Supporting data center moratoriums

To the Editor:

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

The moratorium measure passed.

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

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

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

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

Melissa Hoffmann
Poughkeepsie
Organizer with Food & Water Watch

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

To Representative Pat Ryan:

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

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

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

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

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

Indeed, the fact that Donald Trump, family, friends, and fawning courtiers are all-in on Crypto would hopefully be enough for you to return the nickels and dimes Crypto has dropped into your campaign cup along the way.

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

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

Ed Reno
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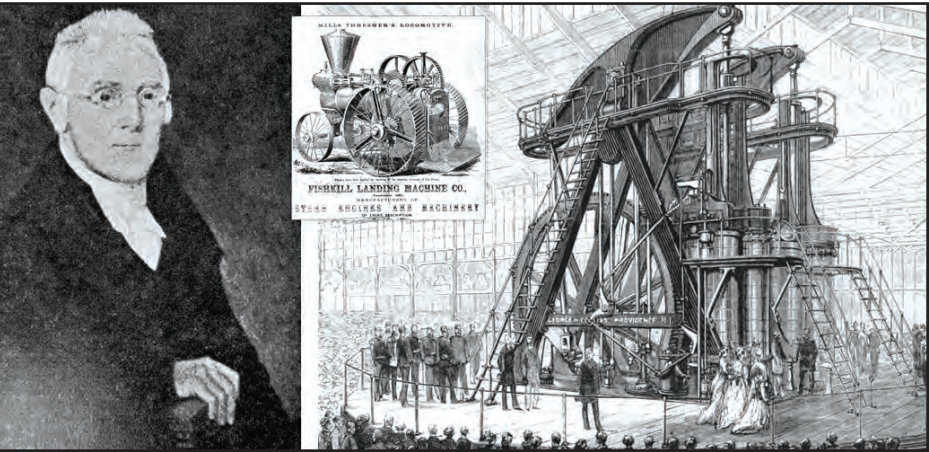
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1776: How have we remembered?



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

By Bill Jeffway

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

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

The greatest local highlight, still fresh in the public's memory in 1826, was the September 1824 arrival of Major General Lafayette for a two-year national tour. It was his first return trip from France since the end of the Revolutionary War. Although aged, there were several impor-

tant local, living people, like Colonel Jacobus Swartwout (1732—1827) of Fishkill, who served in the war. And there were lesser-known veterans, like Milan's Andrew Frazier (1742—1846), who by July 4, 1826, had become a landowning, successful farmer after being born into enslavement at the Manor of Morrisania, a kind of "proof point" to the American promise.

We had come out of a period that was called at the time the "Era of Good Feelings." There was a sense that conflict was receding. It turned out to be the calm before the storm. The 1824 U.S. presidential election, which was decided by the U.S. House of Representatives after no candidate received an Electoral College majority, was, and continues to be, referred to as the "corrupt bargain" that made John Quincy Adams president. In the 1828 rematch, Andrew Jackson won and ushered in what became known as the era of Jacksonian Democracy, marking the arrival of the common man in the U.S. presidency and throughout society.

Although New York State was about to abolish slavery in 1827, in 1826 there was an awareness that the "divided house" of free and enslaved states that Lincoln warned about in 1858 could not stand. This



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

-Photo by Bill Jeffway.

was a time of optimism and dread, a sense of losing a familiar past and embracing an unprecedented, uncertain future.

1876 events

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

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

Looking at 1926

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

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

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

Moving on to 1976

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

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

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

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



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NYS Attorney General's Office investigating fatal police-involved shooting of 17-year-old in Wappingers Falls

The New York State Attorney General's Office is investigating an officer involved shooting in the Village of Wappingers Falls that occurred in the area of East Main St. and Market St., during the overnight hours of June 27.

There is no active threat in the area, according to a press release from the sheriff's office. Pursuant to any officer involved shooting in the State of New York, the investigation is currently being led by the New York State Attorney General's Office, the release stated.

Village of Wappingers Falls Police Commissioner Dave Fisher posted to Facebook on the afternoon of June 27, in part, that law enforcement officers from the Village of Wappingers Police Department, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police responded to what he described as a "critical incident" in the village. "During that incident, law enforcement personnel discharged their firearms. Tragically, a 17-year-old male lost his life during the encounter."

The Commissioner continued, "On behalf of the members of the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department, I

extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of this young man. Our thoughts are also with the responding officers, their families, and all those whose lives have been affected by this tragic incident."

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by The New York State Police, the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department, the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and the New York State Attorney General's Office.

"Because this remains an active investigation, it would be inappropriate for this department to comment further on the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident. Additional information will be released by the appropriate investigative agency when it can be done without compromising the integrity of the investigation," Fisher stated. "We recognize that this incident had has a profound impact on our community. The Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department remains committed to serving our residents with professionalism, integrity, and transparency while respecting the investigative process."

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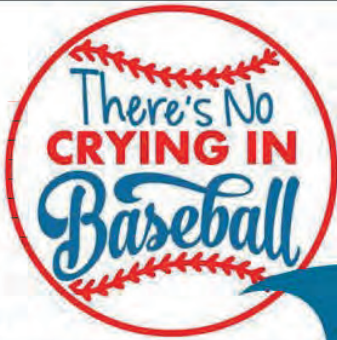


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RENEGADES FEATURE

Hernandez highlights benefits of MLB ‘Development List’

By Morgan E. Maier

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

Players and teams have much to gain from the Minor League Baseball Development List, implemented in the league’s 2021 restructuring. It is an opportunity to work on mechanics, pitch management, or other fundamentals, and not to be confused with the disabled list. Only healthy players may remain on this list. There are regular film sessions, along with engagement with team professionals. Effective for some players is practicing without the pressures of

game situations. The resources highlight the direct training that this designation offers, among other bonuses for the parent teams that relate to roster management.

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

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

Hernandez is one of many players



Diomedes Hernandez
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in his young career. Debuted for the FCL-Yankees at 18, Hernandez is part of the 2022 International Free Agent (IFA) class that includes current Renegades teammate Roderick Arias.

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

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

across Minor League Baseball assigned to the Development List multiple times

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	7	2	.778	-	7-2	W5
Wilmington WSH	6	3	.667	1.0	6-3	W1
Brooklyn NYM	5	4	.556	2.0	5-4	W3
Frederick BAL *	5	4	.556	2.0	5-4	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	2	7	.222	5.0	2-7	L3
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Greenville BOS	4	5	.444	2.0	4-5	L4
Rome ATL	2	7	.222	4.0	2-7	L5



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07/01/26	vs. Wilmington	06:35 PM	Celebration of Baseball WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/02/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	America 250 Celebration WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/03/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	America 250 Celebration WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/04/26	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Independence Day: Happy 250th Birthday, USA! presented by Central Hudson Gas & Electric WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/05/26	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Unicorn Day WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/07/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	'90s Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/08/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/09/26	vs. Rome	06:35 PM	Harry Potter Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/10/26	vs. Rome	07:05 PM	Renegades: The Musical! WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/11/26	vs. Rome	05:05 PM	Christmas in July WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/12/26	vs. Rome	01:05 PM	Princes & Princesses Day WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/28/26	vs. Jersey Shore	06:35 PM	Italian Heritage Night WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
07/29/26	vs. Jersey Shore	12:05 PM	Super Splash Day presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union WMCHealth Club Lounge Tickets
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FKC&S Founding Partner Jeffrey Feldman Announces Retirement After 46 Years





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Walkoffs rampant during HV’s crazy week in Bowling Green

By Morgan E. Maier

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

One Run Stunners - The teams combined for a single run through six innings of the opener until a Josue Gonzalez sacrifice fly knotted the score in the seventh. Hudson Valley led by two into the bottom of the ninth inning before Bowling Green completed its first of three straight walkoff wins. Wilson Rodriguez, Luis Durango and Kyle West each had two hits. The next one-run result took the Hot Rods an extra inning. Hudson Valley, holding a two-run lead, was held scoreless after the fifth inning.

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

seven games.

The W(ake up) - June 26 saw the turnaround that the Renegades needed. The first win was more than a strike in the left side column; it was the offensive alarm the team desperately needed. All Renegades reached base in the 13-3 win, blasting 17 hits and going 6-for-13 with runners in scoring position. Where they’d fallen in a string of one-run games, Hudson Valley’s offense left no doubt of this win. Rain delayed the game, but Eric Genther and Kyle West wasted little time with back-to-back two-out, first-inning doubles. Roderick Arias was 4-for-5 with 2 RBI. The Renegades took it wire-to-wire, backed by 8 innings from starter Rory Fox. Hansel Rincon offered a perfect relief inning, 8 Hudson Valley batters notched at least one hit for the second straight game.

Yabba-dabba Doubleheader - When an inclement Saturday called for two seven-inning Sunday games, the Renegades made no bones about taking on the Cavemen (Bowling Green’s alternate jersey identity) early. Kaeden Kent opened the 8-0 win with a leadoff solo shot. He finished with a 3-3, 2-RBI night. Kyle West scored a two-run blast, and Roderick Arias sent a meteoric home run to left field to lead off the sixth inning before Core Jackson’s two-run double got the ‘Gades up seven. Franyer Herrera matched his offense’s outburst by clobbering Bowling Green batters, allowing just three hits and one walk. He also matched a season-high with eight strikeouts. Herrera was perfect for five frames of the seven-inning complete game shutout, tossing 57 of 83 pitches (68.67%) for strikes.



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

It was the Renegades’ first series without Heritage Financial favorite Josh Moylan,

promoted to Double-A Somerset Patriots at the start of the week. Moylan set the team record in all-time home runs this season, and leaves atop a plethora of Renegades statistical categories. Congratulations, Josh!

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

RENEGADES EXTRA

Moylan is moving up the minor league ladder



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19 thriving students celebrate milestone at Anderson Center for Autism commencement



From left: A graduate leads his fellow students, staff and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance during the 102nd Commencement ceremony at the Anderson Center for Autism on June 26. He is accompanied by Assistant Principal Jayson Pistrutto.

Additional speakers included Principal Kristin Warren and Chief Development Officer Eliza Bozenski, speaking on behalf of Philip Bronzi.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

Nineteen students were honored during the 102nd annual commencement ceremony on Friday, June 26 at the Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg.

Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director at Anderson Center for Autism, said "This is a milestone that represents tremendous work and unwavering perseverance on the part of our students with autism - but also reflects the dedication of caring families and team members who have believed in their potential every step of the way."

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

The Class of 2026 includes Brandon M., Luke S., Francisco W., Enrico Q., Aiden V., Owen K., Jakks V., William F., Joseph D., Michael D., Christian S., Cameron P., Maxwell K., Hershy S., Devin H., Asher E., Ryder E., Anson D., and Winston L.

In her message to the graduates, Principal Kristin Warren noted, "To our graduates, this day belongs to you. Each of you have traveled a unique path to

reach this moment. Along the way you have learned new skills, overcome challenges, discovered your strengths, and grown in ways that may not be visible to others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the families gathered at the event, she stated on behalf of Bronzi, "Congratulations. This is undoubtedly a bittersweet moment. Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. Along the way, you have faced challenges, celebrated milestones, overcome obsta-

cles, and demonstrated extraordinary perseverance. Through it all, you have been your graduates' greatest advocates, strongest supporters, and most consistent source of love.

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

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

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

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

FKC&S founding partner Jeffrey M. Feldman announces retirement after 46 years

After more than four decades of serving clients and shaping one of the Hudson Valley's most respected law firms, Jeffrey M. Feldman, founding partner of Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S), has announced his retirement. Feldman and Paul S. Kleidman founded the firm in 1986 with three guiding principles: provide exceptional legal representation, create a workplace where employees could thrive and prioritize giving back to the community. Forty years later, those values remain at the heart of FKC&S and are reflected in the firm's enduring impact on clients, employees and the communities it serves.

"As I look back on the last 40 years of the firm, what stands out most are the relationships," Feldman said. "The clients who trusted us, the colleagues who became lifelong

friends and the community organizations we were fortunate to support have made this career more rewarding than I ever could have imagined.”

Over the course of his career, Feldman helped build FKC&S into an award-winning firm recognized for excellence in personal injury litigation and medical malpractice defense. Along the way, FKC&S has helped countless clients throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District navigate challenging circumstances, seek justice and find a path forward during some of life's most difficult moments.

Equally important to Feldman was creating a workplace where people felt valued and supported. The firm's culture of collaboration and mentorship has resulted in extraordinary employee longevity. Patricia

"Patti" Porcaro, the firm's longtime office manager, worked alongside Feldman for more than 40 years, while several other team members have dedicated decades of service to the firm.

Beyond the courtroom, Feldman and Kleidman believed strongly in supporting the community. From sponsoring local youth sports teams and nonprofit initiatives to serving on boards and volunteering their time, corporate philanthropy and volunteerism have remained core parts of the firm's identity since its founding. While stepping away from the daily practice of law, Feldman plans to remain active in the community through his involvement with Family Services, Hudson Valley Hospice, the Town of LaGrange Parks & Recreation and other organizations. In a recent appearance on the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's "The Hudson Valley Business Scene Show," Feldman reflected on his decision to retire.

"I decided it was time to stop working seven days a week and spend more time with my family and our grandkids — and enjoy life," he said. The firm will continue under the leadership of partners Robert R. Sappe, Kathryn C. Collins and Bain R. Loucks, who remain committed to the values that have guided FKC&S for the past 40 years.



Jeffrey M. Feldman

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"One of the greatest strengths of FKC&S has always been its people," said Sappe. "We have an incredibly talented team of attorneys and professionals who care deeply about our clients and our community. As we look to the future, we remain focused on delivering exceptional legal services while preserving the collaborative culture that has made this firm special."

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John Jay, Pine Plains students attend State FFA Convention

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

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

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

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

The Pine Plains FFA contingent numbered 19. Abigail Marino, garnered the prestigious Empire Degree. In addition, Jaden Cotte was a finalist in the public speaking event, “People in Agriculture”, exploring welding as a career pathway. Addison Stapf competed in the Agriculture Education career development event. Pine Plains also fielded teams in Jr. and Sr. Quiz Bowl, Jr. Food Science and Jr. Tool Identification. Students enjoyed workshops, meeting National FFA Officers, State FFA Officers from Virginia and

Minnesota, and exploring agriculture education as a career path.

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

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

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

FFA, approaching it’s 100th year, has chapters in every state. There are over 13,000 members statewide with over one million members nationwide. The organization endeavors to develop leadership and career skills through competitions, projects and Supervised Agriculture Experiences. Its mission is to promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For most FFA stu-



FFA students from John Jay High School are pictured at the State Convention in Buffalo.

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dents in New York, the State Convention is one of the high points of the year, allowing students to learn, meet other like-minded students from around the state and explore their own career goals.

All of the chapter members wish to thank our sponsors and supporters

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

High school graduation ceremonies bring communities together in different ways

By Kaeleigh Banda

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

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

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

Valedictorian Daniel Sanchez spoke at the ceremony to honor his fellow graduates, but also his family and mentors who have supported him throughout his educational journey.

“To our teachers, thank you for being our captains, our guides that channel the spirit of learning,” Sanchez said. “Your wisdom has imparted itself in us, and your words will be the tools we will use to carry on into our new chapters. Many of us have created strong bonds in many of you. And like, that’s not just the ability to think critically and strive for excellence, but also to have a shoulder to cry on, someone to cheer you on or just someone to geek about Star Wars with for a few minutes after class.”

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

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

Arlington High School - The AHS commencement ceremony was held at 7 p.m. June 17 at Heritage Financial Park. The baseball stadium was filled with families

and friends cheering on the graduates. With all graduates, the classic tune “Pomp and Circumstance” played on a long loop by the Arlington High School Graduation Band as the 603 graduates processed in. AHS is the largest high school in Dutchess County with approximately 2,500 students.

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

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

The ceremony marked the 101st AHS commencement, making this the first class of the new century. Superintendent Philip Benante spoke to the class to provide advice and congratulations.

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

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

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

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

“I always had wanted to join the military but last summer I had a realization that I just wanted to help people and make sure people that were scared would have hope and that I could help as many people as possible,” Walsh said.

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

“We wish them all the success, and that if they ever need anything, we’ll always be there for them,” Latvis said. “So, even after they graduate, they could come back and ask for advice or they could get help with a resume or a job application. It will always be there to give them support.”

OLL graduate Hunter Anderson receives 4-year Air Force ROTC Scholarship



Hunter Anderson, an Our Lady of Lourdes graduate, receives a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship. Anderson was selected from a nationwide pool of over 10,000 applicants.

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Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited scholarships



Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited (MHTU) has announced two scholarships to high school seniors during recent graduation events. Above, Dylan Hetrick from Beacon High School received a \$500 award presented by Pat Crisci, MHTU Secretary. The other winner was Ezekiel Woulfin from Red Hook High School. Scholarship winners are passionate about the outdoors and will be pursuing a career in an environmental or ecology based field of study.

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Wappingers Falls man sentenced on criminal negligent homicide of his 10-month-old

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on Friday, June 26, that Thomas Martinez, 41, was sentenced to 6 months incarceration and 5 years of probation after entering a guilty plea to Criminally Negligent Homicide, a Class E Felony, in May.

Parisi stated in a press release, “This sentence reflects the devastating consequences of criminal negligence when dangerous narcotics are present around children. A 10-month-old child lost her life because the defendant failed to take the most basic precautions to protect her from exposure to fentanyl. Although this case remained unresolved for years, my Office and the New York State Police were committed to ensuring it moved forward so that accountability would not be denied simply because time had passed. No sentence can ever restore this child's life or erase the unimaginable loss suffered by her loved ones, but today’s sentence ensures that justice was ultimately pursued.”

According to the D.A. Office, the incident charged in the complaint occurred on November 9, 2020, at 11 Creekview Court in the Village of Wappingers Falls. Martinez admitted failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent his daughter, aged 10 months, from fentanyl exposure, it was stated. Further, Martinez admitted to creating and failing to perceive a substantial and unjustifiable risk that death would occur and his conduct constituted a gross deviation from the standard



Thomas Martinez
-Photo from Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

of care that a reasonable person would exhibit in the same situation. As a direct result of this negligent conduct the infant victim died from acute fentanyl toxicity.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Chelsy Jones and Unit Chief Pamela Bloomfield. The Honorable Jessica Segal is presiding over the case.

39-year-old sentenced to 12 years for 2025 stabbing of woman while there was an order of protection

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced that DeJahn Ruffin, 39, was sentenced in Dutchess County Court to 12 years in prison on one count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony. Additionally, Ruffin was sentenced to 7 years in prison on one count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony and 2 and 1/3 to 7 years on one count of Aggravated Criminal Contempt, a Class D Felony. The sentences will run concurrently, and Ruffin will be subject to 5-year post release supervision. Ruffin plead guilty to these counts on April 21.

Parisi said in a press release, “Intimate partner violence remains one of the most serious threats to the safety of victims in our community. This defendant not only violated an active order of protection but carried out a violent and sustained attack that could have easily resulted in death. The sentence imposed by the Court reflects the severity of these crimes and the danger posed by offenders who refuse to respect the law or the boundaries established to protect victims. My Office will continue to stand with survivors and I commend the survivor for her courage throughout this case.”

According to the D.A.’s Office, the charges stem from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours of October 20, 2025, at 23 Harrison Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The Defendant attempted to cause serious physical injury to a woman by stabbing her in the neck, chest, torso, left arm and right and left hands. Ruffin grabbed the woman by the hair while she was in the driver seat of her car and he was in the



DeJahn Ruffin
-Photo from Dutchess County D.A.'s Office

passenger seat and stabbed her multiple times, it was stated in the release. This caused multiple injuries and blood loss which impaired her physical condition and caused substantial pain. She was treated at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital and received sutures for her wounds. At the time of the offense, there was an active full order of protection in place and Ruffin had knowledge of its existence.

The case was investigated by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and was prosecuted by Unit Chief Angela LoPane. The Honorable Jessica Segal presided over the case.

Free rabies vaccination clinic on July 18 in Beacon

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

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

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

Residents who observe an animal behaving unusually should contact their local law-enforcement agency. Anyone who is bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to an animal, or whose pet has

been exposed, should contact the DCDOH at 845-486-3404 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 845-431-6465 evenings and weekends. DCDOH staff will investigate the incident and provide guidance on any necessary next steps.

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

Obituaries

Maren Olga Aleck Graf



Maren Olga Graf, 85, of Wappinger Falls, New York, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Maren was born on May 16, 1941, in Sioux City, Iowa. She had a younger brother, Gary Aleck. Her parents Gustav J. Aleck and Olga A. Sixta Aleck, both preceded her in death.

Maren spent many years with Dominick Cannizzaro and found her greatest joy in spending time with the people she loved. Her passion, strength, and devotion to her family leave a lasting legacy that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her nine children: Wade Graf and his wife, Marybeth, and

their daughter, Megan; Rocky Ross and her husband, Russell; Liesl Graf and her daughters, Katrina and Larisa Yanicak; Todd Graf and his wife, Tiffany, and their children, Emily and Aleck; Adam Graf and his daughter, Alyssa; Camille Johns and her husband, James, along with stepchildren Colin, Ceth and Cianna; Aaron Graf and his wife, Antoinette Morin, and his children, Brandon and Madison; Dane Graf and his wife, Amy, and their children, Olivia, Camryn, and Dane; and Evan Graf and his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, McKenna, Cadence, and Riley.

Maren will be remembered for her strength of character, confidence, and unwavering love for her family. She enjoyed listening to music, playing the piano, playing bridge, and cooking meals that brought family and friends together. Above all, she cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren, and loved ones, creating memories that will be treasured for generations.

Maren will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched.

*“Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near.”

Frank ‘Franz’ Bakter



Frank “Franz” Bakter was born in Trenton, New Jersey on April 30th, 1956 to Martin and Romana Bakter. He spent the majority of his life in Wappingers Falls, New York and graduated Roy C. Ketcham High School in 1974.

A man of many talents and trades, he was proficient in carpentry, plumbing, home renovation & automotive repair. His hobbies were many and varied; possibly chief among them was his love for fishing. He was a perennial jokester, always looking to share new and funny jokes he had come across. He always enjoyed hearing new ones from others to add to his repertoire. He was also a big fan of movies and music. The live concert experience was something he enjoyed as

much as being on a fishing boat. His all time favorite band was The Allman Brothers Band. Frank took great pride in the comparisons he sometimes drew to Greg Allman. Such a fan was he that his daughter was named for the song “Melissa”. Through his strength, determination and faith, he was able to conquer his past demons and celebrated eight years of sobriety prior to his passing!

Frank was twice married in his life. His first marriage to Ginger Hoyt in 1982 beget his daughter Melissa. His second marriage to Cindy Donahue in 1988 beget his son Franz.

Frank passed away on June 27th, 2026 from complications related to metastatic cancer.

He is survived by his brothers Leo, Edward and Keith; his daughter Melissa and her husband, Anthony; his grandchildren Francesca and Giovanni; and by his son Franz.

Per his final request; funeral services will not be held but a private celebration of life memorial will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls. To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Creative Living

Fireworks, ice cream to highlight America 250 in Beacon

By Kristine Coulter

There are many events happening around Beacon to commemorate America 250. From fireworks, readings of the Declaration of Independence to ice cream, the local Beacon community will be celebrating the country's semiquincentennial.

Take an approximate 20-minute boat ride to Bannerman Island on Friday, July 3. There one can see the classic film "1776," a movie that was made in 1972. The event is from 6-10 p.m.

Fourth of July fireworks will take place on July 3rd, the day before Independence Day, at Memorial Park. Walk or ride one's bike, as parking is limited. Festivities are from 8-10:30 p.m.

Do not forget to check out the BonfireWORKS Foundation present "REV250 Illuminated" from 9-11 p.m. It will also take place on July 4 and July 5.

Then remember why one is celebrating this special anniversary, by attending "Beacon Celebrates REV250 - 1776-2026: 250 Years of Liberty" on Independence Day at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 413 Main St., with a reading of the Declaration of Independence and a poem by Beacon Poet Laureate Ruth Danon.

There will also be a reading of the Declaration of Independence at noon on Saturday, July 4, at the Municipal Building with the Beacon Fourth of July Declaration Reading Committee at 1 Municipal Plaza.

Care for a treat? Stop by the oldest home in Dutchess County for the Madam Brett Homestead Ice Cream Social, 50 Van Nydeck Ave., in Beacon from 1-3

p.m. on Saturday, July 4.

According to Emily Murnane, with the Homestead, "We decided to host an ice cream social because it seemed like a classic, nostalgic summer event that would appeal to guests of all ages. Everyone can appreciate a cold treat on a hot day!"

"America 250 is about more than just patriotism. The fireworks and parades are really just an excuse to enjoy a beautiful day with our neighbors, and we need more opportunities to come together," remarked Murnane. "That's how a community stays connected, and the more connected we are, the more we're inclined to treat each other with kindness."

Murnane said, "America 250 is also a great opportunity to learn about our nation's history. We hope that those whose interest is sparked by this season of celebration will remain curious even after the festivities have ended. The Homestead has 300+ years of stories, and we're looking forward to sharing with our visitors!"

On Sunday, July 5, from 5-7 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building, 413 Main St., there will be "Cannons & Cocktails: The Declaration of Independence," with Colonel Sean Sculley and host Scott Ramsey. Explore the Declaration of Independence and enjoy cocktails, brought to one by Denning's Point Distillery.

Col. Sculley, who noted his time spent presenting history in these programs and for this article is done in an unofficial capacity and he is not representing the official views of the United States Military Academy, the US Army, or the



A group of members of America REV250 gathered in Beacon recently. The group has been working on different events to celebrate America's 250th in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Department of Defense, was asked via email what is something about the Declaration of Independence that most people don't know about?

He replied, "I think few people recognize that the premise of the Declaration, that all people are created equal and possess inherent rights that should be protected, is really a culmination of the previous 250 years. From the Scientific Revolution that changed our conception of the universe to the philosophies of Enlightenment thinkers on the purpose of government, beliefs about where power came from shifted dramatically from religious leaders and monarchs to "We, the People." Five succinct clauses in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence distilled almost three centuries of thought, science, religion, and war into the guiding philosophy that is the foundation for the United States and our Constitution.

Ramsey said in a statement, "This con-

versation isn't just about what was happening in 1776. It's about courage, conviction, and the moments when people choose to act despite uncertainty. The Declaration of Independence remains one of the most extraordinary examples of that."

Col. Sculley said, "This momentous anniversary is an opportunity to encourage people to learn more about the founding of our country and inspire them to become even more dedicated to civic engagement. For me, the American Revolution never ended. Its philosophy is not a goal to achieve but a vision that each generation has the opportunity to strive towards. America's past is replete with both successes and failures, not because our founding principles are flawed but because people are imperfect. It is my hope that learning about our past, and especially about the American Revolution, can inspire us to be proud of ourselves and our communities while encouraging us to continue the work started 250 years ago."

Taconic Summer Opera series - one tragedy and one comedy - set for July, August

The Taconic Opera summer program for emerging opera singers, New York Opera Conservatory (NYOC), offers one an opportunity to hear the upcoming generation of professionally trained singers as they gain valuable experience perfecting their craft in a leading role. Established in 2018, the NYOC helps to fill an unmet need among trained singers to gain hands-on experience through actual performance.

Each event in the series listed below - one tragedy and one comedy - will have a different cast, making every performance completely unique from all the others! Each performance includes the complete opera and is fully staged. The quality and originality of this kind of personal, up-close experience defy all expectations.

July Opera: Rigoletto by Verdi -Tragedy

In true Verdi fashion, this opera is a gripping story of love, hate, revenge, betrayal and sacrifice, set to a roller coaster ride of music (including La donna è mobile). Rigoletto is the story of an unscrupulous court jester (Rigoletto) and his equally unscrupulous and womanizing master, the Duke. A nobleman places a curse on both of them after a cruel joke. Rigoletto's daughter (Gilda) has been hidden away by her father and knows little about the world. In a cruel twist of fate, the Duke finds and easily seduces the innocent young woman who in turn saves the Duke from assassination. Rigoletto's attempt at revenge ends up destroying the

only worthwhile part of his life.

**Dates: Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 10, 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 12, 3 p.m.**

August Opera: La fille du regiment (Daughter of the Regiment) by Donizetti - Comedy

Set 200 years in the future (just for un!), Donizetti meets the Jetsons in this hilarious romp through the French countryside. A young girl is lost and raised by a regiment of soldiers. She is followed by a young man who joins the regiment just to be near her. Later, she discovers she was born into aristocracy, but her newfound family refuses to allow her to marry her boyfriend and has already arranged another marriage for her. The opera features one of opera's most famous tenor arias, "Ah, mes ami," which features nine high Cs!

**Dates: Wednesday, August 12, 7 p.m.
Friday, August 14, 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 16, 3 p.m.**

Performances will take place in Westchester County at the Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Drive, Croton-on-Hudson.

For information about becoming a student in the NY Opera Conservatory, visit the Conservatory website: <https://www.newyork-operaconservatory.com/>

For general information about Taconic Opera and NY Opera Conservatory events, visit the website: <https://taconicopera.org/>.

Learn to let go and reconnect with self-trust during workshop at East Fishkill library

Inspired by "The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins, this workshop on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m. focuses on letting go of what we cannot control and reconnecting with a sense of steadiness and self-trust.

Attendees receive a clear introduction to the book's main message, followed by a calming guided meditation. Reiki energy is offered during the meditation to support grounding and emotional balance, with singing bowls used afterward to help integrate the experience. We'll end with a

brief reflective practice to help you apply what you explored to real-life situations.

This workshop is led by Ann Byrne from Hudson Valley Meditation & Reiki. Ann is a certified Reiki Master and facilitator of MBSR (Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction).

Register online through the calendar at <http://www.EFLibrary.org> or call the library at 845-221-9943. The East Fishkill Community Library is at 348 Route 376 in East Fishkill.

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250 years of gardening

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

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

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

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

- Andrew Jackson Downing – The naturalistic style of gardening was all the rage when A.J. Downing published “A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Landscape Gardening” in 1841. The book

went on to sell 16,000 copies over 10 editions. Downing defined the “picturesque landscape” as a design style that mimics nature, creating a bold alternative to a manicured lawn. His influence is evident in the current enthusiasm for native wildflowers, pollinator gardens and “no mow May.” You can see an example of Downing’s work at Springside National Historic Landmark, 185 Academy Street in Poughkeepsie.

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

- Beatrix Farrand – By the time landscape designer Beatrix Farrand began her career in 1895, European influence, especially Italianate landscape, was in vogue. Farrand combined this style, which utilized stone terraces, walls and central walkways with naturalistic features, making sure to utilize the site’s original layout. The restored Beatrix Farrand Garden



The formal garden at Wethersfield in Amenia.

- Photo by Mark Adams

at Bellefield, adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, is one of the few remaining examples of her work.

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

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

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

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

Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation

By Nate Smith
Recreation Director

Youth Tennis Lessons are open now for children ages 7–10! This program is for kids of all skill levels, whether they are learning the basics or looking to improve their game. Lessons will focus on skill development, sportsmanship, and having fun.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at REC@TOWNOFPOUGHKEEPSIE-NY.GOV.

Music at Greenvale Park - Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy free live music at Greenvale Park this summer. Concerts will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from July 7 through August 11. View our full concert schedule at poughkeepsieny.myrec.com.

Senior Center News
By Ruta Ronis

For the Poughkeepsie Senior Center

Summer brings more time spent outdoors, and our Senior Center (SC) has a great outdoor area that includes our new bocce court, a gazebo, a picnic table, and a garden where members have signed up for spaces to plant. Bocce players official-

ly meet on Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m., but the court can be used by members any time the SC is open. You may want to join our Walking Club that “hits” the quiet neighborhood streets at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, weather permitting.

Cool off inside with all sorts of activities including various exercise/movement sessions, games, cards, painting, and crafts. You can also just sit back and just relax with some free coffee or tea. We request that you sign up in advance for these upcoming specials:

Thursday, July 2: Independence Day Party, 11 a.m., \$5

Tuesday, July 7: Legacy Workshop, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 8: Drum Circle, 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 9: Lunch and Learn, noon

- Smart Shopping for Better Nutrition

Tuesday, July 14: Computer/Tech Lab and Rover with the Pok. Library

We’re located at 14 Abe’s Way, and we’re open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (closed July 3). You can reach us at 845-462-0265 for details or go to poughkeepsieny.myrec.com for the full SC activity calendar.

East Fishkill Recreation

By Bill Green
Recreation Director

Games are under way in our Co-ed Volleyball League and our two Basketball leagues. Games are played at Limekiln and the Hopewell Rec.

Call now for our August 6 trip to Saratoga Raceway. The fee is \$60 residents and \$75 non-residents. Only a few seats are now available.

Baseball fans – we’re going to Citi Field and Yankee Stadium this August. The fee is \$100 resident/ \$115 nonresident for both games. You may sign up online.

Our concert this Friday Night July 3, as we start the holiday weekend, features Everything Else. The “British Invasion” begins at 7 p.m. Next Friday night, July 10, The Saints begin our country’s 250th birthday with a 7 p.m. concert. On July 11 we have a full day of celebration starting at noon

(check out the flyer online) and concluding at 7 p.m. with an Adam and The Newhearts concert and a Super 9:15 LEGION Fireworks Show!

Red Wing Park is now open daily thru September 7. Season passes are on sale weekdays at the Rec Office on 4 Anne Avenue.

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 just a few openings for our two Fishing Camps (August 3-7 and 10-14.) The fee is \$95 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

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.

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Hope to hear from you! Thanks!

love to cook

by vicki frank day



Scottish Cranachan

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

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

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

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

So a new idea came to mind: a thank

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

As Europeans in particular have found American things to differ from what they’re used to, the reverse is also true. For example, apparently Scottish raspberries are sweeter than ours, so I added honey when I mashed them to make up for that. The cream in Europe is also quite different, and originally this was likely made with a soft, fresh Scottish cow’s milk cheese called Crowdie. Heavy cream in the U.S. won’t whip up as rich or thick as the double cream they have across the pond, so I added a few tablespoons of mascarpone for extra richness and a little more structural heft. This is traditionally sweetened with heather honey, but that can be hard to find here (I used clover).

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



Scottish Cranachan. -Photo by Vicki Frank Day

your taste.

CRANACHAN

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

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

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup rolled oats
 - 2 cups fresh raspberries
 - 2 cups heavy cream
 - Pinch of salt
 - 2-3 tablespoons mascarpone
 - 2 tablespoons honey (or more to taste)
 - 2 tablespoons Scotch whisky (or more to taste)
- Toast the oats: Spread them in a single layer on a baking pan. Move oven rack down one from the top position and turn on the broiler. Toast oats just until golden and fragrant watching constantly so they don’t

burn, 2-3 minutes. Alternately, place them in a pan on the stovetop over medium heat, shaking the pan until golden. Set aside to cool. Once cool you can, but don’t have to, place half the oats in a small bowl and add a few tablespoons of cream. Stir and refrigerate. You can also add a wee bit o’ whisky (wink wink).

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

Make the cream: Place heavy cream in a large bowl. Whip until just starting to thicken. Add a pinch of salt and honey, then mascarpone and whisky. Continue to whip until stiff peaks form. Add more honey if needed. Mix about 1/3 cup of the whipped cream to the soaked oats, if using.

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

Serves 2-4 depending on glass size and appetite.

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

Vicki Frank Day’s background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years’ experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

Five, free family-friendly movies at Upper Landing Park in Poughkeepsie

‘Lilo & Stitch’ set for July 11

Five free, family-friendly movies will be shown on the big screen beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson at the Upper Landing Park, Poughkeepsie this summer.

The screening dates and films are:

- July 11th -Disney’s Live Action - “Lilo & Stitch”
- July 18th - “Hoppers”
- July 25th - Apple-Tv’s- “F1”
- August 1st- “Mario Brothers Galaxy Movie”

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., followed by the feature film at sundown at approximately 8:30 p.m. These events are held under the stars at Upper Landing Park, 83 North Water Street, Poughkeepsie. Shows are sunshine only. Bring blankets and chairs.

The Millman Harris Romano Foundation, Dutchess County Parks, Poughkeepsie Public Library and Walkway Over the Hudson are the presenting partners for the film series. Additionally, and the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum is providing accessible parking. This year’s broadcasting sponsor is iHeart Media.

Jode Millman, Millman Harris Romano Foundation Chairman, said, “We can’t wait to be back at Upper Landing Park to offer Movies Under the Walkway and are thrilled with our stellar movie lineup. We are also grateful to our community partners and sponsors who have joined together in support of our family-friendly nights down by the Hudson River.”

“Our program would not be possible without the support of our sponsors - Marshall and Sterling Insurance, PFK O’Connor Davies Accounting, Page Lumber and Woodworking, FastSigns, and our media sponsor iHeart Media.

Admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, and picnics while viewing the movies. The events are sunshine only. Free parking will be available at The Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, and Metro North parking areas.

Up to date movie schedule information, can be found @MoviesUnderTheWalkway, @DutchessCountyParks and at @WalkwayOverTheHudson Facebook pages as well as on their websites.

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

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

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

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

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

“A moment like the Semiquincentennial isn’t just about marking a date. It’s about identity, memory and the way a town chooses to present itself. Public visuals, especially something as visible as street banners, certainly set the tone. They tell residents this matters, and they tell visitors this place cares about its history.”

Leading parade participants include the Hyde Park Town Board, Roundout Savings Bank, American Legion Post 1303 and 1466, New York State Troopers, DC Sheriff’s Office, Hyde Park Knights of Columbus, Hyde Park Fire Department, Roosevelt Fire Department and the Fairview Fire Department.

The staging location will be at the Hyde Park Drive-in, 4114 Albany Post Road. Line-up times are 8:30 a.m. for trucks and floats and 9 a.m. for all other participants.

Marchers will head north on Route 9, turning left on Main Street to pass the Town Hall. An awards ceremony will be held immediately following the parade at Town Hall.



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

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Fourth of July events

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith
Information provided by municipalities, organizations and Destination Dutchess.com

Rev250 July 4th celebration set in Stanford

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

Prices for the BBQ Dinner are \$12 for adults, \$8 kids (ages 6–16) and free for children under 5.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, June 22. A limited number of tickets will be available the day of for \$15.

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

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

Stanford Grange #808 will host an America 250 Trivia Game on Saturday, July 4th as part of the Town of Stanford Independence Day Celebration. The game will take place at the Stanford Rec Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Independence Day. Teams of any size and ages are welcome to participate, and it’s free to participate. Advanced sign ups are helpful, but not required. There will be prizes for the top 3 teams. To sign up or to request more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869 or rorton808@yahoo.com.

Fourth of July Fireworks

- Heritage Financial Park, Wappingers Falls (July 2, 3 and 4): Why have only one fireworks display when you can enjoy three consecutive nights of sky-

high excitement? After all, a celebration like this only comes around once every 250 years. That’s what the Hudson Valley Renegades minor-league baseball team had in mind when they expanded their customary July Fourth extravaganza to three nights for 2026. Settle in and enjoy the Renegades games each night against the Wilmington Blue Rocks starting at 7:05 p.m., and stick around for the America250 MEGA Fireworks Show after the game. Plus, the Renegades are offering a special America250 MEGA Fireworks Barbecue Package, which includes an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring burgers, hot dogs, mac-and-cheese, salad, chips, cookies, Pepsi products, and water. The buffet runs from 6:30–8 p.m. Click here for ticket options. The Renegades are a Class-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

• Memorial Park, Beacon (July 3): The City of Beacon presents its annual fireworks show, which will begin as soon as it gets dark. Parking is limited, so you may want to consider walking or biking to the park. Be sure to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Click here for details.

- Walkway Over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie (July 4): Witness the City of Poughkeepsie’s annual fireworks show with an unobstructed view from 212 feet above the river at the Walkway Over the Hudson. The Walkway will close to the public in the afternoon that day and reopen at 6 p.m. for those with valid tickets to the event. Space is limited. This event sells out every year. To purchase tickets, click here.
- Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Poughkeepsie (July 4): Enjoy front-row viewing of the City of Poughkeepsie fireworks along the Hudson River, reserved onsite parking and a covered picnic area (with purchase of a picnic pass), along with fun inside the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, which will open that day at 7 p.m. Price is per car, so pack up the family and friends and come down to the Poughkeepsie Waterfront! Click here to purchase tickets.
- Town of Hyde Park Independence Day Parade: The theme of this year’s parade will be “Celebrating 250 Years of the United States of America.” The parade will step off at 10 a.m. and march north on

Route 9 from Roosevelt Cinemas toward Town Hall. Call 845-229-8086 for more information.

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

this week’s puzzle solutions

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ONE EAST 6400, 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, 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.

GARRISON 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.

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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

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

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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

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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 c/o Nick Carinci, 33 Lockwood Ln., Mahopac, NY 10541. 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: 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 who process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to the LLC at 4 Fox Run, Hopewell Junction NY 12533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

FORTILLI 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 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.,

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7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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 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

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

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Bard SummerScape performances

from now until August 16

Bard College’s signature performing arts festival, SummerScape 2026, is now open and runs through Aug. 16. In this year’s edition, monumental legacies are reintroduced through vital reconsiderations and revelatory approaches to rarely performed works; today’s visionaries are given a platform to continue to grow their practices; and audiences gather for a cornucopia of wildly distinct performances.

- Festival features:
- The world premiere of “Suddenly Last Summer,” a new opera by MacArthur Fellow Courtney Bryan, with libretto by Gideon Lester and Daniel Fish, based on the seldom performed Tennessee Williams play of the same name, and directed by Daniel Fish, June 25-July 19;
 - “The Egyptian Helen (Die ägyptische Helena),” Richard Strauss’ rarely staged opera based on the Helen of Troy myth, with a libretto by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, directed by Christian Râth, with the American Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leon Botstein, July 24-Aug. 2
 - “Mozart and His World,” The 36th Bard Music Festival, revisiting the life, times and work of one of the greatest

classical composers, Aug. 7-9, 13-16;

- The return of the festival’s majestic handmade mirrored pavilion, the Spiegeltent, with live music, performance, and dancing curated by Jason Collins, June 26-Aug. 15.

For complete information regarding programs, tickets and more, visit fishercenter.bard.edu or call the Fisher Center box office at 845-758-7900.

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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 Kendell 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. 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.

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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.

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

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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: D U T C H E S S COUNTY SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom ever 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.

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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.

STAR RANGER LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/22/26. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Coratti Professional Services, 126 East Market St., Hyde Park, NY 12538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Clove House, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/4/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 SHORTROAD, MILLBROOK, NY 12545. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Form. of Empire Valley Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/2026. Office location: Dutchess. SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 42 TRENTON ROAD, FISHKILL, NY 12525. Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Great Danes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/03/2023. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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to: 10 Lorene Drive, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 237 BROADWAY VERPLANCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/23/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 25 Kim Lane, Storyville, NY 12582. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

XoXo by Laurie, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/1/25. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: XoXo by Laurie, LLC, 16 Friendship Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Four Corners CNC & Millwork LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on June 12, 2026. The office of the Company is located in Dutchess County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 29 Tamarac Road, Copake, NY 12516. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity what-

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soever, as permitted by applicable law.

Notice of Formation of MCCHEEF LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/26. 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, 1075 Drewville Rd., Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ROUTE 9G FRONT LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/9/2026. Office : Dutchess, SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 116, RED HOOK, NY 12571. Purpose: any lawful

Notice of Formation of RGB Enterprises Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/15/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 6541 Spring Brook Ave, Rhinebeck NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Willow Valley Counseling, PLLC Willow Valley Counseling, PLLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State (NYSDOS) on 6-11-2026. Office location: Dutchess County. NYSDOS is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSDOS shall mail a copy of any process to: 3700 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545. Purpose: To regulate the practice of licensed clinical social work.

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6 AUTUMN LANE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/26. Office location: Dutchess County. 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: Real estate holding.

Notice of Formation of 22-24 MAIN STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/26. Office location: Dutchess County. 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: Real estate holding.

Notice of Formation of Roam & Renew LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/9/26. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 77 North Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

WAPPINGERS FALLS WAREHOUSE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 6/15/2026. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 72 Airport Drive, Unit 1-3, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-77-26
Rebid for Air Compressor Preventive Maintenance and Repairs
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of July 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchess.ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will meet at the Mesier Homestead, 2 Spring Street, in Wappinger Falls, New York, in said Town, on July 6, 2026, at 7 o'clock P.M., Pre-vailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing upon a certain map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Wildwood Sewer District, in said Town, being the construction of improvements to the Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant, including relocation of existing effluent discharge outfall, improvements to the sewer collection system, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith as applicable, at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,800,000.
Said capital project has been determined to be an Un-listed Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SE-QRA"), the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined, will not result in any significant environmental impact.
At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will meet at

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Dated: Wappinger Falls, New York, June 22, 2026.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, D U T C H E S S COUNTY, NEW YORK
/s/ Joseph P. Paoloni
Town Clerk

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Said capital project has been determined to be an Un-listed Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SE-QRA"), the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined, will not result in any significant environmental impact.
At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.
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Said capital project has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (1) and (2) of the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the implementation of which as such, it has been determined will not result in any significant environmental effects.
At said public hearing said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.
Dated: Wappinger Falls, New York, June 22, 2026.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, D U T C H E S S COUNTY, NEW YORK
/s/ Joseph P. Paoloni
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2026, HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE UNDERSIGNED ASSESSOR, AND A CERTIFIED COPY IS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2026, WHERE THE SAME WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. DATED THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2026
KATHLEEN MARTIN ASSESSOR OF EAST FISHKILL

REQUEST FOR BIDS
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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-82-26
Pressure Seal Forms – PSF2W
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, FOR THE YEAR 2026, HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE UNDERSIGNED ASSESSOR, AND A COPY THEREOF WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2026, WHERE THE SAME SHALL REMAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION. DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2026
CHRISTIAN HARKINS ASSESSOR TOWN OF FISHKILL

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CHRISTIAN HARKINS ASSESSOR TOWN OF WAPPINGER

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application
Date: 06/23/2026
Applicant: HUDSON

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VALLEY RESEARCH PARK SEWAGE WORKS CORPORATION
2070 RTE 52
HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533
Facility: OnSemi East Fishkill Facility
2070 ST RTE 52 | HUDSON VALLEY RESEARCH PARK
HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY 12533
Application ID: 3-1328-00025/00002
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge
Project is located: in EAST FISHKILL in D U T C H E S S COUNTY
Project Description: This draft permit, originally noticed March 2026, requires another comment period for revision of the Total Dissolved Solids effluent limit from 500 mg/L to 510 mg/L. Only this change is open to comment. The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve an application to modify, and renew for a five-year term, the permit for the existing discharges of 6 million gallons per day of treated sanitary and industrial wastewater from Outfall 001 to Gildersleeve Brook, WIN H-95-9, Class C(t), from an industrial and secondary treatment plant, and stormwater from other outfalls to Gildersleeve Brook and its tributaries, at the applicant's facility address located at 2070 StRte 52, Hudson Valley Research Park, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. The facility serves the OnSemi East Fishkill Facility as well as the other parcels of the Hudson Valley Research Park, formerly IBM East Fishkill. A draft permit was previously noticed for public review 05/13/2015, but due to continuing changes to the incoming waste related to redevelopment and changes in ownership of outfalls associated with property transfers, as well as changes to the permit standards, the permit was extensively updated, requiring a new draft and new public comment period. The permit has been modified to add a new toxicity reduction evaluation compliance schedule and a mercury minimization plan type III, as well as addition of a condition for Requirement to Notify for new discharges or facility expansion. Outfall 001 limits have been modified to add limits for dissolved

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oxygen, total dissolved solids, total mercury, total phosphorus, methylene chloride, total toxic organics, WET, and hardness, modify the limits for ammonia, total chromium, hexavalent chromium, total cobalt, total copper, total fluoride, total iron, total lead, total molybdenum, total silver, total tin, total tungsten, chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, and total residual chlorine, and remove dissolved copper, dissolved zinc, residual chlorine (in contact tank), total palladium, total titanium, total germanium, total hafnium, total rhodium, total ruthenium, total tantalum, acetone, bromobenzene, bromoform, dichlorobromomethane.
A number of limits were removed from Outfall 004 as they are associated with the discharge of treated groundwater to the outfall by IBM's remediation program, to be separately permitted under new SPDES permit NY0281646, previously noticed March 2026. The draft also includes the following existing stormwater outfalls, 002, 005-006, 009, 011-012, 022-025, 028, 033, 039-043, and three new stormwater outfalls have been added, 027, 029, 031. The following outfalls were removed from the permit: 003, 007, 008, 017, 035, 048, 020, 021, 026, 030, 032, 034, 036-038, 044-047 which are no longer owned by Onsemi, and 010, 014, 016, 018, 019, 049, 050 which have been decommissioned. The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet is available online at <https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits>. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice. Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8. Refer to this application by the application number listed above and SPDES Number NY0005096. Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made

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with the contact person.
State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.
SEQR Lead Agency None Designated
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.
DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)
It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.
Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 07/31/2026 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.
Contact Person
REBECCA S CRIST
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD
Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Planning Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: **Gretna Farm LLC, Kyle and Kelly Kirchoff – Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment**
Gretna Road
Grid #: 6364-03-273476
194 Gretna Road
Grid #: 6364-03-312379
The applicant would like to have a lot line adjustment on a 90.09 acre lot of vacant land and take 0.83 acres from it and move it to 194 Gretna Road. The remaining 89.26 acres of vacant land then will be subdivided into two parcels: the original being 44.23 acres, and the newly created lot will be 45.03 acres.
SAID Meeting will take place on July 8, 2026 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 and begins at 6:30 p.m.

that’s italian!

by luigi coppola



Dressing down

History repeats itself in the Coppola kitchen.

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

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

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

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

Josh said yes to everything.

So then Vinny hit him with it: *“THEN WHY DID YOU MIX THEM UP LIKE YOU’RE PLAYING MUSICAL TRASH CANS?!”*

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

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

dressed like a circus act...”

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

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

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

Pop: Buon Giorno, Josh.
Josh: Good afternoon, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: (pause ... long inhale ... dramatic head tilt) Leta me aska you someting. When youa getta dressed thisa morning ... you putta on the underwear first, si?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: Then you putta on the socks?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: Then you putta on the shirt?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: You irona the shirt?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: Then you putta on the pants?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: Very good. Now ... aftera the pants ... whatta you put on next?

Josh: My shoes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: Si, si, the shoes. And youa remember whata shoes you put on, si?
Josh: Yes, Mr. Coppola.
Pop: And youa know we wear the black shoes in the dining room, si?
Josh: (pause) Yes, Mr. Coppola.

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

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

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

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

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

Method

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

Dish 1: flour, salt and pepper. Mix
Dish 2: eggs beaten with 1 tbsp water.
Dish 3: seasoned bread crumbs, Pecorino-Romano

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

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

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

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

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

Growing Gardeners program to start July 7 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

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

Each week, a guest librarian will read a garden-themed story, followed by a fun,

age-appropriate craft led by a BFGA volunteer.

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

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

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

Weekly schedule:

July 7 – Butterflies in the Garden
July 14 – Trees Are Awesome!
July 21 – What Do Worms Do?
July 28 – Bees Are Buzzing
August 4 – Do Plants Drink Water?
August 11 – Birds Live in the Garden Too!
August 18 – Why Do Plants Live in the Dirt?
August 25 – Flowers Come in Many Shapes and Colors
September 1 – Leaves Are Falling – It Must Be Fall!

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Dining and dancing July 9 at the Towne Crier

“Get On the Good Foot” Dining and Dancing at the Towne Crier Café on Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m., at 379 Main Street in Beacon. Fine dining and full bar are available all evening.

Admission is \$15, which can be paid at the door. For reservations (not required), please call the Towne Crier at 845-831-5500. For more information, call Rhoda at 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

Kits, fabrics and more at Skyllkill’s Flea Market and Silent Auction on July 8

Skyllkill's Annual Flea Market and Silent Auction will take place at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville on Wednesday, July 8. Come to the Skyllkill Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA) annual flea market. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. Silent Auction is 10-11 a.m. In addition to the great finds of kits, fabric, yarns, threads, beads, pat-

terns and books related to all kinds of needle arts at the annual flea market they have added a special silent auction of a number beautifully framed stitched art ready to hang in your home as well as specialized tools including standing embroidery frame, Madeira thread case, a pleater machine, and two sergers.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

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THEME: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

ACROSS

1. Last name behind Waldorf Astoria

6. Hawaiian flower garland

9. What beanstalk did

13. Pack animal

14. Charged particle

15. Lacking guile

16. Lumen per square meter, pl.

17. Crime scene evidence, acr.

18. Roast host

19. *Unalienable ones in the Declaration of Independence

21. *Colony that originally abstained from voting on independence

23. Baba of "One Thousand and One Nights"

24. Parsley or basil, e.g.

25. Mountain peak

28. *Four Declaration signers were alums of this CT Ivy Leaguer

30. Most mature, as in fruit

35. It must go on?

37. Small brook

39. *"...to assume among the powers of the ____"

40. Cap and gown accessory

41. Where there's trouble

43. Rani's dress

44. Useful quality

46. Volcano off Sicily coast

47. State on Old Glory

48. Dionysus' follower

50. Dems' opponents

52. Not divisible by two

53. Like certain people's glasses

55. Australia's flightless bird

57. *First Declaration of Independence signer

61. *Self-evident ones

64. Not a minor

65. "____ it or lose it!"

67. Songs for two

69. Formally surrenders land

70. *Last name of the only brothers to both sign the Declaration

71. Last Supper cup

72. "If you only ____!"

73. Boy

74. Item in diary

DOWN

1. *____ men are created equal

2. Talk like a drunk

3. Fare ride

4. Opposite of alpha

5. In a foolhardy manner

6. Jar covers

7. Long, long time

8. Stupid or silly

9. Risqu

10. Puerto ____

11. ____ and anon

12. 168 hours

15. Rookie

20. Beauty pageant winner's headgear

22. Make a blunder

24. Serfdom, archaically speaking

25. Indian black tea

26. Capital of Tibet

27. One's entourage

29. *Liberty's partner

31. Permission to leave

32. Muse of love poetry

33. Nickname for a certain violin

34. *Certain George, with The

36. *"...in the course of human events..."

38. Like TV's famous ranger

42. Candle shape

45. Fortune teller's deck, pl.

49. Who is Bugs Bunny talking to?

51. Blemish

54. Cranial bones + facial bones

56. Driver's 180

57. Bypass firewall, illegally

58. Yemeni port

59. Classic art subject

60. Ball of yarn

61. Started during the Ryder Cup, e.g.

62. Miami basketballer

63. Cookbook direction

66. Shining one in "America the Beautiful"

68. Sylvester Stallone's nickname

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The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Suguru can be found on page 4B.

Put yourself in the picture with Alexander and Elizabeth Hamilton in Beacon



The Hamilton Photo Station at the Beacon Visitor Center off Route 9D in Beacon.
-Courtesy photo

Did you know that Alexander and Elizabeth Hamilton lived in what is today's Beacon from April until August 1781? They honeymooned in Beacon after their December 1780 wedding in Albany, while Hamilton was serving as an aide to General Washington (who was stationed across the river in Newburgh, Orange County). The Hamiltons stayed in

the 1743 home of Abraham DePeyster, a nephew of Madam Brett, which was located on the Fishkill Creek near today's Madam Brett Park on South Avenue.

Now you can put yourself into the picture where this history happened! To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Beacon Historical Society has created a photo sta-



An AI image of what the Hamiltons and the DePeyster House resembled in 1781.
-Image courtesy of Christopher Cringa

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tion at the Visitor Center where one can pose as the Hamiltons! The life-size artwork was painted by BHS Trustees Anne Forman and Elizabeth Foster, and the display was designed by the City of Beacon's Highway and Recreation departments. Appreciation is extended to Mayor Lee Kyriacou and all involved in the effort.

"It's a fun way to remind locals and visitors alike of the significant Revolutionary War history that happened right here in Beacon," said Denise Doring VanBuren, President of the Beacon Historical Society. To learn more about Beacon's role in the

war, visit the Historical Society's exhibit "Mt. Beacon to the Hudson River: Beacon During the American Revolution," which continues on Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon and Saturdays 1-3 p.m. It describes the importance of Beacon's riverport, the Revolutionary War figures who visited/stayed here, events that transpired and even some of the folklore that has been carried through the generations. The exhibit is a companion to the Society's Revolutionary War in Beacon map (www.BeaconHistorical.org/Rev-250). Both are free of charge.

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WJHS student Leah Johnson honored



Wappingers Junior High School student Leah Johnson was named Beacon Elks Student of the Year. Leah was nominated by teacher Catherine Perri Siena. From left, Leah is pictured with family members and Perri Siena.

-Photos courtesy of Catherine Perri Siena