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Dr. Kenneth Appell celebrates 100th birthday

NDH physician described as innovator, mentor

by Stacey vanden Thoorn

Dr. Kenneth Appell, physician, mentor and medical innovator celebrates his 100th birthday on March 23, commemorating a lifetime of providing care to others.

Dr. Appell joined the department of surgery at Northern Dutchess Hospital (NDH) as the second half of the two-surgeon team after he and his wife, Marcy, and their two children moved to Red Hook in 1969. His career at NDH spanned more than 40 years where he served as general surgeon up until his retirement at age 85 at which time he was appointed as honorary lifetime member of the Board of Trustees.

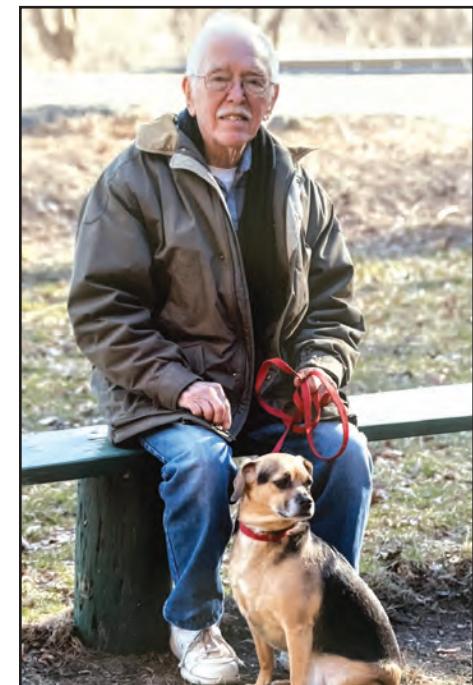
Prior to his long and distinguished career at NDH, in the late 1950s-early '60s, Dr. Appell was a pioneer in vascular surgery, creating the first Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF). The surgery, which is still utilized today, remains the most effective vascular access procedure for nearly 60 years since it was developed at the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City by Dr. Appell.

He was born on the Upper East Side of Manhattan on March 23, 1923. At the age of six, his mother passed away leaving his grandmother, Frances Bartunek, to raise him. Dr. Appell, his father, sister Florence and eventually her husband all lived in the same household until Dr. Appell joined the Navy in 1942. After his service during WWII, he returned back to his childhood home, where he lived while attending college.

From 1940 to 1942 Dr. Appell attended Manhattan College in pursuance of a biology/pre-med major. At the same time, he worked with his



Dr. Kenneth Appell, left, is pictured with Dr. James Wing during their days at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck. Right, Dr. Appell enjoys time with his pup Allie. Courtesy photos



childhood friend Arthur Barnett at the information desk in the card catalog room of the midtown Manhattan main branch of the New York Public Library. In the 1940s, the position of information desk clerk - as menial as it may have seemed at that time - was quite a vital role in the obtaining of information. Dr. Appell would receive handwritten slips of paper

from patrons requesting books and texts for information. He then would sort the subject matter based upon where they would be found in the Dewey Decimal System - requiring him to memorize the entire system in order to properly decipher which numbers corresponded to which stacks where information could be found. Once sorted, the slip would then

be sent via pneumatic tube to the corresponding stack where the literature/information would be located and retrieved for the patron.

Another part of his job at the library entailed replacing the long, narrow card-catalogue drawers that patrons would use and leave behind, which would

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Renegades to open season on April 7 at Dutchess Stadium

by Rich Thomaselli

It has been a busy off-season for the Hudson Valley Renegades - maybe not for the players and fans - but certainly for the front office.

As the team prepares for its 30th season in the area, Opening Day is less than two weeks away on April 7. The Renegades are the high Class A farm

team of the New York Yankees and play in the South Atlantic League. They have a 144-game schedule, including 72 games at home at Dutchess Stadium. They open the season at home vs. the Greensboro Grasshoppers.

"The adaptation has gone well," said new general manager Tyson Jeffers, who has been with the franchise since 2020 and was elevated to GM this year. Jeffers

has been elevated to General Manager, and Director of Corporate Partnerships Zach Betkowski becomes the Renegades new Assistant General Manager.

To recap:

Steve Gliner, the individual most associated with the franchise for two decades as the General Manager and the team President, will still be associated

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Construction at Dutchess Stadium on target to start Renegades' season

by Rich Thomaselli

Because of their contractual obligations with Major League Baseball, every minor league stadium has to meet certain minimum requirements.

Dutchess Stadium and the Hudson Valley Renegades are no exception.

The franchise has had to replace the outfield wall, which was wooden since its inception almost 30 years ago, with padding.

There is a new batting cage/tunnel, with netting.

And the home clubhouse down the right-field line is being renovated and the visitors will now have their own clubhouse on the leftfield line.

"That box is checked," new General Manager Tyson Jeffers said. "The clubhouse should be ready for opening day.

Everything is falling into place. We're at the finish line. The construction guys have one foot out the door."

The clubhouse was definitely a problem. Jeffers described it as a shared clubhouse, almost split down the middle with the visiting team on one side and the Renegades on the other. Now it will be so big that it will not only house the Renegades, but have a separate room for female umpires and coaches.

"Yeah, we were very fortunate that winter hit us a little late, and that allowed the whole construction to take place," Jeffers said. "You get all the outside work done first, and make sure that got all completed. And then when it starts to get a little bit colder, they were focused on all the inside stuff."

There will also be a weight-room and offices.

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with the franchise as a consultant with Diamond Baseball Holdings, which now owns the Renegades, and oversees the various renovations of the stadium.

"Steve has made the transition so much easier," said Jeffers last week, while driving through a snowstorm.

It was not baseball weather, but Jeffers has been grateful for the relatively calm winter. Then again, he started with the team when the season was canceled in 2021 by the pandemic.

"Steve and I have been through what is probably the toughest part of the Renegades history. This is nothing,"

said Jeffers.

But he has more on his plate than just the weather and new construction at the stadium.

On Tuesday, the Renegades announced a naming rights partner for Dutchess Stadium.

None of the team members are set yet, as spring training in Florida has yet to disband. The Yankees are still making roster cuts, as is every other Major League team, and deciding where to send players.

Tickets are at the stadium and online at hvrenegades.com.

Dutchess Sheriff's Office rolls out body-worn cameras



Body-worn cameras will be in use when Sheriff's Deputies respond to incidents or take official action. Courtesy photo

Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati has announced the deployment of body-worn cameras to Sheriff's Office members, effective Saturday March 18.

The cameras have been provided to sworn members of the Sheriff's Office in order to provide greater transparency, build community trust, and further honor the commitment to our Police Reform and Modernization Plan.

The cameras will be in use when Sheriff's Deputies respond to incidents or

take official action, including but not limited to using force and making arrests. They are made by Axon, will be worn on the Deputy's person, and will capture both audio and video.

During this past week Sheriff's Office personnel received comprehensive training on the use of the cameras and are well qualified to begin using them. The cameras are expected to be of significant overall benefit to both the Deputies and the public that they serve.

DC Fair to continue scholarship program

Dutchess County Agricultural Society President/CEO Andy Imperati has announced that the organization that operates the Dutchess County Fairgrounds will continue with the scholarship program, which awards a Dutchess County high school senior, college, university or technical school, including graduate students with an \$10,000 scholarship.

The Dutchess County Agricultural Association Inc. sponsors this scholarship.

The qualifying student must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by the agricultural society. The recipient must seek an undergraduate degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. All applicants must submit their applications by May 11, 2023.

Information and a fillable PDF application are available at the Dutchess County Fair's website, dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships, through Cornell

Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and from local high school offices.

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a

degree. The fair where you have been active, or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. The website <https://www.nyfairs.org/scholarships.htm> offers a complete list of member fairs, the scholarship application, and instructions.

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have to be replaced accurately for the next information seeker. In essence, Dr. Appell's job as information desk clerk was a human version of today's digital search engines that retrieve information for us with just the click of a mouse. Essentially, he was an early "search engine" in human form.

In 1942, Dr. Appell's initial studies at Manhattan College were interrupted for four years when he joined the Navy to serve in WWII. Dr. Appell flew missions for the U.S. Navy as lieutenant, piloting mostly the Douglas DC 3 aircraft. After a four-year stint, he was able to complete his studies and graduate in 1947.

Once he graduated from Manhattan College, he and his fiancé, Marcella (Marcy) Varmuzza, moved to Washington DC so he could pursue post-graduate work at the Jesuit-run Georgetown University School of Medicine. In 1949, the couple returned back to their old neighborhood to get married on July 29, 1949 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, Queens. In 1951, he graduated from Georgetown with honors and received the class' gold medal in pathology. The couple returned back to their New York roots where the groundbreaking medical procedure invented by Dr. Appell would be conducted.

Innovative procedure

In February of 1965, Dr. Appell was the first surgeon ever to develop and implement the first radiocephalic AVF which allowed the provision of hemodialysis to patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Dr. Appell created an upper extremity AVF that enabled maintenance dialysis without externalized devices, transforming the life-sustaining management procedure for patients. This very method is still considered to be the most reliable vascular access practice and is utilized across hospitals and medical facilities worldwide today.

In the 1960s Dr. Appell and his wife resided in Port Chester where they welcomed their son, David, and daughter, Ann. Not long after in the winter of 1969, the couple relocated to Dutchess County.

"My wife, Marcy and I were living in Port Chester, and we wanted to find a better area for our kids to grow up in," said Dr. Appell. "We were driving around upstate and saw the Red Hook grammar school sitting in the middle of a corn field, and I thought 'that's where I want



Dr. Kenneth Appell, right, dons a traditional cap and joins family members at a recent holiday celebration. Courtesy photo

my children to go to school!" (quote from Dr. Appell provided by NDH)

Compassion and kindness

Dr. Appell's character and integrity have been a beacon for many. His natural ability as a surgeon, his commitment to patient care and his truly compassionate attitude is esteemed by colleagues and friends alike.

"It was an honor to have Dr. Appell as a member of the medical staff (at NDH)," said Dr. John Sabia, retired vice president of medical affairs at NDH. "He was a talented and gifted surgeon who was admired and respected by his peers. He treated his patients and hospital staff with compassion and kindness."

According to Dr. Sabia, not only was Dr. Appell extremely knowledgeable and skilled at general surgery, he is remembered as being a very kind man, one who would communicate with everyone with respect. "Dr. Appell's combination of skills and compassion is what makes a perfect doctor," said Dr. Sabia. "He was always kind, friendly and compassionate. He was loved by staff, colleagues and patients. On a personal level, he welcomed me as a young physician and

made me better."

Dr. James Wing, retired NDH general surgeon, met Dr. Appell in July of 1988 when he accepted the position to join as the third member of the hospital's surgical staff, which at that time was comprised of Dr. Appell and Dr. William Jameson. The two established a lifelong friendship that continues today.

"As a friend and a colleague his mentoring taught me a lot," said Dr. Wing. "Any time he was faced with a challenge or difficult case, he was always calm. In the face of adversity, you can't panic. He would be as calm as could be...which is what you want in a doctor, right? He was a very good mentor to me as a young surgeon and I was able to pass that down to those I mentored."

Dr. Wing echoed Dr. Sabia's words regarding Dr. Appell's nature.

"He knew everyone in the hospital and was kind to everyone," he said. "He spoke to everyone and anyone and did not differentiate how he spoke with anyone, regardless of them being a fellow surgeon or the person cleaning the operating room."

Dr. Appell's daughter, Ann spoke of her father's enjoyment of life.

"My father was able to do something he loved as a career," she said. "Every day at work for him was interesting and challenging; he never got bored. When he was not at the hospital, he was home on his tractor. He loved mowing the field and tending his garden. The one regret he told us he had was that he did not balance his family time with his career. I am glad he shared that with us. I changed career paths in college from physician to nursing. I'm a nurse practitioner because I wanted to have more time with my family. My mom was always at our school events when we were kids. I always made it to my son's sporting events, concerts, etc. Fortunately, physicians today can have a more flexible schedule now overall than in past years. You can get the time back and family is so important."

Dr. Appell's wife, Marcy, passed away in 2015.

Dr. Appell's 100th birthday celebration will take place at his home with close family, including his son, David, and husband, Jose; daughter Ann and husband Ken; and grandson Matthew, as well as friends and colleagues, including Dr. Wing.

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'ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST' FUNDRAISER SET APRIL 1 & 15 IN RED HOOK

Holy Cow in Red Hook will host "Ice Cream for Breakfast," the 13th annual St Jude Children's Hospital Fundraiser, on Saturday, April 1 and Saturday, April 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be a special limited menu only. Cost of breakfast is donation of choice. Come help support St. Jude one "scoop" at a time. Holy Cow is at 7270 South Broadway, in the Hardscrabble Plaza, in Red Hook.

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Red Hook Responds receives \$8,500 grant from Elks Foundation

Red Hook Responds (RHR), under the leadership of Founder Daniel Budd and Interim Executive Director Nevill Smythe, was honored at a breakfast on March 18 sponsored by the Red Hook-Rhinebeck Elks Chapter #2022. The organization was awarded an \$8,500 grant from the Elks National Foundation for their work to address food insecurity during and beyond the pandemic.

In addition, to honor the relationship between the Elks and Red Hook Responds, Budd presented a plaque to Rick Belcher, Exalted Ruler of the local lodge with sincere thanks for the partnership that began three years ago and continues to this day. Without the Elks, RHR would not be able to prepare and assemble the nearly 1,000 meals that are distributed monthly to residents of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Tivoli, and Milan.

Red Hook Responds began during the early days of COVID-19 to "keep things bright" for people who were both vulnerable and scared. At its peak, the organization had 700 volunteers serving the community by providing meals, grocery/prescription delivery, and neighborhood chats by phone as primary activities.

As Budd explained, he approached the Elks in 2020 to request use of the lodge "for a few days" as a meal prep and distribution center. As the days stretched into weeks, months, and finally years, Red Hook Responds recognized the community partnership as indispensable to its



From left, Red Hook Responds Founder Dan Budd, Rick Belcher, Exalted Ruler of the local lodge, Nevill Smythe, Cameron Ricci, President of the New York State Elks Association, Jo-Anne Ricci, John Horiszny, Red Hook Responds Board President and Jacqui Rose, Board member are pictured at the breakfast on March 18. Photo courtesy of Jolene's Images – celebrating 10 years

mission. The Elks lodge houses a commercial kitchen, large event room, and hook up to the RHR walk-in refrigerator for the prepared meals; their parking lot is the distribution point for RHR drivers to pick up meals five-six times a week for its recipients.

In addition to the grant, the Elks awarded Nevill Smythe its "Citizen of the

Year" for his tireless work with Red Hook Responds. Smythe has served as Interim Executive Director while the organization conducts a search for a permanent Director.

To learn more about Red Hook Responds including becoming a volunteer or donor, please visit its website redhookresponds.org.

Dutchess County announces next round of Veterans Microgrants

Applications for the Dutchess County Division of Veterans' Services 2023 Veterans Microgrant Program are being accepted. The program offers one-time grants to local non-profit veterans organizations and municipalities to enhance activities and programming that address veterans' needs or recognize their service. Grant applications can be found online at dutchessny.gov/vetmicrogrant, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds are available.

A total of \$150,000 in grant funding is available through this program and will be available in award amounts between \$5,000 and \$15,000 per organization or municipality. It can be used for purchases or needs, including equipment, resources, or other one-time expenses to help enhance program offerings, as well

as make the program more accessible for veterans.

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil, "Dutchess County is committed to giving back to our local veterans for all they have done for our community and nation and the Veterans Microgrant Program is a way of showing that appreciation. Hearing the significant impact these microgrants have on the lives of our local vets is profound and I believe this next round will be no different."

Nonprofit organizations or municipalities that currently offer specific programs to and for the benefit of veterans of the United States Armed Forces in Dutchess County are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to entities that do not already contract with Dutchess County Government to provide services to veterans.

Only one application per organization will be accepted. Any organization that received grant funding under the 2022 Dutchess County Veterans Support Program are ineligible for funding under this program.

Funding should be utilized within one year of award and will be paid out quarterly. There will be an execution payment of 25% of the total award, the remaining funding will be awarded on a quarterly reimbursement basis.

The complete list of Veterans Microgrant Instructions and Guidance is available online.

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- Enhancement, expansion of a program or service currently offered to veterans;
- New programming for veterans provided by an agency that already provides services to veterans;

• Purchase plaques, banners, or monuments to honor veterans;

• Expenses associated with an event (picnic, holiday party) to honor veterans;

• General capital infrastructure to facilities, including physical structures (roof, windows, doors, etc.), HVAC, plumbing, electrical, security, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. The structure's primary purpose must be for veterans' services.;

• Outreach activities to engage with veterans not yet connected to programs and services.

Division of Veterans' Services Director Adam Roche said, "While working directly with our local veteran population, our department hears about their needs in the community. This microgrant program helps us support the needs of these organizations. Many veterans have come through our doors and given positive feedback about last year's grants, and we look forward to doing the same this year. Serving our veterans is our top priority and these microgrants are a great addition to our effort."

Residents can learn more information about veterans services throughout Dutchess County at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

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Mr. Anderson Ale craft brew tapped for Anderson Center Fundraiser

Anderson Center for Autism and Mill House Brewing Company have announced details of the 2023 Mr. Anderson Ale event. The annual celebration and fundraiser serves as the official "launch" of a craft brew named for the founder of Anderson Center for Autism.

The event will take place on Thursday, March 30, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Mill House Brewing Company, 289 Mill Street in Poughkeepsie.

Patrick Paul, CEO/Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said, "This has become a highly anticipated tradition which was sorely missed when we had to take a hiatus during the pandemic. Not only does Mr. Anderson Ale raise funds to help us carry out our mission of optimizing the quality of life for people with autism, but it also helps build greater awareness. We are ever grateful to the team at Mill House for their dedication to our cause, and we look forward to raising a glass with everyone who comes out in support of Anderson's mission that night."

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer for Anderson Foundation for Autism, said, "Mill House Brewing Company's special brew represents a fun, creative way to honor our founder, our rich history, and our decades of service to people with special needs. Our guests and

team members enjoy the event each year, and we encourage anyone who has not been in the past to join us on March 30th."

Bozenski said Victor V. Anderson, for whom Mr. Anderson Ale is named, established Anderson School nearly 100 years ago in 1924. "Since that time, the organization has grown, expanded, and evolved - and of course is now known as Anderson Center for Autism. Victor Anderson's grandson, Vance Gage, who served as honorary brewmaster when the first batch was created, maintains involvement with our organization as a member of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees; he plans to be in attendance at the event as well," said Bozenski.

Proceeds of the event will directly benefit programs and services provided by Anderson Center for Autism. Tickets are \$35 per person. Beer, wine, and appetizers are included.

Following the launch event on March 30th, \$1 of every pint sold by Mill House Brewing Company during April (Autism Awareness Month) will be donated to Anderson Center for Autism.

To purchase tickets to the March 30th event, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/mrander.

Registration opens March 22 for Spring Naturalist programs

Dutchess County Parks has a wide array of programming planned for residents of all ages this spring season. From weekend archery, youth park palette art sessions and eaglet nature programs to new, two-day immersive experiences, there is something for everyone looking to explore the outdoors in fun and unique ways. Program registration opens Wednesday, March 22 at DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "With the weather warming up, we are excited for the return of our popular naturalist programming, offering fun and educational opportunities to try new things outside at our beautiful Bowdoin Park."

Spring Naturalist Program Schedule

Weekend Public Archery sessions will begin Saturday, April 8 at Bowdoin Park. The archery program consists of five classes, held on Saturdays, with various time slots offered. The sessions, each an hour long, are designed for children ages 8 and up, and adults with any level of archery experience. Basic hands-on archery skills are taught, as well as bow and arrow safety. Cost is \$60 per person and includes all five classes and equipment. Limit: 20 participants per time slot. Classes are on Saturdays, April 8 and 22, May 6 and 20 and June 3.

Park Palette Art Series for ages 10-18 will be held at Bowdoin Park from 5-6:15 p.m. in Pavilion 5. These classes take students through a step-by-step process to create nature-themed paintings. Students

can choose one workshop or take all three. Cost is \$12 (includes all supplies). Limit: 12 participants per session. Wednesday, April 26 - Colorful Mountain Landscape, Wednesday, May 10 -The Northern Lights, Wednesday, June 14 - The Red Fox.

Eaglet Nature Program is for youth ages 5 to 7, along with their parents or caregivers, at Bowdoin Park's Nature Education Center. Through interactive exploration and play, children will have the opportunity to take a closer look at the unique natural habitats, with each week focusing on a different topic with a craft being made at the end of the class. All classes will be offered 4:00-4:45pm.

Registration is \$5 per child. Limit: 12 participants. Classes include Tuesday, May 9 - Mammals, Tuesday, May 23 - Nature Awareness. Tuesday, June 6 - Pond Study.

New this year, Spring Break Days will be two, two-day immersive experiences for youth ages 9-11 who have not previously attended a summer camp with Dutchess County Parks. Registration for this teaser of the popular, longer summer sessions also opens March 22. To learn more about these programs, read the release online.

Other spring programming, including group weekday Archery, Junior Survival, Scout Programs and School Field Trips are available by appointment and reservations can be made by calling 845-298-4602.

For registration and programming information, visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

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Author Talk: Thomas Summerhill, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York, Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m. on Zoom
Free program; register to receive a Zoom link at www.historicredhook.org/register.

Thomas Summerhill is a professor at Michigan State University. His book, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York, focuses on farmers' creative and radical organization, such as the Anti-Rent and Grange movements, in the face of social, political, and economic transformations of the 19th century.

Men's Bible Study offered

at Hyde Park Baptist Church

The Hyde Park Baptist Church, at 10 Romans Road (off Route 9G) in Hyde Park holds Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All men are welcome. For more information contact the church at (845) 229-9150 or email hpbcchurch@optonline.net.

Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Lyall will continue to hold its Lyall Lunch on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyall are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

Hyde Park Chamber meeting to highlight Bellefield project

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will host a discussion about the town's Bellefield project at its next Business Breakfast, set Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 a.m., at the Eveready Diner, Route 9, Hyde Park. There will be a Q&A plus a 50-50 raffle. The cost to attend is \$25 per Chamber member, and reservations are required. See www.hydeparkchamber.org for more information and to reserve your place.

Events at the Red Hook Community Center

To sign-up for any program, email signup@redhookcommunitycenter.org or call (845) 758-0077.

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Chair Yoga with Kathy Schneider-Doyle. Chair yoga creates a safe space for movement and balance both sitting and standing. Wednesday, 3/29: 10-11 am.

Rhinebeck HS Drama Club to present 'Once Upon A Mattress' March 24-26

The Rhinebeck High School Drama Club will performs "Once Upon A Mattress" on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.; and a matinee on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m., at the Joseph L. Phelan Auditorium at Rhinebeck HS, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, seniors and children ages 10 and under. They are available online at [RHSdramaClub.org](https://onthestage.tickets/rhinebeck-hs-drama-club). <https://onthestage.tickets/rhinebeck-hs-drama-club> or at the box office one hour prior to show. There is a \$2 upcharge at the door.

Grace Bible Fellowship Church announces Holy Week services

April 2: Palm Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

April 7: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 9: Easter (Resurrection Day) Services, 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

All are welcome. The church is at the intersection of routes 9 & 9G in Rhinebeck. For more information, call (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923; or email fdccirone@aol.com.

Textile program set April 5 at Freedom Plains church

On April 5, Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church will present "What Do I Do With Old Textiles?" Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents Diana Louie, owner of the Village Fabric Shop in Red Hook as she discusses repairing, repurposing and learning from Old Textiles. Diana will bring samples and invites participants to bring a textile if you have specific questions about it. This program begins at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com. The church is at 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville.

Walk of the Cross set in Hyde Park on Good Friday

The Hyde Park Clergy Association invites the community to an ecumenical Walk of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7. The group will gather at 10:15 a.m. at Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church (2 Harvey St., Hyde Park), then will process through the town, taking turns carrying the cross and stopping at various locations along the way to hear portions of the Passion story of Jesus. The walk will conclude at the Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church, with prayers and a time of fellowship.

This communal act of devotion has been a custom in Hyde Park for many years, and is an age-old tradition around the world on this most solemn day on the Christian calendar. People of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Rev. Arlene R. Wilhelm at (845) 240-1690.

Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 17, at noon, at the Community Mental Health Center located at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie.

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place on May 15, June 26, July 17, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

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

Millbrook Historical Society meeting schedule

Millbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remainder of the year includes:

April 20: Remarkable Life (1868-1943) of Bishop Bonaventure (held at St. Joseph's Parish

Hall at 7 p.m.). Broderick: Exile and Redemption in Millbrook; Speaker: James K. Hanna, Vice-Pres, Catholic Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

May 18: Innisfree Garden: Visit to a Remarkable 185 Acre Landscape (meet at the parking lot at Innisfree 4:30 p.m.). Kate Kerin, Innisfree Garden, Landscape Curator.

June 15: Annual Tea @ Orvis Sandanona: Legacy of J. Morgan Wing Sr. Speaker: Ed Gerrard, Orvis Sandanona, General Manager. Note: Tea will be held 3:30-5 p.m. at Orvis Sandanona, Sharon Turnpike.

Sept. 21: Exploring the Anthony Family Collection, Archive Committee

Oct. 19: Washington Precinct: Fate of the Poor prior to the 1864 County Almshouse. Speaker: Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian.

Nov. 16: The Bacons: A Local Gentleman Farmer and a Celebrated Actress of the 20th Century. Speaker Ezekiel Sanger, Marist College graduate.

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Taste of Rhinebeck set April 26

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce is reintroducing Taste of Rhinebeck, a food festival, competition and fundraiser. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., at eateries throughout the Village of Rhinebeck. 'Taste' is a culinary crawl through the Village of Rhinebeck with samplings from approximately 25 restaurants, specialty food shops, and wine & liquor purveyors, featuring appetizers, entrees, beverages, and desserts. Participants donate the food, beverages, staff and time for this event.

All attendees will vote for their favorites in each category, and winners will be announced the following day. All winners will be presented with a Taste of Rhinebeck award plaque.

Veteran radio personalities Joe Daily and Michelle Taylor will kick off the event. Look forward to music, some fun facts and live commentary right in the heart of the village. Enjoy a fun evening with friends, and be sure to bring along your appetite.

Tickets for Taste of Rhinebeck are \$75 and must be purchased in advance at <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>. In-person registration will take place in Foster's Coach House parking lot.

Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Village of Rhinebeck Autism Supportive Committee (50%) and the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce (50%).

Abilities First sets pickleball fundraiser May 6

Abilities First will host the ThinkWealth Think Pickleball Classic on Saturday, May 6, at Sportsplex New Windsor, from 2 to 6:15 p.m.

Cost per team is \$250 for 2 players, \$475 for 4 players. All players must be 21 or older to participate.

Funds raised will benefit Abilities First. For questions or to register, email events@abilitiesfirstny.org.

Miles of Hope High Tea Brunch set May 7

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its High Tea Brunch on Sunday, May 7, at The Grandview Tent, 176 Rinaldi Blvd., Poughkeepsie. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m., and the ceremony starts at 11 a.m. It will be a day of fun for both ladies and gents. Visit milesophope.org for more information.

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The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 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. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program:

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is reaching out to older adults who are isolated and would like some type of social connection, somebody to talk to for 20-30 minutes a week. OFA's Friendly Calls program is looking for volunteer callers to reach out to our older adults. It's a simple program at its core: neighbors talking to neighbors in a short, structured conversation. OFA screens both the volunteer callers as well as the people being called. You'd be talking to somebody who lives alone, is isolated, and has expressed an interest in staying socially connected. Volunteers would start out calling from OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie, but we envision the program becoming something a volunteer can do from home if that's what they prefer. Adult volunteers of all ages are welcome. If you're interested in taking part as a volunteer caller, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 486-2555.

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.

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DCC Foundation gala March 25 in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess Community College Foundation's annual Gala, Our Community's Bridge to the Future, will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m., at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The event will honor the 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and recipients of two awards for outstanding service to the College and community respectively. The Foundation provides more than \$800,000 annually to DCC to support student scholarships, emergency grant needs, student technology and other educational initiatives.

Retired Footlocker CEO Keith Daly and KeyBank AVP Rita McPeck will be inducted into the DCC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Michael Fleischer and Michael Francis Dupree will receive the College's Bridge to the Future Award, and Ron Lane will receive the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award.

Daly ('72) competed on the basketball team while at DCC and went on to oversee a multi-billion dollar footwear company. In the time between these endeavors, he coached and taught at the high school level, worked in merchandising in a subsidiary of the Woolworth Corporation, and climbed up the ranks from vice president to CEO.

An Italian who immigrated to New York with her family as a child, McPeck ('88) has enjoyed a distinguished career in finance over the past 35 years. Now AVP/SBA senior service officer for KeyBank's Hudson Valley/Metro NY and Albany district, McPeck has won the

Signature Circle award six times for significantly exceeding goals and given numerous accolades for her work in the community.

Michael Fleischer and Michael Francis Dupree have been living in Hyde Park since 1993 and devote much of their time and energy to strengthening their community and preserving its wealth of historic resources. Both serve on several boards and contribute to a variety of causes and public projects; Dupree is currently board chairman and trustee at DCC. Fleischer and Dupree have been significant supporters of student housing at DCC.

Ron Lane ('75) spent 35 years in medical sales and business consulting at McKesson Corporation until his retirement in 2014. He has been volunteering and serving on boards in support of a variety of causes for just as long—from his enduring commitment to Dutchess County SPCA (since 1991); to college sports, as a former tennis player then volunteer coach at Marist; to arts and culture as board president of New Deal Creative Arts Center; social services at Grace Smith House, and more.

Lead gala sponsors include Bonura Hospitality Group, Michael Dupree & Michael Fleischer, Pepsi-Cola of the Hudson Valley, Nuvance Health, Royal Carting Service Company and VIVO Creative.

Tickets are \$225 per person. Call Burnelle Roser, DCC Foundation assistant director, at (845) 431-8402 for more information.

Ulster Savings Bank free Virtual Homebuyer Seminar set March 30

Ulster Savings Bank invites you to a free virtual homebuyer seminar on Thursday, March 30, starting at 5:30 p.m. They are hosting this event, along with Ulster County Habitat for Humanity, to help attendees understand the many critical steps to owning one's own home.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Steps in getting pre-qualified
- Credit scores and why they are important

- Documentation needed to apply
- Low down payment options
- Choosing the right lender
- What to expect during the buying process

Participants may be eligible for a \$750 Home Buyer Credit just for attending.

For more information and to sign up, visit https://www.ulstersavings.com/w h y - u s / s e m i n a r s / # s e c t i o n _ H o m e b u y e r S e m i n a r s .

Dutchess County launches new Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion initiative

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is working alongside partners People USA and the City of Poughkeepsie Police to provide community-based care and outreach pilot program to those who may not utilize conventional methods through the innovative Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) approach. Since the launch of Dutchess County's LEAD pilot program on Feb. 1, 21 referrals were submitted by law enforcement, with 10 individuals choosing to participate in the program and get connected with a higher level of care to meet their individual needs.

LEAD is an evidence-based street outreach program designed to reach individuals with unmet behavioral health needs who have not connected with traditional health and human services and often wind up in a criminal justice system cycle through a variety of violations such as drug use, public intoxication or nuisance calls. Many of these individuals are homeless and have been, for a variety of reasons, reluctant to utilize traditional health and human services, such as emergency shelter housing, addiction treatment, temporary benefit assistance or other services.

The main goals of LEAD include:

- Reorient government response to public safety, disorders and health related social problems;
- Improve community safety and public health through evidence-based, harm-reduction interventions;
- Reduce the number of people entering the criminal justice system for low-level, non-violent offenses;
- Decrease racial disparities within the criminal justice system; and
- Strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Betsy Manzi, DBCH's LEAD Project Manager said, "Our team is so thrilled with the progress the LEAD program has made since the launch. We are confident the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program will have a profound impact on Dutchess County. Utilizing unconventional methods to help those who refuse traditional behavioral health services will benefit not only those enrolled in the program, but the County community as a whole. We appreciate the dedication of law enforcement, mental health providers and community agencies that have come together to put the LEAD initiative in motion."

To be eligible for LEAD, one must be a resident of Dutchess County and be referred by a law-enforcement officer. Participating law enforcement take part in additional mental health and harm reduction training and have the discretion, at the point of contact, to divert individuals to the LEAD program, rather than arrest or ticket them. Currently, referrals are being solely accepted by City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, however, the program management sees LEAD opening for other municipalities in the future.

Individuals in the program are connected to case managers who meet them "where they are" to build rapport and trust as they help complete the intake process, including an assessment and support plan.

Case managers assist them in overcoming obstacles that may have prevented them from getting help previously, and they are assigned to a limited number of cases to be able to maintain continued contact and care.

PeopleUSA CEO Steve Miccio said, "PeopleUSA is proud to partner with Dutchess County on the LEAD project. We're very pleased to see the program off to such a good start. Our staff has dedicated their time and attention to helping this unserved population and I expect continued success."

In addition to the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, PeopleUSA and DBCH, several County Government agencies have collaborated to create the LEAD program, including the:

- Department of Community and Family Services;
- Office of Probation and Community Corrections;
- Public Defender's Office; and
- District Attorney's office.

This pilot program is funded by dollars Dutchess County received as the first installment in the Opioid Manufacturers Settlement which must be used to support treatment of Opioid or Substance Use Disorders and/or Mental health conditions through evidence based, evidence informed, or promising programs or strategies.

For more information on behavioral health services available throughout Dutchess County visit www.dutche ssny.gov and select Departments/Behavioral & Community Health.

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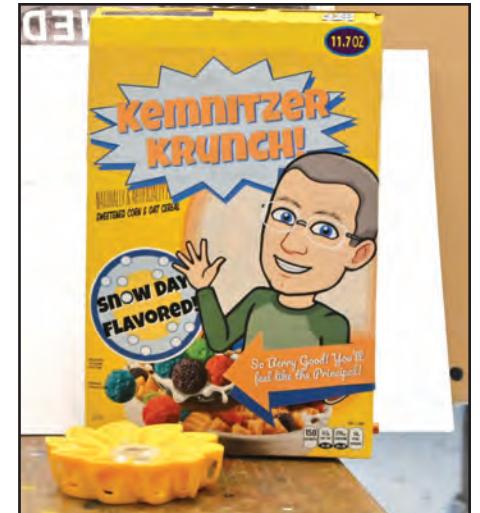
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Artists in Action at Rhinebeck's Bulkeley Middle School



Art comes in a myriad of formats, technologies, activities and even flavors. Students at Rhinebeck's Bulkeley Middle School got a chance to focus on art in many of its forms on March 17 when the school hosted an "Artists in Action Day" with 22 local artists sharing their arts in a series of workshops. In the photos, clockwise from lower left, Architect Hannah Hill shares how buildings are designed and imagined to meet the needs of the people who use them. Studio Arts Teacher Kim Chandler helps Annabell Alman and Corinne Lopez with their drawings. Moses Bendiner and Alexandra Inteeworn display their cookie art. Dance and Movement Therapist Erin Humbaugh leads students in understanding how physical movement can open feelings and creativity. A graphic arts session provided a mock-up of a breakfast cereal box featuring School Principal John Kemnitzer. Photographer Andrew Lambdin Moore introduced the era of photography that came before digital cameras and explained the special types of creativity the old technology allowed. Glass artist Nancy Ebel demonstrated the art of turning glass into jewelry and other objects. Photos by Jim Donick

Traditional Okinawan Karate conducts Spring Shiai and testing

The Traditional Okinawan Karate Shiai, a gathering of the karate community, a testing opportunity for many students, and a chance to celebrate for everyone, was held on Saturday, March 11.

The event drew students from five locations, plus their families and friends. The event included students from New Paltz Karate, and Traditional Okinawan Karate schools in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill, Brooklyn and Kinnelon, NJ.

The Shiai began with a moment of silence for Mr. Jenkins, a martial artist and teacher who made great contributions to Isshin Ryu Karate, the traditional Okinawan style that Traditional Okinawan Karate teaches. Charles Frommer performed the national anthem.

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

The final segment of the Shiai was the promotion of the students who had been tested earlier in the day.

The highest promotions were those at



Black belt-level students from Traditional Okinawan Karate and New Paltz Karate schools are pictured with their teachers after a successful testing. Courtesy photo

black-belt level and included the following students.

- Junior Black Belt: Jeanne Miller, Peter Stankavage
- Shodan (First degree black belt): Louis Campione, Barbara Dawes, Aki Iijima, Patrick Roach, James

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- Nidan (Second degree black belt): Kelly Brooks, Neal Seidl, Karen Stabell
- Sandan (Third Degree black belt): Brandon Miller, Tami Taylor
- Yodan (Fourth Degree black belt): Richard Combs, Steve Rappleyea

- Rokudan (Sixth Degree black belt): Makomi Miller

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

Red Hook High School students learn about Medical Robotics



Columbia Memorial Health orthopaedic surgeon Christopher Gorczynski, MD (far right), is joined by regional high school students to demonstrate the hospital's robotic surgical technology used in variety of orthopaedic procedures, including knee and hip replacements. Seventeen Hudson High School and Red Hook High School students attended the March 3 event, including members of the Red Hook Roboraiders robotics team. The students spent time working hands-on with Dr. Gorczynski at the hospital's Hudson Campus to learn about the latest medical robotic technology, which offers higher degrees of precision than conventional surgery. Courtesy photo

Stringendo sets 25th Anniversary Concert on March 26 at CIA

The Stringendo 25th Anniversary Showcase Concert will be taking place on Sunday, March 26, at the CIA's Marriott Pavilion at 3 p.m.

This is the group's first concert in an auditorium since December of 2019. The last big concert scheduled at this venue was in March of 2020.

The group was proud to be one of the only schools providing in-person musical instruction during the 2020-2021 year,

and they have hosted concerts since the fall of 2020 (starting with 6-foot distance, limited attendance, etc) and they have grown in size since then.

However, all concerts thus far have been at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie rather than a concert venue with a stage. The students are very excited to be presenting such a large scale event - their first in almost three years.

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Stephanie JT Russell named 2023 Dutchess County Poet Laureate

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil announced he has appointed Poughkeepsie resident Stephanie JT Russell as the County's 2023 Poet Laureate, bringing poetry to residents of all ages throughout the county.

O'Neil said, "Dutchess County's arts community enriches the lives of our residents, helps students find their creative voices, and contributes to our thriving tourism industry. My appointment of Stephanie Russell as the next Poet Laureate is an extension of our continued support of the arts and those in our community who help promote artists from all walks of life. We are proud that this program has brought poetry to our residents and young people for nearly a decade and I look forward to Stephanie's contributions."

Russell, a multiracial native New Yorker, comes from working-class inner-city roots. Russell says she stays grounded in poetry that underscores our essential common humanity and offers a lifeline to empathy.

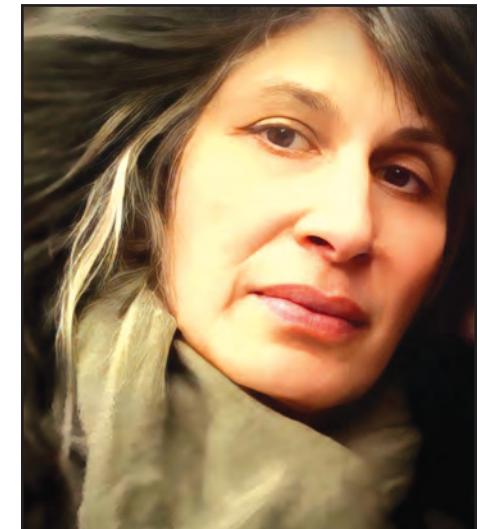
"Connecting people has always informed and driven my artistic life," Russell said. "As Dutchess County Poet Laureate, I will bring poets and multidisciplinary artists together in collaborative exhibits, performances, and workshops, to broaden audiences and build new connections across the disciplines. Multi- and cross-cultural intersection is a fundamental piece of this vision, to cast light on the growing diversity of our rich regional fabric—the foundation for nurturing poetry's presence in Dutchess

County and our region."

Russell is a prolific interdisciplinary artist, author, and cultural worker. Her most recent creative nonfiction book, *One Flash of Lightning*, is a poetic treatment of the classical Samurai code (Andrews McMeel). Russell's work has been featured in books and journals such as *Oakland Out Loud*, *Words Upon the Water*, *The Xavier Review*, *The Winter Anthology*, *Sequestrum*, *Lightwood*, *ArLiJo*, and at major venues including The New Museum, The Griffin Museum of Photography, The Albright Knox, Bowery Poetry Club, and The Berkeley Museum. A visiting artist at New York University, The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding, The Stone House, and other institutions, Russell received the Overall Winner Award from the 2022 Wirral Poetry Festival in the UK. She is a Trustee at The Emile Brunel Sculpture Garden & Park, an historic nature sanctuary and art center in Boiceville.

The Dutchess County Poet Laureate program was instituted in 2016 by former County Executive Marc Molinaro, and is an unpaid, one-year role. Arts Mid-Hudson manages the process of the public call for nominations, inviting a panel of literary professionals and community members to select from the nominations, and promoting the appointment.

"Arts Mid-Hudson is delighted to welcome Stephanie Russell as our 2023



Stephanie JT Russell

Dutchess County Poet Laureate. We are incredibly thankful to County Executive William F.X. O'Neil for his support of this appointment" said Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, Interim Executive Director for Arts Mid-Hudson. "Poetry encourages us to connect and find meaning in our experiences. We look forward to working with Stephanie this year as she inspires collaborations with this powerful art form."

Information about the Dutchess County Poet Laureate and the upcoming programs can be found at, www.artsmidhudson.org/dc-poetaulaureate.

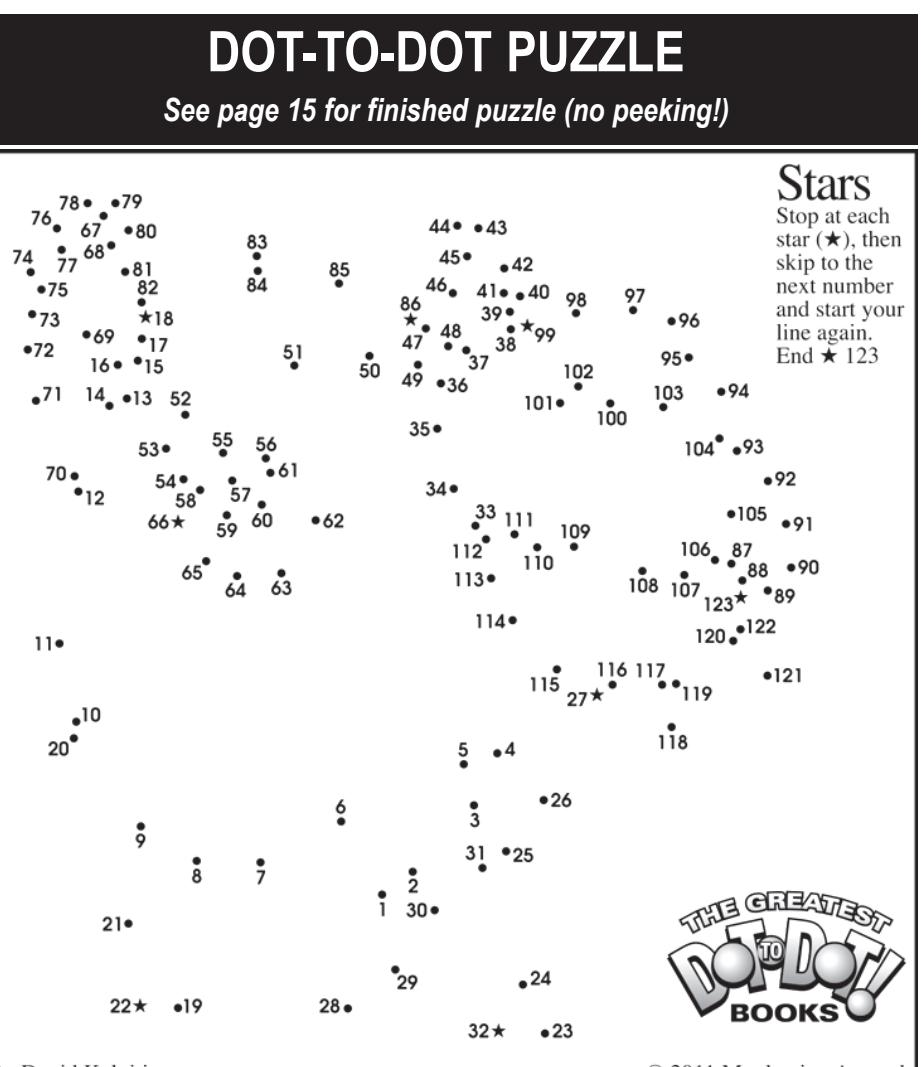
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School lunch

Luigi experiences culture shock in the cafeteria.

Growing up Italian definitely had its advantages. For one, the food is definitely better. Breakfast, lunch, dinner or snacks, there was always something traditional. For example, a traditional American before school breakfast would consist of toasted Wonder bread with butter, raisin bran cereal and a small glass of orange juice.

In our house, mom would break out the blender for breakfast. First she would crack a raw egg (brown shelled of course) into the blender, put a few teaspoons of sugar, add a shot of espresso and milk and blend until frothy. She would then toast a few thin slices of homemade bread and serve it with a couple of wedges of cantaloupe. We would then dunk the bread into the "egg crème." When we were done with our toast we would finish the "egg crème" and then top it off with the cantaloupe. Needless to say, we would go to school wide awake from the espresso, and Sister Cecelia, the principal, could never figure out why we were bouncing off the walls.

I can remember the first time I had a school lunch as if it were yesterday. I am number four of five boys, so by the time I went to school, my mother was already very aware of the school lunches. She also understood that I would be coming home hungry because the school's version of lunch was very much different than ours.

Anyway, here I am, my first day in the first grade. I am really excited for lunch, because I have never really eaten "American" food and I can't wait to try it. In my mind, this was exotic, something that you would see Anthony Bourdain eat on the Travel Channel. So, when it's time, Sister Louis, my first grade teacher, lines us all up for lunch. Sister Louis had a thick Italian accent, and wore a uniform that made her look like the penguin version of Marlon Brando in the Godfather. She was very quick with her ruler that she kept hidden under her cloak, which she used to crack your knuckles if you weren't paying attention. A lesson I learned on the first day.

Anyway, she already knew that both my parents were "off the boat." As I stood in line she looked at me and asked me if

I was hungry. I told her I was and that I was very excited because I had never had any American food before. Well she started to laugh and said that today we were having spaghetti with meat sauce. I said you mean Bolognese Sauce? And she said it was the American version.

Needless to say, I was very disappointed that we were having spaghetti Bolognese and not some exotic American dish like Salisbury steak. Anyway, we get in line, and I am at the back of the column because I am the tallest so I get to watch everyone go first. As I wait in line, I am craning my neck to see what is going on in front of me. As we wait in line a woman hands us these hard plastic trays and eating utensils as we shuffle forward a few feet at a time. So now I am holding my tray with this exotic looking utensil that looks a spoon and a fork combined which I come to find out later is called a Spork. I try to be cool like I know what it is but in my mind, I have absolutely no idea what a spork is or what it is used for. When I get up to the "buffet" line, I place my trays on the line, clutching my spork and start to slide my tray forward.

Now, looking at me though the sneeze guard is this woman who to me looks to be 107 years old with a hair net on her head, plastic gloves on her hands and a hairy mole the size of my father's garden growing on her face. She looks like the wicked witch of the west from the Wizard of Oz. Seeing her should have been the first warning sign to me that this was not the spaghetti Bolognese that my mother made. But being a rookie to the school lunch program, the alarm bells really didn't start to go off. Not only that, I was too horrified by what I saw in the pans to really notice Miss Mole, I mean Miss Molly.

Staring at me in the pan was something Miss Mole called spaghetti. The only problem was that this red tinted goop was served with an ice cream scoop, and I have never seen spaghetti served with an ice cream scoop. So, Miss Mole slops this concoction onto my plastic plate with a wet thud. She then puts this red liquid with some chopped hamburger mixed in it, on top of my "spaghetti ice cream." I was later informed that this was

red sauce or gravy. A slice of white bread with margarine smeared on it completed my entrée.

On my tray, is what I am sure will be my last meal. I start to walk away only to be told to wait, there is more. More? I thought. I hoped and prayed it was something I could eat. Instead, they threw a bowl of this green wobbly stuff on my tray and finished it all with a carton of milk.

Now remember, this is my first time eating something other than homemade Italian food. I clutch the edges of my plastic tray and began to wonder if maybe the tray would taste better than the contents. I walked over to the class table and sit down with my new friends. In my class there was one other person whose parents came from another country, Demetrius who was Greek. As I approached the table I immediately sought him out and was looking at his face to see if he was thinking the same thing I was. I was hopeful that he would be smiling and shoveling this "food" into his mouth with this instrument of destruction called a spork. Instead, he was staring at his plate and playing with

the green wobbly stuff with his fingers, that I would come to find out later was green Jell-O. When I asked Miss. Mole, what kind of flavor the green Jell-O had, I was told "green."

Anyway, I sat down at the table and was looking around at all the happy faces of my new friends. They were all commenting how much better this was than their mom's and how great the meat sauce was. I decided that it had to be OK if they were all enjoying it, so I tasted the sauce. I was shocked that this was called meat sauce. Where was the basil, the parsley or garlic? Where were the little pieces of pork? Where was the hand grated cheese? This sauce tasted like tomato juice.

And another thing, I was used to twirling my spaghetti with a fork. This stuff was all mashed together and you ate it with a spork. My head started to spin. Partly because of the spaghetti and meat sauce but mostly because watching the Jell-O wobble was making me dizzy. I looked over to Demetrius and asked him what he thought. He just shook his head and kept playing with the Jell-O.

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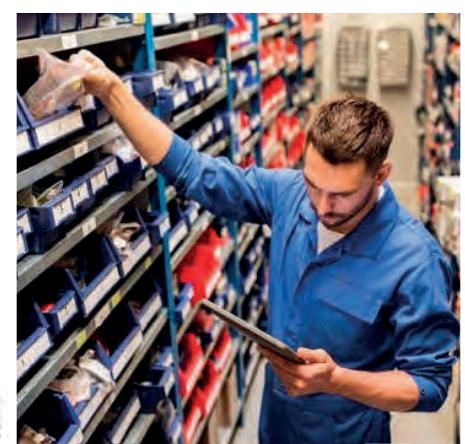
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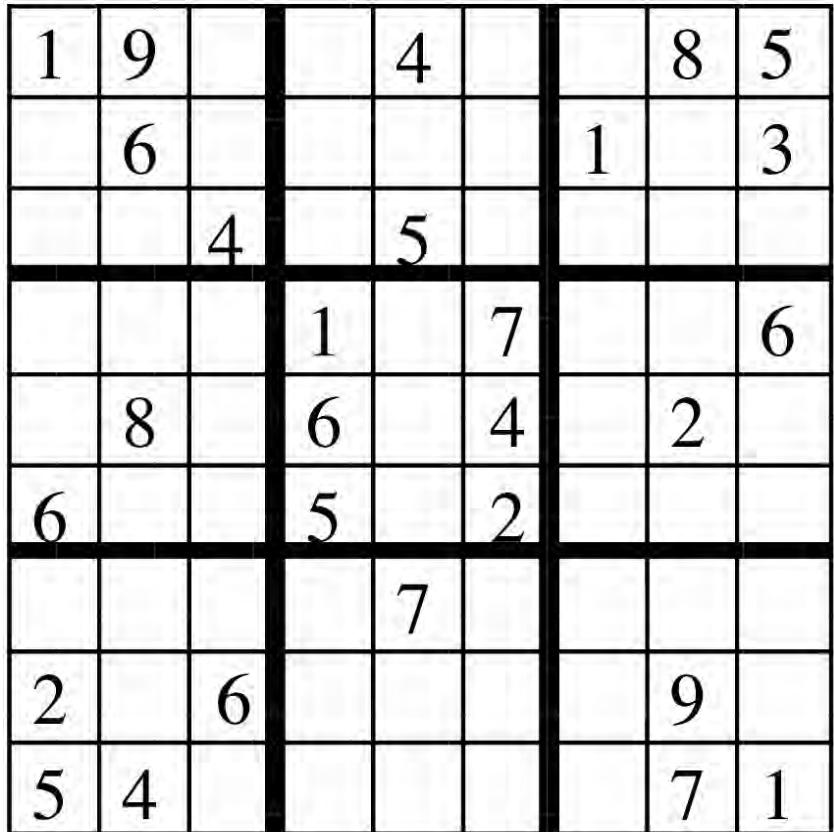
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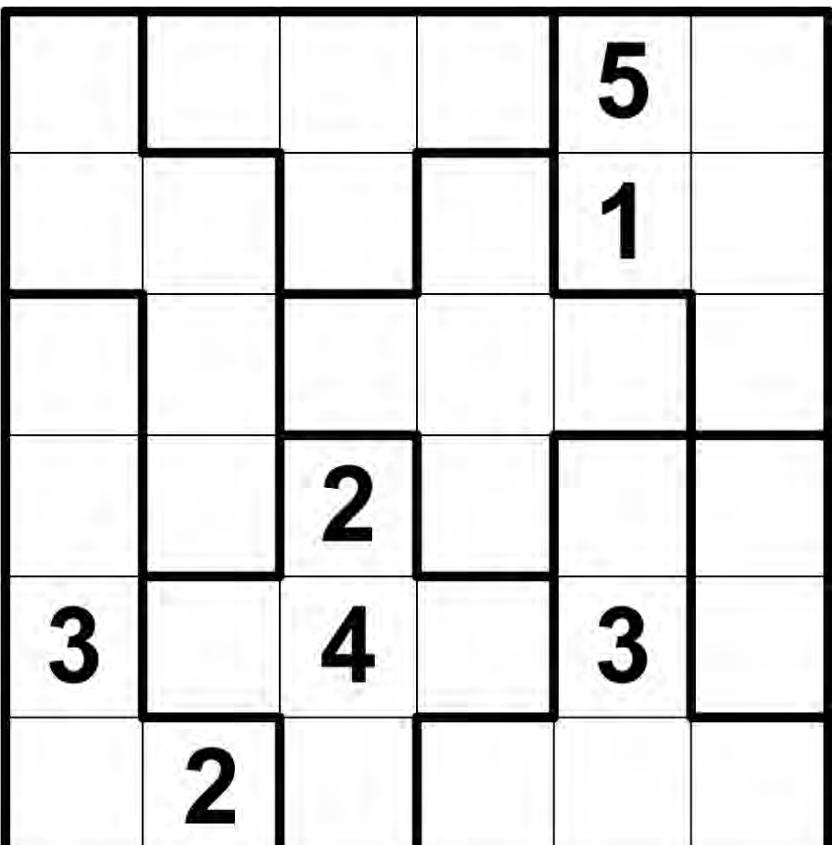
Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills. The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.



Suguru



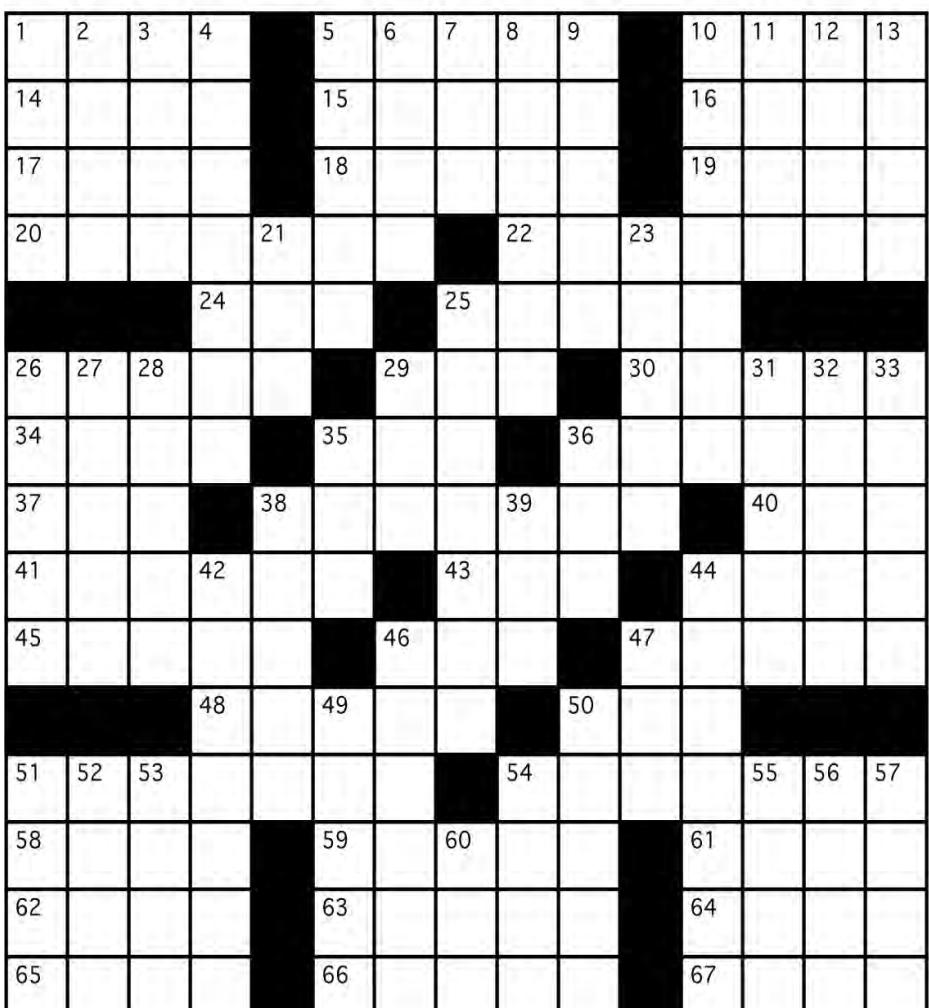
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

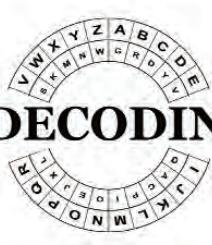
1. Argument
5. Ermine
10. Trampled
14. When tripled, a film title
15. Scottish clan chief
16. Prefix for tiller or Rooter
17. ___ go bragh
18. Consumed
19. Means of transportation
20. Walk unsteadily
22. Watch carefully
24. Item for sitters only
25. Highway sound
26. Performed
29. Word with snow or sweet
30. Openings
34. Sudden attack
35. By way of
36. Soap opera
37. Leftover bit
38. Frightening creature
40. Colombian relation
41. Full-flavored
43. Iron or copper
44. Coin
45. Territories
46. 1/4 and 3/4
47. Rich dessert
48. Gathers
50. ___ voyage
51. One-piece telephone
54. More in need of a chimney sweep
58. Away from the wind
59. Public disturbances
61. Within: pref.
62. Rise
63. Bits
64. Attempt
65. Hamsters and kittens
66. Admission
67. Thumb and others

DOWN

1. Holy ones: abbr.
2. Red wine
3. Song for Sills
4. Knotted
5. Soak
6. "___ she blows!"
7. Grain
8. Blood condition
9. General meaning
10. Circus member
11. Overwhelming defeat
12. Mr. Preminger
13. Access
21. Mild oath
23. Adamant refusal
25. Falls
26. Perfume
27. Concerned person
28. Book spine info
29. Attach
31. Gunpowder ingredient
32. Contaminate
33. Chalkboard
35. "I do"
36. Spot
38. Sea divider
39. Italian numeral
42. Small storage rooms
44. Bee, for one
46. Choice
47. Very
49. High nest
50. Domineering
51. Metal fastener
52. Lily variety
53. In order
54. Prominent actor
55. Two ___ four is two
56. Dutch export
57. Takes from
60. Baseball's Mel



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 19



DECODING DUTCHESS PAST

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by William P. Tatum III

Records show that humanity has a long and diverse history of re-branding, re-booting, and re-launching favorite old concepts, whether that be a book, film, or TV program. The world of public history is no different: Program concepts and offerings go through cycles of decline and renewal.

The COVID pandemic was a particularly enforced cycle of decline, with a full stop to all in-person public history programming that brought a sudden stop to decades of inertia originally generated during our nation's bicentennial. While boosting online programming, thereby opening up local history to brand new audiences nationwide and globally, many of us have missed the old in-person touch. Now that society is once again open for business, I am happy to announce the return of a crowd favorite in Dutchess History: the Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail.

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m., when we launch the first event of the new series at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook.

On the upcoming second Friday in April, we will turn back the clock at Rose Hill Farm, just north of the village of Red Hook, to 1927. At that time, Rose Hill was one of many apple farms operating in Red Hook and Dutchess County, then under the ownership and management of the Fraleigh Family.

On the south end of the village, near the town line between Red Hook and Rhinebeck, stood the old McGrath Farm and orchard, which had also been in the apple business for years. In 1926, the farm incorporated as the Red Hook Steam Cidery Company, with the avowed purpose of industrializing production of apple cider and other fruit juices. The business was barely in operation for a year when federal and county authorities raided the site, discovering equipment and products that had been deemed illegal by the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Volstead Act.

The business that had started innocently enough fell afoul of Prohibition and sunk back into relative obscurity. Yet despite its short life, the story of the Red Hook Steam Cider Company opens a window into how centuries of local apple (and apple-derived beverage) production shaped the landscape and lifeways of Dutchess County. I look forward to taking you into those details next month.

Followers and fans of the Tavern Trail will recall that we first launched the program series in 2016, following the success of similar offerings in Orange County and other areas of the Hudson Valley and the East Coast. The concept at that time was to partner with local historical societies, holding history happy hour events at venues with a physical connection to the county's tavern-fueled past.

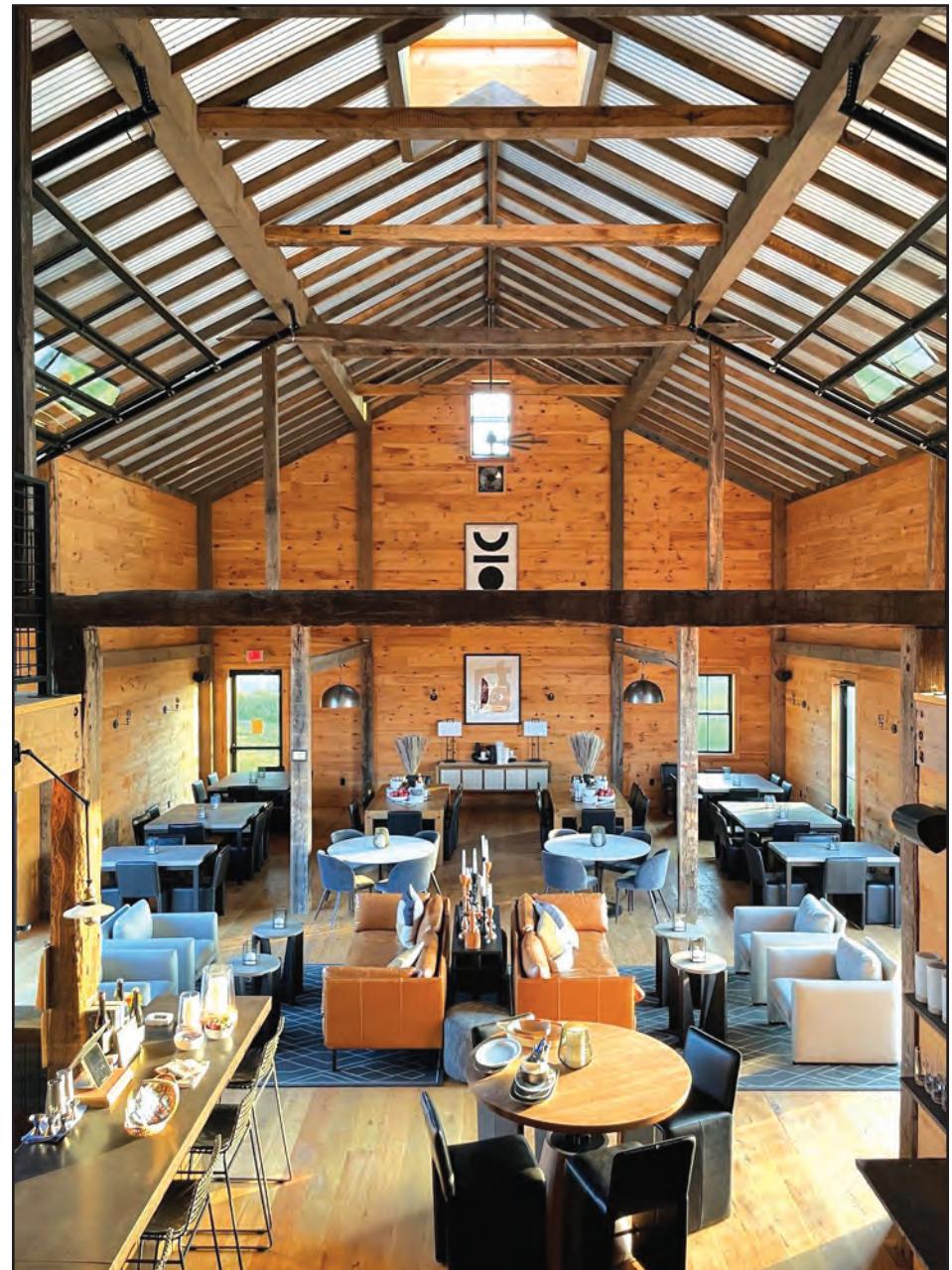
Some of our events took place at sites that were once taverns, such as Historic Red Hook's Elmendorph Inn, and other programs took place at sites that have remained taverns for most of their history, including Rhinebeck's Beekman Arms and the Stissing House in Pine Plains. For other events, we sought out restaurants located in creatively re-used historical spaces, with Beacon's Roundhouse being a particular favorite. Still other programs took place at historic house museums, including the Tabor-Wing House in Dover and the Brinckerhoff-Pudney-Palen House in East Fishkill. We explored topics ranging from Prohibition to the local landscape in twenty-minute segments, bringing the highlights of local history to new audiences.

The COVID-imposed hibernation for the Tavern Trail offered an opportunity to review the first three years of programming and consider some alternative approaches. The re-booted series retains all of the crowd favorites: We will be inviting you to join local historians at riveting sites across Dutchess County to hear stories drawn from the annals of the local past. There will be exciting food and drink opportunities. The program will be free to the public, with the encouragement of making donations to support our local historical society partners.

Those partners will now have the opportunity to inform attendees on new projects and other upcoming event offerings. Reservations will be taken either directly through the Dutchess County Department of History or through the local partner.

So what has changed? In the new series, we are doubling-down on our commitment to build partnerships between local history and our county's marvelous food and beverage industries. We are seeking partnerships with breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries, as well as restaurants. And our programming will focus more than ever on stories related to food and drink, which loomed as large in the lives of past residents of Dutchess County as the perpetual ques-

The Dutchess Tavern Trail returns with April 14 event at Rose Hill Farm



The tap room at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook is where attendees of the April 14 Tavern Trail event will hear Prohibition stories from Red Hook while enjoying local beverages and cuisine. Photo courtesy of Rose Hill Farm

tion of what and where to eat and drink continues to stump us today. Allow the Tavern Trail to provide you with a few answers to those questions.

When you join us at Rose Hill on April 14, you will experience the fruits of our past labors combined with that increased dedication to expanding community within Dutchess County. Rose Hill (rosehillferments.com) is ready to greet you with their sumptuous tasting room, a variety of locally-developed apple-based drinks, and a food pop-up with Chef Misto (misto-eats.com), a local sensation who will offer his usual sumptuous array of cuisine drawing from his classical training in French cuisine and his long experience with a diverse array of foodways from across the globe.

To pre-register for this event, visit

[Historic Red Hook's event page at <https://historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/rose-hill-tavern-trail>](https://historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/rose-hill-tavern-trail): We must ensure that Misto knows how many meals to prepare. Outstanding local beverages and cuisine paired with an exploration of the often-overlooked apple sector of Prohibition distilling: you will find all of this and more as the Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail returns. We will also have information available on our next event, at Foster's Coach House in Rhinebeck on May 19th. Stay tuned as the 2023 Tavern Trail series continues to develop.

William P. Tatum III holds a Ph.D. in History from Brown University. He has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012.



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Author event at Wallace Center to highlight Women's History Month

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum will present a Women's History Month conversation and book signing with Christopher C. Gorham, author of "The Confidante: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America," at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home (local health metrics permitting) and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but registration is required for in-person attendance. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

As Franklin Delano Roosevelt's special envoy to Europe in World War II, Anna Rosenberg went where the president couldn't go. She was among the first Allied women to enter a liberated concentration camp, and stood in the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's mountain retreat, days after its capture. She guided the direction of the G.I. Bill of Rights and the Manhattan Project. Though Rosenberg emerged from modest immigrant beginnings, equipped with only a high school education, she was the real power behind national policies critical to America winning the war and prospering afterward. Astonishingly, her story remains largely forgotten.

With a disarming mix of charm and Tammany-hewn toughness, Rosenberg began her career in public relations in 1920s Manhattan. She became friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, who recommended Anna to her husband, who was then running for Governor of New York. As FDR's unofficial adviser, Rosenberg soon wielded enormous influence -- no less potent for being subtle. Roosevelt

dubbed her "my Mrs. Fix-It." Her extraordinary career continued after his death.

By 1950, she was tapped to become the assistant secretary of defense -- the highest position ever held by a woman in the US military -- prompting Senator Joe McCarthy to wage an unsuccessful smear campaign against her. In 1962, she organized John F. Kennedy's infamous birthday gala, sitting beside him while Marilyn Monroe sang. Until the end of her life, Rosenberg fought tirelessly for causes from racial integration to women's equality to national health care.

More than the story of one remarkable woman, "The Confidante" explores who gets to be at the forefront of history, and why. Though she was not quite a hidden figure, Rosenberg's position as "the power behind," combined with her status as an immigrant and a Jewish woman, served to diminish her importance. In this inspiring, well-researched book, Christopher C. Gorham affords Anna Rosenberg the recognition she so richly deserves.

Christopher C. Gorham is a lawyer and teacher of modern American history at Westford Academy, outside Boston. He has degrees in history from Tufts University and the University of Michigan, where he studied under legendary labor historian Sidney Fine. He has a J.D., summa cum laude, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he served on the editorial staff of the Syracuse Law Review. His writing has appeared in the Washington Post and in online journals. He and his wife Elizabeth live in Watertown and Chatham, Massachusetts.

Contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 with questions about the event.

Folk Arts event to showcase recipes & traditions from spring celebrations

Alianza Cultural de Kingston, the Folk Arts Program at Arts Mid-Hudson, and the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History will present an evening of sharing recipes and traditions related to spring celebrations around the world. "Spring Celebrations: A Gathering to Honor Multicultural Food Traditions of the Season" will take place on Wednesday, March 29, from 5 to 8 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. The community is invited to join this free event.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox. Passover, or Pesach, is a Jewish holiday that honors the freedom and exodus of Jewish slaves from Egypt during the reign of Ramses II. The week-long observance always starts on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. Nowruz means "new year" in Persian, is primarily practiced in Iran and countries along the Silk Route, and starts at the set of the spring equinox. It's observed as both a secular and religious holiday and

marked by a week of gatherings with family and friends. Nowruz always begins at the moment of Spring Equinox on March 21.

Members of Alianza Cultural de Kingston and the Ulster County community will demonstrate recipes served for Easter, Passover and Nowruz. The confluence of these celebrations presents an opportunity for sharing in the cultural food traditions that nourish their community.

Members of each faith will share and demonstrate a traditional recipe associated with their springtime celebrations. Participants will have a chance to taste each food and take home the knowledge of how to make it.

While this is a family-friendly event, there will be no childcare available.

To register (limited to 20): <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SpringAlianza>

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POUGHKEEPSIE 2023 BOOK FESTIVAL SET APRIL 1

Visit the annual Poughkeepsie Book Festival Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie. Meet more than 50 authors, illustrators, and characters; peruse books for sale; and enjoy crafts and presentations. This is a free family event for ages 17 and under, no registration is required. Visit poklib.org for more information.

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GENERAC

That's Italian!

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I didn't know what to do. In our house, we had to eat what was on our plate. Not only that, Sister Louis was watching us, me in particular, to make sure we finished our lunch. I was afraid I was going to get hit with that ruler again. Just then Miss Mole came out with a pot and asked us if anyone wanted seconds. Seconds? I didn't even want the firsts. The other kids at the table all raised their hands very enthusiastically. I looked at them like they were crazy. They all had red stained faces, sauce spattered on their uniform shirts, a piece of buttered Wonder bread in one hand, with a sporkful of green flavored Jell-O in the other hand.

Sister Louis saw the look in my eyes and realized that I had just experienced culture shock. She came up to me and asked me if I was OK. I told her, in Italian, that I wasn't very hungry. She reached into the pockets of her nun habit and pulled out half of a salami sandwich. She told me I could have it. I told her "grazie" and she responded with "prego."

I remember eating that sandwich like it was a piece of filet mignon.

Sister Louis and I had a special bond from that day forward. I would go out of my way to be respectful to her like she was one of my aunts. I never gave her a hard time and would make sure I always greeted her with "Buon Giorno" every morning. She retired after that year, but I will never forget her kindness and the salami sandwich. So while laughing at the story of my first school lunch, please enjoy this recipe for Rigatoni Bolognese.

RIGATONI BOLOGNESE

Ingredients:

1 Quart of Coppola's Tuscan Sauce
1/2 cup of dry red wine
3 ounces of extra virgin olive oil
1 1/2 pounds ground pork/veal/beef
(known as meatloaf mix in most markets)
1/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
1/4 cup ricotta cheese (optional)
1/4 cup shredded fresh basil (optional)
1 lb. of rigatoni pasta

Directions:

In a sauté pan heat olive oil and brown ground pork/veal/beef (drain excess fat).

Add 1/2 cup of red wine and scrape bits off of bottom.

Add all of the Coppola's Tuscan Sauce and simmer for 15 minutes or until sauce is thick.

Cook pasta and toss with sauce, reserving some.

Once plated, top the pasta with the reserved sauce, ricotta, grated cheese, and basil.

Serves 4-6

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.

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

March 23: Close Up: A Night with Nick Quested, Upstate Films' Starr Cinema in Rhinebeck. British filmmaker, producer, and owner of Goldcrest Films hosts a Close Up series event. The Emmy-winning, Oscar-nominated filmmaker tells stories of his illustrious career in documentary film-making. He will present clips, including scenes from his tv documentary "Hell of a Cruise," 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$14. www.upstatefilms.org

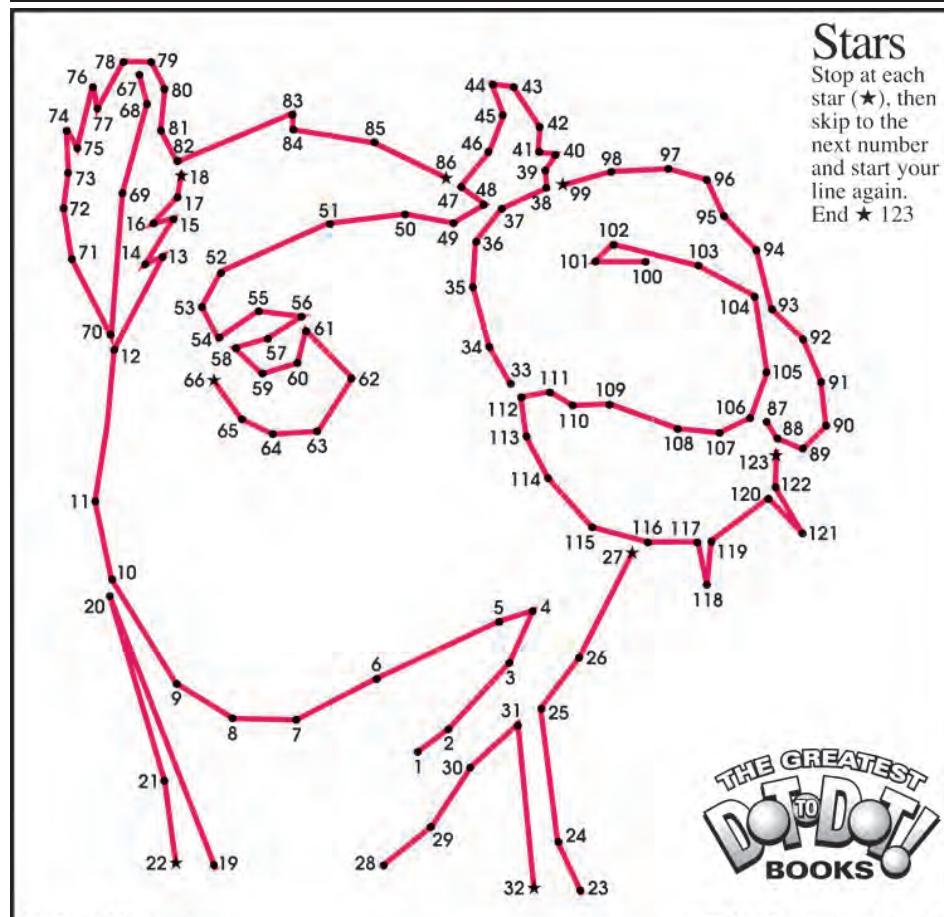
March 23-26: "The Play's the Thing," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck Performing Arts Inc. & TroupEnigma present Ferenc Molar's play: A satire, a comedy, a high drama, and a grand attempt to show the folly of playwriting and the actor process at the highest, absurd level. Performances: Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

March 24: "Waitress," The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. A vibrant, uplifting comedy, 7 p.m. Tickets \$22. Proceeds to benefit the Adrienne Shelly Foundation, supporting women in film. www.thestissingcenter.org

March 25: "America's Military Women & The Purple Heart," National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, 374 Temple Hill Rd., New Windsor. Women have supported America's military from the Revolution to today. Although today women are present in all areas of our armed forces, it was not always so. The program will discuss those changes and how those changing roles have increasingly put them in harm's way, thus making them eligible for the Purple Heart. The program will feature a range of recipients highlighting their presence in conflicts from World War I to Afghanistan and the circumstances that resulted in their becoming Purple Heart recipients, 11 a.m. Admission is free; reservations strongly suggested. To make a reservation or for more information, call (845) 561-1765.

March 25: Grain Thief, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Grain Thief has toured all around U.S., playing stages large and small. Their album "Stardust Lodge" reached #17 on the Folk DJ Radio Album Chart, #4 on the Roots Music Report Folk Album Chart, and #1 on the Roots Music Report Traditional Folk Album Chart. 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. www.thestissingcenter.org

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



By David Kalvitis

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March 25: March Monologue Madness, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Hear the best of Hudson Valley Writers perform their original work in this benefit for Morton Library, 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. (845) 876-2903

March 25: Performance by Elliott Sharp and Donald Sturge Anthony McKenzie II, VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Sharp, one of the pioneers of the NYC-based Downtown music scene, is a virtuoso guitarist, bassist, reed player, composer, improvisor and musical theorist of the highest order. He'll be joined by McKenzie, whose ferociously powerful contributions to multiple musical genres has virtually no parallel, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$30 door. Advance tickets (while they last) at <https://sharpdon.bpt.me/>.

March 25: Murder Cafe presents "A Recipe to Die For," The Eldred Preserve, Eldred (Sullivan County, N.Y.). Interactive dinner-theater murder-mystery: Four celebrity bakers, Phyllo La Grasso, Gioia Del Monte, Becky Bay and Guy Fury, will compete for the position of Pastry Chef at your restaurant. Each will be asked to prepare an original Valentine's Day dessert recipe, and each new concoction will be tasted and rated. On hand to oversee the bake-off will be Danny Glaze, the master of ceremonies, and celebrated food critic Francine Lydecker, who, along with several audience members, will act as judges. Murder is also on the menu and it will take a visit from local CSI investigators to determine whodunit and why. www.murdercafe.net

March 26: The Howland Chamber Music Circle Concert, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Presenting baritone Kenneth Overton and pianist Walker Jermaine Jackson, 4 p.m. Tickets for this concert will be sold on a pay-what-you-can basis. Face-masks are required while indoors. www.howlandmusic.org

March 26: Screening of new Julian Assange documentary, "ITHAKA," Tinker Street Cinema, Woodstock. "ITHAKA" takes an intimate look at the legal battle and behind-the-scenes campaign to free WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, the world's most famous political prisoner, from a 175-year sentence. Assange's father, John Shipton -- the main subject in the film-- and brother, Gabriel Shipton, will

participate in a post-screening discussion. Academy Award nominated filmmaker Rick Rowley will moderate. 7 p.m. Tickets \$15. www.woodstockfilmfestival.org

March 28: Killer Queen - A Tribute to Queen Featuring Patrick Myers as Freddie Mercury, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Show time 7:30 p.m. Tickets: (845) 454-5800

March 29: Conversation & Book Signing, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9,

Hyde Park. Author Christopher C. Gorham talks to FDR Director William Harris about Anna Rosenberg, dubbed by Life Magazine as "the most important woman in the American government." Gorham is author of "The Confidante: The Untold Story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America." Free event, but registration required. Register for in-person attendance (local health metrics permitting) at www.fdrlibrary.org. Event will also be live-streamed on the Library's YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages.

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EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 28:** Featured are the works of Penny Dell in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St., and Archil Pichkhadze in the Hancock Gallery and Logan Lesley in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar St. cunneen-hackett.org or (845) 486-4571

Green Kill Gallery, 229 Greenkill Ave., Kingston. **Through April:** The works of Tom Corrado, Deirdre Day & Franc Palaia. <https://greenkill.substack.com>

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through April:** "Between Two Rivers," landscape photographs and paintings from the Hudson River to the Housatonic River. Photographers Julian Diamond, Justin Goodhart, Kelly Goodhart, Jane Haslam, Linda Hubbard and Rebecca Tocci and watercolor artist Kelly Edwards each have their own eye and sense of the land. [www.landgalleryonline.com](http://landgalleryonline.com) or Facebook: LANDGalleryinPawling

Live 4 Art Gallery, 20 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through March 25:** "Story Tellers," features six artists whose work expresses and interprets their lives: photographers Lonna Kelly and Terry Ariano, painter Carol-Lee Kantor, mixed media artist Donna Castelluccio, multi-media artist Wendy Alvarez and the late painter/montage artist Karen Presser. Artist talks scheduled throughout the month. (845) 216-1893

Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through March:** The 2023 Morton Talent Show Art Exhibition, works created by local artists. (845) 875-2903

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26:** "Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape," shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church's iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 21:** Photography exhibit by Staatsburgh resident Arnie Goran. Photography on display at the exhibit will be available for sale. All proceeds will be donated to Circle of Friends for the Dying, a comfort care home located in Kingston.

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 29:** "Madagascar: ?More than Just Lemurs," MadagascarConnect introduces local students to the environment, economy, culture and people of Madagascar. Students examine local and global issues as they prepare for a biennial trip to the country. While there, they engage with community-based organizations and leaders, teach rudimentary English to artisan-vendors, participate in a reforestation project and connect with local children through dance and games. This exhibition allows students to share their experiences with the community, raising awareness and building cultural connections through photographs, objects, video, music & stories. **Opening Reception:** Sat., March 25, 2-3 p.m. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 22:** "Visions of Spring," a group exhibition of contemporary women/femme identifying artists conveying the theme of Spring, and the different underlying themes of Renewal, Beauty, Nature and New Beginnings. **Artist talk:** Sat., April 1, 3-5 p.m. Free event, but registration required. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

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'Leading with Artivism' to kick off 2023 season

Arts Mid-Hudson presents "Leading with Artivism: an interview with Poet Gold," led by local youth Harrison Brisson-McKinnon. This event will take place on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m., at the Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, in Poughkeepsie. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required to attend. All who register are invited to submit questions that will be asked during the Q&A session of the event.

Register at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/LWAMARCH23>

"Leading with Artivism" is a live monthly interview series, created and curated by Poet Gold in collaboration with Arts Mid-Hudson, featuring a diverse mix of Artivists (Artist Activists) who have taken up the charge through their art to highlight social issues. Each episode gives viewers an inside look at the hearts and minds of these courageous creatives.

The "Leading with Artivism" series has been held virtually, until now. In 2022, Poet Gold interviewed Artivists Amy Trompeter, Barbara Masterson, Bibiana Huang Matheis, Daniel Villegas, Vince Ballentine, Jayda Woodall, Miguel "Lito Koqui" Sanchez, Kicks Kapri, Rosmerayah, and Harrison Brisson-McKinnon. The difference between this episode versus past episodes is that this one will take place in person and the roles will be reversed. Poet Gold will be the one being interviewed by local young Artivist, Harrison Brisson-McKinnon,

who was an interviewee for the "Youth Roundtable" episode.

To watch all previous virtual episodes of Leading with Artivism, visit <https://www.youtube.com/@ArtsMidHudson>

Poet Gold is a rare talent who grabs you by the heart and says "Recognize" – Poet, author, performer, songwriter, community "Artivist" and speaker, Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson is pushing the boundaries of poetry and the spoken word. Living with a chronic illness since childhood, Poet Gold (affectionately known as "Gold"), brings a soul-searching insight about the human existence, love, dreams, challenges and triumph.

Harrison Brisson-McKinnon is a young Poughkeepsie-based artist that got their start in The Art Effect workforce programs. Primary a photographer, Harrison fell in love with taking photos at age 6 with a grainy Target camera. In their junior year of high school, a family friend gave them a Sony A6400, and ever since then, Harrison's art has continuously evolved with a recently rekindled love for expressing themselves through poetry.

Arts Mid-Hudson is the pre-eminent nonprofit arts service organization serving the Mid-Hudson region. Since 1964 its initiatives have engaged and promoted the arts benefiting its artists, arts organizations and communities. Arts Mid-Hudson provides vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson region.

For more information, call (845) 454-3222 or email info@artsmidhudson.org.

Olana to offer new volunteer opportunities

The Olana Partnership seeks volunteers to join the team at Olana State Historic Site in Hudson this season. If you love nature, art, history, and Frederic Church's Olana, volunteering is the perfect way to give back to the community, spend time on-site and get involved. Volunteering with The Olana Partnership provides a great way to immerse oneself in one of the Hudson Valley's most unique cultural treasures and interact with visitors who are looking to learn more about Olana and artist Frederic Church.

"Our volunteers are an essential part of the collaborative work we do here at The Olana Partnership," says Lauren Miller, Development Associate for Members and Volunteers at The Olana Partnership. "From the volunteers who help out in Olana's Historic House, to the friendly faces at our special events, volunteers are an integral part of the Olana community."

There are many opportunities to volunteer depending on interest and availability. Volunteers' welcome visitors and provide basic information, answer questions about Olana and the local community, assist with public educational programs, special events, administrative tasks, and share the history of the rich collections and exhibitions.

Historic House Guides, who help introduce visitors to Frederic Church and his family, the Hudson River School of painting, and the objects that fill the various historic interiors of Olana's iconic Historic House. Volunteering as a

Historic House guide is a fun way to share what you love about Olana as well as expand your knowledge about Olana's past, present and future. Historic House guides are provided with required training resources and background reading. Shifts are available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m. from June to October.

Special Events Volunteers help with all aspects of event preparations including set-up and clean-up, publicity, registering visitors, wayfinding, and preparing and assisting with refreshments. Olana has special events throughout the year, such as exhibition openings and on-site member and donor events.

Administrative Tasks Volunteers assist The Olana Partnership staff with mailings, organizing materials, and other office tasks. Administrative task shifts are typically 2-3 hours long.

In return for their time, Olana volunteers enjoy free landscape tours, discounts in the Olana Museum Store, invitations to lectures, volunteer appreciation events, field trips and more. All volunteers will participate in a training program to familiarize themselves with Olana State Historic Site, New York State Parks, The Olana Partnership, and the history of Frederic Church and his family.

For more information about membership and volunteer opportunities, contact Lauren Miller, Membership Director and Volunteer Coordinator, The Olana Partnership, at (518) 751-6857 or email lmiller@olana.org.

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COLLEGE NOTES

MEDFORD, MA -- Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester. Among students earning dean's list honors are:

Minali Abraham-Agarwal of Pleasant Valley, Class of 2026

Maya Lahiri of Rhinebeck, Class of 2026

Brandon Shih of Rhinebeck, Class of 2025

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

GARDEN CITY, NY -- Amanda Owens has been named to Adelphi University's Fall 2022 Semester Dean's List. Owens of Hyde Park was among a select group of outstanding students recognized by Adelphi's deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Science, Business, Nursing and Public Health, Social Work and Psychology for superior academic performance.

The list comprises full-time students registered for 12 or more credits who have completed at least nine graded credits who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester.

DELHI, NY -- SUNY Delhi announces its dean's list for the spring 2022 semester, a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

Local students include Holly Bay of Pine Plains, Carter Brown of Red Hook, Caroline Farr-Killmer of Amenia, Lisa Gray of Pleasant Valley, Paula O'Dell-Jackson of Wassaic, Kelli O'Leary of

Hyde Park, and Courtney Woodard of Hyde Park.

ONEONTA, NY -- Nearly 300 SUNY Oneonta students completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree following the Fall 2022 semester. Graduates were honored and recognized during Fall Commencement, held Dec. 11 in the Dewar Arena of the Alumni Field House.

Local graduates include the following: Jacob Hart of Clinton Corners, Erika Liguori of Hyde Park, Michael Oberly of Rhinebeck, and Macayla Young of Hyde Park.

BOSTON, MA -- In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Local students honored include: Madison Lapine of Clinton Corners and Brooke Van Ackooij of Hyde Park.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

WEST HARTFORD, CT -- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Leah Sucato of Hyde Park has been named to its President's Honors List for Fall 2022.

The President's Honors List is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester. This is the GPA that must be sustained over a full undergraduate career to qualify for a degree summa cum laude.

Youth baseball, softball leagues can apply for 3 Up 3 Down grants

3 Up 3 Down, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization based in the Hudson Valley, announced the opening of its 2023 grant giving season to benefit local youth baseball and softball leagues.

The mission of 3 Up 3 Down is to promote, strengthen, and foster youth baseball in and around the Greater New York and Hudson Valley areas, as well as provide additional community support for those with developmental disabilities. The non-profit, which recently celebrated its sixth anniversary, has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants and in-kind donations to local organizations to-date in support of this mission.

This year, 3 Up 3 Down will award up to ten youth leagues with monetary grants to help youth baseball and softball leagues enhance their in-house programs, with the goal of getting children into the game and further keeping them into the sport.

To further support the sport, 3 Up 3 Down has added a new grant opportunity for local schools and booster clubs in

2023. Local schools and booster clubs may now apply for an in-kind donation to support a specific need, such as field upkeep or new equipment. Up to five grants will be supported at this level.

Some of the local youth leagues to receive previous 3 Up 3 Down grants include: Hyde Park Little League, Patterson Little League, Town of Kent, Beekman, City of Poughkeepsie, Shrub Oak (SOAC), WaterOak (CT), Wappingers, Orange County Cal Ripken, Newburgh, Highland Babe Ruth, and New City.

In 2022, grant recipients included Brewster, East Fishkill, Town of Poughkeepsie, and Mahopac Sports Association which received a \$2,500 during a Hudson Valley Renegades Game at Dutchess Stadium, sponsored by the 3 Up 3 Down.

Should Hudson Valley leagues be interested in applying for 2023 grants, they may do so under the "Grants" tab on the 3 Up 3 Down website, www.3up3down.org.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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NAME OF PROJECT: Replacement and Repair of Bus Shelters
T h r o u g h o u t Dutchess County, NY.
Project Description: This project involves the construction of eleven (11) new bus shelters throughout Dutchess County. Work includes ancillary sidewalk panel replacement and new signage. Beginning Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced ad-

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dress. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. **Bids due on or before 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 25, 2023**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by Renée Osterhoudt, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the

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bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Any one who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 617 926 701# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the

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County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business April 18, 2023 and emailed to Renée Osterhoudt at: dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is June 1, 2023; the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is December 31, 2023. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023002608. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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F.C.A §§617;
CPLR 315, 316

GENERAL FORM
(Summons-Publication)
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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
HON. TRACY C. MacKENZIE

In the Matter of a Proceeding under
Article 10 of the Family Court Act
DCFS o/b/o
CONSTANCE MARIE WILSON,
A Child Under the Age of Eighteen Years
Alleged to be Neglected by
KATIE LEE GORDON,

Docket No. NN-03804-22
Family Unit No. 68295

Respondent.

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO
THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

KATIE LEE GORDON

A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court requesting a finding adjudicating your children to be neglected and/or abused.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at Dutchess County Family Court, 50 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, on **APRIL 26, 2023, AT 10:00 IN THE FORENOON** to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act. This proceeding may lead to the filing of a petition to terminate your parental rights.

On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Dated: March 2, 2023

Hillary Vigaromero
Deputy Chief Clerk of Court

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Tracy C. MacKenzie, Judge of the Family Court, Dutchess County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Dutchess County.

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

OBITUARIES

Frederick C. Finkle Jr.

STANFORDVILLE - Frederick C. Finkle Jr., 86 of Stanfordville, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2023 at his residence. He was born on September 28, 1936 to the late Fredrick and Dorothy (Scism) Finkle. A graduate of Stissing Mountain High School where he also served as president of the F.F.A while he was in school. After which he went to drive for Staats Dairy Transport for ten years and then he went to work for H.O. Penn as a diesel mechanic for over 30 years until his retirement. Fred was active in sports and was an avid bowler. He was a catcher for the Tri-State Baseball league and also enjoyed watching the New York Mets. He always enjoyed a good game of horseshoes as well. On April 28, 1957 in Rensselaer, NY, he married Darra J. Dillinger and together they enjoyed 56 years of marriage until her passing in 2013. Fred is survived by his three children; Mark and his wife Camille Finkle, Jeffrey Finkle and his wife Erin Gillen, and his son Bryan Finkle. His one granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie Finkle, and his sister Helen Bird. In addition to his parents and wife Darra Finkle, he was also predeceased by his sister Carolyn Swart. A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains. A funeral service was held, followed by interment in Stanford Cemetery. Donations in Fred's memory may be made to 13hands Equine Rescue 50 Tuscan Way, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. To leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Marie Hand

RED HOOK- Marie Praino Hand, 88, a longtime resident of Red Hook, NY passed away on March 8, 2023. Born in Norwood, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Madeline Praino. She was the sixth of nine children. Marie attended school at St. Catherine's of Siena and graduated in the Class of 1952. Marie married Arthur Hand on February 22, 1954. They were happily married for 37 years. Together they had three children, Philip, Cheryl and Gary. Before moving to New York, Marie worked at Sears Roebuck in Boston and Norwood, MA in their credit department, and also at the factory

mutual adjustment department. An active parishioner for the Church of St. Christopher's in Red Hook, NY for many years. For some time she was the lunch coordinator for the newly opened St. Christopher's School; she continued on as an usher, counter for Sunday collections, and served as the Saturday secretary. She also volunteered to help with the annual basket bingo, Christ tree, the "bridge" bulletin, cardinal appeal and at the cemetery placing flags for veterans. Marie was a past Vice President and President of Ladies Council and serviced for 12 years. Also active in her community, she was a volunteer at Northern Dutchess Hospital. Marie was always willing to give a helping hand, be it babysitting, car driving for appointments, baking for a cause, or collecting for various charities. In her free time, Marie enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and loved playing cards (especially Canasta). She had a lifelong passion for the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. Marie is survived by her children, Gary Hand, and Cheryl Antinoro; her sisters, Margaret and Marcia; her brothers, Joseph and Gerard; her seven grandchildren, Lawrence, Amanda, Jeremy, Toni Marie, Jason, Robert, and Sierra; her ten great grandchildren; her many nieces and nephews for which she loved so very much; in addition to extended family and friends. She is predeceased by her son, Philip in 2015. She is also predeceased by her siblings, Madeline, Edward, Robert, and Marion. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Rhinebeck on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial immediately followed at Good Shepherd Church, Rhinebeck, NY. Marie is to be buried at a later time in the family plot located at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, Marie asks you to remember her by doing a random act of kindness, whether by act or word, to a stranger, a friend or family member. Make someone happy. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes.

Kyle John Nelly

POUGHKEEPSIE - Kyle John Nelly 46, passed away on March 11, 2023. Kyle was a lifelong resident of Poughkeepsie. He was born Memorial Day Weekend May 29, 1976

at Vassar Brothers Hospital. The beloved son of Susan Simpson, Rhinebeck, Robert Nelly, Poughkeepsie, his sister Amy Rodriguez (Wilson) South Carolina and many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. He was a graduate of Arlington High School. Blessed with many cherished friends throughout his life, Kyle loved having a good time, singing at local karaoke venues, including a stellar performance at The Chance. As a young man he participated in Wheelchair Sports, traveling throughout the country and played Wheelchair Basketball with the local Veterans. Kyle worked at Stop and Shop for many years. It is a sad time for those Kyle has left behind. Without doubt, Kyle is walking tall in Heaven with the wind softly at his back. Arrangements are private.

Therese O'Connor

POUGHKEEPSIE - Therese O'Connor, 93, of Poughkeepsie, passed away peacefully in her home on March 12, 2023. In her final hours she was surrounded by her beloved children and her devoted caregiver, Elima. Therese (Sloat) was born on August 6, 1929 in Marietta, Pennsylvania, to parents Ray G. Sloat and Anna (Schlegelmilch) Sloat of Philadelphia. One of five children, she is survived by Barbara Quaintance of Drexel Hill, PA, and predeceased by sisters Anna Mary Blake and Jean Sain, and brother Joseph Sloat. Therese spent 60 wonderful years married to James J. O'Connor, originally from Collingdale, PA, until his passing in 2014. Her family was her greatest joy; she was devoted to her eight children and their partners, including Mary and Charlie; Therese (deceased); Michael and Rena; Patricia and Robert; Stephen and Ellen; Paul and Christina; Ed and Patty; and Sarah. She was a

loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren and their partners, including Megan and Jan; Aidan and Sue; Lydia and Richard; Colleen and Jilleien; Maeve and Justin; Evan and Henisha; Liam; Hattie and Josh; Kelsey and Ja'Lisha; Clara; Patrick; and Bridget. Therese was also blessed and overjoyed with a great-grandchild, James. A Philly girl at heart, Therese attended West Catholic High school and in 1951 earned a degree in mathematics from Immaculata College in Philadelphia. She put her degree to use in a job calculating flow dynamics and later worked as a bookkeeper. She and Jim moved to Poughkeepsie in 1964, where they both were involved in the church and Cursillo, and were Eucharistic ministers for Vassar hospital and the homebound. Her loving and giving spirit extended well beyond her family; for many years she provided meals, rides, Communion, and other services to those in need, and maintained a long list of people for whom she prayed on a daily basis. Her strong faith was at the center of her life and relationships, as she embraced people of all religions, races, and orientations. She will be remembered by many for her radiant, beautiful smile. She loved to travel and go to the beach, spending many memorable vacations in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware with her family. An avid follower of college basketball, Therese especially loved watching her favorite Duke Blue Devils. Visitation hours were on Friday, March 17, at Parmele, Auchmoody & Schoonmaker Funeral Home, 110 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. Funeral mass was held at Church of the Holy Trinity, 775 Main Street, on Saturday March 18. Donations on her behalf may be sent to Hudson Valley Hospice.

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Free tax preparation for income-eligible residents

Hudson Valley residents who need help with their tax returns can receive free tax preparation from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's IRS trained and certified volunteers through the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition. Last year, 4,218 residents of Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties received help preparing and filing their taxes. This year with volunteers both tenured and new, they hope to assist close to 8,000 individuals, seniors, and families file their tax returns. To receive help, it's as easy as picking up the phone and dialing 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment through United Way's Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 Helpline (or by dialing 1-800-899-1479) from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday. A call specialist will review eligibility, make an appointment, and provide directions to the appropriate tax site. This free tax preparation service is provided to all those who are eligible by AARP

Foundation Tax-Aide, Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition members, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County and many other community partners. "Last year, \$5.4 million was returned in the form of tax credits and refunds to people who need it most in our community," noted Jeannie Montano, President, and CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. "Part of the mission of United Way is fighting for the financial stability of every person in our community. We hope that individuals, families, and seniors will take advantage of this free help and call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment." "We know that people in our community are working diligently, but finding it hard to survive," Jeannie Montano explained. "Many of these are the people identified in United Way of New York's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained,

Employed) Report. They're our friends. They're the people who greet us with a smile and help us every day at restaurants, day care centers, dental clinics, and offices. The refunds and EITC that they receive thanks to the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer tax-preparers truly make the difference in their very day-to-day survival, and help pay rent, medical bills, buy food and fulfill other basic needs. We proudly support the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition and its partner organizations with grants from the United Way Community Fund. This program is a great example of how we can all come together to help Mid-Hudson Valley residents gain financial stability, a cornerstone of our mission." The more than 30 tax preparation locations are conveniently located throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties and will be staffed by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, six days-a-week, including evenings and weekends from February 1st through April 14,

2023. Assistance will be available for the hearing-impaired. The tax service is open to area residents of all ages who meet eligibility guidelines. AARP membership is not required. In Dutchess County, there are 14 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Beacon, Dover Plains, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Millerton, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, and Wappinger Falls. In Orange County, there are 15 free AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites located in: Chester, Cornwall, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Middletown, Monroe, Montgomery, Newburgh, New Windsor, Pine Bush, Port Jervis, Walden, Warwick, and Washingtonville. In Putnam County the Tax-Aide volunteers provide assistance from two locations.

For additional information about the Hudson Valley CA\$H Coalition, including volunteer opportunities, go to www.hv-cash.org or www.uwdor.org/hv-cash.

Miles of Hope sets Spring Brunch

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its 19th Annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grandview-on-Hudson Tent in Poughkeepsie. This year's theme is "high tea," and there will

be a live cooking demonstration from Tina Zaccardi, winner of the Great American Bake-Off.

Zaccardi's many television appearances include The Chew, The Today Show, The Rachael Ray Show, Hallmark

Home and Family, Bridge Street TV and Daytime. <https://tinazaccardi.com/press>

Tickets for this event are available at www.milesophope.org.

Proceeds from the Annual Spring Brunch benefit people affected by breast

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