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**SCHOOL BUDGET
 ROUNDUP**

Districts conform to tax cap, propose funds for upgrades and maintenance

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

This year's school budget vote and Board of Education (BoE) elections will take place on Tuesday, May 21. Each district has specific poll hours; see below for more information.

All eight districts in the Northern Dutchess News readership area are proposing budgets with tax levies that meet or are less than their state-mandated limit, requiring only a simple majority to pass. Originally called the 2-percent tax cap, the actual number varies by district depending on several variables.

Six of the eight districts propose the establishment of funds for capital projects including upgrades to facilities, repairs and more.

If any of the budgets fail, the districts have two options: put up a second budget or go straight to a contingency budget. If the second budget is defeated, the districts must go to contingency, which carries a zero-percent levy-to-levy increase.

The tax levy increases listed for each district represent an average. The actual tax impact will vary from town to town, based on assessed values, STAR values and equalization rates that will be finalized in August. In addition, residents should know that there is no direct correlation between the tax levy increase and the amount of the increase in their individual tax bills.

Qualified voters will be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old by May 21; a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the vote; and be registered either with the school district's board of registration, or be on a current voter list maintained by the Dutchess County

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Families gain 'oasis of hope' through Ronald McDonald House

Benefit set May 19 on Walkway

By Stacey van den Thoon

Seventeen-year-old Michael McPike has been named this year's Grand Marshal for the Footsteps for Families annual fundraiser to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. The event will be held on Sunday, May 19, and will kick off at noon on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Nearly two years ago, just minutes before midnight, Michael's mother Mary received the call that her son had been hit by a car and was being airlifted from Dutchess County to the Trauma ICU at Westchester Medical Center.

"Back in 2022, I was told Michael would be in a comatose state for the rest of his life; in the middle of the chaos and shock [of everything happening], a nurse pulled me aside and said [very adamantly] 'First thing in the morning go over to the Ronald McDonald House and fill out an application,'" said Mary. "It was there where I met Brylee. She saw the state I was in and how fragile I was and helped every step of the way."

Mary filled out the application, and in the midst of the devastation she and her other children were provided an oasis of



Dutchess County teen Michael McPike has been named Grand Marshal for this year's Footsteps for Families fundraiser, set Sunday, May 19, on the Walkway Over the Hudson. The event raises funds for the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. In this photo, Michael is surrounded by his family. Courtesy photo

hope that supported them throughout 39 days of Michael's hospitalization just steps away from the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla.

"The Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley helped me and my family tremendously! They gave us somewhere to sleep, eat, do laundry, shower and so much more. There was always a listening ear," said Mary. "Living over an hour away from home

and having your child gravely ill in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit was enough stress in itself, and the RMHGHV took the stress off of where am I going sleep, eat and shower away. Everyone in that house is just so generous, empathetic and compassionate. I didn't have to worry about when my older kids came to give me a break where they were going to

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Field of Honor returns for 5th year



The fifth annual Field of Honor will take place on Memorial Day weekend at the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park. Courtesy photo

The Hyde Park Education Foundation (HPEF) will kick off its fifth annual Field of Honor event May 25 at 10 a.m. by awarding the fourth annual Senior Scholarship, worth \$1,000, and \$5,000 worth of grants to teachers. The event, located on the lawn in front of the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historical Site on Route 9 in Hyde Park, features a display of over 200 American flags.

The opening ceremony and viewing of the flags are free and open to the public between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from May 25 to 27.

Hyde Park Central School District Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman is proud to offer his support for this annual event.

"I commend the HPEF for their commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and well-being for our students," Roman said. "I encourage everyone to

visit the HPEF Facebook page or website for more information on how they can get involved and support their valuable efforts."

Flags are available for purchase at the HPEF website and can be labeled in memory or honor of a veteran, fallen soldier or anyone the buyer wishes to remember. If you or your business would like to make a sponsorship, please visit the website or send an email to HPEF12538@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds benefit the HPEF.

The HPEF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group, whose mission is to provide financial resources to individual schools and districtwide programs and activities that support and amplify educational opportunities for Hyde Park students.

For more information, contact Joan Powers, Secretary to the Superintendent, at 845-229-4000 ext. 1002.

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School Budget Roundup

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Board of Elections.

Please note: Numbers have been rounded to the nearest hundred-thousandth; for example, \$230,574,118 would be \$230.6 million.

ARLINGTON

The Arlington Central School District proposes a budget just under \$264 million with a 3.02% increase over last year. The \$156.1 million (2%) tax levy increase is under the district's tax levy cap of 2.52%.

There is a bus and equipment proposition for \$3.14 million, bonded over five years. Bus costs totaling \$2.87 million are eligible for state transportation aid at the rate of 69.6%, so the local share is \$872,480.

Voters will decide on a community-created \$1.8 million bond proposal to update district schools. If approved, the facilities bond proposal will fund renovations, upgrades and new construction throughout the district. The bond proposal addresses the district's most important facility needs including constructing new classrooms and labs, new library media centers, eliminating temporary classrooms, adding welcoming and secure vestibules, new roofs where needed, upgrading electrical systems and much more. Every school will see enhancements. More information was to be posted on the website as the vote draws closer.

Voters will elect four members to the Arlington Board of Education. The terms of Mary Anne Meaden, Edward McCormick, and Dr. Larry Jeannotte will expire on June 30, 2024.

There are five candidates running for four seats: Mary Anne Meaden, Donna Logan, Sofia Bonnet Hollis, Jennifer Boye and Edward McCormick. Three candidates will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2024. A fourth candidate will fill an unexpired term from May 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.arlingtonschools.org for polling locations and more information.

DOVER

Dover's \$43 million budget carries an increase of \$2 million (4.9%) over last year.

The proposed tax levy is \$17.3 million, an increase of 1.85% over 2023-2024 and within the district's tax cap.

There is one open seat on the Board of Education, and one candidate: incumbent board member Joseph Tchorzyk.

The vote will be held at the Dover Middle School Gym in Dover Plains, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact District Clerk Nicole Wilkinson at (845) 877-5700, ext. 1282, or email Nicole.Wilkinson@dover-schools.org for more information.

HYDE PARK

Residents will vote on a budget just under \$121 million, carrying an increase of 4.97% over last year.

The tax levy carries an increase of 3.61% over last year, which is exactly what the tax levy limit is this year.

There are two additional propositions: An \$886,937 transportation proposition continues the district's ongoing bus replacement plan. State aid would pay for about 59% of the purchase, making the net to taxpayers \$361,866. There are no electronic buses in this proposition.

Also on the ballot is a proposition to establish and fund a Capital Reserve at a maximum of \$10 million over 10 years. The fund would be used for capital project improvements and renovations including but not limited to items listed in the Building Condition Survey or to purchase school buses. The Capital Reserve would be funded with the district's unassigned fund balance (funding has not been added to the budget). Because the expenses from this reserve would be classified as Capital Project expenses, NYS Education Department would consider them to be "aidable" at the current aid ratio.

Although there are three open seats on the Board of Education, the district received only one candidate's packet. Margaret Qatani will seek re-election for a term starting on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. Qatani will be the only name listed on the ballot.

Polls will be open at Haviland Middle School Gymnasium, 23 Haviland Road, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visit www.hpcsd.org for more information.

MILLBROOK

Millbrook's proposed budget of \$34.6 million carries an increase of \$592,367 (1.74%) over last year, with a tax levy increase of approximately \$844,231 (3.22%), which is within the district's calculated tax levy limit.

Voters will be asked to approve a Capital Projects fund for building upgrades. Learn more at <https://www.millbrookcsd.org/our-district1/budget-voting/capital-project>.

Two candidates, incumbents David Lavarnway and Chris Labelle, are on the ballot to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

The vote will take place from noon to 9 p.m. in the Millbrook Middle School Auditorium, Alden Place.

Visit www.millbrookcsd.org for more information.

PINE PLAINS

Pine Plains' \$37.7 million budget carries 3.5% increase over the current year. The tax levy increase of 3.24% is within the mandated limit.

A transportation proposition is on the

ballot for the purchase of three 65-passenger or larger school buses, including cameras and necessary equipment, each at a maximum estimated cost of \$153,990, for a total of \$461,970.

A proposition to establish a Repair Reserve is also on the ballot. The Board of Education would transfer up to \$2 million of unappropriated, unassigned fund balance from the 2023-2024 school year to the create the fund.

Another proposition would establish the office of Student Board Member, a non-voting member of the Board of Education, who may sit with and participate with the Board of Education at all public meetings, except executive sessions, in accordance with the provisions of Education Law.

Voters will elect three members of the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. The combination of votes and/or write-ins must be no more than three votes. Three candidates are running for the three seats on the Board of Education this year: incumbents Jean Stapf and Joseph Kiernan, and community member Claire Copley-Eisenberg.

The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria, 2829 Church St., Pine Plains.

Visit www.ppcsd.org for more information.

RED HOOK

The 2023-24 proposed budget of \$62.8 million reflects a 4.26% increase over last year. The proposed tax levy of \$39.7 million carries a 3.47% increase over 2023-2024, and is just below the district's tax levy limit of 3.48%.

A transportation proposition would allow the district up to \$500,000 to purchase electric school buses, with a maximum cost of \$250,000 per bus after outside grant or funding assistance. Financing of these vehicles does not impact the 2024-25 budget.

The district is asking voters to approve a sweeping \$14.95 million capital improvement project; for details, see www.redhookcentralschools.org; at the top of the page, click on the link to the 2024-2025 budget page, then select the link "Proposition 3: Here's what is included in the capital improvement plan."

Two library propositions are on the ballot, as well. The Red Hook Library requests that its annual appropriation be increased by \$16,000, to the total amount of \$224,400. The Tivoli Free Library requests that its annual appropriation be increased by \$15,071, to the total amount of \$105,371.

This funding for the libraries is separate and apart from the school district's annual budget. It is raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and by law, must be included as part of the school tax bill if approved by the voters.

Five candidates are running for three vacant seats on the Board of Education; the following people (listed in alphabetical order) will be on the ballot: Austin Crittenden, Seth Halvorson, Mark G. Maroney (incumbent), Jennifer Mañón (incumbent), and Erin Misasi (incumbent).

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at Mill Road Intermediate School, 3-5 Cafeteria.

Visit www.redhookcentralschools.org for more information.

RHINEBECK

The district is presenting a \$40.1 million budget to voters, carrying a 3.11% increase over last year. The tax levy increase of \$34.1 million, or 3.7%, squeaks in below the district's tax levy limit of 3.71%.

Two candidates are running for two seats on the Board of Education: incumbents Diane Lyons, the current Board Vice President; and Mark Fleischauer, former Board President. The three-year terms will commence on July 1, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2027.

Voting will take place from 2 to 9 p.m. in the Bulkeley Middle School Cafeteria, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

WEBUTUCK:

Webutuck's \$27.1 million proposed budget carries a 4.16% budget-to-budget increase.

The proposed tax levy is \$18.4 million, a 4.46% increase over last year and well below the allowable cap of 6.02%.

There are two other propositions on the ballot:

A transportation vehicle purchase for \$222,238 would include the purchase of two 20-passenger school buses and one pick up truck.

Voters will also be asked to approve a Construction Capital Reserve Fund, to expend \$4.5 million for the installation of air conditioning in the classrooms at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High School.

There are two seats available on the Board of Education; one seat for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027 to fill the vacant seat of incumbent Board Member Joanne Boyd; and one to fill the vacant seat of incumbent Board Member Rick Keller Coffey commencing May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. The candidates are Amanda Gallagher and Joanne Boyd.

Questions should be directed to Superintendent Raymond Castellani, raymond.castellani@webutuck.org; or School Business Administrator Robert Farrier, robert.farrier@webutuck.org.

Voting will take place in the Webutuck High School Gym, 194 Haight Road, Amenia, from noon to 9 p.m.

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Germania Maifest set May 17-19

Germania of Poughkeepsie presents Maifest 2024, a fun, festive and authentic event to be held at Germania Festival Grounds, 51 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Hours are from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 17; 1 to 10 p.m. on Saturday May 18; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Maifest features live German bands, German food, home baked German desserts, traditional German Bier, children's entertainment, Bavarian folk dancers, and singers. Adult entry ticket \$5 daily, \$4 Veterans and Active Military with valid ID, children under 16 with parent, no charge.

Only service animals with valid ID will be allowed.

The event will be held rain or shine under tents. Free parking.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, is a benevolent, 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to the education of German heritage and culture. Germania hosts various authentic cultural events throughout the year including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, Heritage Day Bake Sale, Biergartens, authentic German Take Out dinners, along with other events.

Over the past 174 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania

sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of America Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club. Throughout the year Germania holds clothing, food, toy drives, as well as grants annual scholarships to BOCES CTI Culinary program graduates. Since the pandemic, Germania has donated over six hundred German Take Out Dinners to area First Responders.

Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The organization remains a 100% volunteer, private club, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.

Visit <https://germaniapok.com> for additional details, and on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/GermaniaOfPoughkeepsie/>.

Contact Germania directly for further information at president@germaniapok.com or (845) 471-0609.

Master Gardener Plant Sale scheduled for May 17-18

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the bees are buzzing and that means it's time for the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale. Master Gardener Volunteers and Extension staff will be on-site for this fundraiser at Dutchess County Farm & Home Center, 2715 Route 44 for the plant sale on Friday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Master Gardener volunteers cultivate and offer a diverse range of annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables for sale. Alongside the tried-and-tested favorites, they also have exciting new introductions to choose from. The volunteers will be present on-site to answer any of your gardening queries and assist you in selecting the best plants for your needs.

"We are thrilled to announce that our upcoming fundraiser will feature a diverse collection of over 13,000 plants," said Heather Brenner, the Community Horticulture Program Coordinator at CCEDC. "Our greenhouses are bursting with plants after the incredible success of last year's sale! To make sure we can offer even more amazing varieties this year, we've added another hoop house."

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is an intensive national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their local county Cornell Cooperative Extensions to expand educational outreach and information throughout local communities by providing research-based information to home gardeners. The first Master Gardener volunteer program was started in Washington State in 1972. Dutchess County was the first county in New York State (1975) to train Master Gardener volunteers.

To find out more details about when training is offered, visit ccedutchess.org.

The CCEDC Master Gardener Program is funded through volunteer fundraising efforts and donations from the public like this event. This is the primary fundraiser for the Master Gardener volunteer program.

Gift certificates are available for the Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale, which are a welcome gift for any gardener. Certificates may be purchased for any amount and are not redeemable for cash. To purchase a gift certificate, please contact Francheska Kuilan at fk232@cornell.edu or by calling (845) 677-8223 ext.115.

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Families gain 'oasis of hope' through Ronald McDonald House

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sleep and eat. I gained another family with the House."

Since the accident, Michael has come a long way in his fight toward recovery. While he is not walking fully on his own yet, mom Mary states that he is determined to make it happen.

"Michael has made a miraculous recovery. Every day he is pushing himself to go further and reach another goal," said Mary. "He was so honored when he was asked to be the Grand Marshal for Footsteps for Families, and we as a family were so honored to be able to raise almost \$2000 for the RMHGHV."

Footsteps for Families was created to help RMHGHV reach their goal of raising \$50,000 which will support area families by keeping them together and easing some of the emotional and financial burdens experienced when faced with a child's medical crisis. "Our mission is to provide hope, help and a home-away-from-home for families of children requiring critical care," said Tricia Robbins, RMHGHV Marketing &

Community Relations Manager. "Through the generosity of our donors, there is no cost for families who stay at the House. We receive our funding through events such as Footsteps for Families that enables us to provide a safe, comfortable and convenient respite for families with children in the hospital."

"Community support is so important to the RMHGHV because it takes a lot to run a house of that size, they supply everything you need from toiletries to board games and toys to keep the siblings happy and occupied," said Mary. "As cliché as this sounds, you never think something like this could happen to you, but when it does and your world is crumbling around you and the RMHGHV steps in and takes some of that stress off your shoulders - it is just amazing! They've given me and my family so many opportunities. I will forever be grateful for their generosity, and compassion through the worst part of my life."

To register for the walk or to be a sponsor of Footsteps for Families visit

bit.ly/4d4T6TQ Participants who register to join the walk will receive a t-shirt and special gift. The event will also include family fun activities, face painting, live

music, raffles, prizes and more for all who attend. For more information about Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley visit www.rmghv.org.

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Protest for Family Court reform

To the editor:

On May 24th, concerned citizens and advocates will gather at 31 Collegeview Avenue in Poughkeepsie at 10:15 a.m. to protest for much-needed family court reform.

Led by community organizer and former Mayor of Peekskill, Andre Rainey, the protest seeks to address the current shortcomings and injustices in the family court system.

Family court is often criticized for prolonging conflict instead of promoting resolution, leaving children and families in limbo. Current practices can overlook the best interests of the child and lead to long-term emotional impacts.

The protest will highlight the urgent need for family court reform and push for legislative advocacy through bills S4797 and A4977. The coalition behind the protest is advocating for balanced representation in family court proceedings and the standardization of practices to ensure fairness in every case.

Andre Rainey
Beacon

POUGHKEEPSIE WATERFRONT
MARKET OPENS ON MAY 21

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market will open its 2024 season on May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. This Tuesday Market will run weekly from 2 to 5:30 p.m. from May 21 through October 29.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market celebrates its eighth year of connecting area residents and families with fresh, locally-sourced food. The Market is open to the public and features fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods and more from local Hudson Valley farms.

There will be a variety of vendors including J&J Farms (vegetables), Lili and Astara (dog food/treats), Maynard Farms (fruits and vegetables), Spacey Tracy's Pickles (pickles), Third Bean (chocolate), and Triple A Angus (beef, pork, lamb).

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market accepts both SNAP benefits and WIC/Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks. The Market also participates in the Double Up Food Bucks program that allows a dollar to dollar match on SNAP purchases eligible towards fresh fruits and veggies.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market is steps away from both the Poughkeepsie Train Station and The Walkway over the Hudson, making the Market accessible to City residents, families visiting the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, tourists and commuters alike. The Pavilion that hosts the Market is fully covered, offers public restrooms and free onsite parking at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum during the Market hours. To ensure the safety of patrons, vendors, and staff, the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market operates in accordance with New York State guidelines for safe operation of farmers' markets.

The Market is managed by the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, located at 75 North Water St., Poughkeepsie.

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NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, we will have an early deadline for our May 29 paper. All editorial submissions are due by noon on Thursday, May 23; and all advertising is due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 23. Contact cschmidt@sutchessnews.com for more information.

HYDE PARK CHAMBER HONORS THREE
AT ANNUAL BUSINESS DINNER



Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce recognized three member businesses at the annual Business of the Year dinner held May 9 at Joseph's Italian Steakhouse. Shown left to right: Laurie Cusher, owner of Hyde Park Jeweler celebrating 70 years in business; Sue Serino of Serino Realty and current Dutchess County Executive; Dot Chenevert, president of the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce; and Eliza Bozensk, representing Anderson Center for Autism celebrating 100 years in operation. Photo by Richard Wambach

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Sheriff's Office to observe Memorial Day with May 16 service

The annual Dutchess County Sheriff's Office memorial service will be held at the Law Enforcement Center on Parker Ave in Poughkeepsie on Thursday May 16, at 9:30 a.m. Because of the logistics involved with the Memorial Day Observation, on May 16 the Sheriff's Office lobby will be closed to the public until noon.

Members of both the Law

Enforcement and Corrections Divisions will be in full dress uniform for the ceremony, and local dignitaries will be recognized as well. During the ceremony fallen law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, former Sheriff's Office members who have passed away, and the brave men and women who keep our nation safe will all be honored.

Town of Poughkeepsie sets first meeting of Citizens Committee on Housing Affordability on May 15

On Wednesday, May 15, the Citizens Committee on Housing Affordability (CCHA) will hold its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room, 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in public comment.

This committee will meet through January 2025 to study and recommend

strategies for increasing housing affordability for town residents, with a particular focus on expanding home-ownership opportunities, programs that increase income for current residents, and housing for senior citizens and young families.

To find out more about the committee's mission, visit www.townofpoughkeepsie.com.



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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Jersey Shore PHI	20	13	.606	-	10-0	W11
Greensboro PIT	18	14	.563	1.5	4-6	W2
Aberdeen BAL	18	15	.545	2.0	6-4	L1
Brooklyn NYM	18	15	.545	2.0	6-4	L1
Hudson Valley NYY	15	15	.500	3.5	3-7	W1
Wilmington WSH	15	16	.484	4.0	2-8	L6
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Rome ATL	17	14	.548	-	6-4	W1
Bowling Green TB	17	16	.515	1.0	4-6	L2
Greenville BOS	15	18	.455	3.0	7-3	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	15	18	.455	3.0	6-4	W1
Asheville HOU	13	19	.406	4.5	3-7	L1
Hickory TEX	12	20	.375	5.5	3-7	L1



Too much rain, but plenty of hitting for Renegades

Here are some tidbits from the first six weeks of the season for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

• **RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY:** After two games were postponed last week Saturday and Sunday at Wilmington, the Renegades have now had seven road games postponed due to rain already this season. During the first road trip of the season vs. Rome, there were four games rescheduled, and one game was canceled after a prolonged rain storm in Georgia.

• **FAMILIAR FOES:** Not only have Hudson Valley and Aberdeen played 12 times already this year, but they are scheduled to meet 12 more times over the next three weeks.

• **LONG GONE:** The Renegades have hit 25 dingers in their first 28 games.

• **THE 'PEN IS MIGHTIER:** Keep an eye on the Hudson Valley bullpen this season. It currently sports an earned run average of below 3.00.

• **FINISHING STRONG:** Over his last 14 games of the 2023 regular season, Jesus Rodríguez went 19-for-53 (.358) with two doubles, a triple, two home runs, nine RBI, and seven runs scored. Rodríguez has carried that success into the 2024 season by reaching base safely in 19 of his first 25 games.

• **THREE TIMES TWO:** During May 1's 13-10 victory vs. Wilmington, Jared Serna



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hit three two-run homers, driving in six runs and scoring three runs. Serna is just the third Renegades player since 2005 to hit three home runs in a game, and first since Everson Pereira on Sept. 5, 2021 at Greensboro.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Jesus Rodríguez C	HV	28	111	16	36	6	1	5	18	10	17	3	3	.324	.382	.532	.914
1 Jared Serna SS	HV	29	111	20	28	8	0	5	23	18	19	2	4	.252	.358	.459	.817
3 Omar Martínez DH	HV	26	92	8	20	2	1	4	10	23	25	0	0	.217	.379	.391	.770
4 Kiko Romero 3B	HV	20	59	9	13	2	0	3	8	14	28	3	1	.220	.395	.407	.802
5 Jace Avina CF	HV	20	76	11	22	7	0	2	9	10	28	2	0	.289	.400	.461	.861
5 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	21	73	7	17	7	0	2	10	10	21	1	1	.233	.333	.411	.744
5 Roc Riggio 2B	HV	21	79	14	16	4	2	2	9	18	16	5	2	.203	.347	.380	.727
8 Kyle Battle LF	HV	13	25	9	5	1	0	1	3	5	14	3	0	.200	.344	.360	.704
8 Josh Moylan 1B	HV	24	78	10	16	2	1	1	5	16	23	0	0	.205	.344	.295	.639
10 Beau Brewer 2B	HV	12	34	3	10	1	0	0	2	5	10	0	0	.294	.385	.324	.709
10 Juan Crisp P	HV	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
10 Cole Gabrielson RF	HV	18	52	10	7	4	0	0	2	9	16	2	2	.135	.328	.212	.540
10 Anthony Hall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	.091	.286	.091	.377
10 Garrett Martin LF	HV	14	46	7	10	4	1	0	9	3	16	5	1	.217	.333	.348	.681
10 Nelson Medina CF	HV	21	69	6	11	1	0	0	6	8	35	5	0	.159	.256	.174	.430
10 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	.200	.316	.400	.716

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Cam Schlittler P	HV	3	0	1.04	5	5	0	0	0	0	26.0	8	7	3	3	2	11	33	0.73	.092
2 Sebastian Keane P	HV	1	3	6.12	6	6	0	0	0	0	25.0	29	17	17	1	3	16	25	1.80	.302



Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades snap losing streak with Sunday win over Aberdeen

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades and the Aberdeen IronBirds have been going at it for 30 years, dating all the way back to the old New York-Penn League.

And even though both franchises have graduated from the Rookie League to the Class A South Atlantic League, this has been a natural rivalry.

But this year, the Ironbirds seem to have the upper hand – at least in the beginning of the season.

The Renegades hit a road block in Aberdeen last week, losing five straight games to open the series and ultimately losing the six-game series itself.

On Sunday afternoon the Renegades snapped their seven-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the IronBirds, after a go-ahead RBI double in the ninth inning from Jared Serna.

The Renegades are now 14-15 on the season and are home to face the Jersey Shore BlueClaws for a six game series at Heritage Financial Park.

In Sunday's victory, Kyle Battle led off with a walk in the ninth inning. He then stole second and with one out, Jared Serna launched a double off the center-field wall to bring him home and give the Renegades a 4-3 advantage. Serna finished 3-for-4 on Sunday, and now has a team-leading 23 RBIs in the season.

On Saturday, after a two-hour, 41-minute rain delay before the start, the IronBirds outlasted the Hudson Valley 6-5 in a walk-off victory in eight innings. Kyle Carr was a bright spot for Hudson Valley as he struck out seven in four innings.

The Renegades held behind 4-0 before rallying and sending the game into extras. On a rainy Friday night, the IronBirds used a pair of solo home runs in the late innings to win 5-3 over the Renegades.

The Renegades jumped in front twice in the first two innings, but the IronBirds were able to match them on both occasions. Roc Riggio led off the game with a double, and Jace Avina knocked him with a two-bagger of his own later in the frame. With his double, Avina extended his on-base streak to 17 games, the second-longest streak in the South Atlantic League. After Avina stole third, Jesus Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly to bring home Avina and put the Renegades ahead 2-0.

In the first, Aberdeen rallied with two outs through singles from Max Wagner and Mac Horvath. Both moved into scoring position with stolen bases, and Matthew Etzel knocked in both runners with a two-run single.

Nelson Medina led off the second inning with a walk. After a Beau Brewer base on balls, Riggio reached on a field-



Jared Serna launched a double off the centerfield wall to bring home Kyle Battle with the winning run on Sunday as the Renegades topped Aberdeen, 4-3. Photo by Dave Janosz

er's choice, Jared Serna walked to load the bases. With Rodriguez at the plate, Medina scored from third on a wild pitch to put Hudson Valley back in front 3-2.

Tied at 3-3, Aberdeen took its first lead

of the game in the seventh with an Elio Prado solo home run down the left-field line. The IronBirds got an insurance run in the eighth with a Horvath home run to right with two outs.

MANAGER'S Q & A

Preparing for larger crowds and honored to be affiliated with Yanks

Editor's note: Each week, Hudson Valley Renegades General Manager in Zach Betkowski meets with reporter Rich Thomaselli to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.

With school ending soon and summer approaching, do you expect crowds to increase?

Yeah, well, you know, I think in a lot of ways it's the previous two months before school ends is kind of a tune up, if you will. And I think we're always looking to put on an A+ performance, but we'd be remiss to not, you know, admit

that obviously we'll try to work out some of the kinks with newer staff and newer procedures and policy. So we'll be ready for the bigger crowds

You mentioned last week that it was good to have people like former general manager Steve Gliner around. How often do you rely on them to enter questions while building your own identity?

Steve has 35 years of experience working in this industry. So it would be foolish of me to not take him up on that. I don't take myself as somebody who pretends to have all the answers, who needs to have an ego that I'm the one making all the decisions. You know, certainly I am

making decisions, but it's always with influence from mentors and also colleagues too. Just because I may be someone's supervisor doesn't mean that an employee can't make their own decision in the best interest of the team. So Steve and I talk, I'd say almost every day, at least during the work week and I bounce ideas off of him. He always provides some extremely helpful feedback on how he would handle certain situations. And there's definitely been somebody I can rely on heavily throughout

You've been in baseball for many years. So what is it like being affiliated with the Yankees?

One of the greatest honors of my life. You know, I think for me to be affiliated with one of the most prestigious, if not the most prestigious sports organization in the world, and 27-time champions, is a great honor, I think, for us. We take a lot of pride in donning the pinstripes on the field and representing the pinstripes. And even though the Yankees are a separate entity from the Renegades, which I do think is a common misconception, there are a lot of fans out there that think the Yankees are our owners, and they run the business, whereas it's quite honestly the opposite. But we take a lot of pride in being affiliated with them.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Countywide Food Drive set throughout May

Dutchess County Town Clerks in Amenia, Beekman, Fishkill, Pawling, East Fishkill (pet food only), Pine Plains, Stanford, Town of Poughkeepsie, Union Vale, Milan, Rhinebeck, and the Dutchess County Clerk's office at 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie are hosting a County-Wide Food Drive in honor of Professional Municipal Clerks Week (April 30-May 6)

Drop off donations at the above Town Halls throughout the month of May. Donations will be distributed throughout the county.

Pet food, personal hygiene items, cleaning products and toilet paper are welcomed.

Vendors sought for fundraising tag sale June 1

Crum Elbow Cemetery and Meeting House at 490 North Quaker Lane will be holding a Tag Sale as part of the Hyde Park town-wide Tag Sale on June 1. Crum Elbow Cemetery is seeking vendors as a fundraiser for our historic property at \$25 per spot. If interested please contact Denise Byrnes at (845) 229-0062

'Power to the People' set for May 16 at Cunneen-Hackett in Poughkeepsie

"Power to the People!" will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Cunneen-Hackett Center in Poughkeepsie. This is a League of Women Voters Education & Networking Event. Light refreshments available.

Erica Smitka, Deputy Director of the New York State League of Women Voters will be the guest speaker to explain the ballot initiative and how others can spread the word to encourage people to get out and vote. Additional information can be found at <https://nyequalrights.org/> and <https://wvny.org/nys-equal-rights-amendment/>

Community Wellness Walks to start May 16

Rhinebeck Rotary's Mental Health and Wellness Committee will launch its Community Wellness Walks on May 16. These Wellness Walks are a first step to cultivating stronger social connections and feelings of overall well-being for people who live or work in Northern Dutchess County.

The walks will be open to the public, and will rotate locations on the 2nd Thursdays of each month at 11 a.m., and the 4th Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. from May through October. Each excursion will include a 5-10 minute "mindfulness activity" led by a Mental Health and Wellness Committee member, which may include breathwork, meditation, tai chi, qigong, and/or other experiences designed to promote mindfulness. The wellness walks are free of charge and open to anyone 18 years of age or older. All participants must sign a waiver form in advance (available at rhinebeckrotary.org).

Morton Day, Seedling Swap set May 18

Morton Memorial Library announced that Morton Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in downtown Rhinecliff. There will be a Community Potluck Celebration in honor of Levi P. Morton's Birthday. There will be fun for all ages.

Earlier in the day, there will be a Seedling Swap and Wattle Fencing Workshop starting at 10 a.m., at the Picnic Shelter at Firemen's Field.

Call the library at (845) 876-2903 for more information.

Corn Hole tourney in Clinton May 18

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Corn Hole Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday May 18, at the East Clinton Fire House, 9 Firehouse Lane Clinton Corners. Registration starts at noon. Single elimination. The cost is \$40 a team. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Donna at (845) 224-6522 or Lynn at (845) 266-5485.

Blessing of the Animals set May 18 in Rhinebeck

The Third Lutheran Church, 31 Livingston St., Rhinebeck, will host a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, May 18, from noon to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the 109th celebration of "Be Kind to Animals Week." This is a free outdoor event for the entire family for any animal lovers - ownership of a pet is not necessary to attend. To ensure the safety of all, animal ambassadors must be properly escorted, leashed, kenneled or harnessed and with their owner at all times. Pooper scooper laws do apply and pick up bags will be available. Cooperation and adherence to local leash laws is encouraged and tremendously appreciated. In case of inclement weather, the event will occur on Sunday, May 19. For more information go to <http://www.lutheranparishnortherndutchess.org> or contact mmrjoyce@yahoo.com.

Stanford Grange to host Baked Ham Dinner May 18

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 18, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of baked ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, peas, dinner roll, and a homemade carrot cake cupcake 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.

Aerodrome Gala set May 18

The Spirit of the Aerodrome Gala will take place on Saturday, May 18, at 5 p.m. The fundraising event will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and fun. The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome counts on the financial support of fans, friends and enthusiasts to keep its vintage planes flying. They do 38 airshows each season, like no other aviation venue in the country. Visit www.olderhinebeck.org for tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information.

Rhinebeck Choral Club sets Spring Concert for May 18-19

The Rhinebeck Choral Club will present "Songs of Peace and Hope," their Spring Concert, on Saturday, May 18, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m., at Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck. Free admission; donations welcome. Visit www.rhinebeckchoralclub.org for more information.

May 19 Bike Ride to raise funds for mental health awareness

Dutchess County Legislator Barrington Atkins (District 9, City of Poughkeepsie) and Scenic Hudson will hold the Annual Mental Health

Awareness Bike Ride on Sunday, May 19, starting at 1 p.m. at Malcolm X Park, 131 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. Ride 4 miles to support mental wellness with keynote speaker Courtney Williams from Black Girls Do Bike. All levels welcome. Plus, don't miss out on our bike, helmet, light and repair kit giveaways. Register via EventBrite.

Milan church to host presentation May 19

Join us for an entertaining and informative afternoon with a Vintage Visitors presentation of "A New England Mill Girl: Lucy Lancom." This free historical performance is Sunday afternoon May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Rowe Methodist Church, 1376 Route 199 in Milan. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Rhinebeck Garden Club to meet May 22

On Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., The Rhinebeck Garden Club will meet at the pavilion behind the Starr Library (68 West Market Street). Program: "Songs of our Birds" with presenter Alan Peterson, The Waterman Bird Club. Please bring a folding chair. Visitors are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For more details, or information where the meeting will be held in case of rain, call Hannah at (914) 263-5298.

Copake Grange Plant Sale set May 25

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, welcomes the whole community to its seventh annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The plant sale takes place every year at the historic Grange Hall on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. A wide-variety of herbs, perennials, annuals, ground covers and shrubs available.

The sale is held rain or shine. Cash, check or debit/credit cards accepted. To donate items or get more information email copakegrangeplantsale@gmail.com or visit copakegrange.org/events. Donated items must be delivered Friday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vanderbilt Garden Association to offer talk, tours

Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will be in the formal gardens on Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting) to talk to visitors about the gardens and their history.

Beginning on Sunday, June 15 and every third Sunday of the month thereafter through and including Sunday, Sept. 21, the Interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on the 40th anniversary of the F.W. Vanderbilt Association, the Vanderbilt ownership and the mission of the not-for-profit Vanderbilt Garden Association to rehabilitate and maintain the plants, shrubs and trees within the formal gardens as they were in the 1930s just prior to Frederick Vanderbilt's death in 1938.

For more information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Staatsburg Memorial Day Ceremony

A Memorial Day Ceremony will take place in the hamlet of Staatsburg on Monday, May 27, at 8 a.m. It will be held at the veterans' honor roll monument near the flagpole in Dinsmore Park on

Old Post Road. The long-standing event is sponsored by volunteers from the community. All are welcome.

Chicken BBQ set Memorial Day in Pine Plains

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will host its Annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day - Monday, May 27 - at the Church, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains. Pick up will be from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The menu will consist of 1/2 a barbecued chicken (1 each of wing, breast, thigh, and leg), cole slaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and brownie for dessert. Each dinner is \$18, and 25% of the profit after expenses are paid will be donated to local food pantries - the Pine Plains Community Food Locker & Willow Roots. For reservations, call or text the Church at (518) 398-7117 or contact Church Organist Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Spring Cocktail Party set June 1 to raise funds for Ryan McElroy Foundation

The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation will hold its first Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Kindred Creeks Farm, 8 Pleasant Ridge Rd. Poughquag. The event will be held inside in their wedding barn, and outside as well if weather permits.

Admission is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple, which includes open bar, heavy passed appetizers, carving stations, and live music.

Proceeds will benefit The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation.

For more information; purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit <http://www.ryansfoundation.org/upcoming-events.html>.

'Then & Now' Festival set June 1 in Red Hook

Historic Red Hook will present "Then & Now Festival: Farms, Food, and Families" on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn and Green, 7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook. Rain date: June 2. Join Historic Red Hook for this summer festival and explore the farms, food, and families past and present that shape our town's unique character. Experience displays, music, food, vendors, and Red Hook memories that'll make you smile.

As part of this event, Historic Red Hook will be launching a self-guided driving tour and family-friendly scavenger hunt which will be available on their website on May 11. In addition, on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn, Historic Red Hook will host a panel discussion on the Future of Farming. For more details visit www.historicredhook.org/thenandnow.

FARMERS MARKETS

Bangall/Stanfordville: Bear Creek Farmers Market, 108 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall. Bi-weekly on Saturdays, starting on May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a rich array of locally sourced food for families to make complete at-home meals, and a lineup of community-centered events. More info: Debra Kaye, debra@bearcreekfarm.com or (914) 475-1150

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Tuesdays, 2-5:30 p.m., May 21-Oct. 29. (845) 471-0589 or info@mhdm.org

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Darlington Raceway Labor Day weekend, including entry to the Sport Clips racetrack hospitality tent and a \$1,000 gift card. Additionally, those who come to give through May 19 will also get a bonus \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For details on all offers, visit RedCrossBlood.org/RaceToGive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in May

COLUMBIA

Hudson, May 15, 1-6 p.m., Columbia-Greene Board of Realtors, 337 Fairview Avenue

Hudson, May 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., CMH Support Services Bldg, 65 Prospect Avenue

Hudson, May 30, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Avenue

DUTCHESS

Pleasant Valley, May 17, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, 1576 Main St.

Poughkeepsie, May 17, noon - 5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road

Poughkeepsie, May 20, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Elks Lodge 275, 29 Overocker Road

Rhinebeck, May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., The Pavilion, 34 Brookmeade Drive

Rhinebeck, May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Northern Dutchess Hospital, 6511 Spring Brook Avenue

Wappingers Falls, May 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 158 Myers Corners Road

Wappingers Falls, May 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road

Wappingers Falls, May 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., St Gregory Orthodox Church, 1500 NY-376

Wappingers Falls, May 28, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376

GREENE

Cairo, May 31, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cairo Town Hall, 512 Main Street

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New Windsor, May 31, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., New Windsor Community, 555 Union Avenue

Newburgh, May 24, 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 S William Street

Port Jervis, May 28, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Port Jervis Elks Lodge 645, 35 US-6

Tuxedo Park, May 30, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Town of Tuxedo Town Hall, 1 Temple Dr

SULLIVAN

Grahamsville, May 30, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street

Lake Huntington, May 22, 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Sullivan West High School, 6604 Route 52

Livingston Manor, May 30, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Livingston Manor Fire House, 93 Main Street

Monticello, May 22, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. Peters Parish, Bingo Hall, 59 North Street

Rock Hill, May 30, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Rock Hill Firehouse, 61 Glen Wild Road

Woodbourne, May 29, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Woodbourne Firehouse, Woodbourne Firehouse, 355 - Route 52

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Highland, May 17, noon-5 p.m., Highland Hose Company 1, 25 Milton Avenue

Kingston, May 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ulster Savings Bank, 180 Schwenk Drive

Kingston, May 20, noon- 5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 708 E Chester Street

Marlboro, May 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Marlboro Yacht Club, 144 Dock Road

Saugerties, May 24, noon-5 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church Barclay Heights, 32 Church Street

Woodstock, May 29, noon - 5 p.m., St. John's Roman Catholic Church, 12 Holly Hills Drive

Babies R Us store to reopen inside Kohl's

By Rich Thomaselli

First it was Toys R Us. The iconic toy store closed its doors several years ago, followed by its sister stores, Babies R Us.

But the former made its comeback. And now, apparently, so is the latter.

Babies R Us is coming back and will have a dedicated space in Kohl's department stores across the country, including seven in the Hudson Valley.

Wappingers Falls and Newburgh are slated to be among them.

The stores sell baby clothing and

apparel. Both brands shut down after filing for bankruptcy nearly six years ago.

More than 200 Kohl's locations are expected to have the Babies R Us store within a store by the end of the year. Previously, there was a Toys R Us store in Poughkeepsie and Babies R Us in Wappingers Falls.

In addition to Wappingers and Newburgh, Babies R Us stores in the Hudson Valley are expected to open in Yonkers, Nanuet, Cortlandt Manor, Port Chester and Brewster.

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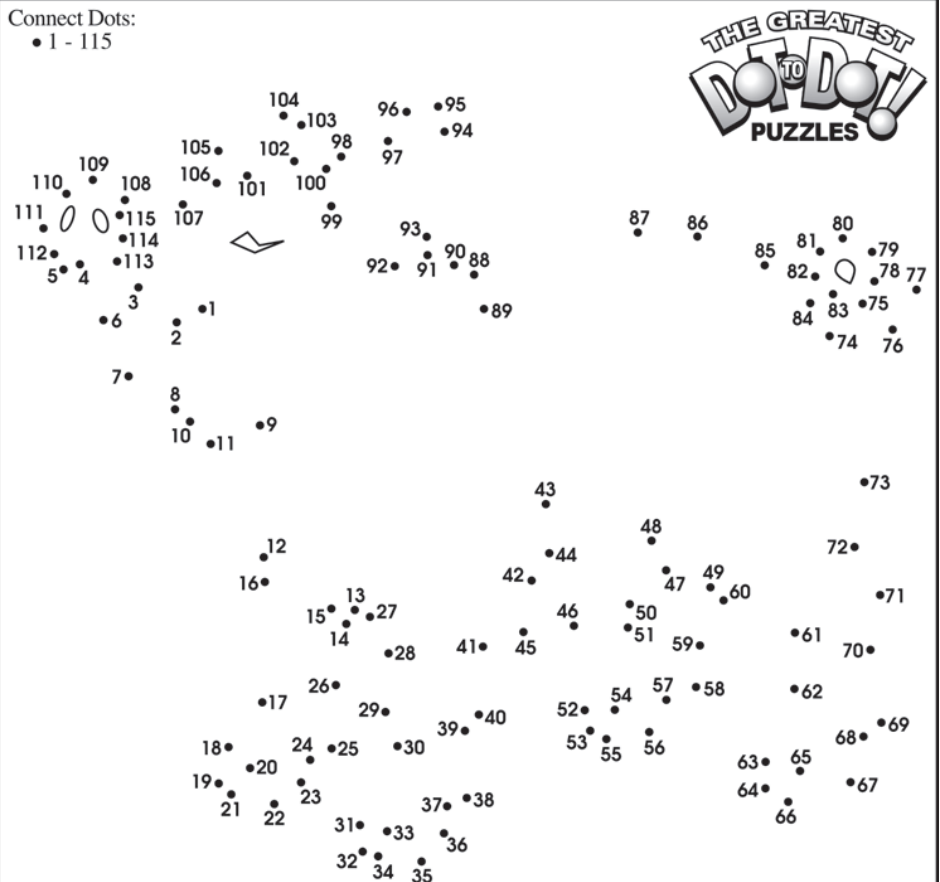


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Serino outlines new plan for addressing homelessness with \$13M NYS grant

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced last week that Dutchess County will use a \$13 million grant award from New York State to propel the County forward in implementing a brand-new model for addressing homelessness by helping people overcome the barriers that have caused them to become homeless and transitioning them into permanent housing.

Last month, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) awarded a \$13,023,795 Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) grant to Dutchess County to fund the capital costs associated with retrofitting the 26 Oakley Street property in the City of Poughkeepsie. This new facility will provide critical temporary housing with supportive services in one location and will enable the County to close the existing PODS, which have served as emergency housing shelter since the start of the COVID pandemic in 2020.

“We are honored by New York State’s embrace of Dutchess County’s new model to address homelessness - it is a thoughtful, evidence-based plan that will completely change how we address homelessness in Dutchess County and make a true difference in the lives of so many who are struggling. \$13 million is a transformational amount of money that allows us the opportunity to truly give people a leg up in changing their lives,” said Serino.

Plans to open a new emergency housing facility to replace the temporary PODS structures at the former Dutchess County Jail have spanned multiple administrations over the past few years. Since taking office in January 2024, County Executive Serino has met with City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers, state officials, City of Poughkeepsie representatives, housing advocates and many others to discuss the County’s next steps in addressing the ongoing challenge of helping those who are facing the crisis of homelessness.

In a meeting this week with Mayor Flowers, 5th Ward Council Member Ondie James, Stakeholder Committee Chair Jamar Cummings, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt and other County officials, Serino outlined the decision to accept the grant funding and reviewed various steps of her new plan for addressing homelessness.

The \$13 million HHAP award is one of the largest HHAP grant awards made since the program’s inception in 2021 and reflects the State’s strong endorsement of Dutchess County’s efforts to help people achieve independent living in permanent housing. In meetings facilitated by the Governor’s office, County Executive Serino and other officials discussed options for the grant funding with OTDA. The grant award remains location specific

to the Oakley Street facility. A different location, if one could be successfully identified, would require a revised grant submission. In addition to significantly delaying any possible project and further exacerbating the homelessness situation, state officials have advised the County that grant resubmissions have rarely been successful.

“We are quickly running out of time at the PODS – they are not in good condition as they were never designed for long-term use, and we are not able to truly help people who stay there. With this HHAP funding, we have a real opportunity to change lives with our new model and we can’t let it slip through our fingers. While there may not be agreement on all of the decisions made by past administrations over the last two years, I am confident that working together with the City of the Poughkeepsie, listening and engaging with the local community, we can establish a solid plan that will create something we can all be proud of,” said Serino.

Serino’s plan focuses on the Oakley Street facility as valuable transitional housing – supportive, but temporary accommodation designed to bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing, with structure, supervision, support services, life skills, education and training. There are currently limited transitional housing options in Dutchess County, which results in too many people “stuck” in emergency housing for long periods of time because they are not yet ready or able to maintain permanent housing.

Unlike the existing PODS, Oakley Street will be an OTDA-certified facility, with every individual going through an intake process prior to admission. Individuals must be willing to actively engage in a case management process that will include an assessment to identify specific needs, such as mental health and substance use treatment, job training and education and other supportive services that will be available on-site – with the ultimate goal of creating an independent living plan, leading to permanent housing.

The new facility’s operational model, with defined rules, is intended to help people create real change in their lives to attain independence. Those who agree to the structured environment and engage in the programs will have a safe, supportive environment with the services they need to address the issues that led to or have kept them homeless.

Emergency shelter, affordable permanent supportive housing – going beyond Oakley Street

To enable Oakley Street to be focused on temporary transitional housing, the County is working to have “scattered site” emergency overnight warming centers in locations throughout Dutchess, as

suggested in multiple community and legislative meetings. The County will work with multiple community partner agencies, including Community Housing Innovations (CHI), Catholic Charities, Hudson River Housing and others, to establish sites that can accommodate 15 to 40 people in northern and southern Dutchess County to provide emergency overnight shelter during the “Code Blue” cold weather season.

Additionally, recognizing that lack of affordable permanent housing drives up demand for emergency housing, the County is working to increase permanent supportive housing options. Serino is working with New York State to explore possible opportunities at the former Hudson River Psychiatric Center property (including the former Cleveland House and vacant houses on the property).

The County will also issue a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) later this year to identify developers who may be interested in developing projects for affordable permanent supportive housing anywhere in Dutchess County. Such projects could be supported, in part, with funding from the County’s Housing Trust Fund.

Starting critical case management, phased closure of the PODS, Oakley facility timeline

Next steps will be the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural design and construction management services for the renovations to the Oakley Street property. Schematic design work was completed in 2022, which identified an estimated construction cost of \$12 million. This estimate exceeded the County’s resources and led to the prior administration’s pursuit of the HHAP funding. With schematic design already complete, the design process is expected to move quickly, with construction estimated to begin in May 2025. The 100-bed facility is expected to be open by fall 2026.

While design work and construction is under way, the County will work on a phased closure of the PODS over the next 12 to 18 months, gradually closing each of the four units that make up the PODS, with a multi-faceted efforts to reduce the overall population prior to the opening of the Oakley center.

To transition people out of the PODS, supportive case management will begin in the coming month under the direction of the County’s new shelter director, Howard Charton. Dutchess County Community & Family Services is working to set up temporary office space in the now vacant 1995 section of the former

Dutchess County Jail. Case managers will work with guests to assess their needs and develop individualized independent living plans – which may include helping them to connect with services in their home community if they are from areas outside of Dutchess County.

Charton, who began as shelter director in December, and his team have already been successful in helping several people transition out of the PODS.

The County is also working with community partners for supportive housing options that can be alternatives to the PODS, such as building on the successful Oxford Houses model for recovery homes. It also includes support for Hudson River Housing’s newly opened “Pat’s Place” housing for young adults ages 18 through 25, who may be at risk for homelessness, including those who are transitioning out of the foster care system.

Working with the community to provide safe, successful outcomes

“We recognize there are many in our community who have concerns and questions about the Oakley Street project and we look forward to continuing to work with both City of Poughkeepsie officials as well as members of the local community to craft a solid plan to move us all forward. By listening to one another and keeping an open mind, we can address concerns and work together on creative solutions that achieve positive results,” said Serino.

The safety and security of the facility, and the surrounding community, is a paramount concern. The facility will have on-site private security, and the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office will partner with the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department for additional zone coverage in the surrounding community.

Ongoing community engagement and continued conversations will be vital for the project to be successful and with a projected late 2026 completion, there is a lot of time to work through issues.

“We want people to know what we are doing, and how we are addressing their concerns, so there are no misconceptions or fears. We appreciate the work the Stakeholder Committee has done to-date to engage the community and build trust. We look forward to continuing to work with the committee, even if it means going door-to-door to provide outreach and information,” Serino said.

Serino and other County officials will attend the next Stakeholder Committee meeting to discuss the County Executive’s new plan on Tuesday, May 28, in the Legislature Chambers.

SERINO SEEKS TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL TEACHERS

Nominations open through May 17 for ‘Classroom Champion’ Award

In honor of ‘Teacher Appreciation Week’ (May 6-10), Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is looking to celebrate local teachers who go above and beyond both inside and outside of the classroom. Students who attend school within Dutchess County are encouraged to nominate a teacher who they feel has made a difference in their life and has created a welcoming and positive learning environment.

“Our teachers continue to go above and beyond to find innovative and creative ways to educate our local students, and we are so grateful for the work they do,” said Serino. “Whether they are finding new ways to keep students engaged in the classroom, coaching a school sport, or serving as a mentor, the role educators play in the lives of their students is invaluable. I am thrilled to be able to recognize them through our ‘Classroom Champion’ award and look forward to hearing directly from students and families on the positive impact their teacher has made.”

Completed nomination forms are due back on Friday, May 17, and are available online at dutchessny.gov/Teacher. For more information, call (845) 486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

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Old Dutch Village Garden Club Plant Sale set May 18

By Felice Gelman

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club's (ODVGC) massive annual plant sale is coming up soon, May 18, starting at 9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Red Hook and continuing until all the plants are sold. The sale raises funds for ODVGC's community projects – the community garden, scholarships, support for tree planting, etc. It also aims to encourage gardeners and would-be gardeners to plant shrubs, flowers, and herbs to supplement or start their own gardens. The plants are sold at low prices so everyone can afford to be a gardener.

The plant sale is no secret. Every year dozens of people line up, eyeing the thousands of plants on trailers and waiting for the sale to open, promptly at 9 a.m. When the tape surrounding the trailers comes down, the rush is on. You can expect to find perennials, shrubs, groundcovers, and herbs.

Where do these plants come from? Every year Old Dutch Village Garden

Club members survey their gardens for possible donations, dig them up and re-pot them for the sale. This year's member donors were Cathy Michael, Jennifer Fivelsdal, Theresa Burke, Mona Matthies, and Ann Mancini. In addition, many members of the community with well-established gardens generously donate plants. ODVGC members are always happy to come to a garden and dig up plants that have spread beyond their intended space or no longer fit in the landscape plan.

Members who participated in the digging and re-potting this year include Linda Lawson, the organizer-in-chief of the project, Mona Matthies, Nola Weit, Ciska Hard, Vera Tsumagari, Penny Conroe, Janet del Rosario, Linda Glowienka, Felice Gelman, and Kayla Bell. Member Theresa Burke donated loads of potting soil. The plants are all collected at least two weeks ahead of the plant sale so that they can be well-established and healthy in their pots.

4-H fundraiser set June 2

The 2024 4-H A-Fair to Remember will be held on Sunday, June 2, at Wilcox Memorial Park, Route 199, Stanfordville. There will be free entry for all ages.

This fun-filled, family-friendly event is presented in partnership with Dutchess County Parks.

The day starts at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting celebration of the new Splash Pad.

From 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., members of the 28 4-H clubs will provide entertainment and education to visitors, showcasing their projects and welcoming the public to explore what they do. 4-H projects cover a wider range of subjects than most people realize. Join us to support these dedicated young people and enjoy all they have to offer.

Activities will include:

- Meet the animals with the chance to get up close, pose for photos and learn about the care that goes into raising them.
- Test your knowledge: animal-related games/quizzes for all ages with fun prizes.
- Learn archery and try your hand at air rifle with our trained shooting sports instructors and state-of-the-art equipment.
- Participate in arts and crafts of many types.
- Play fair-style games.
- Purchase local products and those made by the youth.

Everything purchased or donated in the 4-H area will go toward helping the youth of the county achieve their goals.

Contact Jane at jr825@cornell.edu with questions and offers of support.



Members of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club pot plants for their annual sale on May 18. Courtesy photo

MENTAL HYGIENE BOARD TO MEET ON MAY 20

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 20, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie or one may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

Upcoming meetings are as follows: June 17, July 15, no meeting in August, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-2754.

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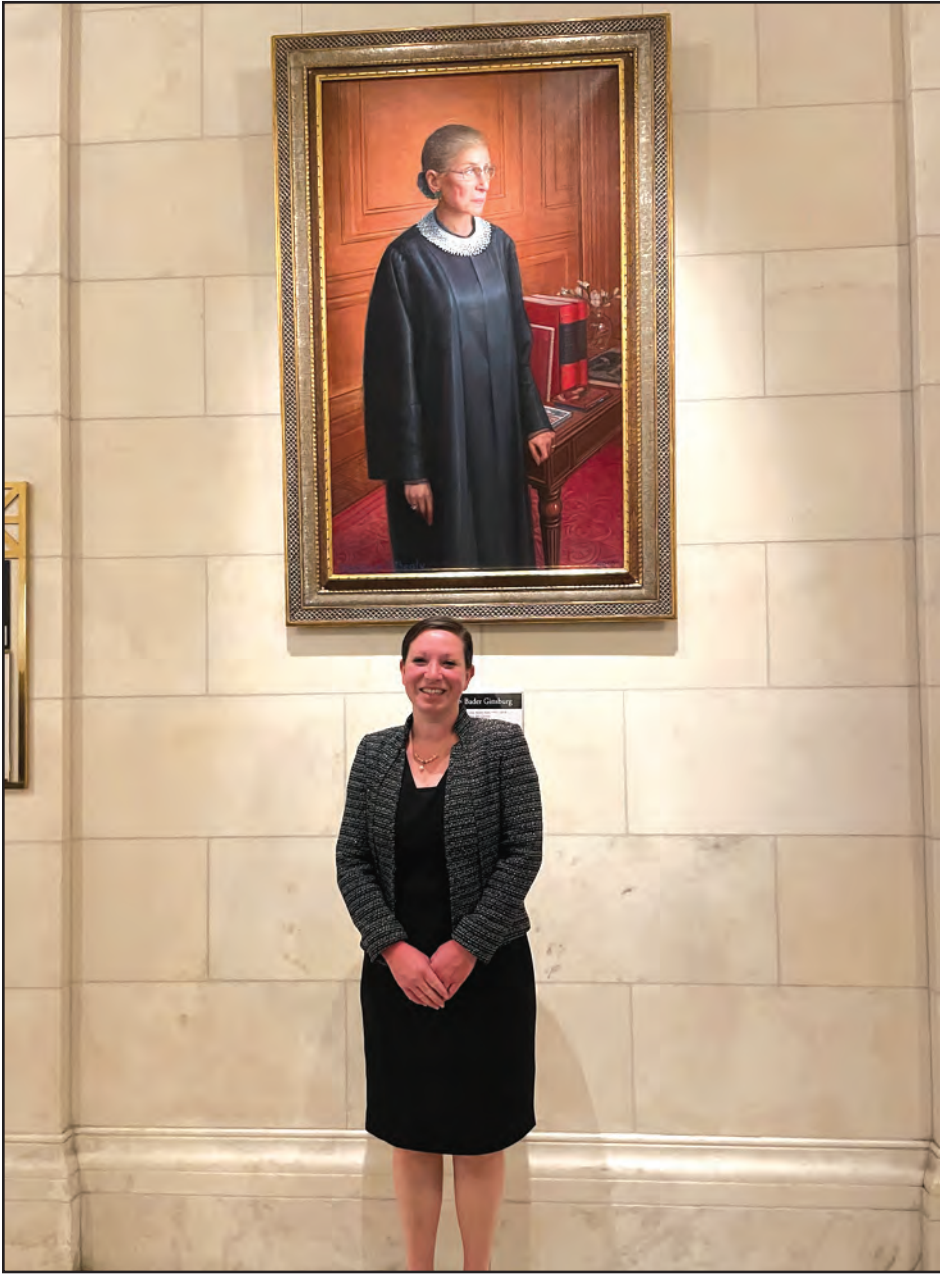
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Former Hyde Park resident admitted to Supreme Court Bar



Gina Francesca di Grandi, Esq., formerly of Hyde Park, was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in a swearing-in ceremony presided over by the U. S. Supreme Court Justices in Washington DC on April 15, 2024. Di Grandi is a 2003 FDR High School graduate. She received a BS in Business Management from the University of Buffalo in 2006, a Juris Doctorate from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2009 and an MBA from the University of Rhode Island in 2013. Her background includes work in the Dutchess County Surrogate and State Supreme Courts, the NY State Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Crown Court of England; and has served as a Rule 9 Prosecutor for the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office. Di Grandi currently resides in Clearwater, Florida. *Courtesy photo*

Planning Board Chairman Dupree Honored by NY Planning Federation



On April 8, Hyde Park Planning Board Chairman Michael Dupree was honored by the New York Planning Federation with the John O. Cross Award. This award distinguishes outstanding Planning Board Chairs in New York State. Dupree has given almost two decades of volunteer service to the Town of Hyde Park. *Courtesy photo*

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Rolison's Utilities Accountability Act earns Energy Committee approval

Senator's legislation to require public hearings for utility rate changes advances

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) announced that his Utilities Accountability Act (S.7824) drew one step closer to passage last week when it advanced out of the Senate's Energy Committee after a majority of its members voted to affirm the legislation. The bill's Assembly counterpart was introduced by Assemblyman Matt Slater.

The measure would require in-person public hearings for any proposed increases in utility charges. Central Hudson has asked the Public Service Commission, the regulatory body charged with approving increases, for hikes of 16 percent on the average residential electric bill and a 19 percent increase in the average natural

gas bill by summer 2024. Rolison opposes both.

S.7824 was introduced in December 2023 and heads next to the Consumer Protection Committee in the Senate. Central Hudson's proposed utility increases would potentially affect thousands of consumers in the Hudson Valley. New York ratepayers pay 61 percent more on average than the rest of the country for their energy needs.

Rolison was elected to the New York State Senate in November 2022. The 39th Senate District includes parts of Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange counties.

"Our region faces an affordability crisis. My bill would bring more transparency and sunlight to the rate-setting process and hold public utilities accountable. I am glad to see it approved by a majority of committee members today," said Rolison.

MRC to host Pet First Aid Training in June

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County will again offer its popular Pet First Aid Training on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 State Route 22. The training is free, however seating is limited and registration is required and is available online or by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Training participants will learn possible life-saving skills for pets, including CPR; recognizing signs of heat stroke and hypothermia; identifying gastrointestinal issues, allergies, and poisonings; and treating injuries such as burns, eye issues, wound care and more. The training will be presented by Paul S. McNamara, DVM, Chief of Surgery at the Hudson Highlands Veterinary Medical Group.

Members of the Top Dog 4-H Club will also be in attendance, collecting cat and dog food donations to benefit local animal rescues.

The Dutchess County Animal

Response Team (DCART) will also be on hand with information on how to include pets in emergency preparedness planning. DCART is a specialized team of the Department of Emergency Response, comprised of veterinary professionals and trained volunteers from the community. They respond to assist Emergency Management at the scene of a disaster or emergencies that involve animals such as pets or livestock. Their mission is to ensure the humane care and treatment of animals in an emergency.

Dutchess MRC is comprised of both healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers as part of a national network of more than 200,000 volunteers dedicated to supporting public health infrastructure as well as disaster preparedness and response in the community. Dutchess MRC hosts various trainings for members and non-members alike throughout the year. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc.

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Northeast Dutchess Fund awards over \$254K to 29 nonprofits, expands reach with increased funding

SHEFFIELD, MA – Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's (BTCF) Northeast Dutchess Fund (NED), which supports 11 towns in the county, has awarded a total of \$254,350 to support 29 nonprofits providing crucial services to the community.

These 2024 grants represent an increase of more than \$31,000 from last year and include funding for six first-time BTCF grantees. By connecting with new organizations, the fund's network of partners has been expanded; some organizations bring services from outside the county into northeast Dutchess.

Funding includes support for: literacy, early childhood education, musical education for youth, LGBTQIA+ farm workers, food security, mobile home repair, free legal services, hospice insurance assistance, career readiness, safety for children, general operating support, creation of new staff positions, and a concert series. Towns and local municipalities also received funding.

Grants were awarded to these organizations:

Center of Compassion: Operations Support Grant
Clinton Community Library: Optimistic Aging 2024
Cornell Cooperative Extension

Dutchess County: Literacy in Action
Dover Union Free School District*: Dover Guitar Program for Youth
Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry: Food Insecurity Missions at St. Thomas Amenia

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County: Mobile Home Repair & Replacement Program

Hudson Valley Hospice: Charity Care for Under or Uninsured Patients

Innisfree Foundation: 2024 Innisfree Community Days

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: Free Civil Legal Services for Residents of NE Dutchess County, 2024

Long Table Harvest: Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), The Gleaning Program

Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center: Scholarship Assistance Program at Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center (MECEC)

Millbrook Library: Millbrook Library Connectivity Kits & Public Computer Update

New Pine Plains Herald*: General Operating Support

North East Community Center, Inc.: General Operating Support, Transportation Program Assistant, Adopt-a-Family Program

Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services (NEDIS): Operations Support
NorthEast-Millerton Library: Music in the Annex 2024 Concert Series

Nuvance Health*: Workforce Development Program: Career Readiness Initiative at Sharon Hospital

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley: 2024 Rebuilding Day Program Support

Rock Steady Farm and Flowers: General Operating Support

Sisters Hill Farm: Ten full CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) food shares for low-income residents

Sky High Farm*: Sky High Farm Food Access Program

Stonewood Community Project: The Market Garden at Stonewood

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse*: Personal Safety Program

The Susie Reizod Foundation: New Shoes Donation Program for Economically Insecure Children

Town of Dover*: For Those Who Work in Acres, Not Hours: Cultivating Fertile Minds at the Farm

Village of Millerton: Century Boulevard Redevelopment Planning & Design Project

The Wassaic Project: General Operating Support

Willow Roots: Willow Roots Food

Pantry & Giving Box

(* Denotes first-time grantees)

The fund also granted a total of \$19K for Planning and Technical Assistance to: Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue: Board growth

The Wassaic Project: Systems Integration Consultant

Since 1987, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has strengthened the region through philanthropy and leadership. BTCF awards more than \$15 million annually in grants and scholarships to support nonprofit organizations in communities across Berkshire County, Mass., northwest Litchfield County, Conn., and Columbia and northeast Dutchess Counties in New York. Read more at berkshiretaconic.org.

The Northeast Dutchess Fund helps strengthen communities and improve the quality of life for the residents of Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, and Wingdale. It serves as a permanent resource to help organizations create and implement programs that make life safer, healthier and more equitable in northeast Dutchess County.

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Miles of Hope announces 2024 scholarships

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation recently announced scholarship awards to 19 Hudson Valley students.

"This is one of the most rewarding things we do," said Executive Director Pari Forood. "Each year, a committee made up of members of our Board, former and current teachers, and the two co-founders of the foundation get together to review applications and read heartwarming essays from students whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer."

The Miles of Hope mission is to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. In 2024, the foundation received 50 applications from six counties – nineteen students were awarded between \$1250 and \$5000 for their college/university expenses.

"This year, we gave away \$45,000 to students whose lives have been affected by breast cancer," said Miles of Hope Co-Founder and Scholarship Committee Chairman, Cathy Varunok.

Forood said, "We work with Guidance Counselors in 24 school districts to make sure that any student whose life has been affected by breast cancer has the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. The process is relatively easy. Students submit their grades, class rank, and volunteer activities as they relate to breast cancer and an essay telling us how breast cancer

has impacted their lives."

The scholarship committee is made up of breast cancer survivors and people who have also been affected by the disease, Forood explained.

"The entire process takes a few months from receipt of the applications online, to assessing them. It is one of our most important programs along with helping people in treatment with their bills and finances," she added.

All Miles of Hope programs can be found at <https://milessofhope.org/>.

The scholarship recipients are listed below with their current educational institution and county of residence.

Schuyler Birrittella – Poughkeepsie High School - Betty Howard Scholarship - Dutchess

Ayden Brown – FDR High School – Miles of Hope Scholarship - Dutchess

Clifford Bush – Rondout High School - Miles of Hope Scholarship - Ulster

Giuliana Calderon – John Jay High School - Miles of Hope Scholarship - Dutchess

Eileen Connolly – Our Lady of Lourdes - Miles of Hope Scholarship - Dutchess

Gabriella DeGuzman – Our Lady of Lourdes - Dana Effron Scholarship - Dutchess

Kaitlyn Eisentraut – Middletown High School - Miles of Hope Scholarship - Orange

Emma Gatta – Arlington High School

- Miles of Hope Scholarship - Dutchess
Meghan Hammond – Millbrook High School - Paulette Pettrossi Scholarship - Dutchess

Madison Kaminski – Roy C. Ketcham - Lynne and Bob Kopac Scholarship - Dutchess

Liam Maroney – Red Hook High School - Betty Benecke Scholarship - Dutchess

Jahnvi Mundra – Arlington High School – Miles of Hope Scholarship - Dutchess

Megan Palestro – Arlington High School - Michael Benecke Scholarship - Dutchess

Merilyn Rinaldi – Beacon High School - Paulette Pettrossi Scholarship - Dutchess

Jordyn Strati – New Milford High School – Miles of Hope Scholarship – resident of Dutchess

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Rhinebeck HS announces inductees to the National Technical Honor Society



Five students from Rhinebeck High School were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Chapter 324 at Dutchess BOCES Career and Technical Institute, receiving the highest honors in Career & Technical Education. Congratulations to Junior Ryan Phillips (Electric Trades), Juniors Alexander Herr and Gretah Kilmer (Careers in Animal & Plant Science), and Juniors Gaven Salerno and Jesse Tompkins (Construction Trades). In addition, Seniors Owen Mulligan (Welding & Fabrication) and Carter Lewis (Automotive Services) were recognized as Second Year NTHS members, maintaining the standards of NTHS by continuing to excel in their pathway.

These students are celebrated for the excellence they have demonstrated in the development of their skills in their chosen area of Career & Technical Education, and are applauded for adhering to the attributes of the National Technical Honor Society; knowledge, skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership.



Pictured, top, are new inductees into the National Technical Honor Society, from left: Gretah Killmer, Gaven Salerno, Ryan Phillips, Alexander Herr, Jesse Tompkins. Above: Second Year Honors went to Carter Lewis and Owen Mulligan. *Courtesy photos*

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THEME: THE 1960s

ACROSS

- "Odyssey" author
- Time in NYC
- Pay as you earn, acr.
- Avoid paying taxes
- Also
- Rolled up, on a farm
- From distant past
- News channel acronym
- Very angry
- * ___ Invasion
- *Vostok I pilot
- Spring water resort
- Talcum powder ingredient
- Muted order
- Sports award
- Doled out, as in soup
- Future atty.'s exam
- Engage for service
- In all sincerity
- * ___ Preminger, director of "Exodus"
- Petri dish jellies
- DDS exam
- Gordon Gekko: " ___ is good"
- Barbershop sound
- Bread pocket
- Rumor
- Whiskey straight, e.g.
- Cubby hole
- One-horse carriage
- *#29 Down invasion coordinator
- *TV's Tony Nelson's "dream"
- *"8 1/2" and "La Dolce Vita" director
- Lake scum
- Toothpaste type
- Baited
- Thorny
- Anger
- Last eight in college basketball
- Kill
- Lamentable
- Bob Marley, e.g.

DOWN

- * ___ Alpert & the Tijuana Brass
- Last word over walkie-talkie
- Algeria's southern neighbor
- Written corrections
- Chef's guide
- * ___ A Sketch toy, launched in 1960
- *Just one of "My Three ___"
- Polynesian kingdom
- Prefix with trooper or legal
- Resembling wings
- Abominable humanoid
- *#57 Across actress
- Large feline (2 words)
- The Obamas' daughter
- *"A Man for ___ Seasons" movie
- Political repression
- Nordic gl hwein
- * ___ Turf
- Man behind Windows
- *Bay of ___ Invasion
- *"Turn on, tune in, ___ out"
- Shockingly graphic
- Fill with optimism
- *"The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer-songwriter
- Three on a certain sloth
- It's between Ohio and Ontario
- *#21 Across - first man in ___
- *"Mary Poppins" producer
- Not Beta or Kappa
- Farm tool
- Front of cuirass
- Spurious wing
- Kickboxing moves
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- City of Taj Mahal
- * ___ a soul"
- Ran off
- Purple flower
- Not gross
- Brainchild
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Home for the summer

During his summer break from college, Luigi undergoes a Coppola rite of passage.

As the days get longer and the last vestiges of winter get raked up and put on the leaf pile in the backyard woods, attention turns to our gardens and flower beds. In addition to this, our college students return home different people from the ones we dropped off 9 months earlier.

I know I am curious to see how my son has changed. I remember when I came home and the adjustment that had to be made in order to peacefully coexist with my parents. That is, the adjustment I had to make in order to not get killed by my father.

I remember the day I came home from Roger Williams College. It was a beautiful May Day and I was tired from staying up most of the night before enjoying the company of my friends one last time. Pop came to pick me up in the white Plymouth Reliant Station wagon. After loading up all of my belongings, Pop told me that he was going to take the short cut that I knew and to let him know where to turn off. I said, no problem and I promptly fell asleep. When we got home, Pop was not in a good mood because a four-hour trip turned into five because of the missed short cut.

After unloading and storing all of my dorm life supplies, I hit the phones to see who was home. I found most of my friends already home and planned to meet up with them later that evening.

I went out and visited with my friends until 3 a.m. When I got home I went to sleep not thinking anything unusual. My father woke me up at 9 a.m. and told me to get up, he needed help in the garden.

I took a quick shower. While taking my shower I found myself energized realizing that I was out until 3 a.m. and had not been reprimanded. I felt grown up because my parents respected me enough that they allowed me to stay out until 3 a.m. I knew my older brothers had never had Mom and Pop's respect to be out until 3 a.m.

As the minutes under the shower passed, I grew more and more cocky because I had stayed out until 3 a.m.! I was a man! I already started thinking about that evening's get together and started looking forward to my newfound freedom and a fun-filled summer.

I was legitimately an adult now and I felt awesome. I bounded out to the garden ready to do whatever Pop wanted me to do. I felt strong and virile. I walked with my chest puffed out and a confident spring in my step.

I opened the gate to the garden and went over to the tool shed and pulled out the pitchfork that I was sure was needed to do whatever assignment Pop had for me. My mind was already imagining that I was a man now and maybe Pop and I would have a beer together after the garden work and talk about things.

I went over to where Pop was standing in the asparagus patch, took the pitchfork and pressed it into the soft ground. I knew that the soil needed to be loosened in order for the asparagus to grow properly and started my work. I heard Pop say my name and turned around.

Now, my father is around 5 foot 2 inches tall, and as far as I can remember has always seemed old to me, as every kid believes. He had always had glasses and to me he always looked of age. When he called my name and I turned around, I

was startled to see he had grown to 8 feet tall and had fire coming out of his eyes, smoke coming out of his ears and lightning coming out of his mouth.

It was at that moment that I realized that I would not become the cocksure man with the swagger in his gait and the spring in his step. I was officially dead. I started to see my life flash before my eyes and knew that I had really screwed up.

As I looked up to my father who had become the Angel of Death, my knees started to knock. The voice that came from my father's mouth was half Darth Vader, half the devil from the Exorcist and half Don Coreleone. I know I put in an extra half, but that is because I had already soiled my pants and was about to soil a lot of other things.

My father looked down at me and very calmly explained that Mom had been up all night worrying about me and that I should never come home that late again. He also said that if I wished to keep them happy I would do exactly as he said. He also explained that if I wished to die that could be arranged, also.

As I said, he explained it very calmly, albeit with fire coming out of his eyes, smoke out of his ears and lightning out of his mouth. And for added emphasis, he had the big shovel in his hands.

As I quickly assessed the circumstances and realized I was in a no-win situation and that I had only one chance to survive this predicament, I happily agreed to do whatever Pop said. I also promised that would always be home no later than 11 p.m.

Pop was pleased with my answer. He then shrunk back down to his normal size and proceeded to tell me that a real man would be able to turn over all the soil in the garden in half an hour. If I was able to do that, I could stay out as late as I wanted.

Now, as I have written before, the size of our garden is roughly the size of a football field. I realized that I had no chance whatsoever of ever realizing that goal. I also realized that once again, my father was teaching me a lesson through his parables. He was telling me that I may be a real man someday, but I could always be a real son and not worry his parents.

Later that afternoon, my brothers asked me what happened. After I told them, they started to laugh because they had all gone through the same thing. I asked them why they didn't warn me.

Their answer was that I needed to learn my lessons.

So as your children come home from college and as you wonder if you will ever be able to peacefully coexist with them in your house, remember, they can always be respectful children to their parents. Bring them out to the garden, pick some garden vegetables and over a nice early summer dish, explain to them what they need to do to survive their summer away from college.

SUMMER SPAGHETTI SALAD

Ingredients

- 1 lb. spaghetti
- 1 green pepper (diced)
- 1 red pepper (diced)
- 1/2 red onion (thinly sliced)
- 1 small cucumber (sliced)
- 1 cup grape tomatoes (sliced in half)
- 2 oz. black olives, sliced

1/2 cup Cheddar cheese (cut into cubes)

- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch pepper
- 1 pinch sugar

Preparation

Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil. Cook the spaghetti until al dente or until firm (about 7 minutes). Drain and let cool.

While the pasta cooks, cut up your veggies and place in a large bowl.

Add the remainder of the ingredients

to your cut veggies and mix thoroughly. Add your pasta and mix it all together. Put it in the fridge and let cool for 1-2 hours.

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

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Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



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What's the difference between soil and dirt?

This is the time of year for playing in the dirt. Besides adding to the compost pile, there is transplanting flowers, digging holes, filling wheelbarrows with debris, and all kinds of other landscaping. There are lots of decisions about what kind of dirt to use for different jobs. Is it really necessary to spend all that money on potting soil? How about topsoil? Can I use some of the dirt from out in the field or the woods? Do I need "clean fill" for leveling out the yard? What kind of "dirt" is in dirty fill?

These are the questions I've pondered and this is what I've found...

Topsoil

True topsoil is the uppermost portion of the ground beneath our feet. It contains organic matter that gives it the typical darker color. Its structure makes it easier to cultivate and better able to absorb water. The higher level of biological activity, insects, and microorganisms reduces compaction and increases soil health.

The earth below the topsoil contains more sand, clay, and lime. This subsoil tends to be compacted, fast draining, and difficult to till. This makes it less ideal for gardening, although it can be amended to improve plant growth.

Potting Soil and Potting Mix

Potting soil and potting mix are expensive compared to topsoil. That's because topsoil is naturally occurring. It has no added nutritive ingredients that plants need to thrive.

Potting soil is usually composed of

bark, compost, moss, perlite (a volcanic glass used as a soil amendment to help prevent soil compaction), and vermiculite (a mineral which retains water and is used as a soil amendment). Potting mix is sterile, which makes it safer for plants because it doesn't contain pathogens such as fungus or other diseases.

When a plant is in a pot, its root systems can't branch out and seek the nutrients they need. A potted plant's growth may be disappointing if only topsoil is used in the pot.

Dirt

Dirt is an ill-defined term. You can buy different kinds of soil, compost, and mulch, but you can only buy one kind of dirt: fill dirt. Fill dirt is unscreened subsoil that is extremely low in organic matter, may contain rocks and boulders, and is typically extracted from hillsides during construction or mining. Petunias, squash, and tomatoes may not grow very well in dirt.

I recently purchased topsoil for \$40 a yard. For comparison, fill dirt costs \$10 a yard. (Rocks cost a lot more!)

Soil Analysis

To achieve improved gardening results, the best practice is to find out your soil's pH and fertility. This will help determine how much (if any) lime and fertilizer to apply for optimum plant growth. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides options for soil testing for nominal fees. Go to <https://ccedutchess.org/> and search for Soil Testing. They can help you interpret test results and choose an



Topsoil being spread on the yard. Photo by Francine Wizner

appropriate course of action, if necessary.

Work with Nature

Besides adding chemical fertilizers, you can opt for a more natural route to soil health. Soil quality can be improved by growing a diverse number of plants, introducing organic matter, and compost. Assist natural processes rather than trying to stop them. Opting for natural weed management also has less impact on the entire ecosystem.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>

A & E CALENDAR

Through June: Fairy House Hunt Family Program, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Enjoy this fabulous outdoor scavenger hunt with whimsical and adorable Fairy Houses hidden among the blooming flowers and trees at Locust Grove, Saturdays & Sundays in May and June; also Mon., May 27. Each Fairy House celebrates a different heirloom flower or historic tree on Locust Grove's park-like property. Tickets: \$10/person, kids under 4 are free. Timed entry tickets available at www.lgny.org or (845) 454-4500.

May 16: "Game Changers" Movie Series: "Chungking Express," Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Free series features films that revolutionized cinema. Each film in the series represents a bold step forward; using new and adventurous techniques, courageous directorial visions, or telling stories from new points of view, 7:30 p.m. Reserve your free ticket by stopping in to the Bardavon or UPAC box office, or by calling Bardavon at (845) 473-5288 or UPAC at (845) 339-6088.

May 17: E5C4P3 & Best of Times: A Tribute to Journey & Styx, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. 7:30 p.m. show. Experience the best of what made the '70s & '80s rock, featuring all the hits from Styx and Journey including Renegade, Come Sail Away, Mr. Roboto, Babe, Lady, Don't Stop Believin', Any Way You Want It, Stone in Love, Faithfully, Open Arms, Wheel in the Sky, and more. Tickets \$45, \$55, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$85. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

May 17-19: "It's Only A Play," Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery, Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. The hilarious comedy by Terrence McNally. It's the opening night

of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing an opening night bash in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews. The group includes the excitable playwright; the possibly unstable wunderkind director; the pill-popping leading lady, treading the boards after becoming infamous in Hollywood; and the playwright's best friend, for whom the play was written but who passed up this production for a television series. Add to this a drama critic who's panned the playwright in the past and a new-in-town aspiring singer, and you have a prime recipe for the narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality that infuse the theater. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, \$15 students & seniors. www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or call (518) 758-1648.

May 17-26: "Little Shop of Horrors," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the hit musical comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" with music by Alan Menken, book & lyrics by Howard Ashman. Directed by Cheyenne See, Assistant Direction by Patrick Bogert, Musical Direction by Sean Matthew Whiteford, and Choreography by Cedric James. The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and

intent towards global domination. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3088 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

May 17: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Pat Lamanna, Melissa Holland, Sean Crimmins, Dave Feroe, 8-10 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

May 18: Britishmania, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. 7:30 p.m. show. Britishmania Beatles Tribute invites you to take a memorable trip back to the 1960s to experience the wonderful sound and stage persona of The Beatles. Re-live what it was like to see them in their epic periods in their career beginning with The Ed Sullivan Show era followed by the Shea Stadium era then moving to the Sgt. Pepper/Magical Mystery Tour era and finally the Abbey Road/Let it Be era. Tickets \$45, \$55, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$85. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

May 18: Center For Creative Education Presents Puttin' On The Ritz Annual Recital, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 6 p.m. show. Featuring performances by Energy Dance Company, rhythm nation Community Drum Ensemble, DXF-Dance Xross Fitness enthusiasts and students from CCE's after-school arts and education enrichment programs including hip hop, ballet and contemporary dance, drumming, Mini Keys, Jam Band, Lil' Ninja's, theater, songwriting and more. Tickets Adults \$25; Senior/Student/ Kids Under 12 \$20. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

May 18: Chourmo, VBI Theatre @ Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Elysium Furnace

Works presents a cataclysmic trio of renowned leaders — guitarist David Torn, alto saxophonist Tim Berne and drummer Tom Rainey — certain to ignite fire, intricate abstraction and passionate forward-motion, 8 p.m. Advance tickets on sale now at: <https://chourmo.eventbrite.com/>

May 18: Noyes & The Boyes Concert, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. An evening with Noyes and The Boyes, a Grange open mic night favorite, have been playing folk rock and beyond together for 50 years. They'll play a rare live concert, 7-9 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$15 or what one can afford. Advance reservations are not required. To get more information email Harry Hussey at hmbhuss1@yahoo.com or call (617) 894-3538.

May 19: Howland Chamber Music Circle presents the Calidore String Quartet, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Performances of the Calidore String Quartet are renowned for their "deep reserves of virtuosity and irrepressible dramatic instinct" (The New York Times); and that "four more individual musicians are unimaginable, yet these speak, breathe, think and feel as one" (The Washington Post). Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit howlandmusic.org.

May 31: A Chamber Music Experience: HotWrk Ensemble, East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction. A free, no ticket required concert series presented by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, sponsored by the town of East Fishkill, held in the rotunda at the East Fishkill Community Library, 6:30 p.m. (845) 221-9943 or eflibrary.org

Unique home & special talents are focus of DCHS Awards

by Bill Jeffway

For the second year in a row, Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) is expanding its longstanding annual awards to include the stewardship of a historic home. This year's event takes place in Rhinebeck, not far from DCHS's new headquarters. We are thrilled each year to celebrate individuals and organizations who are the best in class in local history, with a view to inspiring others to do so as well.

The 2024 DCHS Historic Preservation Award goes to the Hill Family, for stewardship of The Grove, Rhinebeck.

The Grove is a distinguished, private Rhinebeck residence inspired by the octagonal house movement of the 1850s. The wooded lot was bought by the prominent Wager family in 1842. It became home to Walter T. Livingston when he married into the family after the Civil War. Experience the extraordinary effect of what was originally four octagonal rooms around an octagonal hallway, making it more complex and nuanced than a traditional octagonal home. The historically sensitive enlargement by the Hill family in the 1930s makes it both a historic jewel and a commanding, functioning home. Because ownership has involved just two families across 182 years, we find period furniture and well-preserved wall decoration. Rarely open to the public, we thank the Hill family for their generous opening of their home just for this event.

The 2024 DCHS Dutchess Award recognizes exceptional contributions to the Dutchess County Community and is awarded to FDR Presidential Library &

Museum, Bill Harris, President, accepting.

The award honors exceptional contributions to the Dutchess County community and beyond in the areas of preservation, history, and/or education. The stewardship of President Franklin Roosevelt's archives and legacy are of importance on both a national and local level. FDR was a founder, active member, and author for the Dutchess County Historical Society. In this spirit, in addition to being an international tourist destination, the FDR Library & Museum uses its entire property as a platform for local programs and performances.

The 2024 DCHS Helen Wilkinson Reynolds Award recognizes excellence in local research and publishing and is awarded to Jack Conklin.

The award honors local historians who are an "exemplar of the necessary and accurate search for historical truth as practiced by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds." Jack Conklin is a retired businessman who has written two books, most recently *Rhinebeck and the History of the Landsman Kill Mills*. Following a career in the US Army and roles as board member or owner of several Hudson Valley companies, Jack has written a history-focused column for local newspapers and published articles for the Dutchess County Historical Society and Rhinebeck Historical Society.

The 2024 DCHS Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for Excellence in Education is awarded to Jeff Urbin, Education Director, FDR Presidential Library & Museum.

The award honors a Dutchess County



Above: Contemporary photos of The Grove in Rhinebeck. Since the 1842 purchase of an empty lot only two families have owned the grove. A daughter in the prominent Wager family came to live in the home when she married Walter T. Livingston. In 1896 the home was purchased by the ancestors of the Hill family who will be recognized for the stewardship of the home of June 1. Photos by Bill Jeffway

teacher who, through innovation and creativity, imparts a love and appreciation of local history to students. Few people have had as much of an impact on as wide a range of students (from second grade to adult education) than Jeff Urbin. Whether that is through face to face, or remote, or archived on-demand learning.

The 2024 DCHS Business of Historic Distinction Award goes to Arnoff Moving & Storage, Mike Arnoff, President & CEO accepting.

The awards is given to a business with a longstanding tradition of service & commitment to Dutchess County residents. This year, Arnoff Moving & Storage celebrates its centennial year, having been founded in the northeast part of Dutchess County in 1924. Originally catering to higher end moves that required special attention and expertise in moving and storage, today, Arnoff has expanded to a broader business while

maintaining its original specialist services. These skills were brought to bear when DCHS moved its entire collection from Poughkeepsie to a new space of 5,000 square feet in Rhinebeck.

The event takes place as an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Grove, 6484 Montgomery Street (Route 9), Rhinebeck on Saturday, June 1. The Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. in a brief ceremony. Tickets for \$100 can be purchased at www.dchsn.org/june1 or mailed to DCHS, 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. RSVP requested by May 25.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or (845) 293-7711.



Above left to right: Recognized on June 1 will be Bill Harris, President, and Jeff Urbin, Education Director, FDR Presidential Library & Museum; historian and author Jack Conklin; Mike Arnoff, Arnoff Moving & Storage. Courtesy photos

Crafter's Sunday May 19 at Ruby Hill Farm

On Sunday, May 19, from noon to 4 p.m., Ruby Hill Farm and Madi's Way will present their first Crafter's Sunday for the 2024 season. Artists and crafters will display and sell their hand-made items on the farm's lawn. Choose from a selection of soaps, candles, home decor, flower arrangements, bracelets, hats, jewelry, watercolor greeting cards, felted sculptures, accessories for your pets, fabric bowls, and handmade jewelry made from shells and stones. There will be music and refreshments.

Entry to the Crafter's Sunday for the public is free. Registration for vendors may be found at rubyhillfarm.com.

In addition, a hands on workshop for all ages will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop Rock n' Garden encour-

ages you to create a rock with a positive thought or a picture that makes you feel happy. These inspirational stones may include positive words like "Hope," "Joy," "Peace," and "Love." The rock(s) would then be placed in the farm's new zen garden, or make two rocks and take one home. The cost is \$15. Registration is required for the rock workshop through the website at <https://rubyhillfarm.com/events>.

To round out the visit to the farm, bring the children to see the goats, sheep, chickens, ponies, and the donkeys. Visitor passes will be available at the farm store.

Ruby Hill Farm is located at 2325 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners.

Third Thursday event set May 16 at Olana



Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. Courtesy photo

The Olana Partnership will hold its monthly free Third Thursday on May 16 from 12:30 to 7 p.m. at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson. Olana Third Thursdays are monthly community days of free tours and programs for all ages.

Join artist Wennie Huang to make your own paper books using images from Olana. These 19th-century 3D books were popular crafts that use layers of images to create the illusion of depth on a small scale. Make your own during this free, drop-in program for all ages at the Wagon House Education Center from 2 to 5 p.m.

Explore Bollywood dancing during a free class and performance with instructor, Arobi! Learn moves to trendy and iconic Bollywood songs during this fun, beginner-friendly outdoor class and stick around for a special performance on the East Lawn, located directly in front of the main house, from 5 to 7 p.m. For ages 12

and up; space is limited. Email education@olana.org to learn more.

Visitors are also invited to attend free tours of the historic landscape, Main House, and the new special exhibition, "Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory." Tickets can be reserved on-site, day-of, starting at 12:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Tours and programs will be offered in both Spanish and English. Spanish tours will be given at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

Olana State Historic Site is free and open from 8 a.m. until sunset. For the safety of your pet and others, please keep your dogs on a 6-foot leash. Olana is a carry-in, carry-out park.

To learn more about each month and upcoming events and programs or to secure your free tickets, visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays or call (518) 751-0344.

The Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop returns

Arts Mid-Hudson once again hosts the Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop, a vibrant showcase of locally made arts and crafts by 60 Hudson Valley artists. The shop will be open until June 14 at Arts Mid-Hudson's Poughkeepsie Gallery located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F.

The Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop will feature an impressive array of unique, handcrafted items. Discover locally made glass, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor, and more.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays (May 18 & 25) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participating Artists: Maryam Ali, Carlise Azmitia, Janet Baskerville, Deborah Bein, Rita Bolla, Susan Bores, Peter Brown, Oscar Burkowske, Celia Calvo, Patricia Collins Broun, Hoodie Crescent, Rosalia Damanti-Henry, Jamila Dawkins, Carrie Decker, Carolyn Dickey,

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For more information, visit www.artsmidhudson.org or call at (845) 454-3222.

Bardavon Executive Director Chris Silva will retire in December

After an extraordinary 30-year career with the Bardavon, Chris Silva is set to retire as Executive Director on Dec. 31, 2024. A national search for a new Executive Director will be facilitated by Arts Consulting Group. Board members and full-time Bardavon employees will aid in the process to ensure that the new Executive Director continues the transformational momentum of Bardavon and UPAC that began over three decades ago.

Stephen LaMarca, Managing Director of Theatre Production, joined Bardavon full time in 1994 and will retire in December, as well. AnnMarie Faust, Managing Director of Finance, joined Silva and LaMarca the same year and retired in March 2024.

The trio operated as a dynamic and successful team for over three decades and together they accomplished much, including \$22 million dollars in capital renovations between the two historic theaters. In addition, nearly three million

patrons have attended Bardavon-produced events over the last 30 years and some of the world's greatest artists have graced the stages, from Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Diana Ross and Carlos Santana to Al Pacino, John Legend, Jon Batiste and Yo-Yo Ma. The Bardavon/UPAC education programs routinely reach 20,000 young people every year.

Silva and LaMarca will remain involved with the Bardavon as program consultants and will work directly with the new Executive Director. While they will no longer oversee daily operations, "...we are fortunate to have a great staff, and aspects of all our jobs have been or are being absorbed by our team right now," Silva stated. He is confident of the organization's future success with the staff and board they have curated and the dedication they have instilled into the foundation of the Bardavon since 1994.

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through June 2:** "The Blue Line," paintings by featured artist Wendy Sheasby. www.artgallery71.com

Artists' Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through June 22:** "The Wild Show." Open noon-6 p.m., Fri.-Sun. achpny@gmail.com, (845) 366-6856, artistscollectiveofhydepark.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through June 14:** Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop, a vibrant showcase of locally made arts and crafts by 60 Hudson Valley artists. www.artsmidhudson.org

CCS Bard's Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through May 26:** 2024 Graduate Exhibitions, a capstone of CCS Bard's Master of Arts program, this series marks the debut of 11 exhibitions featuring new commissions, original narratives, and fresh readings on themes and works that represent the next generation of curatorial practice. Distinct in theme and focus, each exhibition is independently curated by a member of CCS Bard's 2024 graduating class and culminates in rigorous, multi-year research and collaborations with artists, writers, scholars, and other contributors. <https://ccs.bard.edu/museum>

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be the photographic solo exhibition masked tribes of modern America by Paul Esposito; and at 12 Vassar St. in the Reception Gallery, Adrien Seitz will display his solo exhibition of mixed-media compositions. Also at 12 Vassar St. in the Hancock Gallery, Carrie Decker, Bernadette Decker and Joanne Thorne Arnold will present their group exhibition entitled "b. with the sea." 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 June 2:** "Making A Life In Photography: Rollie McKenna," the first survey of the prolific career of American photographer Rosalie (Rollie) Thorne McKenna. The exhibition, presented thematically in four galleries, features over 100 gelatin silver prints made during the artist's lifetime, drawn primarily from the Loeb's collection with the addition of several key loans. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through December:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. www.fdrlibrary.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through May 26:** "Unrealistic Expectations," exhibit by Terry Pasquale. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory," a series of intimate memorial landscapes painted by Church, 19th-century America's foremost landscape painter, and highly personal family artifacts – never before exhibited -- from Olana's collections. The theme of landscape as a vehicle for personal reflection and healing continues outdoors at Olana with "Memories in the Landscape," a self-guided tour of Olana's dedicated rustic benches that bring to life the stories and memories around loved ones. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Pleasant Valley Library, 1584 Main St., Pleasant Valley. **Through May:** SSG Fox presents "We Got You Covered: A Veteran Art Exhibit." The symbols, images, and words in this exhibit represent a common military expression indicating the support that US Veterans have for one another. These supports are not always enough. "We Got You Covered" also explores the stressors and painful stories that Veterans hold, and the efforts made each day to heal and release. <https://pleasantvalleylibrary.org/>

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through May:** The 18th Annual Rhinebeck Central School District Art Show, group exhibition of works by the district's art students from grades K through 12 present a body of 2-D and 3-D work containing a variety of media used in their academic classes. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through May 26:** "Our Only Planet: Art for Sustainability," exhibition featuring images that highlight the urgent need to protect our planet and its inhabitants. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com or (845) 757-2667

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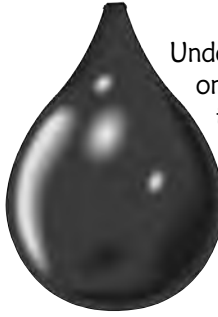
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OBITUARIES

Catherine Ann Davies

HYDE PARK - Catherine Ann Davies, known affectionately to friends and family as Cathy, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, after a private and valiant battle with a long illness. Born on October 21, 1941, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Cathy's warmth and kindness touched the hearts of all who knew her throughout her 82 1/2 years.

Cathy was the daughter of the late Hugh Robert and Dorothy Jane Horn Davies of Hyde Park. She is survived by her sister, Eleanor Davies of Hyde Park. She was a loving mother of Peter Kazolias, Christopher Kazolias and Corinna Kazolias-Gregory all of Poughkeepsie. She was the mother-in-law of Jeffrey Gregory and the best Nana to Margaret "Maggie" Katherine Gregory and Michael Constantine Gregory. In 1962, Cathy married Constantine "Gus" Peter Kazolias who survives at his home in Poughkeepsie. She was a cousin to Helen Ann Downing Adsit and husband Paul of Rome, NY, Jenni Horn Browning and Christopher of Washington State and Will Waterman and Patty of East Lansing, Michigan, as well as many nieces and nephews including her grandson, John Robert Kazolias.

Cathy attended Hyde Park Schools gradu-

ating in 1959. She attended Elmira College, and Dutchess Community College. She was a longtime member of the Hyde Park Methodist Church. Early in her career, Cathy was employed as a long-distance telephone operator before being employed at the Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie, from where she retired in 2016. She also worked at the Poughkeepsie YMCA. Cathy was a very private person, and she kept her circle small so if you were part of it then consider yourself special. She epitomized the definition of a loving mother with her kindness, generosity, and forgiveness.

Relatives and friends may call on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 10 am to 11:30 am at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY 12538. A memorial service will begin at 12pm at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538. A luncheon will follow. Condolences may be made to the family at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Please consider donating to Cathy's favorite charity, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) at www.nami.org.

John Lackaye

HYDE PARK - John Lackaye crossed the finish line on May 1, 2024, at age 73, at Hudson Valley Hospice House. A native and

lifelong resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, he was born December 19, 1950 to Edward J. Lackaye, Sr. and Helen (Waryasz) Lackaye. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patricia (Palmatier) Lackaye; brothers Ed (Michele) and Bob; sister Mary (Rich); sons Dan (Sarah), Tom, Bill, and son-in-law Steve; his grandchildren Teagan, Walter, Derek, and Charlie; numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends. He was predeceased in 2022 by his daughter, Jennifer Lackaye Sanda.

He was a 1968 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes in Poughkeepsie, and in 1972 he graduated from Boston College with a degree in marketing. He retired as the Postmaster of the Millbrook Post Office. He often said that as soon as he retired, he never had a bad day again.

Along with his brothers Ed and Bob, for 14 years, he coached the Polish Club and later the PAL of the City of Poughkeepsie Little League. The PAL teams of 1990 (with a 20-1 record) and 1991 won the City Championship.

In high school, the southpaw pitched every game his senior year for the OLL Warriors. Or so he said.

John was an avid horseplayer, and was at the 8th pole at Belmont Park in 1973 when Secretariat won the Triple Crown. He spent

many a mid- to late-summer day on "Dervin Hill" in the backyard at Saratoga Racecourse. He was a fan of the Giants, Mets, and Rangers. Once as a very young boy at the Polo Grounds in New York City, after a New York Giants baseball game, he ran onto the field and slid the wrong way into second base.

He was a great fan of the Beatles and U2. With a quick wit and appreciation for the unconventional, John often told people that he raised his kids on George Carlin. He was a trivia master with a competitive streak when it came to board games, and passed that trait along to his four kids as well.

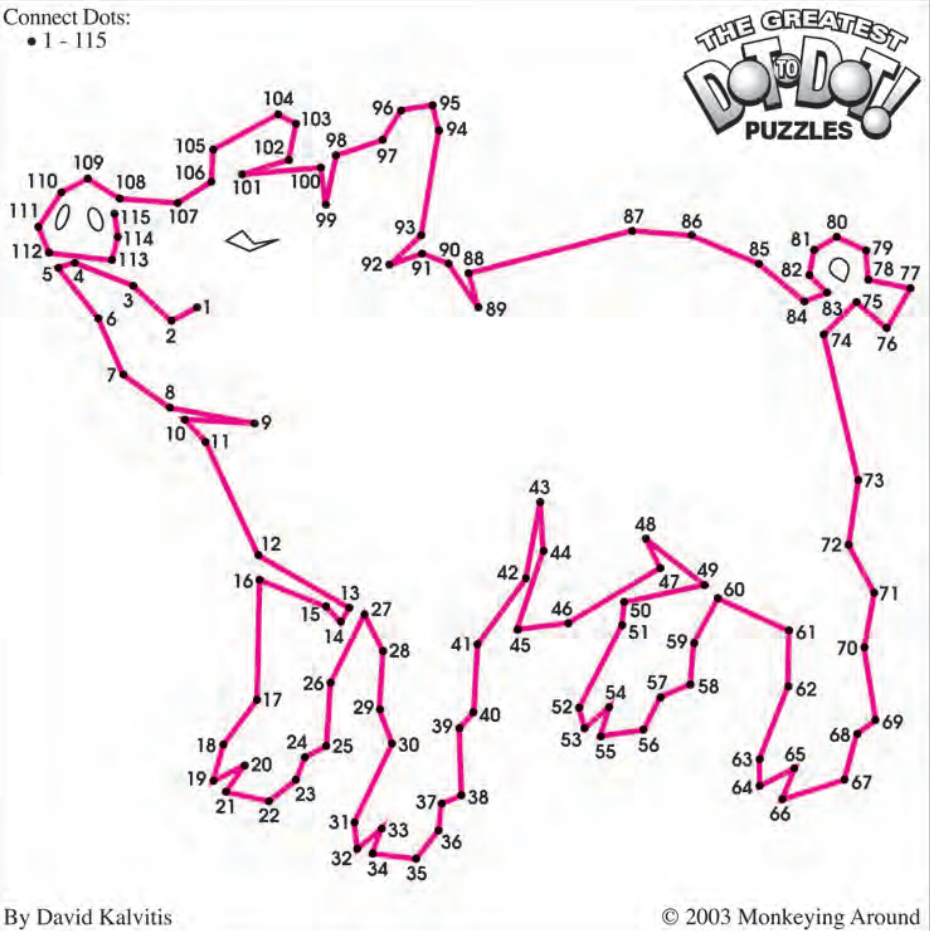
A friend to many over the years in Poughkeepsie, John was known for his easy-going nature, sense of humor, and love of a good time.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made in memory of John to Hudson Valley Hospice.

Visitation was held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

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



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'New to You' Thrift Shop celebrates two years

submitted by Pat Owens

Have you been to the "New to You" Thrift Shop at St. Christopher's Church? We will be celebrating our second anniversary in June. Since our opening in 2022, we have welcomed shoppers who have favorably remarked upon the variety of items we have for sale at outstanding prices.

Prices at our thrift shop are very affordable. If you only want to spend \$1 to 10, you could come away with an entire bag of goodies or a whole new outfit. Many of our customers relate our shop to gift shops of yore. We present our merchandise in special rooms with decorating to match.

When you enter our shop, you will find seven rooms: Housewares, fine china, glassware and decorative collectibles, women's clothing, linens, children's clothing and toys, and books of all kinds. Since we opened, we have tried to make our areas of expertise as interesting as possible.

The women's and children's clothing includes purses, hats, scarves, shoes, dresses, tops, shirts, well, about everything you can wear. Gina and Gloria spend hours putting almost-new spotless clothing out for sale. This even sometimes includes steaming clothing to make it perfect. They check the linens for size, cleanliness, and suitability.

Harriet is the "book lady." She goes through

every book to make sure it is in undamaged condition, and a topic of interest. Books are in alphabetical order, and separated into cookbooks, manuals, fiction, non-fiction, religion, children, and everything in between. You can browse an entire room of bookshelves and if you cannot find it, she has an overflow if you ask nicely!

Pat organizes the fine china, glassware, decorative collectibles, and housewares. There is everything from potato peelers to Early American cut glass. We have baking, cooking, and serving dishes. Need a turkey roaster? We have several. China includes complete sets of stoneware or porcelain to just buying one place setting. We have enough beautiful barware to

outfit a restaurant. Decorative collectibles are not just tchotchkes but lovely vases, figurines, lamps, etc.

Our front room has craft supplies, seasonal decorations, and lots of jewelry. There are earrings, necklaces and bracelets displayed. We have very friendly volunteers who help to make things run smoothly. We could not do it without their assistance.

We would welcome the opportunity to serve you.

We can be found at 30 Benner Road, Red Hook: Take a left off Route 199 west. We're open Thursdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (also donations).

GOLDEN LIVING

News for Older Adults, Their Families and Caregivers
Todd N. Tancredi, Director
Dutchess County
Office for the Aging

Note: the Office for the Aging and all OFA Friendship Centers will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program receive shelf stable meals in advance of the holiday.

MAY IS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH...

...although in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley, the ticks that can carry bacteria associated with Lyme and other diseases are close to being a year-round issue. Our local ticks can be active and feeding – and spreading disease, potentially – any time temperatures climb above the mid-30s.

Prevention is essential because there is currently no human Lyme vaccine, although vaccine trials are expected to continue through 2025.

Meanwhile, Lyme diagnosis and treatment can be both complex and expensive, costing the U.S. health system up to \$1.3 billion annually according to a recent Johns Hopkins study.

The good news: Given the proper precautions, tick-borne diseases are largely preventable for those trying to stay active outdoors.

Consider these CDC recommendations before you head out:

Know where ticks can be expected. Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. Spending time outside walking your dog, camping, gardening, or hunting could bring you in close contact with ticks.

Treat clothing and gear with products

containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings. Alternatively, you can buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

Wear light-colored clothing. It makes ticks easier to see.

Tuck your shirt into your pants, and your pants into your boots. A tick that can't reach your skin can't latch on.

Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-mentane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Walk in the center of trails.

When you come back inside:

Check your clothing for ticks. Remove any ticks that are found. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes. If your clothing is damp, more time may be needed. If you need to wash the clothes first, use hot water; cold and medium temperatures won't kill ticks.

Check your pets, coats, and packs for ticks, too.

Shower within two hours of coming inside. It'll help wash off unattached ticks and is the most opportune time to do an all-over tick check. Ticks can latch on to any part of the body, but they tend to look for places they'll go undetected: under the arms; in and around the ears; inside the navel; behind the knees; in and around the hair; between the legs; and around the waist.

Finally, invest in a good pair of blunt-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick with tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Keeping the tick in one piece is key, so

remove it with a gentle steady pull upward without twisting. Clean the bite area with disinfectant or soap and water, and bag the tick to take to a physician for identification.

SENIOR PICNIC SEASON VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging's annual summer picnics get underway at the end of this month, continuing until the end of August. There are plenty of ways volunteers can help our older Dutchess County neighbors enjoy a fine picnic lunch and good company, both at picnic sites all over Dutchess County as well as behind the scenes at the Office for the Aging's facilities in Poughkeepsie.

Clerical picnic season volunteers can help with stocking picnic goodie bags at the OFA main office in Poughkeepsie, starting in mid-May, and with making reminder calls to older adults who have reserved seats at their community's picnic.

On picnic days, we welcome volunteers who can help set up picnic equipment, guide parking lot traffic, bring guests their food and drinks, and help break down picnic equipment when the day is done.

For more information on OFA's diverse volunteering opportunities, visit dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, email bjones@dutchessny.gov, or call 845-486-2555. For programs that accept volunteers under age 18, a signed parental waiver is required. If a child's school or house of worship has a community service requirement, helping at an OFA Summer Picnic is a great way to fulfill that requirement.

The full OFA Summer Picnic schedule with venues is available at dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics.

OFA 'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS

If you're recently retired and exploring the idea of volunteering, the OFA "Friendly Calls" program is a way to help that can easily fit into your new schedule.

Most orientations for prospective OFA "Friendly Calls" program volunteers take place at OFA unless otherwise indicated below. Orientations typically last 40-60 minutes. Pick one, and contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or email Friendly Calls program manager Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov to set up your orientation:

- Tuesday, May 21st, 10 am
- Tuesday, May 28th, 10 am
- Monday, June 3rd, 10 am

You can volunteer from home, or from anywhere your phone gets a good signal. To register for any orientation, if you have more questions about "Friendly Calls," or to arrange an on-site orientation for your civic organization, call 845-486-2555 or email ledgar@dutchessny.gov.

We add orientation dates continually. Check dutchessny.gov/calendar for the latest list, and see dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls for details on the program.

For other OFA volunteering options, visit dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer.

A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN... WITH TICK PREVENTION

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino presents Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen, a FREE family drive-in movie night featuring the 2006 animated film "The Ant Bully" at the Overlook Drive-in Theater, 126 DeGarmo Road in Poughkeepsie, on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Gates open at 6:30 pm, and the movie will begin after sunset.

The event is free and concessions will be available for purchase. Registration is required at dutchessny.gov/lymemovie, call 845-486-2000 or email countyexec@dutchessny.gov.

Information on Lyme and tick-borne diseases as well as free tick removal kits will be provided.

MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC FORUMS IN MAY (Poughkeepsie), JUNE (Pine Plains)

To better reach residents and families living with mental health and substance use issues and hear their feedback on the local services and programs available to them, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will be hosting this year's mental health public forums at various locations across Dutchess County. Four forums will be held throughout the year. Each forum will feature simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

The first two forums are scheduled for:

- Thursday, May 16th; 5:30 p.m., Poughkeepsie High School Auditorium, 70 Forbus Street, Poughkeepsie
- Wednesday, June 5th; 5:30 p.m., Stissing Mountain High School Cafeteria, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains

Each of the forums will offer residents the opportunity to share their experiences and give input to DBCH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol Substance Use Addiction and Recovery;
- Mental Health Needs for Youth and Mental Health Needs for Adults.

These forums are free and open to the public; families, caregivers and local stakeholders are encouraged to attend. All input received will help DBCH shape the 2025 Local Services Plan, which establish long-term goals and objectives consistent with statewide goals and objectives. Community partners will also have representatives and informational tables at each forum to connect directly with residents.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. For more information local to Dutchess County, click this link from DBCH.

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