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Ryan announces funding for area fire depts.

Congressman Pat Ryan delivered \$1.4 million in federal funding to the Rifton Fire District, Tivoli Fire Department, Arlington Fire District, Kripplebush Fire District, and Beacon Fire Department in a ceremony in Poughkeepsie on Monday.

Ryan also celebrated his nominations of the City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department, the Port Jervis Fire Department, and the Arlington Fire District for federal Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2025. Ryan joined with leaders from the fire departments to celebrate the announcement.

“Our firefighters are heroes, working around the clock with the sole focus of protecting others - that’s why, every single day, I’m pushing to make sure they have the resources they need and deserve to keep both us and themselves safe,” said Ryan. “From fighting tooth and nail for every last dollar of Community Project Funding to overhaul the firehouses for Tivoli and Rifton to securing landmark funding for state of the art equipment for Beacon, Kripplebush, and Arlington, when our fire departments are fully equipped, we are all safer. I’ll keep fighting to deliver for all of our first responders.”

“The safety of Dutchess County residents is a top priority, one that we at every level of government - local, county, state and federal - share and take very seriously,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “Strengthening our local fire departments with this federal funding will enhance these departments’ ability to respond to emergencies, and we appreciate Rep. Ryan’s efforts to secure these grants.”

“We greatly appreciate Congressman Ryan’s efforts to secure this important funding,” said

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DCAS Education Program takes agriculture into local schools

By Jim Donick

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS) may be best known for presenting the annual Dutchess County Fair. They do much more. Their mission is “the promotion of agriculture, horticulture, mechanical and domestic arts, fine arts, and allied sciences through education, instruction, display, and competition.” They promote every aspect of agriculture - from neighborhood backyards to family farms and commercial enterprises.

One of their most important projects is delivered by Cassie Messina, the DCAS Agriculture Educator. Messina, with help from any number of local farmers, has created a program to take agriculture and agricultural experiences from the farm into the classroom.

This amazing program was kicked off in 2018 with visits to a number of schools in the area. Then, as Messina notes, “Covid put a little wrench into our program and we had to go remote. Now, with that behind us, we have been building back.”

Now they are back in the classroom and that means regularly visiting schools in five different school districts. The variety of programs she brings to the schools is simply amazing. In the course of a year’s travels around the county (and sometimes to Westchester), she manages to cover nearly every aspect of the agri-

cultural business.

Examples range from the creation of an in-class farmer’s market where students explore the considerations of a consumer and a producer by playing the role of each, to an exploration of the genetics of watermelon and other crops. The lessons engage students through problem solving and real-life experiences.

In other lessons, students learned about lambs with a visit from a bottle baby lamb and then made small objects from their wool. When learning about the dairy industry, they have been visited by a calf from Stormfield Swiss, a local dairy farm. During this visit, students handled the calf, met with the farmer, learned about the milking process, and then designed their own brand of ice cream, which they used in their in-classroom activities the next month.



DCAS Agriculture Educator Cassie Messina works on a dissection with a group of high school students. She has created a program to take agriculture and agricultural experiences from the farm into the classroom. *Courtesy photo*

Jen DeForest and Jim Lawrence, from Stormfield Swiss, regularly bring out a calf to take part in the classes and are enthusiastic supporters of the program. DeForest said, “We believe this program

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AgriVenture at DC Fair is all about farm-to-table experiences



The AgriVenture Scavenger Hunt involves a variety of farm scenes and hands-on experiences with the mission of teaching children and adults about the benefits of agriculture. *Courtesy photo*

AgriVenture is back for the 178th Dutchess County Fair on Aug. 20-25.

AgriVenture made its debut in a 10 x 20-foot tent at the 2016 Fair. This interactive hands-on display offers farm-to-table educational experiences and was originally geared toward children.

Organizers quickly discovered that just as many adults came through the tent and in 2018 AgriVenture moved into a 66 x 80-foot tent. New displays and experiences were added to help educate fairgoers of all ages as to where their food comes from and the importance of agriculture in our lives. AgriVenture was reintroduced

in its new location in Building E in 2023 where it found its permanent home.

Making its debut in this year’s AgriVenture Farm is a virtual reality tractor! The tractor will offer participants the opportunity to “experience” driving a tractor and harvesting a soybean field through a VR headset.

“The primary purpose of the Fair’s education mission is that the Hudson Valley is still an agricultural community, but it’s changing and many people are not directly involved in agriculture,” said Samantha Gulak, coordinator of AgriVenture. “Local FFA (Future

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Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. “Making structural repairs to the Hooker Avenue Fire Station is essential, and this money would go a long way to achieving the goal. This funding also would enable the city to bring energy efficiency to a century-old building. I thank Congressman Ryan for fighting for these funds and for understanding the importance of putting resources into helping our first responders do their jobs to protect the community.”

“The City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department is extremely grateful for the assistance in our application to get the proposed repairs done to Station 7,” said City of Poughkeepsie Fire Chief Joseph Franco. “This is a firehouse that first opened in 1929, and it is truly the Community’s station. In particular, the City Team starting with former Acting City Administrator Ron Knapp, City Engineer Rich DuPilka, Deputy Fire Chief Vincent Parise, Finance Commissioner Dr Brian Martinez, and City Public Works Commissioner Chris Gent all got together to form a plan and submit the application to our Federal government partners. The assistance of US Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Pat Ryan cannot be understated. Congressman Ryan’s office has been in contact with us and has moved this application to where it is today. They have gone the extra mile to make this happen. These repairs, when all are completed, are expected to give us another 40-50 years of service out of this fire station.”

“We are extremely grateful for the nomination to receive this community funding,” said City of Poughkeepsie Deputy Fire Chief Vinny Parise. “This funding will help with much needed repairs to the 96-year-old Hooker Avenue firehouse. The Hooker Avenue firehouse

built in 1929, is the oldest active firehouse in the city, and provides a large portion of the south side of Poughkeepsie with fire protection. When constructed, this firehouse was built like many others of its time. We are very fortunate to have had this building stand up for nearly 100 years. Over time, the infrastructure has deteriorated and though the city has made improvements to the building, the larger repairs to the main construction of the building is in critical need of repair. With limited vacant land to construct a new facility, it is crucial that we make the necessary repairs to this historic building on the Southside of Poughkeepsie. With funding allocated for this project, the residents of Poughkeepsie will continue to receive the high level of emergency service the fire department provides. After these critical repairs to the Hooker Avenue firehouse are completed, this firehouse will continue to provide fire protection to the residents of Poughkeepsie for another 30 to 40 years.”

“This grant will help two very different, but equally critical programs within the Arlington Fire District,” said Arlington Fire District Chief William Steenbergh. “Our Rochdale firehouse was built nearly 70 years ago as a volunteer station and simply does not meet the needs for a station that is staffed by a crew of on-duty firefighters and paramedics 24/7. We are preparing to undertake a renovation to the facility to make it better prepared for today’s use. This grant will jumpstart that by equipping the station with a new sprinkler system that will offer vitally important protections to keep our personnel safe while on duty. This grant will also allow us to continue to train and refine our skills in the highly specialized and often dangerous area of technical rescue. As a regional resource,

we have responded across the Hudson Valley to assist local departments when these infrequent, but highly complex incidents occur. This grant will allow us to train more of our responders and provide them with critical skills to both safety and effectively operate at technical rescue incidents. Together, this grant will help keep both Arlington firefighters and Hudson Valley families safer.”

“Since the Tivoli Firehouse endured a devastating fire years back we have been dedicated to rebuilding both in growing our volunteer department to now one of the largest in the region and expanding our training and mutual aid,” said Tivoli Fire Chief Marc Hildenbrand. “The commitment that our Congressman Pat Ryan has made by prioritizing the firehouse in his Community Funded Projects is one

more essential step forward in realizing our expansion to not only support our entire service area but to invest back in these incredible volunteers donating countless hours that our families, neighbors and friends rely on each and every day.”

“The City of Beacon Fire Department and Beacon Professional Firefighters are proud to announce the receipt of a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant,” said Beacon Fire Department Chief Thomas Lucchesi. “With help and support from Congressman Pat Ryan and other elected officials, City of Beacon Fire Department has received over \$67,000 for the purchase of new radio equipment. The new radios will enhance our firefighters’ safety and operational capabilities while protecting the citizens.”

Rolison to hold free paper-shredding events for 39th Senate District residents

State Sen. Rob Rolison, 39th District, announced on Aug. 1 the return of his free paper-shredding event at two locations. In partnership with Hudson Valley Credit Union, a Legal Shred mobile shredding and disposal vehicle will accept documents and other paper products at these locations on the following dates: John Jay High School, 2012 Route 52, Hopewell Junction on Saturday, August 17; and the Newburgh Mall parking lot, 1401 Route 300, Town of Newburgh in Orange County, on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Both events are free and run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, or until the truck’s capacity is reached. Participants are asked to bring no more than three

boxes of documents with dimensions of 18” x 12” x 10” at a time; those with more than three may be asked to line up again in order to provide ample opportunity for all to dispose of their documents.

These events are limited to residents of the 39th Senate District. Check your eligibility at <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>.

“This is a great opportunity to dispose and recycle the document waste we all accumulate,” said Rolison. “I hope you’ll join us again at these free shred events on August 17 and 24. Let’s do our part to reduce landfill refuse while removing clutter in our home. See you in Newburgh and Hopewell!”

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Hinchey and Serino announce \$1M for DPW equipment

On July 30, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced \$1 million in state funding for new heavy-duty road maintenance equipment for the Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW). This includes a caterpillar excavator, wood chipper, roadside mower, snow plows, and sanding trucks. Former Senator Serino initiated the state grant during her tenure, and Senator Hinchey advanced it to fulfillment this year.

Hinchey said, "Our local roads and infrastructure matter, and updating them directly improves the safety and quality of life in our Hudson Valley communities. I'm proud to have worked with County Executive Serino to deliver this significant investment so that our local crews can get the tools they need to keep roads safe and in good shape across Dutchess County."

"Dutchess County is grateful to Senator Hinchey for her support in finalizing this \$1 million grant for the Department of Public Works for critical road maintenance equipment," said Serino. "The safety of our local residents remains a top priority, and the equipment purchased will go a long way in ensuring our local roads are well-maintained and accessible."

Robert Balkind, Commissioner of Dutchess County Department of Public Works, said, "I wish to thank both County Executive Serino and Senator Hinchey for their efforts to secure this grant. Keeping our fleet of heavy equipment in good order is essential to the Department of Public Works' ability to deliver the vital services we provide to our community. On behalf of our DPW team and the community we serve every day, thank you both for your work to provide this funding to Dutchess County."



Pictured, from left: Senator Michelle Hinchey, Dutchess DPW Commissioner Robert Balkind, and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the DPW Garage at Dutchess Turnpike in Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo*

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is so important because most kids today are so removed from agriculture. It's teaching them where their food comes from and they will remember this for years to come. The excitement they have when they can actually pet the calf and ask questions about her is so great."

As a regular part of the dairy program, they bring wooden cows with an artificial udder of sorts to allow the kids to try their hand at milking. DeForest said, "When they milk the wooden cows, they realize how hard it would be to milk by hand. This allows us to explain how we milk the cows with a machine and even robots are used now for optimum milk quality."

Messina shares recollections of this event with an anecdote: "The most often asked question is 'does chocolate milk come from brown cows?'"

DeForest notes that "a lot of the kids have no idea that food has to come from someplace to get to the grocery store. Up until they get into one of these sessions, many have never even thought about where the food actually comes from."

The program focuses on grades K - 12 and the older students get exposed to an even deeper understanding of some of these topics. Messina organized an opportunity for Dutchess BOCES students to take a field trip to a farm. Students met with veterinarians from Millbrook Equine and Rhinebeck Equine, as well as Kent Feeds Sales Manager, Mackenzie Chauncey.

Dr. Paul Mountan showed students a bit about imaging through x-ray, viewing a horse's back and identifying the different bones within the lower leg. He also brought along a skull from a horse that had a tumor that ate through the sinus cavity. Millbrook's Dr. Cyra Erwin scoped a horse, showing the students the start of the digestive tract through to the stomach.

The programs, in all of their variety, are provided to the schools free of charge. In-class activities follow a well developed lesson plan and can extend over multiple days or even weekly visits from time to time. Those in-class sessions encourage the students to consider the details of their topic, whether it is planting seeds and watching them grow until time to take them home and plant them in a garden, or doing actual dissections to see how the animals' bones and sinews work together as well as other

systems in the animal.

The teachers who bring this program into their classrooms offer great reviews. Here are a couple: "The only regret I have is that I didn't have you in the classroom sooner! I think this is valuable experience for students and they would look forward to your visits." "The lessons and experience were fantastic. I loved the use of graphic organizers and visual supports. The hands-on experience was awesome."

DeForest shares her own view as well. "It's also teaching them how to interact with people. They open up and tell us about their pets and other animal experiences."

How can you get your school involved? Messina enthusiastically offers the following:

"Lessons are provided at no cost and are available for grades K-12, geared appropriately for the age and grade level. If you are an educator, parent, PTA member, or administrator interested in this free resource, please reach out as we are

accepting a few additions to our schedule this year!"

Contact Messina at dcasaged@dutchessfair.com. Programming can be designed to fit within existing curriculums, or bring in something totally new and exciting.

Youngsters practice their milking skills on a wooden cut out of a cow in the DCAS Agricultural Education Program. *Courtesy photo*



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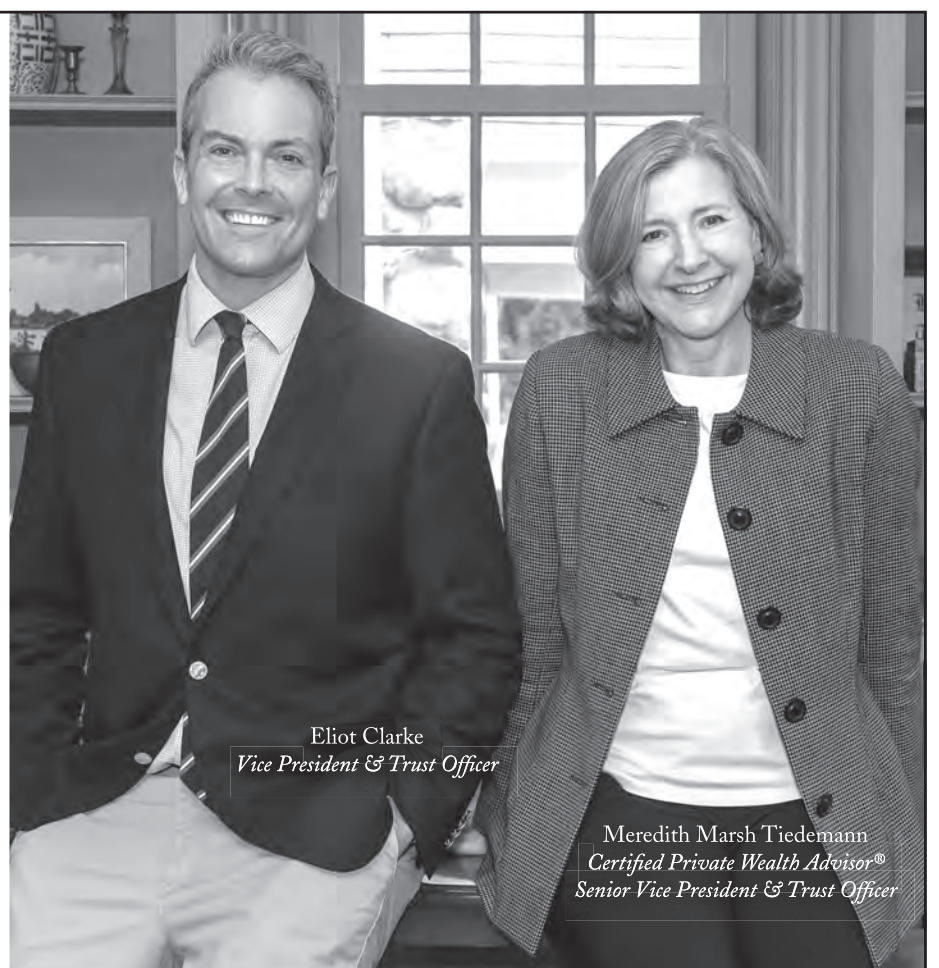
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United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region distributes thousands of diapers

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) hosted its fourth annual 100,000 Diaper Distribution on Friday, July 26. The event provides essential baby care supplies to 30 non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and schools serving Dutchess and Orange counties.

UWDOR surpassed its goal, and will distribute over 100,000 diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies to these organizations. The event kicked off with opening remarks by Melissa Clark, UWDOR's Vice President of Community Impact. Joining her were Vice Board Chairman Tim Eisentraut, Lenke Ganz representing Senator Rob Rolison, and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. John DeAngelis from Hudson Valley Credit Union also attended, with a generous check for \$2,000.

Volunteers from Central Hudson, led by board member Chris Gilbert, played a role in assisting recipients with packing the diapers and other items into their vehicles.

"We are incredibly grateful to the generosity of our donors, including



United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region hosted its annual 100,000 Diaper Distribution event on July 26. Courtesy photo

Target of Poughkeepsie, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Ulster Savings Bank, Vassar College's EngagePK Club, Central Hudson, and TD Bank," said Rebecca Lull, UWDOR Director of Community Impact. "Thanks to their support, we were able to exceed our goal

and provide much-needed resources to families in our community."

UWDOR is currently running a school supply drive. For more information on how you can contribute, please visit www.uwdor.org.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

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REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER AT HV HOT-AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed for the 33rd Annual JPMorgan Chase Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival. Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at Tymor Park in Union Vale.

Examples of volunteer duties are:

- Run a Game: Help manage and oversee one of the fun festival games in the Children's Zone and Family Activities area.
- Drive a Golf Cart: Assist with transporting guests and supplies around the festival grounds.
- Tend to the Bar: Serve drinks and manage the bar area.
- Park Cars: Direct attendees to parking spots and help manage the flow of traffic.
- Balloon Crew: Help pilots with their balloons.
- Runners: Help to deliver the logistics of the festival.
- Help set-up/clean-up.

Register at <https://www.dcrhoc.org/balloonfestinvolved>.

Historic Vassar-Warner Home to close in fall – after 153 years

After a storied history of serving the needs of senior citizens in Dutchess County and the greater Hudson Valley for 153 years, Vassar-Warner Home, located at 52 S. Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, has announced it will close its doors this fall.

Following plans filed with, and approved by, the New York State Department of Health, the county's only nonprofit senior living home is working diligently to relocate its 35 residents on or before October 14, 2024, to available facilities that will best meet their needs.

"It is with great sadness and regret that I share this news," said Ericka Von

Salews, executive director of Vassar-Warner Home. "Vassar-Warner Home has been a beloved part of our community and a much-needed resource locally. We will remain open until every resident has been placed in their new home and we will do everything possible to make this transition smooth for our residents and their loved ones, as well as the compassionate team who work here."

Despite repeated efforts to recruit help privately and on the state and local levels, Vassar-Warner Home cites unsustainable Medicaid reimbursement rates, occupancy challenges, and rising costs as barriers that have made it impossible to remain

operable. The facility, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, comprises 58 private rooms. Currently, it accommodates 18 individuals in independent living and 17 adults in assisted living and offers respite care services.

"Our Home Board of Trustees and Foundation Board would like to thank the 34 dedicated staff members who provide excellent, award-winning care to our residents, including Executive Director Ericka Von Salews, who has led Vassar-Warner Home successfully for the past eight years," said Vassar-Warner Home Board of Trustees President Ellen C. Smyth.

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Farmers of America) chapters and members of the newly formed Dutchess County Agricultural Society's Junior Fair Board have been actively involved in preparing for opening day at the Fair and will be volunteering their time the entire week of the Fair. Not only are they there to help manage AgriVenture, but they are also happy to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with information as to how agriculture is a part of our daily lives."

Upon entering AgriVenture, fair-goers

will be greeted by volunteers who will engage you in a Scavenger Hunt that is fun for everyone. AgriVenture offers participants the opportunity to milk Dutchess the Cow, pick apples, grapes and vegetables, collect raw wool and eggs.

At the end of their walk and they have checked everything off of their scavenger hunt shopping list, participants will visit the market, where they will unload their basket and sort their items for the distribution center. Each participant will be given a ribbon and coloring book.

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Masonic scholarship winner honored

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greensboro PIT	*	20	16	.556	-	3-7 L1
	Hudson Valley NYY		19	16	.543	0.5	8-2 W7
	Aberdeen BAL		19	17	.528	1.0	6-4 L1
	Wilmington WSH		17	18	.486	2.5	4-6 L2
	Jersey Shore PHI		16	20	.444	4.0	1-9 L8
	Brooklyn NYM		15	21	.417	5.0	5-5 W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB		21	12	.636	-	7-3 W1
	Greenville BOS		22	14	.611	0.5	7-3 W2
	Hickory TEX		19	17	.528	3.5	5-5 L1
	Winston-Salem CWS		17	19	.472	5.5	4-6 W1
	Asheville HOU		15	20	.429	7.0	5-5 W1
	Rome ATL	*	12	22	.353	9.5	4-6 L1



RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

Key roster moves and upcoming games at home

By Rich Thomaselli

Here are some items from the notebook.

• **ROSTER MOVES:** The New York Yankees have announced the following roster move affecting the Hudson Valley Renegades. Right-handed pitcher Kelly Austin was acquired in a trade with the Houston Astros and assigned to High-A Hudson Valley. The Renegades roster now stands at the South Atlantic League maximum of 30 active, four Injured List and one Minor League rehab.

• **ROC SOLID:** Infielder Roc Riggio has been as solid as you would want. Entering this past weekend, he had a hit in 33 of his previous 39 games.

• **WALK-OFF MAGIC:** On Thursday, Hudson Valley earned its seventh walk-off victory of the season, scoring four runs in the ninth inning.

• **HOME COOKIN':** The Renegades began a stretch where they will play 19 of 25 games at Heritage Financial Park. After hosting Jersey Shore, Hudson Valley will travel to Brooklyn for the final time this season, before embarking on a two-



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week homestand.

• **ROAD STRUGGLES:** Home is obviously sweet for Hudson Valley. The team has lost 10 of its last 13 games on the road.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 OmarMartinez C	HV	83	284	41	67	11	1	13	38	58	77	0	0	0.236	0.367	0.419	0.786
1 JaredSerna SS	HV	88	340	51	86	26	0	13	58	40	60	11	8	0.253	0.341	0.444	0.785
3 JaceAvina CF	HV	84	320	43	80	22	0	9	44	32	96	4	1	0.25	0.329	0.403	0.732
4 RocRiggio 2B	HV	80	304	56	66	18	4	8	30	51	63	17	5	0.217	0.342	0.382	0.724
5 GarrettMartin RF	HV	59	193	31	37	11	3	7	26	20	66	10	1	0.192	0.293	0.389	0.682
6 RafaelFlores 1B	HV	57	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285	0.403	0.466	0.869
6 JoshMoylan 1B	HV	75	250	38	63	10	1	6	30	44	72	2	3	0.252	0.372	0.372	0.744
6 KikoRomero 3B	HV	59	183	25	41	10	1	6	20	31	70	9	1	0.224	0.352	0.388	0.74
9 JesusRodriguez C	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332	0.412	0.507	0.919
10 ChristopherFamilia LF	HV	30	103	13	21	5	0	3	17	9	33	0	0	0.204	0.284	0.34	0.624
10 AntonioGomez C	HV	24	86	11	19	8	0	3	10	5	26	0	0	0.221	0.277	0.419	0.696
12 KyleBattle LF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174	0.316	0.304	0.62
12 TylerHardman DH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237	0.292	0.339	0.631
14 BeauBrewer 3B	HV	33	92	8	21	6	0	0	10	8	19	0	0	0.228	0.29	0.293	0.583
14 JuanCrisp P	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 BrennyEscanio SS	HV	29	88	7	22	8	0	0	11	8	27	5	2	0.25	0.309	0.341	0.65
14 ColeGabrielson RF	HV	66	191	28	39	12	1	0	18	29	56	12	3	0.204	0.343	0.277	0.62
14 AnthonyHall RF	HV	19	63	6	10	1	1	0	6	9	22	2	0	0.159	0.264	0.206	0.47
14 DJLeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715
14 NelsonMedina CF	HV	50	156	13	18	3	1	0	14	14	74	8	0	0.115	0.197	0.147	0.344
14 OscarSilverio X	HV	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 AlexanderVargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716
14 JorbitVivas 2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313	0.389	0.375	0.764

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 CamSchlittler	HV	6	4	2.6	17	17	0	0	0	0	86.2	60	34	25	7	3	38	108	1.13	0.191
2 TrentSellers	HV	6	2	2.4	26	4	0	0	1	4	63.2	34	25	17	2	2	30	74	1.01	0.154
3 BenShields	HV	3	2	2.75	14	7	0	0	0	1	52.1	35	19	16	5	4	10	71	0.86	0.185
3 BaronStuart	HV	6	3	4.02	16	16	0	0	0	0	80.2	74	37	36	4	5	29	71	1.28	0.248
5 KyleCarr	HV	0	6	5.61	18	18	0	0	0	0	77	77	57	48	5	2	45	70	1.58	0.266
6 SebastianKeane	HV	6	7	4.84	18	15	0	0	1	1	70.2	64	39	38	6	9	35	69	1.4	0.247
7 ColeAyers	HV	3	4	3.09	36	0	0	0	3	7	55.1	47	23	19	5	3	20	67	1.21	0.225
8 MattKeating	HV	3	3	4.5	31	0	0	0	3	4	56	40	31	28	8	1	23	66	1.13	0.196
9 JoelValdez	HV	1	2	3.88	28	0	0	0	3	5	46.1	33	24	20	2	7	24	55	1.23	0.2
10 MasonVinyard	HV	5	2	3.6	24	0	0	0	2	4	35	28	20	14	2	1	20	48	1.37	0.212
11 JacksonFristoe	HV	1	3	3.79	12	12	0	0	0	0	38	27	18	16	2	1	28	40	1.45	0.201
12 HuestonMorrill	HV	3	2	3.53	27	0	0	0	2	3	35.2	32	19	14	6	3	11	39	1.21	0.239
13 LuisArejula	HV	3	4	2.9	23	0	0	0	1	4	40.1	33	18	13	2	2	21	38	1.34	0.223
14 BlaneAbeyta	HV	1	2	2.3	6	6	0	0	0	0	31.1	28	15	8	3	3	5	21	1.05	0.235
15 YorlinCalderson	HV	0	0	3.38	8	0	0	0	1	1	13.1	13	6	5	1	1	5	17	1.35	0.241
15 EricReyzelman	HV	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	2	0	0	0	1	4	17	0.62	0.065
17 BrianHendry	HV	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	11	5	2	0	0	0	6	15	1	0.125
17 LeonardoPestana	HV	1	0	1.86	6	0	0	0	0	1	9.2	1	2	2	0	0	5	15	0.62	0.036
19 GeoffreyGilbert	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.43	0.043
20 HarrisonCohen	HV	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	0.86	0.235
20 StevenFulgencio	HV	1	1	4.15	8	0	0	0	0	1	8.2	7	7	4	0	2	6	7	1.5	0.219
22 SeanBoyle	HV	1	0	1.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	1	1	1	2	2	6	1	0.19
22 McKinleyMoore	HV	0	0	7.36	4	0	0	0	1	1	3.2	2	3	3	0	1	2	6	1.09	0.154
24 JuanCrisp	HV	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	4	2	0	4	4	2	0.182
25 IndigoDiaz	HV	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0.167



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Series sweep over Jersey Shore moves Renegades into 2nd place

By Rich Thomaselli

What a difference a week makes. It was a great return home for the Hudson Valley Renegades, and even better to find success against division opponent Jersey Shore.

The team showed great signs of life by sweeping the six-game series at Heritage Financial Park. The six-game sweep was the second-ever for the Renegades, with the last coming July 4-10, 2022 - also against Jersey Shore.

The Renegades have won seven consecutive games and are now 19-16 on the season and just a half-game behind Greensboro in the league standings.

In the series opener last Tuesday, the Renegades earned a dominant win against the BlueClaws, recording nine hits in a 6-1 victory at Heritage Financial Park. Trent Sellers turned in a strong start, allowing just two hits in four scoreless innings while striking out six. He has not allowed an earned run in his last 24.1 innings across eight appearances and has retired 40 of the last 43 batters he has faced.

In the second Antonio Gomez led off with a single. He later scored in the frame on an RBI single by Christopher Familia off Casey Steward (1-1) to put Hudson Valley in front 1-0. Eight batters came to the plate for the Renegades in the fourth with two runs coming home. A Josh Moylan single and Garrett Martin double put runners at second and third with one out. After a walk to Familia loaded the bases, a Kiko Romero RBI single scored Moylan from third.

In the next at-bat, Brenny Escanio drew a bases-loaded walk to extend the Renegades lead to 3-0. In the fifth, Hudson Valley brought two more runs home. After Gomez was hit by a pitch and Moylan earned a walk, Familia ripped a two-run double to right, driving in Moylan and Martin. Familia was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI and a walk.

In the second game of the series and on the last day of the month of July, with a four-run ninth inning the Renegades earned a remarkable 6-5 walk-off victory over the BlueClaws on Camp Day. Josh Moylan sent the crowd home happy with a walk-off single for his second walk-off knock of the season. Kyle Carr notched his third consecutive strong start. The southpaw allowed just four hits and two earned runs across five innings with six

strikeouts. In his last three starts, Carr has allowed just three runs and seven hits in 15.0 innings with 15 strikeouts.

It was much closer on Thursday, but still a 4-3 victory for Hudson Valley. The BlueClaws took the lead in the first. After reaching on an error to begin the game, Trent Farquhar scored on an Andrick Nava double to put Jersey Shore in front 1-0.

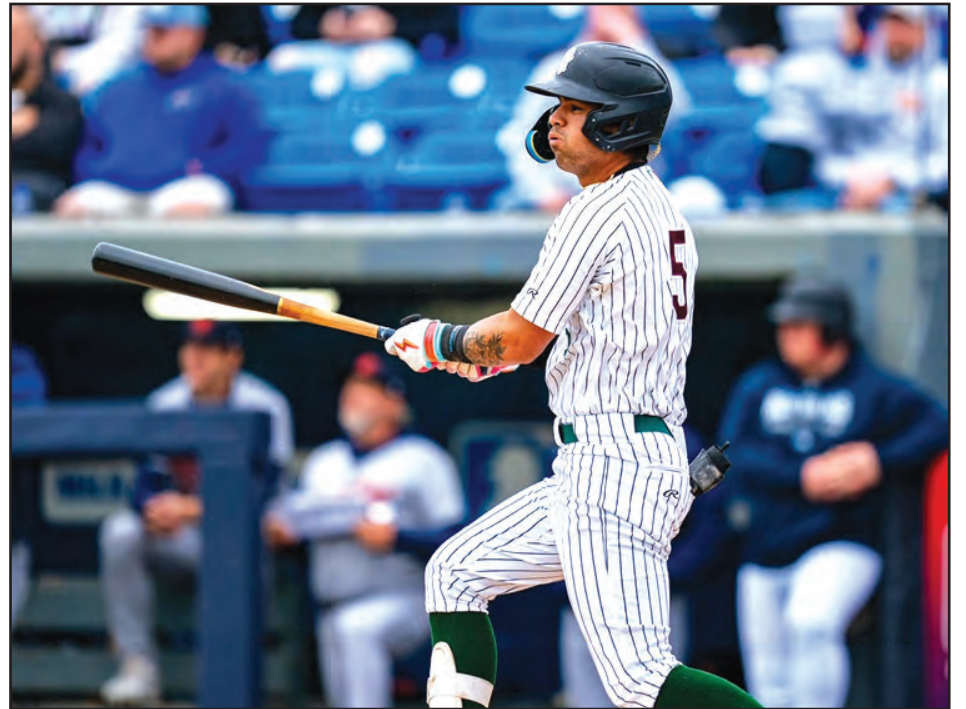
In the second Familia led off with a walk. Gabrielson drove him home with an RBI double to tie the game, his 12th two-bagger of the season. Still tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Brenny Escanio doubled to lead off the frame. He advanced to third on a groundout and came home on a sacrifice fly by Avina. There was no scoring the rest of the way, as the Hudson Valley bullpen was stellar behind Blane Abeyta. Mason Vinyard, Joel Valdez and Matt Keating combined for 4.2 scoreless innings. Keating earned his third save of the season with 1.2 scoreless frames.

On Friday night, the team weathered a rain delay that was three minutes short of two hours and posted a 7-1 victory. Cam Schlittler was stellar again for Hudson Valley, allowing just one run in five innings, while matching a season-high with nine strikeouts. He now has a team-leading 108 strikeouts in 86.2 frames this season. Hudson Valley took the lead in the top of the second when Garrett Martin reached on an error and stole second. He later scored on an RBI single by Anthony Hall to make it 1-0 Renegades. Schlittler was able to escape a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fourth without allowing a run. Jersey Shore was just 2-for-10 with runners in scoring position and left eight on base. In the bottom of the fourth Kiko Romero ripped a solo home run to right off Mitch Neunborn, his sixth of the season. Romero finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a triple, a home run and one RBI.

Hudson Valley made it a season high for consecutive victories by winning 8-3 on Saturday. Hudson Valley took a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning and, as it turned out, that was all the offense the Renegades would need.

On Sunday, Sellers continued his dominance on the mound, tossing four perfect innings while inducing six groundball outs as the Renegades won their seventh straight game by a score of 7-5.

Hudson Valley is on the road this week with six games in Brooklyn.



Kiko Romero ripped a solo home run on Friday night, his sixth of the season. He finished the game 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a triple, a home run and one RBI. Photo by Dave Janosz

GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

Focusing on community events and gearing up for start of school

Editor's note: The Hudson Valley Renegades have a first-year general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to share his thoughts on the Renegades and minor league baseball.

Is there a change in philosophy or a new emphasis now that school is starting up fairly soon?

(laughs). It's funny you say that. We do have to hire more people and more staff and more college interns because they go back to school. And the dynamic of our attendance does change during the school year.

Finally, the team is red hot. I know you said you focus on entertainment and other things, and that the baseball is secondary. But do you find yourself peeking a little bit?

Sure. Of course. You always want the players to have that postseason experience.

We've talked about this before - but with the season winding down, how does the management help new players get acclimated?

To be honest, we try not to interfere too much out of respect for the Yankees. Most of our interaction with the players comes from community events. We're very community minded. The Yankees are very community minded. There's always a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. It's a daily thing. But we also try to give the players and coaches their space, so they can focus on the job at hand. We concentrate on the business side of things. But a lot of the overlap does come in those community events.



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Eric Taylor named President of Tompkins Financial Advisors

Tompkins Financial Corp. (Tompkins) has announced that Eric Taylor has joined the company as Executive Vice President and President of Tompkins Financial Advisors.

Taylor has spent his career in wealth management and brings extensive experience in investment and advisory services. His background includes strategic oversight and management of client-facing investment advisors, portfolio managers and financial planners. In addition, he brings in-depth knowledge of investment planning and portfolio implementation, as well as investment oversight and compliance.

In his new role, Taylor will lead Tompkins Financial Advisors, a holistic financial services firm with over 130 years of experience, bringing customized wealth management, financial planning and trust solutions to individuals and businesses. He will report to Steve Romaine, president and CEO of Tompkins Financial.

Romaine commented, "It is my pleasure to welcome Eric to the Tompkins team. In addition to his experience in the wealth arena, he brings a vision consistent with the Tompkins model of always placing the client at the center of everything we do. Most importantly, we share a common set of values and culture. Eric started his early career with us as a trust officer and I have enjoyed watching his growth and progression over the years. I'm pleased to welcome him back in this



Eric Taylor

senior role, and as a member of my senior leadership team, contributing to strategic issues across the company."

A long-time resident of Ithaca, Taylor is a graduate of the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University and holds a Master of Business Administration. He also spent his undergraduate years at Cornell earning a Bachelor of Arts in Policy Analysis and Management.

Lawler voices opposition to plan allowing boys to compete on girls teams in HS

By Rich Thomaselli

A U.S. Congressman who represents part of Dutchess County has objected to a rumored plan that the New York State Regents is considering allowing boys to participate in girls high school sports.

Congressman Mike Lawler reacted after news broke that the New York State Board of Regents is considering a sweeping change to allow boys to compete in girls-only sports and compete for spots on their teams.

This has been a nationwide issue for virtually all of this decade.

"I am deeply disturbed by recent reports that indicate the New York State Board of Regents is considering a move that would effectively eliminate

girls-only sports as we know it," said Lawler (NY-17). "As a girl dad, I can definitely say this is the last thing that New York State should be doing. It's absurd. ... Allowing high school boys to compete against girls in sports will destroy fair competition, take away scholarship opportunities for girls, and put girls at a higher risk for injury. ... I condemn the NYS Board of Regents for considering this and urge them to expeditiously reverse course - anything less is a total slap in the face to tens-of-thousands of girls competing in high school sports across the state."

Lawler represents New York's 17th Congressional District, which contains all or parts of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester counties.

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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Parisi: Poughkeepsie man sentenced to 10 years in prison following menacing incident with City of Poughkeepsie Police

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced on July 31 that a Poughkeepsie man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and 5 years of post-release supervision for a menacing incident with the City of Poughkeepsie Police occurring on August 20, 2023. Leopoldo Duarte Palacios, 38, pleaded guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony in April, according to a press release from Parisi.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "Today's sentencing underscores my office's commitment to protecting those who protect us. Pointing a gun at law enforcement officers is a grave offense that jeopardizes the safety of our entire community. I commend the officers involved who acted swiftly to neutralize the threat and ensure public safety while putting their own lives on the line. Today's sentence holds the defendant

accountable for his actions."

The District Attorney said this incident occurred in the City of Poughkeepsie at approximately 8 p.m. near 632 Main Street. After receiving a call for service, the City of Poughkeepsie responded and at that time, Duarte Palacios pulled the firearm from his pants pocket and pointed the gun at a City of Poughkeepsie Police Officer. Duarte Palacios attempted to load a round into the chamber as he struggled with a member of the City of Poughkeepsie Police, according to Parisi. Another officer discharged his firearm striking Duarte Palacios in the arm. Duarte continued to refuse to release the firearm during the struggle. Officers were eventually able to recover the illegal firearm and render aid to Duarte for his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Unit Chief Aviv Segal and Senior Assistant District Attorney Heather Ryan.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vendors wanted for Clinton Community Day

Vendors are invited to sign up for Clinton's Community Day, set Saturday, Aug. 31. Wanted are vendors selling handmade items, vintage clothing, home décor, accessories, collectibles, and furniture. Nonprofit organizations are also wanted. Contact Melissa at communityday@townofclinton.com or call (845) 266-5853, ext. 4, to register.

Ulster Savings Bank to hold Hyde Park Branch Community Appreciation Day

You're invited to Ulster Savings Bank's Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Hyde Park location at 4240 Albany Post Road. Activities and entertainment include fun games and a live broadcast remote from Q92. Enjoy free refreshments (while supplies last). Local businesses from the community will be on hand, plus donation collections for the Dutchess County SPCA and the Hyde Park Food Pantry.

Gen. Montgomery House Museum open for tours

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House is open on Saturdays, Aug. 13 and 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. The historic home is at 77 Livingston Street in Rhinebeck. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777.

Clinton Alliance Church Blood Drive

Clinton Alliance Church hosts Blood Drives and we always ask for your help in posting them. The first one is Monday August 12th from 3-7:30p.m. It will be held in our Youth Center at 1192 Centre Road in Rhinebeck. Walk-ins are always welcomed, but the New York Blood Center requests donors to call them at 800-933-2566 to schedule their requested donation time. This to insure they have enough staff and machines.

Vanderbilt Garden Association offers tours

Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will offer tours of the Formal Gardens from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18. 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 further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>

Abilities First Golf & Tennis Classic set Sept. 9

Abilities First will hold its Golf & Tennis Classic on Monday, Sept. 9, at The Powelton Club in Newburgh. For raffle tickets, virtual journal or tee-sign opportunities, and reception info, email joannparker@abilities-firstny.org.

Anderson Center Centennial Gala set Sept. 28

Join Anderson Center for a Roaring 20s-themed celebration of Anderson Center for Autism's 100th anniversary presented by Central Hudson Gas & Electric and Pamal Broadcasting. The party will include an auction, dinner, dancing, and an inspiring program honoring Vance Anderson Gage, the recipient of the 2024 VV Anderson Community Service Award (and grandson of Anderson Center for Autism's founder, Dr. Victor V. Anderson). In addition, an Anderson Center team member will be recognized with the 2024 Above and Beyond Award. Black tie optional. Reserve your tickets and sponsorships today at andersoncenterforautism.org/gala.

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Time: 6:30pm Cocktail Reception, 7:30pm Dinner and Program

Location: The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie

Cost: see website for pricing
Reservations: 845.889.9208
Website: www.AndersonCenterforAutism.org/Gala

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

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Road (Route 9, across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June-October. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and much more. New

vendors always welcome. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

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

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and

fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyk at (845) 229-5896.

Apply for the Dutchess County Sheriff & Police Officer Exam before the Aug. 9 deadline

Are you interested in protecting and serving your community with a law enforcement career? Our Department of Human Resources is administering the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff and Police Officer civil service exam on September 28. The deadline to apply to take the exam is Friday, August 9.

Applications will be accepted through August 9th from candidates who have reached or will reach their 18th birthday by September 28. Candidates must also possess a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma to be eligible to apply. Candidates who pass the civil service exam must then successfully pass a physical fitness test, background investigation, and medical exam to be added to

the eligible list* that is used to fill vacancies as they occur for Deputy Sheriff positions with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and for police officer positions in local municipal law enforcement agencies throughout the county. Once a candidate is appointed to the position of Deputy Sheriff or police officer, they will be required to complete 60 college credits within five years of appointment and Crisis Intervention Training within two years of appointment. Learn more, including how to apply, at dutchessny.gov/jobs.

**Please note: If one has previously taken the exam and currently on the eligible list, one must retake the exam to qualify for the new eligibility list.*

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NEWS FROM THE RHINEBECK GARDEN CLUB

Garden tours, outdoor meetings

In July, The Rhinebeck Garden Club's monthly meetings moved outdoors. We visited some of our members' gardens and had private guided tours of two public ones: The Beatrix Farrand Garden and Wethersfield.

Membership continues to grow as we welcomed seven new members.

We are very proud of the job we did this year designing the Dough Boy Statue garden on East Market Street. Make sure to visit it if you haven't already done so. The club designs the beds, purchases and plants the flowers in time for the Memorial Day Parade. Many of our members contribute a week each season to water and weed it. We also have a spring garden on Huntington Road, although less visible, it shouldn't be missed.

Our annual bake and plant sale of perennials, shrubs, herbs, and houseplants is September 28 at The Rhinebeck Reformed Church. Selection is always varied and priced competitively. Contact us if your perennials or small shrubs need dividing, and you would like to donate them to the sale. A member may be able to help dig and pot if you are unable.

Meetings are usually held at the Rhinebeck Village Hall at 10 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Members are expected to participate in the Club by volunteering for or chairing a committee; suggesting or arranging a speaker or trip; presenting horticulture topics; serving on the board; signing up for refreshments; or opening their garden for member viewing.

For information, call club president Hannah at 914-263-5298, or log into Facebook.

submitted by Brenda Klaproth



Members of The Rhinebeck Garden Club are pictured during a recent tour of Wethersfield Garden in Amenia. Following the tour, the group enjoyed lunch in a cafe in Stanfordville. *Courtesy photos*

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Marathon of creativity set Aug. 10 in Kingston

On Saturday, Aug. 10, The D.R.A.W Studio in Kingston will be open to the public for its fourth annual DRAW-A-THON, a 12-hour extravaganza where from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. all-age visitors can drop in to respond to prompts and engage creatively.

The DRAW-A-THON is run by the studio's youth workforce, who serve as project creators and design engaging drawing experiences for the public throughout the day. Last year's participants made comics, zines, exquisite corpse collaborative drawings, pet

portraits, and more.

This year's theme is "Under The Sea," so you can expect projects involving pirates, sea life, and of course, octopuses. The floors and walls will be covered with drawing surfaces - free for all to draw on at will.

The results of the DRAW-A-Thon will remain in the gallery as an exhibition, and will be open to the public through August 28.

The gallery is at Energy Square, 20 Cedar St., Kingston. Visit <https://madkingston.org/> for more information.

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August is Aspirin's anniversary

The ancient Egyptians and Sumerians used bark from willow trees to treat pain; Hippocrates wrote that both the willow's leaves and its bark relieved fevers. The ancients didn't know why the plant matter worked, but later researchers were able to isolate the key ingredient. By the mid-1800s salicylic acid was identified. In fact, salicylic acid can be found in the genus Spiraea, or meadowsweets, a group of about 100 species of shrubs in the family Rosaceae. These include jasmine, beans, peas, clover and certain grasses and trees.



THE TREATMENT COULD BE WORSE THAN THE CURE

Before August 10, 1897, if salicylic acid was administered to patients by itself, it could cause nausea, vomiting, and coma! It wasn't until that date that German chemist Felix Hoffmann created the compound acetylsalicylic acid, which had the anti-inflammatory properties of salicylic acid, but also buffered the effects of the acid on the stomach. (Coincidentally, August may also be the month that parents take fewer aspirin and teachers take more, but that is just conjecture.)

Hoffmann's discovery helped alleviate his father's rheumatism and positioned his employer, Bayer, to compete with other growing pharmaceutical concerns of the 19th century such as Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, Eli Lilly, and Squibb. Bayer sold acetylsalicylic acid in tablets called aspirin, a name derived from a combination of acetyl and Spiraea.

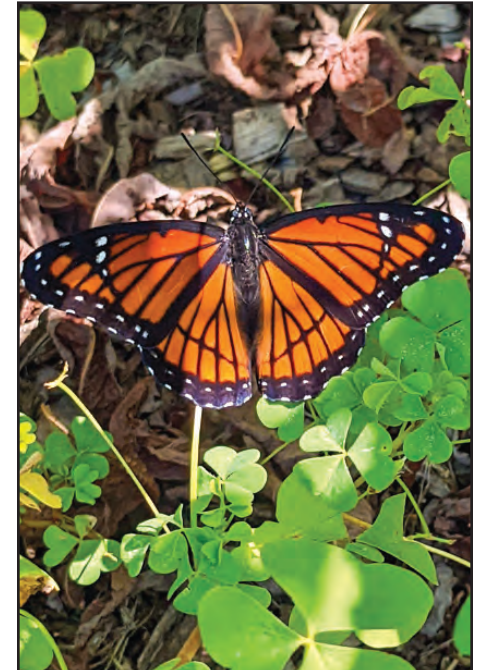
A BITTER PILL KEEPS PREDATORS AWAY

Interestingly, salicylic acid is used not just by people, but wildlife, as well. Viceroy caterpillars, which look like bird droppings, feed on trees which produce the herbivore-detering compound. Once the Viceroys metamorphose into butterflies, they are mimics, once again. Their orange and black markings resemble those of Monarch butterflies.

As butterflies themselves, the Viceroys still contain salicylic acid due to fact that they fed on willows while in the larval stage. This acid not only causes the Viceroy to taste bad but makes whatever eats it sick.

ASPIRIN: WONDER DRUG, BUT DEADLY FOR SOME

Aspirin is a potent medical treatment with uses beyond the common "school-days headache." It can be used in treating cardiovascular conditions and cancer! It blocks the production of prostaglandins, which are hormone-like compounds which influence many reactions in the body.



Above, left: Aspirin. Photo by Francine Wizner. Right: A Viceroy butterfly at Willow Vale Farm. Photo by Jes Clark. Below: A willow tree in Pleasant Valley. Photo by Francine Wizner.

Aspirin stops mild inflammation and pain by blocking prostaglandins which cause them.

However, prostaglandins function as part of the body's way of dealing with injury and illness. Prostaglandins can both constrict and dilate blood vessels, open or close airways, contract or relax muscles, alleviate or cause pain. Aspirin does not differentiate what type of prostaglandin it is blocking. To aspirin, the only good prostaglandin is a dead prostaglandin.

While aspirin blocks prostaglandins that cause pain, clotting, narrowing of blood vessels and inflammation, it also blocks prostaglandins that protect the stomach lining. This can cause stomach bleeding. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs like ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), naproxen (Aleve), and Aspirin all can cause stomach irritation. Aspirin is

the most toxic to the stomach, but also the most versatile pain reliever.

But aspirin is not for everyone. Certain conditions make taking aspirin dangerous. There are several illnesses related to blood clotting factors and platelets, such as hemophilia, which make taking aspirin ill-advised.

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/>

DUTCHESS COUNTY WILLOW FARM



Jes Clark, owner of Willow Vale Farm in Stanfordville. Photo by Francine Wizner

As I looked around Dutchess County for photos of willows and Viceroy butterflies for this column, I "discovered" a farm where they grow! An abundance of purple willows can be found at Willow Vale Farm in Stanfordville. It is there that you'll surely find Viceroy butterflies and caterpillars amid the rows of deciduous shrubs. In learning about the farm I found that willow has value beyond its ancient medicinal use.

Jes Clark, the owner of Willow Vale, grows willow as a windbreak, a soil-erosion-preventer, and as an agricultural product. She says willow "is one of the most versatile and useful plants around." She

grows *Salix purpurea* because it is hardy and mostly pest-resistant. She also grows other types of willow for variety in her weaving projects. (She can be found at <https://www.willowvale.farm/>)



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- Astern
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- Old wound
- Palate lobe
- Reposed
- Needle case
- Katmandu's land
- *Natural electrical discharge
- Fiber source
- Madison Square Garden, e.g.
- Anatomical pouch
- *Like air from north of Canada
- Same as boric
- Slang for million dollars
- Mother-of-pearl, pl.
- Of a particular kind
- Exclude or omit
- Not safe
- Parallel grooves
- Campbell of "Scream" fame
- Morally degraded
- Lt.'s subordinate
- Weed a.k.a. dyer's woad
- Nervous (2 words)
- Rubber substitute, acr.
- Broom of twigs
- Wild plum
- *Short-lived whirlwind (2 words)
- Philip Roth's "The Human _____"
- Additional
- Driver's spare
- Church songs
- Biology lab supply
- Pac Man's blue ghost
- *H in HI
- Slightly insane
- _____pool or _____pit

DOWN

- Come together
- Smoothie bowl flavor
- Two-masted sailing vessel
- Broad-brimmed beachwear
- _____ a play
- Flora's partner
- H.S. math class
- *Not sunny
- Between larva and adult
- Enthusiasm
- Split lentils dish
- Roman statesman, Nero's advisor
- Open up
- Three
- "Send help!" acronym
- Make change
- "Inside Out 2" main character
- Actor Owen
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Like some sausages
- Cake cover
- *What storm pursuers do
- *"_____ as Ice" by Foreigner
- Feel regret
- *Condensation-starting point (2 words)
- Church assembly
- Stock regulator, acr.
- Herpes _____, a.k.a. shingles
- Not odds
- Nauseant
- Battle of the _____, 1944-1945 German offensive
- Literary composition
- Eyelid affliction
- Tibetan monk
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- Irritates
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Dutchess peaches - no fuzz and other early inventions

By Melodye Moore

Editor's note: This is an incomplete, "snippet view" of an article from the 2023 DCHS Yearbook, vol. 102, "Farming in Dutchess County." You will find the whole article at www.dchsn.org/yb-2023 or by purchasing a print copy at amazon.com (search books). If you have any questions, contact Bill Jeffway at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org. Melodye Moore is a DCHS Trustee, Chair of Collections, and Co-Chair of Interpretation.

During the second quarter of the nineteenth century the agricultural economy of New York went through a period of profound change. The 1825 opening of the Erie Canal had made available more fertile western lands and eastern New York farmers were forced to diversify. While wheat remained the most important cash crop until after 1850, it began to be displaced by corn, oats, barley, rye, hay, dairy products, sheep and wool and fruit orchards. As farming became more and more competitive and complicated, farmers soon realized that they needed more skills and there was a concurrent rise in interest in improved machinery and in scientific agriculture.

In her book "The Nature of the Future: Agriculture, Science and Capitalism In The Antebellum North," Emily Pawling explores the active scientific community thriving in New York in the years preceding the Civil War that was interested in agricultural improvement. One of the

"improving agriculturists" she cites is the Ward family of Pleasant Valley that included Alson Ward.

Pawley points to entries included in Alson Ward's diary, now part of the collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, that describe the Wards improving their soil with plaster, ashes, and stable manure, their use of a water-powered corn -sheller, a threshing machine, and an automatic hog feeder.

On October 18, 1844 Alson records "father spent his time fitting a hive of bees in my bedroom for experimenting &c." Presumably the bees remained there through the winter for on Mary 6, 1845. Alson shares "We have fed the bees for a few days in the following manner by placing honey in a flat square tin pie dish with a floating board filled with holes that they may eat readily in the middle of which we placed a bottle of honey prepared with a stimulus sufficient for them. Today they used two bottles of honey the eleven hives which consist our stock."

The Wards were also working on a design for a machine that would brush their peaches in order to remove the then characteristic fuzz on the outside of the peach. Presumably this design was a forerunner to the 1851 patent granted to Joshua O. Ward for improvement in machines for peeling and cutting peaches.

The Ward family, originally from England, was among the early settlers of Pleasant Valley and owned a mill and farmlands 2 1/2 miles from the village on



The Ward family of Pleasant Valley had active orchards and livestock, and operated this mill which was directly opposite their home. *Image courtesy of DCHS Collections*

what is today Traver Road. Despite the success of their milling operation, the Wards saw themselves as farmers and self-identified as such in census records. The "1850 United States Selected Federal Census- Non-Population Schedule" provides an overview of the agricultural production on their 81-acre farm. Valued at \$6,000, the entirety of the farm is listed as improved and seems similar in size and worth with others in the nearby vicinity. The farm's livestock, valued at \$500 included 3 horses, 5 milch cows, 1 other cattle, and 10 swine. The field crops enumerated in the schedule included such staples as wheat, rye, Indian corn and oats. Other produce worthy of mention was 500 pounds of butter which the diary records as being marketed in Poughkeepsie, and 15 pounds of beeswax. Numerous diary entries from 1844 - 1847 describe the Wards' apple orchards and provide great detail about the labor-intensive work necessary for the successful cultivation of peaches, so it is surprising that column 97, Value of Orchard Products in dollars is empty.

Starting in the spring of 1844 Alson's diary entries reveal what was required annually in order to create and maintain the family's peach orchards as follows:

"April 9: Went to Poughkeepsie to see about getting some peach trees. April 11: Went to valley on foot in evening to get help to work in orchard. April 13: To Poughkeepsie to engage peach trees,

engaged 300 of Daniel Beadle at 10 cents, bought those, inoculated last fall, the inoculating just starting. April 15: Put ashes around peach and apple trees."

On April 17th Alson describes in great detail how their new peach trees were planted: "Spent most of the day planting peach trees. The method followed by us was by placing a large scoop shovel full of manure on top of the ground where the hole was intended and also a quart or two of unbleached ashes, also dug up the ground with a stubbing hoe in order to loosen it well and get the manure and ashes well mixed with the ground, then made a hole with a space or shovel for the tree. Place the tree in and partly fill the hole with the dirt and after they were all sett in this way we put half a pail of water on each tree and pulled the remaining dirt around the tree."

The rest of the summer, in addition to other farm chores, there was always weeding and hoeing around the peach trees, and by August it was time to inoculate the trees.

Very little diary space is given to the harvesting of the peaches but on September 16th of 1844 Joshua set off to the State Fair in Poughkeepsie with some of his peaches.

The remaining years of Alson's diary record the same monthly sequence of peach orchard related tasks... Please visit www.dchsn.org/yb-2023 to read the full article.



Home of Alson Ward and family in Pleasant Valley ca 1880s. *Image courtesy of DCHS Collections*

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Deer in the headlights

Pop's remarkable power of persuasion

My father can be very persuasive. He has a certain charisma about him. I call it the deer in the headlights syndrome, whereby he is the headlights and you are the deer. One time in particular, his powers of suggestion were in full display.

My parents have three apartment buildings on the property that we lived on. The basement apartments are half underground and there were always problems with flooding and mildew. Pop decided that the foundation drains needed to be replaced and we were going to do it ourselves over our summer break. By we, I mean me and my brother Vinny.

Over the course of a week, Pop poked and prodded around the apartments. When he was done, he explained to me and Vinny what we were going to do. We were going to rent a backhoe, dig out the area next to the apartments, seal the exterior walls, lay in new perforated pipes, pour gravel on top of the pipes, spread new topsoil over the top of the gravel and plant new grass seed. Three buildings, should take us a week. As he spoke to us, he looked us in the eyes and almost hypnotically. We believed we could do exactly what he was telling us.

Piece of cake. Oh, did I mention that I was 20 and Vinny was 17?

So we started on a Monday. The backhoe arrived. I had first crack at learning how to use it. Yup, you guessed it: I never used a backhoe in my life. I got on and started playing with the controls. It was like a yellow mechanical bull of death. After about a half-hour of playing I finally got it so I didn't quite kill myself. Yup, this was going to be great.

I approached the first building, riding the yellow mechanical bull of death. I sank the teeth of the backhoe into the ground and started to dig. Though it took me longer than it should have, I got the first trench dug out in about two hours. Meanwhile, Vinny parged the outside of the foundation wall with black tar and started laying the pipe, while I started digging the trench on the other side of the building with the yellow mechanical bull

of death. Slowly, Vinny and I worked our way around the building, laying pipe, filling in with gravel, spreading topsoil and planting seed. At the end of the second day, we finished the first building.

Pop came to inspect our work and told us he was pleased.

Day three began with rain. Pop told us to try to work through the rain, but the backhoe was slipping and sliding in the mud, and we were having trouble keeping the trench from caving in. Slowly, methodically, we made our way around the building until ... I dug in too deep and found the water main. Suddenly, thousands of gallons of water started pouring out of the hole. I don't know how I figured it out, but I managed to find the shut off and get the water turned off.

I called the restaurant and spoke to Pop, who was not too happy. He came home to see what was going on. We carefully dug out the pipe and luckily, I only shifted the pipe at the joint. All we had to do was realign the pipe and screw it back together.

At this point the rain was coming down in buckets and there was thunder and lightning. Pop told me to get in the hole and get the pipe put back together because the apartments were without water. The deer looked right into the headlights and got into the hole.

Suddenly, as I was putting the pipe back together, my hair stood up, I felt a tremendous jolt, saw a flash of light, heard a loud crack and boom and felt what I thought was a giant hammer across my hands. I got blown out of the hole and was laid out flat outside of the trench and out cold. When I came to, my father was screaming at me, slapping my face, "Luigi!!! Luigi!!! Say something!!! You OK?!!!"

Again, the deer looked into the headlights. I nodded my head and said I was OK. I looked at my hands and saw a burn mark in my palm and on the back of my hands. Pop said I had been blown out of the pit by a bolt of lightning.

I was in a bit of a fog. Everything was

moving slowly. Pop kept asking me if I was OK. Slowly my wits came back and finally I told Pop I was good. He asked if I was sure.

Again the deer looked into the headlights. I nodded my head and said. I was OK. Pop looked me in the eyes and said OK, get back in the hole and finish the job.

As I said, Pop was very persuasive. So ... the deer looked into the headlights and ... got back into the hole and finished the job. Did I mention it was my birthday? July 26th.

That night, Mom made me and Vinny grilled chicken with lemon and mint with this pasta that was better than anything I had ever eaten. Maybe it was the hard work or maybe it was the deer in the headlights, but that was probably the best meal I ever had.

DITALINI WITH LEMON, TOMATOES AND CAPERS

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, diced fine
- large pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 10 cherry tomatoes cut in half
- 3 teaspoons of capers
- 1/2 cup of Kalamata olives, roughly chopped
- 1 lb. ditalini

- freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 1 lemon

Method

Put a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. When the pan is hot, add the olive oil, onions garlic and red pepper flakes and cook for about 2 minutes. Carefully add the tomatoes, capers, and olives. Reduce the heat to medium low. Simmer until the tomatoes get warm and slightly cooked.

Cook the ditalini in the boiling water until it's just tender. Drain the pasta and put it in a large bowl. Add the sauce and squeeze the lemon. Toss till mixed thoroughly. Taste and season well with salt and pepper. Serve hot, warm, or at room temperature. Great side dish with grilled chicken.

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.

Wallace Center to screen 'The Vow from Hiroshima'

The Pare Lorentz Film Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Gillespie Forum will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film, "The Vow from Hiroshima," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home.

A question-and-answer session with filmmakers Susan Strickler and Mitchie Takeuchi will follow the screening. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

"The Vow from Hiroshima" is a poignant documentary that delves into the life of Setsuko Thurlow, a remarkable survivor of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. At just 13 years old when the bomb devastated her city in 1945, Setsuko's harrowing experience is vividly captured in this intimate portrait. The film chronicles her enduring friendship with second-generation survivor Mitchie Takeuchi, offering a moving narrative of resilience and determination.

Setsuko's story is one of tragedy and triumph, as she recalls being pulled from a burning building after the bomb's impact, unable to save her 27 classmates who perished in the flames. This pivotal moment shaped her lifelong commitment to ensuring that no one else would suffer the same horrific fate.

Through decades of tireless activism, Setsuko's journey culminates in a powerful milestone -- the realization of her dream with the establishment of a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017. Setsuko made the acceptance speech in

Oslo, Norway.

Susan Strickler has directed over 700 hours of daytime television for The Young and the Restless, Guiding Light and Another World. She won a DGA Best Director Award and a Daytime Emmy Award. THE VOW FROM HIROSHIMA is her first documentary film. The film won the Audience Award at Ojai Film Festival and BEST FEMALE FILMMAKER DOCUMENTARY at Reading FilmFest. Currently, THE VOW FROM HIROSHIMA is being broadcast on Public Television and is shown in high schools, colleges and community groups around the country. In Japan, the film has been widely released in 19 cities and appeared on Wowow TV.

Mitchie Takeuchi is originally from Hiroshima and a long time New York City resident. She has been a social entrepreneur, a writer and a filmmaker. Her grandfather, Dr. Ken Takeuchi, was the director of the Red Cross Hospital in Hiroshima when the city was leveled by the first use of an atomic bomb and he and her mother, Takako, survived. Wanting to share what really happened under the mushroom cloud, Mitchie produced and co-wrote THE VOW FROM HIROSHIMA, interweaving the life story of Hiroshima survivor and activist Setsuko Thurlow, intergenerational activism and the historic negotiations of The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

After the film had a successful year-long theatrical run in 19 cities in Japan, Mitchie received the 2021 Japan Film Renaissance Conference Peace Film Award.

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EXHIBITIONS

PRINTMAKING SHOW TO OPEN AUG. 8 IN TIVOLI



The Tivoli Artists Gallery will host a Printmaking show from Aug. 8 to Sept. 1, with an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. This show will feature gallery artists' works in various printmaking styles ranging from monoprints, etching, woodblock, textural pulp, and lithography. A printmaking workshop will be offered at the gallery on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., followed by a clothesline show and reception of prints from the workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery is at 60 Broadway in Tivoli. Call (845) 757-2667 for more information. *Courtesy image*

Artists' Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through August:** "Shades of Grey." 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 Aug. 18:** The 2024 Members' Show, titled "Interconnected," featuring artwork exploring the intricate overlap of social identities. "Interconnected" showcases the diverse and intersectional perspectives of our member artists, delving into how identities such as gender, race, class, ability, sexual orientation, religion, and age interact and shape our experiences. This exhibition aims to highlight the richness and complexity of human identity through various artistic mediums. **Artist Talk Closing Reception:** Sun., Aug. 18, 1-3 p.m. www.artsmidhudson.org

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Aug. 10-Sept. 8:** "Photo Magic of the Hudson Valley," the photographs of Alec Halstead. **Artist reception:** Sat., Aug. 10, 4-6 p.m. www.bannermancastle.org

CCS Bard's Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through Dec. 1:** Ho Tzu Nyen: Time and the Tiger, the first in-depth examination of Ho Tzu Nyen (b. 1976, Singapore) in the United States. Widely considered one of the most innovative artists to emerge internationally in the past 20 years, Ho works across a variety of media, including film, video, installation, painting, writing, and performance to critically examine how histories—be they state, cultural, or personal—are continually imagined, negotiated, and performed. **Through Dec. 1:** Carrie Mae Weems: Remember to Dream, exhibition revisits the range and breadth of Weems' prolific career through rarely exhibited and lesser-known works that demonstrate the evolution of her pioneering, politically engaged practice. **Through Oct. 20:** Start Making Sense, exhibition draws upon the exceptional art holdings at CCS Bard. Featured artists include Ida Applebroog, Mark Dion, Andrea Fraser, Lyle Ashton Harris, Mary Heilmann, Chris Ofili, Catherine Opie, Laura Owens, Rirkrit Tiravanija, and Christopher Wool, among others. <https://ccs.bard.edu/museum>

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Kamille Adell and Tatiana Rhinevault. At 12 Vassar St., Collin Douma will display his mixed media pieces in the Reception Gallery and the works of Marty Zlotkin will be featured in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through December:** Developed in collaboration with a distin-

guished 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 August:** LAND Gallery and the Sherman Artists Association present "Ways of Water," watercolors by Charlene Leichter. For more information, visit www.landgalleryonline.com or www.ShermanArtists.org.

Montgomery Row Art Space, 6423 Montgomery St. (Rte. 9), 2nd floor, Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 30:** Paintings of Madeleine Segall-Marx, a sculptor who turned to work in two dimensions over the last decades. This exhibition is an opportunity to see her efforts relating primarily to color rather than to form. The 45 works in this show will represent a range of approaches over the last decades. segallmarx@gmail.com or (917) 687-0446

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Aug. 20:** Marcia Bricker Halperin Photos, "Kibbitz & Nosh: New York City's Vanishing Cafeterias." Kibbitz & Nosh is Marcia Bricker Halperin's photographic series and recently published book that showcases the character and charm of New York City's classic self-serve restaurants. (845) 876-2903

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

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WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** "The Remnants of Summer," new photo works by Nikki Hung. Gallery hours by appt. (845) 293-3660 or www.womenswork.art

A & E CALENDAR

Through Aug. 11: "Guys and Dolls," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Lauded by TIME Magazine as "The greatest of all American Musicals!" and hailed by The New York Times as "the show that defines Broadway dazzle," this Tony-award winning show, including Best Musical, gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of bustling Broadway. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3088 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Through Aug. 18: **SummerScape**, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Featuring eight weeks of opera, theater, dance, music, Spiegeltent, and the 34th Bard Music Festival: Berlioz and His World. The 34th Bard Music Festival: Hector Berlioz and His World, Weekend One (Aug. 9-11): Revolutionary Spectacle and Romantic Passion; Weekend Two (Aug. 15-18): Music and the Literary Imagination; The

return of the Spiegeltent, through Aug. 17, with programming curated by Caleb Hammons. Tickets and more information at www.fishercenter.bard.edu

Through Sept. 2: **Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival**, 2015 Rte. 9, Garrison. The 2024 repertory season includes the world premiere of "Medea: Re-Versed," by longtime HVSF company member Luis Quintero (Love's Labor's Lost), adapted from Euripides, and co-conceived and directed by Nathan Winkelstein (Seascape); as well as "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" and "By The Queen." See www.hvshakespeare.org for performance dates/times, tickets and more information.

Aug. 14: **Music in the Parks**, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Four Guys in Disguise, popular rock, 6:30 p.m. Rain location: Taconic Regional OFC-NY parks, 9 Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. (845) 229-8086

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Innovative banjo player Alison Brown will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon on Friday, Aug. 9, at 8:30 p.m. One of the most multi-faceted minds in roots music, Brown is a GRAMMY-winning musician, GRAMMY-nominated producer, former investment banker (with an AB from Harvard and an MBA from UCLA), and co-founder of The Compass Records Group which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2023.

Although Brown began her musical career as a teenager in the Southern California bluegrass scene, she has built a reputation as one of today's most forward-thinking banjo players. She is known for taking the instrument far beyond its Appalachian roots by blending bluegrass and jazz influences into a sonic tapestry that has earned praise and recognition from a variety of national tastemakers including The Wall Street Journal, CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, and USA Today.

Tickets for the show are \$35 advance, \$40 door. Visit www.townecrier.com or call (845) 855-1300 to purchase.

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County Players sets auditions Aug. 18

AUDITIONS: August 18, 2024 | 1pm
 "Eleanor" by Mark St. Germain

PERFORMANCES: Oct. 4-5

This one-woman show brings to life Eleanor Roosevelt, the most influential First Lady the world has ever seen. From her "Ugly Duckling" upbringing to her unorthodox marriage to Franklin, Eleanor puts her controversial life, loves and passions on the stage. Directed by Jeffery Battersby

AUDITIONS: August 18, 2024 | 3pm

"Underneath the Lintel" by Glen Gerber

PERFORMANCES: Oct. 5-6

Captivated by the mystery of a 113-years-overdue late return, a librarian embarks on a quest to identify the borrower. Humorous and philosophical, this one-person play is a spellbinding tour de force of dramatic storytelling.

Directed by Christine Crawfis

Visit www.countyplayers.org for more information.

Rhinebeck's Summer Sidewalk Sale happening Aug. 16-18

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce and EnjoyRhinebeck will present the Rhinebeck Summer Sidewalk Sale from Friday, Aug. 16, to Sunday, Aug. 18. This event offers a shopping experience with great deals and a lively summertime atmosphere. Local shops will extend their storefronts onto the sidewalks, showcasing a wide range of sale items both outside and inside. Several Rhinebeck eateries will also offer special treats and menu specials.

Nancy Sheehan, Executive Director of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce suggests, "Be sure to visit The Rhinebeck Chamber Facebook or EnjoyRhinebeck Facebook page to see all the businesses participating in our Sidewalk Sale. We're adding to the list every day, so check often!"

"Visitors can discover hidden treasures and enjoy the unique experience of over 70 independent shops and restaurants in our charming village," says Samantha Schriber, owner of Pause Dog Boutique. "With stores ranging like mine featuring

quality pet products to home décor to locally crafted jewelry, women's resort wear and men's sportswear to kids' back-to-school fashions, and award-winning restaurants, Rhinebeck has something special for everyone."

Adding to the festivities, "Music on Market" will feature live performances throughout the weekend: The Steven Michael Pague Trio on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Erin Hobson on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Bob & The Boys on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sheehan said, "We are grateful for the businesses who sponsor Music on Market: Dave's Tree Service, Williams Lumber, Wineracks.com, Birch Hill Wealth Advisors, Foster's Coach House, Ruge's Automotive, and Rhinebeck Bank."

Mark your calendars for this unique event to shop, dine, and experience the vibrant culture of Rhinebeck. For more information, visit [Rhinebeck Chamber.com](http://RhinebeckChamber.com) or contact Nancy Sheehan at (845) 876-5904 or info@rhinebeckchamber.org.

Upcoming auditions at The Center

"One Night with Albee: The Zoo Story & The American Dream"

A CENTER Black Box Show

Saturday, 8/10, 1 p.m.

Sunday, 8/11, 7 p.m.

Monday, 8/12, 7 p.m. callbacks

CENTERstage Productions announces open auditions for the Black Box production of the dramatic one-act plays, "The Zoo Story" and "The American Dream," written by American playwright Edward Albee. Directed by Jeremy Ratel.

Location: Black Box, The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck

Performance Dates: Friday, Oct. 4 & Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 6, 3 p.m.

Seeking: Four men ages 25-50, two women ages 20-40, one woman age 50-80.

We strongly encourage women, persons of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals to audition. We are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of our work.

Prepare / Bring: - Monologues and sides will be provided for you.

Questions: Contact Director Jeremy Ratel at jarhead9795@aol.com

"Rip Van Winkle: an Interactive Touring Production"

Sunday, 8/11, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, 8/13, 5 p.m.

Monday, 8/19, 5 p.m. callbacks

The CENTER Players on Tour announces open auditions for the interactive touring show "Rip Van Winkle," adapted by Lou Trapani and Babette Fasolino, inspired by the original Washington Irving story.

Director: Morgan McKinley

Location: The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck

Rehearsals: Mostly on weekends or weekdays after 7 p.m.

Performance Dates: May begin in November 2024. Most will be during the school day, though occasionally we will do a Saturday morning show at The CENTER

Seeking: Seeking versatile actors 18+ with background in physical comedy, dance, and/or movement. Cast must be available during weekday school hours and be able to assist with lifting and moving during load and strike of touring shows. Cast must submit to a pre-employment background check. Cast will

receive a stipend for rehearsals as well as a stipend per performance.

We strongly encourage women, persons of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals to audition. We are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of our work.

Prepare / Bring: An acting resume. Your personal calendar- please be prepared to list all conflicts. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Be prepared to present a memorized 1-2 minute story.

Digital submission: If you are unable to attend either audition date, you are welcome to submit an audition digitally. Anyone invited to the callback must attend in person.

Questions: Contact Morgan at morgan.teachingartist@gmail.com

"Spring Awakening"

Saturday, 8/17, 1 p.m.

Sunday, 8/18, 7 p.m.

Auditionees need only attend one of the above dates

CALLBACKS: Monday, 8/19, 7 p.m. (by invitation only)

PREPARE: (a) 16 - 32 measures of a song from the show or in the style of the show. Bring your sheet music for the piano accompanist or recorded tracks.

(b) prepare a monologue from our Audition Packet that best suits the character you wish to play.

AUDITION PACKET LINK - see www.centerforperformingarts.org

PLACE: The Center for Performing Arts, Rhinebeck (downstairs), 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck

PERFORMANCE DATES: November 8 - 24, 2024, Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., for a total of 9 performances.

SEEKING: Actors, singers, and dancers, 18+ years of age. All ethnicities, gender expressions, cultural heritage / background and body types are encouraged to audition. Women, persons of color, and LGBTQ+ individuals are strongly encouraged to audition. We are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of our work.

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COLLEGE NOTES

OLD WESTBURY, NY - New York Institute of Technology congratulates the students named to the Presidential Honor List for the spring 2024 semester, including Jonathan Gomez of Amenia and Nicole Ziminski of Red Hook.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Miranda Kayla Gendron of Clinton Corners graduated Cum Laude from Western New England University with a BSBA in Marketing. The undergraduate ceremony was held on Sunday, May 19, at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University (WNE) announced that Miranda Gendron of Clinton Corners

was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Gendron recently graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Marketing.

ELMIRA, NY - Elmira College recently announced this year's recipients of its annual Key Award. This year's award was given to 831 students in 17 states. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

Students included Shea Gallagher of Rhinebeck, Riona Hack of Rhinebeck, and Riley Dobbins of Hyde Park.

Recipients receive an \$88,000 scholarship over a four-year period, \$22,000 per

year, upon enrolling at Elmira College.

NEWARK, DE - The following students have been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester: Adam Wert of Red Hook, Emma Rasco of Hyde Park, Ella Babcock

of Staatsburg, and Amanda Cimillo of Pleasant Valley.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.



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OBITUARIES

William Budai

SALT POINT - William "Bill" Budai, 80, passed away most peacefully on Monday, July 29, 2024, at home, in Salt Point, NY.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY, on April 2, 1944, he was the son of the late Michael and Geraldine Budai. He spent his entire life in Mid-Hudson Valley; his wife Susan Budai grew up there as well, and together they raised their family.

Many in the area knew Bill for his skills as a Master Mason. He was the long time owner of B&D Mason Corp. Bill built hundreds of homes and buildings in Hudson Valley. He mostly worked alone and was respected in the masonry community, his peers gave him the nickname "The Legend" which he truly is to this day.

Community was always part of Bills' life. He was an honorary member of the Salt Point Firehouse and an avid supporter of Heart of the Catskills. Bill also had a passion for less fortunate children by supporting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Shriners Hospital for Children. Bill was a man of great wisdom, but few words...except during breakfast hour at the diner in Pleasant Valley, where he and Susan were regulars, catching up on the local happenings.

Bill fought mightily against his diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. Susan and Bill explored and tried every available remedy to battle Parkinson's.

Bill rarely sat idle...be it spending time working around the family farm "Brookside" in Delhi, NY, maintaining various rental properties, playing with the family dogs, or just poking around his own yard, he was always active. When not working, Bill, Susan and the family spent time in Aruba. Family was

always paramount to him. From helping with home improvements to attending grandchildren's ball games, he was always there.

Surviving are his loving wife Susan; son Michael Budai and wife Jamie; daughter Lori Budai; daughter Billie Joanne West and partner Robert West; grandchildren Brandon and Sierra West, Michael and Austin Budai; great granddaughter Rudi Lou Budai; and faithful companions Tuxedo and Camber.

In accordance with Bill's wishes, there will be no visitation or memorial service. Private burial of his cremated remains will be at the convenience of the family. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to: Heart of the Catskills, 46610 State Hwy 10, Delhi, New York 13753 or online at:

<https://www.heartofthecatskills.org>.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Peter W. Dowley

STAATSBURG - Peter W. Dowley, of Staatsburg, NY, for 54 years, passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at the age of 83. Peter was a college graduate, a family man, an IBMer, an adventurer, a military man, an adult scouter, and a community organizer.

Relatives and friends called on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

The family asks in lieu of flowers to please consider making a donation to the Staatsburg Library (www.staatsburglibrary.org) or to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) scholarship fund (check: Mid-Hudson Chapter, MOAA, mailed to Capt.

Bernie Fountain, 12 Meier Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603.

Jay Michael Miller

DOVER PLAINS - Jay Michael Miller, 54, a lifelong resident of Dover Plains, NY, died peacefully on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at home with his wife by his side after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Miller was a professional truck driver for 27 years working for several companies and retired from NFI in Newburgh, NY.

Born on May 19, 1970 in Rota, Spain, he was the son of Linda Way Miller of Wingdale, NY and the late Jake Miller, Jr. On August 1, 1997 in Dover Plains, NY, he married Jacqueline Baker who survives at home. Jay enjoyed performing and listening to music but the things he cherished most in life were his family and his wife's fur babies. Jackie and Dillon were the center of his universe.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is also survived by his sister, Kristi Miller of Wingdale.

Besides his father, he was predeceased by his son, Dillon Michael Miller who was his world.

There will be no calling hours. Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at South Dover Rural Cemetery, Route 55 in Wingdale, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org>.

Virginia Noll

MARLBORO - Virginia Noll passed away on July 24, 2024 peacefully at home. She was 98 years old. Virginia was born May 25, 1926 in Poughkeepsie, New York. She is the daughter of Leslie Craig and Nora Ryan.

Virginia was a secretary at the Dutchess County Department of Health, where she retired from. As a teenager, she was a member of the Smiles club along with her sisters. As an adult, she was a member of the Leisuretime Dancers.

Survivors include her son Richard Eylers of Poughkeepsie, her daughter Elaine Booth (Doug Fleischauer) of Milton, her daughter Sherry Fanelli of Poughkeepsie, her daughter Susan Marshall (Wayne Marshall) of Lagrange, stepdaughter Valarie Losey (Harrison) of Hyde Park, her stepdaughter Bethany Skovan (Tom) of Tuscon, her grandson Travis Booth of Newburgh, her granddaughter Melanie Booth of Poughkeepsie, and great granddaughter Emily Holding of Poughkeepsie, and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Donald Noll, her son Jeffrey Eylers, her sister Shirley Enkler, her sister Madeline Libolt, her brother James Craig, and her sister "Little Betty".

Will be remembered for her endless dedication to her family. She was always up for a good party and time with loved ones. Lover of dancing, reading, and animals. We will always cherish her sense of humor and stories of her life. Thanks to Marlboro First Responders, Hudson Valley Hospice, Northern Dutchess Hospital, and Maggie Debella. Whether she met you once or several times, she loved you all.

Memorial service was held on August 3, 2024.

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Answers to this week's diversions

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GOLDEN LIVING

GROW YOUR BRAINPOWER WITH OFA VOLUNTEERING

You may have heard of the legendary navigation skills of “black cab” taxi drivers in London, England. To get an operator’s license, cabbies must pass a test known as “the knowledge.” They’re grilled on the entire city map within 6 miles of central London, and the shortest ways to get from one point to another within the city, without the help of navigation aids. “The knowledge” covers 25,000 streets and 20,000 landmarks. That’s all the restaurants, all the hotels, pubs, pharmacies, florists, tailors, cemeteries, laundromats, plenty of work zones ... everything. Neuroscientists have studied London cabbies’ brains and found that while cabbies have rarely pursued higher education, their brains grow as they learn their way around the city, regardless of age, whether they were born and raised in London or emigrated from the other side of the world.

In other words, older brains can learn new tricks.

LIKE LIAM NEESON, YOU HAVE A VERY PARTICULAR SET OF SKILLS

If you can navigate the back roads of Dutchess County without Google Maps; if you’ve found the perfect way to load your dishwasher; if you’ve planned your garden so that it looks its best without being too appetizing to the local deer, you’ve got the kind of brain OFA needs. You’d be an excellent candidate to help your fellow older adults navigate the complexities of Medicare, through the Office for the Aging’s non-sales-oriented Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).

Have you ever seen one of those celebrity-driven Medicare ads on TV and

wondered “wait – what on earth does Joe Namath know about Medicare?”

Congratulations: You’re in the right frame of mind to become a volunteer HIICAP counselor.

HIICAP counselors are continually trained on the OFA version of “the knowledge”: the changing aspects of Medicare, along with the programs that work together with Medicare. It can seem challenging at first, but it’s worth it once your first HIICAP client walks out the door, relieved to know they had the opportunity to make the best possible decision for their health insurance needs going into 2025. In addition to helping Dutchess County’s older adults get their insurance needs sorted, your ongoing HIICAP training also has the potential to keep you mentally flexible as you age, just like those London cabbies.

If you’re on the fence about becoming a HIICAP volunteer, consider this alternative: HIICAP can also use your skills in clerical assistance. We work with hundreds of HIICAP clients every open enrollment season, and as we enter Medicare’s busiest season your organizational skills will come in handy.

You can read about the full slate of OFA volunteering options at www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, which includes a printable volunteering form. You can also reach out to us using the contact information below.

‘MEDICARE 101’ AT ADRIANCE LIBRARY (Thu 8/8)

Turning 65 and attempting to navigate the Medicare world? Our upcoming “Medicare 101” presentation on Thursday, August 8th at Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie (93 Market St.) provides enrollment information for those new to Medicare and strug-

gling to pick a plan.

You’ll receive hands-on training, using the Medicare website to find information about Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This free, in-person class at the library’s Marcotte Computer Lab (main floor) is led by volunteers and staff from our Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP). Space is limited and registration is required; call the Library at 845-485-3445 x3380 to reserve your spot.

There will be many more Medicare 101 classes as we move into Open Enrollment season in the fall.

UPCOMING ‘FRIENDLY CALLS’ ORIENTATIONS

If you’d like to learn more about the Friendly Calls program where volunteers are connected with older adults in Dutchess County who are at risk of social isolation, you can use this link: www.dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls, AND you can sign up as a volunteer to take part in one of the upcoming Friendly Calls orientations here at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie (114 Delafield St.):

Tuesday, August 13th – 10:00 am

Monday, August 19th – 3:00 pm

For details, contact OFA Friendly Calls Outreach Coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov or call OFA at 845-486-2555.

‘REBUILDING TOGETHER’ APPLICATION WINDOW OPEN THRU SEPTEMBER 30

Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley (RTHV, formerly Rebuilding Together Dutchess County) is accepting applications for their Rebuilding Day home repair and accessibility modification program. These services are provided at no-cost to qualified homeowners and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in safe, warm, dry, and healthy homes. The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2025 Rebuilding Day program is September 30th, 2024. Qualified Dutchess and Ulster County homeowners are encouraged to apply.

Typical repairs can include replacing a roof, windows, addressing electrical or plumbing issues, fixing a porch, installing a ramp, bathroom accessibility modifications, and much more. These repairs help to ensure that homeowners can now remain in their home. To request an application or inquire about RTHV programs please call the RTHV office at 845-454-7310. The application and further details can also be found at RebuildingTogetherHV.org.

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