

Music and family fun highlight Red Hook's Hardscrabble Day



Musical entertainment is on tap for Red Hook's Hardscrabble Day. Main Stage performers include (clockwise, from top left) Lara Hope and the Ark-Tones, Yard Sale, Eric Taylour & The Upstate, and Phat Inc. Courtesy photos

By Kate Goldsmith

With autumn in the air, the Village of Red Hook prepares for its annual Hardscrabble Day, a community celebration featuring entertainment, family activities, food trucks and more. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in the center of the Village.

The area encompassing the "four corners" was once known as the "Hardscrabble," a word suggesting poor soil and tough work, according to the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS).

"No one is quite sure why it was first called Hardscrabble in the late 1700s ... Perhaps this is why the term went to quickly and completely out of use in the early 1800s," according to the DCHS website's history of the area. "A letter to the editor in the July 22, 1859 Red Hook Weekly Journal scolds the paper for not mentioning the original name of Hardscrabble in a recent historic profile, but then acknowledges, 'Why this harsh name was applied to our beautiful village I have been unable to ascertain from tradition or historical sources.' So the origin

of the story was lost by 1859." Today, "Hardscrabble" is used proudly in reference to the grit and determination of those early settlers, and to the strength of the community today.

"I'm very excited about this year's Hardscrabble Day! It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate our community," said Mayor Karen Smythe. "We have a great lineup of musical entertainment all afternoon into the evening."

Smythe added, "And this year, from 10 a.m. to noon, will be 'Kid Village,' where everyone can have fun and learn a little about what the Village government does. Have you seen our new garbage truck? Our new all Electric Police car?"

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Pictured at the new playground area at the Stanford Recreation Park are, from left, Playground Build Coordinators Julia Descoteaux and Lauren Osterman, Stanford Grange Master/President Jan Brooks, Stanford Grange Secretary Ryan Orton and Playground Build Coordinator Lorelei Christensen. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

'Let's Play' – Old-fashioned games, new park top Stanford Community Day

The 66th Annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, September 14 will celebrate the building of the new playground at the Stanford Recreation Park with the theme of "Let's Play!"

"It's very nostalgic," said Stanford Grange Secretary and Community Day Chairman Ryan Orton. "I grew up going to the original SPARC Park, and it was awesome to see the community come together to rebuild it this spring. This is what truly makes Stanford a great place!"

All events for the 66th Annual Stanford Community Day will take place

outdoors at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, and surrounding Town of Stanford Recreation Property.

A new feature in collaboration with the theme of "Let's Play" is a collection of old-fashioned games that will be played throughout the day. Winners will receive ribbons and huge bragging rights. Games include a balloon blowing contest, pop the balloon relay, sack race, three-legged race, nail driving contest, pie eating contest, and bucket brigade. These games

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Playoff-bound Renegades have remarkable turnaround

By Rich Thomaselli

Perhaps the most telling thing about the Hudson Valley Renegades is that they were genuinely happy.

For each other.

After missing out on the postseason in the first half of the year, the Renegades won the second half North Division title of the South Atlantic League. They were scheduled to open the semifinals of the playoffs on Tuesday, September 10, at home against Greensboro. The best of three series then shifts to Greensboro on Thursday, September 12, and, if necessary, Friday, September 13.

The winner will play for the league title next week.

"Nobody is prouder of the patience and resilience these boys have shown," manager Nick Ortiz said.

Indeed, it was a remarkable turnaround for a franchise that, at one point had won 29 of 37 games. And this was despite the ever-changing team chemistry as Hudson Valley endured more than 30 roster moves during the year from the parent club New York Yankees.

"I thought the Yankees did a great job of balancing their player evaluation needs and still keeping us competitive," general manager Zach Betkowski said.

Hudson Valley has received terrific pitching throughout this season, most notably from Trent Sellers and Baron

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Happy Hudson Valley Renegades manager Nick Ortiz is pictured with Josh Moylan. Photo by Dave Janosz

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Red Hook School District sets capital projects vote for Oct. 22

The Red Hook Central School District will hold a special referendum vote in October to determine the future of capital improvement projects in and around each school building.

The three propositions put before voters will include two athletic field renovation projects.

The vote will be held noon - 9 p.m. Oct. 22 at the high school's Performing Arts Center atrium, though absentee, military and early mail-in ballots will also be accepted.

The newly created propositions include projects that were part of an all-encompassing proposition declined by voters in May. Those projects are split into two propositions for the October ballot, with additional verbiage stipulating a proposed artificial turf multipurpose field can only be constructed using materials that are recyclable and do not include intentionally added forever chemicals. A third proposal introduces a new grass field restoration project on separate field space from where the turf would be installed.

Most of the projects are intended to increase the safety of district facilities, including those including the athletic facilities, which are used as educational spaces and are out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The two field proposals are not dependent on each other and voters can opt to approve both, neither or either of them separately. Under state regulations, both are dependent on voters approving Proposition No. 1.

Aid from New York State would cover 64.4% of the interior improvements covered in Proposition No. 1, and up to 64.4% of the exterior projects.

The Board of Education approved the propositions at its meeting Tuesday. Here's what to know.

What's in Proposition 1?

The proposal includes replacement of the high school's gymnasium bleachers and wall padding, and renovation of its floor; new LED lighting for Red Hook High School and Mill Road Elementary School; expanding and upgrading the air conditioning at Mill Road; bolstering the boiler system at Linden Avenue Middle School; expanding ease of access to the lockdown system in each school; repairs to the four front columns of the Linden Avenue building.

The proposition would cost roughly \$7.835 million, of which taxpayers would be responsible for \$2.79 million.

The lighting upgrades are projected to save \$30,486 annually at the middle school and \$22,349 at the high school, with the savings projected to pay for the cost of the upgrades in six and eight years, respectively.

What's in Proposition 2?

The proposal calls for the renovation of the main athletic field between the high and middle schools to create a multipurpose artificial turf space, which would include new lighting installation, a resurfacing of its track and repairs to perimeter fencing.

The proposition requires the field to be constructed "with recyclable materials"

and "without the use of intentionally added PFAS."

Previous propositions asking voters to approve an artificial turf field project did not include language promising the inclusion of such environmentally friendly materials, but advancements in the turf technology and increased awareness around the industry have made it possible for the district to do so.

The proposition would cost roughly \$7.67 million, of which taxpayers would be responsible for \$2.73 million.

What's in Proposition 3?

The proposal would allow for the renovation of field space other than the main athletic field using natural grass.

The project, which would encompass approximately two of the five other athletic fields shared by the high and middle schools, includes the installation of

drainage strategies meant to eliminate flooding issues.

The proposition would cost roughly \$5.475 million, of which taxpayers would be responsible for approximately \$1.95 million with the maximum application of state aid.

Any registered voter who resides within the boundaries of the school district can vote. Anyone who is not registered to vote can do so up until Oct. 15.

Anyone interested in obtaining an absentee, military or early mail-in ballot can request from the Office of the School District Clerk by Oct. 15 if it is to be mailed or by Oct. 21 if the ballot is being received by the voter in person. All absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. Oct. 22.

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Musical highlights

The music starts at 1 p.m. with TeenScrabble, featuring music from the Red Hook Community Music Space (including Chocolate Jam, the resident funk ensemble) and the Rhinebeck School of Music. The Main Stage opens at 4:45 p.m., and the evening's acts begin at 5:30 p.m. with Phat Inc. from Bard College, performing jazz-funk-rock fusion.

Miles Tylour & The Upstate take the stage at 6:15 p.m. Tylour is a seasoned musician who began his musical journey at the age of 10, honing his skills in rock and blues guitar. Hailing from the Hudson Valley, Miles has been an integral part of the region's music scene, performing in numerous bands over the years. His latest solo work, "Dreaming," blends elements of '90s rock, country, and jazz into a sound that is both nostalgic and forward-thinking. Whether performing solo or with his band, The Upstate, Tylour's music resonates with listeners through its raw authenticity, blending heartache, hope, and reflection into a truly unforgettable musical experience.

Roots experimentalists Yard Sale perform at 7:30 p.m. Yard Sale evokes the tradition of The Band, Neil Young, Dr. Dog, and The Avett Brothers with their fluent playing and rough-hewn, uncorrected vocal virtuosity that often transcends folk, approaching the sophistication of casual chamber music, but always in the service of sturdy, eccentric and emotionally stirring songs. Like the best of today's smart indie Americana artists, Yard Sales plays freely with American myth, haunted spirits, and weird old styles but does so in a way that is less studied, less groomed, and more stylistically inclusive than many of their steadfastly retro peers.

This year's Hardscrabble headliners, Lara Hope & The Ark-Tones, take the stage at 8:45 p.m. Winner of an Ameripolitan Music Award, and named the "Best Up-And-Coming Band" by New York's Hudson Valley Magazine, Lara Hope & the Ark-Tones are one of the Northeast's premier roots rock 'n' roll outfit. The Ark-Tones have spent much of the past decade on the road, both in Europe and in the U.S., and have had the pleasure of touring with some of their

musical heroes, including a national tour with The Brian Setzer Orchestra, and regional tours with The Blasters, and the Reverend Horton Heat. The band has also had the privilege of supporting some of their favorite artists, including Joan Jett, Tiger Army, Gary US Bonds, and America, and has performed at a variety of national festivals.

Describing their sound, Hope explained, "I would say we are a new take on an old sound. It's been described as 'pan-americana,' which means we use many areas of early rock and roots music as a creative launchpad. Where it goes from there is anyone's guess, because while we appreciate old music, we don't want to write songs that have already been written."

History and more

History and fun collide at Hardscrabble, when Historic Red Hook launches the fourth annual Cemetery Crawl from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its table in front of Annabelle's Bakery (7501 North Broadway). Join them for crafts and make sure to get a stamp for bonus points on your scavenger hunt. The Crawl will conclude with an award ceremony on Oct. 27 at the Elmdorph Inn at 3 P.M. Everyone who participates will get a prize, and a chance to win one of four grand prize baskets. Visit www.historicredhook.org for more information.

The Red Hook Library will give away Library T-shirts and tote bags from their newly launched Friends Group, who will also be giving away free books. At 11:30 a.m., pull up a chair as the Library finishes off its 2024 Music on the Porch series with Maggie Rothwell and Roger & Lenny. La Voz and the Tivoli Free Library will be on the Front Lawn, as well.

Hardscrabble will also feature local craft cideries and breweries in the Cider Tent, and cuisine from food trucks. Visit www.hardscrabbleday.org for more information.

Mayor Smythe thanked the volunteers who make Hardscrabble an event for all to enjoy.

"We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who have put this event together year after year," she said. "And my weather forecast is predicting a gorgeous day!"

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Civic Booths from many Town Organizations will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Stanford Business Association is organizing the 8th Car Meet on the Recreation Fields behind the Grange Hall – this is always a huge hit with young and old alike.

Jackie the Magician will return to perform near the Grange Flag Pole at 10 a.m. Music by Not Donut Records will be played at the Grandstand from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and a Bounce House, sponsored by the Stanford Business Association, will be on the Rec Fields from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Grandstand Program at noon will feature music by the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus as well as the presentation of the 2024 Community Citizen Award to a deserving Stanford resident.

The evening program will feature a Community Square Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Sandy Corey as the caller. The event promises great fun for the entire family. Sandy will teach the dances and the calls for those who aren't familiar with square dancing. The Grange will host a free ice cream social during the Square Dance at the pavilion.

A returning feature for this year's Community Day is the Dessert Contest sponsored by Taconic Distillery. This year, the Dessert Contest is a Fruit Pie. Town residents are invited to bake a homemade fruit pie – it can be a single type of fruit or a mixed fruit pie. No mixes or prepared fillings may be used; it must be made from scratch. Include a list of ingredients, and note your name, address,

phone number, and e-mail address on an index card or on your recipe. There will be two categories and two winners: Age 21+ and Under Age 21. Entries are due to the Stanford Grange Hall (upstairs in the meeting room) by 10 a.m. on Community Day – Saturday, September 14. Judging will take place at 11 a.m. on Community Day, and the winner will be announced during the Grandstand Program at noon. All entries will be served at the Stanford Grange Snack Bar on the afternoon of Community Day after the winners are announced for a donation to the Kemmerer Centennial Farm, which recently suffered a devastating fire. All donations will help them continue to rebuild.

Other activities include the Lloyd Woodcock & Ken Straley Memorial Chicken Barbecue at 1 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Orton at (845) 868-7869. Chicken Barbecue Dinners are \$17 each, and pick up will be behind the Grange Hall by the Food Pantry. The Grange Snack Bar will offer breakfast sandwiches in the morning, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and drinks.

Free apples will be given out by the United Church of Christ, and the Bulls Head – Oswego Quakers will have their famous homemade oatmeal cookies free of charge.

The Lions Club will sell popcorn, hold a raffle, and have a display of the entries in their Peace Poster Contest made by local children at the Rec this summer.

The Historical Society will have information on Wreathes Across America, Veterans Banners, and have displays on the history of Dutchess County's Fire Companies and World War I. The Town Historian will have information on the beginning stages of the Town's 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, which will be the theme of Community Day in 2026.



Members of the Town of Stanford Fire Department and additional community volunteers have lined up flags in Remembrance of 9-11-2001 on the Town Hall Hill for the fifth consecutive year. The effort was led by Evelyn Seipp and the mission of the committee is to remember that day and honor those we lost. The display, which will include light beams into the sky at night, will be up through Sept. 14. *Courtesy photo*

The Stanford Garden Club will have their Annual Fall Bulb & Mum Sale, and the Stanford Free Library will face painting and raffles.

The Recreation Department will have information on the ever-popular Haunted Fortress and the Recreation Fundraising Campaign's next steps for their Master Plan.

Kids will also be able to vote for their favorite piece of equipment at the new playground.

Nature will be represented with the Stanford Conservation Advisory Commission.

The Stissing Theatre Guild and Pine


Plains FFA will represent the Pine Plains Central School District along with the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus.

The Stanford Fire Company will have a Fire Truck at the Grange Hall and animals will be featured with pet adoptions by Animal Farm Foundation.

Foxtrot Flowers will have floral bouquets, and the Grace Smith House will be present with information on their services for domestic violence.


At the Stanford Town Hall, the Stanford Fire Company will have the Annual 9/11 Memorial placed on Town Hall Hill.

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	Hudson Valley NYY	#	40	26	.606	-	8-2 W1
	Greensboro PIT	*	36	29	.554	3.5	6-4 W5
	Jersey Shore PHI		36	30	.545	4.0	5-5 L1
	Aberdeen BAL		33	33	.500	7.0	4-6 W1
	Brooklyn NYM		32	34	.485	8.0	6-4 W1
	Wilmington WSH		26	40	.394	14.0	4-6 L1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB	#	39	24	.619	-	4-6 L5
	Greenville BOS		37	29	.561	3.5	4-6 W3
	Hickory TEX		34	32	.515	6.5	4-6 L1
	Winston-Salem CWS		29	37	.439	11.5	5-5 L3
	Rome ATL	*	28	36	.438	11.5	7-3 W1
	Asheville HOU		23	43	.348	17.5	3-7 L1



RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

Walk-off victories and help from the new guys

Some items from the notebook.

• **RECORD:** Heading into the weekend and the final three games of the series against Asheville, Hudson Valley had 71 total victories, which matched the 2021 and 2022 teams.

• **ROSTER MOVES:** The New York Yankees have announced the following roster moves affecting the Hudson Valley Renegades – infielder Brenny Escanio was placed on the Injured List and catcher Edison Vivas was activated.

• **THE NEW GUYS:** Over the last month, new additions to the Renegades have provided a major spark offensively. Jackson Castillo has

been stellar in his month with the Renegades. In his first at-bat on Thursday, Castillo provided a walk-off single in the 10th inning to complete a four-run comeback. Castillo was 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI on Sunday. He is hitting .309 in High-A and has 19 RBIs in 20 games with the Renegades. In his first 14 High-A games, Brendan Jones has been on base 23 times. Jones hit a grand slam last Thursday night, driving in five runs. He has two long balls, 12 walks and 10 stolen bases already in High-A. Coby Morales has 15 hits in his first 14 games with the Renegades and has eight RBIs and nine runs scored.

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Stuart. In addition, the hitting has been timely led by star-in-the-making Roc Riggio – the Renegades set a franchise record with 18 walk-off wins this season.

“That’s why we never feel like we are out of a game,” Sellers said. “We feel like that somebody is going to come up with the clutch hit. As a

pitcher, that’s a great feeling to have.” This is the sixth time in the last eight seasons that Hudson Valley has made the postseason. “With the constant roster changes and the main mission of player development, you just don’t see that kind of consistency,” Ortiz said.

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1 OmarMartinezC	HV	104	349	53	83	15	2	13	41	73	101	3	0	0.238
1 JaredSernaSS	HV	88	340	51	86	26	0	13	58	40	60	11	8	0.253
3 GarrettMartinRF	HV	87	287	50	62	17	3	12	43	34	97	17	2	0.216
4 RocRiggio2B	HV	106	398	70	88	27	5	11	47	71	97	27	6	0.221
5 JaceAvinaCF	HV	92	351	44	86	24	0	10	49	32	108	4	1	0.245
6 JoshMoylan1B	HV	101	341	52	84	18	2	8	42	55	102	3	3	0.246
7 RafaelFlores1B	HV	57	193	27	55	17	0	6	35	38	55	2	1	0.285
7 KikoRomero3B	HV	72	207	27	43	12	1	6	21	40	79	9	1	0.208
9 AntonioGomezC	HV	47	160	29	38	14	1	5	20	17	51	2	0	0.238
9 JesusRodriguezC	HV	56	211	39	70	14	4	5	33	29	30	7	3	0.332
11 ChristopherFamiliaLF	HV	34	115	15	21	5	0	3	17	10	40	0	0	0.183
12 JacksonCastilloCF	HV	21	70	11	22	4	2	2	20	8	15	5	1	0.314
12 DylanJasso3B	HV	27	97	14	25	8	1	2	13	10	25	0	0	0.258
12 BrendanJonesCF	HV	15	47	9	11	2	0	2	10	16	13	13	0	0.234
15 KyleBattieLF	HV	21	46	14	8	1	1	1	5	9	23	5	0	0.174
15 TylerHardmanDH	HV	16	59	8	14	3	0	1	7	5	26	1	0	0.237
17 BeauBrewer3B	HV	33	92	8	21	6	0	0	10	8	19	0	0	0.228
17 OwenCobb2B	HV	3	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0.182
17 JuanCrispP	HV	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 BrennyEscanio3B	HV	45	118	8	24	8	0	0	12	14	39	8	3	0.203
17 ColeGabrielsonRF	HV	66	191	28	39	12	1	0	18	29	56	12	3	0.204
17 AnthonyHallRF	HV	37	116	11	21	5	1	0	10	17	45	4	0	0.181
17 DJLeMahieu3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286
17 GeorgeLombardSS	HV	29	115	10	26	8	0	0	8	14	26	9	4	0.226
17 NelsonMedinaCF	HV	50	156	13	18	3	1	0	14	14	74	8	0	0.115
17 CobyMoralesDH	HV	15	49	9	14	2	0	0	8	10	16	3	1	0.286
17 OscarSilvenioX	HV	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
17 AlexanderVargasSS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.236
17 EdisonVivasX	HV	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0.4
17 JorbitVivas2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0.313

Pitcher Statistics														
PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER
1 CamSchiltlerP	HV	6	4	2.6	17	17	0	0	0	0	86.2	60	34	25
2 BaronStuartP	HV	8	5	3.63	22	22	0	0	0	0	109	98	49	44
3 TrentSellersP	HV	6	3	2.09	31	9	0	0	1	4	82	42	27	19
4 KyleCarrP	HV	1	8	4.76	24	24	0	0	0	0	104	97	70	55
5 SebastianKeaneP	HV	6	7	4.61	26	15	0	0	1	1	82	73	45	42
6 MattKeatingP	HV	5	4	3.89	40	0	0	0	4	5	69.1	45	33	30
7 JoelValdezP	HV	2	2	3.41	36	0	0	0	4	6	58	42	26	22
8 BenShieldsP	HV	3	2	2.75	14	7	0	0	0	1	52.1	35	19	16
9 ColeAyersP	HV	3	4	3.09	36	0	0	0	3	7	55.1	47	23	19
10 MasonVinyardP	HV	6	2	3.26	33	0	0	0	2	4	47	35	23	17
11 HuestonMorrillP	HV	3	3	3.59	36	0	0	0	3	4	47.2	44	26	19
12 JacksonFristoeP	HV	1	3	3.79	12	12	0	0	0	0	38	27	18	16
13 LuisArenjulaP	HV	3	4	2.9	23	0	0	0	1	4	40.1	33	18	13
14 BlaneAbeytalP	HV	3	2	2.23	14	7	0	0	0	0	44.1	38	18	11
15 YorlinCalderonP	HV	2	0	2.31	16	0	0	0	3	4	23.1	20	7	6
15 JoshGroszP	HV	4	2	2.77	7	7	0	0	0	0	39	22	14	12
17 HarrisonCohenP	HV	3	0	0.93	12	0	0	0	0	1	19.1	10	3	2
17 BrianHendryP	HV	1	0	0.48	7	7	0	0	0	0	18.2	8	3	1
19 KellyAustinP	HV	3	0	1.29	10	0	0	0	0	0	14	10	2	2
19 ThomasBalboniP	HV	0	1	7.2	11	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	8	8
21 EricReyzelmanP	HV	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	2	0	0
22 IndigoDiazP	HV	0	0	2.38	11	1	0	0	0	0	11.1	5	4	3
22 LeonardoPestanaP	HV	1	0	1.86	6	0	0	0	1	9.2	1	2	2	0
24 GeoffreyGibbertP	HV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	7	1	0	0
25 SeanBoyleP	HV	1	0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	1
25 StevenFulgencioP	HV	1	1	4.15	8	0	0	0	0	1	8.2	7	7	4
25 OceanGaboniaP	HV	0	0	2.89	7	0	0	0	1	1	9.1	8	3	3
25 CadeSmithP	HV	0	1	5.63	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	4	5	5
29 McKinleyMooreP	HV	0	0	7.36	4	0	0	0	1	1	3.2	3	3	3
30 JuanCrispC	HV	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	4
31 BryceWarreckerP	HV	0	0	3.86	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.1	3	1	1





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

2nd-half champion Renegades head to playoffs vs. Greensboro

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades are going to the playoffs.

The area's minor league baseball team, the High Class A farm club of the New York Yankees, clinched the second half North Division title of the South Atlantic League with a 3-0 victory over Asheville last Wednesday.

Combined with a loss by Aberdeen, it was enough to give the Renegades the title.

The Renegades jumped in front 1-0 in the first. George Lombard drew a one-out walk and Josh Moylan lined an RBI double to center in the ensuing at-bat to bring in Lombard. That was all Hudson Valley needed. Trent Sellers continued his outstanding stretch of pitching. The right-hander allowed just two hits in 3.2 scoreless innings while striking out a career-high eight batters. Since June 25, Sellers has allowed just two earned runs in 46.2 frames, good for a 0.38 ERA.

Hudson Valley won the series opener

on Tuesday with a 4-3 victory and, in what turned out to be a meaningless game, captured a 5-4 win on Thursday after trailing 4-0.

The team won again on Friday night, 5-0, for their 18th shutout victory of the year, the most in minor league baseball.

An 11-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday night with an 8-4 loss. After a one hour, 27-minute rain delay before the game, Asheville struck quickly against Baron Stuart. Anthony Huevo and Walker Janek both reached to put runners at first and second. Justin Trimble knocked in Huevo with an RBI single, and Janek scored on a single by Corey Morton. Trimble later scored on an error to make it 3-0 Asheville. Following his struggles in the first, Stuart (8-5) dominated the Tourists for the rest of his start. The right-hander struck out 12 batters for his career-high in 4.2 frames, his second 10-strikeout game of the season and the most by any Renegades pitcher this season and tied for second-most by a Hudson Valley pitcher all-time, one shy

of Drew Thorpe's team record of 13 set on July 22, 2023 vs. Brooklyn. Of the last 13 batters he faced, 10 of them were punch outs.

On Sunday, the Renegades finished their regular season on a high note at Heritage Financial Park, defeating Asheville their seventh win in their last eight games. Josh Grosz continued his dominant form in his last regular season start. He allowed just one hit and one run in five frames while striking out seven. Grosz (4-2) has struck out five-or-more batters in his last four starts. Since June 28, Grosz has been charged with just nine earned runs in 64 innings, good for a 1.26 ERA.

Hudson Valley took an early lead in the bottom of the first when Brendan Jones walked before stealing second and third and scoring on an Omar Martinez RBI single. After Garrett Martin was hit by a pitch, Jackson Castillo scored Martinez on an RBI hit of his own, and Martin later scored on a Dylan Jasso sacrifice fly to give Hudson Valley a quick 3-0 lead.



Garrett Martin, above, and George Lombard have been two of the key performers for the Renegades heading into the post-season playoffs. Photos by Dave Janosz



GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

The best in player development and excitement of the playoffs

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.

What do you think making the playoffs six times in eight years says about the franchise?

I think it's a testament to organizations both in Tampa Bay and the Yankees that have really prioritized player development. And I think they are both very competitive organizations that prioritize player development and getting them ready for the next level.

Will there be another presenting sponsor this year for the playoffs or are the circumstances too different?

There won't be this year. I think we're just focused on trying to pack the ballpark and put on

a great show. The circumstances are different this year because last year we knew we were guaranteed at least two home games, and we only have the one so far this year.

What excites you the most about the postseason?

I think for us it's the mentality of saying, 'Hey, we're in this thing, so let's go and win the whole darn thing.' We're really excited for the opportunity to compete with three other teams. It's really cool to think that you could be champions of the South Atlantic League. And you're excited to have the players experience all of this at a young age. Even though from a front office standpoint, we don't have a whole lot of interaction with the baseball and of things, but it's a reminder that we all got into this because we all love baseball.



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Tompkins Community Bank expands commercial cash management group



Rijad Karabegovic



Bob Massino

In an expansion of its team and its offerings, Tompkins Community Bank (Tompkins) has appointed Rijad Karabegovic to commercial cash management group leader and Bob Massino to the newly created role of commercial cash management sales manager. The pair will execute strategies that ensure Tompkins' cash management products and services continue to meet clients' evolving needs, while delivering world-class service to this important client base.

Bringing more than 20 years of industry expertise to his new role, Karabegovic will lead Tompkins' commercial cash management group under President of Tompkins Community Bank, John McKenna. Previously, Karabegovic served as manager, commercial deposits, payments and cash management at ESL Federal Credit Union; before that, he worked as a senior vice president at HSBC Bank / HSBC Securities in Rochester, NY. Committed to giving back to his community, Karabegovic is a board member and treasurer for The Monroe

Plan for Medical Care and YourCare Health Plan, two New York-based not-for-profits.

Massino, who will report directly to Karabegovic, will lead the teams' execution of its sales strategies across Tompkins markets. An integral member of Tompkins' team since 2013, Massino has positively established himself in a variety of sales roles, having most recently served as vice president, cash management sales officer. An active member of his community, Massino serves on the board of Pottstown GoFourth! and volunteers with St. Teresa of Calcutta School in various roles.

"The enhancement and growth of our commercial cash management offerings and client base remains a top priority and is an important element of Tompkins' overall growth strategy," said President, Tompkins Community Bank, John McKenna. "I am excited to announce the appointment of Rijad and Bob to their new roles and I am confident they will ensure we meet our objectives for this group."

4-Her's compete at Fair, show appreciation



From top to bottom: 4-H was grateful to be able to express thanks and appreciation for all the Dutchess County Agricultural Society do for youth in our county by presenting members of the Board with the 4-H Community Organization of the Year award. Flourishing Farmers Tommy B, Ora R, and Keyon F of the Stony Ground Club show their poultry alongside other 4-H'ers. Dutchess County 4-H Long Rifles members led the Pledge of Allegiance to kick off the Agricultural Forum held on Thursday morning in the Livestock Pavilion. *Courtesy photos*



OKTOBERFEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RYAN MCELROY FOUNDATION

The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation will hold an Oktoberfest fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 5, from noon to 5 p.m. at Ryan's Barn: 450 Gardner Hollow Road in Poughquag. The organization is a nonprofit 501c3 based out of Pawling. Ryan McElroy passed away from Ewing Sarcoma at 5 years old; his parents created the foundation to help other children living throughout the Hudson Valley suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

There is no admission to this family fun day encompassing fall and everything October. From live music, food, clam chowders, a beer truck and bar for the adults to bouncy houses, pony rides, face painting, magician, cotton candy, and hay rides for the kids. Donations and sponsorships are welcome.

Visit ryansfoundation.org to learn more.

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4-H'ers excel at the Dutchess County Fair

The weather was brilliant but the kids were even better! Approximately 270 4-H members, aged between 5 and 19, helped make the 2024 Dutchess County Fair a special event for visitors.

For those entering projects into the Exhibit Hall, the Fair began on Saturday, August 23rd with Evaluation Day. Our volunteer evaluators were so impressed with arts, crafts and creative writing that 60 items were selected to go on to be exhibited and the NYS Fair. On Sunday the poultry show took place along with judging of club exhibits. Monday saw the majority of animals arrive. In what has become a tradition, an informal but highly competitive Livestock judging contest took place organized by 4-H Program Manager Emma Kron. 40 kids from across all species showed off their knowledge and vied for prizes.

The 4-H Awards Ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding members of our community. Dutchess County Land Conservancy, in partnership with CCEDC, gave out \$2,000 of scholarship checks to 4-H'ers who had written essays on the theme of improving our environment. Volunteer of the Year went to Phyllis Menzenski, a long-time leader and the person who (along with her husband) takes our entries to State Fair. Leader of the Year was unanimously awarded to Pat

Miglio whose unfailing support for the youth has enriched many lives over her nearly 50 years of leadership. Pat's club, LaToggeNubiAlpiSaan won the award for club who does the most community service! Rhinebeck Grange presented a special award to the most outstanding Ag.-based youth which went to Jackson Crisp. Community Organization of the Year went to the Dutchess County Agricultural Society without whom we would not have a Fair. We were proud to present Community Member of the Year to Stephen Van Tassel who leads the Dutchess County Dairy Committee and works tirelessly to support 4-H and agriculture in our county. Tessa Mashburn received the coveted Junior 4-H'er of the Year award with a Shooting Sports member, Kieran Read chosen as Senior 4-H'er for his unfailing good humor and generosity in helping others.

The 2024 Livestock Sale was a huge success with a large and interactive crowd bidding and prices higher than ever. And to wrap things up on Sunday our Showmanship Champions competed for the ultimate honor of becoming Elite Showman won by Juliette Gerstle (rabbits, poultry, meat goats, dogs) and Master Showman (sheep, dairy, beef, hogs, dairy goats) won by Lauryn Menz.

It certainly was a Fair to Remember!



Tessa Mashburn had craft projects selected for the State Fair. She also breeds and shows goats. She was nominated and awarded the title of Junior 4-H'er of the Year! Courtesy photo

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Do not fall for Putin's propaganda; work to stop Russian aggression now

To the Editor:

First and foremost, we would like to thank the Northern Dutchess News and its affiliates for not being indicted for accepting tens of millions of dollars of Russian money for spouting Russian propaganda—unlike Tenet Media—nor for being funded by the scions of Russian oligarchs as was revealed last week about Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter and instead, for simply reporting on what it thinks its readers should know about the area we inhabit and for printing the sincere sentiments from members of that community.

It is mystifying how or why anyone yearning for American greatness should align with Russia - given the obviousness with which Russia and its Axis of Evil allies of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthi rebels, and North Korea are attacking our allies, our National Interests, our democratic values, and the foundations of our society and values which has enabled America to be the country whose shores our ancestors strove to reach.

This is not hyperbole. Russia's war in Ukraine, its devastation of Syria, its open support for Hamas's war on Israel, its mercenary-led take-over of African countries, its sabotage of infrastructure in Europe, weaponization of migrants, and now hijacking of an American media organization where millions of our countrymen and women sought information are all examples of how Russia remains the Evil Empire Ronald Reagan knew it to be.

The choice for anyone yearning for American greatness is obvious. Support those who are fighting for our best interests against Russian aggression, starting with Ukraine. It has been and remains crystal clear that Ukrainian victory is the best opportunity we have to dramatically reduce Russia's capability to wage war upon America's core interests, and it is why Putin is spending billions of dollars to spread propaganda and erode our support for supporting Ukraine in the hope that he can starve Ukraine from the weapons and ammunition Ukraine needs for victory. Please do not fall for Putin's propaganda. Instead, write or call our representatives to demand more weapons for Ukraine and the freedom to attack Russian military targets anywhere in Russia. Call the White House comment line (202) 456-1111 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday to demand that our President arms Ukraine for victory and lets Ukraine strike back at Russian bases from which they are launching the devastating and heartbreaking terror attacks on civilians. These actions matter especially as elections approach.

Mark Lagus & Leevi Ernits
Town of Stanford

Tickets available to MHA of Dutchess County
Spotlight Gala on Sept. 26

Mental Health of America of Dutchess County (MHA) will host its Spotlight Gala on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6-9 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. This year the Spotlight Gala will benefit the MHA Veterans Programs.

Attendees will learn of the services

MHA provides and have a feeling of thanks for the Veterans who have given so much to protect our freedoms.

The venue, overlooking the Hudson, will give attendees a view of the Mid-Hudson Bridge lit up red, white, and blue in honor of this special occasion. The

end of this event will be fireworks over the Hudson River.

Tickets and sponsor opportunities can be found below, as well as online at: www.mhadutchess.org/spotlight.

Spackenkill girls
soccer team opens
with 2-0 win
over Red Hook

The Spackenkill High School girls soccer team certainly started off the season on the right foot.

With a 2-0 shutout over Red Hook.

Blythe McQuade and Maia Viggiano both converted penalty kicks in the second half for the only Spartan goals.

Bella Gilmore made four saves for the clean sheet in her first career varsity start.

"Great first game to start the season off for Spackenkill," said coach Mark Moren. "The girls played extremely hard and worked our formation well. Great team effort from all my girls. It is a great way to start off my coaching career at Spackenkill."

NAACP Northern Dutchess Branch
Freedom Fund Luncheon set Sept. 14

The Northern Dutchess Branch of the NAACP will conduct its annual Fight for Freedom Fund Luncheon on Sept. 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 40 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie. This year's luncheon will honor several outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to civil rights, social justice, and community empowerment. The 2024 honorees include the following: Karmen Smallwood - Judge Jane Bolin Justice Award, Jordan Schinella - Trailblazer Freedom Award, Annette B. Quarles - John J. Johnson Corporate Business Award, Josayne M. Anderson-Tejera - Millennial

Leadership Award, Anna Wilson - Mary McLeod Bethune Educational Leadership Award, The Sugar Hill Gang - Lifetime Achievement in Music Award, Elder Herman Shannon - Rev. Fred Shuttleworth Religious Engagement Award. The luncheon will also feature a special commemoration honoring the legacy of Lula Mae Parker-Harris, who will be remembered with the Lula Mae Parker-Harris Civic Engagement Award for her lifetime dedication to civic engagement. For additional information, please visit the website at ndnaacp.org or contact us via email at FreedomFund@NDNAACP.org or by phone at (845) 546-1067.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PV Rec offers free basketball tournament

Registration is open for Pleasant Valley Rec's Summer Slam Basketball Tournament, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Helen Aldrich Park, 27 Hibernia Road, Salt Point. Register at pvrec.com and enjoy a free fun family event featuring the Harlem Wizards. There will be games, food trucks, prizes, a movie showing and more.

PV church sets Yard Sale Sept. 14

There will be a Yard Sale, rain or shine, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Something for everyone! Good weather location will be the front lawn. If we need to move inside, enter through the side door or the elevator on the parking lot side of the building.

Event to raise funds for support dog

Compassion for Codie will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, from noon to 7 p.m., at the VFW Post 170, 1 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie. The rain-or-shine event will feature live music all day, vendors, raffles, food trucks and family fun. The \$20 suggested donation will help to raise funds for a professionally trained and certified support dog to give Codie and his family the support they need.

Call (845) 705-2069 for more information.

Panel discussion set Sept. 15 in Kingston

Sunday, September 15, 2024, 2:00 – 4:30 PM at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. Panel discussion: Pulling Back the Curtain on the U.S.-Israel "Special Relationship." A Community Conversation about the powerful interests driving US support of Israel, the Israel Lobby, and local resistance and activism. Sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace Hudson Valley, Mid-Hudson Islamic Community, Hudson Valley DSA, Middle East Crisis Response, Rally Middletown. Registration is required. Go to <https://jvphudsonvalley.org> to register. Press Contact: Richard David (773) 793-8449 richardj-david1949@gmail.com

Corn Hole tourney set Sept. 15

There will be a Corn Hole Tournament to support Pleasant Valley Community Gardens on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Plan Bee Farm Brewery in Poughkeepsie. Admission is \$30 person, double elimination, to raise funds for the PV Community Garden, which grows fresh produce for the PV Food Pantry. Beers and food to purchase—including fabulous

home made desserts—a 50-50 raffle, and more. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.; corn hole competition starts at 1 p.m. Register in advance at www.pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com

Morton Library to hold voter registration event Sept. 17

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, Sept. 17. To commemorate, Morton Memorial Library will have voter registration and absentee ballot forms available, as well as more information, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day. Morton is at 82 Kelly St. in Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-2903 to learn more.

Repair Café in Hyde Park

This event is set Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 1 Church Street. Bring your "Beloved but Broken" items for help and advice. Our team of skilled volunteers will be on hand to repair everything from electronics to clothing and more. Don't throw away your broken items, bring them to us and let's fix them together!

Annual Chili Cook-off & Pie-Baking Contest set Sept. 21 in Rhinecliff

Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will hold its Chili Cook-Off, Pie-Baking Contest and Field Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. Game starts at 4 p.m. All ages welcome. All Chili entries must be registered and on the table by 4:50 p.m.

Bring a hot pot of Chili for a chance to win \$100, a dish to pass or just your appetite to share among friends and family. Free hot dogs and beverages for everyone. 1st Place Prize: \$100. AND Pie Baking

Contest – any fruit pie – 1st Place \$100. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 22. Located at Firemen's Field on the corner of Valley Way Rd and Loftus, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos in Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-5738 for information.

Miles of Hope to host talk about trend of earlier onset of breast cancer

Join Miles of Hope Foundation for an enlightening evening where attendees will gather for small bites and a vital discussion on the increasing incidence of breast cancer in women under 40. This event is set Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Heritage Food + Drink, 1379 Route 9, Wappingers Falls. Miles of Hope Board Member Dr. Lisa Curcio, a fellowship-trained breast surgeon at Northern Dutchess Hospital, will offer brief remarks and answer questions. RSVP is requested by Sept. 20 to

info@milesofhope.org.

Rhinebeck Garden Club upcoming events

On Wednesday, September 25, at 10 a.m., the Rhinebeck Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market Street. Program: Cyanotype: A Process of Creating Art, Presented by Yoram Gelman. Refreshments served. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events. Meetings are open to the public, but visitors are asked to join after attending two meetings. For more details, or information, call Hannah at 914-263-5298 or logon to <https://www.facebook.com/p/Rhinebeck-Garden-Club-100064834505072/>

Rhinebeck Garden Club's Annual Plant and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., at the corner of South Street and Route 9. Perennials, shrubs, herbs, and houseplants will be available; the selection is always varied and pricing is competitive. Proceeds enable the Club to remain a viable organization to educate community members interested in gardening, foster an appreciation of gardening, and maintain its two community gardens.

Autumn Harvest Fundraising Brunch to benefit Kemmerer Farm

On Saturday, Sept. 28, join the Stanford community at a beautiful autumn-themed brunch filled with delicious food, great company, and a chance to support the Kemmerer Farm rebuild. Enjoy a family style brunch with open bar, music, and a silent auction. The goal is to raise \$50,000 to support the purchase of a used John Deere tractor for the farm between ticket sales and silent auction proceeds. Ticket prices start at \$50, and all proceeds will go directly to the Kemmerer family. The event will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Bangallworks, 97 Hunns Lake Road in Stanfordville. Purchase tickets at EventBrite.com (search for "Autumn Harvest Fundraising Brunch to benefit Kemmerer Farm").

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 recipi-

ent 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

Take a ride in an EV

This event is set Sunday, Sept. 29, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Coppola's Italian American Bistro, 4167 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park. National Drive Electric Week, Sept. 27-Oct. 6, is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. Talk to local Hyde Park owners and take a ride in one of their EVs. We will have a Tesla Model Y, a Hyundai Ionic 5, and a Ford Mustang Mach-e. You must make an appointment in advance using the link below. If all appointments are full, just stop by and we can fit you in. <http://calendly.com/stevewehr/evtestride>

Pancake Breakfasts set in Rhinecliff

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad host Fall Pancake Breakfasts on Sunday mornings from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 8 at the Rhinecliff Firehouse (corner of Shatzell & Orchard). Enjoy a pile-high of "Rhinecliff's Best" pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. All-you-can-eat. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children (age 5 and younger eat for free). Proceeds Support the Rhinecliff Vol. Fire Co. Call Cynthia at (845) 876-5738 or e-mail csaniewski1@gmail.com for more information.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales begin Oct. 17

It's time for Fall Rhinecliff Soup Sales, sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896. Mark your Calendar for the third Thursday of the month (Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 19) 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sold by the Quart. \$10. quart. Take Out Only. Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell Ave. and Orchard, Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard St. Pick-up also available at Morton Library 4:30-6:30 p.m. Proceeds go toward the General Fund of Rhinebeck Grange #896. Contact JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

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Teens on Stage presents fresh twist on classic fairy tales

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck and Teens on Stage will present "Into the Woods," a captivating musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, from Sept. 20 to 29. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be a family-friendly one-act show on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19 (\$15 for the Sept. 28 matinee).

This beloved classic, known for its rich storytelling and enchanting score, will be presented with a unique twist by the talented young performers of the Teens on Stage program, under the direction of Lynne Czajka and musical direction of Russell McCook.

"Into the Woods" brings together a host of storybook characters, including Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack from "Jack and the Beanstalk," and a Baker and his wife, each of whom embarks on a journey to fulfill their deepest wishes. As their paths intertwine in a magical forest, their dreams come true—but not without unexpected and sometimes disastrous consequences. Sondheim's intricate score and Lapine's Tony Award-winning book offer a blend of whimsy and

profound insight, making this production a must-see.

The Teens on Stage program has built a reputation for excellence, earning acclaim for its previous productions including "bare: a pop opera," "Alice by Heart," "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," and "Be More Chill." Each production has showcased the talent of its young performers, and "Into the Woods" is poised to continue this tradition of exceptional theater.

Under the direction of Lynne Czajka, whose guidance has brought countless young talents to the forefront, and the musical direction of Russell McCook, who has enriched previous productions with his musical expertise, "Into the Woods" promises to be a memorable theatrical experience. Both instructors help foster a welcoming, educational, and engaging environment for young performers.

For tickets and more information, visit centerforperformingarts.org.

Teens on Stage presents "Into the Woods" at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck from Sept. 20 to 29. *Courtesy photo*



RHINEBECK CHORALE CLUB AUDITIONS

The Rhinebeck Chorale Club is having open rehearsals for its Fall Season on Wednesdays, Sept. 18 and 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street in Red Hook. Ages 14 to adult. No audition/experience necessary.

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Your Favorite Flowers

Here are 2025's best varieties, according to Fairgoers

That's right – they're your favorite new varieties for 2025. 2,577 of you cast ballots at the Dutchess County Fair during this year's survey.

Breeders and horticulture companies send seeds and cuttings of the new varieties to be released in 2025 for Sue and me to grow in our greenhouse. We pot them up and create a display at the fair, providing ballots to find out what you love, like or "don't care." With results in hand, we can decide which new flowers to grow next year to send to retail garden centers. We also send the results back to the breeders to keep them on their toes. Visit Adams Fairacre Farms website, click on "Gardening" and scroll down to "survey results" to see color photos of the top four picks:

• **#1 – Sunflower "Sunfinity"** – Traditional sunflowers sport one big blossom that follows the sun. Sunfinity sprouts multiple flowers over the entire summer season, although each bloom is only three inches across. The 2025 version from Syngenta Flower Company is compact, merely three feet tall, and the golden blossoms are fully doubled. The paper ballots at the fair had room for comments:

"Love mini sunflowers"

"Love, love and love"

"Bright sunny day/wild child"

"It's a little too bright and peppy"

• **#2 – Vinca "Nirvana Blackberry"** –

Vinca loves hot, dry weather, perfect for a container this summer. Also deer resistant. Nirvana Blackberry is a unique new color for 2025, from the breeders at Syngenta. Comments from the survey:

"Wow – very different!"

"Cool color," "Beautiful colors"

"Very sexy, love the name"

"10/10 – I only want these in my garden"

"Unique, but dark colored blooms just disappear into the background"

• **#3 – Petunia "Painted Love Purple"** –

Petunias have come a long way from the days when a brief shower would permanently melt the blossoms. The newer varieties spring right back after a storm. Too bad deer like them. Painted Love happens to be my personal favorite. Comments included:

"Eye catching and pleasant"

"Love the edgery"

"My mom would love it"

"Looks like a weird hibiscus"

"Truthfully, I'm not a petunia gal"

• **#4 – Angelonia "Angelflare Black"** –

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"Sunflower Sunfinity" and "Vinca Nirvana Blackberry" were among the new varieties for 2025 that got enthusiastic responses from Fairgoers. Photos by Mark Adams

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Enchiladas

Comfort food, all rolled up

I don't know about you, but what I crave as soon as the nights get cooler is rich, flavorful, cheesy comfort food. Like a warm hug, it always makes me smile. That's why I have quite a collection of such recipes and return to them again and again.

Some of these recipes are classics that, once I'm happy with them, I never deviate from. Others, though, are played with and tweaked, either until I get them just right and add to the 'never deviate' category or simply to suit what I'm craving at any given moment. It's fun and satisfying to tailor recipes this way, and I love having some to use as foundations to alter or bring back another day to make better.

I'd been craving enchiladas and have made them before; but I admit my recipe left something to be desired and it was time to try again, so I did. While still not perfect, this time around they turned out better and share-worthy. I think they fit the bill for times when you want the kind of comfort only food can bring.

Enchiladas, simply put, are tortillas rolled around a filling and served with a chile pepper sauce, topped with cheese and baked. It sounds easy enough, but I learned through experimentation and research certain tricks to get the best results, so let's break it down, shall we?

First and foremost is the choice of tortilla. Corn or flour? While corn is the more traditional of the two and tends to hold up a bit better when baked in the sauce, I've also made them with flour tortillas, which give you a softer, almost velvety result. The key is to lightly pan-fry whichever one you choose, which creates a sort of barrier so they don't get saturated with the sauce and fall apart. True, you're not eating them out of hand, but holding their shape is preferable if for no other reason than transferring them from baking dish to plate.

Then there's the filling. Ground beef, pulled pork, shredded chicken or vegetables, like spinach and mushrooms, are all great options. If I'm ordering them at a

restaurant, I'll try them all; but when I make them at home I use chicken. If I haven't roasted a whole chicken for this purpose, I use shredded rotisserie chicken, which is certainly more convenient and what I recommend for a weeknight dinner.

Most important of all is the sauce. The best, and real, way to make it is from rehydrated, pureed whole dried chile peppers, but this recipe uses chile powders, again for convenience. Sure, there's a difference, but this sauce is still rich, silky and flavorful and I think a good alternative, especially if you're short on time or don't have a blender or food processor. The main thing is to not use store-bought enchilada sauce, which just lacks complexity. Honestly, when it's so easy to make your own, why wouldn't you? You get all the flavor, the best consistency, no added chemicals and you can control the heat level. Homemade is always the way to go!

No matter how good the sauce, don't be tempted to drown your enchiladas in it. I line the baking dish with enough to cover the bottom and add some to my filling, but when it comes to topping them, I (try to) refrain from making them swim in it. The best way is to pour it across the center of the enchiladas in the dish so the edges remain uncovered. In the photo you can see I didn't heed my own advice this time, which made them tricky to remove from the pan. I may also have gone a little crazy with the cheese. (Oh, but they were SO good!)

You will likely have some leftover sauce. Use it on scrambled eggs, tacos or burritos or mix with some sour cream for a dip. It will keep in the fridge for a week. You can also freeze it for up to 3 months.

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

When done right, these are velvety and full of flavor. You can use corn or flour tortillas, but pan-frying them before rolling is key. I add some sauce and cheese to the filling in addition to topping with them. These are spicy and flavorful



Chicken Enchilada. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

without excessive heat (you can always add your favorite hot sauce after if you like it hot). You can serve them as is or add chopped fresh cilantro, jalapenos, onion, tomatoes, scallions, avocado and/or shredded lettuce. A dollop of sour cream is highly recommended. Oh, and did I mention this is done in about 30 minutes!

INGREDIENTS

FOR SAUCE:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons chile powder (I used 3 tablespoons chile powder and 1 tablespoon ancho chile powder)
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 2 1/4 cups chicken stock

METHOD FOR SAUCE

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add flour and whisk for about 1 minute. Add all spices and whisk to combine.

Slowly add stock, whisking constantly to eliminate lumps. Add tomato paste and whisk until smooth. Reduce heat, simmer until thickened slightly. Remove from heat.

INGREDIENTS FOR ENCHILADAS

- Vegetable oil (about 1 tablespoon)
- 8 8-inch corn or flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 2 cups enchilada sauce, divided
- Salt and pepper
- 2 cups shredded Monterey cheese, divided

TOPPINGS (optional)

- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Chopped onion
- Chopped jalapenos
- Shredded lettuce

Sour cream

METHOD FOR ENCHILADAS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish and set aside.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add tortillas one at a time and fry until just crisp and starting to brown (but still pliable), turning once, about 10 seconds per side. Transfer to paper towel-lined plate to drain.

In a large bowl, combine chicken with 1/4 to 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce. Season with salt and pepper, if needed.

Ladle enough sauce into the baking dish, just to cover the bottom.

Lay tortillas on a work surface and add chicken filling along the center of each. Sprinkle some of the cheese over the chicken (reserving at least 1 cup for the top) and roll tightly. Place seam-side down in the baking dish.

Pour sauce on top of the enchiladas down the center, leaving ends uncovered. Top with remaining cheese and bake until melted and bubbly, about 20 minutes.

Garnish with chopped cilantro and toppings of your choice. Serve immediately, alone with a dollop of sour cream or with rice or refried beans.

Enchiladas are the perfect dinner choice this time of year. If you like rich, velvety goodness with a little heat, I think you'll agree. You may even add them to your list of comforting favorites for whenever you need a little hug. Enjoy!

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

Constitution Day screening set at Wallace Center Sept. 17

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will commemorate Constitution Day with a film screening of "A More Perfect Union" on Tuesday, September 17, at 2 p.m. The program will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event, but registration is required. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

America, 1786. Ten years have passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. But America's hopes for a united country are dangerously threatened. England wages a new war of unfair trade and tariffs. Fragmented states continually bicker over currencies, trade, taxations. America is a powder keg ready to explode.

But a handful of brilliant courageous

men, James Madison, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin, lead a three-year diplomatic battle that culminates in Philadelphia. There they created a new form of government -- one that has since become the standard of freedom and democracy for the rest of the world.

"A More Perfect Union" was shot on location at Independence Hall and other historic locations in Virginia, and features a seasoned cast of motion picture professionals.

The United States Constitution (completed and ratified) launched the United States on its voyage. For two centuries this unparalleled ship of democracy has sailed forth as an enduring vessel of freedom charting a course for the governments of every free nation in the world.

Empire Training Center for the Arts to launch new workforce initiative

Empire Training Center for the Arts (ETCA), a new not-for-profit workforce development initiative, is set to transform the vocational training landscape of technical and administrative jobs in the performing arts. This innovative program will be housed at the historic Chance Theater in the City of Poughkeepsie and is designed specifically for adults seeking careers in the performing arts.

ETCA, co-founded by arts leaders and City of Poughkeepsie residents Trish Santini and Frank Butler, was developed in response to the urgent need for training opportunities for communities that are historically underrepresented in the performing arts. The program will prepare a new generation of arts professionals for meaningful careers, contributing to a more equitable and inclusive arts and culture sector. Additionally, it provides an accessible, high-quality education for adults seeking an alternative to traditional college degrees. The 10-month, 3-day-a-week workforce program offers a comprehensive approach and curriculum: skills-based and experiential training, values-driven learning, industry relationship building, mental health habits, cultural experiences, and employment placement.

This initiative is driven by a partnership with Walkway Group (formerly Chai Developers), a Poughkeepsie-based real estate development firm that acquired The Chance Theater in 2023. Their collaboration marks a significant investment in the future of Poughkeepsie's downtown and highlights a mutual commitment to the continued revitalization of the City's arts and culture scene.

Yvonne D. Flowers, City of Poughkeepsie Mayor and a dedicated supporter of the initiative said, "It goes without saying that Empire Training Center for the Arts will be a vital addition to the vibrance of our creative community and help to strengthen our collaborative approach to the arts in a manner that benefits the City as a whole. In addition to fortifying our commitment to the arts, Empire Training Center will also serve as a critical catalyst for unique workforce development initiatives already underway. The Center has already illustrated its unflappable commitment to provide exceptional hands-on

workforce training for our neighbors, which will undoubtedly provide tremendous opportunities for our young adults and mitigate growing unemployment trends throughout the region."

Michael McElroy, Tony Award® winning founder of Broadway Inspirational Voices and founding member of Black Theatre United, said, "As someone who has spent my life in the theater, it has been encouraging to see the changes occurring in our industry over the last few years. That being said, we still have a long way to go to ensure we're creating artistic spaces--on and off stage--that are beautifully and consistently diverse and equitable. While this vital work is being done, we must also build pipelines for the next generation of arts professionals. This is why I signed on as an Advisory Board member for Empire Training Center for the Arts. This innovative organization is building programs based on individual and industry need, with a holistic approach to curriculum and a commitment to fostering inclusive perspectives and talents. Their alumni will begin their careers with marketable skills, a passion for the work, and an understanding of the business, providing increased opportunity for their long-term success and greater representation throughout the arts sector."

Applications will open in November 2024 and welcome the first cohort of Stagecraft and Technology students in Spring 2025.

In addition to Santini and Butler, ETCA's Board of Directors includes Chris Boneau (owner and partner, Boneau/Bryan-Brown, a NYC-based theater and performing arts public relations firm; Adjunct Professor, Columbia University's Oscar Hammerstein II Center for Theatre Studies) and Peter Flynn (a NYC-based director who focuses on staging new works and reimagining the American Musical Theatre canon. His work has been seen on Broadway, off-Broadway, national tours, and at regional theaters, including the Guthrie Theater, the Kennedy Center, and Ford's Theatre, where he is an Associate Artist. Peter is currently an Associate Professor of Musical Theatre at Montclair State University).

EXHIBITIONS

Albert Shahinian Fine Art, 22 E. Market St., 3rd Floor, Rhinebeck. **Through September:** Works by Joanna Murphy and Veronica Lawlor. In the Back Gallery: The 26th Anniversary Summer Salon & Sale, painting, photography, landscape, sculpture, mixed media. (845) 876-7578 or www.ShahinianFineArt.com

Artists' Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through October:** "Magic!" exhibition by gallery members. achpny@gmail.com, (845) 366-6856, artistscollectiveofhydepark.com

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Sept. 14-Jan. 31, 2025:** "The True Story of Bannerman's Island," Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th anniversary exhibition featuring fine art, historic & contemporary photographs, Bannerman Island antiques & artifacts. Opening reception: Sat., Sept. 14, 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 October:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Emily Marchesiello, and at 12 Vassar St., JJ Kathe will showcase her pieces in the Reception Gallery with Carol Loizides presenting her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. Free Public Art Opening Receptions will be held on Fri., Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m. in all three galleries. 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 distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. www.fdrlibrary.org

Hyde Park Library Annex, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. **Through December:** Wildlife Photography by Daniel Schoonmaker from September to December. Proceeds from the sale of the photos will benefit the library's accessibility project. (845) 229-7791

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Sept. 29:** "The Watercolor Garden," watercolors by Liz Rosiello is hosted by LAND Gallery and Sherman Artists Association. www.landgalleryonline.com or www.ShermanArtists.org

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

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 22:** "Vehement Visions: Female Rage & Empowerment." (845) 293-3660 or www.womenswork.art

Get Growing!

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Angelonia has been called the "summer snapdragon" because its spiky blossoms bloom in the heat of mid summer. Sue has been bugging her breeder friends to come up with a red angelonia, but the best they can do is a black one, from Ball Floraplant. Should be a winner, if the response to the black petunia is any indication.

Comments:

"Wow"

"Good for Halloween"

"Too dark for me"

"The flowers look kinda dead"

Out of the 50 new varieties sent to us,

Sue and I entered 15 into the survey. Even #15, "Coleus Mini Me," got 106 "Love" or "Like" votes, and a few positive comments:

"Nice pop of light green"

"Like the name"

"It's OK"

Watch for a fully on-line survey in January, which will include some new perennials, at adamsfarms.com.

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THEME: THE 1930s

ACROSS

- Doorframe part
- *The Swing Era or ____ Band Era
- T-cell killer, acr.
- Arabian chieftain
- Actress Sorvino
- Excessively fat
- Chore list
- Second word in fairytale?
- Doled out cards
- *1933 movie monster (2 words)
- Eyeball
- Golf aid
- French vineyard
- *Larry or Curly or Moe
- Between delta and zeta
- ____ B vaccine
- Ciphering machine
- Kind
- Black and white cookies
- ____ chi
- Fender bender consequences
- Light beige
- *First white chocolate manufacturer
- Grasp
- Elbow room, to a ship (2 words)
- Teenagers' emotions
- Belly
- East Indian pepper
- Buzzing pest
- *Prairie crisis (2 words)
- Change, as in U.S. Constitution
- "If all ____ fails..."
- Solomon-like
- Boatload
- Lab gel
- Enthusiasm
- Finale
- Grazing land
- Blood vessel network

DOWN

- Blue Angel
- In a frenzy
- Calf-length skirt
- Ford option
- Two-footed mortar support
- Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
- *Al Capone's Chicago Outfit, e.g.
- Mend, healthwise
- Small island
- Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- *Shenyang (China) in 1931
- O in B.O., pl.
- *Cole Porter's "Begin the ____"
- Dashboard windows
- Accounting title
- Oxfords and loafers
- 9 a.m. prayer
- *George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess"
- Discharge
- Ding-a-____, pl.
- Eightsome
- Egg holders
- Big-ticket ____
- Tank filler
- *a.k.a. The Little Rascals (2 words)
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- 1990s negation
- Second of two
- Beat the Joneses
- Angry stare
- Battle of the ____, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
- Test format
- *Bureau of Investigation agent, to "Machine Gun" Kelly
- Smart but awkward one
- *FDR's New ____
- ____ E. Coyote
- Law school test acronym
- Expert
- Compass point between NE and E

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A & E CALENDAR

Sept. 12: Book Launch, Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook. Celebrating the launch of Millbrook's own Bartle Bull, who has written "The Land Between Rivers," an epic, five millennia history of the region between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers that was the birthplace of civilization and remains today the essential crossroads between East and West. 5:30 p.m. He will be in conversation with George Gibson, Executive Editor at Grove Atlantic. Free. Registration required. (845) 677-5857 or www.merrittbookstore.com

Sept. 13: Nate Jackson, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Nate Jackson has exploded as one of the fastest growing comedians through his viral content and remarkable engagement on TikTok, where he has amassed over 3 million followers and more than 500 million views globally. Jackson is a comedian, actor, writer, and digital creator who sells-out comedy clubs and theaters across America, 7 p.m. Tickets \$45.50, \$55.50, \$81.50 (Roast Zone), \$256 (Guaranteed Roast Zone; first row in the center orchestra). (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or bardavon.org

Sept. 13-15: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Sept. 13: The Englishtown Project, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Sept. 14: The Tide Is High (Eddie Skuller's Reggae Jukebox Band), 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. Sept. 15: Iain Matthews; special guest Peter Bradley, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Sept. 13-15: Rhinebeck Theatre Society: "What the Constitution Means to Me," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Directed by Ellen Honig, playwright Heidi Schreck's boundary-breaking play breathes new life into our Constitution

and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans. Fifteen year old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful and achingly human new play, she resurrects her teenage self in order to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students. RhinebeckTheatreSociety.org

Sept. 14: "The Fateful Hour," Upper Landing Park, Poughkeepsie. A historical drama with a 21st-century twist, directed by Roger Hendricks Simon, 5-6:30 p.m. The show is written by Poughkeepsie's retired Judge Albert Rosenblatt, who served on the New York State court of appeals. The script tells the story of the stormy constitutional debates that occurred in 1788 at the Poughkeepsie courthouse prior to the passage of the U.S. Constitution. During that time Poughkeepsie was the capital of New York State and the City's courthouse was the location where the Federalists - led by Alexander Hamilton - debated against the state rightists led by N.Y. Governor George Clinton and Melancton Smith. When the verbal battles ended in the court, the Constitution was ratified by a close vote of 30-27 only after James Madison provided an unwritten pledge to add the Bill of Rights. The show, which is both entertaining and educational, is topical in that these fiery debates are still going on today. The performance is free and open to the public.

Sept. 14: The Stissing Center Town Hall, Church St., Pine Plains. The Stissing Center will listen, learn, and be inspired by its patrons, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This event

includes a presentation by Executive Director Brett Bernardini, a community listening session and tours of The Stissing Center. www.thestissingcenter.org

Sept. 14-15: The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble will continue its 2024 season with a live performance by its Trio of Flute, piano and trombone. The Ensemble will perform works by Debussy, Poulenc, Blazhevich, and D'Rivera in a concert that can be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. Performances: Sat., Sept. 14, 7 p.m., at St. Mary in the Highlands Church (1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring); Sun., Sept. 15, 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church (2103 Rte. 6 Brewster). Tickets available at the door. General admission is \$17; seniors and students are \$14. The Sept. 15 performance will be broadcast simultaneously with the live performance. Access link to this performance: <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org/> prior to the concert.

Sept. 14-15: "Mystery in the Woodstock Speakeasy," Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Rd., Woodstock. Murder Cafe presents a fundraiser for the Historical Society of Woodstock. Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Sept. 15, 5 p.m. It's 1929 and Hudson Valley based bootlegger Dutch Schultz wants to open a speakeasy in the Woodstock Valley Hotel. The club will give Dutch's new girlfriend, Lu Lu, a classy place to sing her songs. Unfortunately, local flapper Rosie doesn't like competition and neither does Dutch's rival, Legs Diamond. Sergeant Lance Boyle, a local cop who works both sides of the law, is the club's greeter and bouncer. Looking over his shoulder is Needles, a longtime associate of Dutch's, who is on hand to emcee the entertainment portion of the evening. You'll swoon to the best of the Jazz Age as long as the temperance union and a rival boot-

legger and gangster don't rain on Dutch's opening night. But before Lu Lu sings her second song, tempers flare, bullets rain and a masked gunman bursts upon the scene. At least one body will fall and it doesn't look like the Charleston did it. Tickets \$18 advance, \$20 door. Appetizers and desserts will be available. Tickets: historicalsocietyofwoodstock.org

Sept. 17: Film Screening: "A More Perfect Union," Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. The screening will commemorate Constitution Day, 2 p.m. Film Synopsis: America, 1786. Ten years have passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. But America's hopes for a united country are dangerously threatened. England wages a new war of unfair trade and tariffs. Fragmented states continually bicker over currencies, trade, taxations. America is a powder keg ready to explode. But a handful of brilliant courageous men, James Madison, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin, lead a three-year diplomatic battle that culminates in Philadelphia. There they created a new form of government -- one that has since become the standard of freedom and democracy for the rest of the world. Free public event, but registration is required. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register. More info: (845) 486-7745

Sept. 18: Arts Mid-Hudson Mixer, Cornell Creative Arts Center, 129 Cornell St., Kingston. This free event provides a unique opportunity for local organizations, businesses, and individuals to connect, collaborate, and celebrate the vibrant arts community in the Mid-Hudson Valley, 5-7 p.m. www.artsmidhudson.org/amh-mixer or (845) 454-3222

38th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards set for Oct. 2 in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess County art scene is set to shine as Arts Mid-Hudson proudly presents the 38th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards. This year's awards ceremony, to be held on Wednesday, October 2 at The Grandview, will celebrate nine remarkable individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in Dutchess County.

The event will begin with food and drinks at 5:30 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Attendees will gather to honor this year's awardees, each recognized for their unique impact on the local arts community.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino remarked on the significance of the arts in the region: "The artists, poets, and other creative spirits of Dutchess County have dedicated their lives to inspiring others through their chosen art forms. The arts help boost our economy, keeping our cities, towns and villages at the front of mind for tourists looking to explore, discuss, or learn about our

communities and their history," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "We are grateful to Arts Mid-Hudson for their continued efforts to support and celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of these individuals and organizations who help keep the arts industry thriving and congratulations to all of this year's winners!"

The community nominates the recipients who are chosen based on their important contribution to the growth of Dutchess County's cultural life over a significant period of time, the extraordinary support they show for the arts, and/or their vision and leadership in using the arts to enhance community life.

The Arts Awards are organized by a dedicated committee including Roger D'Aquino, Charlotte Dinwiddie, Kelly Dwy, Brittany Gardner, Tempi Hopkins, Anita Jones, Laurent Revillon, Kim Steinard, and Teresa Quinn. Their collective efforts ensure that the achievements of the local arts community are recognized and celebrated.

2024 Dutchess County Arts Executive's Arts Awards Recipients:

Art in Public Places: Beatrix Farrand Garden Association

Arts in Education: Thomas B. Costello, Ph.D.

Arts Organization: New Deal Creative Arts Center

Business: Battle Hill Forge?

Individual Artist: Isaac Foss Jeffreys

ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts: In Flight, Inc. & Standing Room Only Theater Company

Special Citation: Tilly Strauss

Volunteer: Charles Milligan

Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts: Susanna Gilgert

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Hinchey secures \$80,000 grant to Red Hook Police Department for first electric vehicle



Village of Red Hook Mayor Karen Smythe, Red Hook Supervisor Robert McKeon, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Village of Red Hook Police Lieutenant Patrick Hildenbrand and officers, Dr. Janet Warden, Superintendent of Red Hook Central School District, and faculty are all pictured at Linden Avenue Middle School with the first fully electric vehicle for the Red Hook Police Department. *Courtesy photo*

Senator Michelle Hinchey has secured an \$80,000 state grant for the Red Hook Police Department to purchase its first fully electric vehicle (EV) and install a charging station at Red Hook Village Hall. The EV will support the School Resource Officer Program, where up to three officers are assigned daily to enhance school safety, and will be used for regular patrol duties when school is out for the summer.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Electric vehicles make good climate and economic sense, and I'm thrilled to help the Red Hook Police Department hit the road with its first fully electric vehicle. Red Hook is a small community leading the way locally to protect our planet, and our School Resource Officers are perfect role models to demonstrate the value of

safety and sustainability, working together to support our schools and neighborhoods. I'm happy to contribute to such an important investment and excited to see how the new EV will bring cleaner air and cost savings to Red Hook."

Village of Red Hook Mayor Karen Smythe said, "We are grateful to Senator Hinchey for making the purchase of the first electric police car for the Red Hook Police Department possible. This gives us the opportunity to be an example showing how new technology can bring vital services to our community while being mindful of our environmental impact."

Village of Red Hook Police Lieutenant Patrick Hildenbrand said, "I am thankful to Senator Hinchey for getting the Red Hook Police Department this grant. Switching to an all-electric vehicle allows

the Red Hook Police Department a cutting-edge opportunity to advance police services to the community we serve and protect. This grant not only ensures the safest vehicle for our officers but also leads to substantial reductions in both fuel and maintenance costs. The Red Hook Police Department is grateful that we are able to spearhead the initiative for a fully functional, all-electric patrol vehicle."

Dr. Janet Warden, Superintendent of Red Hook Central School District, said, "The Red Hook Central School District thanks Senator Hinchey for her generous grant supporting the purchase of an electric vehicle for our SRO program. The EV police car is aligned with our goal of transitioning our bus fleet to electric, which will reduce emissions and save costs. We appreciate Senator Hinchey for

her dedication to the safety and well-being of our students at Red Hook School District. Her support is essential in helping us create a safer and more sustainable future for our children."

Laurie Husted, Chair of the Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council and Red Hook Energy Committee Member, said, "It was 'a breath of fresh air' to learn that the Village of Red Hook will soon have an electric car for the RH Police Department, thanks to Senator Michelle Hinchey for securing the funding and Mayor Smythe's leadership. We so appreciate the chance to see how this vehicle works for the needs of the officers as we carve our path to a Climate Smart Community - and the triple wins of saving money, cleaner air, and protecting the environment."

RHINEBECK CHAMBER TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF FERNCLIFF FOREST

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours event to celebrate Ferncliff Forest's 60th Anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Ferncliff Forest Pavilion.

Come together with fellow Rhinebeck Chamber members for the inaugural event at this location to honor this important local treasure and celebrate 60 years of natural beauty and community spirit at Ferncliff Forest. Light refreshments served compliments of Rhinebeck Bagel.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3ySVRbE>

Veterans Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall coming to Bowdoin Park on Sept. 18-22

Volunteers needed throughout the four-day event

Missing Man Table and keynote address from Richard Lay, National Purple Heart Honor Mission

Thursday, Sept. 19

- All day, Military Vehicles Display & History of Dogs in the Vietnam War
- Dusk, Performance of "Taps"

Friday, Sept. 20

- All day, Military Vehicles Display
- Dusk, Performance of "Taps"

Saturday, Sept. 21

- All day, Military Vehicles Display
- Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music
- 2-5 p.m., Veterans Resource Tent
- 6 p.m., Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil with keynote speaker Karl R. Rohde, Silver Star Recipient, Vietnam Veteran; wreath laying and Dutchess County Veterans Tribute

Sunday, Sept. 22

- Noon-2 p.m., Boy Scouts Concert Band performing patriotic music
- 2 p.m., Raffle drawing for USA flag flown over the Wall, proceeds from the raffle to benefit the Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Vet-2-Vet program
- 2 p.m., Closing ceremony and volunteer recognition

Volunteers are still needed to help make this event memorable for all. Shifts are available all days, and for any length of time between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. For more information on volunteering, call Veterans Services at 845-486-2060 or email veterans@dutchessny.gov. View or download the volunteer flyer at DutchessNY.gov/VolunteersNeededTravelingWall.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites veterans from Dutchess County and across the Hudson Valley, as well as their families and history enthusiasts, to pay their respects as Dutchess County's Office of Veterans Affairs brings the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Traveling Vietnam Wall to the County's Bowdoin Park from Wednesday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 22.

The wall, an 80-percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains the names of U.S. Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Accompanying the Wall will be Cost of Freedom tributes to every U.S. military action since World War I, including 9/11. For a full schedule of events, visit dutchessny.gov/TravelingWallHighlights.

An honor convoy – comprised of law enforcement agencies and several chapters of Rolling Thunder Inc. motorcycle club – will escort the Wall as it arrives in Dutchess County on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Following the exhibit's installation at Bowdoin Park, the exhibit will be open 24 hours a day, monitored by volunteers, to allow visitors the opportunity to experience the wall in solitude, if so desired, until 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, when it will begin its journey to Highland, IN. A full line-up of special events and ceremonies during the four-day exhibit is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- 9:30 a.m. Traveling Wall Arrival, Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
- 5 p.m. Opening Ceremony featuring

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Ribbon-cutting highlights National Recovery Month at Dutchess County Empowerment Center

September is National Recovery Month, which promotes evidence-based treatment and recovery practices and celebrates the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery, in all its forms, possible. The Dutchess County Department of Mental Health (DMH) highlighted one of its many efforts to support those on their recovery journey with a ribbon cutting event for the Dutchess County Empowerment Center today at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie on Friday, Sept. 6.

The Empowerment Center is a free, accessible resource center, open to adults 18 and older at any stage of their substance use or mental health recovery journey, where they can get support from recovery coaches and peers in a non-traditional, non-clinical setting.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Everyone's journey to recovery is different. Our Empowerment Center ensures a wide range of tools and resources are available to help people be successful in their recovery. Working with peers who have similar lived experience helps people realize their goals in a supportive environment. The Empowerment Center team is truly making a difference in people's lives and we are grateful to Mental Health Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr and all her staff for their dedication to support those living with mental health or substance use issues."

The Empowerment Center provides support, resources, services and education to people living in any stage of recovery – including recovery-oriented coaching from peers to realize personal goals, connections to resources such as healthcare, housing, benefits and employment, as well as wellness activities and support groups. "Recovery Connections" activities provide engaging local social activities with visits to local attractions, including hikes, farmers markets and more.

One of the most popular activities is working in the Community Garden, a partnership with Eden Share, a local organization promoting new models for creating, maintaining and sharing community garden spaces with other nonprofit and human service organizations.

The Empowerment Center was developed following the Dutchess County Opioid Task Force's Community Gaps Assessment, which identified a need for a peer-driven, low-barrier program to address gaps in the system of care for both mental health and substance use service delivery. Since its initial opening in 2022, more than 400 individuals have taken advantage of the one-on-one Recovery Coach services at the Empowerment Center.

Services and connections provided year-to-date for 2024 at the Empowerment Center include:

- 15 people obtained housing
- 15 people accessed education
- 32 people obtained other benefits
- 47 people were connected to medical care
- 43 people were connected to mental health care
- 16 people were connected to substance use treatment
- 35 people obtained vocational opportunities
- 58 people reported they have made new, healthy connections

DMH Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr said, "Peer recovery coaching is an evidence-based method that reduces substance use and dramatically improves recovery outcomes. It is inspiring to see the connections that are made in the Empowerment Center and how participants work with the Recovery Coaches, as well as each other, to support their recovery journeys. We are proud to serve our community and offer this outreach and connection to those at-risk of relapsing or who are struggling to find the resources needed for success."

The Empowerment Center operates Monday through Friday 9am to 4:30pm. Call a recovery coach at 845-486-2893 to make an appointment or just stop in during "All Access Hours" on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 1:30-4pm. The Empowerment Center is located at 230 North Road, Entrance 3, in Poughkeepsie.

Learn more about the Empowerment Center's programming, as well as the various mental health services available in Dutchess County, at www.dutchessny.gov/empowermentcenter



Members of the Dutchess County Empowerment Center cut the ribbon to mark National Recovery Month at their facility on Friday, Sept. 6. Speaking at the event were DMH Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr, Clinical Program Manager Gregory Gallo and Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Will Truitt. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

Sunrise Rotary Club of LaGrange has 9/11 event at Memorial Plaza

The Sunrise Rotary Club of LaGrange is holding its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza at Stringham Park, 78 Stringham Road in the Town of LaGrange on Wednesday, September 11 at 8:30 am.

The Memorial Plaza remains open daily for visits by local residents.

The Memorial Plaza was established by the LaGrange Sunrise Rotary Club in 2002 to honor and remember those victims of the 9/11 attacks. A steel beam from the North Tower as well as a flagpole flying the American Flag are located at the center of the Memorial Plaza. The Plaza was recently updated with the

assistance of Dutchess Lawns and EZ Tree who generously donated the labor and equipment.

Eastern Construction Materials donated the landscape fabric, Red Wing Sand and Gravel supplied the landscape stone and Paul Doherty donated a custom carved Bald Eagle. Additional plantings will be put in place in the Fall. The Rotary Club of LaGrange Sunrise is an all-volunteer organization doing good in the community and beyond.

Please visit our Facebook page and our website lagrangesunriserotaryny.org. A membership application is available on the website.

The Memorial Plaza at Stringham Park in LaGrange was established by the LaGrange Sunrise Rotary Club in 2002 to honor and remember those victims of the 9/11 attacks. Courtesy photo



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OBITUARIES

Patricia Ann Billeci

TIVOLI - Patricia Ann Billeci, 89, of Tivoli NY, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at her home, surrounded by family.

Patricia (Pat) was born on April 17, 1935, in Troy NY to Louis and Helen (DeFreest) Collins.

Pat married Daniel Billeci in 1958 at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. They have enjoyed 65 years of marriage. Daniel survives her in the family home in Tivoli, NY.

Beginning in high school, Pat had a talent for art. She secured a degree in Advertising Art where she built a solid foundation of technical skills. Mostly self taught, Pat became proficient in transparent watercolor. She then pursued a career as a fine artist, winning awards locally and nationally.

In addition to Daniel, Pat is survived by her sister-in-law Carol Billeci of New York City, NY. She is missed by her children Kathleen (and Charles Wellcome) of Millbrook, NY, Michael (and Christie Billeci) of Tivoli, NY, Jacqueline Billeci of Tucson, AZ and nephew Carlos Collins Gulnick (and Floyd Gulnick) of Kingston, NY. She leaves seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren as well.

Donations may be made to the Komen Foundation at www.komen.org

Friends and family were received on Thursday, September 5 at the Burnett & White Funeral Home, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. A memorial service was offered.

Arrangements under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

John Byron

MILLBROOK - Sgt. No, who served many years as a Sergeant in the New York City Police Department Chief of Detective's Office, finally got a request he could not deny. John Byron, 97, born in Queens New York on November 29, 1926, died Friday, August 30, 2024, at home in Millbrook, New York, surrounded by the family he nurtured and protected and who loved him beyond words. Margaret, who he married on October 9, 1949, predeceased him in 2008. John's life was defined by fidelity, service to others, and a generosity of spirit worthy of the recognition he never sought in life. John grew up in Queens, New York with his parents and four brothers when Queens was little more than a farming community. He loved to tell stories of his childhood escapades including his collection of matchbooks (used as currency for gambling and confiscated by his mother) riding horses, picking fruit and vegetables from the farm "across the street" (as he later admitted, without permission). He visited Gettysburg in 1936 and toured that hallowed ground with Civil War veterans. Although his family never saw evidence of it, he would tell everyone that "the Byrons were all singers and dancers". His mother Isabelle Patterson was born in Scotland, and his father James Byron, was born in Ireland. They immigrated to this country at the turn of the last century, settling in Queens. As immigrants, his parents instilled in him the imperative to give back to the country that took them in. John didn't have to wait long to do so. His service to country began in 1944 when he convinced his parents to let him leave Bryant High School in Jackson Heights at 17, to join the Navy. He served on the USS Turner as "plank owner" and was shipped out to Japan. When the country asked again, he answered again, this time during the Korean War. He was proud of his service and remained actively involved in planning USS Turner reunions. He was also an active member of the VFW in Millbrook. After leaving the Navy, he pursued his education and married the love of his life. He also took the test to become a New York City Police Officer, "on a lark". The rest, as they say, is history. He joined the force in 1952 and never looked back. He policed the mean streets of Manhattan until his numerous arrests got him promoted to detective. He was ultimately promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Chief of Detectives Officer where he served as the officer in charge of resource allocation for 17 years earning his title as "Sgt No". A title he embraced so fully that he made it the license plate of his car. He played a key role in creating the NYC hostage negotiation team with his good friend Frank Bolz. Given a choice, he always chose to volunteer, to get involved, and to do the work he saw as neces-

sary. For example, when his son joined the Boy Scouts, he became an Assistant Scoutmaster. As a man of deep and abiding faith, John didn't just attend services, he served his church. He served on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal, the church he joined in 1936, and where he met Margaret, his wife-to-be. While working as a police officer he served as president of the Saint George Association, the fraternal organization for members of protestant denominations. When he moved to Millbrook in 1992, he became actively involved in Grace Church in Millbrook. After the death of his wife, he found companionship with his friend Patricia Pinckney and her daughters Candy and Cynthia. He was quite fond of Helen Byron, the mother of his grandchildren. He is survived by his son Keith P. Byron of Clinton Corners, daughter-in-law Sara (Love) Byron of Clinton Corners, three grandchildren; Keith Paul Byron, Stephen Ross Byron, and John William Byron, step granddaughter Barbara Crays Moody, and one great-granddaughter Sophia Byron. He loved his family and friends, and they all loved him. He will be missed by all who knew him. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 from Grace Episcopal Church, Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, New York. Entombment with military honors followed in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, New York on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Family and Friends called at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, New York, on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Blaine Hadden

MILLBROOK - Blaine Matthew Hadden, 18 years old, a resident of Millbrook, NY passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Blaine was born in Sharon, Connecticut on September 29, 2005. He spent his childhood growing up in Millbrook playing most days at home or in the Tribute Gardens with his brothers Shawn Michael and Shane. He developed a love for being outside and mowing lawns at the young age of 2 while riding the tractor with his Poppa, and then, when he was 8, his Aunt Carrie and Uncle Bud taught him to drive a lawn mower by himself. Blaine was previously employed at Marshall's Lawn Service in Millbrook, NY, and most recently at Haab Landscaping in Millerton, NY. Blaine faced every day with a purpose, loved working, being busy, loved dogs, and was a firm believer in taking care of others.

Blaine is survived at home by his mother Debbie Becker, brothers, Shawn Michael Hadden and Shane Hadden. He is also survived by his father Shawn Hadden of Millbrook, NY, Aunt Carrie and Uncle William Lattrell of Amenia, NY, Uncle Charles "Buddy" Hadden of Lancaster, PA, and Aunt Jill Towner of East Earl, PA, Aunt Kathy Sigler of Stanfordsville, his brothers and sisters from other mothers Aidyn Berg, Rafe Parker, and Faith Parker, and his French bulldog Gracie. He was Rob Green's right-hand man, and like a son to Steve Nardone. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Blaine was predeceased by his Grammy, Joan Shaffer, his Nana and Poppa, Alice and Charles "Bud" Hadden, his adopted grandparents Thomas Edgeworth and Betty Purdy, and his beloved rottweiler Roxie and golden retriever Chevy.

Visitation was held on Sunday, September 8 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Graveside services were on Monday, September 9 at Nine Partners Cemetery, Millbrook. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in Blaine's memory to the Millbrook Education Foundation where a scholarship fund honoring Blaine for a student studying landscaping, horticulture, and/or agriculture will be set up. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

Linda Kaplan

MILLERTON - Linda Kaplan, beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Sister-in-law, Cousin and friend passed away September 3, 2024. Linda will be remembered as a deeply kind woman guided by faith, family and love.

Linda was born to Francis Crawford and

Lydia Johnson (nee Snyder) in Sharon, CT on September 14, 1942. She attended Webutuck High School in Millerton, NY, and then started her career in banking, where she worked until her retirement as a Vice President. Linda was a loving mother who raised her two sons and instilled in them her love of faith and family.

Linda met her future husband, Sanford (Sam) Kaplan, at a dance in Millerton and they were blessed with 30 years of marriage during which they enjoyed their time on Simmons Street. Here, Linda enjoyed tending to her garden where she could be found picking green beans and tomatoes. She also enjoyed solving the daily crossword puzzle, knitting, and listening to Sam play his guitar. Together, Linda and Sam enjoyed hosting their family for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Passover celebrations. They especially enjoyed annual summer visits by their granddaughters which always included visits to their farm where they rode ATVs. Linda and Sam's interest in dairy farming led them to travel to Europe where they toured dairy farms; a trip they fondly recounted to their family for years.

Linda's faith was evident not only through her family but also through her involvement with the Millerton Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed community outreach, singing in the choir, working with children, teaching ESL classes, and helping to develop and implement programs.

Linda is predeceased by her husband Sam Kaplan, her mother, father, and brother Thomas Crawford. She is survived by her two sons, Lorin Stapleton and his wife Mary Stapleton of Brewster, NY; and Brian Stapleton of Sandisfield, MA; her two granddaughters - Bridget Stapleton of Jersey City, NJ and Colleen Stapleton of Boston, MA; her sister-in-law Susan Crawford; nephew David Keys and his wife Barbara; niece Susan Jenkins and her husband Rick Herring.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 7, at St. Martin of Tours Church of St. Mary in Lakeville, CT. with Rev. Dennis Arambasick. Burial followed at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Barbara O'Dea

LAGRANGEVILLE - Barbara Ann O'Dea, 67, of Lagrangeville NY, entered into heaven on August 28, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer.

A graduate of Good Counsel Academy in White Plains and Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, Barbara first embarked on her professional journey at Dunn and Bradstreet in New York City as an analyst. After raising her three children, she re-entered the workforce as the Director of Education for the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. There, she became a fierce champion for the rights and safety of children, a role she fulfilled with passion until her retirement.

Barb's competitive spirit was legendary. This tenacity contributed to a lot of her success, especially on the golf course. It also wasn't unusual for the "Z" to be played several times in a game of scrabble or for a catchphrase game unit to be hurled across the room to the next player if the timer went off.

All who knew Barbara were amazed at her toughness. Despite enduring two knee replacements, a hip replacement, and a fused ankle, Barbara continued to travel and play golf without complaint. Even after brain surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, she journeyed to Pebble Beach to play the game she loved, with the people she loved. Cancer, like everything else, did not slow her down.

Nevertheless, it wasn't her golfing prowess

or her professional accomplishments that made Barbara truly special. It was her giant heart. She was the friend who'd keep the party going, the confidante who'd be there with coffee and a sympathetic ear, and the Mom who made everyone feel like family. Barbara Ann O'Dea was quite simply, the best.

Barbara leaves behind her loving husband of 41 years, Daniel O'Dea, her children, Dan (with Ava), Susan (with Billy), Stephen, and her loving granddaughter Madison, niece Caroline and nephews John and Matt. Barbara joins her parents, Roger and Elizabeth Buchanan, and her brothers Roger, Steven, Michael, and Thomas in whatever heavenly tournament awaits them.

Visitation was held on September 4th at Wm. G. Miller & son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie. Funeral service for Barbara were held at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY 12540 on September 5th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice in Barbara's honor, for all of their heroic work.. Visit <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/#Donate> to contribute.

Kathleen O'Leary

HYDE PARK - Kathleen (Kay) O'Leary of Hyde Park passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her grateful children, very near the age of 101. She has joined her beloved husband, Paul, and her five siblings in heaven.

Kay's cherished siblings, Guy Rappleyea, Mary Jean King, Father Robert Rappleyea, Allan Rappleyea, and Nancy Rappleyea, predeceased her. She is survived by her four children: Daniel O'Leary (Cheryl), Kathleen O'Leary, Aileen Rohr (Michael), and Thomas O'Leary (Carol), as well as her nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, and her sister-in-law Julie Rappleyea.

Born in 1923 in Poughkeepsie, NY, Kay was the second of the six children of Guy and Gertrude Rappleyea. As the eldest daughter, Kay learned at a young age to be a selfless caretaker, a trait she carried with love throughout her life. Kay and her siblings shared a deep commitment to their Catholic faith, inspired by their mother, Gertrude. This faith, as well as love of family, was a defining feature of each of their lives.

Kay was a dedicated worker and gave her best to every endeavor. She was a proud member of Regina Coeli Parish. Many of Kay's happiest childhood memories were of time spent with her siblings in Port Ewen, where faith and fun intertwined. Despite enduring the hardships of the Great Depression, the family always made the most of life, creating a special bond among them.

A graduate of SUNY Albany, Kay held several teaching positions before focusing on her family. She had many interests, including sailing, gardening, caretaking, and cooking, with a particular passion for "antiquing." She loved the hunt and the research, valuing all things. Her keen intellect remained sharp until her final days, as she enjoyed reading The New Yorker and The Catholic New Yorker, leaving detailed notes on politics, history, and science.

Kay met Paul at SUNY Albany, and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary as life partners. Paul's sense of humor won Kay over, and her laughter and sense of adventure were evident throughout their long life together, filled with joyful times shared with their children and grandchildren.

Kay will be remembered for her many wonderful traits by her family and all who knew her. In her final year, her advice to her family was simple: be good, be fair, be honest.

Calling hours were held at Sweet's Funeral Home on Friday, August 30th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Regina Coeli on Saturday, August 31st. Internment at St. Peter's Cemetery followed.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Please Take Notice the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 16, 2024 on the proposed Local Law # 2 of 2024 amending Section 40 D(2)(a)[4] of Chapter 200 Zoning. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.

By order of the Milan Town Board,
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
Please Take Notice the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 16, 2024 at 6:55pm on the proposed Local Law # 3 of 2024 abolishing the offices of three (3) elected assessors and establishing the office of a single appointed assessor. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.

By order of the Milan Town Board,
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Dutchess ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 2023-53660 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs James M. Phillips As Administrator And As Heir To The Estate Of Margaret A. Phillips, Scott Phillips As Heir To The Estate Of Margaret A. Phillips, Mark Phillips As Heir To The Estate Of Margaret A. Phillips If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally De-

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scribed And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS "John Doe #1" through "John Doe #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 15 Barbara Lane Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental

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Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Mark Phillips Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose an Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Mortgage ("Mortgage") dated March 25, 2005, executed by Margaret A. Phillips (who died on March 5, 2023, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$406,125.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 0120056134 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on April 6, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 25, 2009 and recorded on October 28, 2009, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 0120092193A. The mortgage

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was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 22, 2023 and recorded on June 27, 2023, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2023-50684A. The property in question is described as follows: 15 Barbara Lane, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Fore-

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copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 30, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82437

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-52-24 Case Management Software for Dutchess County Public Defender's Office

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 20th day of September 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal

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forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2025 BUDGET MEETING DATES

The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2025 Budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates:

WORKSHOP MEETING

-Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 7:00PM

PURPOSE:

Town Clerk presents Supervisor's 2025 Tentative Budget to Town Board

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

-Monday, September 9, 2024 at 5:00PM

PURPOSE:

All Department Heads present their 2025 Budget

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Regular Town Board meeting scheduled for

Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00PM is now rescheduled for

Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:00PM.

PURPOSE:

To discuss all lines of the 2025 Tentative Budget

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

-Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:00PM

PURPOSE:

Resolution to release of the 2025 Preliminary Budget and

schedule Public Hearing for 10-07-24

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
Town of Pleasant Valley

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

Autism and IDD Information Sharing EXPO set Oct. 22

Anderson Center for Autism recently announced details of its Third Annual Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO, which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Free of charge and open to the public, the event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. that day at Apex Entertainment, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism: "As we celebrate Anderson Center for Autism's Centennial this year, we've been reflecting on the tremendous strides that have been made in our field. The Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO is a direct reflection of that progress; we're seeing more and more services available that are supporting the growing population of autistic and neurodivergent people. This event allows families, caregivers, and our colleagues to learn about many different organizations and agencies doing important work right here in our region - and they are reminded that they are not alone; they can assemble just the right team to help them navigate all stages

of life."

Added Tracy Schober, MPA, Director of New Program Development at Anderson Center for Autism and Board President of Autism Society Greater Hudson Region: "For families impacted by autism and other neurodiversities, this event offers a unique and coveted opportunity to explore a wide range of programs and services, and to connect with the professionals who can best support their loved ones - without having to spend hours or days researching on their own. Our team at Anderson Center for Autism believes strongly that events like this help give families what they need while fostering the spirit of inclusivity and accessibility that can make all the difference for the 1 in 36 impacted by autism. We're very pleased to be presenting this event for the third year in a row, and will continue to do our part to share resources whenever possible."

Anderson Center for Autism, founded 100 years ago in 1924, offers evidence-based, award-winning educational, vocational, residential, and consultation/training services to

people from all over the globe. Based in Staatsburg, New York, Anderson also runs The Anderson Center Clinic and Early Learning Academy in Latham, Anderson Early Learning Academy in Pine Plains, NY, and several day-hab centers throughout the Hudson Valley region. The organization has also developed collaborations with SUNY Empire and other Albany-area entities and community leaders over the years.

In addition to Anderson Center for Autism, organizations such as The Anderson Center Clinic (which is organizing a sensory-friendly space onsite at the event sponsored by Wilcenski Pleat Law), Maria College, Blue Path Service Dogs, Autism Society Greater Hudson Region, and National Alliance on Mental Illness, will have booth space, among others.

Knowledge Session Presenters will include representatives from New York Housing Resource Center and Transitions, along with others yet to be announced.

Schober said: "Since inception, the vision

for the Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO has been to connect families and providers in the hopes of ensuring more comprehensive service delivery. In just a few hours, attendees can walk through one space and learn about all kinds of resources and options that will maximize the potential of the people with autism and IDD in their lives. Beyond that, we're also raising awareness among the individuals, schools, groups, and businesses who make up the broader community - which is key to cultivating greater acceptance. So this is more than an event for all of us at Anderson Center for Autism - it is part of a bigger movement; we are proud to be part of it and taking the lead where we can."

Sponsorships, registration, and booth space are available for The Third Annual Resources for Autism & IDD Information Sharing EXPO. Learn more by emailing: RAISE@andersoncares.org or visit www.andersoncenterforautism.org/raise or <https://trellis.org/3rd-annual-raise>.

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Answers to this week's diversions
(puzzles on page 16)

Suguru solution

3	2	4	5	2	1
5	1	3	1	3	5
3	4	5	4	2	4
1	2	1	3	5	1
4	3	4	2	4	3
2	1	5	1	5	2

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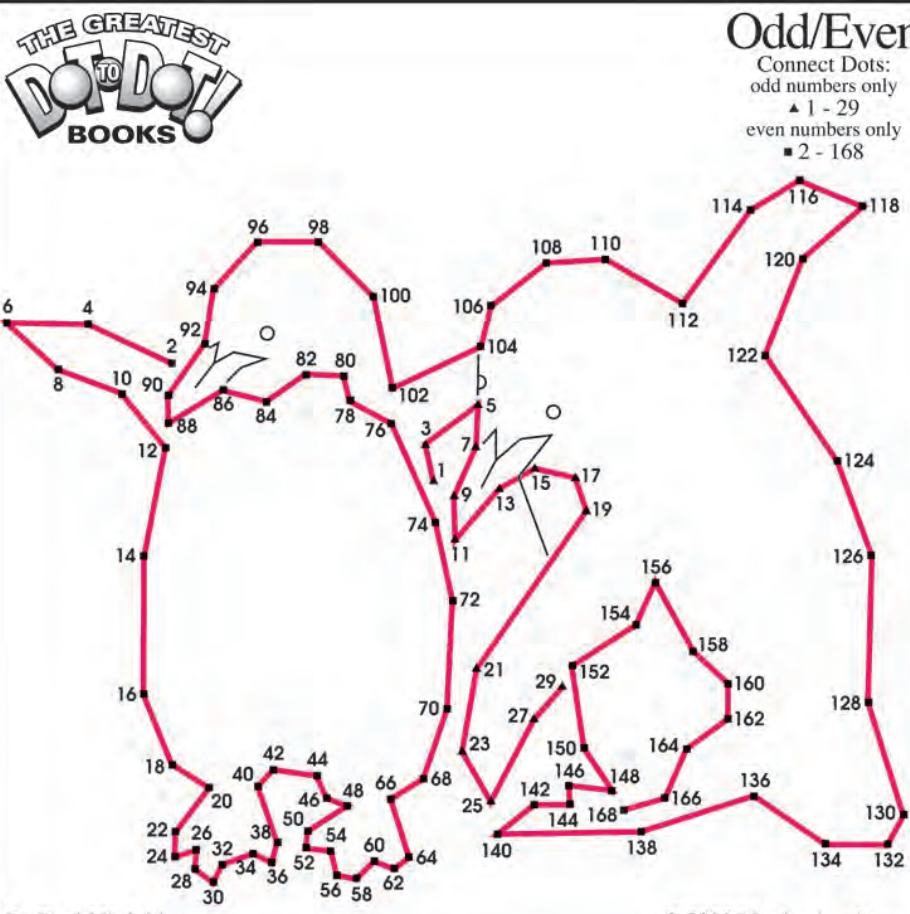
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This week's answer

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3	5	8	7	2	6	4	1	9
1	2	4	9	5	3	6	8	7
8	7	1	6	4	9	5	2	3
4	3	2	1	7	5	9	6	8
5	6	9	2	3	8	7	4	1
2	1	7	5	9	4	8	3	6
6	4	3	8	1	7	2	9	5
9	8	5	3	6	2	1	7	4

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

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

Odd/Even
Connect Dots:
odd numbers only ▲ 1 - 29
even numbers only ■ 2 - 168



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GOLDEN LIVING

OFA PUBLIC COMMENT FORUMS IN OCTOBER

You can contact the Office for the Aging at any time with questions and concerns, and in October there are additional opportunities to advocate for your needs, at the annual OFA Public Comment Forums. The forums are unique opportunities to speak directly, in person, to OFA leadership and members of the OFA Advisory Board, at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, Oct. 8 – 10:30 am

Red Hook OFA Friendship Center – 59 Fisk St.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 – 10:30 am

Beacon OFA Friendship Center – 1 Forrestal Heights

Each forum lasts about one hour. If you are unable to attend a Public Comment Forum, you can mail written comments to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. You can also email comments to ofa@dutchessny.gov

All Public Comment Forum locations are handicapped accessible. Persons requiring special accommodations to take part in a Public Comment Forum should contact OFA during business hours by close of business Monday, Sept. 16.

GOLDEN GATHERING, SATURDAY 9/21

One of Dutchess County's best ways to get your aging-related questions answered in one place is the annual "Golden Gathering" for older adults and

caregivers, coming up on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Arlington High School, 1157 NY 55 in LaGrangeville. It's presented by OFA, County Executive Sue Serino, and New York State Senator Rob Rolison, with support from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust.

The program consists of health screenings, entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and various informational tables geared toward the interests and needs of area older adults. Flu shots will be available while supplies last.

The Golden Gathering is the single largest annual event of its kind in Dutchess County. More than 70 exhibitors from various organizations and service providers will offer information on topics ranging from health care and financial services, to housing options, legal advice and more. Representatives from various Dutchess County Government departments and divisions will also be on hand to inform residents about how they serve the community every day.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

With thousands of messages coming at us every waking hour, we often lose sight of services available to us right here in Dutchess – and yet you chose to read this column, and for that we're most grateful indeed. What next? Don't keep your newfound knowledge to yourself. Tell your older adult and caregiving friends in Dutchess County about the Office for the

Aging, so that they can get to know us before they need us.

'A MATTER OF BALANCE' CLASSES START SOON

There's still time (but not much) to apply for a space in one of OFA's Fall 2024 "A Matter of Balance" falls prevention classes. Each class is held for two hours, once a week, for eight weeks. Class venues and times are made available when an individual's registration for the class is confirmed.

We're planning for one eight-week class in the City of Poughkeepsie starting on Monday, Sept. 16. Schedules are being drawn up for another class in the Town of Wappinger, and one more in the Town of Rhinebeck. We expect these classes will also start in September.

To find out more about "A Matter of Balance," call OFA during business hours or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Visit dutchessny.gov/seniorexercise for more about OFA's varied exercise programs for Dutchess County residents over age 60.

OFA PROM REGISTRATION

The Office for the Aging is holding its annual Senior Prom on Monday, Oct. 21, from noon to 4 pm. This year's theme is "Hooray for Hollywood." You don't have to go to the prom in character, but if you've got a favorite movie character then this is the year to be James Bond, or Princess Leia, or whatever strikes your fancy. Many thanks for the support of

OFA's Senior Prom partner, The Pines at Poughkeepsie.

Registration is under way. Admission is \$20 per person (prepaid) while seating is available, which includes lunch and an afternoon of dance music from the full Bob Martinson Band.

The location of the prom will be provided to guests once payment is confirmed.

2024 MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC FORUMS

The Dutchess County Department of Mental Health is holding another pair of Mental Health Public Forums – one in Dover Plains, another in Beacon. The second round of forums for 2024 will take place:

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Dover Middle School Gymnasium
2368 Route 22, Dover Plains

Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Beacon High School Cafeteria
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon

Thank you to all who came out to share feedback at our spring forums in Poughkeepsie and Pine Plains!

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Barrett secures \$40,000 for Dutchess Outreach



Assemblymember Didi Barrett (center left) secured \$40,000 in funding for Dutchess Outreach's expansion of its Farm Stand mobile food pantry program in the Town of Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo*

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) recently announced that she secured \$40,000 for Dutchess Outreach. This funding will help Dutchess Outreach to expand their Farm Stand mobile food pantry program into the Town of Poughkeepsie, part of the 106th Assembly District. For 50 years, Dutchess Outreach has consistently battled food insecurity in Dutchess County, providing healthy food and support services to those in need.

Barrett recently toured their headquarters with Executive Director Renee Fillette and Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor Rebecca Edwards.

"For decades, Dutchess Outreach has worked tirelessly to address food insecurity in Dutchess County," said Barrett. "As a longtime supporter of Dutchess

Outreach and the work that they do in our region, I am honored to secure this critical funding to expand their Farm Stand program into my Assembly District."

"Assemblymember Barrett has always had a keen interest in listening to the needs of her district and finding solutions. This opportunity is no exception. Thanks to her advocacy, Dutchess Outreach can provide much-needed free food throughout several towns in the 106th district, high-quality food that is rescued, and food that is purchased from local farms to support our food system," said Dutchess Outreach Executive Director Renee Fillette. "With food insecurity rates of 20% in Dutchess County, the need for support like this is exceptionally high, especially among seniors and young children."

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