

Renegades sweep six-game series from Blue Rocks

By Morgan E. Maier

Which was hotter, the weekend heat wave or the Hudson Valley Renegades' winning streak? Either way, the Wilmington Blue Rocks were sweating through the Renegades' first sweep of the season.

The reigning South Atlantic League (SAL) North champions overpowered their division rivals on both the pitcher's mound and in the batter's box. The Renegades earned their first six-game winning streak of the season, as they improved to 11-4 on the season.

Double trouble - The Renegades were seeing double this week, RBI doubles, that is. With seven runs scored on the two-base hits, Hudson Valley had a revolving door of baserunners in their offensive half of the innings, and came up with the big hits where it mattered. Wilmington's pitching afforded Hudson Valley 63 total bases, leading to 32 total runs. The Renegades improved to a +23 run differential, as they have outscored opponents by 23 runs this season.

1-2 thieves - At the top of the lineup card sits a pair of thieves. Brendan Jones and George Lombard are tied for third and sixth in the SAL for stolen bases. The two have been featured in the 1 and 2 slots in most of the Renegades' games this season, combining for 15 stolen bases in 17 attempts. More often than not, they are the catalyst to a Renegades rally, reaching one base and stealing another before opponents know what hit them. As a team, Hudson Valley is third in the league in bases swiped, with 30 total bags

The long ball - Torpedo bats are one thing, but making hard contact is a whole other beast. The Renegades loved the long ball this week, with five home runs by four different hitters. Lombard, Jose Colmenares,

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Alex & Julie and the 'autism advocacy' journey

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The front door of Julie Barnett's house on Long Island had double-sided locks, closed at all times. Except one day, when her son Alex took his scooter to the train station and went five stops east on the LIRR (Long Island Rail Road). Julie still remembers the angel standing on the platform who called the police before he made it any further.

Before Alex was diagnosed with autism at 18 months, there were signs. Alex didn't turn his head when his name was called. Alex had missed enough milestones to bring about some concern. The president of a known agency evaluated Alex at home one afternoon. As Julie learned over the phone that evening, they didn't need an overnight deliberation to make the diagnosis.

When Julie's minivan turned onto Education Lane in 2022, she got the feeling right away. Julie was touring the Anderson Center for Autism, but really, she didn't need to get out of the car. As the gate lifted, the weight on Julie did too. This little town in Staatsburg would be the best place for Alex.

With autism, hospital stays are different. They mean sedation, a care team doing what they can to make everyone in the room comfortable. Carnival days

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Above: Julie Barnett and her son, Alex, are pictured walking on campus upon arriving at the Anderson Center for Autism in 2022. Inset, Alex and his Lego sets, all completed in 48 hours around Christmas time last year. *Courtesy photos*

Inaugural 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremony recognizes service of Millbrook veteran



The county's First Honor-A-Veteran ceremony took place on April 17 in Millbrook. From left: Missy Mulligan, Honor-A-Veteran (HAV) Committee; Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino; Rev. Richard LaMorte, St. Joseph's Millbrook; Johann Schmidt, MHA Veterans Services Quilts2Quilts; Mayor Peter Doro; Paige Walag, Dutchess County Veterans Affairs; Virgil Capollari, Dutchess County Veterans Advisory Committee; Adam Roche, Dutchess County Veterans Affairs; Ray Relyea, Commander American Legion Post 1302; Victor Zamaloff, MHA Vet2Vet; Ross Hartlipp, HAV Committee; Craig Marshall, Veterans Historian; Nate Grant, HAV Committee. *Courtesy photo*

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Office of Veterans Affairs hosted the County's first "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony on Thursday, April 17, paying tribute to the late Andrew Peter Doro, a distinguished U.S. Army veteran and cherished member of the Millbrook community. The event, held at Millbrook's Village Hall, was the first such monthly recognition, which the County Executive will host from April through November, celebrating the lives of local veterans who have passed away and served our country with honor.

Serino said, "Through our new Honor-A-Veteran program, we're making sure the legacies of our local heroes live on – not just in history books, but in the hearts of the people they served. Andrew Doro embodied the very best of what it means

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to serve – not just in uniform, but in the way he showed up for his family, his community, and his country every day. Honoring him today is more than just a tribute, but rather a reminder of the lasting impact one person can make through service and strength.”

Born in the Bronx in 1945, Mr. Doro began his military journey in 1966, serving as an Executive Officer for Basic Training at Fort Ord, Calif. In 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a First Lieutenant. For his heroism in combat, Lt. Doro was honored with numerous awards and commendations, including the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge and several marksmanship medals. His bravery and steadfast commitment to his fellow soldiers came at great personal cost, leading to more than 18 months of recovery in an Army hospital due to injury.

After being honorably discharged, Lt. Doro earned advanced degrees in management, education and psychology from St. John's University. He dedicated his professional life to education, serving in roles such as psychologist, Vice Principal, Executive Director of Special Education and Chairperson of Special Education Committees across various school districts. Lt. Doro also gave back to the veteran community as a crisis intervention counselor for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and he served on the board of directors of a veteran outreach center.

Lt. Doro later founded Millbrook Support Services Inc., where he served as Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, the company became one of the nation's fastest-growing Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned healthcare staffing firms.

Lt. Doro passed away April 11, 2024; read Lt. Doro's obituary at <https://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/andrew-doro>.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, "Lt. Doro was a highly honored Army veteran, a brave and respected leader in Vietnam, and a man whose courage needed no explanation. His deep devotion to his community, his loved ones and his faith left a lasting impression on many, and his legacy will continue to resonate throughout Dutchess County for years."

During today's ceremony, County Executive Serino and Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Lt. Doro's family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;
- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Michelle Hinchey;
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Quilts; and
- custom shadow box of memorabilia from the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies will continue through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Future ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.

To be eligible for this initiative, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the "Honor-A-Veteran" initiative. Applications for the program are available online at dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran's military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NBG-22 or report of casualty), obituary, and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County's Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.



Village of Millbrook Mayor Peter Doro, son of Lt. Andrew Peter Doro; and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. Below: Johann Schmidt from Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Quilts presents a handmade quilt to Millbrook Mayor Peter Doro in honor of his father. Courtesy photos : Courtesy photos



HUCK FINN WEEKEND IN PLEASANT VALLEY

Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club and Pleasant Valley Recreation will hold Huck Finn Weekend on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Pleasant Valley Trout & Game Club, 1208 Salt Point Turnpike, Pleasant Valley.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 4-17, with trophies for the biggest and smallest fish in each age group. Enjoy raffles, games, prizes; and check out the PV REC booth for even more fun.

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Stanford Grange announces May events

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Spring Penny Social on Saturday, May 3, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. A Special Drawing will also be held to raise money for Kathleen Ryan, a local 5th Grader battling leukemia. Spring and early Summer items will be featured. Light refreshments will be available. Proceeds minus the Special Drawing will benefit the Grange Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Stanford Grange will host is Annual Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 10, at the Stanford Grange Hall. The menu will consist of baked ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, three bean salad, dinner roll, and a homemade carrot cake for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. The dinner will be take-out only, and dinners

will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

The Grange will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, May 17, at the Stanford Grange Hall, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

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require an extra patrol. Because Alex won't say that he sees something interesting, and he'll be going to take a closer look. If nobody sees him go, a shutdown of the grounds, maybe a call to the police, is soon to follow.

April is Autism Acceptance Month, but parents like Julie have a daily awareness - twenty four hours spent advocating and sleeping with an eye open. Holidays and everyday occasions bring challenges that other individuals don't need to think about. Like when Halloween candy-givers admonish children who avoid eye contact at their door. Or kids growing impatient as a trick-or-treater searches a bowl for one special candy.

For babies born on Independence Day, fireworks are a common birthday treat. Not for Alex.

"You don't think you're going to have a kid with autism that's going to be affected by stuff like fireworks," Julie said.

Advocacy is Julie's game since Alex was diagnosed. Autism was something she had heard of, but she didn't know anyone whose child had it. From early intervention to one-to-one aides occupational therapy (OT), she has gotten Alex what he needs.

As the first autistic student to go through his Long Island school district, Alex was the guinea pig for behavioral support services. It was clear Alex needed more than what public school could offer, so Julie enrolled him at BOCES. Smaller class sizes, less time at a desk, and the chance to park in a beanbag and catch up on much-needed sleep. Children with autism and their parents do not get those full eight hours.

Alex loves his DVDs. He might not watch the whole movie, but he'll organize them by category, open them up, and check out the DVD guides cover-to-cover. He'll reproduce DVD guides with full scenes and extras.

Alex's family - Julie, brothers Joe and Cooper, and Julie's fiancé Steve - have

taken turns helping him create such renditions. No detail goes overlooked. There's a touch of Alex in everything he does, from DVD guides to Lego sets. The Lego collection lives 20 minutes away from Anderson, in the home Julie and Steve moved into last August. Julie always planned to follow Alex like she would on Long Island, matching his moves on her own scooter.

In the little town on Anderson's campus, where brightly colored houses sit among century-old architecture, Alex has the chance to thrive. The trained staff at Anderson uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in all learning contexts. In ABA methodology, observed behaviors are studied to address responses. Each approach is tailored to the individual.

There's a library, gym class, the pool, and opportunities to enjoy all four seasons of the Hudson Valley. This includes a pond for fishing, plus a prime view of the Hudson River and an ice cream truck that doubles as a hot chocolate machine on wheels.

But it isn't just a school. They teach life skills and lasting tools for productive lives.

Everybody has a role at Anderson, whether it's a job taking inventory, janitorial, helping deliver supplies to buildings, or other roles necessary for Anderson's daily operations. Some have opportunities to participate in work programs within the community.

Julie gets misty when talking about her appreciation for Anderson. It's immense gratitude for the compassion, support during the ups and downs of the last two-and-a-half years since Alex moved in. When Alex turns 21, he will stay at Anderson until he's ready to transition to the next right fit.

Not every family has the option for Anderson's lifelong learning. Not every family gets hugs like the mushy kind that Alex gives his mom. Some travel cross-country for these services, and a day trip



Alex and his family are pictured on a whitewater rafting trip. Alex has made great strides and is thriving in life since his move to the Anderson Center for Autism. *Courtesy photo*

to SplashDown isn't feasible. Others don't see certain milestones firsthand, like the first time Alex said he wanted ice cream.

Julie's advocacy continues as the officer-at-large for the Anderson Family Partners. She describes it as the Anderson PTA, a welcoming committee for the families who come through. Everyone has a different reason for coming to Anderson, and each can lean on others who have been in the same shoes. Together they laugh, cry, and share things that few parents will understand. Like when Julie's neighbor knocked on her door to say, Alex has found his way onto the roof. Some parents would be horrified, pass judgment. Autism parents' support groups say, "I've been there."

Where Alex used to be coaxed to the movie theater for the popcorn and candy, he'll now sit for the entire screening. The

staff at Anderson told Julie that Alex is even eating salad, plus Jamaican patties and pickles. Julie recounts it with equal parts of wonder and amusement, and a shrug of, "That's my Alex." He's 16, loving, happy, and secure in the routine at Anderson Center. Dinner at Julie's house better be cooking at 5 p.m., or Alex will get the pans ready himself.

Each mountain on the horizon, turkey, and deer in her backyard remind Julie she's made the right decisions every time she buckles in to see Alex. Walkway Over the Hudson has become the backdrop for family memories. The "Mom Van" that traversed camping trips and Cooper's college visits now pulls into Stewart's on the way home from the latest adventure.

With Julie's and Alex's matching scooters in the trunk, the family continues the journey.

County to host 3 free Home Composting Workshops

Dutchess County continues to recognize Earth Month and encourages residents to take meaningful steps to protect the environment for future generations. To help achieve that goal, the County's Division of Solid Waste Management, in collaboration with Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will host a series of free Home Composting Workshops to help residents learn how to effectively manage organic waste and create nutrient-rich compost for their gardens. The first workshop, scheduled for April 29 in the Town of Stanford, is one of several environmentally friendly events the County is hosting throughout the month, including its annual Earth Day Event and highway cleanups, among other efforts.

Composting experts will lead these educational workshops and cover best

practices for setting up and maintaining a successful composting system right in residents' backyards. Residents will gain valuable insights into reducing household waste while contributing to a more sustainable environment.

The workshops will be held at 6 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, April 29: Stanford Town Hall, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville;

Tuesday, July 29: Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook;

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie.

These workshops are free and open to the public. For more information, email solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 463-6020.

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HV Heart Walk set April 26

On Saturday, April 26, Hudson Valley residents are welcome to join in a heart-healthy activity while also raising money that the American Heart Association will invest in programs and research. Those programs and research will also fight heart disease and stroke in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

The Hudson Valley Heart Walk will take place on the Walkway Over the Hudson on Saturday, April 26. Walkers - and runners - can start on either side of the bridge. Check-in and activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the Walk will step

off at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-event activities include Hands-only CPR demonstrations, a Pup-arazzi area, a Kids Zone, a "Growing for Tomorrow" gardening area, a spot for a Mindful Moment, a place to "stomp out stress, and a Top Walker area.

There will be a moment to honor loved ones lost to heart disease and stroke, and a moment to celebrate survivors.

The event has a goal of raising \$350,000.

To participate, or donate, visit dutchessulsterheartwalk.org.

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Anderson Center responds to new autism prevalence rate, now 1 in 31

The executive leadership team at Anderson Center for Autism has responded to the news from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that autism prevalence rates are now 1 in 31, according to 2022 data.

Autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder, presents with a wide range of communication, sensory processing, behavioral, and socialization differences. The newly-announced incidence rate is up from the CDC's previous report, which was 1 in 36, based on 2020 research.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "While there are no clear answers on why incidence rates are on the rise, one thing is certain: agencies like Anderson Center for Autism provide critically important services for this population, and we remain deeply committed to doing all we can to meet the growing demands."

Established over 100 years ago in 1924, Anderson provides educational, vocational, clinical, and residential services for people with autism at its Staatsburg, NY campus. The nonprofit organization also runs Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) with three locations: Latham, Pine Plains and Mount Marion, Anderson Center Clinic (ACC) in Latham, LifeLong Learning? day

habilitation centers and adult residences throughout the Hudson Valley region.

The agency also has a number of affiliates working in other capacities to further its mission. Anderson Center International (ACI) trains scholars from all over the world, who work with Anderson experts to acquire the knowledge needed to establish programs upon return to their home countries. Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT) provides training for schools, universities, families/caregivers, businesses, organizations, and entire communities who seek to join a roster of over 150 entities who have gained designation through ACCT as "Autism Supportive." And ECHO Autism Anderson is a case-based learning program that offers educators from all over the world an opportunity to connect and learn from experts in the field in order to better support students with autism and other neurodiversities in their schools.

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, said: "We believe we have a responsibility to take our 100-plus years of experience and use it to help empower colleagues - and the general public - with tools to optimize the quality of life for those individuals with autism in their own

circles. We've become a go-to resource for agencies large and small, schools and colleges, and companies that range from small-town banks to a major transportation hub like Newark Liberty International Airport. With incidence rates at 1 in 31, we must all work together to better understand what helps autistic and neurodivergent people thrive, and to do everything possible to cultivate a collective spirit of acceptance in society."

Covington added that there is no known cause of autism.

"What we do know is that our evidence-based practices, rooted in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, lead to the best possible outcomes for autistic and neurodivergent individuals. We know that offering a continuum of care across the lifespan is also key to well-being and success. We know that parents, caregivers, and siblings need supportive communities too. And we know that the adage is indeed true, that 'if you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism.' Each individual has unique characteristics and strengths, and we must customize programs for each person to ensure that we are maximizing potential."

For more information, visit anderson-centerforautism.org.

Students excel in Traditional Okinawan Karate's Spring Shiai



Students and instructors from Traditional Okinawan Karate took part in the Spring Shiai on March 29 in New Paltz. *Courtesy photo*

Traditional Okinawan Karate students participated in its Spring Shiai and testing on Saturday, March 29. The event was held at Lenape Elementary School in New Paltz and included students from New Paltz Karate, and Traditional Okinawan Karate schools in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill, Brooklyn and Kinnelon, NJ.

During the event, groups of students performed self-defense demonstrations and kata (martial arts forms consisting of striking, blocking and kicking combinations).

The final segment of the shiai was the

promotion of the students who had been tested earlier in the day. The highest promotions were those at black-belt level:

- Junior Black Belt: Dediyan Cuevas, Sophia Hosier, Avery Woodard

- Nidan (Second degree black belt): Ben Abrams, Annette Caruso, Ed Fenichel, Nicholas Fiore, Vivian Taylor

- Sandan (Third Degree black belt): Charles Frommer

Traditional Okinawan Karate has Dutchess County locations in Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill. They can be reached at 845-635-1426 (Pleasant Valley) or 845-797-2258 (East Fishkill).

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Ranking Renegades' 2025 alternate identities gains plenty of interest among fans and players

By Morgan E. Maier

For more than 30 years, we have known the Hudson Valley Renegades. We seen them through three franchises and multiple color palette rebrands, but they've been the same Renegades we know fondly...until now. Some new looks have taken the field a few games a season, in the form of New York homages, fruits, luchadores, and vintage ballplayers. These looks can be seen all together once a game, at the in-game entertainment known as "the Identity Crisis Race." It's a mad dash in which the contestants are sporting merchandise from each special identity. Now that they've been seen together all at once, racing for first place, it's time for the official ranking of the 2025 Renegades' alternate identities, apples to donuts.

4. Fenómenos Enmascarados del Valle de Hudson: "Masked Phenoms" is an insanely cool name for a group of raccoons. The idea was born from the Copa de Diversión, a Minor League Baseball (MiLB) initiative celebrating Latin heritage. The bright palette just screams fun and "Esto es lucha!" The brightly colored aqua, red and gold represent the culture of lucha libre, a professional wrestling style most popular in Mexico. Last year's uniforms were fitted with a championship belt, proving that our Renegades luchadores are the winners. And Bribón (translation for Rascal) is their favorite mascot friend, trying a different mask for size. Fans can feast like luchadores with some helmet nachos

- and maybe demonstrate their signature wrestling move - at their next Renegades outing.

3. Cider donuts: The merchandise even smells like cider donuts. Not sure how they pulled it off, but that's one of the front office secrets we may never know. Maybe a sprinkling of powdered sugar in every thread. The idea is solid, however, I'm not crazy about a chunk taken through my favorite minor leaguers while they play their game. What did they do with the leftover dough? Maybe next year will feature a Donut Holes appearance.

2. Retrievers: Even cat people are raving about this one. The heart dotting the "i" doesn't even compare to my love for this identity. The tail-crossed "t", even better. The Retrievers identity will debut on Sunday, June 15, which is Father's Day and Family Fun Day all in one. Surely there will be some real-life retrievers in attendance. Plus, the Renegades' loyal grounds crew dog, Denver, a non-retriever canine who may have inspired the design. His smile bears an uncanny resemblance to the jersey design.

1. Big Apples: "New York State of Mind" plays in my mind on a loop as I close out this list. Equal parts 'Excelsior' and excellent brand, the Empire State Big Apples are top of the Yankee affiliate identities list. The Red Delicious is the only clear option for the decal, as a Red Delicious outside of New York is considerably less so. He's Broadway-bound to the core, and fitted with a liberty torch and foam finger.



Clockwise from top left: Brian Hendry in Enmascarados; -Sebastian Keane in Cider Donuts; Big Apples and Retrievers jerseys. *Courtesy photos*

Dintino begins tenure as DCC president

Dutchess Community College has named Dennis Dintino vice president for finance and administration. He began his tenure on April 1.

A seasoned financial and operational leader, Dintino has held senior positions at Columbia University, NYU and the former Polytechnic University. At NYU's Tandon School of Engineering, he led a \$100 million campus transformation initiative that included a 10,000-square-foot MakerSpace. He has also worked with colleges and universities nationwide through his consulting work

with the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). Dintino holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University, graduating magna cum laude.

"Dennis brings extensive experience in higher education finance and administration, coupled with valuable consulting expertise," said DCC President Peter Grant Jordan. "He has a proven track

record leading strategic financing and campus transformation initiatives, which makes him well-qualified to guide DCC's financial and master planning strategy during this pivotal time. As we continue to make critical investments in people, programs, partnerships and physical assets, Dennis's leadership and expertise will help ensure our financial resources align with the College's strategic priori-

ties and long-term vision."

At DCC, Dintino is focused on ensuring that financial planning and resource allocation support strategic priorities and long-term growth. His responsibilities include oversight of the College's operating budget, capital projects and key operational areas such as Finance and Budget, Facilities, Safety and Security, and Information Technology.

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and Josh Moylan all went yard this week, each with a solo shot. Jones launched his first two home runs of the year, opening up Wednesday's scoring as the first of 10 Hudson Valley runs.

Fire starters - Against the Blue Rocks, Hudson Valley's bullpen was tagged for earned runs in just one game, the 10-7 hump day matinee. Over the week, the bullpen logged 18 2/3 scoreless innings, as five of the Renegades' six starters earned a win. Setup man Hayden Merda was the lone bullpen victor, improving to 1-0 on Easter Sunday.

After Sunday, the Renegades are tied with the Greensboro Grasshoppers for first place in the SAL North. Next up, Hudson Valley rides the winning streak down to North Carolina to face off against the 6-8 Asheville Tourists.

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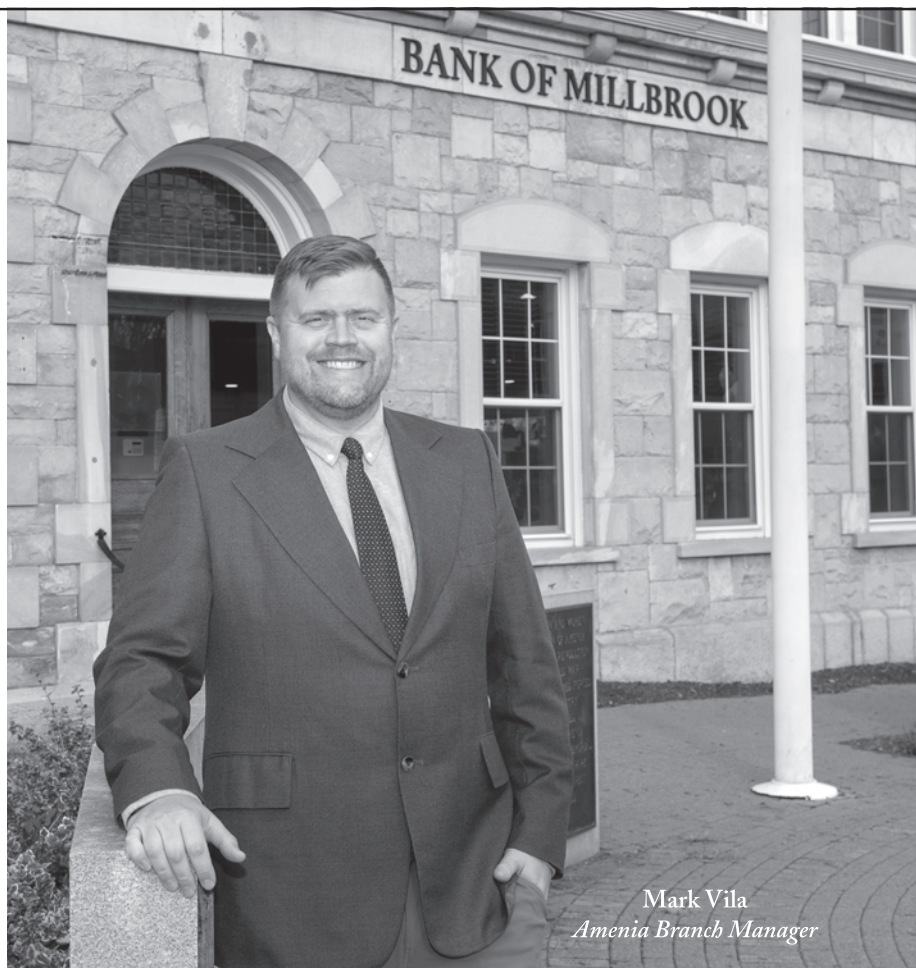
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Learn mahjong at your own pace at Hyde Park Library

Hyde Park Library is offering a six-part instructional series on how to play mahjong. Learn the ins and outs of this addictive game Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the library annex. Game sets and cards will be provided for each session. No need to attend all six workshops – you can come to as many or as few as you'd like, just make sure to register for the ones you want to attend. The programs will be held May 5, 12, and 19, and June 2, 9, and 16. Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park. Call (845) 229-7791 for more information.

Beautify Copake neighborhoods, pick up litter

Copake Grange #935 annual Pick up Litter Day is a day of beautification for Copake, Copake Falls, Copake Lake, West Copake and Craryville, Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Participants can pick up litter along the roads by their homes, or any other roads they've noticed need a spring cleaning.

Volunteers can meet at 9 a.m. at the Grange to pick up trash bags if they choose. Wear gloves and sturdy footwear. Take garbage collections to the transfer station or drop it that day in the dumpster at Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road. All ages can participate.

If the dumpster at Town Hall is full, do not leave trash bags on the ground; take them to the transfer station. The Grange encourages people to take photos and submit them to copakegrange@gmail.com. Need more information? Email the same address.

Clinton Historical Society sets annual Spring Tag Sale

The Clinton Historical Society will hold its annual Spring Tag Sale on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Society will have all kinds of great items, plus their famous homemade baked goods and coffee will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale go to support their mission: to preserve, educate and encourage an appreciation for the history of the Town of Clinton (founded in 1788) and its historic sites and structures with a focus on preserving and restoring the 1777 Creek Meeting House. The purpose of this effort is to benefit town residents, visitors, and all future generations. Contact Cathy McMahon at (845) 266-0071 or cmcmahon137@optimum.net for more information.

Chili Fest set April 26 at Stanford Rec Pavilion

There will be a free Community Chili Fest on Saturday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Stanfordville Rec Pavilion. Friends, neighbors and organizations are invited to enjoy a variety of chili recipes (made by Stanford's best home chili chefs) with all the fixings, followed by ice cream. The event is sponsored by Stanford: A Caring Community.

Historical marker ceremony to honor Revolutionary War soldiers set April 26

On Saturday April 26, at 2 p.m., the Amenia Historical Society and Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a brief ceremony of dedication for the new Patriot Roadside Marker to honor Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the old Amenia Burying Ground on Mygatt Road. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Contact Tim Middleton at TMiddleSar@gmail.com for more information.

Community Roadside Cleanup in Clinton April 26

The Town of Clinton Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee will hold its annual

Community Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Start at Clinton Town Hall where you will receive road assignments and bags. When you're done, bring the roadside garbage you've collected back to Town Hall. Water and chips will be provided to participants. So will sunflower seeds for planting at home.

Free disposal of roadside garbage available on April 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. only.

Register to volunteer and/or nominate a road for cleanup by contacting Rick McGlauffin at (845) 266-3003 or ncouse330@gmail.com.

Program on plastic pollution set April 26 at Copake Grange

"The Plastic Pollution Crisis and What to Do About It" is the title of a free upcoming informational event at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Saturday, April 26, 3 to 5 p.m. This event will inform the general public about the many dangers that plastic pollution causes to humans and other animals and plants globally on land, in water and in the air, and about the economic costs to clean up and detoxify. Aspects addressed will range from the global perspective to current efforts in New York State to address plastic waste. reserve: cac@townofcopake.org

Lucky Orphans to host family-friendly 'Help A Horse Day' April 26

Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, at 2699 Route 22 in Dover Plains, will host a family-friendly event to celebrate Help A Horse Day on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help a Horse Day is a national awareness event dedicated to equine welfare and advocacy. More than just a rescue, Lucky Orphans is committed to "People Helping Horses Heal People," demonstrating how equine-assisted programs transform lives – both human and equine. This event is open to the public, and attendees of all ages are welcome. Admission is \$5 per person in advance, \$10 per person at the door (Children under 12 are free). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.LuckyOrphans.org or call (845) 877-0685.

Ice cream for breakfast

Holy Cow's 15th Annual Fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday April 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Donation of your choice. Special limited menu includes: Shakes and Sundaes with waffles, cider donuts, blueberry muffins, oatmeal cookies, hot apple topping, blueberry topping, cinnamon sugar topping and cereal! Thanks to YOU, we have raised \$87,000 with the hopes of continuing to raise more one scoop at a time!

Beatrice Farrand Garden

Volunteer Orientation set April 26

On Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m., there will be a Volunteer Orientation at the Beatrice Farrand Garden, located at the FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road (Route 9) in Hyde Park. Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Peacock, a member of the Board of Directors, and staff, will welcome individuals considering being a volunteer at the historic garden designed by the famed Beatrice Farrand in 1912, and restored in 1990s by the first BFG volunteers.

More information is available at www.beatricefarrandgarden.org, or by emailing Volunteers@bfgahydepark.org.

Historic Red Hook to hold Member Appreciation event

Member Appreciation Night at the Elmendorph Inn (7562 North Broadway, Red Hook) will take place on Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join Historic Red Hook for a celebration of its members, featuring hors d'oeuvres and a presentation on ongoing projects. Learn about how to become a member at www.historicredhook.org.

DC Historical Society to host open house, awards celebration

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) will hold its Annual Member Meeting & Open House on Sunday, April 27, at 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck. There will be meeting (in-person & Zoom) from 2 to 2:15 p.m., followed by an Open House from 2:15 to 4 p.m. DCHS bylaws call for an annual meeting that anyone can attend, but where only DCHS members can vote on the appointment of new board members, and renewing board member terms. There will be a brief financial update and overview of where DCHS is as it moves into 2025. On display in Rhinebeck will be a number of interesting new collections acquisitions and research findings, and an update on the DCHS 2024 Yearbook. More information at <https://dchsnyc.org/>

On Sunday, June 1, there will be a Historic Preservation and Awards Celebration from 4 to 6 p.m., at Dick Lahey's carriage collection, Wappinger. Exact address provided upon RSVP confirmation. The traditional DCHS Annual Awards will take place at the same time. More information at <https://dchsnyc.org/>

Rhinebeck to celebrate Earth Day on April 27

The Town of Rhinebeck Recreation Department will hold its Earth Day Celebration on April 27, 1-3 p.m., at Thompson-Mazzarella Park. The Village's Climate Smart Task force volunteers are helping out for an afternoon of fun activities, including an Eco Expo, falconer show (1:15 p.m.), crafts and more. See reptiles, amphibians and monarch butterflies. Everyone is welcome. Free.

Pocketbook Bingo with PV Lions Club

Pleasant Valley Lions Club is hosting their first Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser on Sunday, April 27. Doors open at 1 p.m.. Bingo at 2 p.m., at Golds Gym, 258 Titusville Rd., Poughkeepsie. Ticket includes: 10 rounds of Bingo, 1 game per round and door prize ticket to be called throughout the event. Additional Bingo game cards, raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets available to purchase at the event. Bring your own beverage and snacks. Only 100 presale tickets will be sold at \$40/person, ages 18+. No refunds after 4/20/25. Only a few seats left so visit us on Facebook at Pleasant Valley Lions Club - NY or contact Pam at 845-453-0023 or at pam113@outlook.com for alternative payment options.

Rowe Church to host historical presentation April 27

The Rowe Methodist Church in Milan is pleased to offer "Revolutionary War Women," a history presentation, on Sunday April 27, at 2 p.m. Hear fascinating stories of the war that created our nation from the woman's perspective- famous and unknown heroines of the time. Their service is fascinating not only in its variety but in its genuine importance in our gaining independence. This entertaining and informative event is free to attend. The church is located at 1376 Route 199 in Red Hook. More information at the church's Facebook page.

Bard Math Circle to host free screening of 'Counted Out' on April 29

The Bard Math Circle, dedicated to fostering a love of mathematics in middle school students, will host a free screening of the critically acclaimed documentary "Counted Out" on Tuesday, April 29, at 5:15 p.m., at Upstate Films' STARR T1 theater in Rhinebeck. "Counted Out" delves into the often-overlooked role of mathematics in shaping our society, from economic policies to democratic processes. Free admission. Reserve ticket at <https://www.upstatefilms.org/>.

Spring rummage sale in Salt Point

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will be

hosting their annual spring rummage sale on Friday, May 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a \$3 per bag sale from 2-4 p.m.

Featured will be men, women and children's spring clothing, shoes, pocket books, luggage, backpacks, books, CDs, kitchenware of all kinds, linens, outdoor articles, lots of perennials and other plants and much more too numerous to list. Baked goods will be available during the event with lunch items on Saturday only.

For information or directions, please call Diana at (845) 656-9959.

Millbrook Community Fridge celebrates 2 years of sharing & support

The Millbrook Library and Millbrook Rotary Club invite the community to a special Second Birthday Celebration for the Millbrook Community Refrigerator on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Millbrook Library (3 Friendly Lane) for an afternoon filled with games, pizza, cake, face painting, and fun.

Since its launch in 2023, the Millbrook Community Fridge has provided free, fresh, and accessible food to those in need, helping to reduce food insecurity and food waste. This event is a chance to celebrate the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors and to continue supporting this vital community resource.

Community members are encouraged to bring a donation of fresh food, non-perishable items, or toiletries to help keep the fridge stocked. Donations should follow the Community Fridge Guidelines; For more information, visit www.millbrooklibrary.org or follow on Instagram @millbrookcommunityfridge, @millbrooklibrary, and @millbrookrotaryclub

Car show and flea market

set May 17 at FDR High School

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and members of the Roosevelt Racing team at FDR High School will present the "Ultimate Car Show and Flea Market" on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the High School, 156 South Cross Road, Staatsburg. Taking place on the school's lawn, the event will feature music, food, raffles and a flea market of local vendors. It is free to attend, and entry into the show costs \$20. All proceeds will benefit the FDR PTSA and the Roosevelt Racing team.

As one of six schools involved in the Winners Circle Project, FDR High School's automotive students have spent this past school year building a Factory Five race car from the ground up, gaining valuable hands-on experience in engineering, teamwork, and auto racing.

Lagrangeville church to host Spring Rummage Sale & Flea Market May 17

The Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Spring Rummage Sale and Flea Market will take place on Saturday, May 17, 9am-3pm. The church is located at 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville. The Flea Market will be on the front lawn with over 45 vendors. Inside there will be a huge Rummage Sale. Breakfast, lunch and a bake sale will also be inside.

The Rummage Sale items will be gently used clothes, furniture, toys, books, household items, garage and attic finds. There will be a \$5 Bag Sale at 1:30 p.m. for all Rummage items. The "Church Boutique" will feature new items, jewelry and treasured antiques. At 1:30, the Boutique will have a Buy One/Get One Free sale. This is a rain or shine event.

For more information, visit www.fupchurch.org. Vendors can apply and pay online for an outside space or stop by the Church office for an application, during business hours. The Church Office number is 845-452-0684.

Rowe United Methodist Church

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John Jay FFA chapter invites all to attend 3rd annual 'Springfest'

The John Jay High School FFA Chapter (Future Farmers of America) will be hosting its 3rd annual "Springfest" event in the John Jay High School parking lot, Route 52 on Saturday, April 26. Springfest will be open to the public from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

There really is something for everyone. A variety of vendors will be present such as local farm producers, landscapers, arborists, florists and retailers. Also included will be food trucks, a petting zoo and a variety of equipment. Games will be available for youngsters and older alike.

A new attraction this year will be an interactive tractor trailer sized educational display called "The Mobile Dairy Experience." Operated by the New York Animal Agriculture Coalition (NYAAC), the trailer expands to 1,000 square feet

and explains all facets of the dairy industry from feeding, housing and milking of cows to processing and distribution of the final product. Come and learn how milk gets to your refrigerator!

John Jay Senior, Matthew Mulligan says, "The event really is something special. The last two years have been so much fun. I hope everyone is able to come and enjoy Springfest this year."

Catharine Rivera, a sophomore at John Jay, adds that "The first year I came to Springfest was amazing. All these people with many different backgrounds all cooperating for this wonderful festival."

Parking and entry to the event are free for the public. In the event of bad weather, we will be set up in the gymnasium. This is a RAIN OR SHINE event! For those using GPS, our address is 2012 Route 52, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.



Members of the John Jay High School FFA chapter are preparing for their third annual "Springfest" on Saturday, April 26. Below: Sonia Martire, an instructor at John Jay High School, is pictured with Smoky the Bear. *Courtesy photos*

National Rebuilding Day set April 26; volunteers needed

On National Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 26th, three local homeowners in Dutchess and Ulster County will receive critical home repairs and accessibility modifications at no cost to them, thanks to the efforts of Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV) and a coalition of generous volunteers, businesses, and community supporters. The work is part of RTHV's signature Rebuilding Day program, celebrated each April during National Rebuilding Month, a nationwide initiative that mobilizes thousands of volunteers to repair homes, revitalize communities, and rebuild lives. The three homes are located in the Town of Pleasant Valley, the Village of Red Hook and the City of Kingston, Ulster County.

This year's projects focused on improving safety, accessibility, and quality of life for neighbors in need — including but not limited to income qualified veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families facing financial hardship. All three homes will receive customized repairs tailored to each homeowner's unique circumstances, including modifications like the installation of grab bars and railings, stair repair, roofs, windows, electrical repairs, weatherization updates, and other essential repairs that allow residents to safely age in place.

With the support of approximately 70 volunteers from five local organizations and businesses, as well as generous in-kind donations of materials and services from four local companies, RTHV will be able to make a lasting impact in just one day. Volunteers include skilled tradespeople, first-time participants, returning supporters, and teams representing corporate and community partners — all coming together with a shared goal: to uplift neighbors and strengthen the fabric of the Hudson Valley.

RTHV staff, board members, and

elected officials will be on-site throughout the day, lending support and helping to lead project efforts across all three homes. Darcy McCourt, RTHV Executive Director emphasized the importance of the day, "Rebuilding Day is a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together. These projects go far beyond home repairs — they restore dignity, independence, and peace of mind. We are proud to stand alongside our volunteers and partners in service of our neighbors."

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley has been a trusted nonprofit presence in the region for over three decades. Since our founding 33 years ago, the organization has repaired over 1,100 homes and community spaces throughout the area, impacting thousands of residents. Though historically focused on Dutchess County, RTHV expanded into Ulster County in 2024 in response to growing community needs — and continues to build new partnerships and outreach in both counties.

National Rebuilding Month, observed annually in April, is a nationwide call to action by the Rebuilding Together affiliate network. Each year, affiliates across the country unite to serve their communities, delivering essential repairs and modifications to help neighbors live in safe and healthy homes. Whether it's installing grab bars for older adults, repairing roofs or revitalizing our community, these life-changing repairs reinforce our ongoing commitment and belief that everyone deserves a secure, safe and stable place to live. This year alone, Rebuilding Together affiliates will complete hundreds of similar projects in cities and towns from coast to coast.

For more information about Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley, its programs, or how to get involved as a volunteer or sponsor, please visit www.rthudsonvalley.org.





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Village of Rhinebeck's Comprehensive Plan receives statewide award for excellence

The Village of Rhinebeck's 2024 blueprint for the future was awarded the Best Comprehensive Plan by the New York Planning Federation (NYPF) during its annual conference on April 7, 2025. This honor recognizes Rhinebeck's commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking planning that balances historic preservation, sustainability and community engagement.

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan, adopted on Sept. 24, 2024, reflects nearly three years of community input, data-driven policy recommendations, and a bold vision for Rhinebeck's future.

"The Village of Rhinebeck's plan represents an outstanding commitment to smart growth, sustainability, and civic engagement, serving as an exemplary model for community-driven planning efforts," stated the NYPF awards committee. "What makes this plan truly remarkable is its foundation in extensive public input and collaboration." They went on to share that the plan embodies the principles of "thoughtful, inclusive, and forward-thinking planning" while addressing today's challenges and establishing "the foundation for a sustainable and prosperous future."

"This award is a testament to the dedication of our residents, stakeholders, and leadership in shaping a comprehensive plan that truly represents the values of Rhinebeck," said Mayor Gary Bassett. "We are honored to receive this recognition and remain committed to implementing the plan's initiatives to ensure a thriving future for our village."

Key features of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan

The plan is structured into seven digestible sections, each focusing on a critical aspect of Rhinebeck's future development and sustainability: Land Use and Zoning, Housing and Neighborhoods, Economic Development and Historic Preservation, Transportation and Mobility (with a focus on enhancing the village's walkability), Community Facilities and Infrastructure, Civic Engagement and Governance, and

Sustainability and Natural Resources. It includes dozens of illustrations and photographs, as well as highly specific recommendations to simplify and support implementation.

The plan's development included 15 public meetings, five visioning sessions, and 13 stakeholder interviews, in addition to dozens of committee and subcommittee meetings, demonstrating Rhinebeck's commitment to an inclusive and participatory planning process.

"Over the last few years, the committee engaged in what may be the most extensive municipal comprehensive planning process the County has ever seen, particularly from a public engagement perspective," said the Dutchess County Planning Department in its August 2024 comments. "The end result is a document that recognizes and reinforces what makes the village such a special place while offering implementable, impactful solutions to the challenges the community faces."

The NYPF's annual awards program highlights excellence in municipal planning and zoning, recognizing communities that demonstrate innovative approaches to land use, environmental sustainability, and inclusive governance.

"This award validates the incredible effort and dedication our community put into shaping Rhinebeck's future. Our Comprehensive Plan is more than just a document—it's a roadmap for preserving what we love about our village while ensuring we remain resilient, inclusive, and forward-thinking" said Village Trustee Lydia Slaby.

Rhinebeck's Comprehensive Plan stands as a model for communities across the state, illustrating how collaboration and strategic visioning can lead to actionable policies that support long-term community prosperity.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan and its implementation, visit <https://villageofrhinebeck.org/comp-plan> or contact Trustee Slaby at trusteeslaby@villageofrhinebeckny.gov.

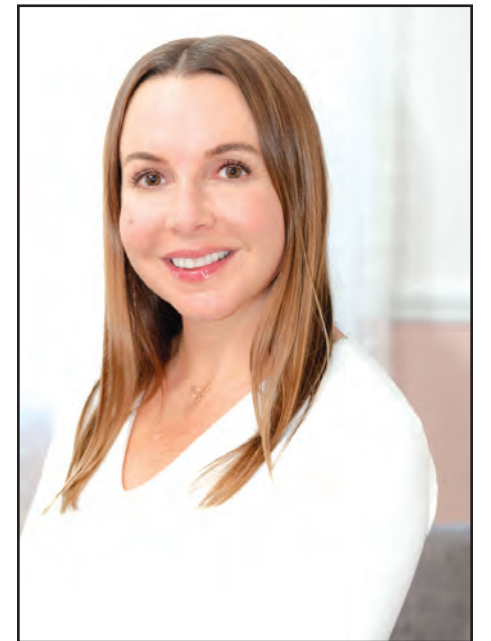
Jessica Glass of Stenger Glass to chair CPCA Champions Against Child Abuse Gala

Deepening its commitment to community causes, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP (Stenger Glass) announced that partner Jessica Glass has been named chairperson of the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse's (CPCA) 2025 gala. The Champions Against Child Abuse event will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 5 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie and will recognize members of the community who advocate for the organization's mission by keeping children safe from abuse and neglect.

Honorees include Steven and Debra Domber of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of the Hudson Valley and Brooke Dana Youngwirth of Youngwirth Law PLLC. Michelle Barone-Lepore of MBM Marketing will emcee the event.

"Stenger Glass has been a longtime supporter of the CPCA," said the CPCA's Executive Director, Marco Ingoglia. "In addition, we have admired Jessica's outstanding work in the community. She sits on the boards of Abilities First and Grace Smith House, so she understands both the unique challenges people with disabilities have in raising children and the struggles domestic violence victims have in keeping their children safe. Jessica's energy and passion are an inspiration and made her our top choice for gala chair."

"I am honored to chair the CPCA's 2025 gala, especially after touring the offices and learning more about what the dedicated professionals at the CPCA do day in and day out for our community," said Glass. "The CPCA is a resource for the children and families of the Hudson Valley and its mission of keeping children safe and helping parents have the



Jessica Glass. Courtesy photo

resources they need resonates deeply with me. I am a fervent supporter and will continue to work for children and families that have been victimized by abuse."

The event will include a cocktail reception, silent auction and sit-down dinner. For tickets, visit theccpa.org/champions-tickets/.

Current event sponsors include Flory's Gas, Convenience & Deli; Hudson River Truck & Trailer; Montfort Brothers; Petro Home Services; Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP; and Shelley & Steve Turk. To sponsor the event, head to theccpa.org/champions-sponsor/.

Legislature votes unanimously on ethical, financial disclosure forms

Members of the Dutchess County Legislature voted unanimously to require members of two additional boards to complete the county's ethical and financial disclosure forms annually at the meeting held on April 14.

The change was led by Democrats Lisa Kaul (D-Town of Poughkeepsie) and Kristofer Munn (D-Red Hook).

In 2019, the Legislature passed new ethics rules and disclosure requirements that included the members of four boards: the Dutchess County Labor Development Corporation (LDC), Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) and the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (WWA). But in 2020, Republicans removed the four boards after complaints were lodged by members of the IDA, LDC, and WWA.

The legislature restored the IDA & LDC members to the disclosure list in 2024.

"Every year, I would propose restoring the IDA & LDC to the list, but the Republican majority refused," said Munn. "But last year, they agreed. And this year, we have also added the RRA and WWA. It is good to finally achieve this goal and improve transparency and oversight in Dutchess County."

Lisa Kaul, stated, "I'm gratified to help move Dutchess County toward greater transparency in governance. By establishing clear, consistent standards that apply equally to all who hold significant fiduciary and/or policy making responsibilities, we strengthen public trust and

ensure decisions reflect community interests. This transparency isn't just good governance—it's what our residents deserve."

Legislature chairman Will Truitt (R-Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley) said, "This motion passed unanimously, and the Republican Caucus is in full agreement. When Legislator Kaul raised the issue back in February, as Chairman I decided to take a deeper look at the issue with the goal of establishing a framework that would guide us in deciding which board members should submit disclosures. After careful review, we decided that any boards that hold significant fiduciary and policy making responsibilities that extend beyond simply advising the legislature should submit disclosures. We continue to prioritize transparency to ensure that the residents of Dutchess County retain confidence in the great working being done by these volunteer boards."

Minority Leader, Yvette Valdés Smith (D-Fishkill/Beacon), said, "This is a win for the people of Dutchess County. Transparency and accountability are pillars of good government. This is what we aim to do here by strengthening and clarifying the parameters of ethical and financial disclosures."

Financial disclosures are required of all county elected officials and county workers that direct policy and financial decisions. The required information includes disclosing relationships with companies that do business with the county.

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Stissing Center presents HV Puppet Slam: adults-only puppetry on April 26

The Hudson Valley Puppet Slam is coming to Pine Plains, performing at Stissing Center for Arts & Culture on Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Get ready for a night of boundary-pushing puppetry performances exclusively for grownups (21+ only). This night is uniquely bold, humorous, thought-provoking, and definitely not for kids.

The Hudson Valley Puppet Slam brings together an unforgettable 90-minute DIY-style show featuring stellar puppet artists from Hudson Valley and surrounding areas. The slam showcases a range of artists, including award-winning artist Brad Shur, Emmy-nominated

Disney veteran Chris Palmieri, Up In Arms Puppets founder Dov Manley, internationally trained puppeteer and director Michelle Finston, plus William PK Carter, Infinite Arms, Cabot Parsons, Adam Izen, and CactusHead Puppets for a lineup of playful, musical, dramatic, and deliciously funny adult puppet shows.

Tickets are available at thestissingcenter.org. For more information, contact the box office: tickets@thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339.

The Stissing Center is at 2950 Church Street, Pine Plains.



Performers at the Hudson Valley Puppet Slam set April 26 at Stissing Center for Arts & Culture in Pine Plains include (clockwise from top left) Brad Shur, Adam Izen and Dorris, Michelle Finston and Dov Manley. *Courtesy photos*

Mount Gulian opens for tours beginning April 27

Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon, invites visitors to celebrate its 50th year as a historic site and museum. Tours of the historic home, 18th-century Dutch barn, and heritage garden will be offered at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, beginning Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, Oct. 26. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated if space is available.

Admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 children (ages 6-18); free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Membership is open to the public. Reservations may be made by calling the site at (845) 831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org. Payment may be made upon arrival.

Visitors will hear about Mount

Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Frederick von Steuben's headquarters; the founding at Mount Gulian in 1783 of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization; and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived at Mount Gulian.

Visitors will also discover the fascinating stories of James F. Brown, an enslaved man who risked his life for freedom, and of Robert Newlin Verplanck's participation in the Civil War as an officer in the US Colored Troops (USCT). Artifacts on display span the 18th through the 20th centuries and include antique books, furniture, and an array of Revolutionary War items.

Upcoming events at Morton Library

Morton Memorial Library is at 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-2903 or visit <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/> for more information.

Screening and Q&A of "American Nightmare/American Dream" Friday, April 25 @ 7 p.m.

Join us for this powerful screening and discussion of "American Nightmare/American Dream" - it follows four New Yorkers as they risk everything to break free from poverty. Confronting hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, discrimination, and even jail, they fight for a college degree — and a chance at their own American Dream.

Come meet the inspiring women featured in the film and join in a conversation with them about how we can come together to build a more equitable future. All are welcome. \$5 suggested donation.

2nd Annual Rhinebeck Earth Day Sunday, April 27: 1-3 p.m. (Thompson-Mazzarella Park)

The Town Rec Department is hosting its Rhinebeck Earth Day event at the Thompson-Mazzarella Park. Morton will have the makings for seed balls. Starr will have their book bike mobile. There will be a Falconer show; Rhinebeck Eco-Expo Big Top with tabling from community orgs; Milo's Menagerie (7th-grade reptile wrangler!).

Coffee will be on hand (BYO mug) and we'll have donuts (while supplies last)!

The Village's Climate Smart Task Force will be there helping out. Let Trustee Bertozzi know if you'd like to volunteer.

Morton Day Spring Fête Saturday, May 17: 3-6 p.m. (Firemen's Field)

There will be a rummage sale, a bake sale, music, fun games, a dunk tank, readings, and a seedling swap, just to name a few.

If you would be interested in participating please contact us. We are looking for bakers for a bake sale, people who are interested in selling used items, creators who would like to set up a booth of their wares, and pop up tents. (Obviously hoping for a dry day when the tents would be a welcome respite from the sun.)

Riverkeeper Sweep, Rhinecliff Dock Saturday, May 3: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join Morton Memorial Library, Rhinebeck Grange 896, Dirty Gaia, The Pollinator Patrol, Climate Smart Rhinebeck, and Riverkeeper for a river cleanup, site maintenance, and pollinator planting event for the 14th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson River and its tributaries.

We ask all Sweep volunteers to wear sturdy shoes or boots, clothing that they can get dirty, and to bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, and work gloves. This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with proper adult supervision. Advance registration is requested.

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The Haiti Project's annual gala to honor Hudson Valley physicians

The Haiti Project's 13th annual Art & Soul Gala will take place on Thursday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., at Vassar College's Alumnae House. The gala will honor accomplished Hudson Valley physicians Diane Cicatello, MD and Kimberly Heller, MD, who both went to Haiti and served in the clinic there. Also being honored are the Vassar Haiti Project alumnae/i whose dedication to the organization's health mission has manifested in healthcare careers.

The event is the only funding source for the medical clinic which serves 3000+ residents of almost 50 villages in the mountains of northwest Haiti.

Dr. Cicatello is a well-established developmental and behavioral pediatrician who has been serving children and families in the Mid-Hudson region for the past 29 years. In 2010 she joined the CareMount Medical Group, and now is a partner at Optum Health, where she is actively involved in providing the region's premier care for children. In 2016, she joined the Haiti Project's Medical Advisory Board, through which she has shared knowledge and medical expertise to develop and maintain an operational medical clinic in Fierville, Haiti. The outcome has provided necessary access to medical care for the region.

Dr. Heller, a highly recognized, fellowship-trained, board-certified maternal fetal medicine specialist, has worked in health care since the 1970s. She started her career as a nursing assistant and became a registered nurse in 1977. She became a physician in 1985 and completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. She completed a fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine and has been caring for women with high-risk

pregnancies in the Hudson Valley since 2008. Her interests include reproductive rights and safe childbirth. She joined the Haiti Project Medical Advisory Board in 2014 and traveled to Haiti in 2017.

Many students who participated in the Vassar Haiti Project have chosen to pursue careers in the health field and are also being honored at the Gala. Their participation in the Project's initiatives helped to imagine, and then build, the medical clinic in Fierville. Some of the students being honored are now physicians, and researchers across many medical fields and committed to furthering the mission in the service of others through their choice of careers.

The clinic has continued to operate without a pause during exceptionally challenging and dangerous conditions, thanks especially to the leadership of its director, Dr. Bertrand Norvilus. According to Dr. Norvilus, "when we know that there are people who fight day by day to accompany us, we must continue with our mission because in turmoil, there is always hope; when everything appears black, a wisp of light will appear. Every day I receive thanks from patients who receive treatment and feel cured of their illnesses. They pray for the entire Vassar team, foreigners, [supporters], students who care about us despite the physical distance that separates us."

Despite the obstacles, there was the completion of the construction of a solar-powered laboratory, which was funded by Rotary International and members of the Haiti Project's Medical Advisory Board.

Visit <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/> for more information and to purchase tickets for the May 1 gala.



Artwork from a previous Haitian Art Sale. Courtesy photo

KARAOKE NIGHT SET APRIL 26 AT COPAKE GRANGE

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Columbia County, and the Copake Grange will co-host an evening of karaoke fun at The Copake Grange. Come on out to join us on Saturday, April 26, starting at 7 p.m., for an evening where you get to be the star on the stage.

Tickets are available at the door for \$5 or "Pay What You Will." Come on out for an evening of warm fun and music. If you like to dance, don't forget your dancing shoes.

The Copake Grange Hall is located at 628 Empire Road, across from the Copake Clocktower Pub. For more information, call (518) 329-6293.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 14 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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USDA cancels grants

The federal government deals a blow to the next generation of farmers.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awards \$500 million in grants every year (out of a budget of \$413 billion, 5% of total government spending). The grants help farmers comply with environmental regulations, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, or direct local food to under-served populations. In the name of government efficiency, a lot of grants that were in the works or already awarded have been canceled, suspended or even rescinded, causing distress and confusion among our local farmers.

In order to put a human face to this situation, I called Todd Erling, executive director of the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation, who helps procure and administer state and USDA grants. Todd agreed that the system is in turmoil, and steered me to a public forum (@hvyoungfarmers) set up by the Hudson Valley Young Farmers Coalition & Catskill Young Farmers.

Of the 41 farmers who posted their funding troubles, many were involved with the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. This USDA-funded program assists beginning farmers in the Catskills-Hudson Valley region through group

training, one-on-one conversations, farm visits, farmer-to-farmer mentoring, farming networks, and an intensive learning cohort. Melinda Meddaugh, the Agriculture and Food Systems Sr. Issue Leader at Sullivan Extension, told me that the program has indeed been suspended, and, to her knowledge, canceled.

I decided to visit one of the farmers affected by the cancellation.

Brett Budde started Majestic Farm 17 years ago near Rock Hill in Sullivan County. On his 23 acres he, with wife Sara, raise 2,000 chickens and 50 pigs, and run a 4 1/2 acre U-pick certified organic apple orchard. It's not easy farming in the aptly named Rock Hill neighborhood. A lack of farm-related infrastructure makes it hard to buy supplies, or get equipment repaired. Brett trucks his pigs to Bethlehem, PA for processing. He founded Rock Hill Farmers Market, but still needs to drive all the way to the Tarrytown Farmers Market, where his chicken sausage is a local favorite.

Brett has been mentoring beginning farmers, receiving a USDA stipend for his carefully documented work. But no more. Here is Brett's testimony:

"I am speaking on behalf of my experience as a mentor in the Young Farmer pro-



Brett Budde with pig. Photo by Mark Adams

gram in Sullivan County, N.Y. This program is not a simple money giveaway to farmers or people who are becoming farmers. This is a training workshop that includes mentorship training, business and marketing, classes on farm safety, farm insurance, land use and how to

acquire land for farmers. They also include classes that are required for farmers to sell their products to the public. If you come to one of the breakfast sessions, you'll see there are many young farmers who need lots of help getting their farm

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Spaghetti Casserole

Cheesy and tasty, this dish lends itself to whatever additions you have on hand.

As a general rule I prefer to eat with the seasons, taking cues and getting inspiration from what's at its peak. This time of year, that can be a bit limiting but would normally have me focused on at least lightening up my menus. There are exceptions to every rule, though, and this recipe is one. It isn't light and fresh or vegetable-forward. What it is is darn tasty; and since it brought me some joy I wanted to share.

Pasta is one of the best things in life, if you ask me. I'll eat it all year long in any number of ways. It's versatile, can be used in cool side salads or hot, cheesy main dishes, is always on hand and always comforting. This recipe falls under the hot and cheesy category. I took inspiration from what I was craving in the moment and what I had that I needed to use up. Sometimes necessity truly is the mother of invention. I had a hankering for lasagna but only had spaghetti. Not a problem – I can adapt. A look in the fridge revealed some ingredients to play with that I thought would fit the bill, so I started to play and was happy with the result. I present to you a baked spaghetti casserole (lately it seems I'm becoming the queen of casseroles) that is cravable, easy to make and comes together in no time. In other words, I think it's a keeper!

BAKED SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE

OK, so the name's a bit redundant, but it's accurate. Nothing fancy; but then, neither is the recipe. It's just good, old-fashioned comfort food you can make anytime with things you probably already have on hand. I usually make my own sauce but used jarred marinara for this because it was easier. What's wrong with that?

INGREDIENTS

- 1lb spaghetti
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 8oz package cream cheese, softened
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 1/2c)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 2 shallots or 1/2 an onion
- Olive oil (for the skillet)
- Sliced mushrooms if ya got 'em, about 1 c (optional)
- 1lb ground beef
- Dried oregano (about 1 tablespoon should do it), plus more to sprinkle on top
- 1 jar of your favorite marinara sauce
- 2c shredded mozzarella

METHOD

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Cook spaghetti according to package directions. (I add it to boiling salted water and cook about 8 minutes for al dente.) Drain and return it to the pot. Lightly beat the eggs and add them to the pasta. Add

cottage cheese, cream cheese and Parmesan and give it a good stir to coat the spaghetti. Season with salt and pepper and transfer to a 9x13 baking dish.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add shallots (or onion) and mushrooms, if using, and saute until tender, about 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink and starting to brown, 6-8 minutes. Drain any excess fat; season with salt, pepper and oregano; then add marinara and reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer about 5 minutes to warm through.

Pour sauce over the spaghetti (no need to stir). Top with mozzarella and sprinkle with oregano. Bake until bubbly and cheese is melted and golden-brown, about 30 minutes.

Easy, right? It makes enough to feed a crowd or to ensure leftovers. (It's one of those dishes that's better the next day.)

It's rich and satisfying and I make no apologies for it. Every now and then it's fine to break the rules, and I think this dish is a great illustration of that. For me it was a little splurge, and one that made the most of ingredients I needed to use up. No need to feel guilty but if you do, serve it with a simple salad of baby arugula dressed with fresh lemon juice and olive oil. I hope it brings you much happiness. Enjoy!

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.

Wallace Center to host three events this week

The Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park will host a series of events this week.

On Thursday, April 24, at 2 p.m., there will be a performance by The Hevreh Ensemble to mark Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

The Hevreh Ensemble performs compositions with varied instrumentation including Cherokee Native American flutes, clarinet, bass clarinet, oboe, English horn, and world percussion. They will be joined by guests artists that include the talented young composer and flutist, Tiffany Zhao and renowned pianist, Renee Briggs.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required for in-person attendance. Register at JewishDutchess.org/Events.

The Hudson Valley History Reading Festival is set Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In four sessions, authors will talk about their recently-published books on Hudson Valley history, followed by

book signings. Featured authors include Christopher Cring, Michael McGurty, John W. Barry and Debra Bruno. Registration is required for in-person attendance at www.fdrlibrary.org. The festival will also be streamed on the FDR Library social media pages.

The "Hollywood Goes to War, 1941-1945" Film Series presents Alfred Hitchcock's "Saboteur" (1942) on Wednesday, April 30, at 2 p.m.

Factory worker Barry Kane is wrongly accused of sabotage after a deadly fire at an airplane plant. Believing another man is responsible, he travels cross-country to find the real culprit. Along the way, he takes Patricia Martin hostage, but she soon becomes his ally in the search to clear his name.

The event is free. Registration is required at www.fdrlibrary.org.

The Wallace Center is on the grounds of the FDR Presidential Library at 4079 Albany Post Road (Route 9) in Hyde Park.

Get Growing!

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The Good Old Days. Photo by Priya Kala

running. This isn't just important for them. It's also important for other farmers in the area. The agriculture community of Sullivan County has been dwindling over the last few decades. These young farmers are going to be the strength we need to bring back the necessary resources and ancillary businesses that are required for farms to exist here.

"The training that farmers are receiving in these classes, and the farmers that are going through them are going to shape agriculture in our county for the next ten years. This mentorship program is one of the most powerful tools that the government has put forward since I started farming 17 years ago. There are more young

farmers interested in farming than ever before. These are small farms that require a broad base of knowledge. It's not something you could pick up in a college class. The mentorship program is extensive and necessary to build successful farmers. The hands-on information provided by mentors is invaluable as many of these farmers did not come from farming families, but they're happy to do the work."

That's Brett's testimony. May I add... Does Elon Musk know where his food comes from?


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

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Volunteer orientation set April 26 for historic garden in Hyde Park



Volunteers help to maintain the historic garden designed by Beatrix Farrand, the first American woman landscape designer. *Courtesy photo*

By Kate Goldsmith

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will hold a volunteer orientation at the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield in Hyde Park on Saturday, April 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (BFGA) seeks volunteers to perform various tasks in the historic garden created by Farrand, the first American woman landscape designer. This garden, on the grounds of the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, is thought to be Farrand's oldest surviving residential design.

BFGA's mission is to maintain Farrand's work at Bellefield and educate the public about her legacy by caring for her gardens, offering tours, and hosting cultural and educational events on site.

Volunteers are needed to:

- garden with BFGA's horticulturist on

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. (as little or as much as you like, from late April through late October);

- act as Garden Greeters on first and third Sundays, warmly welcoming visitors to the garden and answering simple questions about the site and organization;
- assist BFGA's programming director with events on site, from concerts to art workshops, by helping with minor crowd management, setting up of materials, etc.

In case of inclement weather, the orientation will take place in the room adjacent to the garden's terrace in Bellefield.

Anyone unable to attend the April 26 orientation and would still like to participate this season is asked to email hort@bfgahydepark.org and the horticulturist will provide the information required to get started.

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A & E CALENDAR

April 24: Blippi: Join The Band Tour, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Come see Blippi onstage by Meekah along with their singing and dancing buddies and live musicians, 6 p.m. Grab your drumsticks, tune up your guitar, and move those feet with Blippi and get ready for a musical performance that's fun for the whole family. www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

April 24: "Premier Performances" Film Series, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Films in this series focus on legendary stars of stage and screen in some of their most memorable roles. This month: "The American Friend," 7:30 p.m. Free. www.bardavon.org

April 25-26: Events at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. April 24: Latin Dance, Beacon Dance Beat plays a wide array of Latin rhythmic styles, including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Bolero and MAS. Singles, couples, friends, newcomers – all are welcome. All seats \$10. April 25: Laugh It Up Comedy Presents Paul Virzi, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$33.65. April 26: The Dark Horses perform the Music of George Harrison, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

April 25-27: "Romeo and Juliet," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. This new production of William Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece brings his tragic tale of love, fate and family conflict to life in a powerful, fresh interpretation. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. There will be a Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. on April 26. Tickets \$20. www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 26: Author Event, Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook. Elinor Lipman, will talk about her new book, "Every Tom, Dick & Harry," answer questions and sign, 3 p.m. (845) 677-5857

April 26: Book Signing, Imperial Castle Toy Store, 33 E. Main St., Suite 1, Pawling. Zach Oat, author of "Wild Toys," will sign his book of toy photography, 1-5 p.m. copies of the book will be available to purchase.

April 26: Dutchess County's Earth Day Celebration, Vassar Barns, 50 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie. This free event will feature environmental education, hands-on activities and community engagement to increase awareness of environmental issues and encourage

efforts to safeguard the planet, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Activities include nature journaling and making seed balls; interactive displays on composting, recycling, and waste reduction; exhibits on sustainability initiatives, including organic waste management, electric vehicles, and energy conservation; information on ecosystems, pollinators, invasive species and local wildlife; guided nature walks of the Preserve at Vassar; and representatives from local environmental groups, businesses and government agencies. A full list of event participants is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

April 26: Movies with Spirit, "The Duke," Episcopal Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Jim Broadbent stars as Kempton Bunton in this heartfelt comedy about an audacious real-life art heist and the unlikely hero's fight for justice, 7 p.m. The 2020 film runs 1 hour 35 minutes and is rated R. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com

April 26 & 30: Programs in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District. Sat., April 26: World Tai Chi Day, 10 a.m. Free Classes. (Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Rd.) Rain or shine. No registration required. Wed., April 30: Film Music: Better Than You Think, 6:30 p.m. Virtual program. Registration required. Visit www.poklib.org to sign up for programs requiring registration.

April 27: Play Reading, Chemistry Wine Bar, 354 Main St., Catskill. Tangent Theatre Company presents "Summer, 1976" by David Auburn, 7 p.m. Free; donations welcome. RSVP required to info@tangent-arts.org

April 27: Spring Garden Faire, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. This garden celebration and vendor fair, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, features tips and tricks on flower and vegetable gardening, beekeeping, and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Last ticket entry at 2 p.m.) Enjoy blooming flowers, garden programming for adults, activities for kids, music, a food truck, a nature hike, and shopping. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per youth ages 4-17. The first 100 kids get a free bee coloring book. Purchase tickets in advance at www.lgny.org or pay at the door. The event is a rain or shine even, moving indoors if necessary.

EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is artwork by Ulana Salewycz, Vitalia Deriabina, Marianna Szczawinsky Crans, and the late Catherine Zadorecka Gorham. At 12 Vassar St., Kate Hoekstra displays her works of art in the Reception Gallery. In the Hancock Gallery, Ian Hutton and Selva Ozelli will present their collaborative show "Paradise." Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

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

Mildred I. Washington Gallery, Allyn J. Center for Science and Art, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through May 16:** "His Room as He Left It: A Work in Progress," a mixed-media installation by artist Ariel Kotker, (845) 431-8612

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through April 26:** "BIO-BASED: Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz." Eiferman and Klimowicz create art with formerly living materials. Eiferman makes wall-mounted, hanging and standing sculptures from tree branches found on the ground during her daily walks. Klimowicz will display several of his large-scale hanging pieces that are a mixture of found, never purchased, cardboard, hot glue, wire and light. In addition to the sculptural works, a series of prints and cardboard plates will be presented. (845) 677-3611 or www.millbrooklibrary.org

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 26:** "Mother/Father," a re-examining of a theme first addressed in a March 2020 exhibit. That exhibit explored the works of artists navigating parenthood and how it affected their overall bodies of work. The show only stayed open for two weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the gallery and the show altogether. Shutting down this show was a huge loss for the artists, whose works about parenthood were not seen by the public due to the pandemic. Now five years later, the gallery is re-examining this theme and how the circumstances of artists has evolved over that time, and how modern parenthood has evolved with it. **Artists' Talk:** Sat., April 26, 1-3 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

OBITUARIES

Jeanne Ann Albertson

Jeanne Ann Albertson, 82, longtime resident of Hyde Park, passed away on April 9, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 2, 1943, in Little Falls, NY, she was the daughter of the late Ervin and Pauline (Cheney) Staring.

Jeanne moved to Staatsburg with her family, and she graduated as Valedictorian of her class from the former Staatsburg Union Free School in 1961.

On August 7, 1965, she married her high school sweetheart, Peter A. Albertson at St. Paul's church in Staatsburg.

Jeanne started her career at Motorola in Poughkeepsie. She left the workforce to raise her children and be a homemaker. After her children were grown, she rejoined the workforce as a secretary for the Vice Principal at F. D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park until her retirement. While with the school district, she also served as president of the CSEA Union. It was at the high school where she touched many students' lives, like a second mother, often providing tough love and good advice. Many former students remembered her over the years, often sparking-up conversations and catching up when running into her.

A founding member of the former Ladies Auxiliary of the Hyde Park Knights of Columbus, she could often be found volunteering at the K of C fish fries and Italian nights. Jeanne was a staple at these events for so long she evolved from taking orders over the phone to submitting take-out orders via an iPad. She enjoyed working at these events and looked forward to serving her community alongside her husband.

A devout and faithful catholic, Jeanne regularly attended mass, even on vacation! Her and her family's favorite vacation destination was Cape Cod where they went to the same B&B on the Nantucket Sound every year since their honeymoon.

Jeanne is survived by her husband Peter, her two children; Paula Jeanne Albertson and wife, Kate Monahan, of Apex, North Carolina, and Mark Edward Albertson and wife, Tara, of Staatsburg; granddaughters, Brittany Albertson and Shaun Papesca; as well as many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Jeanne was predeceased by her brother, David Staring, and his wife, Dorothy Dreyer.

Family was especially important to Jeanne. She was very close to her in-laws, the Albertson family, and became one of the "Albertson sisters". She cherished her family, and the special relationships she had with them all.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, April 15th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, April 16th at Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park.

Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

In memory of Jeanne, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice. Random acts of kindness are also encouraged to honor and remember Jeanne's life.

To send an online condolence, please visit Jeanne's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Anita Lester

Anita Lester died peacefully on Tuesday morning, April 15, 2025.

Anita was born on March 10, 1928, in the Bronx, NY. She moved with her parents to Monticello, NY as a teenager. She was the youngest of three children to Hyman and Rose Schaffer.

Anita met the love of her life, Edwin "Skip" Lester as a young teenager when they lived near each other (and the zoo) in the Bronx. In High School her family moved to the Catskills where her parents ran a hotel called the Dandy House. Anita worked as a telephone operator in Monticello after graduating High School, and after World War II began she went to live in NYC while her love was in the war.

She married the love of her life, Skip, in 1947; they were married for 72 years. They initially lived in Troy, NY as Skip got his engineering degree at RPI; and they then moved to Washington, D.C. where they both worked at the Patent Office during the day and Skip attended law school at night. Their first child, a son, was born in 1952. They eventually settled in Poughkeepsie, NY, and they had three more children while Skip started his long career as a Patent Attorney at IBM. Ultimately, they moved to the Fountains

at Millbrook in 2016 where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Anita was deeply involved in the Poughkeepsie community. Whether she was a Girl Scout Troop Leader or the President of American ORT, she worked tirelessly to enhance her family's lives as well as the community. She sat on the Executive Board of the Jewish Community Center, she helped form a ladies' golf league, and she was one of the original members of CLS (Continuing Lifetime Studies at Marist). Besides raising her children and participating in a variety of activities, she found time to go back to school and earned her associate's degree in Humanities from Dutchess Community College in 1980 at age 52.

In all her spare time, Anita loved to socialize with other people in a variety of activities like golf, bowling, and especially bridge. She was a patron of the arts and enjoyed both regional theatre as well as Broadway shows. She was an avid reader and got involved in local politics. Anita and Skip also had the opportunity to travel all over the world, and in their later years they became snowbirds and traveled to California to spend time with their West Coast family and get to truly know their grandchildren. While Anita loved all of her pets, her true passion was family and nothing gave her more pleasure when family would gather together for weddings, birthdays, and especially Mother's Day.

Anita is survived by her daughter Caryn Sussin and her husband Mark, her son David and his wife Sandi, her daughter Judy Litt and her husband Lloyd, her adoring grandchildren Michael and wife Elana, Sam and wife Antara, Lauren, Sydney, and Jackson, and her nieces and nephew Marla, Karen, and Stewart and their spouses. She was predeceased by her brothers Leo Schaffer and Sidney Schaffer, her son Steven, nephew Martin Kocivar, and niece Barbara Barnett.

A memorial service was held on Saturday April 19 at Joseph Darrow Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. Anita was buried in a family plot on Long Island next to her beloved husband and son Steven, and in lieu of flowers please send donations to the Jewish Federation or Mid Hudson Hospice. The family would like to thank the Jewish Federation for their amazing weekly Shabbat services at the Fountains and Mid Hudson Hospice for its outstanding care services, for their kindness, and for being there to the end with Anita.

Edward Murphy

Edward Matthew Murphy, 65, of Salt Point, NY, passed away peacefully at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck on April 14, 2025. He was born on September 16, 1959, in Brooklyn, NY, to Edward and Veronica "Pat" (Pryce) Murphy.

Edward was a cherished son, brother, and friend. He was known for his love of music, dance, and the joy he brought to everyone around him.

Edward was a devoted fan of Michael Jackson. He delighted in dancing and listening to his favorite tunes, especially "Thriller." Growing up, he enjoyed playing basketball. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a life-long NY Knicks fan. Edward developed a lifelong appreciation for cartoons, particularly the antics of Tom & Jerry. His adoration for musical shows and Disney movies brought him immense joy and connected him with loved ones and friends who shared those experiences.

Edward's family was especially grateful for the friendships he formed through the Greystone Program. He loved attending dances at the Anderson Center. He held a special place in his heart for the residents and caretakers at the Salt Point House, sharing laughter and warmth that will not be forgotten. Edward's love for his family was evident in every interaction, particularly with his beloved mother, Pat, and sister, Christine Murphy-Frost.

Edward was preceded in death by his father, Edward Murphy and brother-in-law, Russell Frost.

In honor of Edward's life and legacy, a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY on April 25, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. Following the mass, a burial service will take place at Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

Edward will forever hold a cherished place in the hearts of those who love him. His spirit will continue to inspire laughter, love, and dance in those who had the privilege of knowing him.

As we remember Edward, let us celebrate the beautiful, loving person he was, honoring the memories that will live on in our hearts.

Charles Napoli

Charles McKown Napoli, 85, passed away peacefully at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, CT on April 10, 2025 after a lengthy illness. He was born January 13, 1940 in NYC to Moretta McKown and Carl A. Napoli who predeceased him.

Charlie was a graduate of Pine Plains Central School, Manhattan College, and Fordham University Law School. He started his law career as Assistant Attorney General for New York State; attorney for the New York State Division for Youth. After spending several years in California he returned to Pine Plains and went into private practice until his retirement.

He is survived by his sisters Moretta (Matthew) Salvia and Jane Casazza, his nieces and nephews Joseph Salvia, Daniele (Luke) Braham, Jennifer (John) Blackburn, and Edward (Tiffany) Casazza. He is also survived by great nieces and nephews Matthew, Brandon, and Brooke Salvia; Joseph, Jacoby, and Giuliana Braham; Tessa and Luke Blackburn; Annalise and Edward Casazza.

He was a member of Pine Plains Lions Club, International Order of Odd Fellows, Dutchess County Republican Committee, Dutchess County Bar Association, and New York State Bar Association.

There are no calling hours. A memorial mass and celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Thank you to Kenny and the staff at Noble Horizons for the care Charlie received while a resident there. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Pine Plains Lions Club. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Arthur Ernest Scott

Arthur Ernest Scott, 98, of Poughkeepsie, NY, peacefully passed away on April 7 at the Hospice House in Hyde Park, NY. Born on March 26, 1927, in Belmont, Massachusetts, Arthur was the eldest of three sons born to Mary Catherine Morrison Scott and Arthur James Scott, both of whom emigrated from Canada. As a first-generation American, he emphasized the importance of education and family and believed in a strong work ethic and frugal living.

From a young age, Arthur demonstrated leadership and commitment to service. He became an early member of the Boy Scouts and in 1942 joined the Civil Air Patrol. On his 18th birthday Art enlisted in the US Navy. His military service included training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and later serving as an Electronics instructor at Corpus Christie Naval Station for components of the Norden Bombsight and Torpedo Bomber G-Force meter.

While serving as a Naval Officer Candidate Cadet he enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (RPI) in the Fall of 1947. During the 1948 winter break at home in Springfield, MA, Art broke Naval Code to honor his heart. Eloping in Hillsdale, NY with the love of his life, Nancy Row on 9/11. A formal wedding was held later 3 months and 3 days later in Springfield.

Punishment of one Semester suspension followed. Arthur found Bendix Aviation as a

draftsman for the gap and accelerated his loss through summer school and extra classes to graduate with his freshman class in May 1951.

Arthur graduating from RPI with a BS in Electrical Engineering, he embarked on a distinguished career at IBM, playing a pivotal role in the assembly and operation of the second IBM 701 mainframe at Los Alamos, New Mexico, the original site of the Manhattan Project. His contributions led him to be assigned to the Edward Teller Berkeley Fusion Bomb Government Site, where he led the assembly and operation of the nineteenth IBM 701 mainframe. Arthur made groundbreaking advancements in mainframe diagnostic software and led the first spreadsheet software project in history at IBM, known as "The Intelligent Grid."

His career at IBM included international assignments, notably a relocation to Cannes, France, for the IBM La Gaude project in December 1963, followed by a move to Stockholm, Sweden.

Arthur and Nancy started their family in 1952 with the birth of Arthur Lee, followed by Steele in 1953, then Reid in 1956 and Wendy in 1958. They designed and built their home in Poughkeepsie and resided there for 63 years.

In 1960, Arthur had swapped his cigarettes for flying lessons at Stormville Airport in New York, becoming an enthusiastic private pilot and enjoying the freedom of the skies. Upon returning to the U.S., after international assignments he became an active member of the Lazy Eight Flight Club in Poughkeepsie, NY, as well as member and Historian of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.

The family learned to ski in the Austrian Alps and thus began a ski family tradition. Enjoying sailing, they began sailing the Hudson River and beyond with their sailboat The Astarte.

During retirement, Arthur was teaching Computer Science at Marist College. Volunteering for the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair with Wes Pfirman and Dr. Maung Htoo, he encouraged the participation of his grandchildren. Also, he and Nancy attended the Center for Lifetime Studies. Arthur's last IBM assignment supported Marist College in their adaptation of an email system.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy, Nancy's sister, Betty Rennell, their children: Arthur Lee (Andrea), Steele (Jill), Reid (Suzanne), and Wendy (Brad), along with grandchildren including Alyssa (Nate Clevinger), Amanda, Caroline, Lynsey (Mark Priesner), Matthew (Kathleen) and Michael (Karina). He leaves great-grandchildren: Amelia, Kennedy, Natalie, Olivia and Sophie. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Betty. Art was preceded in death by brothers Hubert and Robert.

There are no calling hours. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Arthur's name to Hudson Valley Hospice, www.hvhospice.org

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmg-millerfuneralhome.com

Legal Notices

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. H OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS', WHICH IMPLEMENTS GOOD CAUSE EVICTION IN PLEASANT VALLEY P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town

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Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law H of 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley by Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals', which implements Good Cause Eviction in Pleasant Valley. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

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4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary. Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 16, 2025
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 411/2025
RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION
PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW J OF 2025, "A LOCAL
LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE TOWN CODE WITH
REGARD TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS"**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified a need to change the regulations for accessory dwelling units in the town to simplify the approval process and to allow accessory dwelling units to be rented to tenants;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law J of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units" for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law J is a Type I action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.4[b][2]), and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law J to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law J to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on May 5, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.

Dated: April 7, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Chapman

SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Chapman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cookinham	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Degan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Rifenburg	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Supervisor Albrecht	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carried.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 412/2025
RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION
PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW K OF 2025, "A LOCAL
LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7
WEST ROAD"**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that an error was likely made when creating the current zoning map as the parcel at 1-7 West Road, which has long been a commercial business and is suited to business use, was classified in a residential district;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law K of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road" for the purpose of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law K is an Unlisted action, and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on May 5, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:10 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that the Building Department place a sign on the property giving notice of the public hearing pursuant to § 98-101(E).

Dated: April 7, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Chapman

SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Chapman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Cookinham	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Degan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Rifenburg	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Supervisor Albrecht	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carried.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
PROPOSED LOCAL
LAW K OF 2025**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

**SECTION 1.
TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road".

**SECTION 2.
PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

This Local Law changes the Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map to reclassify one parcel.

**SECTION 3.
AUTHORITY.**

This law is enacted pursuant to § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and is authorized by Town Code Section 98-100.

**SECTION 4.
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT.**

The Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map, Attachment 3 to Chapter 98, Zoning, is hereby changed as follows:

The zoning designation of tax parcel number 134400-6363-02-780584 located at 1-7 West Road at the intersection with Main Street in the Town of Pleasant Valley, consisting of approximately 0.75 acres, shall be changed from the Hamlet Residential (HR) district to the Hamlet Pleasant Valley (H-PV) district.

**SECTION 5.
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon its filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. K OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7 WEST ROAD"**

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 5, 2025 at 7:10 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law K of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed Local Law K of 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local

law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. J OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE TOWN CODE WITH REGARD TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS"**

P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on May 5, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law J of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed Local Law J of 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units".

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through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
RFB-DCB-05-25** Alterations to Dutchess County Office for Central and Information Services.

Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york-county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york-county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFPOpportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am May 12, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 901 438 668#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 10:00am at 503 Haight Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 5, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2025004188. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW J OF 2025

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

This law will make it simpler for Pleasant Valley residents to add accessory dwelling units to their properties, while maintaining the character of the town and ensuring safety and compliance. It allows ADUs to be built without a special use permit, provided they meet specified standards. It also allows ADUs to be used for rental purposes, expanding housing options for residents.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This law is enacted pursuant to § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 4. CODE AMENDMENT

A. Replacement of Chapter 98, Section 15

Chapter 98 "Zoning," Section 15, "Accessory dwellings," shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 98-15. Accessory dwelling units.

A. Intent. The purpose of this section is to promote the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to increase affordable housing opportunities while maintaining the character of single-family residential neighborhoods in Pleasant Valley. ADUs may be used for rental purposes, providing additional housing options for residents.

B. ADU in single-family dwelling. An ADU may be established within a single-family dwelling, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Only one ADU is permitted per lot, and it shall be clearly subordinate to the single-family dwelling.
(2) An ADU may be established as part of any legally existing single-family dwelling, provided the building meets applicable setbacks, except that an ADU may not be created on a lot that already contains a two-family or multifamily dwelling or where more than one dwelling exists in excess of the permitted density.
(3) Owner-occupancy is required. The owner(s) of a property on which there is an ADU must occupy either the principal dwelling or the ADU. The other unit may be rented to non-family members at the owner's option.
(4) No more than one bedroom is permitted in the ADU, and the number of residents in the ADU shall be limited to no more than two persons.
(5) The minimum gross floor area of the ADU shall be 400 square feet. The maximum gross floor area shall be 40% of the entire gross floor area of the single-family dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is greater.
(6) The ADU shall be self-contained, with separate cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities for use by the occupant(s).
(7) The ADU shall have safe and proper means of entrance. Stairways leading to any story above the ground floor shall be located within the walls of the building wherever practicable. Exterior stairways and fire escapes shall be located on the rear wall in preference to either side wall. In no instance shall an exterior stairway or fire escape be located on any wall fronting on a street.
(8) Off-street parking shall be in accordance with § 98-42 and shall be on the lot on which the ADU is located.
(9) Design and construction of any addition or alteration to accommodate the ADU must be compatible with the parent structure, and must comply with § 98-12, Schedule of Area and Bulk Requirements.
(10) Any legally established ADU on a lot with a single-family dwelling that is in existence at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall not be subject to the provisions outlined above.
(11) If the water supply is from a private source, the applicant shall certify that the water supply is potable and of adequate flow.
(12) No ADU shall be established without approval or certification from the Dutchess County Department of Health regarding the adequacy of the septic system.
(13) The ADU shall conform to all applicable local, state, and federal codes and requirements, including the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
(14) The owner is responsible for ensuring that any occupant(s) of an accessory dwelling abides by the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Code, in particular Chapter 70, Nuisances.
(15) The fees required for the construction of an accessory dwelling are set forth in the Town's Schedule of Fees.

C. ADU in a detached accessory structure. An ADU may be established in a separate building on a lot with a single-family dwelling, subject to the conditions in Subsection B and the following provisions:

- (1) A detached ADU may be located in a newly constructed detached unit or within an existing accessory structure, such as a gatehouse, garage, barn or similar structure.
(2) The gross floor area of a detached ADU shall be between 400 and 900 square feet. An existing accessory structure may be enlarged to accommodate the proposed ADU, provided it does not exceed 900 square feet.
(3) Detached ADUs must comply with setback and bulk requirements as defined in § 98-12, Schedule of Area and Bulk Requirements.
(4) The design of any detached ADU must be compatible with the primary single-family dwelling on the lot.

B. Amendment to Definitions

In Chapter 98, Section 103, the following definitions shall be replaced as follows:

The definition of "BUILDING, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with: BUILDING, ACCESSORY: A structure detached from and subordinate to a principal building on the same lot and used for purposes customarily incidental to those of the principal building or use, including accessory dwelling units.

The definition of "STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with: STRUCTURE, ACCESSORY: A structure either attached or detached from and subordinate to a principal building on the same lot and used for purposes customarily incidental to those of the principal building or use, including accessory dwelling units.

The definition of "DWELLING, ACCESSORY" shall be replaced with:

DWELLING UNIT, ACCESSORY: A dwelling unit located in an accessory structure on an owner-occupied property.

C. Amendment to Use Table

In the Use Table, Chapter 98, Attachment 1, the line labeled "Dwelling, accessory" shall be replaced as follows:

Table with columns: Subject to Supplementar y Regulations, CONS, R A, R R, MDR, HDR, MHP, MC, HR, H-PV, H-SP, H-WH, OI, Q, SFH. Row: Residential Dwelling unit, accessory. Values: See § 98-15, P, P, P, P, P, --, --, P, P, P, P, --, --, --.

SECTION 5. SUPERSESSON.

To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon is filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 323/2025 RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS'"

WHEREAS, the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a) authorized municipalities to opt in to certain regulations regarding eviction from residential rentals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the community to adopt such provisions prohibiting certain evictions without good cause in the Town of Pleasant Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law H of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley by Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals'" for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law H is an unlisted action, and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and the refore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on April 21, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law.

Dated: March 17, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburg SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL table with columns: AYE, NAY. Councilwoman Chapman: *ABSENT. Councilman Cookinham: X. Councilman Degan: X. Councilman Rifenburg: X. Supervisor Albrecht: X.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by opting in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a), as permitted by Real Property Law § 213, and amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley to enact a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," with Article I entitled "Prohibition on Evic-

tion Without Good Cause," to implement the provisions of the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSON

This law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the public health, safety and welfare, and pursuant to the provisions of Real Property Law Article 6-a. To the extent the provisions of this Local Law conflict State law, the Town Board hereby asserts its intention to supersede same pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE

The Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley is hereby amended to add a new

Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 72 Residential Rentals Article I: Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause § 162-1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

§ 162-2 Opt-in to New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. As authorized by New York State Real Property Law Section 213, the Town of Pleasant Valley does hereby opt-in to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a.

§ 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause.

A. All applicable provisions set forth in

Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by the Town of Pleasant Valley and incorporated herein by reference.

B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, any unit within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter if such unit has a monthly rent above three hundred forty-five percent (345%) of fair market rent, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as shall be published for the County of Dutchess by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

C. Pursuant to § 213(2)(b) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, a "small landlord" is defined as a landlord of no more than one (1) housing accommodation anywhere in the State of New York, provided that owner-occupied housing accommodations or otherwise exempt housing accommodations shall not be considered in calculating the number of housing accommodations owned by a landlord. § 162-4 Automatic Sunset of this Chapter.

Pursuant to § 7(b) of Chapter 56, Part HH, of the Laws of the State of New York of 2024, this chapter shall automatically expire and be repealed on June 15, 2034, unless Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law is extended or otherwise amended to remain in force and effect by the State of New York prior to such automatic repeal date.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be judged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law will take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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Stress Relief: The enjoyable exercise and social environment offer a great outlet to unwind.

Community Building: Pickleball is incredibly social. You'll meet new people, make friends, and feel part of a welcoming community.

Improved Sleep: Regular exercise, like pickleball, can help you fall asleep faster and experience more restful, restorative sleep.

Boosted Confidence: Mastering a new skill and seeing progress on the court can be a significant confidence booster for people of all ages.

Adaptability: Pickleball can be modified for all skill levels and physical abilities. Those just learning can start slowly and gradually increase the intensity as they become more comfortable.

Bone Health: Though low-impact, the weight-bearing activity of pickleball can help improve bone density, which is important for reducing the risk of

osteoporosis.

'EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES' AT OFA THIS SPRING

Are you the caregiver of a Dutchess County resident living with dementia? The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter to host the “Empowered Caregiver Series” in May and June at OFA headquarters, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie.

Each session takes place on a Tuesday at 3:00pm. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. Call the Office for the Aging to save your seat at any session(s) you can attend, at 845-486-2555 during business hours. We cannot accept reservation requests made via voice mail or email.

Topics in the program include:

- May 6 - Building foundations of caregiving
- May 13 - Supporting independence
- May 20 - Communicating effectively
- May 27 - Responding to dementia-related behaviors
- June 3 - Exploring care and support services

This free program is open to caregivers of all ages and is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Two culverts to be replaced on N. Quaker Hill Rd. in Pawling

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced work will begin on or about April 28 to replace two culverts on North Quaker Hill Road (CR-68) between Byrd's Hill Road and the Connecticut state border, in the Town of Pawling. The portion of North Quaker Hill Road near the work zone will be closed with a detour posted along North Quaker Hill Road, New York State Route 22/55, Connecticut Route 55, Gaylordsville Road (Connecticut Route 39), and Tabor Road.

Project work will include replacing the culverts and installing new inlet and outlet walls, as well as widening the road to include the addition of shoulders and installing new guiderails to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists. Local access will be maintained to driveways

near and within the closure area. Construction is anticipated to be complete, with the road re-opened to traffic, by the end of 2025.

This section of the North Quaker Hill Road averages approximately 185 vehicles per day.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution near the construction site and on the detour, obey the posted speed limits, and traffic advisory signs and the directions from flaggers near the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

For more information, please contact the Dutchess County Department of Public Works' Engineering Division at (845) 486-2925.

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