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## Nuvance, Northwell health systems to form partnership

Nuvance Health and Northwell Health, two nonprofit, mission-driven healthcare organizations, have announced they have entered into a strategic agreement to form a new integrated regional health system serving communities across two states. The proposed agreement will allow the organizations to come together formally upon receipt of necessary regulatory approval.

"This partnership opens a new and exciting chapter for Northwell and Nuvance and provides an incredible opportunity to enhance both health systems and take patient care and services to an even higher level," said Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health. "We have similar missions in providing high-quality care for patients in the communities we serve. We look forward to building on the care that Nuvance Health's 14,000 staff members and providers deliver each and every day."

"By joining forces with Northwell Health, we are taking a giant leap forward in our shared mission to enhance the quality, accessibility and equity of the healthcare we provide to our communities," said John M. Murphy, MD, president and CEO of Nuvance Health. "This agreement enables us to make significant improvements to health outcomes for community hospitals and to deliver unparalleled care and drive positive change in the healthcare landscape."

Northwell and Nuvance Health will combine the strengths of both organizations and advance the level of care for patients in New York and Connecticut. The new regional system will bring greater access to primary, specialty and hospital care through a diverse network of combined 14,500 providers and over 1,000 sites of care, including 28 hospitals. Northwell will make significant investments in Nuvance

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## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

# David Baldauf: Environmental pioneer, inspirational leader

By Curtis Schmidt

To those who had the honor of knowing David Baldauf, he was a kind and gentle soul – and much more. A resident of Rhinebeck for many years, he was also a space program explorer, avid environmental pioneer and steward, community volunteer and teacher.

David Baldauf passed away on Feb. 20 at the age of 95.

From working extensively for IBM with the Gemini space missions in the 1960s to kayaking into his 90s and hiking to peaks in the Catskills and Adirondacks well into his 80s, to building a solar home in the 1970s and even ensuring that lands like Burger Hill Park continue to have public access, Baldauf was always at the forefront of innovation and natural preservation.

On the local level, Baldauf served the Town of Rhinebeck as a leader and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 30-plus years, worked with other volunteers on the Town Master Plan committee and was one of the most revered members of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church.

Rev. Luis Perez, pastor of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, said "We stand in great debt to David for rekindling our awareness of nature – to feel wonder, awe and reverence at the mountains, the streams, the lakes, the oceans, the ani-



From an environmental standpoint, David Baldauf believed in experiencing nature first hand. He was kayaking and hiking well into his 90s. Here he sits atop Giant Ledge in the Catskill Mountains, one of the many peaks he climbed. *Courtesy photo*

mals, all the beauty of our awesome world."

He said Baldauf organized "nature walks in order to help us un-complicate the often frantic and dizzy pace of our lives." One of Baldauf's more memorable

environmental educational programs was a church trip on the Clearwater Sloop on the Hudson River. "We developed a deeper appreciation of the river's beauty and resources, and we learned how every

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# Millbrook boys, girls advance to state basketball tournaments

By Rich Thomaselli

Both Millbrook High School basketball teams are heading to their respective state tournaments.

For the sixth consecutive year, the girls team won the Section 9, Class C championship with a 63-54 victory over Pine Plains over the weekend. The game was played at Mount St. Mary College.

The school advances into the New York State playoffs, which begin this week.

Natalie Fox had a monster game for the Blazers with 32 points and 20 rebounds.

Pine Plains was valiant in a losing effort, actually leading by a bucket in the fourth quarter before Millbrook surged to the victory. The Blazers, who have won two state titles in a row and three in the last six years, were too much in the final frame.

Fox is committed to William & Mary College and is the second Division 1 player in her family. Her older sister, Erin, received a scholarship to Marist College.

Hannah Ross scored five of her 10 in the fourth quarter for Millbrook and Lydia Kacsak had 13 points and seven assists.

The Bombers were led by Michelle Blackburn, who had 23 points.

### Boys top Seward

For the first time in five years, the Millbrook High School boys basketball team is back in the state tournament.

The Blazers beat S.S. Seward, 60-39, to win the Section 9, Class C title.

The boys will play the Section 1 champion this week in their first state regional game.

Andrew Szostak led the Blazers and had 17 points and 15 rebounds. Hunter Williamson added 16 points and four blocks for Millbrook. Owen Iannucci had 11 points for the winners.

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# Stanford residents keep awareness alive for Ukraine

By Rich Thomaselli

Ed Zick is surprised.

"I am," said the member of the Town of Stanford Fire Department. "I didn't think the war would last this long. But here we are."

He's talking about the war between Russia and Ukraine, which recently passed a milestone – having begun with the Russian invasion on Feb. 24, 2022.

Zick is one of a handful of local residents with ties to Ukraine. His association is one of generosity. Two years ago, he spearheaded an effort to ship much needed medical and emergency supplies to Ukraine. Along the way, he met some great colleagues and formed lasting friendships.

"You just feel really sorry for the people," he said. "Because it's just as bad now as it was two years ago. I feel really guilty. Should we have done more?"

Should we have stayed more active? Should we have been more involved? You ask yourself these questions every day."

Zick added that he is asked every day whether there will be another voluntary effort. There are no current plans to do so, but he wouldn't say no, either. The project is time-consuming. After all, think about it. You're shipping supplies almost 5,000 miles to a war-torn country in the eastern bloc of Europe.

Not to mention driving the supplies into Ukraine from Poland.

But the sincere thanks and gratitude and letter of citation was enough.

"In the end," Zick said, "you know you did a good thing, and you know it got to the right place. It's a good feeling."

For Estonia native Mark Lagus and his wife, also a native of Estonia, it is perhaps an even more critical time now than it was two years ago. As the war enters its third year, they have to be careful to keep

the awareness level raised for American citizens.

Supplies and arms for the nation of Ukraine is at a premium.

"We are very passionate about the need to defend Ukraine and the danger that Russia poses to the world," Mark said. "We started by raising awareness among our neighbors and friends, and we have to continue to do so."

That includes continuing to lobby local politicians who can vote for the passage of funds for Ukraine.

"Everyone knows that if Russia is not stopped in Ukraine, that it will continue to disrupt Europe and threaten their lives and threaten their countries," he said. "Putin is not in this for the short term. The fact that he hasn't given up makes it unsurprising that we're still here two years later. What the West hasn't realized is that a Ukrainian victory is in our best

interest. And with a very modest investment in weapons and fractions of what we spend for our defense, we could make that happen."

Neither Zick nor Lagus is surprised at the resilience and fortitude of the Ukrainian people, saying that they are literally fighting for their lives. That's difficult to comprehend when in America we worry about simple things like a spot in the grocery line.

"There are polls that have been released that show there is strong support and an awareness of the war, but I don't want to say it's been forgotten. But it's certainly been on the back burner so to speak," Lagus said. "Most people in this country have their own issues and are getting on with their lives. But the war in Ukraine is important. We just don't see the same energy as we did two years ago, and that's understandable."

## New 4-way stop effective in Village of Rhinebeck

The intersection of South Street and South Parsonage Street changed to a four-way stop as of March 1. All drivers and bicyclists are asked to exercise extra caution at this intersection as residents become accustomed to the new traffic

control devices.

The Village of Rhinebeck reminds drivers about four-way stop intersections:

- The first vehicle to arrive at the intersection has the right of way.
- If vehicles arrive at the same time,

the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right.

- Bicyclists must follow the same traffic rules as motor vehicles.

Please note: South Parsonage Street from East Market Street (Route 308) to South Street will remain a one-way. Traffic will only be allowed to travel southbound.

## Nuvance, Northwell health systems to form partnership

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Health, helping it continue to evolve as a high-quality and comprehensive health-care system serving communities throughout New York and Connecticut.

"This agreement marks an important milestone for both Nuvance Health and Northwell, mission-driven organizations with similar values and an optimistic vision for the future of healthcare," said Margaret Crotty, chair of the Northwell Board of Trustees. "Together we can create something truly special – an integrated health system that is even better positioned to care for the communities we serve."

"Our collaboration with Northwell Health builds upon the strong foundation of our ongoing relationship," said Anne Roby, chair of the Nuvance Health Board of Directors. "Together, we will address the evolving needs of our communities

more efficiently and effectively, ensuring the delivery of compassionate, high-quality care locally."

Both Northwell and Nuvance Health reaffirm their commitments to the goals and objectives defined in the initial letter of intent. The integrated health system has the following plans.

**Deliver Extraordinary Clinical Care Locally to Patients** - With increased capacity to invest in medical advancements and innovation, the integrated system would better serve patients in their respective markets and communities. When Nuvance Health joins Northwell, local communities would have access to coordinated care across western Connecticut, the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. The care delivered in these sites would span the full range of ambulatory, hospital and



John M. Murphy, MD, President and CEO of Nuvance Health, left, and Michael Dowling, President and CEO of Northwell Health are pictured at the announcement last week. Courtesy photo

post-acute services.

**Create Healthier Communities** - Combining Nuvance Health with the resources of Northwell would enable the organizations to meet the evolving, varied needs of local communities more quickly, more efficiently and more effectively. Together, both organizations would have the ability to make significant improvements to health outcomes and address health disparities across the communities they serve. As nonprofit organizations, Northwell and Nuvance Health would also continue to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

**Expedite Medical Innovation** - By joining Northwell, Nuvance Health would gain access to the clinical, operating and financial resources of one of the nation's largest integrated health systems. Combining purchasing power, clinical capabilities and expertise from both organizations would help drive even greater innovation, enhanced care and

services offerings. Building on each organization's research, education and clinical care infrastructure, the combined entity would accelerate innovation in patient care and advance medical research that can help transform lives.

**Workforce Opportunities** - The agreement would increase the opportunity to attract and retain top talent, including physicians, nurses, surgical and research specialists as well as allied health and business professionals. By coming together, medical staff and employees would have greater professional growth opportunities, new career prospects and the chance to work with some of the best in the industry. This could include academic pathways for health professionals to acquire additional degrees and for new graduates to fill high-demand positions.

Kaufman Hall served as exclusive financial advisor for Nuvance Health, and Epstein Becker & Green acted as legal advisor.

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aspect of created life is integrated," said Rev. Perez.

Michael B. Trimble, past chair of Rhinebeck's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) and the Town's Planning Board, said, "Our paths would cross as applications to the Planning Board frequently would lead to variance requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals and we would talk over issues that might ensue. David was a very patient and knowledgeable individual and a delight to talk to."

He said when the CAC first found out that the land we now know as Burger Hill Park was being sold, Baldauf was one of the early supporters of ensuring the land would become and remain a public park.

Rhinebeck Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia said Baldauf was always "gentle, kind and supportive. Just a gem of a person. He was very smart, intelligent – always with an eye on protecting the environment."

Melodye Moore, Rhinebeck resident and fellow congregant of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, said she knew Baldauf as "an elder statesman who emanated love and compassion for everyone he met. He was also the conscience of the church when it came to being a good steward of God's creation and encouraged us to adopt more environmentally sensitive ways of caring for our church."

In regard to his work with the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, she said, "Behind his always quiet and courteous demeanor was a man with strong opinions about how best to protect the town he loved so much. Our community was enriched beyond measure by the service of this remarkable public servant."

Current Zoning Board chairman Scott Bergin described Baldauf as a model for community-minded volunteers.

"I want to be (like) David Baldauf when I grow up," said the 64-year-old attorney. "He was always very calm, patient and extremely knowledgeable on zoning law. He showed respect to everyone and was a great listener. He was firm, direct and honest, but certainly not weak, said Bergin. "He was a true inspiration. I learned so much from him. Whenever I'm faced with difficult decisions, I ask 'What would David do?'

"He was very humble, but definitely passionate. He was an extremely positive influence on me and I feel blessed to have known him," said Bergin.

Those traits were honed over many years in Baldauf's life.

His early work with IBM provided the training ground for his appreciation of our planet and resources. His daughter,

Susan Baldauf Wright, shared parts of her father's memoirs.

(At IBM in the '60s) "I was manager of space navigation and system integration where we had a vehicle simulation facility set up on which the future astronauts came to train for their missions. We worked among others with Neil Armstrong (who later was the first man on the moon), Jim McDivitt, Gus Grissom and Ed White (who was the first person to walk in space). Gemini was the first space vehicle to perform on-board ascent guidance, re-entry guidance, orbital navigation and rendezvous maneuvering. Working with the government with multi-layered contracts required frequent travel to the prime aircraft contractors on the west coast, our subcontractors, NASA headquarters in Houston and the Air Force HQ in Dayton (Ohio).

"On one of these trips as I was flying from San Francisco to Minneapolis, I was seated beside a college professor who was deriding the onslaught of technology. He told me to read 'Small is Beautiful' by E.F. Schumacher when I got home. This started me on my concern for the environment as I coupled his writing with my experience in the space program to realize how fragile the world is and how everything interacts with everything else in nature."

Such exploits led Baldauf to explore nature first hand. His daughter Susan wrote, "His children grew up camping and sailing as family vacations. He was always gardening, trail-blazing and landscaping at home and birding with my Mom, and always - a lifestyle of composting, reusing, repurposing and repairing."

Susan said, "He believed that we are to be a blessing and we are to be stewards of God's creation."

More extensive adventures for Baldauf included "Kayaking and canoeing Hudson River inlets and wetlands like Roundout Creek and Esopus Meadows, Tivoli Bays, (as well as the Berkshires, Adirondacks); Hiking the local trails and climbing many Catskill high peaks and sailing the Hudson River out of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club."

And then, Baldauf's goal was to always impart his knowledge and help others to understand and appreciate the fragile beauty of our world.

Rev. Perez shared the comments of fellow congregant Bill Nieves of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church who described Baldauf as "A custodian of Mother Earth."

Nieves added, "Thank God for David Baldauf. Good idea, God."



Above, David Baldauf and his wife, Marion, are shown climbing Burger Hill in the Town of Rhinebeck. David was one of the early supporters of ensuring the land would become and remain a public park. Below, Baldauf takes in a view of the Hudson River, and walks the grounds at Ferncliff Forest. Courtesy photos



## Spring clean and donate to Habitat Dutchess

One does not have to swing a hammer to help build homes in Dutchess County! This spring-cleaning season, one can give gently used home goods a second life and help reduce waste in landfills by donating to Habitat Dutchess' ReStore. Whether it's to make room for a new chair or a brand-new kitchen, the Habitat ReStore accepts items ranging from appliances and building products to furniture, home goods, and household fixtures such as lighting and cabinets.

Donated items can be brought to 1822 South Road Wappingers Falls, or for larger items one can schedule online at [www.habitatdutchess.org](http://www.habitatdutchess.org). For questions or more information, call 845-297-7610 option 2 or email [restoredonations@habitatdutchess.org](mailto:restoredonations@habitatdutchess.org). Donations allow the Habitat ReStore to resell high-quality items at a lower price, providing families in the community with an affordable option to furnish their homes. Proceeds are used to help more families locally and

globally build, rehabilitate, and repair their homes, working toward Habitat for Humanity's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Every item donated and sold at the Habitat ReStore plays a vital role in improving the lives of families in need of better housing," said Maureen Brennan Lashlee, Chief Executive Officer. "Each week our ReStore saves over 10 tons of items from going into our local landfills. With the support of loyal donors and shoppers, we will continue to generate proceeds to further our mission and help save our local environment."

Habitat Dutchess ReStore relies heavily on the generosity of donors in the community. All Habitat Donors receive a gift voucher for 10% off to use on their future purchase at the ReStore. For information on how to arrange a pickup, call the 845-297-7610 option 2 or visit [www.habitatdutchess.org](http://www.habitatdutchess.org).

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## New time for DC Legislature board meetings

All future Dutchess County Legislature Board meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. starting with the March regular board meeting on March 11. Committee meetings will continue to commence at 5:30 p.m. Join them at the meeting at this new time.

For more information on the Dutchess County Legislature and to view the agenda, visit: <https://DutchessNY.gov/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLindex.htm> or consider liking and following the page on Facebook to stay up to date on the Legislature's work at <https://www.facebook.com/DCLegislature>.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News.  
Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.*

### Electric school bus mandate is unrealistic

To the editor:

Gov Hochul is beyond unrealistic in her mandate that all school buses be electric by 2035. The mandate is impractical, very short-sighted, and will likely far exceed her estimated costs.

Consider these factors. Not every school bus route is 30 - 60 minutes long. Some after-school activities last more than 12 hours, can be more than 250+ miles round trip, require overnight stays, and can be out of state. These events attract students from local and out-of-state districts and can number in the dozens for just one event. How are these buses supposed to charge while on a long trip?

There are several bus manufacturers with different operational and panel controls. Additionally, there are different fueling systems from gas, diesel, and propane buses depending on the manufacturer. Will every bus company sacrifice proprietary designs and conform to one standard? Will drivers have access to recharge when driving out of district or out of state? Will Gov Hochul impose her mandate on border states, private bus companies, and independent districts?

How will drivers have access to other districts fueling stations? Our bus yard has locked security gates accessible after hours and on weekends with a security tag on each bus and our fueling stations require a personal security code and access key.

Yes, I favor protecting the environment and advocate for measures to halt global warming. But I also want to keep students safe while boarding and disembarking from the bus.

Gov. Hochul should first mandate that EVERY district, privately owned, and independent district school bus in NYS be outfitted with RED LIGHT CAMERAS. After all, thousands of drivers pass a stopped school bus with flashing lights EVERY SINGLE DAY IN NYS. Why not have the same commitment to safeguarding "the World's Most Precious Natural Resource (our children)"?

Then there is the question of what to do with the 50,000+-existing buses, fuel tanks, and fuel pumps that will become obsolete and overwhelm landfills. Garages will have to be rebuilt or restructured. Mechanics will have to purchase new tools. Gov Hochul approved a contract to Proterra to build electric buses. That company went out of business. Taxpayers are on the hook.

Too many unanswered questions in too short a time.

To borrow from Samuel L. Jackson in the John Wick movies franchise, "Will someone PLEASE get this Governor all the facts."

Joe Torres  
Wappingers Falls

### Military recruiting woes

To the editor:

Recently, articles discussed Congressman Pat Ryan's proposed legislation to allow illegal aliens to serve in the military as a mechanism to obtain citizenship. While this legislation may be well-intentioned, it exposes more issues than it resolves.

Signing up new recruits who entered the country illegally seems counterproductive. This would be particularly true when they "raise their right hands" to swear to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic" when they themselves have violated the law.

Beyond that, there are other issues at work. Why is there such a shortfall for military recruiting? It is no secret that schools and universities have been teaching how bad America is. With this steady diet of "hate America first" and "woke" military policies, are we surprised recruits are staying away in droves?

In addition, what has happened to our pool of possible recruits? In general, it is estimated that there were some 65,000,000 abortions during the period of Roe v. Wade. When you look at the loss of life of those babies and then the babies not born because the "parents" were not born, the population not available to be recruited is significant.

Lastly, for this discussion, the culture moved in the direction of self-indulgence and serving self. Fallout from that mindset is a falling fertility rate that is not only providing fewer of the next generation but has dipped below replacement level. The fertility rate needs to average 2.1 children per woman during her reproductive years for replacement of a nation's population. The U.S., and the West in general, is well below that at 1.7 or lower. Causes for the lowering rate can be argued in multiple areas: delaying marriage; decisions to not have children for a variety of reasons; an entertainment mindset; delayed maturity as evidenced by living at home until well into the 20s and beyond; and you can probably think of more. In this atmosphere, why would we expect someone to sign-up to perform sacrificial military service?

Congressman Ryan's legislation is like a band-aid on cancer. We need a significant change of heart.

Rex S. Bridges  
Rhinebeck

### 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

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

### NYS Family Courts 'persistently failed our children'

To the editor:

Enough is enough. The family court system in New York has persistently failed our children. We, the shared parenting leaders, the Domestic Violence advocates, Father's rights champions, single parent defenders, and the citizens of New York, are beyond exhaustion. We are banding together—domestic violence organizations, Father's rights groups, along with countless others fighting for our children's futures.

To the officials who have turned a blind eye and deepened the divide, hear this: We demand change. We are uniting, and if the Family Courts refuse to evolve, we will unseat those who stand in the way of justice. This isn't about politics; this is about our children's civil rights, their safety, their tomorrows.

This is a rallying cry from Rouses Point to Staten Island; our battle is with the courts. We must unite, redefine the narrative, and rise for the seismic reform that our family courts desperately need. Change is not just coming; it is here.

Andre' K. Rainey

Current Chair of New York, National Parents Organization  
Vice President of Fathers Are Important

### Destruction of New Guinea Community home a sad end to Black History Month

*Editor's note: In this letter, Walter Ring is expressing his opinion solely as a resident of the Town of Hyde Park. He does not speak on behalf of the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee.*

To the editor:

For the past year, I've been working with a not-for-profit group, the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee, on an endeavor to assist the town in preserving, conserving and stabilizing an archaeological site called the New Guinea Community at Hyde Park, which was a free-black community of formerly enslaved individuals and others who may have resided there as early as 1790 and was active until the 1850s or '60s. This is the second historic site the Committee has worked on preserving, the first being the Eleanor Roosevelt Historic Site, also in Hyde Park.

In anticipation of Black History Month, along with other historical societies and interested parties, we put together an exhibition of artifacts found at the site during an organized dig between 2001 and 2009. Remnants of a past community, mostly household items and a few clay pipes, were shown. Histories of formerly enslaved people, some of whom fled from other areas, were discussed with visitors to the Hyde Park Historical Society Museum.

It was a great success. All four Saturdays in February were well attended. The town leadership was well represented and supported the event.

One of the people discussed was Peter Griffin, one of the earliest black men, if not the first, to purchase a home in Dutchess County, in the early 1800s. He lived on Crum Elbow Creek where he allowed itinerant people to stay in humble shanties during their sojourns to supportive communities, possibly Kingston, Canada or to parts unknown. His house, although not well known by the community, was just before the Guinea Bridge, as it was called for many years, for it was the gateway to the New Guinea Community.

So, as the Hyde Park community is celebrating the contributions of early settlers who have gained their independence and overcome their indenture, the fall comes. On Friday, February 23rd, Peter Griffin's home, which has stood for all this time, was torn down. All the paperwork was done. The permits were obtained. Crash. A kick in the gut to all who have been working to promote the whole history of the town, not just the stories of the occupants of riverfront mansions. And during Black History Month. What a shame.

Will we do better next year? Will we protect and preserve emblems of struggle and give respect to neighbors from the past whose very existence in the town brought truth to the ideals of this great land? Maybe is the best I can come up with.

Walter Ring  
Hyde Park

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# County seeks proposals for 2024-2025 Youth Program funding

## Grant workshops set March 12, 14

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' Division of Youth Services is requesting proposals for youth programming services from municipalities and nonprofit, community-based organizations for the program year on October 1, to September 30, 2025.

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded in the following categories:

- Youth Development Programs
- Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding
- Runaway and Homeless Youth

Eligible applicants should be either a Dutchess County municipality or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community-based organization with a federal identification number and charity registration number, operating in Dutchess County, and must meet the County's insurance require-

ments. Programs will be required to demonstrate knowledge of and have staff trained in Positive Youth Development. Agencies will also be expected to show how the program addresses one of Dutchess County's "Path to Promise" domains/value areas: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family and Community.

The Division of Youth Services has scheduled two Grant Workshops for non-profit agencies and municipalities interested in more information. The workshops are being held at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie 9 to 11 a.m.:

- Tuesday, March 12
- Thursday, March 14

Contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or [Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us) to register for a workshop. Youth Services will review the step-by-step process of applying online through the Dutchess County Grant Portal and address any concerns or questions.

Specific funding eligibility requirements are as follows:

### Youth Development Programs (YDP):

Grants will be awarded to programs for youth up to age 21 that provide free, direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes, as outlined in the OCFS-5003 Program Components-Coding Document, Rev. 3/2018. Programs must address one of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' six life areas, which are: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family, and Community.

### Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF):

Grants will be awarded to programs that serve youth under age 18 and aim to foster educational connections and achievement; physical health and well-being; mental health and well-being; employment; and/or community cohesion.

### Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY):

RHY services are grounded in the

Positive Youth Development framework and focus on supporting and developing healthy relationships to enhance youths' existing strengths and resiliency, while incorporating youth voice and leadership into programming. Residential RHY crisis services programs are certified by OCFS to provide temporary shelter to runaway and homeless youth under age 18. The goal of RHY crisis services programs is to support a safe reunification of youth with their guardians, where appropriate.

Additional information about the grant eligibility criteria is available on Youth Services' grant funding webpage.

All 2024-2025 grant applications are due to the Division of Youth Services on or before Thursday, April 11, by 5 p.m.

Funding is made available through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. In 2023-2024, 25 programs were awarded more than \$294,000 in funding. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability.

## Registration open for Hope For Warriors events

Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Clay Shoot for HOPE scheduled for Friday, May 3; and the 3rd Annual All-American Striped Bass Tournament for HOPE Saturday, May 4.

Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit that has served over 159,000 post 9/11 service members, veterans and military families by providing financial, career and educational stability; physical and emotional strength; and social support that builds community.

New this year, professional sports and actor celebrities will be joining both events.

The Millbrook-based clay shoot event will be hosted at Orvis Sandanona range Friday, May 3. Sponsorship opportunities are available, including sponsoring a service member's participation.

To register for the 13th Annual Clay Shoot for HOPE, visit [hopeforthewarriors.org/2024clayshoot](http://hopeforthewarriors.org/2024clayshoot).

The Striped Bass Fishing Tournament will be hosted at the Riverfront Marina in Newburgh on Saturday, May 4.

For the All-American Striped Bass Tournament for HOPE a New York state fishing license is NOT required to fish for the target species – striped bass. However, all anglers in the tournament will be required to hold a NYS Saltwater/Marine Fishing Registry.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, including sponsoring a service member's participation.

To register for the 3rd Annual All-American Striped Bass Tournament for HOPE, visit [hopeforthewarriors.org/2024stripedbass](http://hopeforthewarriors.org/2024stripedbass).

"This annual event has morphed into two great outdoor sporting events which provide comradery and peer support for not only the service members and veterans in attendance but also for civilian participants," said Robin Kelleher, co-founder and CEO of Hope For The Warriors. "We're excited to have some of HOPE's stellar celebrity ambassadors along for both the clay shoot and bass fishing tournament to help spread our mission and to raise funds to support military families here in New York and beyond."

## Village elections set March 19

By Kate Goldsmith

### RED HOOK

As no seats are up for election this year, no polling will be held in the Village of Red Hook.

### RHINEBECK

Voters will select two Board of Trustees candidates; these seats are currently held by Vanessa Bertozzi and John Penney, who was appointed by Mayor Gary Bassett to fill a vacant seat on the board in November 2023. Bertozzi and Eleanor Pupko are on the Democratic line. On the Republican line is Derrick Sinon.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at Village Hall, 76 East Market St.,

Rhinebeck.

Absentee Ballot applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office or on the Village website: [www.village-ofrhinebeck.org](http://www.village-ofrhinebeck.org) on the Village Clerk's page. Applications can also be requested by phone at (845) 876-7015, option 3. These applications must be returned to the Village Clerk by March 12, 2024 if the ballots are to be mailed and by March 18, 2024 if the ballots are to be hand delivered to the Village Hall.

All voters for the Village Election must be registered with Dutchess County Board of Elections at their correct address in the Village by March 8, 2024.

Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at [\[ofrhinebeckny.gov\]\(http://ofrhinebeckny.gov\) or \(845\) 876-7015, option 3, for more information.](mailto:mmcclinton@village-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### TIVOLI

Candidates are Danielle Cordier for Village Justice, Emily M. Majer for Trustee, and Emily Mangieri for Trustee. All three are incumbents running unopposed.

Voting will take place at the Tivoli Firehouse, 2 Tivoli Commons, from noon to 9 p.m.

Email [clerk@tivoliny.org](mailto:clerk@tivoliny.org) or call (845) 757-2021 for more information.

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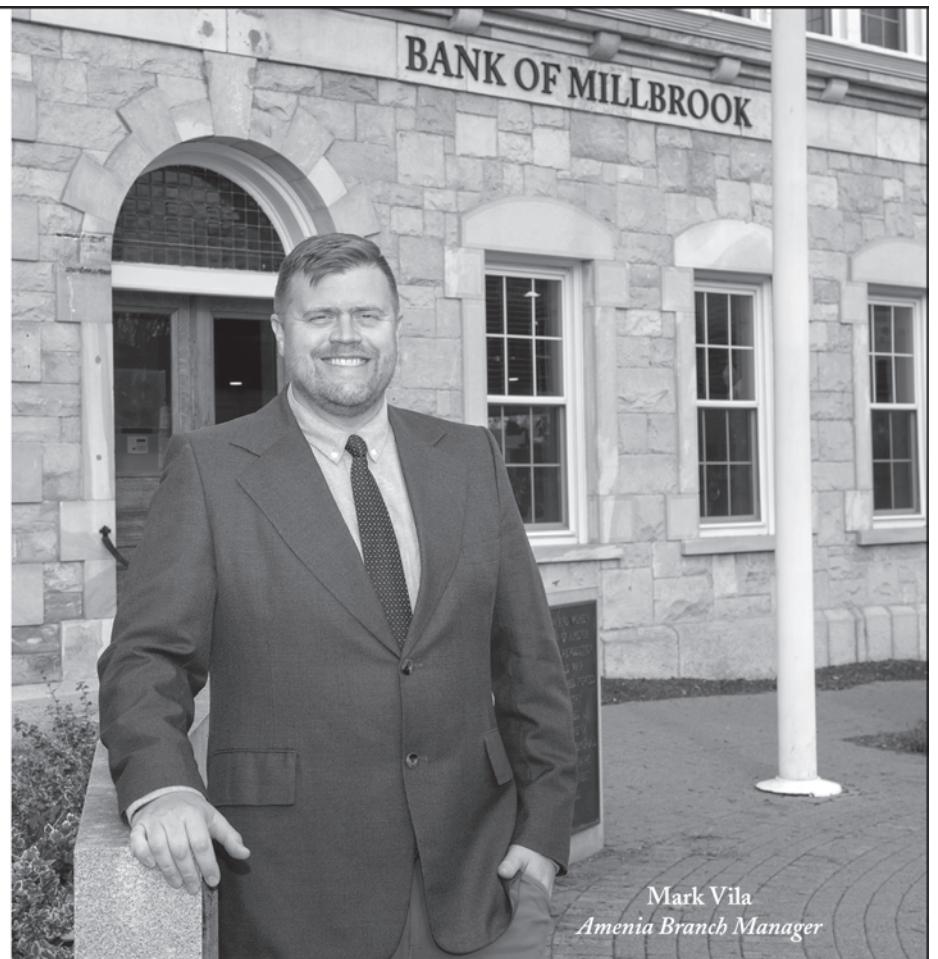
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# Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market seeking vendors for 2024 season

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market is seeking vendors for its 2024 market season, which will kick-off on May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water Street in Poughkeepsie. This Tuesday Market will run weekly from 2 - 5:30 p.m. from through October 29.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, in its eighth year of operation, is open to the public and features fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods and more from local Hudson Valley farms. With newly installed metal curtains, the Market will be enclosed and protected during inclement weather.

The Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market accepts both SNAP benefits and WIC

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

Are you interested in performing at the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market? Acoustic, jazz, classical, country, reggae and similar music is preferred. Please submit a demo. We value the performers that provide entertainment at our Market, but at this time, we cannot compensate performers. Performers can sell music merchandise and set out a tip jar.

For Vendor and Musician information, please visit: <https://mhdm.org/visit/poughkeepsie-waterfront-market/>.

## Women's Leadership Alliance sets March 7 event

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Women's Leadership Alliance will host a networking event on Thursday, March 7, to celebrate International Women's Day. The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at Eastdale Village Town Center, 10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie.

Admission is complimentary for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Advance registration is required. Call (845) 454-1700, ext. 1000, with any questions.

Participating businesses include Amanda's Macaron Shoppe, Bertolozzi

Physical Therapy, Catherine Ryan State Farm Agency, Jbeauté, Jolie Aesthetics & Wellness, and Lily & Marigold Home + Design.

More information about the Women's Leadership Alliance may be found at [wlahv.org](http://wlahv.org).

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire Inclusion. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.

## Rhinebeck High Drama Club to present 'James and the Giant Peach'

The Rhinebeck High School Drama Club will presents "James and the Giant Peach" on March 15-17. Tickets are on sale now at <https://our.show/rhspeachy>.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Rhinebeck High School Auditorium.

Based on Roald Dahl's book of the same name, "James and the Giant Peach" is a whimsical and magical journey of one boy out to change his life and find a real family. This is a musical for the whole family to enjoy. Featuring a wickedly tuneful score by the Tony

Award-nominated team of Pasek and Paul (Dogfight and A Christmas Story the Musical) and a curiously quirky book by Timothy Allen McDonald (Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley), critics rave: James and the Giant Peach is a "masterpeach!"

The Rhinebeck High School Drama Club is a student-run, self-funded organization that produces two plays a year. Your ticket purchase supports the arts and allows students to experience the magic of theater.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Utilities topic of Rhinecliff Community Conversation

On Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m., Morton Memorial Library (82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff) will host a conversation on local utilities and water issues. Please attend to make your thoughts heard. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

### Rhinebeck Chamber's After Hours set March 7

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next After Hours gathering on Thursday, March 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Terrapin. Come see who the top 6 finalists are for the Rhinebeck Area Visitors Guide's Cover Photo Contest. Come enjoy a fun evening mingling with community members and friends and cast a vote for your favorite photo. The votes will be tallied, and the winner will be announced at the After Hours event. Visit [www.rhinebeckchamber.com](http://www.rhinebeckchamber.com) to register.

### Pleasant Valley Community Gardens to meet March 7

Looking for a hands-on opportunity to learn about vegetable gardening, while also helping your neighbors? Join Pleasant Valley Community Gardens at its monthly meeting 6 pm Thursday, March 7 at the Pleasant Valley Library. We are a mix of knowledgeable and brand-new gardeners, already planning for our first days turning the soil at our beautiful garden on Salt Point Turnpike in mid-March. Last year we donated more than 1,500 pounds of fresh vegetables to the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, and we plan to exceed that this season. Join our band of planters, weeders and harvester! See the Facebook page for Pleasant Valley Community Gardens for more information.

### Repair Cafe in Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart, Repaircafehv.Org and Sustainable Hudson Valley host the Pleasant Valley Repair Cafe, Saturday, March 9, from 10 am - 2 pm at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Route 44. Our SPRING SPECIAL, brings the Amazing Vince to sharpen & balance Lawnmower Blades. Bring your blades for a "like new" fix. We also repair lamps, computers, clocks, cell phones, Jewelry, mend clothing, sweaters, sharpen knives & small garden tools and almost anything that is broken. Voluntary Donations are appreciated. This is neighbors helping neighbors, making Repairs instead of filling landfills. Visit [www.repaircafehv.org](http://www.repaircafehv.org) for more information.

### Stanford Grange to host take-out Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 9, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take-out only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes & Carrots, Homemade Irish Soda Bread, and Millionaire's Shortbread for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations (which are a must as we will sell out), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

### Good Egg Award set March 13 at Brookmeade

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Good Egg Award Dinner & Celebration on Wednesday, March 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at The Pavilion at Brookmeade.

The Good Egg Award is a time-honored tradition that celebrates those who have made significant contributions to the Rhinebeck community. This year's honoree is Carolyn Bernitt, former executive director of the Rhinebeck Chamber. The Chamber's board of directors notes that Bernitt "has shown exemplary dedication, commitment, and service to the Rhinebeck area" through "her tireless efforts."

The evening will begin with a cocktail social hour, followed by a dinner prepared by a special talented team at The Pavilion at Brookmeade. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with local business leaders, community members, the honoree and special guests.

Member tickets are \$90; non-member tickets are \$100. Tickets and sponsorship information is available at [www.rhinebeckchamber.com](http://www.rhinebeckchamber.com).

### Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie presents the Living Last Supper

DaVinci's painting comes to life on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Ave., in Poughkeepsie. Free will offering.

For more information, please e-mail: [info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com](mailto:info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com); visit the website: [www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com](http://www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com); or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

### Serino to give State of the County Address March 14

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino will give her presents her 2024 State of the County Address on Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m., at Red Hook High School in Red Hook. RSVP by March 12 online at [dutchessny.gov/RSVP](http://dutchessny.gov/RSVP).

### Penny Social to benefit Pomona Grange set March 16

Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host its Annual Penny Social on Saturday, March 16, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be a penny table, \$1 table, baked goods table, special theme baskets donated by our Dutchess County Granges, and door prizes. Dutchess County Youth Grangers will have the Snack Bar open for refreshments (no outside food please; it takes money away from the kids). For more information, contact Marilyn Brands at (845) 223-5717 or Melissa Traver at (845) 891-9779.

### Senior-to-Senior Breakfast set March 19 at Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School

Senior citizens in the Pine Plains Central School District are welcome to join the Stissing Mountain Senior Class of 2024 for a free hot breakfast on Tuesday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School is at 2829 Church St., Pine Plains.

### Rhinebeck Grange holds Soup Sale

Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold its final Winter Soup Sale on Thursday, March 21. Homemade soups sold for \$10 per quart, take-out only, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pickup is at the side door of the Rhinecliff Firehouse, corner of Shatzell and Orchard, in Rhinecliff. Email [JoBaer2@gmail.com](mailto:JoBaer2@gmail.com) to receive the soup choices for each sale and to order in advance online.

### PV Easter Egg Hunt set March 23

Pleasant Valley Rec will present an 'Egg-cellent' adventure at its Family Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza on Saturday, March 23, at 22 Camp Nooteeming Road in Salt Point. Hop on over with your little bunnies for a day packed with egg-citing surprises and loads of fun for the whole family. Ages 1-4 will hunt at 11 a.m.; ages 5-8 at 12:30 p.m.; and ages 9 & older at 2 p.m. Admission is free into this event but registration is required at <https://pleasantvalleyeny.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>. There is a limit of 100 children per age group.

### Vanderbilt Garden Association sets Garden Kick-off Meeting March 24

Those interested in finding out more information about volunteering at the F.W. Vanderbilt Garden in Hyde Park are invited to a Garden Kick-off Meeting on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m., at the Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Historic Site Visitor Center.

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, training will be provided.

Garden volunteers must be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule.

If you cannot attend the Kick-off Meeting, for further information, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgar den.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

### Repair Cafes set in Stanford

The Stanford Free Library will host a series of Repair Cafes on April 6, July 6 and Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, toys and more to be repaired, instead of throwing them away. The cost is a voluntary donation. The library is at 6035 Route 82 in Stanfordville. Visit [repaircafe.org](http://repaircafe.org) for more information.

### Skilled Trades Fair set April 18 at Ketcham HS

The Skilled Trades Fair will take place on Thursday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Roy C. Ketcham High School at 99 Myers Corners Road in Wappinger. The free event is open to the public and students from across Dutchess County are encouraged to attend. It is a walk-in event; student registration is not required.

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By Rich Thomaselli

**OLL boys advance to state tournament**

The Our Lady of Lourdes High School boys basketball team is back on top.

The Warriors defeated Warwick, 42-40, in the Section 9, Class AA final at Monroe-Woodbury High School over the weekend.

It is the first sectional title for the boys basketball program at the school in seven years.

It's not like the team hasn't been close, however. OLL finished as the runner up in both Section 1 and Section 9 the last two years. The boys team made the state tournament and will face the Section 1 or

4 champion Friday, 7 p.m. at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh in the first round of play.

Zach Hart had 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead OLL. The Warriors are now 18-4 overall.

**Red Hook girls win Section 9 crown**

The Red Hook High School girls basketball team is back in the state tournament.

It's just in a different class.

Katie Boyd had 15 points and six assists as Red Hook beat top-seeded Marlboro, 58-42, in the Section 9, Class

A final at Mount St. Mary College over the weekend. The Raiders had won the previous two sectional titles in Class B.

They were scheduled to play their first

state regional game on Tuesday.

Emily Kent scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half for Red Hook.

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# Rhinebeck Nursery School at Brookmeade Community fosters intergenerational bonds

Brookmeade Community, a leading provider of compassionate care for seniors, is collaborating with the Rhinebeck Community Nursery School (RCNS) in an inspiring intergenerational initiative. Through thoughtfully designed programs, these two community pillars are bridging generations and nurturing meaningful connections between seniors and young children.

Karen Zobel, CEO/Administrator of The Brookmeade Community Has announced the partnership of Meadow's Adult Day Healthcare Program and Rhinebeck Community Nursery School.

"Meadow's Adult Day Healthcare Program places a strong emphasis on enhancing the quality of life for our registrants through innovative initiatives like our intergenerational programming," said Zobel. "By bringing together seniors and young children in meaningful activities, we create opportunities for social interaction, joy, and mutual learning. This collaborative approach not only strengthens our community, but also contributes to the well-being of everyone involved."

One of the flagship programs, the

RCNS Intergenerational Morning Meeting at The Adult Day Program, has been running strong since September 2022. Every Wednesday at 11 a.m., the nursery school's four-year-old class visits the Adult Day Program at Brookmeade to engage in enriching activities.

From singing songs to practicing yoga moves and sharing art projects, the children and seniors bond over shared experiences, fostering a sense of community and joy. The children begin each visit by singing the good morning song, naming each child, teacher, Adult Day participant and all the staff. The children have gotten to know everyone by name and they love to sing, do yoga and dance with them.

"Their new favorite song to sing with them is 'Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?' Everyone laughs and giggles when their turn comes and we say their name," said Zobel. "'Fred Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar!' They say 'Who Me?' We say 'Yes you!' They say 'Couldn't be!' We say 'Then Who?' Then they point to a friend and they sing it all over again."

Additionally, the RCNS Intergenerational STEM Building at The



Residents in the Meadow's Adult Day Healthcare Program and children in the Rhinebeck Community Nursery School participate in a variety of programs at the Brookmeade Community. Courtesy photo

Adult Day Program, launched in January 2024, further strengthens these intergenerational bonds. On Friday afternoons at 2 p.m., the nursery school's afternoon preschool class joins their senior neighbors for STEM-focused activities.

Through hands-on projects and games, such as building with magnetic blocks and playing interactive sports, the children and seniors collaborate, learn, and laugh together, creating cherished memories in the process.

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## EDUCATION

### FrOGS announces Edie Keasbey Memorial Award

Friends of the Great Swamp (FrOGS) is initiating a \$1,000 award to graduating high school seniors with future aspirations towards causes core to FrOGS' mission. The annual award honors the memory of Edith "Edie" Keasbey (1930-2020), one of FrOGS' founding members and someone who "made a difference." The catalyst for Edie's work and the center of her life became protecting the Great Swamp and the life that depends on it.

The Edie Keasbey Memorial Award will be granted to a senior residing in the Brewster, Carmel, Dover, or Pawling school districts. The application with two essay questions will be used to evaluate the candidates and select those for a final interview round. The successful applicant for this award will share some of Edie's qualities: the resolve to work hard to succeed in their field of interest, to educate themselves and others, to be an activist, and to value the environment as well as their community.

Completed applications must be received by April 1 for consideration. Applications are available on the FrOGS website at <https://frogs-ny.org/> as well as high school offices in the Great Swamp Watershed.

Edie Keasbey left a remarkable legacy. In 1987, Patterson residents became aware of the illegal dumping of potentially toxic waste material in the wetlands surrounding the Great Swamp and the threat to the town's water supply. She educated herself about state regulations,

was elected to the Town's Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC), and encouraged politicians to be proactive rather than reactive. She helped to win the communities' "Dump Fight" and form FrOGS to protect the wetlands as well as its unique wildlife.

At the age of 73, Edie earned her B.A. by writing "The Education of a Community Activist" based on her efforts to "wake up the community to the issues that shaped their lives." She concluded, "If I have learned anything ... it is that in the end it's mostly politics, and you cannot separate politics and the environment, they require each other to reach agreement."

Edie received the Great Blue Heron Award from Putnam County Land Trust in 2003 and the Women of Distinction Award for her advocacy from the 40th Senate District in 2017.

Those wishing to donate to the endowment for this continuing Memorial Award honoring Edie may do so at <http://tinyurl.com/4ewpn9wy> on the FrOGS website.

### Exchange student from Spain meets with Millbrook Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Millbrook has a long history of hosting exchange students from around the world through the Rotary District 7210's Youth Exchange program.

This year the club is hosting Martina Battler Molla, of Muro de Alcoy in Spain. Martina, who is spending a year in Millbrook as a high school senior, is one of six international students currently

residing in the Hudson Valley with host families.

On Feb. 28, Martina shared a slide presentation at a Millbrook Rotary dinner meeting. Her home is in a relatively small community close to the east coast of Spain, an area of colorful festivals and beautiful countryside. Club members learned of her family, including a twin sister who is part of a different youth exchange program in North America.

Martina has melded into her school community, using her ballet training to become part of the high school Cheer Team while also participating in the Millbrook Interact Club, a Rotary sponsored program for youth ages 12-18. When not involved in school activities, she's traveled with her host family, Mark and Elizabeth Vila of Millbrook. Thus far, she's been to Boston, Washington, DC and Stowe, Vermont (where she's enjoyed skiing). Added to that have been several trips to New York City to take in a show, shop, or tour a museum.

Of all her various trips, the one to Washington DC was Martina's favorite. She dreams of a career as an international diplomat. When she returns to Spain, she will complete one more year of high school and then focus her studies on that goal. Martina feels this Exchange has been especially beneficial as she's developed cultural understanding and has increased her fluency in English.

The Youth Exchange Program's goal is to enhance communities by building relationships between the young people and our local communities. It serves to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the exchange student's home, and to see their own community through the lens of an exchange student.

"The Youth Exchange Program is an integral part of our service to the community," said Lynn Grainger, the club's current Youth Exchange Counselor. "In fact, our mission statement champions education and peace through fellowship, both of which are fulfilled by the Program."

Millbrook Rotary offers long-term and short-term student exchange opportunities for US students, as well as hosting opportunities for local families.

For more information contact [info@millbrookrotary.org](mailto:info@millbrookrotary.org).

### Hyde Park CSD staff highlight best practices at annual conference

Hyde Park teachers and staff provided their education expertise during the 10th annual Hudson Valley New Teacher Institute conference on Feb. 24 at Marist College where they prepared education majors from not only Marist, but also Vassar, Bard, Mount St. Mary and SUNY New Paltz on what they need to know when starting in the field.

Over the years, Hyde Park staff have given presentations on curriculum design and instruction, mental health services for students and staff, and classroom design.

Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman, who was this year's keynote speaker, was proud to see district staff share their best practices with future educators. Roman's presentation focused on being a champion for all students and finding their hidden potential.

"With my experience and story, I believe education can change the trajectory of a student's life; I'm living proof of that," Roman said. "It's important for me to make sure that every teacher understands the significant role they play in shaping the life of students."

It was Ralph R. Smith special education teacher Katherine Pitcher's first time at the conference and she enjoyed sitting on a panel with fellow teacher Kimberly Lorenz titled "Ask Anything – Elementary!" where it lead to an important dialogue with students.

"The most asked questions were about how to deal with student behaviors in class," Pitcher said. "We tried to stress to participants that building relationships with students is the key to effective behavior management."

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Gregory Brown, who has sat on many panels over the years, described the conference as a great way to share information and experience with aspiring teachers.

"Having a chance to meet, share and learn with educators from across the region always leaves me feeling inspired and hopeful for the future," Brown said.

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

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# Red Hook CSD announces capital improvement, EV plan proposals

## Capital project proposal to be presented at March 20 Board of Education meeting

The Red Hook Central School District will include propositions for a \$14.95 million capital project and the purchase of electric vehicles on the ballot for its annual budget vote and school board elections in May, according to a press release from Mike Benischek, the district's Public Information Officer.

The capital project would improve the lighting, air conditioning and safety of several of its schools, and renovate its athletic facilities to expand access.

Separately, the district is looking to purchase electric vehicles in its annual bus proposition and take advantage of grant programs in preparation of meeting a state mandate.

The projects, detailed at a recent Board of Education meeting, would appear as propositions on voters' ballots for the annual budget vote and school board elections May 21.

"The projects slated for this proposition would increase the safety and access of our facilities for our students and members of the community," said Superintendent Dr. Janet Warden. "A new athletic field would expand on opportunities for our teams, physical education classes and local sports organizations, while utilizing recyclable materials to limit environmental impact."

### Capital improvement project

An estimated \$14.95 million capital project proposition would include:

- New LED lighting for Red Hook High School and Mill Road elementary school;
- Air conditioning at Mill Road;
- Bolstering the boiler system at Linden Avenue Middle School;
- Expanding ease of access to the lock-down system in each school; and
- Repairs to the four front columns of the Linden Avenue building.

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.

The project would also include upgrades to athletic and physical education facilities:

- Installation of a multipurpose educational and athletic field;
- Installation of new field lighting;
- Resurfacing of the outdoor track;
- Improvements to the athletic fields' drainage system;
- New fencing for the track; and
- Replacement of the high school's gymnasium bleachers and wall padding, and renovation of its floor.

The gym's bleachers and floor are original to the building, installed in 1963, and the bleachers need to be brought into ADA compliance. The track was last resurfaced in 2010 and is visibly cracked.

The new athletic field is projected to last roughly 15 years. It would be constructed mainly of recycled materials, and include recyclable turf with reusable infill, the substance that acts as the substitute for dirt between the blades of artificial grass. The field would be lined for use by multiple outdoor sports, including soccer, football, lacrosse, field hockey, and surrounded by the track.

An analysis of typical expenses found while the estimated installation cost of a multipurpose artificial field is higher than that of a new natural field – roughly \$2.5 million compared to \$1.875 million – the annual maintenance cost is roughly \$58,000 less per year.

The analysis also showed students could get more than twice as many hours of use out of an artificial field with lighting each year - 3,600 hours versus 1,600 - as artificial surfaces are often more likely to be usable in inclement weather, reducing cancellations, and can withstand heavier use. That includes use from physical education classes and from community organizations, including youth football and soccer.

Athletic Director Tom Cassata said the

district's teams are often at a competitive disadvantage practicing on grass when artificial surfaces are almost uniformly used for post-season games.

"The game is much faster, it's very different," Cassata said, calling the improvements a "necessity" rather than a "luxury" for students. "Having that field, we can run more practices, longer, later if we have lights, when we have rain we can play games, we don't have to move games."

Cassata said many elements of the proposal, including fixing the gym's floor and resurfacing the track, add to the safety of students.

The Board of Education on Wednesday determined the district would move forward combining the projects into one proposition for voters in the May vote, which will be presented at the March 20 board meeting.

The district is intending to bond the project over a 15-year period, with state aid expected to pay for 64.4% of the project. The average cost to a district taxpayer is projected at 1.4% on the tax levy for the first year, but would decline over the course of project.

### Electric vehicle purchase

The district is preparing to request voters approve funding to purchase of electric vehicles as the beginning of a long-range plan to satisfy a New York State Education Department mandate.

The state has announced it will require all districts to operate only zero-emissions vehicles in their school bus fleets beginning in 2035. The state has

also said school districts will only be allowed to purchase zero-emission vehicles beginning in 2027. The state believes the shift will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, decrease negative environmental impacts and reduce noise. That, the district believes, makes it necessary to begin purchases early and make use of current grant programs to prevent a larger burden on residents as the deadlines approach.

Red Hook's bus fleet encompasses 44 total vehicles, including 29 buses and 15 SUVs, vans and sedans. The district has traditionally requested voters approve the purchase of two to three busses per year, putting the district on a roughly 12-year cycle to replace the entire fleet.

The estimated cost of a 65-passenger unleaded fuel bus is roughly \$157,000, compared to roughly \$450,000 for a comparable electric bus. A variety of rebate programs and incentives could lower the cost of an electric bus below \$250,000 and as low as \$150,000 for this round of purchases.

Due to a variety of variables, including deadlines for the grants and uncertainty over how they would interact, the district is working through exactly what it will propose for voters to approve. Preliminarily, the board discussed a proposition to spend as much as \$500,000 total, with a limit of \$250,000 per bus.

A district analysis shows it would stand to save \$1,600 per year, per bus on fuel costs, and the shift to electric would not require immediate infrastructure improvements.

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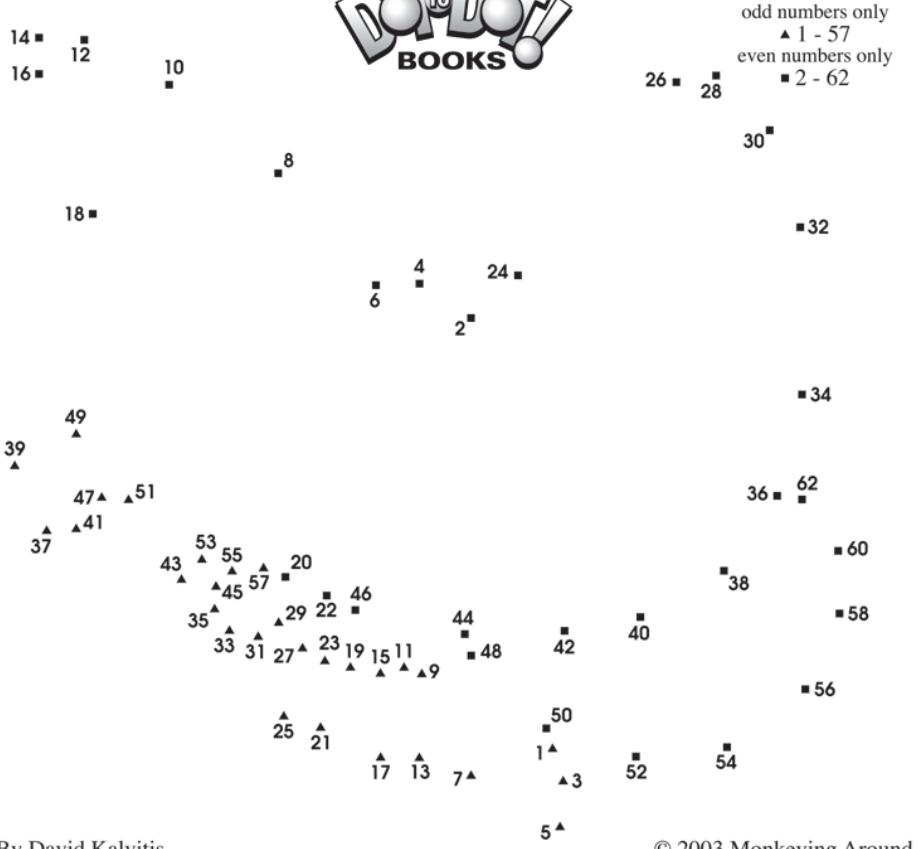
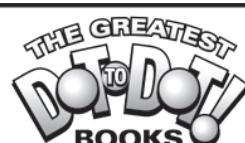
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## News from the Old Dutch Village Garden Club

By Nancy Bendiner  
and Felice Gelman

At the Old Dutch Garden Club's February meeting, speaker Brenda Brockett explored the role of enslaved people and their descendants in the creation of Hudson Valley gardens. Brenda is a member and former president of the Rhinebeck Garden Club and is co-chair of their plant sale and Program Planning Committee.

She described how some women, kidnapped to be slaves, hid seeds in their hair or clothes, hoping to create gardens and maintain generational continuity. We have okra as a result. Wealthy white families meanwhile needed labor from enslaved people to create and maintain their European-style gardens -- a social expectation of the time. As a result, skills and seeds brought from Africa blended with European practices to create many of the species we now enjoy.

Very few black gardeners have been recognized for their work on the Hudson Valley's great estates. They include Alexander Gilson, who became head gardener at Montgomery Place and whose contributions are honored by a plaque on the estate. He is known also for the nursery he created and for two entirely new plant varieties. James F. Brown, a former runaway slave who started work in 1829 at Mt. Gulian in Beacon, rose to the position of master gardener. Brown kept a diary of his work which gives insight into his contributions.

The club learned about others, including black women, who contributed nationally to horticulture, botany, and gardening. There are also current efforts to involve local communities of color in gardening such as Grow Black Hudson (which can be followed on Instagram and Facebook).

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The gardens at Montgomery Place in Annandale-on-Hudson were once tended by Alexander Gilson, a Black man who became one of the groundbreaking horticulturists of the 19th century. Below: The Old Dutch Village Garden Club's annual Plant Sale is an anticipated event in the region. Courtesy photos



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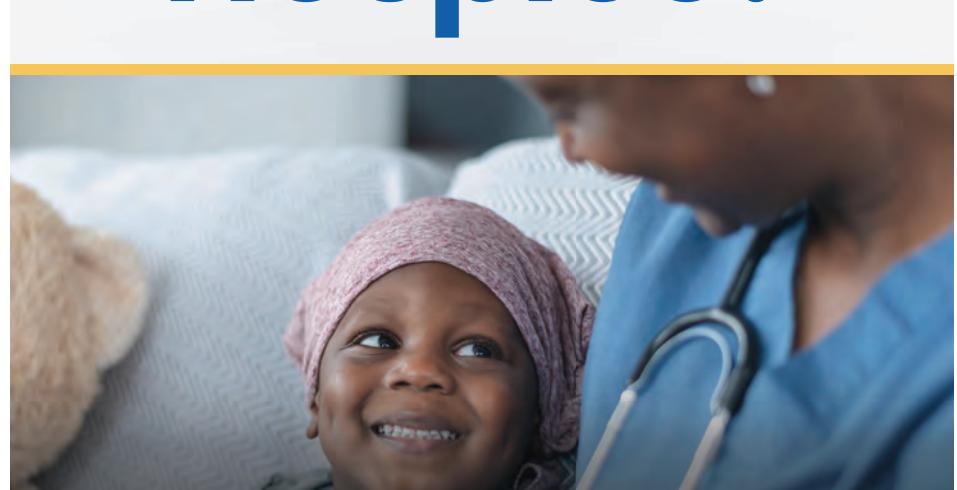
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# From sap to syrup: Confessions of a maple newbie

Since moving to Pleasant Valley, I have been immersing myself in the ecology of the surrounding woodland, which contains plenty of Maple Trees. Discoveries abound!

Did you know that the layer inside Maple Tree bark can be a survival food? Their leaves, as well as seeds are edible. Also surprising is that the sugar-containing Maple sap that is harvested for syrup comes from xylem, rather than phloem tissues.

Maple syrup production is a sustainable agricultural activity, free from pesticides and fertilizers. Tapping trees for sap does not negatively affect their overall health. In fact, syrup producers tap trees for decades without adversely affecting tree health.

Anyone who has read "The Lorax" knows that trees are important. They help combat erosion and pollution, reduce flooding, and provide wildlife habitat, in addition to other environmental benefits. So, once I realized that I could enjoy the outdoors, as well as learn a bit more Maple Tree Science, I didn't need much more convincing about becoming a Maple Syrup Producer.

What sealed the deal was learning

about Cornell University's Maple Program in Lake Placid. I don't shy away from a novel experiences involving food, so, I grabbed my husband's arm and dragged him to the Adirondacks. There, we spent several days learning all things maple-related. Of course, we've also read many articles and seen countless YouTube videos on the subject.

## Sappy science

Maple Sap runs in late winter to early spring in the Hudson Valley, when the night-to-day temperatures change from freezing to thawing. We have tapped our trees, collected sap, boiled, and bottled Maple Syrup several times so far this season, each time improving our methods. We don't have fancy equipment that large producers have, but completing the process has helped me better understand some science phenomena better than I ever have.

Prior to (and during) boiling we use a refractometer to check the sugar concentration (of sap and syrup). There is variability in the amount of sap each tree produces, as well as its sugar content. Maple Tree sap sugar content varies from one to five percent, and that impacts how much

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Above, Adam Wild, specialist with the Cornell Maple Program, instructs a group during a maple camp. Left, restaurant steam table pans are used as evaporating pans. They have a large surface area for maximum contact with the heat source. The two stockpots are "warming pans" for sap that has been previously frozen/refrigerated. That's done to maintain the boil as new sap is added to evaporating pans. Courtesy photos



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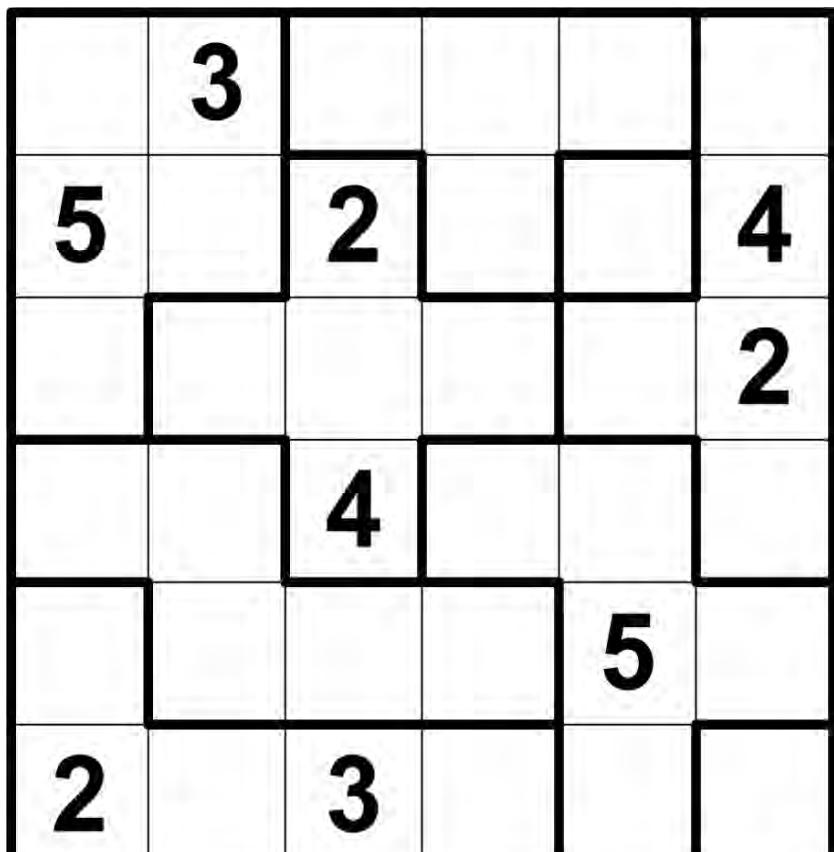
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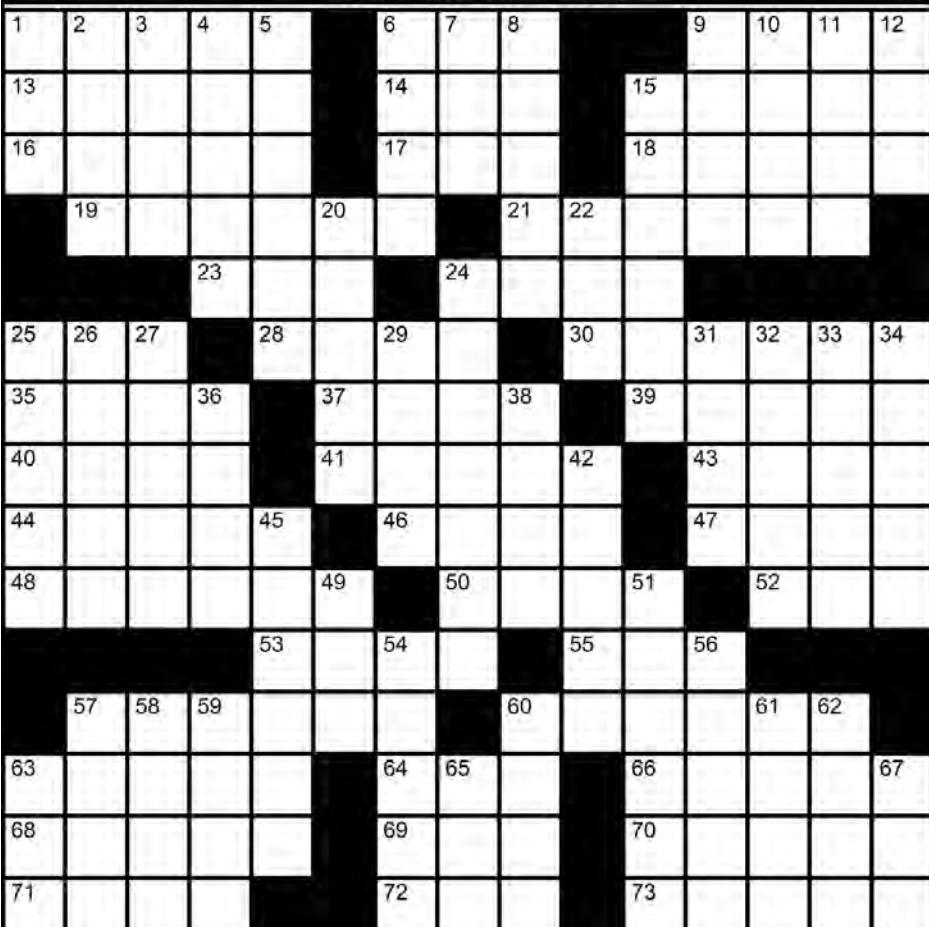
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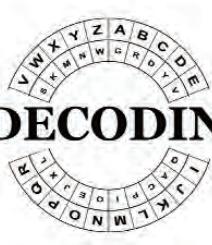
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# A Vassar professor's escape from the Spanish Civil War

Note: We are grateful to Ken Bulkeley of Staatsburg for bringing this story to our attention in celebration of Women's History Month.

By Will Tatum

It reads like a plotline from a popular film franchise, featuring all the typical devices: A professor, Nazis, English intervention, and a harried plane flight to safety, piloted by a French aristocrat. With the addition of a bullwhip and a fedora, you have the making of a potential blockbuster. But this story is less "Indiana Jones" than it is "Innocents Abroad," and it happens to be entirely true.

The Spanish Civil War is a relatively little-known conflict in American circles these days, even though it acted as a dress rehearsal for World War II. It featured National Socialists pitted against Communists, with a flowering cast of international volunteers. The Germans supplied arms and equipment to one side, Russia to the other, and both sat back to watch what would happen. Lessons learned would be applied a few years later further east in Europe. It's a conflict well worth reading about in these times of unsettled politics, if for no other reason than one of its worst episodes (the bombing of Guernica) inspired Pablo Picasso to paint one of his avowed masterpieces.

The action kicked off on July 17, 1936, when Generals Emilio Mola and Francisco Franco launched a coup designed to overthrow the democratically elected government of the Republic of Spain. Painting with a broad brush, Mola and Franco thought that the new government was too clearly aligned with Communist interests, a bit of a hot topic in Europe at the time.

Despite some early gains, the conflict would grind on until April 1939, spreading across Spain and into North Africa. The Socialists eventually prevailed, with Franco rising to dictator status that lasted for the rest of his life. Amidst the native and foreign national volunteers actively engaged in fighting and the inevitable civilians simply trying to survive the experience of finding themselves living in a war zone, were several pockets of foreign visitors. While "witnessing a civil war" had not been on their tour itinerary, they were nevertheless treated to an enforced extension of their stays wherever they happened to be when fighting broke out.

Enter our protagonist, Miss James Bruce Ross, a native of Chicago and an instructor of History at Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. Miss Ross, along with four traveling companions, had arrived in Granada, Spain, on July 19, with the intention of visiting the

Alhambra, the famous Moorish palace and one-time capital of Spain. The architecture was stunning, the views were fabulous, and the seating could not have been better for viewing the uprising of Socialist forces that quickly seized the city that day.

As Miss Ross subsequently related to writers for the St. Louis Post Dispatch on August 20, 1936, she and her party quickly found themselves marooned within this rebel island situated within a wider countryside of loyal territory. Their initial plan to spend two days before continuing to British-held Gibraltar expanded into a 23-day stay. Socialist authorities confined all the foreign visitors to the area around the Alhambra as fighting raged on through various quarters of the city and the surrounding countryside.

#### Witnessing warfare

While mostly safe, Miss Ross nevertheless witnessed the brutal realities of modern warfare. She could see the fighting in the workers quarter, a pocket of loyalist republican resistance to the Socialist rebels, which eventually ended in the loyalist surrender. She watched government airplanes bomb Socialist strong points, barracks, and airfields.

Frequently the bombs fell close enough for glass to be shattered in the windows of the foreign visitors' lodgings, and to make any trip out of the Alhambra quarter extremely dangerous. Still, Miss Ross's associates were not idle: Efforts were underway among the international group to arrange some form of evacuation, beginning with the single women in the group, who were viewed as exceptionally vulnerable by the standards of the period.

Departure day finally came on August 11, 1936. Miss Ross and three other single women began the long day that ended in their successful escape by leaving their possessions at their lodgings and traveling to the military commandant's office. There they waited while the commandant's boots were shined and a clerk laboriously typed out releases that each of the women had to sign indemnifying the Socialists for any losses the women might suffer, up to and including their own lives.

Afterward, the party of Americans made a harrowing car trip through the winding streets of Granada, at one point stopping while local farmers picked up potatoes that had spilled from the paniers of a mule. At last, Miss Ross's group arrived at the airfield, itself a legitimate military target, and awaited their hoped-for flight out of Spanish territory.

#### The rescue

A plane appeared on the horizon—was it their salvation or another government craft bearing bombs for the airfield? After



This contemporary photo shows Alhambra Palace in Spain and (inset) 1936 photo of Vassar Professor Miss James Bruce Ross. Images from Wikimedia Commons

a few tense minutes, the speck resolved into a blue and silver bi-motor civilian airplane named Gipsy, with a total capacity of five (the pilot and four passengers). The man behind the stick was none other than Jacques, Vicomte de Sibour, a French aristocratic who was flying the plane for its owner, Gordon Selfridge, Jr., of London, son of the founder of the famous department store.

Miss Ross and three other women boarded the plane, which suffered a false takeoff on the first attempt - one engine died while the other idled. A few adjustments later, the party was airborne, flying a winding flight plan at 6,500 feet above ground level in an attempt to avoid gunfire from the ground. Instead of attempting a landing at Gibraltar, where Spanish government gunships might fire upon them, the Vicomte crossed the Mediterranean to Tangier, where the plane arrived safely, and the American tourists disembarked. Local authorities arranged a sea crossing to Gibraltar under British colors to avoid interference from Spanish authorities. From the British stronghold, Miss Ross and her compatriots made their way back to America.

Aside from being an entertaining story,

Miss James Bruce Ross's tales of misadventure and near-death experience in Spain serve as a reminder for one of my favorite expressions - it's only two degrees of separation here in Dutchess County. Our history reminds us that this rule is as true for our county's links to internationally significant events as it is for the people who live in Dutchess today.

While the Spanish Civil War was quickly overshadowed by World War II, it was an exceptionally important event in the late 1930s and still has lessons to teach us today.

If you found today's tale interesting, you will find plenty of sources to read on the war online and a variety of excellent books to peruse. When you find yourself examining major historical event, pause to consider who from Dutchess County may have been involved. It is not an iron-clad certainty, but the odds are ever in our county's favor.

Will Tatum received his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in 2016. He has served as the Dutchess County Historian since October 2012.

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Headlines from the Poughkeepsie Eagle News tell of Miss James Bruce Ross's arrival in Spain. Images from Newspapers.com



# 'Don't ever drink at the restaurant'

Luigi is glad he took Pop's advice.

I'll never forget when my father decided I was going to train to be a bartender. He told me that in order to be a well-rounded restaurateur you had to know every aspect of the business. Unbeknownst to me, it would lead to an evening of sickness.

You see, when we learned how to cook, Pop made us taste everything we made. His reasoning was that sometimes, a certain brand of supply was not available, and it had to be substituted for, but the taste of the dish had to be the same. Makes sense, right? When I learned how to tend bar, Pop made sure that the same rules applied.

Behind the bar, we had a little personal phone book that had the recipes of every drink. Manhattans were in the M section, Rob Roys were in the R section, etc. So when someone would order a drink the bartender would tell me to look up the drink. I would find the recipe and he would guide me through the process of making that particular drink. Once the drink was made I would grab a cocktail spoon and take a taste of the drink per Pop's orders. That particular night was busy so I had to make quite a few drinks. At the end of the night, I was feeling quite tipsy and a little dizzy.

As we were closing up, Pop came up to me and asked me how I was feeling. I told him not very good. He then yelled at me and told me that it was the first and last time I would ever be allowed to drink at

the restaurant. My head was spinning anyway, so I figured to just keep my mouth shut, otherwise I might've thrown up.

20 years later, I was running our restaurant in Red Hook. We had a very late banquet. It was 3 a.m. and I had to drive a 40-minute drive ahead. On my way home, I drove up to a DWI check point in the village of Rhinebeck. The officer looked into my eyes, which were naturally bloodshot. He asked why I was out so late. I told him I was working. Of course he didn't believe me, because my eyes were bloodshot. He asked me to get out of my car, which I did without any fuss. He asked me to walk the line, which I did, even though I am EXTREMELY clumsy. I didn't want any reason for a delay, because I was so tired and I just wanted to go to bed.

There was an officer across the street, covering traffic going the other way. He looked over at me and then my car, and walked over. Thank God he recognized me.

"Mr. Coppola? You can go home now. I know that you never drink at the restaurant. Sorry for the inconvenience."

I said no apology was necessary, he was doing his job; however, I told the officer that was testing me that in the future if you see me, you can be rest assured that I am not drunk because my father told me to never drink at the restaurant.

The next morning I called my father and told him about the DWI check point.

Pop freaked out and said, "Oh my God, what happened?" I said "Nothing happened, because you told me I am never allowed to drink at the restaurant." He said, "I can't believe that you actually listened to me."

What the heck! That night when I got home, I was lucky enough that my wife Lisa made some lemon cookies. At the kitchen table I was still shaking my head in disbelief. You gotta love Pop's teaching methods.

## LEMON COOKIES

### Ingredients

#### COOKIES:

1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
3 large eggs  
2 teaspoons lemon extract  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
3 cups flour

#### ICING:

1/4 cup butter, melted  
2 cups powdered sugar  
3 tablespoons heavy cream  
1 teaspoons lemon extract  
yellow food coloring (enough to achieve the shade of yellow you desire)  
zest from half a lemon, for garnish

#### Method

#### COOKIES

In the bowl of a stand mixer or hand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment,

cream together oil, sugar, milk, eggs, and extract until well combined.

Whisk together the baking powder and flour and add to wet ingredients; mix until just combined. The dough will be soft and sticky.

Using a cookie scoop, drop spoonfuls of dough onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone mat.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 8-10 minutes. Let rest for two minutes and then remove from baking sheet to let cool completely.

#### ICING:

In a bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Add as much food coloring as needed to achieve desired yellow color (I use about 5 drops).

Frost the completely cooled cookies.

Let the icing dry and harden before storing if you're not serving them right away. Store in an airtight container between layers of wax paper. If freezing, freeze before frosting. Enjoy!

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

## County Players to present Readers Theatre Mini-Festival

County Players, one of the longest-running community theatre companies in the area will present the popular CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #3 on March 8 through 10 at County Players Falls Theatre located at 2681 W. Main, Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1- Friday, Mar 8 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Mar 9 matinee at 2 p.m.

"Photograph 51", by Anna Ziegler, directed by Kit Colbourn

Rosalind Franklin was a gifted

research scientist who was part of the race to uncover the secrets of DNA in the 1950s. Her more famous contemporaries Watson and Crick took all the kudos for the discovery of the molecule's double helix structure, yet it was Franklin's skill with X-ray diffraction that first uncovered what's called "the secret of life. The reading features: Casey Cuddy, Morgan Hallett, Andrew Langton, Kevin McCarthy, Keller Mickle, and Dylan Parkin.

Reading #2- Saturday, Mar 9 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Mar 10 matinee at 2 p.m.

"Silent Sky", by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Christine Crawfis

A decade before women gained the right to vote, Henrietta Leavitt and her fellow women "computers" transformed the science of astronomy. While at the Harvard Observatory, Leavitt found 2,400 new variable stars and made important discoveries about their fluctuating brightness, enabling fellow scientists to map the Milky Way and beyond. Local talents include: MaryBeth Boylan, Victoria (Vicki) Clark, Rick Meyer, Jenn Propfe, Catherine Rush, and Cynthia (Cindy) Topps.

CP2 Readers Theatre: is an exciting series at County Players which offers an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays presented as full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience

great theater stripped to its essence: the playwright's words.

Tickets: Reserved seating is \$15/readings, \$20 to attend both readings on the same weekend, and are available online or in advance at the door. Visit [countyplayers.org](http://countyplayers.org) and at the top of the main page select BUY TICKETS. Ticket options are limited to mobile/digital or print-at-home only, as no printed tickets will be available for "will call" until further notice.

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The remaining Main Stage Productions for 2023-2024 visit [countyplayers.org/season-66/](http://countyplayers.org/season-66/) and Season 67 productions may be found at <https://countyplayers.org/season-67/>

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# A & E CALENDAR

**March 7:** "Game Changers" Movie Series: "Stray Dog," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Free movie series featuring films that revolutionized cinema. Films are preceded by a Happy Hour starting at 6:30 p.m., featuring half-price beer and wine as well as free snacks and soda. All movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

**March 8-10:** Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. March 8: Forever Simon & Garfunkel: A Tribute, 8 p.m. Celebrating the best selling duo in

rock'n'roll history. With humor, soaring energy, charm, and laser precise harmony, Sean Altman & Jack Skuler lead the audience on a concert journey through Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel's teenage roots, their early success as a groovy folk act, their global dominance as hit-makers, and even some of Paul Simon's solo career. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. March 9: Tom Chapin & Friends Birthday Concert, 8 p.m. An unforgettable evening of song & story as Tom shares selections from his vast repertoire. Chapin serves up a tasty

mix of story songs, ballads, comedic and political songs, family music, sing-alongs, old-time folk classics and a favorite song or two of his late brother Harry's. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food pantry. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. March 10: Daimh, 7 p.m. Taking their name from the Scottish Gaelic word for kinship, 'Gaelic Supergroup' Daimh (pronounced dive) are a 5-piece band based in Lochaber in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; an area as much renowned for

its scenic beauty as for its rich musical and cultural heritage. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or [www.towncrier.com](http://www.towncrier.com)

**March 11:** Dropkick Murphys, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Dropkick Murphys with special guests, Pennywise and The Scratch. Purchase tickets at the Box Office, by phone at 845-454-5800 or via [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## Hudson Valley Naturalist

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sap it takes to produce a gallon of syrup. At best, 40 gallons of sap with a 2% sugar concentration yields only one gallon of syrup. (Maple syrup has a 66% sugar concentration.)

The teachable moments involved with this enterprise are unending. Sap production most obviously relates to the processes of respiration and photosynthesis. There is physics involved with making the sap run. Chemical reactions happen as the sap boils with the water evaporating and the sucrose concentrating. It's a neat way to demonstrate concepts taught in a classroom playing out in a natural environment.

The most surprising lesson I've re-learned has been about diffusion. I taught my classes: Molecules move from where there are more to where there are less. Diffusion is the reason a drop of food coloring spreads out in a glass of water. Yet, I was astonished that Maple Syrup heated to 219 degrees F will very quickly lose half of its heat as it is being

bottled. You don't want that to happen.

Maple Syrup that is properly bottled is shelf stable; it can be stored at room temperature until it is opened. This means that the syrup going into the bottle needs to be at least 180 degrees F to sterilize the container and destroy food-borne microorganisms. Participating in this process is illuminating because it really helps you understand what is involved in making and packaging foods typically bought at the grocery store.

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

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## Old Dutch Village Garden Club

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ODVGC members then reviewed plans for the annual May plant sale. A popular event in Red Hook, the plant sale attracts hundreds of locals who rush to arrive for bargains before all the plants sell out. The sale will take place at Memorial Park (opposite CVS) starting at 9 a.m. on May 18. Mark your calendars!

Consider thinning out your perennials, ground covers, ferns, herbs and small shrubs so you can make a plant sale donation. Linda Lawson, plant sale Chairperson, can be contacted at 845-399-9532 if you have plants to donate; she will give you the location to drop them off, no later than May 3. ODVGC will divide the plants if necessary and pot them. We can come to your garden and

dig out plants, but we are very appreciative if you could do this yourself or work with us.

The funds earned from the plant sale go directly back into the community in the form of trees, benches, scholarships, community events and the maintenance of ODVGC's Memorial Garden.

At our next meeting, March 14, Dorian Hyland from the Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a talk on "Gardening in a Changing Climate." We meet at 12:30 p.m. in St. John's Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook, and look forward to seeing you there! Please check our Facebook page for more details about ODVGC and our activities.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mary Buchal

CLINTON CORNERS - On Saturday February 24th Mary Buchal was called home by her Lord and Savior to be reunited with her husband and other extended family members. Originally from Loudonville, NY she attended the Vincentian Institute, a parochial school in Albany. She later graduated from SUNY Albany with a Master's Degree in teaching. She taught business math, typing, and shorthand in Corinth, Red Hook, and Arlington high schools as well as at Dutchess County BOCES and Dutchess Community College. She stepped away from teaching to raise her two sons and only returned to her career once they became teenagers.

While teaching at Red Hook, she was introduced to her future husband, John Buchal. They married on April 3, 1961 and resided for a short time at Sepasco Village in Rhinebeck before settling permanently in Clinton Corners. Mary and her family were communicants of Immaculate Conception Catholic church in Bangall where she taught Sunday School and worked with other area churches during the holidays to deliver goody baskets to local shut-ins.

Mary and John always had a large vegetable garden and together they would can and freeze the produce after its harvest. In addition to the vegetable garden Mary enjoyed cultivating a small flower garden as her way of brightening the landscape of their property. After retiring from teaching in 1989, Mary became a volunteer tour guide for the National Park Service at Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park. She also taught bridge at the library in Stanfordville. Mary continued to live in Clinton Corners after John's passing in 2016 but eventually moved back to the Capital District once the house became too much for her to take care of. At the time of her passing, she was residing at The Wesley Community in Saratoga Springs, a nursing home specializing in the care of patients with dementia.

Mary is survived by her two sons Kevin (Lorraine, Timothy & Konner) of Stillwater, NY and Dennis (April, Jacqueline Loper, Gregory and Madeline) of Stanfordville. Great grandchildren Emery and Everly Loper of Clinton Corners as well as a sister, Ellen Leach of Colonie, NY. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews residing in New York, Florida, and Texas.

Calling hours were planned for Thursday February 29th at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 South Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. A Funeral Mass took place on Friday March 1st from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, NY. Burial will be at St. Mary's cemetery in Bangall at the

convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends to consider donations to the Stanford Rescue Squad, 6096 NY-82, Stanfordville, NY 12581 or the Grange's Little Food Pantry c/o Stanford Grange 808, 6047 NY-82, Stanfordville, NY 12581. To leave a message of condolence please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net).

## Linda Marie Buryk

HYDE PARK - Linda Marie Buryk, 81, of Hyde Park, died on Monday, February 26, 2024, at home with her family by her side.

Born January 5, 1943, in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Howard Near and Ruth Elizabeth Aberle Near.

On February 20th, 1964, she married James Michael Buryk Sr., Mr. Buryk predeceased her on January 1st, 2023.

Linda enjoyed going on cruises with her family, staying at home and reading her bible, but mostly she enjoyed being home and taking care of her family through the years.

Linda is survived by her two children Brian Lee Buryk and James Michael Buryk Jr., and one granddaughter Shelby Buryk.

Along with her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother, Ernest Near.

A graveside service was held at Union Cemetery on Friday, March 1st, 1076 Violet Ave. Hyde Park, NY 12538.

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

To send an online condolence, please visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

## Robert P. Catalano

HYDE PARK - Robert Peter Catalano, 61, died on February 25, 2024.

Our Sweet Baby was born on July 30, 1962. He was diagnosed at birth with Down's Syndrome. He was delightful, happy, and eager to learn. When he was two years old his baby sister, Claire Marie, arrived at Bobby's utter delight.

Although Bob had two older siblings Vincent and Laura throughout his life, Claire was special to him.

A Nun, Sister Mary Petrosky from the Cardinal Hayes Home for Children in Millbrook suggested that Bob would benefit by being with normal children under the tutelage of Sister Emily Marie Duchaney and her group, "The Chicks," Bobby thrived. We will be eternally grateful to those wonderful Franciscan Missionaries of Mary for giving our son a wonderful well-mannered and very happy foundation in life. From there, Bob went on to BOCES and then to Roosevelt High School, graduating after four years with a certificate.

When he was 21 Bob went to live in a

group home under the auspices of Abilities First. Don Peck and Betty Clark were house managers and did a great job. Bob had a girlfriend at this point, Margaret Mauriello. Don and Betty took Bob and Margaret to Disney World, a highlight of their lives.

Bob had jobs at Malloy's Pharmacy, Saint Francis Hospital, Hyde Park Florist and Abilities First Workshop.

Bob had a full and happy life. He was adored by his parents and siblings. Everyone he knew loved him.

Our special thanks to Emilie Duchaney and Sister Mary at the Cardinal Hayes Home for Children, his teachers at the schools he attended, Kathi Doro and her wonderful family who had Bob for dinner, the neighbors who let him swim in their pool, Bill Carroll and Raina Levy from Abilities First who was never too busy to answer any questions I might have and all the great staff of Spy Hill especially Kayden and Matthew. We can never thank you enough. For those too numerous to mention, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Relatives and friends called on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel of St. Peter's Church, 185 Hudson View Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to Abilities First, 99 Inwood Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or [www.abilities-firstny.org](http://www.abilities-firstny.org). May God bless you all abundantly. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

## Herbert L. Roger Jr.

HYDE PARK - Herbert L. Roger Jr., 58, passed away on February 6, 2024, at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, NY.

Herbert, affectionately known as "Junior," went home to his parents, Herbert Roger Sr. and Linda Roger. He was also predeceased by his sister, Tammyjo; uncles, John and George; and a great aunt, Grace.

Survivors include his children; sisters, Judylynn, Casey, Maria, Larissa, Lindsay and other sisters and brothers; several nieces and nephews; uncle, Frank; and aunts and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial visitation will be from 11 AM to 1 PM, Sunday, March 10th at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023. ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org))

To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit Herbert's obituary page at [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

## Howard A. Traudt

RHINEBECK - Howard A. Traudt, a life-time resident of Rhinebeck, passed away at his home peacefully on February 24, 2024.

Born in Rhinebeck on November 1, 1933, he was the son of the late Louis and Etta (Brundage) Traudt. After graduating from the Rhinebeck School District, he honorably served in the US Army during Korea.

On January 8, 1956, after meeting on a blind date, Howard married the love of his life, Madelon "Lonnie" Napoli. Together they remained in Rhinebeck, raising their four sons, Howard, Gerard, Roland, and Thomas while Howard worked for the Rhinebeck Post Office. He retired after almost 39 years of postal service. Lonnie predeceased Howard in 2022.

Howard attended the Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck for many years alongside his wife and only recently was he baptized Catholic. He was also an active member of the Montgomery Post #429, the Rhinebeck V.F.W. 9255, a Chairman for the Cub Scouts, and was a beloved Little League Coach in Rhinebeck for many years in addition to being an avid bowler.

Howard is survived by his four sons and their families; Howard, and his wife Luciana Traudt; Gerard, and his fiancée Rebecca Hanlon; Roland, and Victoria Marks; Thomas, and his wife Kimberly; 15 grandchildren, Bianca (Jon) Nix, Nicholas Traudt, Sarah (Jonathan) Fernandez, Evan (Jessica) Traudt, Hannah (Nathan) DiRenzo, Emma Traudt, Schuyler (Kerri) Traudt, Miranda (Grant) Traudt, Kristina (Kevin) Traudt, Aggie (Garrett) Traudt, Elinor Traudt (Angel), Jillien Traudt, Natalie Traudt, Amelia Traudt and Sadie Traudt; and 17 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Howard was predeceased by his parents Louis and Etta; his brothers Harold, Roland, Glen and Warren; and a sister Thelma Pink.

Calling Hours were held at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY, on Friday March 1. The Montgomery Post #429 offered a service during calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck on Saturday March 2 with Fr. Jeff Mauer.

Burial with Military Honors followed Mass at the Rhinebeck Cemetery.

Memorial donations in honor of Howard Traudt can be made to the Good Shepherd Church, 3 Msgr. Joy Plaza, Rhinebeck or to the American Legion Post #429, PO Box 429, Rhinebeck.

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## Answers to this

## week's diversions

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**NATURALIST-IN-RESIDENCE EVENTS**

Launch Event  
Saturday, March 9, 11 AM - 1 PM  
Greig Farm

We will celebrate spring and discuss upcoming events. Bring quarters to feed the goats, enjoy some cider and snacks and for those who are curious, wear comfortable shoes to walk through the trails of this open grassland habitat.

**Monday Morning Walks**  
Mondays, 7 AM - 9AM, starting March 11  
Cruger Island Road

Walking this gravel road weekly, we will watch spring unfold. March is the best time to become acquainted with the natural world—leaves are down so you can actually see the birds, and you will notice when the bloodroot emerges, and the ducks start to move through.

**Thursday Evening Talk**  
Thursday, March 15, 5:30 PM  
Red Hook Public Library

Our first Thursday talk, March 15 at 5:30 at the library will cover the signs of spring. I will have three bird boxes to hand out to the first three people to arrive! Come early!

**Saturday Walk - Sawkill Trail**  
Saturday, March 23 9 AM  
139 Linden Ave

Our first Saturday walk will be on the Sawkill trails, a Winnakee Land Trust property on Linden Avenue. 8-10. Come explore the new trails that will connect Bard and Red Hook. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

To see the full list of programs, visit the Library's ANR page here. For questions about any of these events, please email: [susanfoxrogers@gmail.com](mailto:susanfoxrogers@gmail.com) and put Red Hook Library in the subject line.

### FEATURED PROGRAMS

Join professional guide Randy German to learn about fly fishing

March 12, 5:30 PM: Introduction to Fly Tying

March 19, 5:00 PM: Tips and Techniques

March 26, 5:30 PM: Casting Instruction and Practice

### PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

\*NEW\* Writing Through Comics (4 weeks)  
Starts Saturday, March 23, 11:30 AM

Our favorite writing teacher is back! Create your own comics with Gabe. Learn to develop characters and storylines and express your ideas visually. A unique and fun way to sharpen writing skills. No artistic talent required! Kids 8+

\*NEW\* Sewing Basics: Make a Draw-String

### Bag (4 weeks)

Wednesdays at 11 AM

Join Trish in the community room to learn how to sew a draw-string bag. Please note, this is a 4-week series not a drop-in program. Each week will build off the previous. All materials will be provided. Registration Required. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tunes and Tales Mondays at 10:30 AM

Come join Ms. Sonia and Mr. Alex in the Children's Library every Monday at 10:30 a.m. for Tunes and Tales! This fun and interactive program features activities such as read aloud stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays. This program introduces children to listening skills, picture books and the joy of reading. Stay after to socialize. Birth- 24 months

### Storytime with Ms. Crystal

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Join Ms. Crystal in the Children's Library on Wednesday mornings to read books, sing songs, and make crafts.

### Lego Club

It's LEGO Club every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the children's library. Build with fellow enthusiasts and the library's huge LEGO collection.

### Homeschool Meet-Up

Monday, March 25 at 3 PM

Join other homeschool families to share experiences and tips while your kids enjoy our Children's Library.

**Make-and-Takes:** Stop by the Children's Library twice a month to pick up new take-home crafts while supplies last.

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

#### \*NEW\* Teen Book Club

Thursday, March 28, 4 PM

Join Library page Zoey on March 28th at 4 p.m. to discuss The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin. The discussion will take place in the Teen room. Pizza, snacks, and drinks included (For free!). Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to buy.

#### \*NEW\* Afternoon Mystery Book Club: Reykjavik: A Crime Story

Friday, March 29, 2 PM

Join Trish monthly for a group discussion of Reykjavik: A Crime Story by Ragnar Jonasson & Katrin Jakobsdottir. A Zoom link option will be made available to anyone interested. If you have any questions, contact Trish at [trish@redhooklibrary.org](mailto:trish@redhooklibrary.org).

### Chair Yoga Mondays at 11 a.m.

Join Lyette Thibault, a certified chair yoga teacher for a weekly Chair Yoga practice in the Community Room. Participants will be led in exploring variations of yoga postures using a

chair to make them more accessible, and to support safe and effective alignment.

### Drawing Gym with Cyd

Wednesdays at 4 PM

Each week, Cyd will help you play with your creative process through prompts and exercises that will build your confidence and connect with your personal meaning. Whether you're a seasoned artist or a complete novice, you'll find a welcoming space to experiment, play, and discover fun new ways to express yourself. For ages 12+.

### English as a Second Language

Fridays at 11 AM

During each class, Azal will guide learners through different lessons on improving your English language reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

### Evening Book Club - The Radium Girls

Monday, March 18, 6 PM

Join Trish monthly for a group discussion of The Radium Girls by Kate Moore. A Zoom link option will be made available to anyone interested. If you have any questions, contact Trish at [trish@redhooklibrary.org](mailto:trish@redhooklibrary.org).

### Knitting Group

Tuesdays at 4 PM

Need help with a knitting project? Want company while you pearl? Join the Knitting Group on Tuesdays.

### Spanish Practice Group

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Are you looking to brush up on your Spanish or making your way through Transparent Language or Duolingo and need some community support?

### PROGRAMS FOR ALL ABILITIES

For more information and to register, email Anne at [allabilities@redhooklibrary.org](mailto:allabilities@redhooklibrary.org).

All Abilities Adults Fridays at 12:30 PM

All Abilities Adults is an hour of social fun in the Community Room for adults with intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities. Our activities range from seasonal crafting to games, but friendship and community are constant. The program meets in-person – there are limited spots available and registration is required.

### All Abilities Teens

Thursday, March 7 & March 21 4 PM

All Abilities Teens is an hour of social fun in the Community Room for adults with intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities. Our activities range from seasonal crafting to games, but friendship and community are constant. The program meets both online and in-person – there are limited spots available and registration is required.

### All Abilities Teens at I2Evolve Art Studio

Saturday, March 16, 12 PM

Join Anne and the All Abilities Teens group at I2Evolve Art Studio for a couple hours of guided crafting. All supplies provided.

## STARR LIBRARY

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### EVERYONE

Saturday, March 9th, 10:30am-noon - Rhinebeck High School Drama Club presents: A James and the Giant Peach Storytime Song & Dance Medley

Saturday, March 23rd, 10am-12pm - Stitching Stuffies: A Stuffed Animal Hospital  
All Saturdays in March, 1-3pm - Teen Tech Support

### ADULTS

Wednesday, March 6th, 7-8pm - The Vanishing of Carolyn Wells: Investigations into a Forgotten Mystery Author with Local Author Rebecca Rego Barry

Tuesday, March 12th, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story & Craft Program with the Anderson Center

Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Workshop with Michelle Montalbano

Tuesdays, March 12th & 26th, 11:30am-12:30pm - Beginner's Knitting: Drop In, Cast Off

Friday, March 15th, 3-4pm - Computer Skills Series: Excel and Google Sheets

Monday, March 18th, 2-3pm - Elder Law and Estate Planning with Attorney Paul Weinberger

Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30pm - Making a Life in Photography: Rollie McKenna Curators' Talk with Mary-Kay Lombino and Jess Brier - At Morton Memorial Library, Rhinecliff

Thursday, March 21st, 10:30-11:15am - Good Vibrations: Guided Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Thursday, March 21st, 6:30-8pm - Fiction Workshop with Lilliana Kahan

Monday, March 25th, 4-5pm - Navigating Medicare with Dutchess County Office for the Aging and Health Insurance Info. Counseling and Assistance (HIIACAP)

Thursday, March 28th, 5:30-7pm - Starr Library Board of Trustees Meeting

### YOUTH AND FAMILY

Saturday, March 9th, 1-3pm - Slime Party

Sundays through March 24th, 1:30-2:30pm - Family Yoga with Miss Rianna - Space is limited, please register to attend. You must register for each session separately.

Mondays, March 18th, & 25th, 10:30-11:30am - Connect & Play - Space is limited, please register to attend. You must register for each session separately.

Thursdays, March 14th and 28th, 10:30-11:15am - Music & Movement with Terry Watson: One Session for Everyone - Space and instruments are limited. Please register to attend! You must register for each session separately.

Every Tuesday at 10:15am - Story Time with Robbie! One Session for Everyone

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour

### BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday, March 12th, 4-5pm - Mysteries Around the World Book Club: Metropolis by Phillip Kerr

Tuesday, March 26th, 7pm - Starr Library Book Club: Wellness by Nathan Hill

## Hyde Park Library gets new director

By Kate Goldsmith

The Hyde Park Library community recently welcomed Lisa Palmer as the new Director. Palmer started her new position at the end of January. Previously, she was Director at Wallkill Public Library for seven years. Further back in her career, she worked as a library assistant and as an editor at The Times Herald-Record.

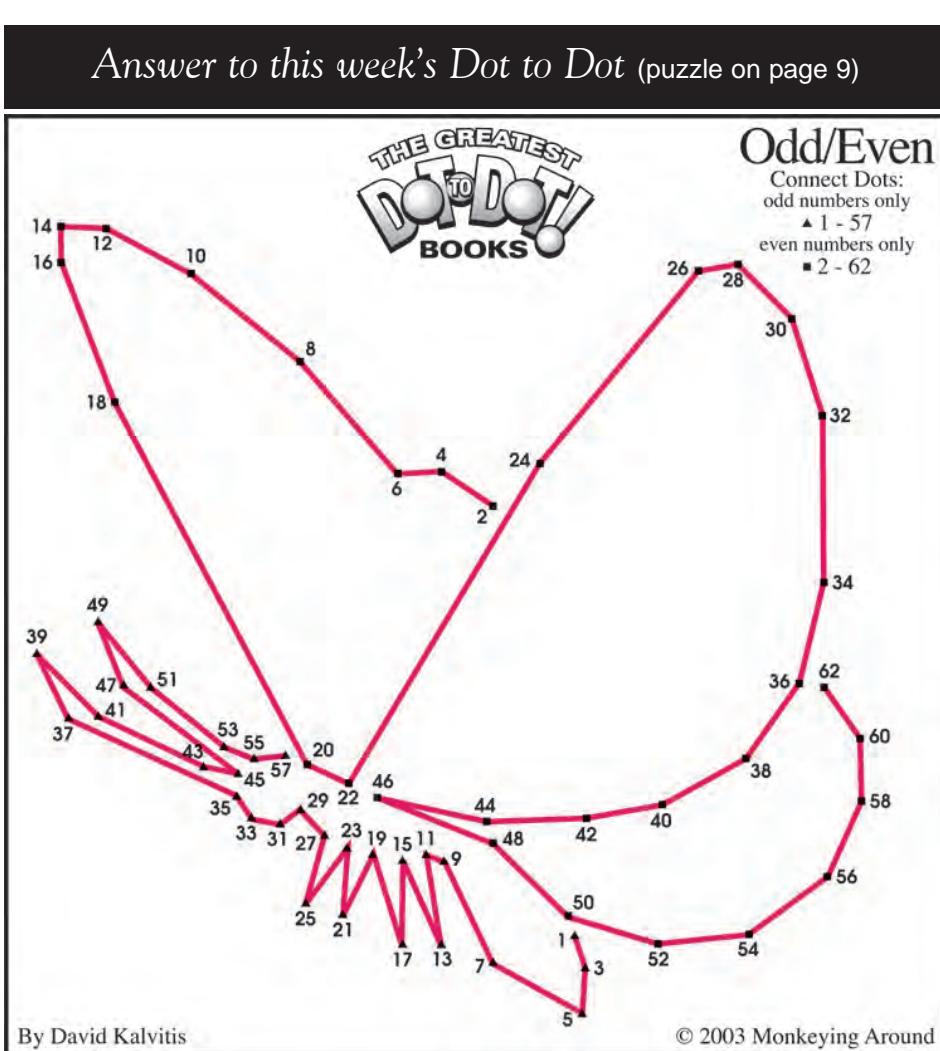
"I've only been here a short time, but I'm super impressed by the library's hardworking staff, dedicated Friends' group, and forward-thinking board," Palmer said in an email to newsletter subscribers. "I can't wait to get to know the library's users and hear from you regarding ways we can make our services even better! Until then, stay tuned for exciting benefits like the upcoming Books, Bourbon, & Bacon ... and the recent Words and Music, which are helping us raise the funds we need to make the



Lisa Palmer

library more accessible."

She added, "I don't have to tell you that you have an amazing library, and it's only going to get better as the capital projects the board has planned make the building accessible to all."



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

NOTICE  
CONCERNING THE  
EXAMINATION OF  
ASSESSMENT  
INVENTORY  
AND VALUATION  
DATA  
(Pursuant to Section

## Legal Notices

501 of the Real Property Tax Law)  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is Available for Examination of Review.

The Data is the information that will be Used to Establish the Assessment of Each Parcel which will Appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Milan which will be Filed on or Before May 1st, 2024.

The information May be Reviewed, by Appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York.

To Set up an Appointment to Review the Assessment Information, please call the office at 845-758-5133 ext. 4.  
Dated 1st day of March, 2024  
Elizabeth Burns,  
Assessor Chair

## Legal Notices

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-20-24 Part 820 OASAS Stabilization and Rehabilitation Beds Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of April 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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.

## Legal Notices

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-18-24 Employment Services for TANF, Safety Net Individuals and Ex-Offenders Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of April 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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.

## Legal Notices

Subject  
Date RFP released  
Services required

Location of service

How to submit a proposal Please submit a written proposal by March 22, 2024 to the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley or email at: [townclerk@pleasantvalley-ny.gov](mailto:townclerk@pleasantvalley-ny.gov).

Proposals should include the company name, contact person, contact information, proposed price, and any relevant details about the service proposed.

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# Sap Happy Maple Weekend returns to Bowdoin Park March 21-24

Dutchess County Parks' popular Sap Happy Maple Weekend will take place at Bowdoin Park Thursday, March 21 through Sunday, March 24 with a line-up of fun, educational, and delicious events for all ages.

Sap Happy Maple Weekend events will be held in collaboration with the County's Office for the Aging (OFA), Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club, The Culinary Institute of America, Just a Little Pie Shop and the New York State Maple Producers Association. Dutchess County Parks Pure Maple Syrup will also

be available for purchase (cash only) throughout the weekend, while supplies last. Event information, including registration and updates, for Sap Happy Maple Weekend are available on the Dutchess County Parks Facebook page and at dutchessny.gov/parks.

## Sap Happy Maple Weekend features

Seniors Pancakes in the Park and Maple Bingo will be held in collaboration with OFA on Thursday, March 21 from 10:30am-1:30pm in the Auditorium at Bowdoin Park. Residents ages 65 and older and a caregiver are invited to come

enjoy a free pancake breakfast and play a game of maple-themed Bingo. Registration opens Friday, February 23 and is available by calling OFA at 845-486-2555. Reservations are required as seating is limited.

Parks staff will provide hands-on learning opportunities for all ages during its popular Maple Education Demos and Tasting sessions on Friday, March 22 and Sunday, March 24. Participants will learn about the art and history of making maple syrup and watch the different steps of the maple syrup making process, from the tapping of trees to sap collection, and boiling it down to make syrup. Native American methods for creating maple sugar will also be explored. Sessions will be offered at 10am, noon, and 2pm. Classes are \$5 per person and pre-registration is required. Register at DutchesNY.gov/Parks.

The second annual Sap Happy 5K Run/Walk will be held in partnership with Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club steps off on Saturday, March 23, starting at 8:30am. The run will be rain or shine, and the course route is along the paved and gravel roadways within Bowdoin Park. Pre-race bib pick-up will be at Fleet Feet Poughkeepsie, located in the Shoppes at South Hills, from March 20th-22nd during store hours. Day-of race bib pick-up will begin at 7:15am at Pavilion 5 at Bowdoin Park. All registered participants will receive a maple-themed bandana and awards will be given to the top five male, female, and non-binary runners. Pre-registration is required and costs \$20 per person or \$15 for Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club members. Register online at DutchesNY.gov/Maple5K.

The second annual Community Breakfast and Best Pancake Competition will be held Saturday, March 23rd from 9:15am to noon in the Bowdoin Park Auditorium. Dutchess County Parks staff will again team up with Culinary Institute of America students in a competition for who makes the Best Pancake. Who wins? You decide! Tickets are \$5 per person (cash only at the door) and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and while supplies last. Walk-up Maple Education workshops will also be held (weather depending) and are included with pancake breakfast entry.

Just a Little Pie Shop will feature Dutchess County Parks' Pure Maple Syrup in a signature Maple Syrup Pie, which will be available for purchase at the shop from Wednesday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 27, or while supplies last. Just a Little Pie Shop is located in Eastdale Village on Route 44 in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

## Maple Education Group Opportunities

Dutchess County Parks is a member of the New York State Maple Producers Association, which will bring its Maple Experience Mobile Classroom to local School Districts in March and April, including a field-trip experience at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan on April 3rd for home school groups, and local clubs. Please call (845) 298-4600 for more information.

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