

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Jackson's hot bat leads way as Renegades open with 2 wins

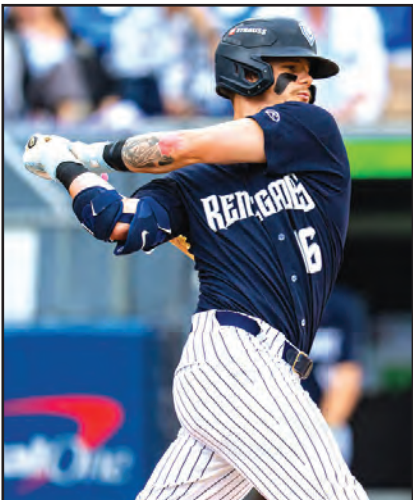
By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades opened their season in the home of the reigning South Atlantic League champions, the cross-city rivals on Coney Island, the Brooklyn Cyclones. The Renegades took two games in the introductory short series of stellar pitching and early scoring, courtesy of some veteran and fresh faces in the lineup.

Strong Core

Core Jackson is back with the Renegades and had little problem getting on base in Game 1, with a stolen base to boot. The big swipe was to come. Jackson stole Game 2 for the Renegades from the jump with a leadoff home run. He was 3-5, a triple shy of hitting for the cycle, with two RBI on the way to the Renegades' 8-1 win on April 4.

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Core Jackson had three hits, including a homerun, in the Renegades' 8-1 win over Brooklyn on Saturday. Archive photo by Dave Janosz

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April 12 dedication, legacy fund to honor 'Father of the Walkway' Fred Schaeffer

By Jim Donick

His business card reads "Father of the Walkway." It's unlikely that anyone would contest that title for Fred Schaeffer. Now, some years after the Walkway Over the Hudson was established as a premier tourist attraction in the Hudson Valley, the Friends of the Walkway have announced a major honor for long-time Pleasant Valley resident Fred Schaeffer and a fund to further support the Walkway Ambassador Program.

For most visitors to the site, the ambassadors' friendly greetings is their first indication that Schaeffer's dream of making this the "friendliest park in the world" has become a reality.

To safeguard this legacy of Fred's dream, and to build upon it for the future, Friends of the Walkway has launched the Fred Schaeffer Ambassador Legacy Fund to support and grow the park's beloved volunteer Ambassador program. The fund will help ensure every guest is greeted by a smiling

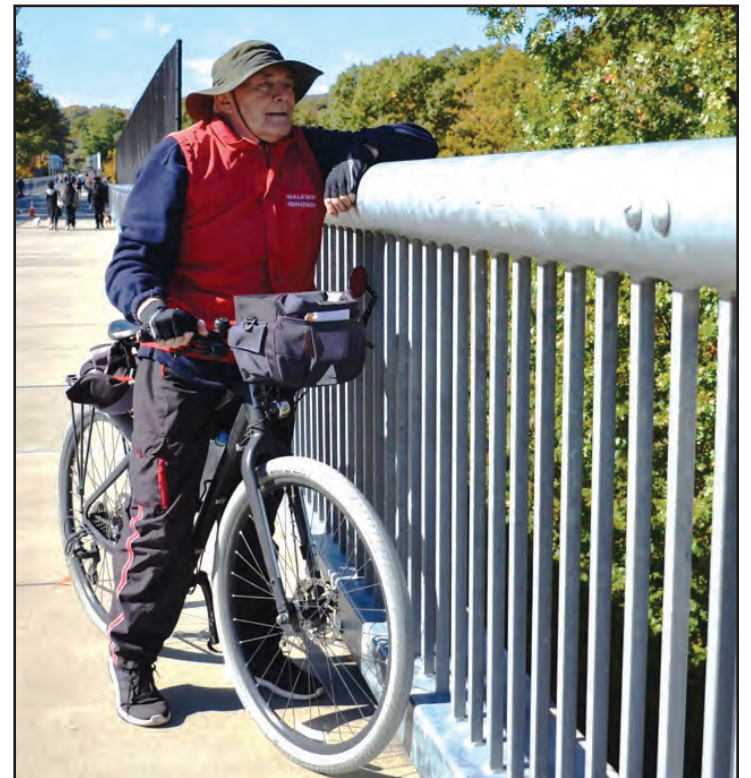
face with the same warmth, knowledge, and enthusiasm that has defined the Walkway experience since the park's opening in 2009.

An April 12 event will mark both the dedication of a plaque in Schaeffer's honor at the Walkway's Center Overlook and the public launch of the Ambassador Legacy Fund. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Friends of the Walkway Executive Director Lori Robertson notes that she is "excited that we can do this to honor Fred."

Before the Walkway took its shape, Fred's ideas for it were beginning to gel. Initially thought as maybe a simple bicycle trail, on what was then viewed as a "rickety old railroad bridge," its potential began to take root in his imagination. Some years ago in an interview with the Hudson River Valley Institute, Schaeffer recalled his first walk onto the bridge.

"It was just awesome, breathtaking." He also noted,

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"Father of the Walkway" Fred Schaeffer looks out over the railing on the Walkway Over the Hudson railway bridge. An April 12 event will mark both the dedication of a plaque in Schaeffer's honor at the Walkway's Center Overlook and the public launch of the Ambassador Legacy Fund. Courtesy photo

Retired police officer to share story during Hudson Valley Heart Walk

By Kristine Coulter

The Hudson Valley Heart Walk for the American Heart Association will take place on Saturday, April 25, at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Avenue, Newburgh, in Orange County. Set to share his story this year is Paul Craft, a retired Ellenville police officer who survived sudden cardiac arrest.

The annual event begins at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m., followed by the Walk.

Chairing the Walk this year is Ali Hammoud, M.D., a cardiologist at Nuvance Health, now part of Northwell Health.

Lunch break becomes an emergency

Sixty-year-old Paul Craft had collapsed. Stephanie Craft, Paul's wife,

screamed. John Paulsen, fiancé of Paul's daughter Carly, heard her and came back in, as he was returning back to work from his future in-laws' house. That was almost a year ago, on May 29, 2025, according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

"I don't remember having symptoms; however my family said I had Tums in my truck, so I must've felt something but didn't realize what I was feeling," Paul said via email. It was noted by AHA that GI issues are often a sign of heart disease.

"Paul is a retired police officer, and was home," Stephanie said. "He was walking across the house and into the kitchen, and he bumped into the kitchen island. I was sitting at the kitchen table, and I looked up and watched him crash into the wall. I froze for a second, then

screamed for John, and called 911."

John began CPR on Paul and Stephanie called 911.

It was explained by Stephanie in a press release, "They had heard the 911 call, and when people heard '60-year-old-male' and the name of our street, they knew who it was."

A portable AED was in the car. Paul's former colleagues were on their way from the police department.

"When he arrived at [the hospital], he had another heart attack," Carly, Paul's daughter, said. "They took him right up to the cath lab and put in five stents."

Paul was in ICU for about six days, according to AHA officials.

According to the AHA, "Doctors

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Arlington High students unveil historic marker at Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie



Arlington High School students include, from left, Rory Nowik, Ryan Stickers, Heba Touijar and Connor Riley. Not pictured is Noah Gillman. The new marker, made possible through grants from the Pomeroy Foundation, is located at the Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie, now the Dutchess County Commissioner of Jurors Building. *Courtesy photos*



Students in the United States History class at Arlington High School are installing five new Pomeroy Foundation Historic Markers in Dutchess County. The most recent marker was placed at the Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie, now the Dutchess County Commissioner of Jurors Building.

The next unveiling will be at the home of Gaius Bolin, 153 North Clinton Street in Poughkeepsie on April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Instructor Robert McHugh said each marker is the result of a project undertaken last year by students at Arlington High School. The students could pick anywhere in Dutchess County that they

believed was deserving of a marker. They had to then find primary sources (government documents, newspaper articles, maps, photos, etc.) that could prove the importance of the site.

They had to come up with language that would go on the marker and secure permission from whoever owned the land on which the marker would be installed. Over the past 3 years, 11 markers have been installed around the county as a result of this effort.

Photo: Old City Hall in Poughkeepsie. Now the Dutchess County Commissioner of Jurors Building.

CLINTON COMMUNITY ROADSIDE CLEANUP SET APRIL 18

Submitted By Rick McGlaufflin

The annual Town of Clinton Community Roadside Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day by walking Clinton's scenic Town roads and cleaning them up. It's a great way to get outside, get exercise and get involved. It's also an opportunity to

involve children in their community.

Start at Clinton Town Hall where you will receive road assignments and bags. When you're done, bring the roadside garbage you've collected back to Town Hall.

Water and chips will be provided to participants. So will sunflower seeds for planting at home.

Free disposal of roadside garbage avail-

able on April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.

Register to volunteer and/or nominate a road for cleanup by contacting Rick McGlaufflin at (845) 266-3003 or ncouse330@gmail.com .

Let us know if your road needs to be cleaned up!

Sponsored by the Town of Clinton Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee

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High-A introductions...

Kyle West came swinging to his High-A debut, a first pitch extra base hit to get the Renegades' first run of the season. Then in the ninth, another West whack scored Kaeden Kent on an error, and the massive insurance run. He showed more speed with a stolen base.

Pico Kohn retired eight Cyclones in the season opener before allowing a base-runner. Brooklyn's John Bay knotted the game at 1 with a solo shot. Kohn started the game with a 3-pitch strikeout, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth inning. Kohn's final line in his first win: 5.2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 8 SO. He left runners on the corners for Chris Veach, who ended the threat with a strikeout.

Oh, what a relief!

Veach and Tony Rossi combined for seven strikeouts in a familiar Renegades relief outing on April 3, allowing just one base-runner apiece in a combined 2.1 innings of work. Ben Grable followed up to close out Kohn's professional debut with his first own. With a 3-1 lead to protect and a save opportunity, Grable got the job done. The first batter grinded out a seven pitch at-bat, easily scooped by Jackson at second. The next struck out looking; save complete.

A rainout on the Sunday finale keep the Renegades in the hunt for their first sweep. They returned home to face the Wilmington Blue Rocks April 7-12. On deck for the first homestand is tickets free for all active-duty veterans, military and first responders on Wednesday night!

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"It was a little scary."

From there he began to think of it as a potential major tourist attraction for the area. Like many great dreams, there was a lot of effort and passion involved. He needed to convince people that the structure was sound enough for completing the project. He had to convince the community and its leaders of its tourist potential and that "if we build it, they will come." Beyond all of this was a need for money, a great deal of it. He became, for a time, the chairman and later a board member of Friends of the Walkway.

To make this happen, Schaeffer was never far from the action. There were meetings with community leaders, advocacy sessions in Albany, and countless small group walks out onto the bridge to show people exactly what this experience could become. In the park's early years, he could often be found opening the gates in the morning for his traditional sunrise bike ride and to accommodate early morning joggers. He would often be seen stopping along the way to greet visitors with a smile, share stories, answer questions, and snap photos. That latter experience can be seen nearly every day, even now. People from all over the world have been greeted by Schaeffer as they wander along the Walkway.

Schaeffer never lost sight of his vision that the Walkway would be known as "the friendliest park in the world." To help make that vision a reality, he founded the Walkway Ambassador volunteer program in 2011, creating a model of hospitality that continues to shape the visitor experience today.

Now, more than 150 Ambassadors, recognizable in their trademark red vests, carry forward the tradition he began.



The inaugural members of the Friends of the Walkway volunteer Ambassadors Program are featured in this archive photo. "Father of the Walkway" Fred Schaeffer is on the far right. *Courtesy photo*

They greet visitors from around the world, lead tours, operate the ADA-accessible tram, assist with community events, and ensure that every crossing is more than just a walk, it's an experience.

"The Ambassador Legacy Fund is about building on what Fred started and ensuring it continues to grow," said Maureen Solero, Chair of Friends of the Walkway and an Ambassador herself. "Our volunteers are the heart of the Walkway. They create a sense of welcome and connection that visitors remember long after they leave."

The Ambassador Legacy Fund is designed not only to honor this tradition, but to expand it for the future. The fund will sustain and strengthen the volunteer

program by recruiting and inspiring the next generation of Ambassadors; expanding training in accessibility, safety, and visitor engagement; providing uniforms and equipment; and investing in modern tools to support a hospitality program that continues to grow in scope.

"The Walkway Ambassador program is a model for destinations across New York State and beyond," said Robertson. "But hospitality at this scale doesn't happen by accident. With more than 600,000 visitors each year, the Ambassador Legacy Fund ensures we have the resources to support the extraordinary volunteers who bring the Walkway to life today and for years to come."

To learn more about the Ambassador

Legacy Fund or to make an inaugural donation, visit walkway.org/ambassador-legacyfund.

Robertson expects the April 12 ceremony will include tributes from many of the valley's leaders, most of whom have worked with Schaeffer or supported his many years of dedication. One can't predict how large of crowd of the public will join in but, if only 1% of the people he has welcomed to the Walkway were to attend, the bridge would be packed. The unveiling ceremony and official kickoff of the Legacy Fund will take place in the center of the Walkway. It will be followed by a reception, open to the public, near the western gate to the park.

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Utility Bill Clinic set April 16

On Thursday, April 16, Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia), the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) and other partners will host a free clinic to help directly impacted utility customers check eligibility for a variety of energy-related programs including Central Hudson's Energy Affordability Program and Extended Energy Affordability Program monthly bill discount, energy efficiency programs, and more. The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at Dutchess BOCES, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie.

Barrett and PULP present the program with support from the New York State Department of Public Service, New York State Office for the Aging, Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services, Cornell Cooperative Extensions Smart Energy Choices – Mid-Hudson, Central Hudson, Dutchess

Outreach, Habitat for Humanity Dutchess, and others.

Trained advocates from PULP and other agencies will help area residents check their utility bill to see if they're enrolled in their utility's low-income or moderate-income monthly bill discount program, and provide information on programs to improve home insulation, and answer other utility-related questions.

Participants are encouraged to come prepared with their utility bill, a valid form of identification, and, if available, a copy of their current benefits award letter from public assistance programs such as HEAP, SNAP, or SSI, to facilitate the assistance process.

Central Hudson customers can also discuss their accounts with Company representatives, while learning more about options such as payment agreements, budget billing, and more.

Hinchey's office announces April Mobile Office Hours

KINGSTON, NY – Senator Michelle Hinchey's Constituent Services Team will hold mobile office hours in April for constituents in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, and Ulster counties. The Senator's team will provide one-on-one assistance to help residents navigate state programs and access support. Select mobile office hours will include assistance from the offices of Congressman Josh Riley, Assemblyman Scott Bendett, and Kinderhook Mayor Dorene Weir — offering help with federal tax returns, Social Security, Medicaid, veterans' benefits, state retirement services, and more.

The April Mobile Office Hours schedule is as follows.

Friday, April 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kinderhook Memorial Library

18 Hudson St., Kinderhook
In partnership with the Offices of Assemblyman Scott Bendett & Kinderhook Mayor Dorene Weir

Tuesday, April 14, noon-3 p.m.
Pine Plains Free Library
7775 South Main St., Pine Plains

Wednesday, April 22, noon-3 p.m.
Catskill Public Library
1 Franklin St., Catskill
In partnership with the NYS Comptroller's Office

Thursday, April 30, 1-4 p.m.
Phoenicia Library Association
48 Main St., Phoenicia
In partnership with the Offices of Congressman Josh Riley & NYS Comptroller

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implanted an Impella device to keep his blood moving and let his heart rest. While he was in the ICU, doctors needed to change Impella pumps to get the correct size to prevent damage to his red blood cells. After two days with the second pump, his heart began working correctly.”

Paul was not out of the woods yet, because after leaving the ICU for the cardiac step-down unit, fluid built up around Paul’s heart, it was stated. This required a drain, which meant he stayed in the hospital for another week. From there, he went to the acute care unit at Garnet Health for six days, it was noted.

On June 24, 2025, Paul went home. The next month, he was able to ride in the lead car at Ellenville’s Fourth of July parade. He also completed six weeks of cardiac rehab at Ellenville Regional Hospital after returning home, according to organizers.

How is Paul’s health now?

“I feel happy and healthy now! I’m grateful that I was able to return to the people and things I love. I follow up with all of my doctors routinely!”

As for the Walk, Paul said, “I became involved with the Walk as a result of my heart attacks. I want to raise awareness and let people know how very important it is to take care of yourself with exercise, diet, and regular doctor visits.”

For more information, to register or donate, visit www.heart.org/hudsonvalleyheartwalk.



Paul Craft will take part in this year’s Hudson Valley Heart Walk. Craft is pictured with his family, (daughter Abbe, wife Stephanie and daughter Carly). He will share his story during the Walk. Photo courtesy of American Heart Association

State lawmakers call for gas and diesel tax holiday

ALBANY, NY – Sen. Michelle Hinchey last week released a letter co-signed by 14 of her State Senate colleagues, urging Gov. Kathy Hochul to implement a statewide gas and diesel tax holiday in response to sharp price increases at the pump stemming from the Trump administration’s foreign policies.

Hinchey said, “Trump’s war in Iran has closed the Strait of Hormuz and sent gas prices skyrocketing, hurting average Americans who just need to get to work. While the Federal Government forces New Yorkers to choose between filling up their tank or putting food on the table, we, the state, should do everything we can to save New Yorkers money, and suspending the fuel tax will provide immediate relief for working families and sen-

iors across our state. Every penny we can save people matters, and we are calling on Governor Hochul to swiftly lower gas prices at the pump for New Yorkers.”

The full text of the lawmakers’ letter to Governor Hochul is included below.

March 31, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write today in strong support of a New York State gas and diesel tax holiday in response to the recent spike in prices caused by the war in Iran. This increase has disrupted daily life for New Yorkers statewide, from commuting to industrial production to tourism. A gas tax holiday, as was done in 2022, would be a vital step toward helping New Yorkers struggling with these increased costs.

On March 2, in response to President Trump’s air strikes, Iran announced the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the United States Energy Information Agency, around 20% of the world’s crude oil and other petroleum products are shipped through the Strait.

At the time, AAA reported that the average price per gallon in New York was \$3.00 for regular gas and \$4.01 for diesel. Since the closure, gas has spiked to \$3.94, and diesel has risen even more sharply to \$5.77, used in much of our farm equipment, commercial trucking, and other key areas of our economy. This increase comes at a time when our farmers, manufacturers, and other industries already face damaging input cost increases from arbitrary and disruptive federal tariffs.

In response, several states are now considering the temporary suspension of State-level gas and diesel sales taxes. Democratic Senator Kelly and Representative Blumenthal have also proposed the Gas Prices Relief Act to

temporarily suspend the federal gas tax. New York suspended gasoline and diesel taxes in June 2022, through the end of that year, saving consumers an average of 16 cents per gallon, with some of our counties following the State’s lead and partially suspending their own applicable local taxes.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the gas price increase was costing New Yorkers approximately \$300M per month in additional expenses as of March 23. New Yorkers are already struggling as the Trump administration callously and irresponsibly raises the cost of daily life, from cutting health care subsidies to repealing residential green energy incentives to tariff policies that the conservative Tax Foundation estimates cost the average household \$1,000 in 2025.

Events of the past month have underscored the importance of renewable, domestically produced energy sources. As we must prioritize wind, solar, and other clean, safe energy production, we must also ensure that everyday New Yorkers are not harmed by reckless federal foreign policy that disrupts the oil supply many of us still rely on. A gas tax holiday, whether with triggers tied to price at the pump or a specific timeline, would be a tremendous help to people struggling to afford their daily commutes, visits to family, and business expenses.

We thank you for your consideration and urge swift and timely action on this matter.

Editor’s note: Senators signing the letter include Michelle Hinchey, Joseph P. Addabbo, Jamal Bailey, April Baskin, Siela Bynoe, Leroy Comrie, Nathalia Fernandez, Pete Harckham, Shelley Mayer, Monica Martinez, Chris Ryan, Jessica Scarcella Spanton, James Skoufis, Lea Webb, and Jeremy Zellnor

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MRC to host Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed training

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County will offer a free Active Shooter & Stop the Bleed Preparedness training on Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, located at 392 Creek Road in Poughkeepsie. The training is free and open to the public. As seating is limited; registration is required and is available online at dutchessny.gov/ActiveShooterTraining.

The trainings will be presented in partnership with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and will focus on how the average citizen should respond if an active shooter is in their vicinity, how to best protect themselves depending on the scenario, and what to expect once law

enforcement arrives.

The County's Stop the Bleed training, which is included in the evening's curriculum, will focus on how to identify and effectively control life-threatening bleeding in an emergency.

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

Dutchess County Health Fair returns to DCC on May 2

The Dutchess County Department of Health will host its fifth annual Y.O.U.R (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Fair on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dutchess Community College's Falcon Hall. This free, family friendly event brings together dozens of local organizations, health professionals and county agencies to promote wellness, prevention, and community connection. The event is free to the public, and there will be free shuttle service from the City of Poughkeepsie.

In its fifth year, the Dutchess County Health Fair has become a signature event for Dutchess County, offering residents an opportunity to explore a wide range of health resources in one accessible location. More than 70 exhibitors will be on hand to share information on physical and mental health, preventive care, nutrition, fitness, and community support services. Attendees can speak directly with healthcare providers, learn about insurance options, and discover programs available throughout the county.

Dutchess County Health Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado said, "The Health Fair offers residents a valuable opportunity to engage directly with the many health services and supports available in our area. By bringing together community partners, health care professionals, and families in one accessible setting, we aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions about their well being. This event reflects our continued commitment to fostering a healthier, more connected community."

Attendees can meet a wide range of service providers on topic areas, such as:

- Public health, tick-borne illness and lead prevention;
- General health from childhood to senior care;
- Mental health and recovery services;
- Veterans Services;
- Environmental health;
- Nutrition; and
- Heart health.

This year's fair will feature interactive demonstrations and hands-on learning opportunities, along with wellness activities for all ages. Food trucks, giveaways, and family friendly entertainment will

make the event both informative and enjoyable. Dutchess County's "Fit Dutchess" initiative will host an interactive photo booth, provide play mats for children, and share fresh local apples from a nearby orchard.

Throughout the event, there will be a variety of interactive opportunities at the exhibitor booths and on the performance stage. Some of these offerings include:

- Performances by Roy C. Ketcham High School Step Team;
- Taekwondo demonstration from Kwon Martial Arts;
- Hands-only CPR and Narcan trainings;
- Blood pressure screenings;
- Emergency Preparedness techniques;
- Karate demonstration from Traditional Okinawan Karate of Pleasant Valley;
- Pet CPR; and
- Much more.

As part of Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to ThinkDIFFERENTLY, the Department of Health's Early Intervention and Preschool Division will host a beach themed, sensory friendly area designed to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities. This thoughtfully curated space will feature engaging games and activities tailored for children of all abilities.

For even more fun, attendees can take part in exciting outdoor attractions, including food trucks and car seat checks provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.

Health Fair attendees will be able to take home many free health-related items, such as tick removal kits, hot/cold packs, emergency preparedness gear, bento boxes, food thermometers, lifesaving Narcan kits and much more. Attendees can also enter to win a variety of raffle prizes including gift baskets and gift cards from local eateries and experiences, by completing the Health Fair's "passport," which encourages visitors to explore and engage with vendors throughout the event.

Dutchess County Public Transit will provide free shuttles from the Transit Hub on Market Street in Poughkeepsie to Falcon Hall, running in continuous loops from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dutchess maintains AA+ bond rating

County reports

Dutchess County has once again received an exceptional AA+ bond rating from Standard & Poor's (S&P), reaffirming the County's strong financial position and responsible fiscal management and again placing Dutchess County among the highest-rated county governments in New York State. The County held its annual bond sale on Tuesday, borrowing funds for essential public safety and infrastructure investment at a low 3.57% interest rate, thanks to the County AA+ bond rating. The 2026A public improvement serial general obligation bonds will fund various capital projects, including repairs and replacement of multiple bridges, culverts and guide rails, highway paving, Sheriff vehicles and HVAC infrastructure in various County buildings.

"Dutchess County's AA+ rating is a powerful signal of our fiscal responsibility and long-term economic stability and gives our residents the assurance that our county is well-positioned to weather challenges while continuing to provide the essential services they depend on. It also gives the business community confidence to invest and grow," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "Our commitment to financial stewardship saves taxpayers money with lower

costs for critical investments in public safety and reliable infrastructure. These are key factors businesses look for when choosing where to locate and expand."

Why does an AA+ bond rating matter for residents and businesses? The County's AA+ rating does the following:

- Reflects the County's conservative fiscal stewardship. S&P cited factors including careful budgeting practices and responsible long-term debt management in the County's rating.

- Signals lower credit risk. Higher ratings allow governments to borrow at lower interest rates to make important strategic investments in infrastructure and facilities, while helping reduce costs for taxpayers.

- Reflects the strong local economy, which is expected to continue to grow with new development, higher incomes and rising property values.

Serino said, "We value the trust our residents place in us and will continue to manage tax dollars carefully. Keeping a strong bond rating and solid savings helps Dutchess County stay stable, even during uncertain times and allows us to make the smart investments that improve services and quality of life for our neighbors for today and for the future."

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Flea market vendors wanted for the Freedom Plains Fall Rummage Sale and Flea Market, May 9 2026, from 9am-3pm. For \$25, you can reserve a generous space on our front lawn. To fill out an application and pay the \$25 fee online, go to our website www.fpupchurch.org or call the church office weekdays from 9am-3pm (845-452-0684).

Ale Launch at Mill House to benefit Anderson Center

On Thursday, April 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., Mill House Brewing Company (289 Mill St., Poughkeepsie) will host a Mr. Anderson Ale Launch Event to benefit Anderson Center for Autism. The cost is \$40 per person; includes pint glass. Reservations/Information: andersoncenterforautism.org/mranderson. Note: Event is open to the public, but NYS law requires that you must be 21 years of age or older to drink alcohol.

Hyde Park Chamber sets April events

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, April 9, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at Coppola's in Hyde Park. The speaker will be Robert Pollard, director of Hyde Park Recreation. The cost is \$25- per member, \$30- non-member. Advance reservations are requested via www.hydeparkchamber.org; payment online or at the door.

The Chamber's Business Of the Year Dinner will take place on Thursday, April 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Location TBD. For tickets and more information, visit www.hydeparkchamber.org.

Burying the Hatchet: The Tom Quick Story

The Copake Grange and the Town of Copake Conservation Advisory announces the screening of "Burying the Hatchet: The Tom Quick Story", followed by a panel discussion led by Bradley Pitts, Chair of the Mohican Allyship Committee, and including Producers of the film, Sean Strub, and Associate Producer, Daniel Strongwalker Thomas, as well as a member of the Stockbridge Munsee Community. The event will take place at the Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake on Saturday, April 11, from 2 - 4 p.m.

Volunteers info session at Beatrix Farrand Garden

There will be a Volunteer Info Session at the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association at Bellefield, located on the FDR Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, on Saturday, April 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Meet the Director of Horticulture and Interpretation and learn more about volunteering opportunities at the Beatrix Farrand Garden. Stop by for an informal visit to check out the spring garden, ask any questions you may have, and see if this volunteer community is the right fit for you.

Gardening program set April 11 at Millbrook Library

Garden Matters: Plant Communities in a Community Garden with Andy Durbridge will take place on Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Join Garden Designer Andy Durbridge for an introduction to the Millbrook Library's Pollinator Garden project and plantings. Learn practical tips for selecting a mixed combination of plants to enhance growth and perform better as a plant community in your home garden.

This program is for all levels of gardening experience. It will include a garden walk-through (weather permitting) and Q&A to answer participants' own garden questions. In the event of rain, this program will move indoors. See www.millbrooklibrary.org for more information.

Author event set April 11 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (BFGA) will host several events throughout the season at the garden, located at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park. On Saturday, April 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m., "Plant This, Not That": Author Book & Book Signing with local writer Elise Howards, in collaboration with Oblong Books, Rhinebeck. Howards will discuss some of the 200 native plants covered in her brand new release to help you create a more sustainable garden. She will be able to sign your books, available at Oblong Books. Reservations required at www.BeatrixFarrandGarden.org.

Hyde Park Repair Cafe

Get ready for spring at Hyde Park's Repair Café and Recycling Event set Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park. Bring in your beloved but broken items for free repairs and advice. Recycle old batteries, air conditioners, and mini refrigerators. For more information: ClimateSmartHydePark.org

Penny Social at Stanford Grange set April 11

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Spring Penny Social on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Spring and early Summer items will be featured. Refreshments will be available for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Grange Scholarship Fund and continued maintenance for the Stanford Grange Hall. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Film & discussion April 12 in Kingston

On Sunday, April 12, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, there will be a screening of "Jenin's Freedom Theatre," a film about actors who put their safety at risk in order to envision a future beyond Israeli occupation. Includes live interview with General Manager Mustafa Sheta. Free admission and community reflection/discussion after the film. Sponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org and cosponsored by African Roots Community Center, Columbia County for Palestine, JVP Hudson Valley, Mid Hudson Valley DSA, Muslims4Muslims International, New Paltz Quaker Meeting, Peace Education Center, Rally Middletown, Veterans For Peace, and Women In Black - New Paltz. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845 876-7906

Pancake Breakfast in Rhinecliff set April 12

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a pile-high of "Rhinecliff's Best" pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. It's all-you-can-eat, so bring your appetite and your friends! Breakfast is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children (children under age 6 eat for free).

Breakfast is held at the Rhinecliff Firehouse (corner of Shatzell & Orchard, Rhinecliff). Proceeds Support the Rhinecliff Vol. Fire Co. Call Cynthia at (845) 876-5738 or e-mail csaniewski1@gmail.com for more information.

Blood Drive set for April 13

American Legion Post 1466 will host a blood drive at the Post, 50 Legion Road, in Poughkeepsie on Monday, April 13, from 1-5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit

RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code Legion1466.

Skilled Trades Fair set for April 15 at RCK

On Wednesday, April 15, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino's Skilled Trades Fair, in partnership with the Wappingers Central School District, will return to Roy C. Ketcham High School, 99 Myers Corners Road in Wappinger, from 6 to 8 p.m. This free event is open to all Dutchess County residents and no RSVP is required to attend.

Participating businesses will have a unique opportunity to engage with motivated students and adults, eager to explore careers in their trades. Local businesses and trade organizations interested in showcasing their opportunities at the fair are encouraged to register online at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/RCKTradesFair> or contact the Dutchess County Executive's Office at (845) 486-2000 or CountyExec@dutchessny.gov. There is no fee to participate, however, spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Historic Tavern Trail at Lasting Joy set April 17

Join Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum on Friday, April 17, for the next installment of his "Revolution in Real Time" series, exploring events in New York as they unfolded 250 years ago. The event will take place from 6 to 7 p.m., in person at Lasting Joy Brewery in Tivoli and on Zoom.

The Historic Tavern Trail brings history and local beverage culture together at distinctive community gathering places across the county. RSVP required, more details to come.

Casserole Dinner set April 18 at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Chicken/Rice/Broccoli/Cheese Casserole Dinner on Saturday, April 18, at 5 p.m., at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of Chicken/Rice/Broccoli/Cheese Casserole, Cold Cucumber Soup, Ambrosia Salad, and Tomato Soup Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. The dinner will be take out only. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! For reservations, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Roadside Clean-Up set April 18 in Stanfordville

The Conservation Advisory Committee will be hosting its annual roadside clean-up on Saturday, April 18. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community in coordination with Earth Day and help care for Stanford's beautiful roadways. We encourage residents of all ages to participate in this meaningful day of service. Additional details, including meeting times and locations for clean-up materials, will be shared soon.

Red Hook Repair Café set April 18

The Red Hook Repair Café will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street in Red Hook. This is volunteer-driven event featuring skilled neighbors who fix your broken items for free. Bring your lamps, small appliances, watches, clocks, computers (and I-phones), small electronics, sewing items needing mending, broken zippers, blades needing sharpening, toys, sewing machines, bikes, and more. Our repair coaches will do their best to have you leave pleased with your repaired items! This event is sponsored by the Town of Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council.

Clinton Community Roadside Cleanup set April 18

The annual Town of Clinton Community Roadside Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day by walking Clinton's scenic Town roads and cleaning them up. Start at Clinton Town Hall where you will receive road assignments and bags. When you're done, bring the roadside garbage you've collected back to Town Hall.

Water and chips will be provided to participants. So will sunflower seeds for planting at home. Free disposal of roadside garbage available on April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.

Register to volunteer and/or nominate a road for cleanup by contacting Rick McGlaulin at (845) 266-3003 or ncouse330@gmail.com.

Chancellor Livingston Chapter NSDAR meeting set April 19

The next meeting of the Chancellor Livingston Chapter NSDAR will take place on Sunday, April 19, at the Chapter House, 77 Livingston St., Rhinebeck. The business meeting (members only) is at 2 p.m., followed at 2:30 by a program, "A Revolutionary Kitchen Garden" with Barbara Hobens, that is open to the public.

Hobens has been an invited speaker at the Philadelphia Flower show and featured on two episodes of HYTV's Gardening By The Yard; has designed and installed backyard and roof gardens for residences, not-for-profits, public parks,

and historic sites in NYC and the Hudson Valley. She served as Hyde Park Historian and president of the F.W. Vanderbilt Garden Association. Hobens was named a Harrison Fellow of the Historic Landscape Institute (Monticello/University of Virginia).

The program is free and open to the public. For information about this meeting or how to become a member, email Doris at dar-rhinebeck@gmail.com.

Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance set April 22

Stanford: A Caring Community and Stanford Free Library will present a program in remembrance of Yom Hashoah on Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m., at Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville. Eric Alexander (Dutchess County Legislator, Chairman Emerson College, President of Compitium, LLC) will discuss "My Family's Story - The Impact On My Life."

Garden volunteer information meeting set April 22

Learn about the many ways to be involved in the gardens at The Homes of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield and the Vanderbilt formal gardens. A volunteer information meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 10 a.m., at the Wallace Visitor Center, Roosevelt Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Hyde Park. No experience is needed, the schedule is flexible and there are many fun options for getting involved.

Rhinebeck Garden Club off-site meeting April 22

Rhinebeck Garden Club's off site meeting is set Wednesday, April 22, 10 a.m., at Northern Dutchess Botanical Gardens, 389 Salisbury Turnpike Rhinebeck. The program, "The Growing Experience," will be presented by Marcella Santini. The meeting is open to the public but guests are asked to join after attending two meetings. For more information about this program, or the RBGC or upcoming programs, please contact Sue, 845-797-3226 or Hannah, 914-263-5298

Anderson Connects Career Fair Day

Anderson Connects Career Fair Day will be held Thursday, April 23, 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. For more information, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/careerfair. This event is supported by the Barry and Holly Feirstein Endowment Fund and hosted in part by Dutchess County Works.

Rhinebeck Historical Society program set April 24

Friday, April 24, 7 p.m., Starr Library, Local History Room (entrance in the rear), 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Dr. Mary Mistral will present "Ladies of the Valley." With names like Astor, Roosevelt and Livingston, the women featured in Ladies of the Valley were born to great privilege, and raised to be hostesses who would grace the drawing room. But they would often be called upon to take charge of the operation of their family estates. They also oversaw the welfare of the estate workers, the upbringing and education of their children, and created a tradition of women involved in the social issues of their times. As matriarchs of their families, these women played an important role in establishing the culture and society of the Hudson Valley for generations.

For more information about the historical society, visit www.rhinebeckhistoricalsociety.org.

Earth Day Celebration set April 25 in Rhinebeck

The Town of Rhinebeck will host an Earth Day celebration at the Thompson-Mazzarella (aka Starr Park) on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There'll be a big tent and a food truck, wildlife shows, hands-on activities, a clothing swap, a "recycle-a-palooza" and more. Free and family-friendly, zero-waste (BYO water bottle).

Donations for the Red Hook Responds food pantry will be collected; and the Rotary Club will accept donations of used bikes.

The Village of Rhinebeck Tree Commission will give out seedlings, and the Village Compost Subcommittee will be giving out finished compost to registered participants.

More information is available at <https://village-ofrhinebeck.gov/> (under Announcements) or at the Village of Rhinebeck Facebook page.

Red Hook VFW Civilian Military Ball

The Red Hook VFW Post 7765 will hold its Civilian Military Ball, commemorating 80 years of faithful service to veterans and the community. The event will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 6 - 10 p.m. at The Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook. This special evening will bring together community members, veterans, and supporters to honor the legacy of service and sacrifice. Guests will enjoy a night of camaraderie, entertainment, and recognition of those who have served our nation. Information or sponsorship inquiries or more information, contact: Jon Conroe, Post Commander: (619) 855-6099 | Jon@vfw7765.org or Red Hook VFW Post 7765: (855) 758-7765 | info@vfw7765.org

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Stitched for Success: Young designer's 4-H creation earns Gold Key in scholastic arts competition

Lily's dedication and creativity through the 4-H program has earned her impressive recognition this year, as her handcrafted garment continues to gain attention and accolades beyond the local level.

Lily is a member of the Crafty Quilters 4-H Club and the Clover Crew 4-H Club. She recently submitted her 4-H garment to a scholastic competition and was awarded a prestigious Gold Key, the highest honor in the fashion category for high school entrants. The Gold Key is equivalent to first place and signifies outstanding achievement in design, craftsmanship, and originality.

This accomplishment means Lily's work will advance to the national level of competition, where all Gold Key winners from across the country will be judged. In addition, her garment will be featured in a public display alongside other category winners at SUNY New Paltz. This display offers the community an opportunity to view the exceptional work of young artists and designers being recognized at the regional level.

What makes Lily's achievement especially meaningful is the journey behind the garment. Created through her involvement in the 4-H program, the piece has already been showcased at the Dutchess County Fair and the NY State Fair, demonstrating how skills learned through 4-H can lead to real-world success and recognition. From concept to completion, Lily applied the techniques, creativity and perseverance developed while in 4H, resulting in a garment that continues to stand out among its peers.

Lily's success highlights the impact of 4-H in nurturing talent, building confidence, and providing youth with opportunities to explore their interests at a high level. As her garment moves forward to national competition, it serves as a point of pride for her, the 4-H community, and all who support youth achievement in the arts.



Lily's success highlights the impact of 4-H in nurturing talent, building confidence and providing youth with opportunities to explore their interests at a high level. Courtesy photo

Guardian Revival appoints attorney Daniel Ravo as Board Secretary

Guardian Revival has announced that attorney Daniel Ravo has joined its Board of Directors and will serve as Board Secretary. In this role, Ravo will help guide governance, strategic planning, and organizational growth as Guardian Revival expands its programs for military, veterans, first responders and their families.

Ravo is an attorney with Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele LLP, one of the largest and most experienced law firms in the Hudson Valley. As a U.S. Navy veteran, he brings both legal expertise and lived experience of service to those that Guardian Revival supports. At the firm, he focuses on litigation and advocacy while remaining deeply engaged in the Hudson Valley community.

"I'm honored to join Guardian Revival's Board of Directors and to support an organization that stands beside those who serve long after the uniform comes off," said Ravo. "As a veteran, I know how critical connection, purpose, and trusted support are, and I'm proud to help strengthen the programs that deliver that for our guardians."

"We are thrilled to welcome Daniel to our board," said Alexander Othmer, co-founder and President of the Board of Directors at Guardian Revival. "His combination of military service, legal experience, and commitment to this community will be invaluable as we continue to grow our impact for military, veterans, first



Daniel Ravo

responders, and their families."

Founded in 2019, Guardian Revival is a New York State 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides culturally-informed, non-clinical programs to support the mental health and well-being of military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Guardian Revival provides outdoor adventures, companion dogs, music experiences, physical fitness programs, and peer support initiatives that help reduce isolation, build connection, and strengthen resilience. Additionally, guardians can participate in peer-led gatherings and utilize a non-crisis talk line to connect with others who understand their unique challenges.

Dutchess County accepting applications for 2026 Veterans Microgrant Program

County reports

POUGHKEEPSIE – Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently announced the County is now accepting applications for its 2026 Veterans Microgrant Program, providing one-time funding to local governments and non-profit organizations to help launch or sustain projects that honor and support the County's veterans. Applications can be submitted via the County's online grant portal and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded.

Eligible organizations and municipalities may apply for grants of up to \$15,000 that can be used for equipment, facility improvements, new or expanded programs and initiatives that recognize and serve local veterans. The 2026 County Budget includes \$100,000 in dedicated funding for the program, continuing Dutchess County's commitment to investing in services improving the quality of life for veterans.

Priority will be given to applicants that do not currently hold service contracts with the County.

Any organization that received grant funding under the 2024 or 2025 Dutchess County Veterans Support Program are

ineligible for funding under this program. Only one application per organization will be accepted, and funding should be utilized within one year of award. The complete list of Veterans Microgrant instructions and guidance is available online.

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- Enhancement/expansion of a program/service currently offered to veterans;
- New programming for veterans provided by an agency that already provides services to veterans;
- Purchase of plaques, banners, or monuments to honor veterans;
- Expenses associated with an event (picnic or holiday party) to honor veterans. No alcohol will be reimbursed; and
- 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.

Additional details about the Office of Veterans Affairs' services are available at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

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- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Troop K gives back to MS Society



On March 25, 2026, current and retired members of Troop K proudly presented a \$15,500 donation to Andy Yates, president of the Upstate New York chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

This contribution was made possible thanks to everyone who came out in February to support Skis, Boards & Badges at Catamount Mountain Resort. Next year's event will be held on

February 5, 2027.

Pictured from left: Trooper Christopher J. Ryan, Technical Sergeant Jennifer L. Sennett, Senior Investigator Melissa D. McMorris, retired Investigator Robert S. Torre, retired Trooper Jeff L. Galm, President Andy Yates, Quartermaster James M. Talleur, and First Sergeant Mark A. Conway.

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April 9: Stargazing Event, Hyde Park Railroad Station Museum, 34 River Rd., Hyde Park. Hudson Valley Railroad Society (HVRRS) hosts a stargazing evening with an astronomer, 7-8:30 p.m. See the universe through an astronomical telescope. Learn about the Hudson Valley skies, at a great spot to see the stars. In addition, several model railroad layouts will be running. The historic, authentically restored Hyde Park Railroad Station Museum was used by the Vanderbilts, and FDR & Eleanor Roosevelt. hydeparkstation.org

April: Local Author, Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Thurs., Dana Mele ("The Beast You Let In") in conversation with Jennifer Dugan, 6 p.m. For Ages 14 & up. Free. Registration requested. <https://bit.ly/OBL-Dana-Mele>.

April 10: Leslie Mendelson, The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Grammy Award-nominated singer-songwriter known for her expressive voice and thoughtful, melodic songwriting. Drawing from folk, pop, and Americana traditions, her music balances emotional depth with an easy, natural warmth, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. www.thestissingcenter.org

April 10: Creative Corner: Making Poetic Zines, Wagon House Education Center, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. With an origin in self-publication and freedom of expression, zines or self-published booklets are the perfect format to experiment with different types of making. Light refreshments included and art materials provided. Ages 16 and up; bring your own in-progress projects to work on or create something new. Free & no registration required. www.olana.org

April 10-11: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. April 10: Professor Louie & The Crowmatix play the songs of Rick Danko, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. April 11: Stanley Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$45 advance, \$50 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

April 10-12: 4th Int. Hudson Valley Tattoo Convention, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Featuring more than 200 hand-selected tattoo artists from around the world—including many exceptional tal-

ents from the Hudson Valley region Showcasing an extraordinary range of styles and techniques, bold color, intricate black-and-grey, neo-traditional, realism, and more. www.MJNCenter.org

April 10-19: "Othello," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents William Shakespeare's "Othello," adapted by Lou Trapani. Directed by Michael Juzwak and assistant directed by Emily DePew. Othello is a Moorish general in the Venetian army who has recently married the young and beautiful Desdemona against her father's wishes. Othello's ensign is the malicious Iago, who is resentful about being passed over for promotion. Iago exacts revenge upon Othello by manipulating him into believing Desdemona has been unfaithful. Othello pays the ultimate price for his jealousy. This production's concept sets the play in modern times and explores themes of patriarchy, racism, and jealousy with an all-woman cast. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 11: An Evening of Jazz with Sean Schulich, Kleinert James Gallery, 34 Tinker St., Woodstock. The flute is often relegated to the genre of classical music, but Woodstock-based flutist, vocalist, and composer Sean Schulich ignores those boundaries as his music explores the depths of the woodwind instrument's role in jazz, funk, world beat, and fusion, 8 p.m. Tickets \$40. www.woodstockguild.org

April 11: Author Event, Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Elise Howard will talk about her new book, "Plant This, Not That," which considers some of the most common non-native (and often, invasive) plants in North American gardens and suggests substitutions for more beneficial and equally beautiful natives, 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. (845) 876-0500, <https://bit.ly/OBL-EliseHoward-Beatrix-Farrand-Garden-Assoc>

April 11: Chris Knight, The Colony, 22 Rock City Rd., Woodstock. Americana-fueled, backwoods-grown merger of folk, country, and rock, 7 p.m. Tickets \$29-\$45. Ages 18+. (845) 679-7625 or [\[www.woodstock.com\]\(http://www.woodstock.com\)](http://www.colony-</p>
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April 11: Composing Olana: A Walk & Discussion with Annik LaFarge, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. A new book devoted to illustrating why Frederic Church's designed masterwork matters so profoundly in the history of American art and public parks. During an outdoor walk and conversation, explore LaFarge's process of revealing the history of what we can and cannot see throughout Olana's historic carriage roads, 4-5 p.m. www.olana.org

April 11: Miss Lindy's Dance Hall, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Partner Dance, beginning lesson and practice space for all, 2 p.m. Also known as Social Dancing, with origins in swing dance, these steps and moves can be used with many musical genres. Learn leader and follower roles. No partner needed for class. Beginners and all levels of experience welcome. (845) 876-2903

April 11: Poetry Reading & Book Signing, Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. Book launch of "Geraniums in the Studio" by Lucia Cherciu, 2-4 p.m. Free admission. Ages 18+. www.artsmidhudson.org

April 11: "Strings & Things" w/ Jamaaldeen Tacuma and Mary Halvorson, VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Highly-regarded ensemble features the harmolodic bass legend Tacuma (Ornette Coleman, James "Blood" Ulmer, Marc Ribot) joined by yet another MacArthur "genius" grantee this season, guitarist Halvorson, 8 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale at <https://jtmh.eventbrite.com>

April 11: Theater Open House, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Annual open house, 1-4 p.m. The event will kick off with a ribbon cutting to unveil a newly renovated doors sponsored by lifetime member Bill Peckham. Afterward, you'll be able to meet and chat with current actors, volunteers, and board members and receive an informal tour of the facilities. Attendees may also get an exclusive first look at the upcoming production of "Something Rotten." A selection of food and drinks will be provided. Free. www.countyplayers.org

April 12: "Selected Shorts," Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. An afternoon of funny and poignant tales about the people who live just beyond the next door, 3 p.m. Presented by Symphony Space, acclaimed actors Jane Curtin, Deborah S Craig, Michael Emerson and host Joanna Gleason bring to life short fiction that celebrates the unexpected bonds, everyday tensions, and quiet acts of connection that shape our communities. Tickets \$30-\$40 advance, \$40-\$50 at the door. www.thestissingcenter.org

April 12: Tea & Talk Series, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburgh. Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history. This time, historian and best-selling author Alexis Coe presents "Anne Morgan: A More Worthy Gilded Age Heroine," 1 p.m. While a fan of period dramas, Downton Abbey and The Gilded Age, Coe has made a case for inclusion of a more consequential heroine from the period, modeled on Anne Morgan, the daughter of J.P. Morgan, who used her wealth and social clout to effect progressive change for labor and women's rights among other causes. Cost \$65. Tickets required: <https://TeaAndTalk2026.eventbrite.com>

April 14: Yom HaShoah Film Screening, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Home & Library National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. "Resistance: They Fought Back," 6 p.m. Interviews with historians, Holocaust survivors and their families reveal the largely unknown stories of Jewish resistance fighters who engaged in armed uprisings against the Nazis. Presented by the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Free to attend, but registration required via www.fdrlibrary.org

April 15: Open Mic Night, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Performers of all ages and experience levels are invited to share your original work or a favorite cover or just come to listen and support local artists, 6:30-8 p.m. Free & open to the public. Meet by the fireplace in the Library's fiction room. Light refreshments will be served. www.millbrooklibrary.org

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 12:** "Artists Respond to Poetry," Arts Mid-Hudson's ninth annual celebration of National Poetry Month, bringing together 20 poets and 20 visual artists in a collaborative exhibition exploring the dialogue between word and image. **Closing Reception Artist Talk:** Sun., April 12, 1-3 p.m. RSVPs required to attend reception. www.artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is Ivars Sprogis, whose works encompass oils and watercolors. At 12 Vassar St., mixed media painter Kevin Sterne is featured in the Reception Gallery and Shirley Tuttle brings her acrylic works of art to the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 7:** "Bunmei Kaika: Political Landscape in Early Modern and Modern Japan," the exhibition examines the drastic shift in Japan's national identity during the 19th and early 20th centuries. While this was a time of major political and social upheaval for the nation, it was also a time of expansion and modernization. Many artists responded to the shifting political and physical landscape by depicting it in woodblock prints and works on paper. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7:** Special exhibition, "Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans." During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a "who's who" of the 20th century. "Signature Moments" opens the FDR Library's archives and museum for an insider's view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. **Through April 12:** "Bannerman Island and the Mighty Hudson River Exhibition," the Second Annual Collaborative Hudson Valley Landscape Fine Art Show, featuring unique fine art paintings, watercolors, prints, photography and mixed media works in a variety of genres - from traditional and representational works to abstract masterpiece. (845) 831-4988 or www.howlandculturalcenter.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through May 24:** "A Love Letter to New York State," photographs by Jane Haslam. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through May 2:** The Millbrook Historical Society presents "Embroidery: A Living Tradition," a celebration of the Millbrook artisans who paved the way for the Embroiderers' Guild of America and their continuing legacy. The exhibit includes works on loan from the collections of the Thorne family, Grace Church (Millbrook), St Peter's Church (Lithgow), and the Skyllkill Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America. www.millbrooklibrary.org

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through April 25:** "Jake Melley: ART," Rhinebeck born-and-raised Melley works in a variety of mediums. (845) 876-2903

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through April:** "Remnants of Impermanence," photographs by Chad Kleitsch. The images featured in this photographic essay between 1991-2001, taking 4x5" large format color photographs in the Hudson Valley region's abandoned industrial and other local sites. He has returned to these places many times to photograph, and they are always different from the times before. Everything changes but nothing is lost, nothing dies - it is just transformed. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Taste Budd's Cafe, 40 W. Market St., Red Hook. **Through April:** Drawings & paintings by youth ages 5-13 from iStation Art Studio. The artwork highlights their concern for global issues as international relations/peace, environmental stability, climate change, endangered ecosystem and species, and more.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. In the 1846 New Studio, **April 11-May 24:** "Hudson Talbott: Shining Objects, A Career Retrospective," the exhibition will celebrate the work of the late, award-winning artist Hudson Talbott, whose talents have inspired audiences for decades through his children's picture books. Presenting more than 75 of Talbott's works, the exhibition will include a selection of his original paintings and sketches, his painting table, examples of his more than 30 books for young readers, and a selection of his early commercial work. **Free Public Opening:** Fri., April 11, 4-6 p.m. **Through December:** "Emily Cole & Valerie Hegarty: LIFE CYCLES" presents a visual dialogue of two craft-based women artists across three centuries: 19th-century artist Emily Cole, daughter of Thomas Cole, and 21st-century artist Valerie Hegarty. The spotlight exhibition juxtaposes more than 30 works of painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole (1843-1913) with a mixed-media installation by Hegarty. The work by Valerie Hegarty was made specifically for the Thomas Cole Site in 2025 and explores the connection between Thomas Cole and Emily Cole and their fascination with cycles of life, while considering Hegarty's own relationship with her mother. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through April 19:** "Landscapes and Life: Three Artistic Visions," featuring works by Elisabeth Barnett, Janine Privratsky and Dan Shornstein. These 3 local Hudson Valley artists frequently paint together and their works include landscapes and other subjects from life including wildlife, people, local buildings, and still life composition. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com



Sue's Hanging Basket

An inspiring horticultural journey

In the summer of 2009, hanging baskets with a combination of flowers were (and still are) all the rage. Sue had been designing baskets and growing many thousands of them in our greenhouses for a few years (and still does). So she decided to enter one of her baskets in a competition sponsored by Cornell University. The Kathy Pufahl hanging basket contest was named in honor of the founder of Beds and Borders plant nursery. Kathy, a Cornell graduate, was a pioneer in flower container design. She served on the Cornell Ornamental advisory council until she tragically died of melanoma at age 44.

Sue picked one of her own original container designs to enter in the competition, to be held on July 21 at the Cornell campus in Ithaca. The only problem – Sue and I had been invited to our friend's wedding on July 18 in Chicago. And we wanted to stop in Pittsburgh to visit the grandchildren on the way. To get back to Ithaca in time for the competition, we'd have to bring the hanging basket with us.

Combination hanging baskets are designed for visual impact, with lots of flower power. The different varieties,

usually three, should “play well together,” as we say in the horticulture trade. Blossom colors need to be complementary.

Since the competition took place in mid-summer, Sue chose flowers that would stand up to the heat:

- **Euphorbia Breathless Blush** – with pink bicolor flowers and red-flushed foliage, to plant in the center, where it will mound slightly.

- **Vinca Cora Cascade Bright Rose** – 3 plants around the edge, to trail down.

- **Tradescantia** – 2 plants with purple foliage to trail and provide contrast.

The 12-inch wide basket was planted in May, grown with care, fertilized with Miracle-Gro water soluble plant food, and hung up where it could trail down, making for a beautiful combination basket. Sue named it “meandering delight.”

On July 14 we loaded it into the car and headed west. Since I had won a free night at Caesar's Cove Haven resort in the Poconos, singing karaoke (the Bee Gee's “To Love Somebody”), we decided to stop there on the first night. We set “meandering delight” out on the patio to get some fresh air, and a deer ate the

tradescantia! That was the meandering part of the design. So we called back to our crew at the greenhouse and had them Fed-Ex two pots of tradescantia to Becky's house in Pittsburgh. We spent two days visiting the grandchildren, and replanted the basket as soon as the new plants arrived. In Chicago, we booked a room with a balcony so the tradescantia could grow a little bit and blend in.

After the wedding, we checked out of the hotel, and a few activities were planned for the next day. The wedding party was going to a Cubs baseball game. We couldn't lock “meandering delight” in the hot car, so we had to bring her to the game. We had to buy an extra ticket so we could put her in her own seat where nobody would sit on her.

The Cubs won. Then we all headed north to Highland Park for a Tom Jones concert. I'm sure “meandering delight” enjoyed it, adding a couple of inches to the tradescantia as she heard “What's New Pussycat.”

Finally, we headed back to Ithaca for the competition. Sue's hanging basket



Sue Adams with hanging basket. Courtesy photo from Cornell University

was a little worse for the wear, but “meandering delight” did take home a second-place silver medal.

Sue loves designing baskets and containers and always enjoys experimenting with the new flowers we receive from breeders. 2026 season has just begun, and Sue is already looking forward to creating new designs for 2027. Maybe we'll see Tradescantia Pistachio White, a new intro for next year in the hanging basket.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

HV History Reading Festival set April 18 at Wallace Center

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District will present the annual Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 18. In four sessions, beginning at 10 a.m., authors of recently published books on Hudson Valley history will present author talks followed by book signings.

Copies of the books will be for sale in the New Deal Store. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but

registration is required for in-person attendance via www.fdrlibrary.org

Schedule:

10 a.m. Joseph E. Diamond, “The Archaeology of Kingston, New York”

11 a.m. Anthony P. Musso, “Mafia Burial Ground: The Mob and St. John's Cemetery”

Noon Lunch Break (on your own)

1 p.m. Elizabeth Werlau, “Legacies on the Land: Historic Houses, Hamlets, and Landscapes of Southern Ulster County”

2 p.m. Moira Fitzgibbons, “Drawn by the River: The Hudson River Valley as a Comics Ecosystem”

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



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'Easter Bonnets' shine despite damp weather at NYC parade

By Jim Donick

*"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."*

The song has come down through the ages, but not many folks know the tradition continues to this day. Part of 5th Avenue in Midtown NYC is closed down on Easter Sunday every year so people can parade up and down in their own

renditions of an "Easter Bonnet."

The song doesn't say anything about umbrellas, but this year's weather was wet. Enthusiasm was hardly dampened, though. Ladies and gentlemen, even children in strollers, donned their own ideas of what constitutes an Easter Bonnet and took to what the song reminds us is "the avenue, 5th Avenue."

No one complained of the weather, and many optimistically predicted sunshine for next year's parade. Even if it rains, though, they'll be back.



A wide variety of "Easter Bonnet" renditions were on display at this year's Easter Parade on 5th Avenue in Midtown NYC. Photos by Jim Donick



Dutchess County to celebrate Earth Day with family-friendly event on April 18

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management and the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barn will once again celebrate Earth Day with a free, family-friendly event on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., designed to educate, engage and inspire residents of all ages to take part in protecting the environment. This annual celebration, held at 50 Vassar Farm Lane in Poughkeepsie, will feature interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, opportunities to connect with local organizations dedicated to sustainability and conservation, information about volunteer opportunities.

Dutchess County Executive Sue

Serino said, "Earth Day is a chance for us to come together and learn how to preserve our planet, not only for right now, but for our children and grandchildren. This is a wonderful opportunity for friends and families of all ages to connect, learn and see how even small changes can make a real difference for our environment. By teaching our children the importance of protecting our natural resources today, we ensure a vibrant sustainable Dutchess County for years to come. I hope to see you there!"

The County's Earth Day celebration showcases the importance of sustainability and caring for the environment, encouraging residents of all ages to learn

practical ways to cut down on waste, use resources wisely and help preserve the planet for future generations.

Attendees can take part in a variety of activities and educational opportunities, including:

- Hands-on projects, such as nature journaling and seed ball creation;
- Demonstrations on recycling, composting and reducing household waste;
- Exhibits highlighting energy conservation and sustainable practices;
- Information about local ecosystems, wildlife and pollinator protection;
- Guided nature walks through the Preserve at Vassar; and
- Engagement with local environmental groups, businesses and government

agencies

A full list of event participants is available online.

Deputy Commissioner of Solid Waste Management Kerry Russell said, "When people come together to learn about our environment and share ideas, it strengthens our community's ability to build a more sustainable future. Our annual Earth Day event brings together organizations and resources that can help residents take meaningful steps in their daily lives to protect our planet."

More information about recycling programs, composting and other environmental initiatives in Dutchess County is available at dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.



Puff the Magic Pastry

A side dish inspired by spanakopita is also substantial on its own.

The recent weather has me wondering just what season this is. Ordinarily my inner food radar keys me in with natural cravings for seasonal fare: cozy comfort when it's cold, fresh lightness when it warms up. But now? Well, that radar's on the fritz. Lucky for me there are plenty of recipes in my repertoire that work at just such times.

The other day when the temperature hit 70 degrees, I planned on salmon for dinner. I'd worked in the garden a bit and had worked up an appetite, so I knew I'd need more than a simple side salad to serve with it. Spinach is always a good go-to but, taking a cue from my radar, I wanted to keep it light while being substantial enough as the only side. I took inspiration from spanakopita and served it on a bed of puff pastry, which was perfect. I even served it for Easter!

SPANAKOPITA-INSPIRED PUFF PASTRY

This is one for the books. Not only does this come together pretty quickly and check all the notes for flavor any time of year, it's also good warm from the oven or at room temperature, making it a versatile new classic for your next party, brunch or as a weeknight dinner side. You can even cut it into small squares to serve as hors d'oeuvres. It was perfect with salmon, is great with ham, lamb or pork and can stand alone as a lighter, meatless meal or snack. If you aren't feeding a crowd or don't want leftovers, use just one sheet of puff pastry and half the spinach mixture. The rest will hold in the fridge for a few days or in the freezer for about a month. You can substitute biscuit dough for the puff pastry if you prefer,

serve it in crepes or on toasted baguette.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (10oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 8 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten (reserve some for the egg wash)
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste
- 1 teaspoon (dried) oregano
- A pinch of nutmeg
- A pinch of red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 cup grated mozzarella or Swiss cheese (I actually used Gruyere)
- 1 (17oz, 2-sheet) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- Freshly grated Parmesan for top (about 1/4 cup)

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.
- Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add shallots and cook until just tender, 2-3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 2-3 minutes more. Cool a bit, then transfer to a large bowl.
- Squeeze water from the thawed spinach. The best way is by placing it in the center of a clean kitchen towel, gathering it in a ball and twisting the top to release as much excess water as possible. (Note: it may stain your towel green). Add to the bowl with the shallots.

Add cream cheese and beaten eggs to the bowl (reserve a little of the eggs in a small bowl for a wash later). Use a potato masher or fork to incorporate the cream cheese, then stir to combine. Stir in lemon zest and juice, salt and pepper, oregano, nutmeg, pepper flakes (if using), feta and mozzarella (or Swiss).

Lay one puff pastry sheet on each baking sheet, pressing to close any holes or cracks (from being folded or rolled). No need to roll it into a rectangle to fit the baking sheet, (the square is fine) though you can if you want to. Divide spinach mixture evenly between each sheet leaving about a 1-inch border. Fold the edges over and crimp with the back of a fork to make a pattern and seal the corners. Sprinkle tops with Parmesan.

Add a splash of water to the reserved beaten egg and whisk to combine. Brush on puff pastry edges. Bake until puffed and golden brown, 25-30 minutes. Cut into desired sized pieces and serve warm or at room temperature.

Because I love food, I'm always delighted when I hit on the perfect recipe for the occasion – or no occasion at all – that can hit all the right notes, make life a little more delicious and any meal feel celebratory. This is one of those recipes for me and I hope it is for you, too. Enjoy!



Spanakopita-Inspired Puff Pastry. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

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

Premier Medical Group, Dr. Bertrand Norvilus to be recognized during annual Art & Soul Gala

By Kristine Coulter

The Haiti Project, a 501©3 nonprofit organization, will hold the 14th Annual Art & Soul Gala on Thursday, April 16, at Vassar College. During the events, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Vassar College's Alumnae House in Poughkeepsie, Premier Medical Group and Dr. Bertrand Norvilus will be honored for "uncompromising support of and dedication to the

Fiervil Clinic and the 47 villages it serves in northwest Haiti."

Members of the Haiti Project told Northern Dutchess News via email, "This year, the Art & Soul Gala will feature the Premier Medical Group as one of its honorees. Dr. Sunil Khurana will be representing the medical group; these are physicians who have exhibited a high degree of excellence in medical care for residents of the Hudson Valley for

decades. Premier Medical Group has been with the Haiti Project from the very beginning supporting us year after year to ensure that medical care for the underserved populations of Haiti are being cared for." They noted, "Dr. Bertrand Norvilus, who puts his life on the line week after week in getting to the clinic, will be our second honoree. Because of the ban on travel from Haiti, he will be part of the event via videotape. Sometimes, Dr. Norvilus traverses gang roadblocks to get to the clinic. Ironically, he also must care for them when they come to the clinic for their own medical needs."

"Working with the Haiti Project is important to me because it provides an opportunity in which I can directly help people most in need while also highlighting the beauty of Haitian culture," said planning team member and Vassar junior Logan Watts. Watts, who hopes to be a doctor one day according to organizers, added, "This opportunity also allows me to work within a motivating, intimate community of individuals who are dedicated to the mission of the organization."

Twisted Soul will cater the event. Entertainment will be provided by the

band La Bonne Vie. The "singing surgeon," Dr. Elvis Francois, will join in the festivities. Dr. Francois is of Haitian origin and has recently completed his final year of Harvard's Spine Surgery Fellowship, it was stated. Music during cocktail hour will be provided by Vassar's Mahagonny Jazz Combo. Members remarked, "The Haiti Project is humbled by its sponsors and supporters whose belief in our work encourages us to keep going. The challenges are sometimes insurmountable, but the tangible difference we make is profound. We are forever grateful to them."

What will the funds be going toward? "The funds raised support the care of people from 47 villages in the remote mountains of Haiti who normally would not have any healthcare at all. Many of the local clinics have closed due to gang presence. Thousands of people come annually to the clinic for evaluation, and free medication is offered to them as well. There is also a full-time nurse at the clinic who is also supported by the project," said Haiti Project members.

Sara Neequaye, a Vassar senior, said, "Being a part of the Haiti Project for the

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The Haiti Project clinic and solar lab in Haiti. Photo courtesy of The Haiti Project

Here's yet another way to remember Dr. J. Wilson Poucher

By Bill Jeffway

The Dutchess County Historical Society is less likely to find that large pieces of furniture meet its collections criteria of being historically significant locally, with a known provenance. The wonderful and recent exception is a hand-crafted 1850s sofa, a gift of Rachel Garrison, the great-granddaughter of one of DCHS's most prolific and influential founders, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher (1859–1948), who long kept the piece in his Poughkeepsie home.

Made by Dr. Poucher's father, Peter Poucher, while living in Claverack in the 1850s, it appears to be made using Black Walnut. Beyond its association with Dr. Poucher, the craftsmanship reminds us that an ordinary farmer and occasional mill worker of modest financial means could possess notable woodworking skill, as rural life often required extensive "do-it-yourself" work. It also reminds us that a couple of modest means and limited education, Peter (1835-1919) and Maryetta (1836-1868) Poucher, could raise a son who was able to reach his extraordinary full potential in medicine and in life.

Dr. Poucher was widely recognized as a pioneer physician and a leader in his field. Yet the profile published in the DCHS 1948 Yearbook upon his passing

portrays a man whose life bridged medicine, history, and civic leadership in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley. Medical journals and professional organizations honored his achievements, as did the hospitals, banks, and civic institutions with which he was associated. Still, his distinction extended well beyond medicine.

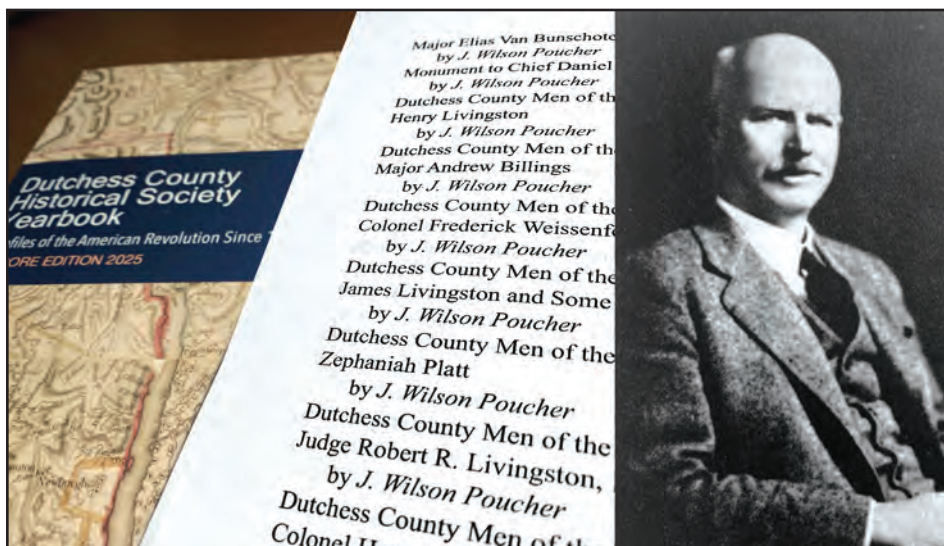
From an early age, Poucher showed a strong inclination toward history. Family traditions encouraged his reading, and even as a schoolboy he demonstrated a remarkable aptitude. One oft-repeated anecdote recalls his passing a history examination without prior classroom preparation, to the astonishment of his teachers. This passion endured throughout his life. Even amid a demanding medical practice, historical study remained a constant avocation—one that became central after his retirement.

In April 1914, at a meeting in the Pleasant Valley Free Library, Poucher made a motion to establish the Dutchess County Historical Society. Alongside other early founders—including Franklin Roosevelt, John Mylod, and Helen Wilkinson Reynolds—he helped establish the principles and practices of well-sourced, well-documented historical narrative that continue to guide the organization.

That commitment found enduring



From left, Bill Jeffway, DCHS executive director, Rachel Garrison, donor and Peter Poucher, Garrison's great-great grandfather who made the sofa. *Courtesy photo*



The profile of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher in the 1948 DCHS Yearbook acknowledging his passing, referenced his having authored over 50 articles for that publication. Referencing in particular his profiles of Dutchess County Men of the Revolutionary Period, the article suggested, "These taken together with the studies of local characters comprise a body of biographical silhouettes worthy of being framed in a separate volume." This is exactly what DCHS did in 2025 with the support of Dutchess County Government "Rev250" grants, marking the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. This Encore Edition is accessible at dchshny.org

expression in one of Poucher's major collaborative achievements, the 1924 volume "Old Gravestones of Dutchess County," produced with Helen Wilkinson Reynolds. The work cataloged approximately 19,000 inscriptions from cemeteries, family plots, and churchyards—many already deteriorating. Before the advent of systematic public vital records, these inscriptions preserved invaluable documentation of names, dates, and family relationships. A similar project followed in Ulster County, extending the reach of this work with an additional 22,000 inscriptions. The map of patent lines in Dutchess County published in the 1939 Yearbook remains widely used today. His book, the "Story of the Wild Flowers," was published in 1931, and reflects his lifelong passion for gardening and the growing and protection of native species.

As City Historian of Poughkeepsie, Poucher worked to instill a sense of local heritage. One notable episode recalls his efforts to save the Glebe House, a colonial structure threatened with demolition. Carrying subscription lists through the city, he helped raise funds to preserve the building, transforming a vulnerable relic into a valued civic asset. His leadership

was also evident in commemorative efforts during the 1930s, including the 250th anniversary of Dutchess County, when he guided educational programs and helped document historic boundaries and landmarks.

Poucher maintained affiliations with organizations such as the Columbia County Historical Society and the Ulster County Historical Society, and was active in lineage and patriotic groups including the Holland Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Cincinnati, and the Order of the Cincinnati. His involvement reflected both personal ancestry and a broader commitment to preserving historical memory.

Ms. Garrison's gifts include generations of family photographs and genealogical information as additions to the already significant contributions of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher.

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past four years has been a transformative experience. I've witnessed how collaboration between students, medical physicians, artists, and local churches can drive meaningful change to a community miles away in Haiti, despite the ongoing conflict." Sara has been working with The Haiti Project for four years. "As someone hoping to launch my career in public health, I'm grateful for the learning opportunity and hope to keep up this work past graduation," she said.

Members added, "We are so lucky here to be able to go to a doctor and get the best care - health care is not a privilege but something that should be afforded to everyone; we're happy to be a part of it."

Board of Director member David Schwartz stated, "The Clinic is in a very remote part of Haiti. And, as in so much of the country, the people lack adequate medical care. Before this clinic was built, many people would never be able to even see a doctor. Now they can, and it is life-changing."

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/art-and-soul/art-and-soul-2026>. Tickets for the event are \$125. Sponsorships that help underwrite the clinic's annual operational budget, including the physician's salary, nurses, and medications, are welcomed, stated organizers.

Shir Chadash to offer a musical evening on April 18

Compiled By Kate Goldsmith

Congregation Shir Chadash will present a concert featuring singer-guitarist Cantor Jerry Korobow with percussionist Akiva Wharton (Akiva the Believer) on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. The performance will take place at the Shir Chadash location in Freedom Plains, at the United Presbyterian Church, 1168-11 State Route 55, Lagrangeville.

Cantor Korobow is an experienced professional who has performed, toured and recorded for more than 50 years. His song selection includes "Georgia On My Mind," "The Grandma Song," "Trouble In Mind," "R'Tzei," "Summertime," "Sim Shalom" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." His goal is always to engage others and encourage participation, so be prepared to sing along and be entertained!

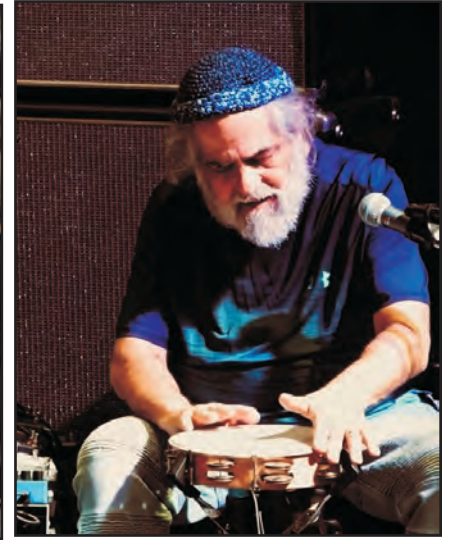
For Korobow, throughout over five decades and many professions – social worker, school music teacher, actor, restaurant/bar manager, attorney, and synagogue cantor – music has been the constant. Folk, blues, bluegrass, Celtic, country, chanteys, show tunes, children's music, cantorial music and opera have all been part of an ongoing musical journey.

Still a working attorney and cantor at

Temple Beth Shalom of Flushing, N.Y., Korobow's goal is always to engage others and encourage participation, whether singing with children, a congregation, or a concert audience. In August of 2022, he played the Philadelphia Folk Festival after a hiatus of some 50 years. He was the subject of a feature article in the Dec. 7, 2008 New York Times, "The Cantor Carries A Six String."

Akiva Wharton, a.k.a. Akiva the Believer, is a Master Drummer who is reintroducing drumming back into Jewish prayer settings. According to his website, he was ordained "Holy Drummer" by the well loved Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi of Blessed Memory, making him the first Temple Drummer in 2,000 years. Wharton plays at synagogues, retreats, drum circles and concerts around the world.

Wharton began his career by playing as a teenager with Shlomo Carlebach, zt'l, the man who really launched the entire modern Jewish music genre. In the 1960s, Wharton invented a new instrumental style, the Electrified Tambourine, which he demonstrates in videos on his social media sites. Later he played with Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary. He has played with a "who's who" of Jewish luminaries including Craig Taubman, Debbie Friedman, Gad Elbaz, Yossi



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Piamenta, and Alberto Mizrahi, among many others.

Wharton is a well known fixture on Long Island, leading many drum circles. He plays monthly at Temple Beth Emeth in Mt. Sinai, N.Y., accompanying the singing of his wife, Cantor Lisa Ann Wharton.

Advance tickets are available at www.shir-chadash.org for \$36 per person

or \$54 per couple (PayPal & major credit cards accepted. Add \$1.50 per person if using a credit card). Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$40 per person or \$60 per couple. Tickets are \$10 for students/children.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

For more information, call (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org.

NPR's 'Selected Shorts' returns to Stissing Center



Jane Curtin and Michael Ian Black will be featured in a performance of "Selected Shorts" at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains on April 12. Courtesy photos

Celebrated actors Jane Curtin and Michael Ian Black featured

Stissing Center welcomes back NPR's long-running program, "Selected Shorts," for another live taping on Sunday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Bringing exceptional performers and unforgettable storytelling to the heart of Pine Plains, producer Symphony Space returns for its second year presenting "Selected Shorts" at the Center. This year's performance features acclaimed actors, including Jane Curtin (Saturday Night Live, 3rd Rock From the Sun) and Michael Ian Black (Wet Hot American Summer, Have I Got News for You), who will also serve as host. Together, they will bring to life a curated selection of short fiction centered on the theme "Neighbors and Other Strangers."

Audiences can expect an afternoon of humor, poignancy and the unexpected, sto-

ries that explore the people who live just beyond the next door. For more than 35 years, "Selected Shorts" has captivated audiences across the country. Born at Symphony Space in New York City, the series quickly grew into one of public radio's most cherished programs, expanding into a hit podcast, audio collections, and national tours. Its premise is simple yet powerful: pair great stories by celebrated and emerging writers with brilliant performances by actors of stage and screen. Each event is uniquely crafted, whether built around a lively theme, the favorite works of a guest author, or a special artistic collaboration.

The event promises a vibrant mix of storytelling and performance—an invitation to laugh, reflect, and connect through the magic of short fiction.

Tickets are \$30-\$40 in advance, \$40-\$50 at the door, available at thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339. The Stissing Center is at 2950 Church St., Pine Plains.

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Effie Johnson



DAYTONA BEACH, FL – Effie Johnson (Euphemia Clark Moran McColl), 88, of Daytona Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2026. Born on August 31, 1937 near Glasgow, Scotland, Effie spent her

early years in the country she loved so dearly. She carried Scotland in her heart throughout her life, including when she immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1950. The family settled in New York City, eventually making their home in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Effie was an active member of the Bay Ridge United Presbyterian Church. As a member of the church choir, she met fellow choir member Fred Johnson. They married there in 1959 and shared 53 years of marriage until Fred's passing in 2012. Along with her husband, Effie was predeceased by her parents, Alexander and Phoebe McColl of Dunedin, Florida, her brother Ian McColl of Gloucester, MA and her sister Margaret McColl, of Palm Harbor, FL. Together, they raised three daughters - Janet Schliff, Joyce Snelten, and Jayne Baxter - in the Rhinebeck/Red Hook area of New York before moving to Florida in 1983. While she lived in upstate New York, she worked at a nursery school and Linden Avenue School in Red Hook. Effie loved singing in the church choirs at the Third Lutheran Church of Rhinebeck and also in South Daytona. She also enjoyed cooking, gardening, and spending time at the beach. She cherished her two granddaughters, Lynnsay and Grace Baxter, and created many treasured memories with them during their time together at home, at the beach, or at Disney World. Effie will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jane Zech Moss



CLINTON CORNERS – Jane Zech Moss died on March 30, 2026, at her home in Clinton Corners, NY. She was born on February 16, 1926, at Fort Benning, GA. Jane and her family lived for a while in the Philippines, where her father, a

Colonel in the U.S. Army, was stationed. In her late 90s, Jane fondly recalled sailing as a girl in a traditional bangka with local fishermen and following machete-cleared paths through dense forests, as well as early travels to the bustling cities of Macau and Hong Kong. Jane's love of travel and exploration continued throughout her life. She loved the ocean and canoeing, and seemed happiest, freest, and most beautiful when swimming. In equal measure to her love of nature was her fierce commitment to social justice. Jane began her career as a social worker in South Carolina, whose Jim Crow laws enraged her. Jane had wanted to be a doctor, but, encountering barriers as a woman, she took an academic path, earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and her master's and PhD in sociology at Columbia, where she taught before becoming an instructor at Rutgers University. Jane became an assistant professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York; an active scholar, she conducted research at the New York City Department of Welfare and the Community Health Studies Unit of the St. Luke Hospital Center. Jane and her husband Stanley Moss, to whom she was married 57 years, quietly supported the Little Sisters of the Assumption. Jane and Stanley loved dogs, the ultimate ambassadors of unconditional love. Jane is preceded in death by Mary Boyd Zech (mother), Luke Donald Zech (father), and Gail Marie Barnett (sister). Jane is survived by her son from a previous marriage, Robert Luke Hauser, her niece Mary Jane Barnett, her grandniece Lula Jane Nolan and great-grandniece Charlotte Nolan, her nephew Daniel Luke Barnett, her stepson Tobia Milla Moss of Rome, and her step-granddaughters Anna Milla Moss and Nina Milla Moss. Jane was insatiably curious, open to life and people of all backgrounds. Her elegant, kind graciousness will be dearly missed.

Bruce J. Pecorella

PINE PLAINS – Bruce Joseph Pecorella, left this world too soon on March 1, 2026, at the age of 76, at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY. During his final days and moments, he was surrounded by family and friends at his side.

He was born to Philip and Catherine Pecorella on February 6, 1950, in New York, NY, and was a graduate of Valley Stream High School. In the spring of 1967, he met his future wife, Marjorie, and on August 18, 1973, they were married in Valley Stream, NY. Shortly thereafter, they started a family and relocated to Pine Plains, NY, where they raised three children.

Bruce was a caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He became known as "Big Dad" to many, a tribute to his strong personality and oftentimes unsolicited life advice. He loved spending time outdoors, whether working, hunting, or fishing. A true car enthusiast, Bruce enjoyed working on cars, and two of his prized vehicles were a 1959 Chevrolet Bel Air and a 1965 Pontiac GTO. He was always there for his children as they participated in many activities while growing up.

Bruce retired from IBM, where he began his career in Manhattan during the 1970s before transferring upstate to East Fishkill, Kingston, and finally the Albany Nanotech Complex. He was passionate about the Pine Plains FFA and served as an Agricultural Advisory Board Member up until his call home to heaven. One of his favorite times of year was the Pine Plains Agricultural Fair, where he loved working the roast beef dinner, slicing meat so he could talk to everyone.

He is survived by his children: Bruce (Christina) of Scriba, NY; Mike (Maureen) of Lambertville, MI; and Jaclyn (TJ) of Pine Plains, NY; his grandchildren: Savannah, Brucie, Brandon, Evan, Daniel, Greyson, and Caroline; great granddaughter: Everly; his sister, Kathy Blette; and his niece and nephew, Amy and Robert. He also leaves behind many dear friends, including his lifelong hunting partner, "Uncle Richie" Buckley, as well as those who helped him along the way: the Douglass family and his little buddy, Eli.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip; his mother, Catherine; his "bonus" parents, Thomas and Lillian Gately; and his wife of 50 years, Marjorie "Cookie" Pecorella.

A Celebration of Bruce's life will be held on Thursday April 23, 2026 from 5:00 to 8:00pm at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Graveside services for Bruce will be conducted privately at St. Charles Resurrection Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY. Memorial donations may be made to the Pine Plains FFA, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peck & Peck Funeral Homes. For directions, to share memory of Bruce or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.PeckandPeck.net

Tracy Fetzter Picard

CLINTON CORNERS – Tracy Picard passed away peacefully on March 28th, 2026, at Vassar Hospital. Born on June 1, 1970, in Mt. Kisco, NY, Tracy was the beloved daughter of Judy and Peter Fetzter Sr. She was raised in Pleasant Valley, NY, and graduated from Arlington High School in 1988. Tracy went on to become a longtime and dedicated employee of Vassar College, where she was known for her commitment and warm spirit.

Tracy is survived by her loving husband, Gary Picard, her devoted caretaker during her illness; her mother, Judy Fetzter; her brothers, Peter Fetzter Jr. and James Fetzter (Theresa); and her uncle Jeff, who she considered her third brother. She is also survived by her niece Amber (Ryan), nephew Charlie (Ann Marie), and her adored great-nieces, Ava and Evelyn, along with many cousins. Tracy was a welcome addition to the Picard family since she and Gary married in November 2011. Her smile and full-of-life attitude will be dearly missed by her extended family of in-laws. She was predeceased by her father, Peter Fetzter Sr; her grandparents, Pearl and Harold Lang (Nana and Pop Pop), and Frank and Jane Fetzter; and her beloved Aunt Jane Kapchak.

Tracy had a deep love for music, cooking, and trips to the beach. Above all, she treasured bringing family and friends together, creating

lasting memories filled with warmth and laughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tracy's name to the Glioblastoma Foundation at GlioblastomaFoundation.org.

A celebration of Tracy's life will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 11:00AM at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salt Point, NY.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support, love, and kindness shown by so many people during this difficult time. Your prayers and presence mean more than words can express. Even in sorrow there is a quiet promise of light ahead - a reflection of love that never fades. Thank you for walking beside us, lifting us up, and holding us in your hearts.

Robert William Plass

PLEASANT VALLEY – Robert William Plass was born March 16th, 1925 and died March 28, 2026. Bill grew up on Hickory Ridge Farm, in Pleasant Valley, New York, and lived in the same house for all of his 101 years. He lived there with his parents Edward L. and Louise Hamburger Plass as a young boy and teenager, honing both his farming and comedic skills alongside his brother, Bris, and five sisters, Barbara, Ruth, Anne, June and Nancy.

He attended Arlington Schools and then Cornell University, pausing to enlist in the Army during World War II. He met his wife of 56 years, Helen Janet Palmer or Hollie, when he returned to Cornell. A match for his wit, they then raised four children, Bob, Janet, Martha, and Lorraine and many thousands of chickens.

His legacy to his family in various proportions includes: loving to grow things, spontaneous singing, music of many kinds, eating beef and pie, driving a tractor, puns and saying the alphabet backwards. He farmed his whole life. The farm produced 6,000 eggs a day that they supplied to many local businesses and Vassar College. He and Hollie also planted, sold, and donated Christmas trees, sweet corn, field corn, wheat, and hay. They had a large vegetable garden, and enjoyed flower gardening together. After he stopped producing eggs he raised steers, hay, and straw until he fully retired at 94, amazing his friends when he invested in a new hay baler when he was well into his 80's. He was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, a church community he supported for many years and who generously supported him in his later years.

He was a longtime supporter of Cornell, where 4 generations of his family attended the College of Agriculture. He loved playing bridge and pinocle, shooting caroms, telling jokes, and entertaining friends with Hollie.

He is survived by his daughter, Martha, and her husband Dennis Sheehe, his daughter Lorraine and her husband Don Stebbins, and his son-in-law, Jeff Portzer. Also his grandchildren, Rebecca (Tramaine) Plass Oden, Jeremy (Caelli) Portzer, Benjamin (Trisha) Sheehe, Margaret Sheehe, Joelle (Josh) Portzer, Peter (Allison) Sheehe, and John (Maggie) Sheehe as well as nine great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by many Plass and Palmer nieces and nephews.

Bill was predeceased by his wife, and their children Bob and Janet, also his daughter-in-law Anita, granddaughter Jennifer Plass, and great-grandson Nicholas.

The family is ever grateful to Bill's neighbors, church community, friends and his terrific team of carers, first at home and then at Glenbrook in Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, PO Box 660, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, where he worshipped for almost 100 years <http://www.pvpresby.com/> or to Hudson Valley Honor Flight ATTN: Donations PO Box 375 Walden, NY 12586 which was a very meaningful trip for him and his friend, Ed Fitchett in 2019. hvhnorflight.com/donate/

A memorial service will be held, Saturday, April 18th at 1.p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley. A zoom link will also be available.

Harold Sachson

STAATSBURG – Harold Sachson of Staatsburg passed away at home on March 29, 2026, following a brief illness arising from complications of Lewy Body Dementia. He

was 76.

Harold was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1949. He attended SUNY New Paltz, where he majored in secondary education and pitched for the baseball team. After graduating in 1971, he remained in the Hudson Valley, teaching social studies in the Wappingers Central School District for over 30 years. He raised his family in Staatsburg, where he enthusiastically followed and participated in their many endeavors, including FDR High School crew, gymnastics, soccer and tennis, Hyde Park Swim and Tennis Club swim team, JG Dance, and Hyde Park town soccer.

Harold is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Sachson, his son Brian and his partner Alyson Sohigian, his daughter Maggie, his daughter Molly and her partner Michael Buccino, and his grandchildren Grey and Gwen Buccino.

In addition, he is survived by his brother Steven and his wife Terry, his sister-in-law Jane Bernstein and her husband Kenneth, 4 nephews, 2 nieces, and a lifetime of wonderful friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Abraham and Millie Sachson.

A Celebration of Life will be held later this year. Arrangements by Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Harold's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Susan Sell Brugman Monteferante

STORMVILLE – Susan Sell Brugman Monteferante, 70, a lifelong area resident, passed away on March 24, 2026 at her home.

Born in Ossining on November 7, 1955, Susan was the daughter of the late Walter and Mary Ann (Pabon) Sell. Susan retired in 2020 following a dedicated 20-year career as a driving instructor, beginning at Dutchess School of Driving and later at Brown's Driving School.

Susan enjoyed listening to music and was an avid reader, especially fond of audiobooks. She was also a passionate collector who took great joy in fairies, Tiffany-style lamps, and stained-glass pieces.

On March 19, 2010, she married Joseph E. Monteferante who survives at home. She is also survived by her children and their spouses, Jennifer and Anthony DiBuccio of Edgewater, MD and Scott Westergard and Jeese Hall of Stormville; her grandchildren, Gabriella DiBuccio Ocasio and her husband Nick, Marissa DiBuccio Adams and her husband Sammie, Michael DiBuccio, Malachai Westergard, and Herschel Westergard; her great-grandchild, Bennett Adams; her sisters, Linda Pasco and April Crifo and her husband Joseph; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Susan was also predeceased by her sister, Donna Bechtold.

Donations may be made in memory of Susan to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America or Dutchess County SPCA. Susan will be buried at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneral-home.com.

Barry Weinberger

STANFORDVILLE – Barry Weinberger, a beloved husband, father, and amazing friend has passed away at the age of 72. Barry passed away in his home alongside his loving wife Mary Weinberger, son Jonathan, and daughter-in-law Samantha. Barry was born and raised in New York, but enjoyed his more recent years as a Florida "snowbird." Barry lived life to the fullest, spending much of his time busy with family and friends, camping, motorcycling, or working on home advancement projects for his wife to enjoy. Barry's thirst for life, passion for adventure, and fiercely loving and generous soul will be missed by many; he leaves behind his wife of 42 years, his son Jonathan, "daughter" Samantha, brother Jeff, sister Debra, niece Courtney, and an abundance of dear friends. Barry also joins his late son Daniel in his next life; two beautiful souls reunited and deeply missed.

Family and friends were invited to share memories and offer condolences on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A funeral service was held on Friday, April 3, at Peck & Peck. Interment took place at Evergreen Cemetery, Pine Plains. To offer condolences to the family please visit www.PeckandPeck.net.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW OF THE YEAR 2026 "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED 'RESIDENTIAL RENTALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADOPTING GOOD CAUSE EVICTION'"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law A of 2026, "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley By Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled 'Residential Rentals for the Purposes of Adopting Good Cause Eviction'".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that

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all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: March 23, 2026

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF

DUTCHESS INDEX NO. 2025-51087 Date Filed: 03/12/2026

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property.

Subject Property: 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against BEVERLY BROWN A/K/A BEVERLY L. BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE BROWN; MICHELLE BROWN PAUL A/K/A MICHELLE BROWN, AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ERNESTINE

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lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Sum-

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mons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Maria G. Rosa, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 10th day of March, 2026, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a consolidated mort-

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gage upon the premises described below, executed by ERNESTINE BROWN to SMI HOME MORTGAGE, bearing date January 26, 2006 and recorded in Document Number: 01 2006 2950 in the County of Dutchess on February 23, 2006, which was modified a loan modification agreement dated January 27, 2017, which was assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-1 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2006-1 by instrument executed February 7, 2020 and recorded March 13, 2020, in Document Number: 01-2020-50421A. Said premises being known as and by 2440 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY 12514, bearing tax map designation Section: 6566, Block: 02, Lot: 627814, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4175B

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-37-26 Parts Washer Rental,

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Service, and Waste Disposal Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 21st day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-48-26

Pre-Cast and Fabricated Catch Basins, Frames, and Grates Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of April 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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.

Answers to this week's diversions
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Skipping the 'organ recital'

Your knee is bugging you. So is your neighbor's gall bladder, your cousin's back, somebody's got bunions – or was it lumbago? Steve's just out of the hospital, we should bring him a kale smoothie. Steve may want beer instead, but his doctor put the kibosh on that.

We could talk about the kids, the grandkids and maybe great-grandkids, work, retirement, golf, gardening, the Mets or Yankees; but too often conversation is dominated by the lengthy exchange of information about our aging bodies often known as ... the "organ recital."

It may feel rude not to follow up on each other's medical concerns. They asked about your cholesterol, so you're obligated to ask about their colonoscopy. And you certainly want to be supportive if a friend has encountered a serious health challenge. Still, before you know it lunch is over and everyone goes their separate ways.

It may have been a missed opportunity to stay more meaningfully connected.

Gently steering the conversation

Raise your hand if your plumber retired and it was a challenge to find a new one. Just like that, you've got a new conversation topic that could result in a helpful result at the end.

Dutchess County's older adult population is massive: 80,000 people, many of them in search of reliable help with everything from the roof to the basement.

We may go to the internet for occasional DIY solutions, but much will remain beyond our skills. It's the kind of situation where word-of-mouth is priceless.

Focusing on future capabilities

You've had a medical procedure that enables you to be more active? That is something worth sharing with friends.

"I had a hip replacement last May, and now I can climb Stissing Mountain."

We have time to find out what's new

Remember those things you promised yourself you'd look into when you had the time? Now is that time.

Complicated plans aren't necessary. You can incorporate connectedness into your existing day-to-day life. Let's say you've got a grocery shopping trip planned. Call a friend: "Hey, I'm swinging by the store this afternoon – how about you come with?"

It's common to advise older people looking for activities to join a club; and yet, when it comes to forming meaningful connections, the type of club we join can make all the difference. Shared interests within a club tend to make connections easier. Those who join a cooking club may find themselves invited to more dinners. A walking group can lead participants to new places to walk or hike.

Travel's difficult? Try 'Friendly Calls'

Since 2023, OFA's "Friendly Calls" program has been matching hundreds of participants with screened volunteer callers. If you'd like to learn how it

works, see dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls or call OFA Outreach Coordinator Linda Edgar at (845) 486-2548.

Utility Clinic at Dutchess BOCES (Thursday 4/16)

Struggling with high energy costs? Need help with your utility bill?

A Utility Bill Clinic takes place on Thursday, April 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Dutchess BOCES (5 Boces Rd., Poughkeepsie, off Salt Point Turnpike).

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett, the Public Utility Law Project and other partners will be at the clinic to help customers ensure they're getting any assistance for which they qualify. OFA representatives will be onsite as well. Please bring:

- Your utility bill
- A form of identification
- A copy of your benefits award letter from HEAP, SNAP, SSI or other public assistance, if you have one. You can also reach PULP at info@utilityproject.org or (877) 669-2572.

A busy month of 'Navigating Medicare' classes

OFA offers year-round "Navigating Medicare" classes. Here's the April schedule:

Friday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m., at Adriance Library, 93 Market St., Poughkeepsie (parking lot entrance around the corner on Noxon St.). Call (845) 485-3445, ext. 3380 to register.

Wednesday, April 15, and the third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m., at the Community Room at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie. Call (845) 486-2555 to register.

Wednesday, April 15, at 2 p.m., at Stanford Free Library, 6035 NY 82 in Stanfordville. Call (845) 868-1341 to register.

OFA Spring Mobile Office Hours

OFA Ambassador Mary Reedy is hosting by-appointment OFA Mobile Office Hours around Dutchess County. It's a chance to get your age-related questions answered in person, with considerably less travel on your part.

Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, April 21, 1-4 p.m., Town of Wappinger Senior Center (note new loca-

tion) Town Hall Senior Center, 20 Middlebush Rd.

Appointments are 30 minutes long at each Mobile Office Hours event. Appointments can be made for either session by calling (845) 486-2555 during business hours. We cannot accept reservation requests made by voice mail, email or text.

If your Dutchess County civic organization wants to host a Mobile Office Hours event, email ofa@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2555 during business hours.

At OFA, we're also available for presentations to groups on OFA Services, successful aging, scam prevention, home safety, caregiving, and much more. Contact us to find out more.

'CarFit' for Mature Drivers, at Marist (Saturday 4/11)

The Marist University Doctor of Physical Therapy program and Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital present the CarFit Program. It's a free, interactive educational program designed to improve older driver safety. Trained volunteers provide information ensuring the safest "fit" for older drivers and their vehicles.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Marist University Allied Health Building, Parking Lot 18, Beck Place, Poughkeepsie.

Appointments are required. To make an appointment, contact Lynn Matthes at (845) 786-4155 or lynn.matthes@helenhayeshosp.org.

Hearing Loss / Cochlear Implant Event (Thursday 4/21)

The April meeting of the Mid-Hudson chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America features "The Bionic Ear: Understanding the Magic of Cochlear Implants" with Allison Leasure, Engagement Manager for Cochlear Americas, and Brian Nicholas, MD, FACS, ENT/Otolaryngology at White Plains Hospital Physician Associates. It takes place on Thursday, April 21, 5:15-6:30 p.m., at Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz (93 Main St.), also available via Zoom.

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