

# Parking issues abound for Walkway this season



Very limited parking on east side; new cost on west side

By Jim Donick

One of the top tourist attractions in Dutchess County and the entire Hudson Valley, the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park, will have very limited parking on the east side of the Hudson River for tourists or local citizens for most of this year and into the next. Parking on the Ulster County side is now no longer free. There will be no state-provided parking on either side of the river until the spring of 2026 at the earliest.

This issue of park access is mainly due to two simultaneous construction projects on the Dutchess side: One by Scenic Hudson, creating a new headquarters; and another by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, building a new maintenance facility. The two projects have shut down both of the parking lots traditionally used by tourists and by local citizens hoping to experience the park and to learn about the Hudson River. The situation is coming to the fore as the Valley moves into the warm days of the spring and summer seasons.

Parking on the Ulster side of the river on spaces owned by the Town of Lloyd should continue to be available. However, it will require paying the toll at the Mid-Hudson Bridge plus \$5.25 via credit card for parking, either in the lot or anywhere on Haviland Road. The Town of Lloyd recently instituted the pay system.

Traditionally, the primary (i.e. most used) parking lot on the Dutchess side of the park was a large dirt area. Though privately held, that parking was made available year-round to park-goers. That area, which held well over 100 cars, was recently purchased by the non-governmental organization Scenic Hudson, along with the old Standard Gage factory complex across the street on Parker Avenue. The factory is being rehabilitated into a new headquarters complex for Scenic Hudson.

Scenic Hudson notified the public, mostly via signs put up on the periphery of the lot, that they would close this parking area down in December 2023 to support construction at the new site. At that time, the signs promised the reopening of the lot for the public on weekends and evenings only, starting in the spring of 2025. Scenic Hudson didn't actually close the parking to the public until late spring or early summer of 2024. A sign previewing a spring of 2025 opening



Above: Pictured above is Scenic Hudson's original sign near what used to be the most-used parking area on the east side for the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park. It originally promised opening to the general public on weekends and evenings starting in the spring of 2025. After the Northern Dutchess News interview with Scenic Hudson Management, the indication of "spring" was taped over. Scenic Hudson later put up a new sign near this one indicating opening in "Summer" of 2025. Top: This sign currently greets people looking at the state's parking area on the Dutchess County side of the Walkway Over the Hudson. That parking area is hoped to be re-opened in early 2026. Photos by Jim Donick

remained until recently.

When the incongruity of the sign was pointed out to Scenic Hudson officials in an initial interview, their project manager commented that "signage is expensive." Subsequently, black tape was placed over

the word "spring." A month or so later, while leaving the old sign in place, Scenic Hudson officials added a new sign suggesting the opening would be in the

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# Renegades take opening series with two wins over Jersey Shore



Renegades players, from left, Matt Keating, Antonio Gomez, Cole Ayers, and Hueston Morrill are pictured in the dugout prior to the opening day game. Photo by Dave Janosz

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades have opened the 2025 season with a series win. Among the seas of pinstriped fans, and old school maroon and green, new concessions and between-inning competitions, fun could be found at every corner of Heritage Financial Park on the 31st Opening Weekend.

While the season's first game brought little action and a 3-1 Renegades loss, the opening day vibes were great. Over 3,700 fans showed up for the first day of Renegades

baseball, and closed it out with fireworks backed by a soundtrack of pop hits and boy bands. Hudson Valley made up for the opening loss in the latter two-thirds of the weekend, with 12 of 13 series runs coming on Saturday and Sunday. While the bullpen had some missteps, the reigning SAL North season champions showed late-inning offensive grit on Opening Weekend.

**The Kids are O.K.**

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The Washington Street staircase is now the expected entry point to the Walkway State Park from the two suggested alternate parking locations. Below, a young couple with baby wrestle their stroller up the staircase, which has a tricky 90-degree turn partway up. Photos by Jim Donick



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summer of 2025. Ned Sullivan, president of Scenic Hudson, now predicts “late summer or early autumn.”

This project is moving forward with funding provided through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).

In December 2024, the state-provided parking on the Walkway’s east side was closed in order to facilitate a building project. Several years ago, the park’s offices and maintenance building on the corner of Parker Avenue and Washington Street burned down. OPRHP is now building a new and larger facility on the eastern end of the state’s parking area. When closing the area, the state put up signs that the parking area was closing, but would be reopened in January 2026. The opening indication on those signs has since been taped over.

Currently, parking recommendations from both Scenic Hudson and the State Park management indicate that parking can be found at Pulaski Park, a few blocks away, or on Brookside Street, some distance to the south. Directions to these two alternates is provided by signage near the Walkway entrance on Parker Avenue. Reading the signs requires exiting a vehicle in order to read them; however, there is nearly no parking close by to allow this to happen.

Pulaski Park’s lot is limited to roughly 40 spaces. The park, itself, features a City of Poughkeepsie swimming pool that is very heavily used in the summer time. Access to the pool is limited to pass holders, who regularly fill the park to capacity.

Brookside on-street parking has some capacity but, depending on how far up the street one finds a space, the walk to the park could approach half a mile. The sidewalk condition there is also far from perfect.

In the case of both of these suggestions, the actual access to the park is via the Washington Street staircase. The staircase is steep and has a significant 90-degree turn before one reaches the top. It is not handicapped-accessible, nor is it easy for families with young children in strollers to utilize.

Attorney Fred Schaeffer, credited by many as the “Father of the Walkway,” spent the better part of 13 years helping bring the dream of the park to reality. He reports that the situation has him “very concerned.” Currently suffering from some physical ailments, Schaeffer was still able to enjoy his bicycle on the Walkway.

“I can’t physically carry my bicycle up those stairs anymore, though,” he notes.

“I’m hoping they can find me a place to keep the bike up there.”

Except for the elevator, there is currently no handicapped access to the park from the Dutchess County (eastern) side. The park staff recommends that those who are physically challenged go to the other side of the river. However, there is no sign to that effect near the park, and no directions for tourists on how to find the other side’s parking.

Linda Cooper, OPRHP’s regional director, commented on the situation at the Walkway recently. She said that, in spite of the fact that the dirt parking area had been the one used by most park-goers over the years, the primary parking lot was the state-provided pay parking at the top of the hill behind this area. That pay area was not as large as the dirt lot, but was free to senior citizens during the week.

Cooper noted that the new, larger maintenance facility would allow for the storage of more equipment, including the Friends of the Walkway’s summer tram. Asked why it was not possible to rebuild the maintenance facility on the same footprint as the one that had burned – the park had used that site since 2009 – Cooper said that some of their vehicles were not legal to drive up the street to the park’s entrance. In spite of having kept those vehicles in the old site and used them for many years, she reiterated that “we have to be legal.”

In a discussion of the larger parking lot having been purchased by Scenic Hudson, Cooper was asked why the state didn’t purchase it instead. She responded, “We thought about it, but I guess Scenic Hudson gave them a better offer.”

Cooper denied any possible relationship with the Scenic Hudson project across the street from the park.

“We have nothing to do with that,” she said.

When reminded that the sign on the front of the Scenic Hudson headquarters project indicated the participation of the OPRHP in the project, she reiterated that there is no relationship between OPRHP and Scenic Hudson on this project. The sign was removed from the Scenic Hudson project later on the same day as our interview.

In fact, the Scenic Hudson project relies heavily on State and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits that are administered for this project by OPRHP. A Taconic Park Region commissioner who asked not to be identified confirmed

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## Miles of Hope sets Spring Brunch May 4

A limited number of tickets are still available for Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation’s annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 4, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie.

This year’s brunch will feature a panel of physicians, health professions, and wellness advisors who will speak and answer questions from the audience.

The panel’s moderator is Dr. Lisa Curcio, Fellowship-trained Breast Surgeon, Northern Dutchess Hospital; and Miles of Hope Board Member;

Panelists will include:

- Dr. Claudia Lago Toro, Breast

Surgeon, Nuvance Health;

- Dr. Kathleen Mueller, Medical Director for Cancer Survivorship and Integrative Medicine, Nuvance Health;

- Jennifer Stack, RDN., Associate Professor, School of Culinary Sciences & Nutrition, CIA;

- Dr. Elisabeth Gordon, Integrative Sexual Health Psychiatrist; and

- Haile Thomas, International Speaker on Intentional Living, Wellness, and Self-Care; Owner, Matcha Thomas.

Visit <https://milesofhope.org/> to purchase tickets and for more information.



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that the money and project are closely monitored by OPRHP for this project and others throughout the state.

Cooper agreed that handicapped access to the park from the Dutchess County end could be problematic. She noted that the Town of Lloyd, which owns the Walkway parking on the western side, has provided handicapped spaces in their parking lot. There is no indication of this on the Dutchess County side, nor any information about how to get to that lot.

As to the possible shortage of parking at Pulaski Park when the swimming pool is in use, Cooper said, "We are not in competition with the swimming pool, because most of our visitors will come to the Walkway in the 'shoulder' season, in spring and fall."

Melaine Rottkamp, the president and CEO of Dutchess Tourism, recently named the Walkway first when asked for the most important attractions in Dutchess County. Rottkamp agrees that the lack of parking on the Dutchess County side of the park is problematic, but notes that those coming to the area on the train could take a short walk to the park's elevator, when the elevator is working. There is currently no signage at the train station to indicate the way to the elevator.

State Senator Rob Rolison is monitoring the situation. He notes that "the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park is a treasure of Dutchess County and an economic driver for the county and for the City of Poughkeepsie." He is now conferring with the "various stakeholders with an eye to mitigating as much as possible, particularly for the handicapped."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino says: "The Walkway Over the Hudson is one of Dutchess County's most iconic destinations, and it plays a major role in driving tourism and supporting our local economy. Each year, it draws hundreds of thousands of visitors who don't just come for the breathtaking views – they also explore our downtowns, dine in local restaurants, and stay in our hotels. It's a powerful example of how investing in our natural and historic assets can create real economic opportunity for our community."

What might it all mean? The upcoming Heart Walk and other annual activities could certainly be impacted. All of these issues have been brought to the attention of the State OPRHP and to Scenic Hudson. Both are looking at them.

If nothing changes, there will be no state-provided parking for the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park for the next year. The part-time availability of parking on the plot now owned by Scenic Hudson is not expected before "late summer or early autumn" and will be limited to evenings and weekends, according to Ned Sullivan of Scenic Hudson.

The Friends of the Walkway organization is planning to have off-site parking



Ned Sullivan, president of Scenic Hudson. Below: Linda Cooper, regional director of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. *Courtesy photos*



organized for their volunteers and for Walkway Ambassadors. They are also outlining some shuttle services to be available from other parking lots in Poughkeepsie for their major events, like the popular annual 4th of July Fireworks event. For the Fireworks event, usually about 1,800 of the 3,000 patrons enter the Walkway from the Dutchess County side.

Friends of the Walkway Executive Director Lori Robertson said, "Friends of the Walkway is working closely with our partners to provide as much access to parking as possible while lots near the park are under construction."

She noted, "During special events like the July 4th Fireworks, we routinely utilize several parking areas located less than 0.7 miles from our entrance to accommodate our guests. Information about general parking availability can be found at [walkway.org/visit](http://walkway.org/visit), while special event parking options, including handicapped parking, are communicated through our specific event webpages and emails sent directly to registered attendees. Carpooling is always encouraged."

What to expect for the summer? Parking will be a significant issue for at least the next year. If coming to the Walkway, look at the various websites to acquire the latest parking information.

Information about the elevator can be found at Elevator Hotline: (845) 834-3641 to confirm elevator status prior to a visit.

## Ryan releases results of Optum inquiry, submits data report to FTC, Department of Justice

Last week, Congressman Pat Ryan released the results of his community inquiry regarding the quality and accessibility of care at Optum-owned Hudson Valley medical practices. More than 1,800 responses from Optum patients illuminated a pattern surrounding Optum's care quality, accessibility, and billing practices.

Several providers also responded to the inquiry, citing how treatment of staff has suffered from the switch to Optum, further contributing to a general decline in the quality of care administered.

Ryan is now submitting the full dataset to the Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, and Federal Trade Commission for further investigation and imminent action.

"The volume of responses, the specificity of issues, and the frankly heartbreaking stories involved are unlike anything I've seen in my time in Congress. I've heard from disabled children unable to get treatment. Mothers waiting almost a year for a cancer diagnosis. Families sent into debt because of overcharges for treatments never even received. All so the largest health care company in the world can continue to make record-breaking profits," said Ryan. "I've already been in touch with Optum to get folks help on an individual basis in the short term, but that's just a band-aid. Today I'm formally

submitting every single piece of data to the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Federal Trade Commission for further investigation. And I will be pushing around the clock for further action. For anyone not convinced urgent change is needed, read every damn story below [in the full release on Ryan's website, <https://patryan.house.gov/>]. When our Hudson Valley community stands up with one voice, anything is possible."

More than 36 percent of Optum patients who responded to the inquiry said they've experienced serious customer service issues that have interfered with their care, which many say has only worsened since Optum took over. Most commonly, they cited intense difficulty with Optum's phone system, which no longer allows patients to call their doctor's office directly – meaning, for example, that someone can't ask a nurse a question about their medication or a receptionist about sending medical documents to their employer or kid's school. Instead, patients are sent to a call center with wait times that can extend up to several hours, with no guarantee that their message will be read or responded to. In addition to causing significant frustration for patients, this has led some to miss out on critical medications.

## DC Comptroller's office launches online tool for reporting loss of federal funds or jobs

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has released a survey form for Dutchess County residents and organizations who have lost federal jobs or funding, directly or indirectly. This information will be collected, verified, and ultimately provided to all local, state, and federal leadership as a means of better supporting the needs of the community and to help focus economic planning.

This tool follows the release of the Comptroller's Office special report on the County's 2021-2023 receipt of federal funds and the interest it generated.

Congressman Pat Ryan's (NY-18) office has been trying to navigate the new presidential administration's priorities and policy changes since January, working to keep the district informed as to whether these might have a tangible impact on the community. Congressman Ryan's office has encouraged local municipalities to alert them to any cuts

affecting their day-to-day operations.

The Comptroller's Office has identified nearly \$35 million in lost federal investment in Dutchess County, including a loss of \$2.4 million in earmarks for Dutchess County's real time crime center and public safety radio system, but which is primarily for renovations and improvements to fire stations and wastewater treatment facilities.

The information collected through the new "Loss of Federal Funds/Jobs Survey" will contribute to this growing data set.

"Tracking how much federal investment in Dutchess County is being lost gives us perspective for future economic development, future sales tax revenue, and more," said Aymar-Blair.

The newly created intake form can be accessed at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Comptroller/Comptroller-Federal-Funding-Intake-Form.htm>.

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**Release the kids from Ukraine**

To the editor:

We had the opportunity this weekend to attend a screening at The Moviehouse in Millerton of two very moving short films focusing on the impact of Russia's barbaric war upon children – "Sunflower Field" and "Once Upon a Time in Ukraine" – followed by a panel discussion with Polina Buchak, who directed Sunflower Field, and Anastasia Rab, Chief Advancement Officer for Razom.

In the panel discussion, Ms. Rab highlighted the plight of the 19,546 known children abducted and held by Russia. You see, Russia is not content with destroying Ukraine and its past; it is intent on destroying her future as well by abducting her children. Of the greater than hundred thousand kids believed to have been abducted, there are 19,546 fully documented cases which demand our attention and support. This is documented at [ReleaseTheKids.com](http://ReleaseTheKids.com).

We urge everyone to go to the site and learn about their plight and how to support. One simple action is to call, email, and or write your representatives, including the President, to demand that release of all abducted children be written in as a RED LINE to any ceasefire and peace agreement supported by this country.

While doing so, please also let your representatives know that you demand America supports a Just Peace for Ukraine consistent with our values with full territorial integrity rather than just any peace which leaves Ukraine and Europe exposed to the next round of Russian terror.

Mark Lagus  
Town of Northeast

**CSEA: Cuts to NIOSH would put millions of workers at risk**

To the editor:

The CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association) is expressing concern about deep staffing cuts at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) as part of a restructuring ordered by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The cuts would eliminate nearly 900 jobs, or two-thirds of the workforce, as well as entire divisions at the agency, which conducts research on workplace safety and health and making recommendations to prevent work-related injuries and illness. NIOSH has provided lifesaving work since Congress created it in 1970.

These ill-advised cuts to NIOSH will potentially endanger millions of workers. This is not just a budget cut; it's a rollback of decades of worker safety progress, putting millions of workers at risk. One of CSEA's top priorities is to ensure that our union members can do their jobs as safely as possible so they can get home to their loved ones. CSEA will continue to monitor

the situation and act accordingly.

Here is what NIOSH does for workers:

1. Tests and Certifies Respirators – NIOSH ensures that respirators protect workers from deadly hazards like asbestos, silica, and infectious diseases.

2. Develops Lifesaving Workplace Standards – Many of OSHA's protections (e.g., noise limits, chemical exposure rules) are based on NIOSH research.

3. Investigates Worker Deaths and Hazards – NIOSH runs the Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program, which investigates worker deaths to prevent future tragedies.

4. Studies Dangerous Chemicals and Diseases – NIOSH identifies workplace carcinogens and toxic chemicals before they cause widespread harm. Their research has led to protections against lead poisoning, silica, and PFAS chemicals.

5. Protects First Responders and Health Care Workers – NIOSH developed PPE standards for firefighters, paramedics and nurses. Their research helped protect workers during COVID-19, Ebola and 9/11 cleanup efforts.

6. Improves Safety for High-Risk Jobs – NIOSH studies injuries and deaths in dangerous jobs like construction, mining, trucking, and agriculture. Their work leads to safer equipment, training, and practices that prevent thousands of injuries every year.

7. Advances Workplace Mental Health and Violence Prevention – NIOSH studies workplace stress, burnout, and violence—especially for social workers, nurses, and teachers. This research helps create solutions to protect workers from assault and mental health crises.

Without NIOSH, workers would lose these essential protections and put millions of workers at risk for injury and death. These cuts will only benefit billionaires who want to create more profits by gutting worker protections.

Mary E. Sullivan  
CSEA President

**More research needed on proposed 3% bed tax by Rhinebeck Town Board**

To the editor:

On behalf of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to keep you informed on the proposed 3-percent bed tax currently under consideration by the Rhinebeck Town Board.

While we understand the intention behind this measure - to generate additional revenue for the town - we urge the Board to conduct further research and engage in a thorough discussion to fully assess its potential to negatively impact our local tourism industry and business community.

As a premier destination in the Hudson Valley, Rhinebeck thrives on a strong and dynamic tourism sector, which is integral to the health of our local economy. The intro-

duction of a bed tax carries significant risks that merit careful evaluation before implementation.

It is also important to consider the broader lodging landscape of Northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley. Rhinebeck has a relatively limited number of hotel rooms and small, independently owned establishments which would be impacted disproportionately compared to neighboring areas. (Larger areas like Kingston, New Paltz, and Poughkeepsie offer a wider range of accommodations at varying price points.) Implementing a bed tax in Rhinebeck could further exacerbate this disparity, potentially driving visitors to alternative locations with more affordable lodging options.

As always, we are here to support the continued success of our Chamber Members and local economy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us any time with questions about this matter or any other items we can be of support with.

Luciano Valdivia, Board President  
Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce

**A 'holocaust now being waged in our very own name'**

To the editor:

I don't remember the first time I saw pictures of the Holocaust. But the images still resonate with me now. Children turned into living bones, looking back at me with their eyes set so deeply in their head as to question their humanity. They sit together in groups, as if starving side by side can somehow normalize their brutal experiences.

"Never again," that slogan of hope, promises that no other people in history will ever act in such a debased way. It is more of an assurance to our shared humanity, that there are limits to what cruelty is done in our name. We are more than the Nazi monsters who perpetrated the slaughter of six million Jews and Romany. We would never let our common humanity be dishonored again.

But the pictures of starvation in Gaza take away such easy assurances. The United States, instead of liberating the camps after WW II, is re-creating their massive suffering, this time being visited on the Palestinian people. Our partner in this butchery is Israel, the colony that has lost its way through hatred and racism. But instead of demanding "Never again," we are funding Israel, furnishing it with bullets and bombs and protecting it from the world's condemnation. The pictures of starving children in Palestine have "Made in America" stamped all over them.

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# Renegades announce new staff hires and promotions

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced today a series of front office staff promotions and new hires ahead of the 2025 season.

**Will Young - Assistant General Manager** - Will initially joined the Renegades in May of 2021 after spending two seasons as an intern with the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club, the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was elevated to Assistant General Manager in March 2025 after serving as the Senior Director, Corporate Partnerships & Ticket Sales.

**Jessica Levinson - Manager, Community Relation & Ticket Operations** - Jess joined the Renegades in November 2023 as the Manager, Ticket Operations and was elevated to Manager, Community Relations & Ticket Operations in March 2025. Prior to this role, Jess worked with the Renegades during the 2023 season as the Community Relations Intern.

**Zack Soffer - Manager, Corporate Partnerships** - Zack joined the Renegades in September 2023 as an Account Executive, Ticket Sales and was promoted to Manager, Corporate Partnerships in January 2025. Before this role, he previously served as a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual, and before that, as the Head of Solid Dosage Tablet Manufacturing at FreeThink Technologies.

**Greg Jones - Director, Marketing** - Greg joined the Renegades staff in March 2025 after previously serving as Associate Director of Marketing at Sacred Heart University. Before that, he was the Assistant Director of Club Sports, overseeing more than 33 teams, and was Head Coach of the Club Football team that won the NCFCA National Championship in 2017.

**Kevin Ackerman - Account Executive, Ticket Sales** - Kevin joined the Renegades in January 2025 as an Account Executive, Ticket Sales. Prior to this role, Kevin was a Group Sales Account Representative for the Trenton Thunder. Kevin was also a Ticket Sales Intern for the Renegades during the 2022 season. Kevin is from Bedford Hills, NY and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Rowan University.

**Tara Sudol - Corporate Partnerships Intern** - Tara is beginning her third season

working with the Renegades, serving as a promotions and accounting intern in 2022 and special events intern in 2024. She graduated from Springfield College with a degree in sports management in 2024.

**Jesus Cabrera - Merchandise Intern** - Jesus is from the Bronx, and takes Metro-North to the ballpark every day. He's been working in baseball since he was 19, teaching the sport to kids at local summer camps.

**Xavier Quinn - Video Production Intern** - Xavier is from Virginia Beach, VA. This is his third year working in baseball, and he comes to the Renegades after working for the Fredericksburg Nationals as a Video Production Assistant last year.

**Abbie Mars - Promotions Intern** - This is Abbie's second year with the Renegades. She spent last season as a member of Pinstripe Posse, after graduating from Siena College in May 2024, where she was a cheerleader for the Saints.

**Tommy Villafana - Special Events Intern** - Tommy is from Plymouth, Minnesota. In the past, Tommy has worked for the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Minnesota Vikings and as a gameday intern for the St. Paul Saints.

**Brady Wade - Ticket Sales Intern** - Brady is from Red Hook, NY and is currently a junior at SUNY Cortland. He currently works at Gutches Lumberyard Sports Complex, where he helps out at PBR tournaments, including working in the ticket booth, selling merchandise, and even getting to scout some youth players.

**Hannah Greer - Creative Content Intern** - Hannah Greer is a Creative Content Intern from Hopewell Junction, NY. She is currently a softball player at Michigan State University, and previously worked as a video content creator for EPC Sports in Hopewell Junction.

**Owen Connelly - Creative Content Intern** - Owen Connelly is a junior at Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. He is also the president and founder of Finznetwork, a Miami Dolphins social media fan page.

**Jordy Fee-Platt - Broadcasting and PR Associate** - This is Jordy's second year as the Broadcasting and PR Associate for the Renegades, after spending the off-season calling college sports and working as a writer/editor for college basketball website Hoops HQ.

# Renegades take opening series with two wins over Jersey Shore

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Renegades players stand for the playing of our National Anthem prior to the season-opening game on April 4. Photo by Dave Janosz

Sunday, the Renegades improved to 2-1 behind five strong from Cunningham. He fanned seven BlueClaws and helped his team salvage the series with a 6-2 victory. Opening Day starter Kyle Carr gave up one run in 4.2 innings, but only gave up two hits. Geoffrey Gilbert and Matt Keating kept the Renegades in the game, holding Jersey Shore to one hit over a combined 2.1 relief innings.

## Brendan Jones clutches Up in Game 2

OF Brendan Jones became the season's first hero in the Renegades' 8-7 walkoff comeback win. Fresh of a stint in major league spring training, Jones debuted 0-5 on Friday. But Saturday was his day. He went 2-4 in the leadoff spot, reaching base three times and batting in three runs.

In the bottom of the ninth, with nowhere for the Renegades' leadoff man to go, Jones smashed a bases loaded hit to

right, scoring two and sealing the Renegades' first win of the season. It was a come-from-behind beauty that saw three ties and a late-inning lead change before Brenny Escanio, Coby Morales, and Tomas Frick loaded the bases for Jones.

## Leaving them stranded

It was like Tom Hanks' Castaway out there. The Renegades left 33 runners on base over the weekend, nearly doubling the BlueClaws' total of 19. While Hudson Valley managed a series win, it's going to take more offensive sequences and productive at-bats to support the young hurlers on each side of the nine frames.

This week the Renegades head to Brooklyn for their first full series, so we'll be seeing a lot more from this group. Where Hudson Valley struggled on the road last season, the Renegades' offense needs to stop the momentum of the Cyclones, who swept their opening series.

## BURN BAN ONGOING THROUGH MAY 15

The annual statewide burn ban is in effect through May 15. For information on open burning, see the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation website: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning>

## MID HUDSON TROUT UNLIMITED TO AWARD \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

The Mid Hudson Chapter of Trout Unlimited (MHTU), a local conservation organization whose members enjoy fishing, is looking for a way to get people interested in "caring for rivers and streams so future generations could experience the joy of wild and native trout."

One way is to help a Dutchess County high school senior, who is passionate about the outdoors and pursuing an environmental or ecology based field of study, with a \$500 scholarship. This year marks the first year this scholarship is available.

Applicants can highlight their outdoor hobbies and passions, what they plan to study and why, and other information.

"MHTU's goal is to provide monetary support to a future conservationist," said Mike Matts, head of MHTU's Conservation Committee.

Dutchess County is the region covered by Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited.

The application period for 2025 ends on April 11. MHTU's Conservation Committee will review the applications and pick a winner in early May. To learn more, visit [midhudsontroutunlimited.org](http://midhudsontroutunlimited.org).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Fish Fry Fridays with Clinton VFD

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual Fish Fry Fridays during Lent (through April 18) at the East Clinton Fire House. Located at 9 Fire House Lane Clinton Corners, NY Cost of the dinner is \$15 and includes fish, fries, coleslaw and dessert. Macaroni and cheese is also available. Take out only. Call 845-266-5485 for more information.

## Stanford Grange to offer take-out dinner on April 12

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Chicken/Rice/Broccoli/Cheese Casserole Dinner on Saturday, April 12, at 5 p.m. at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of Chicken/Rice/Broccoli/Cheese Casserole, Carrot Raisin Salad, and Chocolate Cherry Dump Cake 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.

## PV Rec's Egg Hunt set April 12

Pleasant Valley Recreation will hold the annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, at Helen Aldrich Park, 27 Hibernia Road, Salt Point. Meet the Easter Bunny, fill your basket with colorful eggs, and enjoy a morning full of fun and surprises. There has been an update to the schedule: Instead of timed age groups, there will be one huge egg hunt starting at 11:30 a.m. Pre-K & under will have their own dedicated section; Kindergarten & up will have the open field + playground to hunt for eggs.

Check-in starts at 11 a.m. at the Baker Field Entrance: 1907 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point (right after Matt's Autobody). The event is free, but registration is required at pvrec.com.

## Hyde Park Repair Café set April 12

The Hyde Park Repair Café is set Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The United Methodist Church, 1 Church St., Hyde Park. Bring us your beloved but broken items for free repairs and advice. For more information: www.ClimateSmartHydePark.org

## Seders set April 12-13 at RJC

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center will host Community Seders on April 12-13 at the RJC, 102 Montgomery St, Rhinebeck.

Shabbat, April 12, begins at 7:15 p.m.; dinner 9:30 p.m.

Sunday April 13 8:30 p.m. Services at 8:15 p.m., with traditional Seder at 8:30 p.m.

Suggested Donation \$36 per person. Reservations required. Please email RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com or call (845) 876-7666 to secure a seat at the Seder table.

## Documentary screening in Kingston April 13

Sunday, April 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. Film showing of "The Palestine Exception," a documentary about the crackdown on the free speech rights of students and professors when they discuss apartheid Israel and its war crimes in Gaza. All donations after expenses will go to aid Gaza. Cosponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org, Mid Hudson Valley DSA, Rally Middletown, JVP Hudson Valley, Peace Education Center, and Veterans For Peace. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845-876-7906

## Program on women innovators in farming set April 13

The Rhinebeck Garden Club and the Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will co-sponsor a program on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market St., 2nd floor. The presenter will be award-winning journalist Amy Wu, discussing "From Farms to Incubators: Woman Innovators Revolutionizing How Our Food is Grown" (https://www.farmstoincubators.com/about). Signed copies of her books will be for sale.

The public is invited. The program also will be available on Zoom. Contact bklaproth@ymail.com for the invitation link and additional meeting information.

## Hyde Park VEC to host 'Pollinator Paradise' April 14

The Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee (HPVEC) Education Series will sponsor "Pollinator Paradise" on Monday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the Staatsburg Library, 70 Old Post Road, Staatsburg. Master Gardener Cathy Lane, Cornell Cooperative Extension will guide participants through the seasonal requirements to attract and support pollinators from early spring through the fall. Free pollinator transplants will be given to participants. Attendance is free. Registration is encouraged. Email hpvecboard@gmail.com to register.

## Retired Sing Sing Superintendent to present at Hyde Park Library

Michael Capra, who was the superintendent at Sing Sing Correctional Facility for more than a decade before retiring, will discuss the groundbreaking program he co-produced while at the prison, called Voices from Within. Aimed at reducing recidivism, the program addressed gun violence head on and received nationwide recognition. Capra will also discuss the current challenges faced by correction officers.

This free event will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the Hyde Park Library's annex. Registration is required - visit hydeparklibrary.org to sign up. For more information contact director@hydeparklibrary.org.

## Walk of the Cross set on Good Friday in Hyde Park

The Hyde Park Clergy Association invites the community to an ecumenical Walk of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18. The group will gather at 10:15 a.m. at Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church (2 Harvey St., Hyde Park), then will process through the town, taking turns carrying the cross and stopping at various locations along the way to hear portions of the Passion story of Jesus. The walk will conclude at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park (1 Church St.), with a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This communal act of devotion has been a custom in Hyde Park for many years, and is an age-old tradition around the world on this most solemn day on the Christian calendar. People of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Rev. Luanne Panarotti at (845) 889-4019.

## Arlington rowing club holding clothing drive April 19

Arlington High School's Rowing club will hold a clothing drive on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LaGrange Town Center parking lot at 1110 Route 55, Lagrangeville. The club is

collecting wearable and usable clothing, shoes, towels, bed sheets and the like. Bring items in tied garbage bags (place shoes in a separate bag from other items). The club will receive a monetary donation based on the weight of the items collected. That monetary donation helps fund the club.

## Chili Fest set April 26 at Stanford Rec Pavilion

There will be a free Community Chili Fest on Saturday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Stanfordville Rec Pavilion. Friends, neighbors and organizations are invited to enjoy a variety of chili recipes (made by Stanford's best home chili chefs) with all the fixings, followed by ice cream. The event is sponsored by Stanford: A Caring Community.

## Historical market ceremony to honor Revolutionary War soldiers set April 26

On Saturday April 26, at 2 p.m., the Amenia Historical Society and Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a brief ceremony of dedication for the new Patriot Roadside Marker to honor Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the old Amenia Burying Ground on Mygatt Road. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Contact Tim Middleton at TMiddleSar@gmail.com for more information.

## Community Roadside Cleanup in Clinton April 26

The Town of Clinton Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee will hold its annual Community Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, April

26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. only.

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

## Program on plastic pollution set April 26 at Copake Grange

"The Plastic Pollution Crisis and What to Do About It" is the title of a free upcoming informational event at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Saturday, April 26, 3 to 5 p.m. This event will inform the general public about the many dangers that plastic pollution causes to humans and other animals and plants globally on land, in water and in the air, and about the economic costs to clean up and detoxify. Reserve: cac@townofcopake.org

## Ice cream for breakfast

Holy Cow's 15th Annual Fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday April 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Donation of your choice. Special limited menu includes: Shakes and Sundaes with waffles, cider donuts, blueberry muffins, oatmeal cookies, hot apple topping, blueberry topping, cinnamon sugar topping and cereal!

## EASTER WEEK SERVICES

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 1872 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point, will hold a Palm Sunday service on April 13 at 10:30 a.m. and an Easter Service on April 20 at 10:30 a.m. There will also be an Easter Sunrise Service on April 20 at 7 a.m. at 86 Allen Road, Salt Point (dress warmly). For more information, call Diana at (845) 656-9959.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church** in Pleasant Valley will hold the following Easter Week services:

- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing & music
- Good Friday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. Ecumenical Service at First Presbyterian. (Procession begins at St. Paul's at 6 p.m.)
- Holy Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m. The Great Vigil with fire & music
- Easter Sunday, April 20  
6 a.m. Sunrise Ecumenical Service at Mill Site Park  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music  
Call (845) 635-2854 for more information.

# Red Hook VFW Post 7765 April Calendar

The Post is at 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook, NY 12571

Call 845-758-6212 for reservations and more information.

Check in Facebook for details & updates.

## APRIL HOMEMADE MONDAYS

In the Canteen (Club Bar)  
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th  
Kitchen open from 5-8PM

Cruisers 12-2:00pm  
Outdoors weather permitting optional indoors in the banquet hall.

## APRIL TUESDAY WING NIGHTS

In the Canteen (Club Bar)  
1st, 15th, 29th  
22nd - Guest Chef Night  
Kitchen open from 5-8PM

APRIL Saturday  
12th- Live Music by "The Bard" 4:00pm

APRIL Thursday  
17th - Monthly Cornhole and cocktails 7:00pm

## APRIL THURSDAY TRIVIA NIGHTS

10th & 24th 7-9:00pm  
in the Canteen (Club Bar)

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25th - Music BINGO 7:00pm  
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APRIL Saturday  
12th - Easter Extravaganza with Auxiliary &

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# Acala Tattoo Collective sets grand opening for April 19

Acala Tattoo Collective, a new collective style tattoo studio made up of five independent tattoo artists, has set its grand opening event for Friday, April 19 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Located at 2 Chelsea Ridge Mall off Route 9D, they will have Mosaic Vision Productions photographing tattoos in their studio all day. The event will also include catering by Lola's Café, Astro Coffee Cart, Endless Charm bar, Lotus Oracle, baked treats by Pichona and chocolate by Håkan Chocolatier.

"We're dedicated to creating a community where tattoo artists can collaborate in an environment that fosters growth, creativity, and sustainability, free from exploitation," said owner and resident artist Brian Faulk. "By prioritizing the well-being of both artists and clients, we ensure that every person who walks through our doors receives an exceptional tattoo experience."

Founded in November 2024, Acala emerged after six months of navigating

legal hurdles to establish its space just off Route 9 in Wappingers Falls. "Our mission is to build an inclusive and supportive atmosphere where artists can thrive and clients can feel confident in the work they receive," said Faulk.

At the heart of Acala is a team of talented resident artists, each offering unique and diverse styles. Their expertise spans a wide range of techniques, ensuring that every tattoo is a work of art tailored to the client's vision. The shop itself is strategically located between New Hamburg and Beacon Train stations and located just off I-84.

"A good amount of our clientele travels three hours plus, with many flying in just to get tattooed. Having this location is the perfect place where whether you're coming from Boston, DC, Pennsylvania or NYC, we're easy to get to, even if you're unfamiliar with the area," said Faulk.

With over 20 years of experience in the tattoo industry, Faulk leads the team. He specializes in Japanese-inspired



Acala Tattoo Collective is located at 2 Chelsea Ridge Mall off Rt. 9D in Wappingers Falls. Courtesy photo



Acala Tattoo Collective is a new collective style tattoo studio made up of five independent tattoo artists. Courtesy photos

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## Registration opens April 15 for Parks' Adult Park Palette Painting Series

Dutchess County Parks continues its wide array of popular programming with another series of Park Palette painting workshops for adults planned for this spring. Registration will open Tuesday, April 15 at 9 a.m., online at [www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation](http://www.DutchessNY.gov/ParksEducation).

Parks Director Brian Coons said, "The spring is a great time of year to get outside and our popular Park Palette series gives adults the opportunity to explore our beautiful parks while creating a piece of art to take home. We are grateful to our Parks Naturalists for continuing to offer such a wide array of programs for all ages."

The Park Palette Art Series for Adults

will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. outside at various Dutchess County Parks. These workshops are a step-by-step class to create nature-themed artwork. Cost is \$12 and includes all supplies. Sessions are limited to 12 participants each.

- May 1 – Quiet Cove Riverfront Park
- May 8 – Bowdoin Park
- June 12 – Wilcox Memorial Park

Other naturalist programming, including group weekday Archery, Junior Survival, Scout Programs and School Field Trips are available by appointment and reservations can be made by calling the Parks office at (845) 298-4602.

For other Parks information, visit [DutchessNY.gov/Parks](http://DutchessNY.gov/Parks).

imagery, with a particular focus on large-scale work. His mastery of tailoring large work to the body and commitment to his craft set the tone for the collective's artistic vision.

Carolina Villalon, the Hudson Valley's longest-running permanent makeup specialist, brings over a decade of experience to the team. In addition to her expertise in permanent makeup, Carolina has a passion for restorative tattooing helping post-op patients find confidence in their bodies. She also crushes American Traditional Tattooing, blending her knowledge of bold lines and vibrant colors with her unique style to create timeless works of art.

Max Shoberg is a classically trained illustrator with over 16 years of experience in the tattoo industry. He specializes in large-scale work, with a particular

focus on black and grey tattoos. His fine art background gives his tattoos a distinctive depth and precision, making each piece a true work of art.

Jason Carpino, with over 25 years of experience, brings a unique style to the collective. Specializing in geometric designs, pattern work and dot work, Jason's attention to detail and ability to create intricate, dynamic tattoos have earned him a reputation for turning complex concepts into striking visual compositions built to fit the body with utter perfection.

Acala is also proud to host Geddes Jones as a regular guest artist. With 15 years of experience, Geddes specializes in Traditional and Illustrative tattooing. Geddes's dynamic style brings a bold perspective which extends the range of creativity to the shop.

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# Eastdale Village announces addition of Lola's Café



Officials from EastdaleVillage and Lola's Café take part in the groundbreaking event to announce the eatery's planned opening in 2026. Photo courtesy of FW Interiors

As Eastdale Village, the Hudson Valley's first live-work-play community, continues to grow and expand, it is poised to welcome another exciting addition: a third location of Lola's Café, on the heels of the restaurant's 20-year anniversary. At 6,000 square feet, the new location will serve as the eatery's largest to date, designed by FW Interiors and is expected to open in 2026.

"Eastdale Village's offerings have continued to evolve over the last several years, and the addition of Lola's Café – an established favorite in our community – feels like the perfect fit," said Joseph Kirchhoff, partner and founder of Kirchhoff. "Its strong reputation and foothold here in the Hudson Valley makes it a natural complement to the experience we're creating at Eastdale and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them to our neighborhood for our residents and visitors to enjoy."

A Culinary Institute of America graduate, Ed Kowalski, chef and owner, opened Lola's first location in Poughkeepsie in 2005, quickly establishing it as a lunchtime staple. Twelve years

later, in 2017, he brought its sought-after menu to a New Paltz location. At Eastdale, guests can expect to experience some of the eatery's signature dishes with new additions including a selection of shareables and Sunday brunch. The restaurant will include a large bar, featuring specialty cocktails and local beers and wines, along with a private dining room to accommodate intimate events, such as wedding tastings and small private dinner parties. In the warmer months, garage style doors will open the space up for al fresco dining.

"Expanding to a third location is an incredible milestone for us, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome this new, larger space to the community," said Kowalski. "We had been searching for the perfect property for years, knowing that this time, we wanted to own the real estate. When the opportunity at Eastdale came up, it just felt right – it's the perfect space to bring our vision to life."

For more information about Eastdale Village or Lola's Café, visit [eastdalevillage.com](http://eastdalevillage.com) or [lolascafeandcatering.com](http://lolascafeandcatering.com).

# Kindred Creeks Farm in Poughquag sets Spring Kick-Off for April 12

Kindred Creeks Farm, located at 8 Pleasant Ridge Road in Poughquag, will conduct their Spring Kick-off on Saturday, April 12 from noon to 4 p.m. to benefit Happy Life Animal Rescue.

They will be holding pet adoptions that day at the farm. The first 100 people to bring an item to donate will receive a free Kindred Creeks plant. Their wish list can be viewed at [happylifeanimalrescue.org/ways-to-help/wishlist/](http://happylifeanimalrescue.org/ways-to-help/wishlist/).

There will be lots of fun activities for the kids, photos with Easter Bunny, Bounce House, craft stations and sow your own seeds stations. It will also be the Grand Opening of the Kindred Creeks Farm Store. Happy Life Animal Rescue will have dogs and kittens for adoption at the event as well, plus food trucks and

plenty of vendors.

One of the sponsors is Lobster Hill Farm, which will provide goats at the Spring Kick-Off.

Jessica, Andrew, and their children run a first generation regenerative farm on 75 acres in Brewster. Lobster Hill Farm concentrates mainly on dairy goats, pigs and pastured poultry for meat and eggs with plans to expand that livestock to include meat goats, sheep and a dairy cow. They are committed to bringing you the very best products, straight from their farm to your home. Visit [lobsterhillfarm.com](http://lobsterhillfarm.com) for more information.

Tickets for the Spring Kick-Off are on sale now at [Kindredcreekspringkickoff.eventbrite.com](http://Kindredcreekspringkickoff.eventbrite.com)



Goats from Lobster Hill Farm in Brewster, plus the Easter Bunny and lots of activities for the kids will be available at Kindred Creek Farm's Spring Kickoff on Saturday, April 12. Courtesy photo

## 'SPRING INTO HAPPINESS' WITH OFFICE FOR THE AGING ON MAY 5

"Spring into Happiness" at Locust Grove Estate, atv2683 South Road in Poughkeepsie on Monday, May 5, at 11 a.m. It's a transformative event for Dutchess County older adults, focused on unlocking joy and well-being.

Seating is limited, so secure your spot today by calling (845) 486-2555 during business hours. Reservations left on voicemail or email cannot be accepted.

# Spring rummage sale set May 2-3 in Salt Point

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will be hosting their annual spring rummage sale on Friday, May 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a \$3 per bag sale from 2-4 p.m.

Featured will be men, women and children's spring clothing, shoes, pocket

books, luggage, backpacks, books, CDs, kitchenware of all kinds, linens, outdoor articles, lots of perennials and other plants and much more too numerous to list. Baked goods will be available during the event with lunch items on Saturday only.

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## Training events and projects top list for Top Dogs 4-H Club

Dutchess County is currently home to just one active canine 4-H Club. Led by Cathie Morton and Ann Sartori, the Top Dogs 4-H Club is based in the Amenia area.

Members participate in a variety of activities ranging from dog training to arts & crafts to community service projects. The club typically meets two Saturdays a month; once with their dogs and a trainer, and once for a project or special activity.

Training sessions throughout the 4-H year result in a culminating event at the Dutchess County Fair each August, where members have the opportunity to demonstrate what they and their dogs have learned in the performance areas of Agility, Obedience, Rally, and Grooming/Handling/Showmanship. There is also a costume class in which they may



Top Dogs members pose with the handmade holiday cards they created for area nursing home residents. Courtesy photos

participate by creating a themed costume for themselves and their dogs.

Community service activities are held throughout the 4-H year and to date have included a canine walk-a-thon benefiting local dog rescue Upstate Pups of NY, collecting pet food donations for Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary during a holiday bake sale & Pet Pictures with Santa event, collecting donations for Hope on a Mission in Poughkeepsie, and making handmade holiday cards for area nursing home residents during the holidays.

Non-training meetings have included educational activities such as learning about dog conformation, breed standards, and training tips as well as craft projects ranging from beaded projects to painting and scrapbooking.

If you are interested in joining Top Dogs, contact the 4-H Office for more information and stop by to meet the club members at the upcoming "Fur the Love of Dogs" event on June 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse in Amenia. The event is free and open to the public. Well-behaved dogs are welcome! Learn more at [dogloveny.org](http://dogloveny.org)



Juliette Gerstle works with her dog, Ella, on obedience commands.

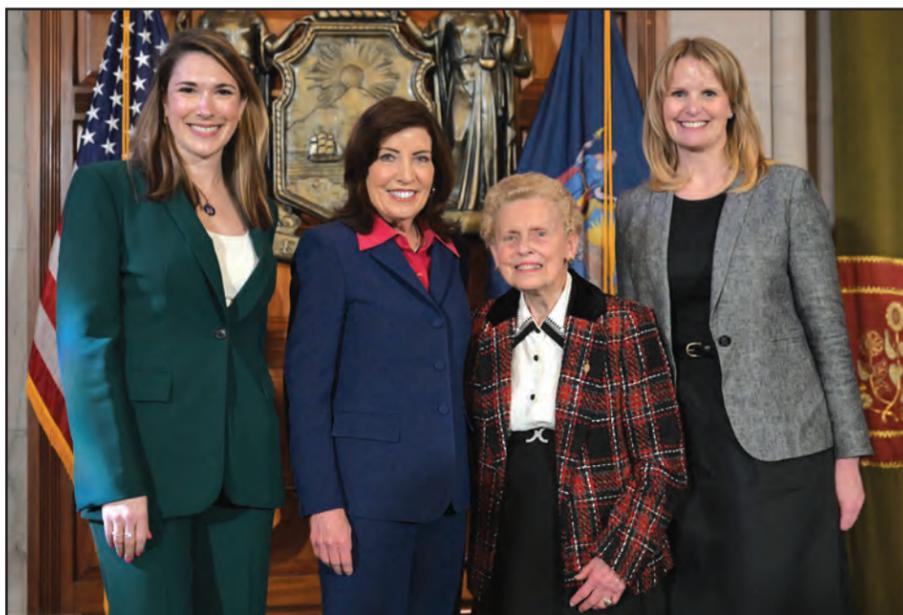
# Hinchey honors Red Hook math teacher Martha Strever at State Capitol

Senator Michelle Hinchey honored venerable Red Hook math teacher Martha Strever at the New York State Capitol as part of the Legislative Women's Caucus' annual Women's History Month celebration on Wednesday, March 19. Hinchey joined fellow caucus members, Gov. Kathy Hochul, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins in recognizing Strever and other trailblazing women from across the state who have had a profound impact on their communities.

Born and raised in Hyde Park, Martha Strever is the longest-serving active teacher in the State of New York, as well as the longest active member of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). Since 1961, Strever has taught math at Red Hook's Linden Avenue Middle School, where she became the first woman to chair the math department. Over her remarkable 64-year career, Strever has shaped generations of students, often teaching multiple members of the same family, including Linden Avenue Middle School's current Principal, Stacie Fenn-Smith. Strever

continues to make a difference in the Red Hook school community today, teaching math to students with special needs—with no plans of slowing down.

Hinchey said, "As women fought for their rights in the workplace and across all spheres of life in the 60s, Martha Strever was becoming a math and science teacher at a time when these fields were often seen as inaccessible to women. She broke barriers as the first woman to chair the math department at Linden Ave. Middle School, brought computer science to the school for the first time and has served as a constant role model — paving the way for future generations of women in STEM and showing the profound impact a great teacher can have on shaping students' lives for the better. We all remember that one teacher who believed in us and inspired excitement about the future ahead. For so many Red Hook students, that teacher is Martha. It's a privilege to honor Martha as part of our Women's History Month celebration and to thank her, on behalf of the State Legislature, for her extraordinary decades of service to our Dutchess County community."



From left are State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, Gov. Kathy Hochul, Red Hook math teacher Martha Strever, and Linden Avenue Middle School Principal Stacie Fenn-Smith. Strever was honored in a March 19 ceremony for being the longest-serving active teacher in the state. Courtesy photo

## Easter Services



**Holy Week & Easter**  
*at Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church*

**4/17 Maundy Thursday @ 6 pm**  
*Gather for a light meal and a service with (optional) foot washing & the Lord's Supper*

**4/18 Good Friday @ 10:15 am**  
*Meet at Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church in Hyde Park for the Community Walk of the Cross*

**4/20 Easter Sunday**

- 7:30 am** *Greet-the-Morning Service in Pleasant Plains Cemetery*
- 8:15 am** *Pancake breakfast in Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30 am** *Joyful Celebration of the Resurrection*

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**Maundy Thursday**  
April 17, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and on Zoom 380 532 465

**Ecumenical Good Friday Service**  
April 18, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and on Zoom 380 532 465

**Easter Sunday**  
March 20, Ecumenical sunrise service, 6:00 a.m. at Mill Park, Route 44

**Easter Sunday Service**  
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# 'Romeo and Juliet' to open April 11 at The CENTER

A new production of William Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece "Romeo and Juliet" will open at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck on Friday, April 11. Directed and co-produced by Peter Risafi, this production brings Shakespeare's tragic tale of love, fate and family conflict to life in a powerful, fresh interpretation.

Performances will run weekends through April 27 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be a Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. on April 26. There will be no performance on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Tickets are \$20; to purchase and for more information, visit [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org).

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" tells the story of two young lovers caught in the crossfire of their families' bitter feud. Their secret marriage leads to a whirlwind of passion, violence, and ultimately tragedy, exploring the themes of first love, the inevitability of fate, and the often unavoidable gap between gen-

erations. This production promises to bring a renewed energy and depth to this beloved classic.

In reflecting on the journey to bringing "Romeo and Juliet" to the stage, director Peter Risafi shared a personal tribute to Lou Trapani, the founding artistic & managing director of The CENTER, who passed away in July 2024.

"I met Lou Trapani in June of 2022. At the end of that meeting, which I didn't think was going very well, he asked me to direct 'Twelfth Night,'" said Risafi. "Of course, I said yes, and that opportunity opened the doors of The CENTER to me."

He added: "Lou also joined the cast of 'Twelfth Night' as Sir Toby, and watching him work during rehearsals was a master class in pure creativity and inventiveness. His confidence in me, his incredible contribution to 'Twelfth Night,' and his friendship were gifts that I can only hope to repay. This production of 'Romeo and Juliet,' one of his favorites, is dedicated to Lou, a true man of the theater and all that is

magical about it."

The production will feature an outstanding cast, including Camille Parlman as Juliet and Harrison Mark as Romeo, with Tam Cacchione, Randi Kiersnowski, Dennis Wakeman, Deborah Tiberio, David Shakopi, Stephany Hitchcock, Brendan Haslam-Brown, Wendy Urban-Mead, Philip LeGare, Benjamin Parish, Cory Cerussi, Jack Ellwanger, Michael Britt, Sean Foster, and Sam Capodicci.

CENTERstage Productions, The CENTER's production company, is co-producing with Risafi, and The CENTER is reconstructing its recreation of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre for the production.

The CENTER is at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck.

The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck's upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet" features Harrison Mark as Romeo and Camille Parlman as Juliet. *Courtesy photo*



## Easter Services

### EASTER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
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on the corner of Traver Road and  
Main Street (Rt 44)  
The Rev. Heather K. Sisk



#### Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**  
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing & music

**Good Friday, April 18th**  
6:30 pm Ecumenical Service at First Presbyterian  
(Procession begins at St. Paul's at 6:00 pm)

**Holy Saturday, April 19th**  
7:00 pm The Great Vigil with fire & music

**Easter Sunday, April 20th**  
6:00 am Sunrise Ecumenical Service at Mill Site Park  
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**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> HOLY THURSDAY**

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**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

**Passion of the Lord** 3:00 PM  
**Stations of the Cross** 7:30 PM

**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLY SATURDAY**

**Easter Vigil** 7:30 PM

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

**Resurrection of the Lord** 8:15 AM • 11:00 AM

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# Loving lemon

A sweet-tart treat that's perfect for spring

When it comes to flavors that exemplify spring, lemon always tops my list. True, lemons aren't exactly local produce in our part of the world, but their bright, zesty freshness has the ability to wake things up, and that's about as vernal as it gets. I use lemons all year long in lots of wonderful ways, which is why I've written about them many times; but in spring they really seem to shine. That's why they always have a place on my Easter table in dishes both savory and sweet, and also why I'm featuring them yet again.

This year they'll grace a light luscious dessert that's a perfect fit for a spring celebration. With just a few ingredients that you probably already have, it comes together quickly and separates magically into layers as it bakes: a custard-like pudding on the bottom and an airy cakey layer on top. Its sweetness is just right and the tartness is refreshing even after a big meal.

And now for a little breakdown of the magic. Eggs play an important role here. We're separating them with good reason. The yolks add a little richness and help keep it moist and firm, while the whites lighten it up and make it fluffier, helping

it rise. Beaten egg whites also float to the top as the cake bakes, forming the spongy cake layer. The denser yolks take their place at the bottom for the pudding layer and, presto! Pudding cake!

## LEMON PUDDING CAKE

I must admit, I don't love the name. It just doesn't quite do it justice. Technically, though, it's correct in the baking world because it does, as previously stated, separate as it bakes to form a pudding-like bottom layer. I used a spring-form pan, which I recommend since it puffs up as it bakes in souffle-like fashion. It will fall a bit as it cools, but that's perfectly fine. A simple dusting of confectioner's sugar and a few fresh berries or spring flowers on top make a pretty presentation. Serve with a dollop of sweet whipped cream on the side and watch it magically disappear.

Helpful hints: Zesting the lemons before juicing them is much easier. Strain the juice before adding to the batter to eliminate pulp and any seeds.

For the fluffiest egg whites, start with a clean, dry bowl and clean beaters. Make sure there are no traces of yolk when you separate the eggs. Gently fold the whites



Lemon Pudding Cake. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

into the batter to avoid over-mixing to keep it fluffy: Place whites on top and carefully use a spatula in a vertical swirling motion to roll them into the heavier batter just to combine.

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons butter, softened (I prefer salted, which brings out the flavor)
- 1/2c sugar (add a little more, 1-2 tablespoons, if you prefer a slightly sweeter cake)
- 4 eggs, room temperature, separated
- 1c flour (sifted)
- 1/3c fresh lemon juice (~ 2 lemons)
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- A pinch of salt
- 2 1/2c (preferably whole) milk
- Confectioner's sugar for dusting
- Whipped cream for serving (optional)

## METHOD

Lightly grease a spring-form pan. You can place the pan on foil and crimp it up the sides to seal the bottom edges to prevent leaking if you like. (Alternatively, place it on a baking sheet to bake.) Move oven rack to the center position. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until combined and smooth. Add egg yolks one at a time, then flour, mixing well after each addition. Mix in lemon juice and zest, salt and milk. Beat until smooth and almost doubled in volume.

In a separate clean bowl, beat egg whites until glossy and stiff, about 4 minutes. Gently fold whites into the yolk mixture until just combined. DO NOT over-mix.

Pour into spring-form pan and bake until lightly golden brown and cake jiggles only slightly when the pan is gently shaken, about 40 minutes (but no more than 45). Transfer pan to a rack to cool.

When ready to serve, remove sides of the spring-form pan, place on a cake plate (with the pan bottom) and generously dust with confectioner's sugar. A sieve works well for this. Add some fresh berries or spring flowers if you like. Serve, warm or cool, with a dollop of whipped cream.

You can make this a day ahead; just don't top with the confectioner's sugar until serving since it will absorb into the cake.

Lemons, in all their sunny brightness, are the perfect homage to spring, and desserts like this one illustrate that deliciously. The simplicity of this pudding cake – in ingredients and presentation – make it an elegant recipe to enjoy anytime but, if you ask me, serving it this time of year is especially perfect. It will bring a little magic to your table while celebrating the miracle of spring. Enjoy!

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## LOCUST GROVE SETS SPRING GARDEN FAIRE APRIL 27

Locust Grove Estate, at 2683 South Road (Route 9) in Poughkeepsie, will host a Spring Garden Faire on Sunday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Last ticket entry at 2 p.m.)

This garden celebration and vendor fair, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, features tips and tricks on flower and vegetable gardening, beekeeping, and more. Enjoy blooming flowers, garden programming for adults, activities for kids, music, a food truck, a nature hike, and shopping.

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per youth ages 4-17. The first 100 kids get a free bee coloring book. Purchase tickets in advance at [www.lgny.org](http://www.lgny.org) or pay at the door.

The event is a rain or shine even, moving indoors if necessary.



# My bees died

The culprit seems to be a colder-than-usual winter.

My bees died. Last November 16, I wrote in my garden journal "Another beautiful day. Bees still active at beehive. What are they feeding on?" Then on March 10, "Nice day. Heard first peepers tonight." The bees should have been out, searching for blossoms on the maple trees. But they weren't.

Meanwhile, lots of chatter about honeybees has been popping up on my internet home page, because I always click on "accept all cookies." Evidently, it's been an unusually perilous season for bees, even considering the perennial challenge from colony collapse syndrome. So maybe I'm not alone.

I've always kept one beehive, to help pollinate the flower and vegetable garden, and not intentionally, to pollinate the invasive porcelain vine obscuring my back fence. I'm no expert, and I have lost beehives over the years. I've also witnessed a few swarms, when a new queen takes off with her entourage. I once ran directly into a big swarm while I was mowing under a weeping cherry tree, which is how I found out that swarming bees have no interest in stinging anybody.

Honeybees are not native to North America. Before the advent of colony collapse syndrome (20 years ago), some people worried that honeybees would pose a threat to the 450 species of native bees in New York state. But nowadays the focus seems to be keeping honeybees alive, period. Fungus, diseases, pesticides and mites are all conspiring to kill bees. (Just this year, New York banned the use of systemic neonicotinoid pesticides for outdoor use).

Instead of relying on the internet to find out what happened to my bees, I decided to visit our local beekeeper (or "honeybee steward") extraordinaire Dennis Remsburger. Dennis manages 450 honeybee colonies, home to upwards

of 20 million bees, creating products ranging from honey and glycerin soap, beeswax lip balm, candles, pollen, up to jars and bottles of pure Hudson Valley honey. A specialty is a garlic infused honey, made from homegrown garlic, available at the farmers market in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza, where Dennis spends his Saturdays. You can also find Remsburger honey products at local farm stands like Meadowbrook Farm, Quattro's, and Barton Orchards. The hives provide pollination services to nine commercial orchards, where the bees spend a few weeks among local apple, peach and apricot blossoms.

Looking over his dominion, Dennis points out a couple of hives that didn't make it through the winter. I asked why.

"We had a real winter," Dennis replied, referring to the prolonged cold spell last January. I told him my bees were doing great right up until the end of November, flying out of the hive.

"Those bees were going to die," he said. At Dennis' urging, I had opened the hive just before I went to see him. It was almost empty, except for a handful of dead bees at the bottom. It seemed to be a case of Nosema fungus, the most widespread of the plethora of bee diseases. The other all too common honeybee plague is varroa mite, which I had anticipated and tried to prevent by applying formic acid strips.

Cornell University's pollinator network advises beekeepers to monitor their hives every two weeks, or at least several times per season, since most problems can be resolved if they're discovered early. Dennis is vigilant. Amidst all these challenges, he stays upbeat about his honey empire, and he loves his "ladies," the female worker bees, each one producing a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey dur-

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A sad sight. Photo by Mark Adams

## DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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## EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 22:** "Poets Respond to Art," an exhibition celebrating the intersection of poetry and visual art. Featuring 18 poets and 18 visual artists, this showcase explores the profound dialogue between literary and visual expression. **Artist Talk & Closing Reception:** Tues., April 22, 5-7 p.m. This special event will offer insights from participating poets and artists about their creative processes and the inspirations behind their work. The discussion will provide a deeper understanding of the connections between poetry and visual art. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP required. [www.artsmidhudson.org](http://www.artsmidhudson.org)

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is artwork by Ulana Salewycz, Vitalia Deriabina, Marianna Szczawinsky Crans, and the late Catherine Zadorecka Gorham. At 12 Vassar St., Kate Hoekstra displays her works of art in the Reception Gallery. In the Hancock Gallery, Ian Hutton and Selva Ozelli will present their collaborative show "Paradise." Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org)

**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center**, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 17:** "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues," exhibition that explores the art and myths of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began 200 years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains: a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Also on view: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley," installation related to "Great Green Hope" by Vassar student Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon '26; and the second, "Water/Bodies: Sa'dia Rehman." (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

**Mildred I. Washington Gallery**, Allyn J. Center for Science and Art, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through May 16:** "His Room as He Left It: A Work in Progress," a mixed-media installation by artist Ariel Kotker. **Opening reception** featuring live music: Thurs., April 10, 5-7 p.m. (845) 431-8612

**Millbrook Arts Project**, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through April 26:** "BIO-BASED: Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz." Eiferman and Klimowicz create art with formerly living materials. Eiferman makes wall-mounted, hanging and standing sculptures from tree branches found on the ground during her daily walks. Klimowicz will display several of his large-scale hanging pieces that are a mixture of found, never purchased, cardboard, hot glue, wire and light. In addition to the sculptural works, a series of prints and cardboard plates will be presented. **Artists' Talk:** Fri., April 18, 4 p.m. (845) 677-3611 or [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

**WomensWork.art**, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 26:** "Mother/Father," a re-examining of a theme first addressed in a March 2020 exhibit. That exhibit explored the works of artists navigating parenthood and how it affected their overall bodies of work. The show only stayed open for two weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the gallery and the show altogether. Shutting down this show was a huge loss for the artists, whose works about parenthood were not seen by the public due to the pandemic. Now five years later, the gallery is re-examining this theme and how the circumstances of artists has evolved over that time, and how modern parenthood has evolved with it. **Artists' Talk:** Sat., April 26, 1-3 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or [info@womenswork.art](mailto:info@womenswork.art)

## A & E CALENDAR

**April 10-11: "21 Chump Street,"** Dutchess Hall, Room 202A, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. DCC's Masquers' Guild Theatre Club will present Lin-Manuel Miranda's one-act musical based on a true story and explores the cost of a youthful mistake. Content advisory: The show contains adult language, drug use and depictions of violent police activity. Free; suggested donation \$5 to support student theater. Performances: Thurs., April 10, 1 & 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back); Fri., April 11, 12:15 & 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back). For information, visit [www.sunydutchess.edu/events](http://www.sunydutchess.edu/events).

**April 10-15: Programs in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.** **Thurs., April 10:** Hospice Planning: The Importance of Making Your Health Care Choices Known, 2 p.m. (Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Rd.). Registration required. **Thurs., April 10:** Strategy Board Game Night, 5 p.m. (Boardman Road Branch Library). No registration required. **Thurs., April 10:** The Art and Craft of Poetry: A Poetry Writing Workshop, 6 p.m. (Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market St.). Registration required. **Tues., April 15:** Tempestry Workshop, 6 p.m. (Boardman Road Branch Library). Registration required. Visit [www.poklib.org](http://www.poklib.org) to sign up for programs requiring registration.

**April 11: Bardavon Presents "Ancient Aliens" Live**, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Experiential extension of The History Channel's "Ancient Aliens" that explores the theory that extraterrestrials have visited Earth for millions of years, 8 p.m. The 90-minute live experience features leading "Ancient Astronaut" theorist Giorgio A. Tsoukalos, investigative mythologist William Henry, UFO investigator Nick Pope, and real-life Indiana Jones, David Childress, as they discuss thought-provoking extraterrestrial theories on fan-favorite topics from Ancient Egypt to the moon, paving the long road to Disclosure. Tickets \$65, \$55, \$45, member discount available.

[www.bardavon.org](http://www.bardavon.org)

**April 11: Dwight Yoakam and The Mavericks**, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. With special guests Jason Scott & The High Heat, 7 p.m. [www.MJNCenter.org](http://www.MJNCenter.org)

**April 11-12: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe**, 379 Main St., Beacon. April 11: Brickyard Saints: Simon Kirke, Frank Carillo, Danny Miranda, Eddie Seville, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. April 12: Christine Lavin and Seth Glier, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com)

**April 11-27: "Romeo and Juliet,"** The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. This new production of William Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece brings his tragic tale of love, fate and family conflict to life in a powerful, fresh interpretation. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. (no performance on Easter Sunday, April 20). There will be a Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. on April 26. Tickets \$20. [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org)

**April 13: The Erehwon Ensemble Presents "Around the World: String Orchestra Music from Five Continents,"** Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck. The ensemble will offer an intriguing and colorful concert of string orchestra music from around the globe, 4 p.m. The program celebrates the extraordinary diversity of string orchestra music from Baroque Italy to 19th century Russia, Postwar Japan, Victorian England, Post-Colonial Africa, and Erehwon's own 21st-century improvisation on a Bach chorale. The program will conclude with the famous and highly energetic Libertango by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. Tickets \$30, available at the door or via Eventbrite. [www.erhwon-ensemble.com](http://www.erhwon-ensemble.com)

**April 13: The Dip**, Bearsville Theatre, Woodstock. Show time 8 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.) Tickets \$37-\$64. Ages 18+. [www.thedipmusic.com](http://www.thedipmusic.com)

## Get Growing!

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Dennis Remsburger with his ladies. Below: A sad sight. Photos by Mark Adams

ing its six week lifespan. (That statistic alone makes me want to stop eating honey).

Fifteen years ago, my little granddaughter Priya started drinking out of a jar of honey we'd bought at the Rhinebeck Farmers Market.

"You're not supposed to drink that!" I yelled at her.

"Then what are you supposed to do with it?" she shot back.

Good question.

I haven't decided whether I'll get a new hive this year.

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

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# Vassar College to honor legacy of 'Queen of Code'

Grace Hopper, America's "Queen of Code," will be celebrated with an event at The Vassar Institute for the Liberal Arts on Thursday, April 10, from 5 to 7 p.m., at 165 College Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Hopper, Vassar Class of 1928, arrived at the college as a student a century ago. While much of pop culture assigns the origins of the modern tech era to the garages of men on the West Coast, the centennial celebration honors the legacy of a woman whose early tech industry impact was made from a lab on the east coast during World War II. Also called the "Mother of Modern Computing," Hopper majored in mathematics and physics (before it was possible to major in computer science) and returned to Vassar to become a mathematics professor.

In addition to her contributions to the nascent field of Computer Science, she rose to the rank of Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Learn about Hopper's story through a discussion by experts in tech. While Hopper's name has been lent to major tech products, her life's story has often been unexamined.

In a fireside chat tech entrepreneur Naomi Seligman, herself a mentee of and a strong remaining tie to Hopper, will share never-before-heard anecdotes and personal accounts about the groundbreaking woman behind today's ubiquitous references—most recently seen in the tech and business media through the name-sake of the NVIDIA chip. A leader in the tech industry, Seligman, Vassar class of 1955, brings a wealth of experience and insight, serving on the board of Oracle and spearheading initiatives that drive innovation and digital transformation. Alison Lindland, Chief Marketing Officer of Movable Ink and Vassar class

of 2000 will moderate the conversation.

Also at the event:

- Hear from Kurt Beyer, author of the most acclaimed biography of Grace Hopper, will offer insights into her enduring influence on technology and leadership.

- In a panel conversation founding member of Vassar's Computer Science Department, Nancy Ide, Professor Emerita, will engage in a lively discussion with three accomplished alums about the impact Hopper's legacy has had on them and their careers in diverse areas of tech and new media. They include:

- Peter Leonard, director of customer engineering excellence, Google Cloud, and Vassar Class of '97 Computer Science graduate;

- Reena Mehta, former senior vice president of streaming and digital content at ABC News and Vassar Class of '01;

- Matt Foster, game designer at Insomniac Games and Vassar Class of '14.

- Professor Marc L. Smith, chair of the Computer Science Department, will serve as emcee for the event.

Explore the story of a trailblazer who not only revolutionized computing, but also understood the longstanding and critically important relationship between the liberal arts and technological innovation.

"Grace Hopper had a profound impact on the burgeoning field of Computer Science and her legacy lives on in innumerable ways today. Part of the reason she was so successful was because she brought a fundamentally liberal arts—and uniquely Vassar—perspective to her work," said Vassar President Elizabeth H. Bradley. "It is more important than ever to examine and celebrate the contributions Grace Hopper made to our world."

# Marist professor & historian Woolner to speak at Wallace Center about FDR's life & legacy

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of Franklin Roosevelt's death (April 12, 1945), the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a conversation and book signing, "Life and Legacy: Remembering FDR, 80 Years On," with historian David B. Woolner, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. Woolner is the author of "The Last 100 Days: FDR at War and at Peace" and will sign copies of his book following the program. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube and Facebook accounts.

This is a free public event, but registration is required to attend in-person. Visit [fdrlibrary.org](http://fdrlibrary.org) to register.

In this conversation, "Life and Legacy: Remembering FDR, 80 Years On," Professor Woolner and Library Director William A. Harris will discuss the enduring legacy of our 32nd President. In "The Last 100 Days: FDR at War and at Peace," Woolner explores the drama and consequence of the last 100 days of FDR's life and presidency. The

conversation will also explore FDR's death within the context of World War II and the tremendous outpouring of grief by American citizens and people from around the world.

As a contributor to "Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture," Woolner will also share his view that "the most important lesson that FDR has imparted to us: his fundamental faith in democracy, and his confidence in the ability of the American people," as the President himself said at the dedication of his presidential library, "so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgement for the future."

Woolner is a senior fellow and resident historian at the Roosevelt Institute and a professor of history at Marist College. He is the author of "The Last 100 Days: FDR at War and at Peace" and is editor/co-editor of five books, including "Progressivism in America: Past Present and Future," "FDR's World: War, Peace and Legacies," and "FDR and the Environment." He lives in Rhinebeck.

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

# DCC to present '21 Chump Street' by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Dutchess Community College will present Lin-Manuel Miranda's one-act musical "21 Chump Street" on Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11 in its Black Box Theatre.

Written by the creator of "Hamilton" and "Moana," the show is based on a true story and explores the cost of a youthful mistake.

Performances are free and open to the public, with a suggested donation supporting student theater.

Shows on April 10 are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back). Performances on Friday, April 11 will be

held at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back).

Tickets are free, with a suggested donation of \$5 at the door to support the Masquers' Guild Theatre Club. Performances will be held on DCC's main campus, located at 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess Hall, Room 202A.

Content advisory: The show contains adult language, drug use and depictions of violent police activity.

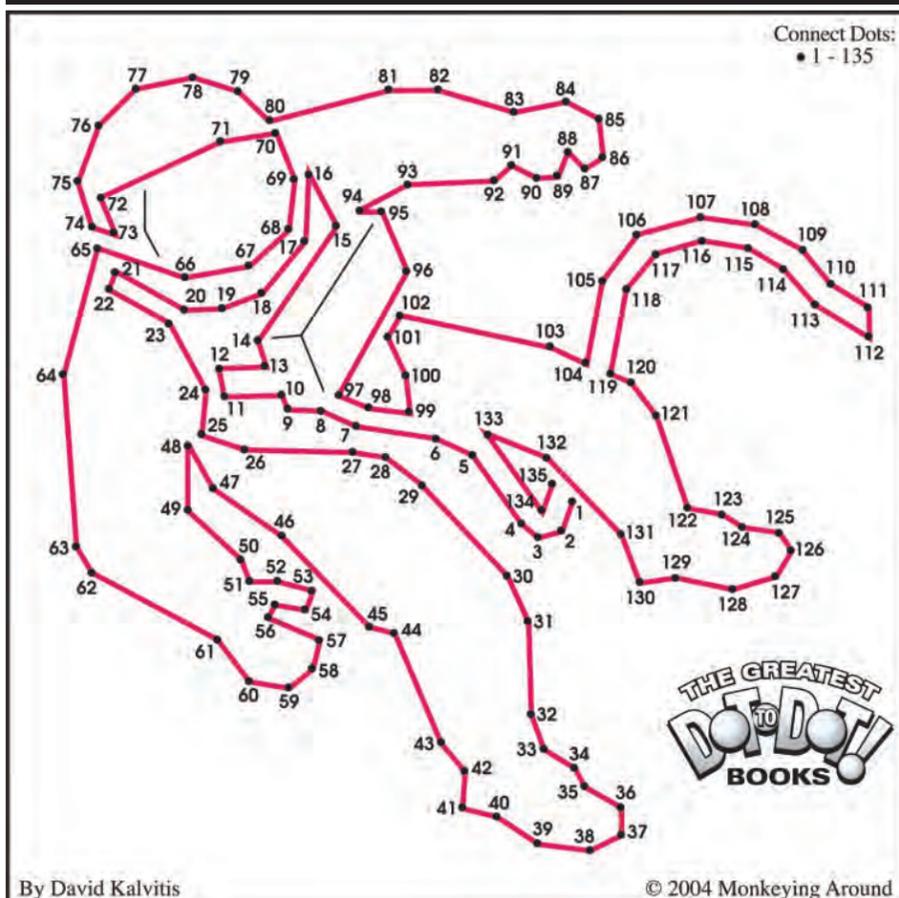
For information, visit [www.suny-dutchess.edu/events](http://www.suny-dutchess.edu/events).

## HISTORIC RED HOOK ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY DAY, MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENTS

Join 98.1 KZE for Community Day on Saturday, April 19, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This festive event will be held at the KZE studio at 7564 North Broadway in Red Hook and on the Elmendorph Green (7562 North Broadway, Red Hook); it will feature music, spirit tastings, a kids' Easter egg hunt, and a pet adoption event with the Ulster County SPCA. While you're enjoying the fun, stop in for a tour of the Elmendorph Inn and its Story Studio.

Member Appreciation Night at the Elmendorph Inn will take place on Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join Historic Red Hook for a celebration of its members, featuring hors d'oeuvres and a presentation on ongoing projects. Learn about how to become a member at [www.historicredhook.org](http://www.historicredhook.org).

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 13)



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## Suguru

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

## THEME: FROMER RULERS

### ACROSS

- London native, e.g.
- Major news network, acr.
- Elect democratically
- Dharma teacher
- \*Henry \_\_\_\_\_, a serial husband
- Mosaic artist
- Cracked open
- Between ids and super-egos
- More unfriendly
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- Minute bit
- Cavern or cave
- Not amateur
- Sapodilla tree gum
- \*Akhenaton or Tutankhamun
- Be bedridden
- a.k.a. crown vetch
- \*Viracocha, the eighth Sapa \_\_\_\_\_ of Kingdom of Cusco
- Like some peppers
- \_\_\_\_\_-been
- Trots and canters
- And others, for short
- Shred of clothing
- Aptitude test, acr.
- a.k.a. sodium carbonate
- In ignoble manner
- One behind plate, for short
- Patrick Swayze/Demi Moore movie
- George Lucas' warrior-monk
- \*Egypt's famous queen
- Capital of Tunisia
- Military status
- "High" time
- River in India
- Rainbows, e.g.
- Al Capone, e.g.
- Difficult situation
- Striped stinger
- Biblical paradise

### DOWN

- Ho-hum
- Indian royal
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Plane road
- "Sometimes a cigar is just a \_\_\_\_\_"
- She turned to stone
- Not yet final, legally speaking
- \*Second-longest reigning British monarch
- Spaghetti aglio and \_\_\_\_\_
- Do like bees?
- Go wrong
- Top of a mountain, e.g.
- #8 Down's headdress, e.g.
- Untwist a rope
- Third degree
- Lawyers' loads
- Informed of latest trends (2 words)
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- Liquorice flavor
- Based on number 8
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- Get calories
- \*Robert Graves' "I, \_\_\_\_\_"
- Comprehend
- Medicinal amt.
- Kindle editions
- Not quite right
- Posture
- Unfriendly stare
- From this time
- Equinox month
- Concludes
- Underwater hermit
- Arnold Lobel's "Frog and \_\_\_\_\_"
- Tug-of-War equipment
- Soon, to a bard
- Burton of gothic horror genre

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

# Thousands attend Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival

More than 2,300 people attended the Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival, held by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) on Saturday, March 29, inside Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College.

The event included more than 100 authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books, as well as the characters Esteban the Magnificent, Mouse from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," Curious George, and Elephant and Piggy, from their eponymous series, who interacted and posed for photographs with their young readers.

The book festival gave both the children and authors a chance to make a personal connection. "This was such a magical day to connect with a great library, amazing readers and caregivers, and amazing authors," said Ree Augustine, author of "Hangabout Far From Home."

Children met their favorite writers, got autographs, and played with interactive activities and crafts provided by The Art Effect and the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum. "What a successful, fulfilling day," said Marian Grudko, author of "Claudine and the Bridge of Two Hearts."

Additionally, thanks to the Friends of PPLD, over 1,000 books were given

away to visitors aged 17 and younger, thrilling both children and parents. "This is our favorite event every year," Amanda Carlon, a festival attendee, said. "My kids love it!"

The PPLD acknowledges the Friends of PPLD, The Art Effect, Dutchess Community College, the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Merritt Bookstore, and volunteers from the LEO club at Spackenkill High School, JROTC at Poughkeepsie High School, and Vassar College for their generous support and assistance with this event.

To learn about next year's event, check the PPLD website early next year at [pok-lib.org](http://pok-lib.org). Follow the PPLD on Facebook and Instagram.

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) has been serving the community since 1874, striving to provide resources and opportunities that enrich, inform, and empower individuals of all ages. Through innovative programs, comprehensive collections, and a commitment to fostering a love for learning, PPLD aims to positively impact the lives of the people it serves. For more information, follow the Poughkeepsie Public Library District on Facebook and Instagram, visit the website at <https://pok-lib.org>, or call (845) 485-3445 ext. 3707.



From top: More than 2,000 people attended the Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival on March 29 in Poughkeepsie. Author Rebecca Gardyn Levington is all smiles during the festival. Michele McAvoy displays the books she has written during the annual event. Left: Esteban the Magnificent meets with some of the attendees. Courtesy photos



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### ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)  
Mon. 04/14, Mon. 04/21, Mon. 04/28 at 9:30 AM  
Wed. 04/09, Wed. 04/16, Wed. 04/23, Wed. 04/30 at 9:30 AM

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension.

Life Maintenance Exercise (Senior Exercise)

Tue. 04/15, Tue. 04/22, Tue. 04/29 at 10:00 AM

Thurs. 04/10, Thurs. 04/17, Thurs. 04/24 at 9:30 AM

This guided class will stretch, strengthen, balance and help keep your body moving. Exercises include: chair based stretching, calisthenics, and light weight lifting.

Story time on the Dot (in-person)

Tue. 04/15, Tue. 04/22, Tue. 04/29 at 10:30 AM

Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Mah Jongg (in-person)  
(Optimistic Aging)

Tue. 04/15, Tue. 04/22, Tue. 04/29 at 2:00-4:00 PM

Fri. 04/11, Fri. 04/18, Fri. 04/25 at 2:00-4:00 PM

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels are welcome.

All Level Yoga (in person & online)  
Wed. 04/09, Wed. 04/16, Wed. 04/23, Wed. 04/30 at 6:00 PM (online)

Sun. 04/13, Sun. 04/20, Sun. 04/27 at 10:00 AM (in person or online)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. You may also participate online. Please plan according to your comfort and needs as class is held indoors.

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)  
(Optimistic Aging)

Fri. 04/11, Fri. 04/18, Fri. 04/25 at 11:00 AM

Join Samantha for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-495-0655.

Zumba, (in-person)  
Sat. 04/12, Sat. 04/19, Sat. 04/26 at 9:00 AM

Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

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### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in person)  
April Selection: The Fortunes of Jaded

Women by Carolyn Huynh  
Thursday April 10th at 2:00 PM  
Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Global Literature Book Club (on Zoom) April Selection: Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk

Monday April 21st at 7:00 PM  
The Global Literature Book Club focuses on exploring the world through literature. We discuss novels from around the globe, selected by members of the club. These works provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Crafts & Coffee (in person)  
Monday April 14 at 1:30 PM

Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the second Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more.

Note: You must register for each individual adult who is attending and would like to participate. Materials are limited and there will not be extra!

Groove & Grow (in person)  
Thursday April 17th at 10:15-10:45 AM

Join licensed music therapist Terry Watson for a morning of music, movement, dancing, puppets & instruments! This class fosters child development, and will be so much fun. Let's groove and grow!

All babies, toddlers & caregivers are welcome (ages 0-4)

Registration is required

Keeping Children Safe Workshop (in person)

Thursday April 17th at 1:00-2:00 PM  
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Clinton Community Library and The Town of Clinton Recreation Department are co-sponsoring this free one-hour workshop in support of our community.

In the "Keeping Children Safe Workshop" presented by the CPCA (The Center for Prevention of Child Abuse Prevention) you will learn:

- The types of child abuse and neglect
- To recognize the warning signs of child abuse and neglect
- How to respond when a child discloses to you, or if you notice warning signs.

This CPCA workshop is open to all community members including parents, caregivers & community organizations. Registration is required

Lunch & Learn: The Tuskegee Airmen  
Thursday April 24 at 12:30 PM

A highly bigoted 1925 Army War College report stated that African American men were of little value in times of war. This session tells the story of how a group of black men proved they could take down enemy aircraft abroad and racial barriers at home.

Presented by Jeffery Urbin  
Lunch typically consists of a sandwich, chips, and a cookie. CCL cannot accommodate specific dietary requirements or allergies. If this is a concern, you are welcome to bring your own bagged lunch.

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MakerSpace  
Saturdays @ 2:00 pm  
MakerSpace is offering a class for neurodivergent kids and their

parents/caregivers. Parents are invited to be on hand to help support their children as needed. All projects and activities will take into account the individual needs of the children. A few spaces have opened - Please contact Judy at [MakerSpace@mortonrhinecliff.org](mailto:MakerSpace@mortonrhinecliff.org) to register.

Yoga with Kristin  
Sundays @ 10:00 am

All levels welcome in peaceful Morton Hall. The classes are breath-based with an emphasis on thoughtful sequencing and alignment so that practitioners can move with stability, awareness, and grace. This is a drop-in class. Please bring your yoga mat, a blanket, and blocks if you like. \$12 suggested donation.

MakerSpace  
Sundays @ 10:00 am

MakerSpace will be offering a class for 9-13 year olds. We appreciate that Sundays are often busy and filled with birthday parties and sports etc. We will not necessarily expect kids to show up consistently but will prep more open ended projects. A few spaces have opened; Please contact Judy at [MakerSpace@mortonrhinecliff.org](mailto:MakerSpace@mortonrhinecliff.org) to register.

Rockin' Rooks Youth Chess at Morton  
Mondays @ 5:30 pm

Join the award-winning Rockin' Rooks every Monday from 5:30-7:00 with D. Suris and Cathy Young! Students in grades K - 12 are welcome to join for fun, learning, and tournament competition. To sign your child up, for more information, or to volunteer contact: D. Suris 845-416-3287 or email [racersplace@hotmail.com](mailto:racersplace@hotmail.com)

Knit 'n Knatter  
Wednesday, April 16 @ 3:00 pm

Come to knit, crochet, to do any needlework, or just for the confab. We will drop purls, collaborate on projects, and work on our own. We'll meet in Morton Hall where there is plenty of room to spread out. All are welcome.

Morton Book Club: "The Betrothed"  
Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 pm

Read, ponder, discuss, broaden your horizons, and have fun - all in a very casual and low key style.

Books available at the library. Potluck encouraged!!

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show  
Friday, April 18 @ 8:00 pm

Featuring: Paul Maloney, Dave Feroe, Sean Crimmins, Lynda Sales & Bruce Engholm Sales. Donations to benefit Morton are suggested.

Balkan Romani Songs Workshop  
with Eva Salina & Peter Stan

Saturday, April 19 @ 1:00 pm

Join Eva Salina of Driftwood Community Chorus fame and Peter "Perica" Stan, Serbian/Romanian Roma accordionist known for his playful innovation and soulful, intuitive improvisations for an afternoon of Balkan and Romani song. \$20 - \$40 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. All are welcome.

Northern Dutchess Industry Connection

Landscape Design Professionals  
Thursday, April 24: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

You're invited to an evening of connection and informal conversation with others dedicated to creating beautiful, sustainable landscapes in our area. Join us to strengthen our local community and explore new possibilities together as the growing season comes to a close. RSVP to [NDLandscapeProfs@gmail.com](mailto:NDLandscapeProfs@gmail.com). Hosts: Kiera Faulkner Jekos, Gardenwell + Ashley Gamell, Studio Hopeland

Screening and Q&A of "American Nightmare/American Dream"  
Friday, April 25 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for this powerful screening and discussion. The film follows four New Yorkers as they risk everything to break free from poverty. Confronting hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, discrimination, and even jail, they fight for a college degree — and a chance at their own American Dream.

Come meet the inspiring women featured in the film and join in a conversation with them about how we can come together to build a more equitable future.

Call for actors & writers  
Rhinecliff Sketchbook  
Saturday, May 31

This is part of a SpoketheHub evening of performance. Alex Roe leads this writing and performing project and would be thrilled to get 3-4 monologues created.

He is looking for people who:

- would be great subjects to be interviewed (looking for some diversity!)
- would be interested in writing the scripts based on the interviews
- would be interested in performing the monologue created from the interviews.

If interested please contact: [events@spokethehub.org](mailto:events@spokethehub.org)

## RED HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

7444 South Broadway, Red Hook  
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[www.redhooklibrary.org](http://www.redhooklibrary.org)

The Friends of the Red Hook Public Library are hosting three donation drives in April in preparation for our book sale on Saturday, May 10th: April 21, 1-3 p.m.; April 23, 5-7 p.m.; April 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Friends are ONLY accepting donations of History & Biography, Gardening & Outdoors, Art Books, 21st Century Popular Fiction, and Children's books in good condition. Limit two boxes/person/donation day. The Friends will not accept donations of other materials nor will the Library accept donation on any other days except the designated donation days.

### NEW PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Art Explorers: Create, Discover, Imagine!

Thursday, April 17 at 4 p.m.  
Registration Required

Homeschool Happening: Visit to Red Hook Village Hall

Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.  
Registration Required

Dragon Masters Book Party  
Thursday, May 8 at 4 p.m.

Monday & Friday Tunes and Tales, Tuesday Lego Club, and Wednesday Storytime continue throughout the month.

### NEW PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Composting and Vermicomposting  
Thursday, April 10 at 5:30 PM  
Registration Required

A Poet's Path - Finding Words in Nature | Spring Walks in Verse and Art with Jana Mader

Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at Poets' Walk

The Artist's Eye - Sketching and Visual Journaling | Spring Walks in Verse and Art with Jana Mader

Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.  
at the Ozone at Greig Farm

Evening Book Club - Birnam Woods  
Monday, April 21 at 6 p.m.

Red Hook Reads - The Anxious Generation, Part 4

Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m.  
Meet at Tivoli Free Library  
Registration Required

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Afternoon Mystery Book Club: The Bullet that Missed  
Friday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

Walking with Words - Writing the Landscape | Spring Walks in Verse and Art with Jana Mader  
Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m.  
at Old Growth Forest, Bard College

Energy Saving Workshop and Kit Giveaway, Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m.  
Registration Required

Chair Yoga, Knitting Group, ESL, All Abilities Teens & All Abilities Adults continue throughout the month.

**STARR LIBRARY**  
68 West Market St., Rhinebeck  
(845) 876-4030  
www.starrlibrary.org

“Free for All: The Public Library” Community Screening & Discussion  
Upstate Films  
Monday, April 14th, 5:15-7pm  
“Free for All: The Public Library” tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today’s librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

Join us for a free screening as part of the Indie Lens Pop-Up series at Upstate Films! Q&A with library workers from around the Hudson Valley moderated by New York Times bestselling author Alexis Coe to follow. Reservations required.

Prof. Raman Ramakrishnan & The Bard Classical Chamber Quintet  
Saturday, April 19th, 4:30-5:30pm  
The Roger Phillips Concert Series returns for another season! Cellist Raman Ramakrishnan enjoys performing chamber music, old and new, around the world. For two decades, as a founding member of the Horszowski Trio and the Daedalus Quartet, he toured extensively through North and South America, Europe, and Asia, and recorded for Bridge Records and Avie Records, including the complete piano trios of Robert Schumann and the complete string quartets of Fred Lerdahl. He is currently an artist member of the Boston Chamber Music Society, and is on the faculty of the Bard College Conservatory of Music.

The New Historia Salon  
Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30-8pm  
We're delighted to present Stefania de Kenessey in conversation with Gina Luria Walker and Lisa Matcalfe about her new cantata, The Names of Women (2024). The work introduces six historical figures whose lives and legacies are among the "missing matter" of the female past that has been erased, silenced, and misappropriated from history. Registration required.

Weekly Pilates with Marie Russo  
Mondays, 12:30-1:15pm  
Now offered on a first-come, first-served basis--no need to register in advance. Arrive early to ensure your spot!

Spring Break Swiftie Style  
Wednesday, April 16th, 4-6pm  
Are you...READY FOR IT? It's time for a Taylor Swift-themed party at the library! Dress up, eat pop tarts, and make and trade friendship bracelets while dancing to music from all 11 eras. Registration required.

My Daddy Is A Cowboy: Story & Craft With Stephanie Seales  
Saturday, April 12th, 1-2pm  
In the early hours before dawn, a

young Black girl and her father greet their horses and ride together through the waking city streets. As they trot along, Daddy tells cowboy stories filled with fun and community, friendship, discovery, and pride. Seeing her city from a new vantage point and feeling seen in a new way, the child discovers that she too is a cowboy—strong and confident in who she is.

Thoughtfully and lyrically written by debut author Stephanie Seales, with vibrant illustrations from award-winning artist C. G. Esperanza, this beautiful picture book is a celebration of Black joy, outdoor play, and quality time spent between child and parent. Registration required.

Rhinebeck Families Play & Hang  
Fridays, 10-11:30am

A new, informal meet-up in the playroom upstairs in the children's wing for parents and caregivers of children 0-3 years old! Come play with new friends and hang with other local parents navigating early childhood. Registration required.

Earth Day Recycling & Sustainability Program with Dani White  
Tuesday, April 29th, 3-4pm

Make Earth Day every day! Led by Dutchess County's Recycling Program Educator Dani White, this presentation will cover the evolving R's: reduce, reuse, recycle, repair, refuse, rot, and rethink! It will also go into the dos and don'ts of recycling, where garbage and recyclables in the County go, and why it's important to responsibly dispose of your waste for our environment and community. Registration required.

Lego Robotics Team  
Tuesdays, 4-5pm

Do you want to join our brand new Lego Robotics Team, Starr Chimps? This group for ages 10+ will be meeting weekly downstairs while analog Lego Hour takes place upstairs to work toward programming robots for a Lego Robotics convention in June. Web developer Patrick Reid and a group of Rhinebeck parents lead the group. Ideal team size is 2-4 kids, can accommodate up to 6 teams. Registration required.

Connect & Play  
Mondays, April 21st & 28th  
10:30-11:30am (3 mo-4 yrs)

Join Jane Korn and other parents, caregivers, and children for a play group at the library! This is an opportunity for parents to connect and share ideas while their young ones interact, play and grow. Space is limited. Registration is required each week through our online calendar.

Music And Movement with Terry Watson, Thursdays, April 10th & 24th  
Session 1: 11:15-11:45am  
Session 2: Noon-12:30pm

Licensed music therapist Terry Watson delights with songs, chants, puppetry, instruments, storytelling and movement/dance with a focus on child development and early literacy. Sessions are geared toward children 0-4 years old with their caregivers or parents. Parents with slightly older children are welcome, too. Registration required.

Starr Book Club  
“The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity ?in the Natural World” by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
Tuesday, April 29th, 7pm

As Indigenous scientist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most and move from a scarcity mindset to one of abundance?

## Dutchess Tourism launches new brand identity: ‘Destination Dutchess’

Dutchess Tourism, Inc. has reached a historic milestone in its tourism evolution, marking 10 years of unparalleled growth and innovation highlighted at the 2025 Tourism Trends Conference, April 3, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The organization unveiled its new brand identity at the event and will now be doing business as “Destination Dutchess,” reinforcing its status as a premier destination in the heart of New York’s Hudson Valley.

Industry leaders, tourism professionals, and community stakeholders gathered to reflect on a decade of achievement and to discuss the future of tourism in Dutchess County.

“The past 10 years have been a transformative journey,” said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess who succeeded long-time leader Mary Kay Vrba in 2020. “Through strategic initiatives, we have positioned Dutchess County as a must-visit destination for every explorer — culture seekers, history buffs, culinary enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers alike.”

She added, “We’ve set new benchmarks and proudly achieved Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) distinction from Destinations International — a testament to our unwavering commitment to best practices and transparency.”

Accreditation requires destination marketing organizations to demonstrate compliance across 15 disciplines, composed of over 120 mandatory standards and is globally recognized as the highest achievement in destination excellence.

Founded in 1984 as part of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, Dutchess County Tourism became an independent 501(c)(6) nonprofit in 2015, rebranding as Dutchess Tourism, Inc. Now known as Destination Dutchess, the organization has been instrumental in driving economic growth through strategic marketing and tourism development.

According to the Hudson Valley Tourism Economic Impact Reports from Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics company, visitor spending in Dutchess County surpassed \$6 billion from 2014 to 2023, generating \$442 million in local taxes and \$335.5 million in state taxes. This impact extends beyond the economy, supporting thousands of local jobs, from park rangers and muse-

um curators to restaurant waitstaff and hotel housekeeping, reinforcing tourism’s vital role in the community by supporting local businesses and enhancing the quality of life for residents. Programs like the Dutchess Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) program empower locals to be knowledgeable and passionate advocates, reinforcing the strong link between tourism and a community’s vitality.

Destination Dutchess also unveiled key findings from its latest Resident Sentiment Study conducted by Longwoods International, which revealed strong community support for the tourism sector:

- 8 in 10 residents believe tourism is good for their local area and care about the success of the county’s tourism industry. Dutchess County residents showed significantly higher support for tourism growth than national and regional benchmarks.

- 87% of residents look forward to showing off Dutchess County when friends and family visit.

- 93% of residents are proud to call Dutchess County home.

FourthIdea, Destination Dutchess’ agency of record, helped create the new brand.

Visitors to Dutchess County can explore a wealth of attractions, from viewing world-class contemporary art at Dia Beacon to seeing chefs in training at The Culinary Institute of America. History enthusiasts can walk in the footsteps of leaders at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Museum and Home or experience the Golden Age of Aviation with a biplane ride at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Those seeking respite or adventure outdoors can take in 360-degree views of the Hudson River from the Walkway Over the Hudson or from one of the county’s many fire towers.

The Tourism Trends Conference and anniversary event was supported by Trailblazer Sponsors Adams Fairacre Farms, Central Hudson, Changing Our World, and Mirbeau Inn & Spa; and Adventurer Sponsors Barton Orchards, Courtyard and Residence Inn by Marriott Poughkeepsie, FourthIdea, the Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival, M&T Bank, and Today Media.

For more information on Destination Dutchess and its initiatives, visit [www.destinationdutchess.com](http://www.destinationdutchess.com).

**SUDOKU**  
This week's answer

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*Answers to this week's diversions*

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard William Beebe, Jr.

Richard William Beebe, Jr., 81, a lifelong area resident, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mr. Beebe was a heavy machinery equipment operator with the Town of Dover, NY for 23 years retiring in 2014. He also owned and operated R. W. Beebe, Jr. Excavating in Wingdale, NY.

Born on December 14, 1943 in Poughkeepsie, NY, he was the son of the late Richard W. Beebe, Sr. and Leona (Barker) Beebe. He attended Dover High School and from 1961 to 1964, he proudly served in the United States Navy. On June 30, 1994 in Wingdale, NY, he married Deborah Morse who survives at home.

An avid traveler, he and his wife visited the entire continental United States and calculated they drove 250,000 miles. He was also an avid deer hunter and member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club in Dover Plains, NY.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, Richard W. Beebe, III of Wingdale, NY; three stepchildren, Kelly Long of Weeki Wachee, FL; Michael Montgomery and his wife, Joanna, of San Gabriel, CA and Karen Montgomery-Jones and her husband, Malik, of Clifton Park, NY. He is also survived by a niece, Gladys Beebe of Tucson, AZ; two nephews, Leon Beebe, Jr. of New Mexico and Garland Beebe of Arizona.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Leon Beebe, Sr.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Hufcut Funeral Home, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the funeral home. Burial followed at South Dover Rural Cemetery, Wingdale, NY. To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

## Gerald Conklin

Gerald Raymond Conklin, 89, died on April 1, 2025 at his home in Pleasant Valley. Born on September 6, 1935, he was the son of Raymond and Kathryn Doyle Conklin. He was a graduate of Arlington Central School, and Fredonia State College, with further degrees from Siena College and University of Vermont. He taught music in Eden, NY, Putnam Valley, NY, University of Vermont and Hyde Park, NY. He performed (trombone) with the Erie, Plattsburg, Hudson Valley and Vermont Symphony Orchestras. He was the first conductor of both the Pleasant Valley Falcons Marching Band and Mid-Hudson Circus Concert Band. He served as an Interfaith Choir Conductor for several years.

He was a life-long member of the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church and served as choir director for over forty years. He served several terms on the church Session and was active in the life of the church.

He retired from teaching in 1992 and became a vegetable farmer. He married Alta Marie Studer in 1959, and they enjoyed 66 years together. He is survived by Alta and their three children: Pamela Owens of Pleasant Valley, Melissa Gilroy (Richard) of Pleasant Valley, and John Conklin of Pine Plains. Also surviving are four grandsons: Bill Owens III, Dean Gilroy (Julia), Jon Gilroy, and Tyler Owens (Arianya) as well as five great-grandchildren: Billy IV, Matthew, Elizabeth, Adam and Rose. He is also survived by a nephew, Scott Conklin and a niece Teri Townson, and by their mother, Joy Phebus. He was pre-deceased by his brother, Melvin Conklin.

Calling hours were held on Friday, April 11th, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home in Pleasant Valley. A funeral service took place on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley.

In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed at the Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church or the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association. For directions and condolences, please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com)

## Larry Lewis Day

Larry Lewis Day 79 of Hyde Park passed away at home on Friday March 28, 2025.

Calling Hours were held on Thursday April 3, 2025 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. A Funeral Mass

was held on Friday April 4, 2025 at Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park NY. Burial followed at the Clove Cemetery Lagrangeville NY.

To read Larry's obit or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.doylefuneral-home.com](http://www.doylefuneral-home.com)

Memorial donations can be made in Larry's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Gary Gusha

Gary A. Gusha, 82, passed away on January 19, 2025 at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, NY. Gary was born on March 25, 1942 in Rhinebeck, NY. He was the beloved son of the late Vivian (Rikert) and Alton Gusha and dear brother of Alton Jr.

Gary worked as a garage attendant at various local garages and most recently at Ruge's Automotive. You could often find Gary around town or at the supermarket chatting in the companies of those who knew or those he just met.

He was a devoted caregiver to his mother Vivian until her passing.

He will be so deeply missed by all who knew him.

A graveside service took place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Rhinebeck Cemetery, Old Section.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Rhinebeck, NY.

## Lois C Heidrick

Lois Heidrick of Pleasant Valley died March 22, 2025 at Lutheran Care Center. She was born April 4, 1929 in Oceanside, NY to the late Clifford L Cook Sr. and his wife Ethel Bunnell. Lois was a secretary at Vassar College for over 35 years. Survivors include her nephew Sanford Bush, and many cousins. There will be no visitation and cremation will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley, NY.

## John J. Iaccino

John Joseph Iaccino, 74, of Rhinebeck, died on March 28th, 2025 at Albany Medical Center with his family by his side.

Born, August 20, 1950 in Hudson, he was the son of the late Louis Anthony Iaccino and Eva Louise Lombardy.

After graduating from college, John went on to work for various hospitals as a X-Ray Technician until his retirement in 2010.

In 1985, in Poughkeepsie, John married the former Catherine Chadderdon. Mrs. Iaccino survives at home.

John and Cathy spent many years together, venturing out on trips and enjoying driving in their Model T. Together they traveled up and down the east coast enjoying the company of friends they encountered.

In his free time, John enjoyed spending time working on his cars and collecting various car memorabilia.

He was a member of the Red Hook Car Club, and the Neighbors Gun Club, where he could often be found shooting skeet. He was also a parishioner of Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his brother, Francis 'Frank' Iaccino; two daughters, Toni Lynne Iaccino and Eva Perry; grandchildren, Tristian Hazelton, Alonzo Perry, and Mia Justiano; and a great granddaughter.

He is also survived by his several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday April 1st, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday April 2nd at Church of Good Shepherd, Rhinebeck.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation followed.

In lieu of flowers, John's family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306. ([www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org))

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

## Pamela Ann Moore

Pamela Ann Moore, a resident of Wingdale, NY and former long-time resident of Pawling, passed away Wednesday, March

26, 2025 at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, CT at the age of 73.

Born in Danbury on June 20, 1951, she was one of four children born to the late Henry "Hank" A. Kutchma and Corabel McGilton Kutchma. Pam attended Pawling schools and graduated from Pawling High School in 1969. She married Richard T. Moore, Sr. in Pawling on September 17, 1972.

Pam loved spending time with her family, especially her six grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Richard; her three sons, Richard T. Moore, Jr and wife Tracie of Worcester, MA, William T. Moore and wife Nicole of Wingdale, NY, and Brinton H. Moore and wife Laura of New Milford, CT; her grandchildren, Alex, Isabella & Brayden, and Colton, Blake & Macie Rae Moore; her sister Jennifer Egan and husband James of Malone, NY, her brothers, Andrew P. Kutchma and wife Mary Lou of Poughkeepsie, NY and Matthew A. Kutchma and wife Valerie of Midwest City, OK; her Aunt Maddy Rave of Kent, CT; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends paid their respects on Monday March 31, 2025, at the Horn & Thomes, Inc Funeral Home, Pawling.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family

In lieu of flowers donations in Memory of Pamela may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037.

## Katherine Sweeney

Katherine D. (Haegler) Sweeney, (87), of 3 Lisa Lane, Tivoli, NY, crossed over to be with the Lord (Monday, March 31, 2025). Here is Katherine's life story revealing how God blessed her in so many ways. Born on February 8, 1938 in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Ernie Haegler and Katherine (Hoffediener) Haegler. The Haegler household included two other sisters: Helen Smith, Poughkeepsie, NY. and Rosemarie Haegler, Moorehead City, North Carolina and two brothers: Ernie Haegler of Poughkeepsie, NY and Vernon Haegler of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Katherine was a graduate of Millbrook High School and Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY. She is predeceased by husbands William Brown and Christopher M. Murphy Jr. She worked at Taconic D.D.S.O. of Wassaic, N.Y., for 40 years as a Therapy Aide and later as a Respite Worker for New Horizon, Poughkeepsie, NY. She loved her work, aiding and supporting the mentally and physically challenged clients who she referred to as her children.

Katherine was a life-long student of the Bible and was a member of various churches of Christ, first in Connecticut, then in New York. Katherine's free time was spent in Bible study, quilting, sewing, gardening, nature walks, grandparenting and just sitting and holding hands with her husband. Her quilts were displayed at quilt shows and adorned the homes of many relatives, friends and neighbors. Katherine's yard and gardens were the talk of the town. She loved gardening. From Spring until Fall she could be found walking in her gardens, talking to her flowers and shrubs and decorating her house with the cut flowers. During the winter months her husband would purchase roses each week to adorn each of their rooms.

On April 14, 1985 she married Peter E. Sweeney of Hyde Park, N.Y. in the Poughkeepsie Mid-Hudson church of Christ. He survives her at home. Katherine's six children by her previous marriages are: Marion Brown Pickielnok (John) of South Reading, Vt., William Brown of Port Orange, FL., Brenda Brown of Pine Plans, NY, Lisa Murphy Badore (Duane) of Pine Plans, N.Y., Kate Murphy Bowne Traver (Blane Sr.) of Rhinebeck, N.Y. and Christina Murphy Cookingham (Adam Chase) of Kerhonkson, NY. Katherine was blessed with twelve grandchildren (Miranda, Blane Jr, Troi Hunter, Cole, Baylee, Brayden, Adam, Aimee, Zachary, Nathan, Jacob, William Jr) and seven great grandchildren and bonus grandchildren. She loved all family gatherings: weddings, holidays, birthdays, dinner parties or just sitting and talking on the front porch and waving at the passing neighbors. Each Christmas she would make all her grandchildren pajamas. They would put them on and a group-photo would be taken. It is said she could later identify the year the photo was taken by the pattern of the pajamas in the photo. Grandma gladly shared with her granddaughters all her secrets of sewing. Katherine especially enjoyed vacationing with her hus-

band, her children and grandchildren on Cape Cod. Many starfish, sand dollars, sea glass and pieces of driftwood adorned her home which were gathered from numerous beach combings by her grandchildren. She kept photo albums her entire life. Many a Sunday was spent around the dining room table with her grandchildren looking at various generations of baby photos, Christmas photos, Easter parties and birthday photos. Great fun was had when childhood photos of a family member was shown to a husband or bride to be. Her home was affectionately referred to by local Tivolians as the White House on Lisa Lane and her gardens as a "must see" in Tivoli.

Katherine like her husband Peter was of the Great or Greatest Generation - believing in God's Holy Word as the first and last Word for living. She loved her grandchildren, made great homemade apple pies, flew an American flag proudly outside of her home, honored those who served in the Armed Forces and would bless all who she met. She was the matriarch of the family, a support pillar, the go-to-person to lead the way through all life's obstacles. She relied on God's forgiving, and gracious love as she walked in the light of His Holy Word and wished only that her children and grandchildren would read the Bible daily. Kathy will be missed. Kathy's kind, beautiful, powder-blue eyes (which she passed on to her children) will be a living remembrance of her love for them.

She was entrusted to the care of Burnett & White Funeral Home, Red Hook, NY. Friends called on Monday April 7, 2025. Services were held Tuesday April 8, 2025. Christian burial was at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery Red Hook, NY. Preacher and dear friend Schuyler Signor of the Kingston church of Christ, presided.

The Biblical inscription that Katherine and her husband Peter chose for their headstone reads: "The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:17). Katherine now rests in peace with her Lord and Savior. May the Living God and all who shared her moment in time remember her loving blue eyes and her kind and forgiving spirit, so be it, Amen.

Donations in Katherine's memory can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 and/or your local food pantry.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.Burnett-White.com](http://www.Burnett-White.com)

## Joan M. Wyant

Joan Wyant, 81, longtime Milan resident, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025 at Northern Dutchess Hospital. She was born on December 14, 1943 in Rhinebeck to the late Clarence and Marie (Craft) Wood.

Joan graduated from Staatsburg School and on January 26, 1963 in Pleasant Plains Church in Clinton Corners she married Harry Wyant. Together they moved to Milan to begin their life together. Joan was the owner of Joni's Grocery in Milan, from the early 1970's to the mid 1980's when they sold it. She then went to work as a housekeeper at Bard College. A job that she truly enjoyed because she got to be around the kids. After working there for over 25 years she retired.

Actively involved in politics for the Town of Milan, Joan served on the town board as well as for the recreation department. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening and just being outdoors. Together with her late husband they would enjoy spending time at their home in Ellenburg and enjoying the peaceful Adirondack Mountains. Her greatest treasures in life were her four grandchildren and her animals.

Joan is survived by her son and daughter in law; Robert J. & Lisa Wyant, of Germantown and her daughter and son in law, Angela & Tony Cartagena, of Milan. Four grandchildren; Austin Cartagena and Joshua, Morgan, Jordan Wyant. In addition to her brother-in-law Guy Wyant, and sister-in-law, Mary Juhase Also survived by sister-in-law Tina Wyant and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joan was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Harry Wyant, on April 21, 2024.

A celebration of Joan's life will take place on April 13, 2025 at the Milan Town Hall from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Graveside services will be held privately at the Milan Union Cemetery at a future date. Donations in her memory may be made to the SPCA of Dutchess County 636 Violet Avenue Hyde Park, NY 12538. For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)

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**Legal Notices**

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. H OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS"'"**

**P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 21, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law H of the Year 2025, to amend the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley by Enacting a New Chapter 72 Entitled "Residential Rentals".

**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, 1554 Main Street, 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 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: Pleasant Valley, New York March 17, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS"'"**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

**Legal Notices**

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the public health, safety and welfare by opting in to the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a), as permitted by Real Property Law § 213, and amending the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley to enact a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," with Article I entitled "Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause," to implement the provisions of the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSION**

This law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(a)(12) which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the public health, safety and welfare, and pursuant to the provisions of Real Property Law Article 6-a. To the extent the provisions of this Local Law conflict with the provisions of the Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 72 entitled "Residential Rentals," which shall read as follows:

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE**

The Town Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 72 Residential Rentals Article I: Prohibition on Eviction Without Good Cause § 162-1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to make the provisions of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law regarding rental property and prohibiting certain evictions without good cause effective and binding law in the Town of Pleasant Valley. § 162-2 Opt-in to New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. As authorized by New York State Real Property Law Section 213, the Town of Pleasant Valley does hereby opt-in to the provisions of New York State Real Property Law Article 6-a. § 162-3 Prohibition of evictions without good cause.

A. All applicable provisions set forth in Article 6-a of the New

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York State Real Property Law, and any amendments thereto, are hereby adopted by the Town of Pleasant Valley and incorporated herein by reference.

B. Pursuant to § 213(2)(a) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, any unit within a housing accommodation shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter if such unit has a monthly rent above three hundred forty-five percent (345%) of fair market rent, as published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as shall be published for the County of Dutchess by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

C. Pursuant to § 213(2)(b) of Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law, for the purposes of this chapter, a "small landlord" is defined as a landlord of no more than one (1) housing accommodation anywhere in the State of New York, provided that owner-occupied housing accommodations or otherwise exempt housing accommodations shall not be considered in calculating the number of housing accommodations owned by a landlord.

§ 162-4 Automatic Sunset of this Chapter.

Pursuant to § 7(b) of Chapter 56, Part HH, of the Laws of the State of New York of 2024, this chapter shall automatically expire and be repealed on June 15, 2034, unless Article 6-a of the New York State Real Property Law is extended or otherwise amended to remain in force and effect by the State of New York prior to such automatic repeal date.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be judged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have

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been rendered. **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE** This local law will take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am April 28, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 838 788 743#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has

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signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for 11:00am Tuesday April 15, 2025 at The Airport Terminal Main Entrance, 263 New Hackensack Rd., Wappingers Falls. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business April 21, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) and [cc'dmckenna@dutchessny.gov](mailto:cc'dmckenna@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2025003794. **Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements.** View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 323/2025 RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL RENTALS"'"**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Good Cause Eviction Law (RPL Article 6-a) authorized municipalities to opt in to certain regulations regarding eviction from residential rentals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that it is in the best interest of the community to adopt such provisions prohibiting certain evictions without good cause in the Town of Pleasant Valley;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law H of the Year 2025, "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 commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law H is an unlisted action, and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and the refore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on April 21, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law. Dated: March 17, 2025

**MOTION BY:** Councilman Rifenburg  
**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Chapman	_____	_____
Councilman Cookinham	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Councilman Degan	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Councilman Rifenburg	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Supervisor Albrecht	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Carried.		

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We have volunteer exercise and tai chi instructors, insurance counselors, clerical helpers ... it adds up to hundreds of people, all over Dutchess County, and a tremendous savings to taxpayers. The New York State Office for the Aging this year estimated the economic value of the state's over-55 volunteers at \$13.2 billion. That includes thousands of our older friends and neighbors: OFA volunteers, along with the older adults who volunteer for schools, libraries, houses of worship, and civic organizations.

But wait: there's more! OFA's fastest-growing volunteer program is "Friendly Calls," which connects volunteer callers with Dutchess County older adults at risk of loneliness and social isolation. If you've been looking for a volunteering opportunity but don't want to over-commit yourself, "Friendly Calls" ticks all the boxes. It only requires a time commitment of 20 to 30 minutes, once a week, for eight weeks. Volunteers can call from anywhere their phone can make a connection: home, work, the back yard, even vacation. We've had "Friendly Calls" volunteers reach out to their call partner from Texas, Florida, even Europe.

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To learn more about "Friendly Calls" and sign up for an orientation, call 845-486-2555 or email "Friendly Calls" coordinator Linda Edgar at ledgar@dutchessny.gov. For more general OFA volunteering information, check out [www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer](http://www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer).

## YOUR Health Fair - Saturday, April 12th

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- May 20 - Communicating effectively
- May 27 - Responding to dementia-related behaviors
- June 3 - Exploring care and support services

This free program is open to caregivers of all ages and is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

## CENTRAL HUDSON OLDER ADULTS' FORUM (Tue 4/15 in Millerton)

If you're a Dutchess County older adult (60+) and Central Hudson utility customer looking to make your energy budget last, Central Hudson outreach personnel will be at the OFA Friendship Center in Millerton (28 Century Blvd., the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex) on Tuesday, April 15th at Register for the April 15th event via the library's website, [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org), or call the library at 518-789-3340. Space is limited.

The event is geared toward savings rather than complaints about the cost of utilities. That said, we recognize the

importance of advocating for oneself in successful aging, and the importance of being able to reach the right people when raising one's concerns.

It's recommended that you speak with your utility company's customer service division first; then, after you have contacted your utility to express your concerns but are not satisfied with the result, use this link to find out more about filing complaints with the New York State Department of Public Service.

## AARP SHREDDER TRUCK / POUGHKEEPSIE (May 2)

Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft, deed theft, and other scams by joining AARP New York for a free paper shredding event!

On Friday, May 2, 2025, AARP New York will host its annual free paper shredding event with an on-site mobile shred truck in Poughkeepsie, NY from 10:00AM ET to 12:30PM ET. The event will be held at St John's Evangelical Lutheran, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Click here to register. Registration closes March 25th.

Paper only. Please remove paper clips and metal binder clips in advance. There is a three bag or three box limit per participant. Boxes will be emptied and returned to participants. Event ends at scheduled time or when the truck is full, whichever comes first.

Can't get to this event? Check with your local authorities and financial institutions to locate shredder truck events in your area. Many communities schedule shredder truck events in the spring.

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