

Muddy Hands Festival returns to Freedom Park in LaGrange

The Muddy Hands Festival returns to Freedom Park and the Town of LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department has a fantastic afternoon planned for outdoor lovers. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. The day celebrates conservation, ecology and nature play.

The afternoon features live music in the band shell from the Bob Stump Band showcasing Americana and Bluegrass sounds, entertainment under the tent featuring Two by Two Animal Haven with a wildlife conservation program at 1:30 and 3:15 p.m.

A catch-and-release trout fishing activity for the kids is the partnership of the Parks and Recreation Department and The Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs. Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited will be set up with their aquatic insects display. Additional attendees this year are the NYNJ Trail Conference, The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association with a planting activity, and Boy Scout Troop 50 offering hands-on camping and orienteering displays and information.

Parks and Recreation Director, Sandy Washburn, commented on the importance of this festival. "This is such a special day in our park. Our commitment to get kids and families out in nature is one of our top priorities. This day focuses on that. Our event partners are committed to this mission as well, and I can't thank them enough for all they bring to this day! Additionally, we can now spotlight our new Nature Discovery Center and share it with the public."

There are other friends joining the event as well, including Flower Roots & Stem, the DC Soil & Water Conservation District, Appalachian

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Clarke's adventures characterize Rhinebeck Antique Car Show

By Curtis Schmidt

He's an avid antique automobile collector, but Owen Clarke is also a showman, chauffeur, movie buff, walk-on actor and he loves to see children smile.

When Clarke talks about the lure of antique automobiles, his eyes light up and he says, "It's in the blood." Family blood, that is.

Clarke's grandfather owned a parking garage in the 1920s and '30s just off Park Avenue in New York City. Not just any parking garage. This one had special rooms for chauffeurs - with billiard tables. His father got his start at the parking garage and later owned a Ford dealership in nearby Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

"When I grew up in the 1950s, I waited every night to see what kind of trade-in my dad would drive home," said Clarke. "It was almost a different car every night."



Antique automobile collector Owen Clarke holds the "Make A Wish" star as he sits in his 2002 Thunderbird, with his favorite car, a 1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible, in the background. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet Schedule
May 2, 3 & 4
Dutchess County Fairgrounds
Friday: Swap Meet, Noon - 5 p.m.
Saturday: Rod and Custom Dust Off, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Antique & Classic Vehicle Show, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stories just like this one are at the heart of the Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet, which will be celebrating its 53rd annual gathering this coming weekend, May 2, 3, 4 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

Members of the Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association (HVRAAA) will start the area's car show season with hundreds of enthusiasts showing off autos at Saturday's "Rod and Custom Dust" *continued on page 3*



A newspaper display shows Marisa Sutera Strange in the Patsy "Pat" Zerbe Women in Sports Room at the Sports Museum of Dutchess County. *Courtesy photo*

DC sports museum to celebrate female athletes with new exhibit

By Morgan E. Maier

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) will open for the 2025 season on Saturday, May 3. For the first time, SMDC will unveil its Patsy "Pat" Zerbe Women in Sports Room, an exhibit honoring the achievements of female athletes with ties to Dutchess County. Beginning at 1 p.m., this event is free for all to attend with beverages and light fare provided.

Located at 72 Carnwath Farms Lane in the Town of Wappinger, SMDC offers equal parts education and nostalgia for visitors of all ages. The Women in Sports exhibit showcases memorabilia from different eras in Dutchess County history, plus a collection from Patsy Zerbe's storied career as coach, mentor, and athlete. From Pine Plains to Poughkeepsie and

between, these athletes have contributed to their generations and those who have followed.

Each corner of the exhibit offers an opportunity to learn and be inspired by the ever-growing landscape of women's sports. The engraved silver kitchenware and platters, frequently awarded to winners of ladies' competitions, represent the days when even the trophies served as a reminder of a woman's expected roles.

The Women in Sports Room celebrates athletes who began their journey in Dutchess County, like WNBA star and Poughkeepsie native Maddy Siegrist. Siegrist's #20 basketball jersey is retired at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, where she was twice named to the All-State team. Victoria Isaacson, a 2024 Team USA Paralympian, began her

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DC crews clean up roadways for Earth Day



Dutchess County Public Works Highway Division workers were busy cleaning road ways last week, picking up trash and debris as part of their ongoing efforts to maintain the County's roadway system. *Courtesy photo*

In recognition of Earth Day, Dutchess County Public Works (DPW) Highway Division have been across the county picking up trash and debris as part of their ongoing efforts to maintain the County's roadway system. So far, DPW Highway crews have picked up over 500 40-gallon bags of trash along some of the County's most highly trafficked roadways.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our DPW crews work tirelessly, no matter the season, to maintain hundreds of miles of our Dutchess County highway system. We encourage residents to help by making sure to dispose of trash from vehicles properly, or even joining a volunteer Adopt-A-Highway group. We are proud to continue this annual Earth Day clean-up tradition, and for their work all year long, keeping our roadways clean and beautiful."

The Earth Day cleanup is held annually as a special effort to pick up trash that accumulates over the winter season and is in addition to DPW Highway's normal road maintenance and cleaning efforts throughout the year.

County roads in this year's cleanup include: Saint Andrews Road (CR 40A) in Hyde Park, North & South Quaker Lane (CR 16) in Hyde Park, DeGarmo Road (CR 43) in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Overlook Road (CR 46) in Pleasant Valley, Bulls Head Road (CR 19) in Rhinebeck, West Kerley's Corners Road (CR 78) in Red Hook, Budds Corners Road (CR 79) in Red Hook,

Violet Hill Road (CR 101) in Rhinebeck, Annandale Road (CR 103) in Red Hook/Rhinebeck, North Clove Road (CR 9) in Union Vale, Camby Road (CR 90) in Union Vale, Chestnut Ridge Road (CR 24) in Washington, Amenia Road (CR 2) in Amenia, Bog Hollow Road (CR 3) in Amenia, Poplar Hill Road (CR 4) in Amenia/Dover, Old Route 22 (CR 6) in Dover, Sylvan Lake Road (CR 10) in Beekman, Bruzgul Road (CR 21) in Union Vale/Dover, Clove Branch Road/Carpenter Road (CR 29) in East Fishkill, Noxon Road (CR 21) in LaGrange, Titusville Road (CR 49) in LaGrange, Vassar Road (CR 77) in Poughkeepsie, New Hackensack Road (CR 104) in Wappinger, Mount Ross Road (CR 50) in Pine Plains, Rudd Pond Road (CR 62) in North East and Boston Corners Road (CR 63) in North East.

Residents can also contact their local municipality for additional information on trash pick-up or other clean-up opportunities. Organizations and residents who are interested in helping keep Dutchess County's roadways clean and scenic can participate in the County's Adopt-A-Highway program (<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Adopt-A-Highway.htm>). Organizations are encouraged to apply by calling (845) 486-2925. The New York State Department of Transportation and several local municipalities also offer Adopt-A-Road programs for state and local roadways.

CORRECTION: In the April 16 edition of Northern Dutchess News, Dutchess Community College's new Vice President, Dennis Dintino, was incorrectly identified in the story's headline.

Work progresses at new Upton Lake School building

Construction of the new high school/junior high school building at Upton Lake Christian School has continued on through winter and early Spring.

From the pouring of the first floor concrete on New Year's Eve to the current placement of trusses and roofing on top of the two-story building, staff and students are enthused to be cutting the tape to walk through the front door on the first day of classes. Parents are also excited.

Principal Elisa DeWitt said, "Watching the building go up each day is so exciting. The teachers are beginning to have visual dreams of their classroom setup. The students are getting excited as well constantly asking questions about it.

Our plan is to have students, families and staff write scriptures on the inside of the walls. We are praising God for always being so faithful to Upton Lake."

The doors for the 12,000 square-foot structure are targeted to be opened for the 2025-2026 school year. It will accommodate classroom and lab spaces for approximately 90 7th-12th grade students as well as music and art spaces for K-12. The project is being built by Bovee Construction of Pleasant Valley.

Upton Lake provides a Christ-centered education for students and equips them to move in the direction of their career choices and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.



The new high school/junior high school building at Upton Lake Christian School in Clinton Corners is targeted to be opened for the 2025-2026 school year. *Courtesy photo*

Hyde Park Chamber to honor Businesses of the Year May 8

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Business of the Year event on Thursday, May 8, at Coppola's Italian Bistro on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

The Chamber will honor Christine Pellegrino and Pellegrino Healing Center, along with its Milestone Businesses Delarm Auto Body and S&S Appliance

Center, both celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Social Hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$75 per person with cash bar. There will also be a Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle.

RSVP at <https://www.hydeparkchamber.online>.

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Trail Conservancy, The LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council, DC Dept of Behavioral & Community Health, and more! Favorite activities including a nature story walk, sensory tables, nature exploration stations, food truck, and a few other surprises. Organizers remind you that no smoking,

vaping, alcohol, or pets are allowed in town parks.

For detailed information, including event spotlight features, follow the LaGrange Parks and Recreation Facebook page. If there are any questions, call the office at 845-452-1972.

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In January the Executive Committee of the Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association met with original members that were involved from the beginning of the Rhinebeck Car Show. From left are Mike Lueck, show chairman; Al Krum former vendor chairman; Danny Lumb, former show chairman; Al Spada, vendor chairman; Al Fassbender, HRVAAA member; Joe Doyle, former show chairman; Bob Huer, HRVAAA member; Mike Butler, current President and Giorgina Butler Wallace, Vice president. *Courtesy photo*

Off" and Sunday's Antique & Classic Vehicle Show.

Now – back to Clarke's story.

His interest hasn't been just autos. The home in which he grew up was built in 1743. His interest in antiques began at an early age and he turned his that interest into a career as a trustee, working for several banks and later with his own business.

Clarke still owns and drives his favorite vehicle – a 1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible. His father drove it home and traded it for a "1964-And-A-Half" Mustang. Clarke drove the '63 Lincoln to his high school prom in 1967 and then to his 50th high school class reunion in 2007.

It's still in pristine condition – even with a convertible top that lifts up with the push of a button and folds neatly into the trunk that opens from the front and closes to hide the top.

Other favorites include a 1964 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk, a 1957 Lincoln Continental Mark II (actress Doris Day was the original owner), a 1952 MG –TD, a 1967 Mustang Fastback and a 2002 Thunderbird Retro Bird.

A connection with the Hudson Valley Film Commission several years ago opened up a whole new world for Clarke. He has negotiated to have different antique autos used in a variety of films in

the U.S. and abroad.

There's just one notable part for the agreement. Clarke gets to have walk-on roles in the movies. Sometimes he's the chauffeur/driver that no one sees. That's easy. But he has played the part of an FBI agent and a U.S. Senator and even had a role in an HBO Christmas movie.

In these cases, his hobby has turned into an investment. "It's fun when you make a little money doing what you love," he said.

He has also struck deals with organizations like the Fashion Design Program at Marist College and allows his vintage vehicles to be used for weddings and proms. But again, Clarke has to be the driver.

And then there are the times he loves most – when he sees the smiles on the faces of children when their parents take photos of them in his cars.

His happiest moment with vintage autos happened when the Make A Wish Foundation came calling. A young boy who was recovering from cancer had always wanted to be the Grand Marshal of a parade. And Clarke was more than happy to provide his 1963 Lincoln for the occasion. "Seeing the smile on that little guy's face was so incredibly rewarding," he said. "That was the thrill of a lifetime. And I'd do that again on the drop of dime."

70th anniversary of the Thunderbird highlights 53rd Rhinebeck Auto Show

If you are a Thunderbird fan –or just love to see antique autos, hot rods, customs and more, then the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck is your place to be this coming weekend.

The 53rd Annual Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet is set for May 2, 3 and 4 at the Fairgrounds. Hundreds of Hot Rods, Customs, Classics and Antique autos from all over the Northeast will be there.

It's three days of custom paint, chrome and tricked out cars.

This year they're celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Thunderbird with over 100 Thunderbirds on display.

Gates open at noon on Friday, May 2, for one of the biggest swap meets in the Northeast. On Saturday, May 3, gates open at 8 a.m. with Hot Rods, customs,

sport coupes, race cars, compact customs and pickups on display. On Sunday, May 4, it's Antiques and Classics.

You'll also see the "General Lee," the "Knight Rider Car," the "Christine" movie car, the original "Starsky and Hutch" car and the "CHiPs" motorcycle, plus fly by's from The Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

There is plenty of free parking. For more information, visit rhinebeck-carshow.net.

Event sponsors include: Dry Ice Restoration, George Apap Painting, John Abrams/Haggerty Insurance, Matt's Auto Body, Northside Auto Body, Ruge's Auto Group, Savon Event Rentals, Sawyer Motors, Upstate Electric and Veith Electric.



Hundreds of antique, classic, custom, show cars and hot rods will be on display in the 53rd Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on May 2, 3, and 4. *Courtesy photo*

TASTE OF RHINEBECK SET MAY 7

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the popular Taste of Rhinebeck on Wednesday, May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event will feature more than 30 exceptional chefs, mixologists, local businesses, artists and community participants.

This year, the Chamber is donating a portion of the proceeds to Upstate Films, as well as the Village Autism Supportive Committee.

New for 2025 is a green initiative aimed at reducing environmental impact. All service items will be biodegradable; and the Chamber is partnering with O-Zone to educate attendees on composting.

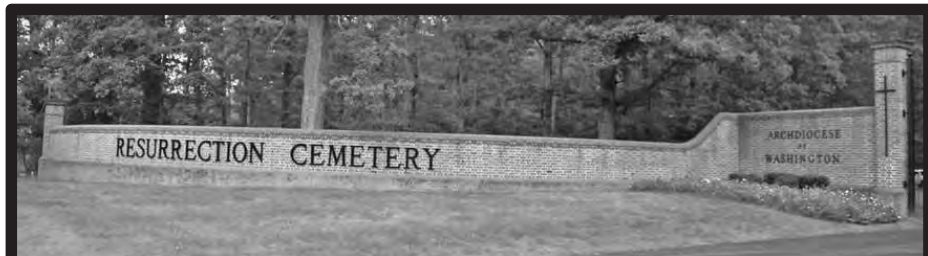
Visit <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/> for tickets and more information.

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fencing career at Arlington High School and continues to train at The Phoenix Center in Poughkeepsie.

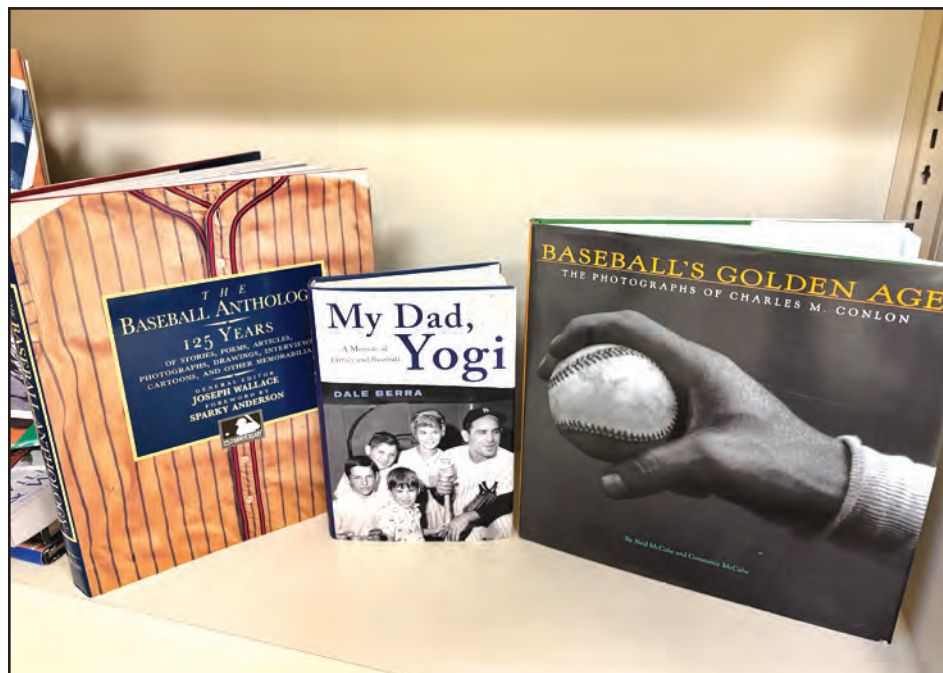
Patsy Zerbe spent nearly half a century at Dutchess Community College (DCC), spearheading various sports programs and initiatives for students and community members. Zerbe's individual athletic achievements in basketball and tennis transcended the bounds of Dutchess County, as she dominated in Ulster County tennis championships and played on a Pennsylvania Little League team. She was the only girl, but a scrappy first baseman later remembered by teammates to be "the first" to break the Little League gender barrier.

This event offers exploration into women's history from the 19th century through today, as significant transformation is made on all levels of sport. On a museum tour with President Bill Ponte, visitors will learn the history of the above athletes and many others, plus hear keynote speeches from Marist women's basketball coach Erin Doughy and former D.C.C. athletic director Bill Holland.

In the revamped gift shop, visitors may find the perfect addition to their collections, whether they're into bobbleheads or biographies. At SMDC, there is something for all history buffs and sports enthusiasts with dozens of displays from auto racing and ice yachting to baseball and boxing.

Pleasant Valley's Marisa Sutera Strange is known for her success in track and cross country.

A Roy C. Ketcham graduate, she won the Dutchess County Classic 5K 20 years in a row, holding a Guinness World Record for most consecutive wins of a



Books, museum T-shirts, memorabilia, and stickers will be available to purchase in the museum's new-look gift shop. *Courtesy photo*

single event. Sutera Strange is a twice-named All-American at Ithaca College, where her name is still written in the record books.

There were few opportunities for girls' sports when Strange was growing up in the 1970s, and the bulk of her athletic achievements came after her college years. Strange said, "There were very few [organized sports for girls]. Most of the sports that I played were in the neighborhood, and there were all boys in my neighborhood."

Travel back in time to read about legendary golfer Patty Berg and the 1975 Girl Talk Classic, held at the All-

American Country Club (also known as Carvel Golf Course). Berg is a member of five different sports halls of fame, including the PGA, as one of 13 original LPGA founders. And the Knicks fans in attendance may recognize a towering pair of 1970's icons shaking hands with Zerbe at a D.C.C. celebration.

Beginning Saturday, May 3, the sports museum will be open and free to the public every weekend through October from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations are encouraged. See the Sports Museum of Dutchess County Facebook page and website (www.sportsmuseumofdutchesscounty.org) for more details.

Clergy Conference to address addictions, mental health and recovery

On Saturday, May 13, Lyall Community Church will host a conference geared to clergy, school counselors and addiction counselors. The conference, "Adult Addictions and Recovery," is presented by The National Organization of Adult Addictions and Recovery and Mental Health America of Dutchess County.

This event will provide both a high-level and a practical overview of substance use disorders in New York State, with a special session on how aging people are affected – a vastly under-addressed and increasingly at-risk population.

There will be time for Q and A and an opportunity to walk through some case

examples from the audience. The speakers will also share examples of how to recognize and respond to substance use disorders from their own extensive lived experience.

The schedule:

- 9:15-9:30 a.m. - Welcome: The Reverend Thomas Fiet and Dr. Larry Force, Ph.D.
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Keynote: Kelly Ramsey MD, MPH, MA, FACP, FASAM a board-certified internal medicine and addiction medicine physician who has treated substance use disorder since 2004, will introduce Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery and some practical solutions for breaking down stigma
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. - Andrew O'Grady CEO of MHA Dutchess will provide his perspective on Dutchess County and Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Panel on current state of substance use disorder,

available resources and role play with examples from the local congregations.

- 12:30-1:30 p.m. - Networking Lunch
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. - National Organization of Adult Addiction and Recovery (NOAAR) will provide an overview of Aging and Addiction and some strategies for Self-Care as a Pathway to Recovery.
- 2:45 p.m. - Closing Remarks

For those with substance abuse issues, and those who are working to support them, NOAAR stands ready to empower and enable lasting recovery through training, education, resources, and consulting that is catered to your specific needs and challenges.

To register or for more information, contact acama@LlyallCommunityChurch.org. More information is also available at <https://www.lyallcommunitychurch.org/> and www.noaar.org www.mhadutchess.org.

Lyall Community Church is at 30 Maple Avenue in Millbrook.

Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 4

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its 21st Annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 4, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, with a panel of health experts who have agreed that no question from the audience is "off the table."

The event will include brunch, a silent auction/raffles, door prizes, a champagne toast, and cash bar. For those unable to attend in person, silent auction and raffle tickets are available online. More event details can be found at <https://one.bid-pal.net/mohbrunch/welcome>.

Panel moderator and experts include:

- Dr. Lisa Curcio, Fellowship-Trained

Breast Surgeon, Nuvance Health, Miles of Hope Board Member (Panel Moderator);

- Dr. Claudia Lago Toro, Fellowship-Trained Breast Surgical Oncologist, Nuvance Health;
- Dr. Kathleen Mueller, Medical Director for Cancer Survivorship and Integrative Medicine, Nuvance Health;
- Jennifer Stack, Registered Dietitian, Nutritionist, and Associate Professor, School of Culinary Sciences & Nutrition, Culinary Institute of America;
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CCEDC Green Teen Hydroponic Greenhouse launches at DCC with Central Hudson support

A new hydroponic garden is taking root at Dutchess Community College (DCC), thanks to an \$8,500 contribution from Central Hudson in support of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's (CCEDC) Green Teen program. The funding will help establish a hydroponic greenhouse, a key feature of the newly expanded Green Teen initiative in Poughkeepsie.

On Thursday, April 24th at the campus of Dutchess Community College, Central Hudson volunteers joined Green Teen Poughkeepsie participants and community leaders to celebrate the project, raising the structure's roof and presenting the donation. This milestone marks another step forward in empowering local youth through hands-on agriculture, leadership, and sustainability education.

The Green Teen program equips urban youth with essential life and career skills through immersive experiences in farming, nutrition, entrepreneurship, and community leadership. Since its founding in Beacon, the program has provided paid opportunities for teens to grow and distribute fresh produce at farmers' markets, food pantries, and pop-up events.

In 2024, CCEDC expanded Green Teen to Poughkeepsie, establishing a home on the DCC campus—a strategic location where many participating students may later pursue higher education. The Beacon program has been proudly supported by New York State Assemblymember Jonathan G. Jacobson (District 104), while the Poughkeepsie expansion reflects its growing impact.

"This project exemplifies the power of collaboration," said Mary Lou Carolan, Executive Director of CCEDC. "Central

Hudson's investment doesn't just support a garden—it nurtures future leaders, strengthens local food access, and builds a greener, more resilient community. Every teen involved gains real-world skills, and every harvest benefits neighbors in need. It's a triple win."

The hydroponic greenhouse will enable year-round growing, further enhancing food security and educational opportunities for participants.

"Dutchess Community College's partnership with the Green Teen program and this new expansion brings learning to life in a way that reflects the best of what the campus stands for," said Dr. Susan Rogers, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at DCC. "Through sustainability, work-based learning, and service learning, we're creating healthy, hands-on experiences in partnership with CCE and Central Hudson—spaces where students not only grow academically and personally but also give back to their community in meaningful ways."

"We are deeply grateful to Central Hudson for their generous donation supporting our food pantry garden's new hydroponic greenhouse," added Lacie Reilly, Director of The Pantry at DCC. "This contribution expands our capacity to grow fresh, healthy produce year-round and the greenhouse will serve as an educational and hands-on resource for the Poughkeepsie Green Teen Program. We are honored to have Central Hudson as a partner in our mission to fight food insecurity and support youth engagement in our region."

For details on the Green Teen program or other CCEDC initiatives, visit cce-dutchess.org or call 845-677-8223.



Representatives from Central Hudson, Dutchess Community College and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County cut the ribbon to open the Hydroponic Greenhouse on April 24. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Creating enriching experiences for students

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The Ridge School is a New York State Board of Regents Accredited School, Not-for-profit organization located in Dutchess County, New York dedicated to the creation of a rich and positive setting for students who are not succeeding in their current educational placements. The Ridge School is a day school for students who are diagnosed with High Functioning Autism.

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The Ridge School

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Workshop set May 5 for local developers to learn about Hudson Trust Fund opportunities

As part of multi-faceted efforts to expand housing supply in Dutchess County and create more affordable and accessible options for residents, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced the application process for the latest round of funding through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is now open, with up to \$3 million available to local developers for the creation or preservation of affordable housing, including smaller-scale projects in rural areas. The HTF application is available through Dutchess County's online grant portal (access via www.dutchessny.gov).

Application deadline is Monday, June 9.

Both private for-profit and non-profit developers are eligible to apply; and small builders are encouraged to apply. The County's Department of Planning & Development will host a workshop for applicants on Monday, May 5, at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center, 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook, from 1 to 3 p.m. Applicants can register for the workshop by completing the registration form online.

Serino said, "The Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund is more than just dollars – it's about the people. It's about making sure local families, workers and older adults can afford to live in the communities they love. We're focused on supporting projects that not only expand access to affordable housing but also blend into and enhance the unique character of our towns and neighborhoods. We encourage developers of every size to take advantage of this opportunity and be part of the solution."

This round of HTF funding focuses on the program's Housing Creation and Preservation (HCP) component, which supports affordable rental housing through new construction, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, property acquisition and preservation of existing units. Application instructions and guidance are available online.

The Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund provides a flexible and nimble

funding source to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts, with several main goals:

- Providing financial assistance to develop affordable housing across Dutchess County;
- Enhancing the competitiveness of affordable housing initiatives to secure additional funding;
- Supporting housing projects that align with County priorities but have limited or no funding options; and
- Focusing on projects that create housing with deeper affordability levels.

The HCP component supports new affordable rental housing through new construction, rehabilitation of existing homes, and adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings. Eligible projects may be fully affordable or mixed-income, including single-room occupancy rentals. The HCP also funds property acquisition for affordable rental housing by non-profit developers and the preservation or rehabilitation of existing affordable units to ensure long-term affordability.

The affordable units created through the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund can either target all households with incomes up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Dutchess County, or a portion (no more than 20 percent of the units) can target households with incomes up to 80 percent AMI.

Additional information about the Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund is available on the Department of Planning & Development's website.

Dutchess County's Housing Trust Fund is one of several programs County Government is utilizing to expand housing accessibility. Other programs include the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership funding programs, as well as the Owner Occupied Property Rehabilitation program. To learn more about these and other housing initiatives, visit <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Housing-Department-of-Planning.htm>



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Q & A WITH RENEGADES GM TOM DENLINGER

Sports-related themes and the fun of bringing communities together

By Morgan E. Maier

Editor's note: This week, writer Morgan E. Maier speaks with new Renegades General Manager Tom Denlinger.

Q. The HVR promotional schedule features many different sports-themed nights and jersey giveaways. Which are you most excited for?

A. If the first Heritage Financial Credit Union Jersey Thursday is any indication, the jerseys have injected Thursdays at the park with a new energy. Our goal for these nights - in combination with Happy Hour - was to re-energize Thursdays at the park, and I think we did just that. We have so many good jerseys this year. From soccer, Friends, Cider Donuts, and more, fans will want to collect them all!

Q. How can sports teams impact a local community, and one another?

A. Sports, to me, represent the

fabric of the community. It brings everyone together, and the Renegades are proud to be a part of that fabric in a FUN way. As in any industry, we are better by supporting each other. The free flow of ideas across the sporting landscape allows us to grow and share best practices and programs that we can take and utilize in our communities. The Minor League Baseball community is a great example of that. There are 120 of us affiliated teams, and we share ideas and best practices with each other all the time.

Q. As part of the Augusta Greenjackets, you were on a few special sports-related councils. What were those experiences?

A. Working in Minor League Baseball, I've seen the impact we have on the community where we serve. As part of my role, I've always tried to be engaged and involved in the community we are in. Serving on boards has been a big part of that, and those expe-

riences have not only opened up relationships and doors but also positively impacted the community in unique ways.

Q. If you could only watch one sport for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A. That's easy - baseball. It is our nation's pastime, and it brings communities together. I love what I do, and a big part of that is our platform of Baseball.

Q. We've talked about your part of baseball history in the longest doubleheader ever, but what's an all-time favorite sports memory?

A. Being a Phillies fan, my favorite sports memory was being at games 3, 4, and half of Game 5 of the 2008 World Series in Philadelphia. It was a historic series in the way the weather affected Game 5, and getting to go to the World Series was something I'll never forget.



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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Hudson Valley NYY	15	6	.714	-	8-2	W4
	Greensboro PIT	15	6	.714	-	7-3	L1
	Brooklyn NYM	13	7	.650	1.5	6-4	L1
	Aberdeen BAL	9	12	.429	6.0	3-7	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI	7	13	.350	7.5	3-7	W1
	Wilmington WSH	7	14	.333	8.0	4-6	L1

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Hub City TEX	12	9	.571	-	5-5	L1
	Rome ATL	12	9	.571	-	7-3	L1
	Bowling Green TB	10	11	.476	2.0	5-5	W1
	Greenville BOS	9	11	.450	2.5	5-5	W1
	Asheville HOU	8	12	.400	3.5	3-7	L4
	Winston-Salem CWS	7	14	.333	5.0	3-7	W1



Home Schedule

05/01/25	06:05 PM	vs. Jersey Shore	Hockey Night Hockey Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/02/25	07:05 PM	vs. Jersey Shore	Game Show Night Fireworks Friday
05/03/25	05:05 PM	vs. Jersey Shore	Irish Heritage Night Presented By Leprechaun Lines Irish Heritage Hat Giveaway Presented By Leprechaun Lines
05/04/25	02:05 PM	vs. Jersey Shore	Copa De La Diversión: Cuatro De Mayo Sunday Family Funday
05/13/25	06:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	Rascal's Reading Challenge Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/14/25	06:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	Pirate Night We Care Wednesday Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network
05/15/25	06:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	Soccer Night Soccer Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/16/25	07:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	Disco Night Fireworks Friday
05/17/25	05:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	Open Mic Night Jace Avina Bobblehead Giveaway
05/18/25	02:05 PM	vs. Aberdeen	No Place Like Home Sunday Family Funday
05/27/25	06:05 PM	vs. Wilmington	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	11:05 AM	vs. Wilmington	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union We Care Wednesday Presented By Westchester Medical Center Health Network
05/29/25	06:05 PM	vs. Wilmington	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	07:05 PM	vs. Wilmington	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	05:05 PM	vs. Wilmington	The Malmö Oat Milkers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount At Somers



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades bounce back to win 4 of 6 games vs. Asheville Tourists

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades took a trip to Asheville, NC and came back victorious against the Tourists. This week at McCormick Field, the Renegades saw the opposite side of a sweep, fans enjoyed \$1 hot dogs, and a second baseman clocked an 80 MPH fastball. When the clouds and rain delays parted, the Renegades packed up for the Empire State after taking 4 of 6 games from their South Atlantic League (SAL) rivals.

Double-edged sweep

Following a 6-0 home series against Wilmington, the Renegades had an extra day off with a rainout on Tuesday. Hudson Valley dropped the first two games in Asheville, losing both halves of Wednesday's doubleheader, 9-5 and 3-2. In Game 2, the Renegades received their first walkoff loss of the season, as a single from Asheville's Joseph Sullivan broke a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Long balls

As of Saturday's standings, Asheville has hit the second-most team home runs in the SAL this season, trailing only the Greensboro Grasshoppers (29) with 18 long balls. Hudson Valley pitching allowed just three home runs to Asheville in this away-from-home series. But the

Renegades scored 10 runs on 6 long balls of their own, moving into fourth place in the league (16). Jackson Castillo hit the team's second grand slam, finishing the week with five hits and 8 runs batted, including his first home run of the year.

Best overall performance so far?

On Saturday, all of Carolina heard the Renegades' best all-around effort of the season. Hudson Valley scored a season high 15 runs on 18 hits. Every starter in the lineup notched at least one hit, and eight crossed the plate. Four players left the game with three hits: Brendan Jones, George Lombard, Castillo, and Jace Avina. Tourist 2B Drew Vogel earned his first career strikeout, coming on in relief in the top of the 9th inning to save an Asheville arm. Six dazzling innings by true pitcher Bryce Cunningham (3-1) were the catalyst for a combined 5-hit, 14 K shutout, as the Renegades handed the Tourists the largest home defeat since June 16, 2022, a 22-1 loss against the Rome Emperors.

The Renegades (15-6) return home for a divisional matchup against the Jersey Shore BlueClaws (7-13). Another full week of promotions is on the horizon for Renegades fans, including Tuesday's Mental Health Awareness Night, jersey giveaway on Thursday, and Family Fun Day on Sunday.



Brendan Jones of the Renegades had three hits in the team's 15-3 win over the Asheville Tourists on Saturday. Photo by Dave Janosz

RENEGADES FEATURE

East Carolina alumni Moylan and Grosz return to N.C.

By Morgan E. Maier

Hudson Valley Renegades players Josh Moylan and Josh Grosz aren't just linked in name. They are also former East Carolina University (ECU) Pirates who, in their fifth consecutive season as teammates, have exchanged the hypothetical high seas for High-A baseball.

With the restructuring of Minor League Baseball in 2021, the Asheville Tourists and Hudson Valley Renegades were organized into the High-A minor league level as members of the South Atlantic League. This week marked the Renegades' first-ever visit to Asheville,

located just five hours away from the ECU campus. The road trip also saw Moylan and Grosz take a North Carolina baseball field together for the first time in their professional careers.

Grosz tossed a season-high 73 pitches in his April 24 return to North Carolina, holding the Renegades' first inning lead through 5.1 innings. Though Grosz received a no decision, the outing ultimately lowered his earned run average (ERA) to 3.09. The Renegades went on to beat Asheville 9-4, with Moylan scoring a run and reaching base with two walks.

The Yankees took Grosz in the 11th round of the 2023 player draft, as a top-rated prospect out of the American Athletic Conference (AAC). Moylan, a three-year first baseman at ECU, signed with New York after going undrafted the same year. Since moving up the Yankees' organization, Moylan has exclusively fielded the corners. As a Renegade, he switches between the first and third base positions, while also getting reps as the designated hitter.

As the 2025 Renegades enjoy a recent hot streak, these two former Pirates are likely used to the feeling. Before they were impactful on last season's Renegades playoff run, Moylan and

Grosz were College World Series hopefuls. The 13-seeded ECU team, with freshmen Grosz and Moylan on the roster, reached the Super Regional Round (Nashville) of the 2021 NCAA tournament. The following season, the Pirates won their conference and further advanced to the Greenville Super Regional as an 8-seed.

In 2023, the Pirates were 13-3 in games that Grosz started, four of them being quality starts. According to ECU record books, Grosz had the conference's third lowest opposing batting average, holding batters to just .215 through his junior season. On the offensive side, Moylan's 70 runs batted in (RBI) and 20 doubles led the AAC in his third and final year at ECU. That season, the Pirates, as a 2-seed, fell to Virginia in the Greenville Regional after receiving an at-large bid to the tournament.

Grosz and Moylan are just one set of former collegiate teammates who are today's Renegades. Northeastern boasts a



Josh Moylan (above) and Josh Grosz (left) of the Hudson Valley Renegades were also teammates in college at East Carolina University. Photos by Dave Janosz

trio of right-handers in Thomas Balboni, Sebastian Keane, and 2023 alum Cam Schlittler. And the roster spot left vacant in the departure of RHP Cole Ayers, recently promoted to AA Somerset, was filled by newcomer Tony Rossi, his former teammate at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota. Though the name on the front of a jersey may change, the connections made along the way remain.



Events at the Walkway Over the Hudson

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Each year, Friends of the Walkway host and support a calendar of signature events that attract thousands of people to the park and its surrounding areas, engage the local community, and connect the region.

Saturday, May 3: I Love My Park Day (in partnership with New York State Parks)

Sunday, May 4: Hudson Valley Marathon at Walkway Over the Hudson (in partnership with AlphaWin Racing)

Saturday, May 17: Pride In The Sky (in partnership with Big Gay Hudson Valley)

Saturday, May 24-Monday, May 26: Mayfest Farmers & Makers Market (Note: To create an improved guest experience, Mayfest will be held at a new location: Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie.)

Sunday, May 25: Memorial Day Sunset Flag Changing Ceremony (in partnership with American Legion Post 739)

Friday, July 4: July 4th Fireworks Spectacular

Saturday, September 20: Salute2Vets (in partnership with veterans' organizations from Dutchess and Ulster counties)

Friday, October 3: Starry Starry Night
Sunday, November 30: Holiday Celebration with Santa

For complete information about Walkway events, including start times, ticket information, supporters, and more, visit walkway.org/calendar.

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Friday, May 9 - 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Saturday, July 26 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Friday, August 8 - 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Friday, September 5 - 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, October 10 - 6:30-8 p.m.

Weather permitting, representatives from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will be on-bridge with telescopes to view the night sky.

Walkway members are welcome to attend Walkway at Night events at no cost. Non-members can purchase a ticket for \$5 in advance or at the gate. Children 12 and under are free.

For complete information, visit walkway.org/walkwayatnight.

2025 PKX Arts and Film Festival set for May 3

The Art Effect announces the highly anticipated annual PKX Arts and Film Festival, taking place on Saturday, May 3. The festival celebrates the creativity and talent of Poughkeepsie, while inviting the community to experience a day filled with free, family-friendly art activities, a local teen art exhibition, a short teen film showcase from around the world, live music, local food vendors, and more. The festival is free and open to all ages of the public, while the short-film portion is reserved for teens and older.

The festival kicks off on Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. in Mansion Square Park followed by the art exhibition reception at the Family Partnership Center, and concludes with the film screenings also at the Family Partnership Center.

Mansion Square Park, 165 Mansion St, Poughkeepsie, Art in the Park, 1-5 p.m.

Family Partnership Center, 29 N Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie, 5-6 p.m., Teen Art Exhibition Reception; Film Festival & Awards Ceremony, 6-8 p.m.

PKX 2025 is designed and produced

by teenagers in the Poughkeepsie Board of Artistic Youth (PK B.A.Y.), showcasing the power of youth-led creativity. PK B.A.Y. brings together students from six youth-serving organizations: Boys & Girls Club of Poughkeepsie, Community Matters 2, Esperanza Dutchess County Hispanic Organization, Nubian Directions II, and The Art Effect with support from the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet.

As a first-of-its-kind initiative in Poughkeepsie, the PK B.A.Y. uses public art activities and installations to foster creative expression and civic engagement and amplify youth voices in community leadership. More than just an event, the PKX Festival embodies the essence of community while celebrating the diverse talents of Poughkeepsie. It is a tribute to the collaborative efforts of youth and local organizations aiming to create an inclusive and inspiring experience for everyone.

Learn more & get real-time updates at thearteffect.org/tae-events/pkx.

Cary Institute hosts spring events

Where Have All the Wildflowers Gone? Restoring Healthy Woodlands

Friday, May 2, 7-8 p.m.; hybrid event
Dr. Bernd Blossey explores invasive plants, deer, and the reshaping of Cary's forested landscapes. This event is co-hosted with the Millbrook Garden Club.

Bird Photography Walk in Cary's Lowlands

Sunday, May 4, 7-9 a.m.; in-person event

While walking Cary's grounds, wildlife photographer and ecologist Dr. Loren Merrill will discuss bird identification, and offer tips and insights into the technical and conceptual aspects of bird photography.

Nature Stories: Cary Trail Celebration with Local Libraries

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-noon; in-person event

Take a guided walk along Wappinger Creek Trail, participate in an eco-scavenger hunt, and learn about Cary science, education programs, and volunteer opportunities. This event will also feature offerings from several local libraries,

including crafts, a storywalk, and a bookmobile.

Bird Walk and Talk at the Catskills Visitor Center

Saturday, May 10, 10-11:30 a.m.; in-person event

Dr. Kara Belinsky of SUNY New Paltz will introduce 12 delightful montane birds and explain how to identify them by habitat, sight, and sound. Hosted by the Catskill Science Collaborative, a program of the Cary Institute.

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EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **May 2-June 13:** Dutchess Handmade Spring Pop-Up Shop, unique shopping experience features handcrafted works by over 60 Hudson Valley artists and makers. Includes glassware, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor & more. **Grand Opening Reception:** Fri., May 2, 5-7 p.m. www.artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222

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 Brisson-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, (845) 431-8612

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **May 5-31:** "A Storied Past," featuring Scott Brodie, Andrea Burgay, and Steve Rein, who each utilize distinct materials and methods, yet they share a fascination with everyday objects and images - mundane elements that become carriers of unexpected storylines. **Opening reception:** Fri., May 9, 6-7:30 p.m. **Collage workshop with Andrea Burgay:** Fri., May 9, 5 p.m. **Artist talk by Steve Rein:** Sat., May 17, 2 p.m. (845) 677-3611 or www.millbrooklibrary.org

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **May 2-31:** "The Throw and the Glow: The sand path to Flow," new work by Fedora Maier; plus an interactive 2.5-D EyeTouch Experiment to fine-tune your sense of touch. **Opening:** Fri., May 2, 5-7 p.m. (845) 876-2903

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **May 3-Nov 2:** "EMILY COLE: Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses," placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMattio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. **Opening reception:** Sat, May 3, 4-6 p.m. www.thomascole.org



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County Players to present 'Big Fish' May 2-18

County Players, one of the longest-running community theater companies in the area, will present the sweeping musical tapestry "Big Fish," which opens Friday, May 2, and runs through May 18. With music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and book by John August, the musical is based on the 1998 novel by Daniel Wallace and the 2003 film written by John August and directed by Tim Burton. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 11 & 18, and Saturday, May 17, at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main St. in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

This production is directed by Michael J. Frohnhoefer with musical direction by Karen Dalmer-Sheehy and choreography by Mary Beth Boylan.

This larger-than-life musical is a fantastical adventure inspired by a father's incredible stories. "Big Fish" tells the story of Edward Bloom, a charming traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest, and then some. Overflowing with heart and humor, "Big Fish" is an extraordinary story that reminds us why we love going to the theater, and is a buoyant feel-good show for the whole family.

This production features a large community cast of talented performers from across the region featuring: Lisa Berger, Mike Boden, Anthony James Clopton,

Cora Colwell, Mary Dallari, Ryan Dutcher, Carlos Gomez, J. Alan Hanna, Aaron Heisler, Karen Hoben, Emily Holland, James Keating, Brian Kuchicki, Moira Laughlin, Megan Longwell, Frank McGinnis, Asia McGough, Keller Mickle, Rebecca Nagle, Laura Seaman, Vanessa Taylor-Mishra, Chris Tomer, and Scott Woolley.

Of this production director Frohnhoefer says, "Theater is about telling a great story, and what better story to tell than one with a great message. At its core, 'Big Fish' is a story about the importance of love, forgiveness, the impact of relationships, and the sheer power of storytelling."

Tickets available online at countyplayers.org/tickets and cost \$30 for adults; \$28 for seniors 60+, military, students (with ID), and children under 12. For complete information, visit <https://countyplayers.org/shows/big-fish-the-musical/>. (NOTE: Proof of vaccination is NOT required; face masks are optional for audience members.)

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Members of the cast of "Big Fish" at County Players in Wappingers Falls. The musical opens May 2 and runs through May 18. *Courtesy photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography*

WILDERSTEIN SETS MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Wilderstein Historic Site will host its Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 10, at 1 p.m. The afternoon will feature fine tea paired with an assortment of delectable treats and great company. Add a tour of the Wilderstein mansion and/or stroll on the grounds to appreciate the beauty of spring flowers in bloom. For more information and to register online, visit <https://wilderstein.org/> or call the Wilderstein Office at (845) 876-4818.

Wilderstein Historic Site is a not-for-profit house museum at 330 Morton Road in Rhinebeck. With its Queen Anne mansion and Calvert Vaux-designed landscape, Wilderstein is widely regarded as the Hudson Valley's most important example of Victorian architecture.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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Surprisingly, there are NO native earthworm species in North America. Any native North American species of earthworms that may have been living in the region were destroyed by glacial ice sheets 11,000-14,000 years ago. All of the earthworms currently in North America are exotic. Most initially arrived with European settlement. They continue to be transported through a range of human activities, including the dumping of unused fishing bait and transport of compost and mulch. Although they may be helpful in gardens, all earthworms are invasive species in North America and can be particularly harmful to forests.

Harnessing the power of earthworms

But worms can be helpful in composting and gardening! Worm castings are enriched with organic matter. Castings can increase the ability of the soil to hold together, as well as increase its water storage. Earthworm activity and castings may also contribute to the stability of carbon within soil particles (sand, silt and clay).

Compost your organic waste

Wastes brought to landfills are compacted and buried. Although those facilities accept organic waste, it is better to compost or recycle biodegradable matter, because doing so promotes faster decomposition, conserves landfill space, and reduces methane emissions. (Methane is a greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change).

Hudson Valley Vermicomposting

Community Compost Company is a local business that provides food waste collection and composting services to the Hudson Valley. Their mission is to do better for the Earth and help others do the same by giving people the ability to keep their food waste out of landfills. The company also creates compost products that help local farmers and gardeners heal and revitalize Earth’s worn out soils.

Dutchess County currently has three food waste drop-spots that are free for Beacon residents. They are located in the City of Beacon Recreation Center, Memorial Park, and the Churchill Street Parking Lot. The compost that is collected from Beacon and other Valley municipal sites, as well as private pickup, is composted at the business’ facility in Kerhonkson. Compost is produced both in their compost piles (called windrows) and through vermicomposting.

One of the primary benefits of adding compost to soils is that it adds microbial life, such as bacteria, nematodes and fungi. Different microorganisms are present when composting is thermophilic (over 131° Fahrenheit) versus cooler temperatures. Since vermicomposting occurs at lower temperatures, it produces a biologically different soil amendment from thermophilic compost. Therefore, adding

worm castings in addition to compost helps cultivate a diverse array of biological life that can create the most benefit for soil and plants. Vermicomposting is a crucial part of the compost operation at Community Compost Company.

Their vermicomposting is performed within a 4 x 16-foot continuous flow-through worm bin. In the system, worm food (human food waste) is continuously added to the top, while worm castings are collected from the bottom. They feed their worms food waste that has been partially pre-digested by the thermophilic microorganisms in their compost piles, which removes any potential pathogens.

Wonder worms!

The worms at Community Compost Company are red wiggler worms. They are the most effective species of worm for vermicomposting. They are incredibly fast decomposers, and don’t need to burrow as deep as other earthworms. The worm castings are sold to farmers, gardeners and landscapers. They also sell a “Black Gold” product with is a mix of about 82% compost and 18% worm castings. It is called Plant Jolt.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates



Red wiggler worms, the most efficient species of worm for vermicomposting, clump together while eating. Photo courtesy of Community Compost Company

science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>



Fresh layers of partially-decomposed food are added to the top of the vermicompost bin for the worms to consume. Left: A full-length view of Community Compost Company’s continuous flow-through worm bin. Worms migrate upward as layers of food are added to the top of the bin, leaving nutritious worm castings in the lower layers. Photos courtesy of Community Compost Company

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The Floral Map of Dutchess

By Aidan Chisamore

As April comes to a close and waves of wildflowers continue to appear up across the county, it is all too easy to get caught up in the beauty of Dutchess in spring. In the first half of the 20th century, however, many residents held serious fears that this flora would be lost forever. In the Dutchess County Historical Society's archive, one map – decorated with varieties of local wildflowers – tells the story of how local garden clubs helped promote the importance of environmental education and conservation in the local area.

Commissioned for use in the 1938 Dutchess County Fair, the "Floral Map of Dutchess County" was once the centerpiece of an expansive floral display. It was originally entered by the Poughkeepsie Garden Club competitive flower show of the county fair. Surrounded by a bright floral border, the map depicts Dutchess County covered in different types of native flowers (fig. 1). These included many regional favorites such as Dutchman's Breeches, Golden Rod, and Brown Eyed Susan. According to contemporary reports, the placement of each denoted "the principal locations of [those] wildflowers throughout the county."

The original exhibit covered 216 square feet. A much larger version of the

map hung above a floral display that allowed participants to walk through the county in miniature, viewing homegrown versions of the wildflowers. The show was a joint effort between members of the club who planned and ran the booth and John W. Pratten—a local art teacher—who designed and painted the map.

Reports of the fair in the newsprint demonstrate the excitement this display caused. One report noted it was the most popular floral display that year. Despite this attention, the Poughkeepsie Garden Club was disqualified for failing to cover their name during judging. While they lost the competition, the club was awarded an "honorable mention for educational value, originality, and beauty."

At the conclusion of the Fair, the map was displayed in several Poughkeepsie-based flower shows before being moved to the Adriaance Library a few months later. While record of the map drops off after its arrival at Adriaance, one article in the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News from September remarked that several "small replicas" were made "for distribution by the club, to further educate." The map held by DCHS must be one of these maps, as it is only half of the original's size at a meager 4 feet tall and 2 feet wide.

The move to Adriaance and the many reproductions of the map spoke to the Poughkeepsie Garden Club's focus on



"Floral Map of Dutchess County," 1938. DCHS Archives and Special Collections



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education. During its showing, members of the society served as attendants detailing proper care of these plants in home gardens as well as to edify the proper method of conserving these wildflowers. Pamphlets, as shown in fig. 2, were also handed out by attendants.

Founded eleven years before the creation of the "Floral Map," the Poughkeepsie Garden Club first organized in April 1927, initially formed with only 28 members. In July of that year, the club began public programming, hosting their first flower show in the auditorium of Lucky, Platt, and Company. During the following decade, membership had more than doubled.

Throughout the 1930s, conservation and environmental education became a focus for society. This was, in part, the influence of national trends. State-wide political movements of the 1920s and 1930s, especially in Dutchess County, motivated legislative interest in the environment. This was best expressed in the highest level of state government. Then governor, and county native, Franklin Delano Roosevelt campaigned for environmental protection and restoration. Most notably, this involved reforestation efforts such as the 1929 State Reforestation Act and 1931 Hewitt Reforestation Amendment.

Correlations between garden clubs and conservation efforts can also be seen locally. One especially evocative article

published in the Poughkeepsie Eagle-News in May 1924 called on local garden clubs to save a dwindling wildflower population. The anonymous author specifically identified over-picking and the failure of local legislation as the cause of the floral decline. According to the author, the only solution was through the work of these social organizations, like the Garden Club of America, who could lead locals by teaching them how to properly care for their county.

The most salient call to action for local clubs, however, came in J. Wilson Poucher's book "Stories of the Wildflowers of Dutchess County" (1931). Compiled from articles he had written on wildflowers in the county, Poucher (1859-1948) decried the changing environment caused by what he believed to be a popular disregard for nature and other people. His solution revolved around these garden clubs, advocating for environmentally conscious unions: "enlist every garden club member into a league for the preservation of these wildflowers and evergreens." In doing this, Poucher placed these social organizations at the forefront of the battle for conservation, tasking them, and others, to teach the county's children as they were not old enough to remember the days when wildflowers were more prevalent.

The Poughkeepsie organization certainly shared Poucher's concerns. By

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Old Dutch Village Garden Club greets spring with a Plant Sale and more

By Nancy Bendiner and Felice Gelman

Get Ready for The Great Plant Sale! On Saturday, May 17, starting at 9 a.m. sharp, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club (ODVGC) will offer bargain-priced, locally grown perennials, shrubs and herbs at our annual sale near the Memorial Garden across from CVS. Save the date!

We hear from our local community

that our plants have an excellent track record for beauty and survival. As most come from local donations, they are acclimated to our weather conditions. Look around your perennial garden; think about what you'd like to thin out or move out to donate to the sale, and think about and what new plants you need.

Ideally, we request plant donations no later than May 3. (We like to make sure they have time to recover from being re-potted so they will be in good shape for



Above: Buyers at the 2024 Plant Sale. Left: Hop Michael and Rich Lawson install an arbor at Memorial Garden. Photos by Nancy Bendiner



CONCERT ORGANIST TO PERFORM AT WEST POINT

On Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m., in the West Point Cadet Chapel, the Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Series will present Gail Archer, international concert organist. Archer is presently the organist and organ faculty at Vassar College, and also teaches at Barnard College. Archer has released many professional recordings, with explorations in the music of Bach, Messiaen, and also composers of various nationalities. She will play a variety of works spanning many centuries on the Cadet Chapel organ, the world's largest all-pipe instrument in a house of worship. The recital is free to the public. Access onto West Point is with Department of Defense ID or a Visitor's Pass, which may be obtained at the Visitor Control Center (2107 New South Post Road, West Point). Parking is available around the chapel building, 722 Derussy Loop, without restriction on Sundays.

their new owners). We will accept plants already potted or we will come and dig them out if you are unable to do so. We also welcome donations of garden ornamentation, decorative pots and planters, and gently used garden tools. For more information about donations, please call Linda Lawson at 845-399-9532.

Club members continue to learn about gardening at our monthly meetings. On March 13, Miriam Goler of Full Circus Farm offered a fascinating presentation about how the organically grown fruit trees sold at her farm get their start. She demonstrated how she uses grafting to achieve a desired variety of fruit tree. The young trees are nurtured for about two years, then offered for sale. The farm also sells tomatoes, peppers, basil and winter greens. To see photos of this horse-pow-

ered (!) farm, directions on how to order trees, guides about how to care for young trees and much else go to fullcircusfarm.wordpress.com.

As well as learning about gardening, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club has a commitment to community service. We maintain a large demonstration garden at Veterans Park in Red Hook and a smaller garden in Upper Red Hook at the Welcome to Red Hook sign. ODVGC members will be prepping the Veterans Park garden for its spring debut at the end of March.

Join us at our monthly meetings, usually the second Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. See you there! And watch us on Facebook for updates on our activities.

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- Arrival time, acr.
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- Support person
- Fictional professor Lupin's first name
- Snoop
- Computer accessory
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- Use eyes
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- Hot beverage amount
- Tear down
- *Tissue testing
- Smell
- Gardener's storage
- Shipping box
- Eight furlongs
- Subject matter
- Square footage
- Like some towelettes
- Russian ruler, once
- Pasturelands
- Acted
- Enthusiasm
- "Silent Spring" subject
- Popular PBS science show
- Letters of distress
- *Stitches
- *Perpetual illness
- Offer two cents
- *____ Hot, pain relief patch
- Branch of economics
- Sega hedgehog
- Bubble maker
- Be of use
- December stone
- Born, in society pages
- Rental agreement

DOWN

- Rigid necklace
- Eye's middle layer
- Short-term employee
- *Hernia support
- Surgeon General, in relation to warning on smoking
- Other than what's implied
- *5 cc, for short
- Adytum, pl.
- Mendelsohn on "The New Look"
- Cocoyam
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus' HBO role
- Major employer
- Pertaining to amoebae
- Minimum
- Busy airport
- ____ blue _____, to Baby Beluga
- French WWI battle site
- Expression
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- *Type of thermometer
- Peeled and cut, as in pear
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- Violent collision
- Hedgehog-like Madagascar native
- Anonymous John
- *Like 97 to 99 degrees
- "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
- Wine from Verona
- Average
- Fairytale's second word?
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- March Madness org.
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- His was a merry old soul
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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 17



Funny Italian sayings

Amaze and delight your family and friends with these phrases (or just enjoy them here).

On many occasions, I have had to try to translate a phrase my parents or relatives have said to my family or friends. I almost always struggle to find the right words, because the saying doesn't make much sense to anyone who isn't Italian. I usually end the attempt at translating with, "This doesn't translate too well." Over the years, I have been told, screamed or taught many Italian sayings. Below are a few of my favorites.

If someone insulted us, we would not treat them with disrespect, we would "treat them with fishes in their face" (Trattare a pesci in faccia).

If my father wanted someone to underestimate him he wouldn't play dumb, he would "do the dead cat" (Fare la gatta morta).

If my mother were angry with me she wouldn't scold me, she would "shave against the growth" (Fare il contropelo).

If someone had too much wine to drink at the restaurant, he wouldn't be tanked-up, he would be "drunk as a monkey" (Ubriaco come una scimmia).

If someone was getting us angry, we would "have a fixed nail in our head"

(Avere un chiodo fisso in testa).

If I said I could do it with my hands tied behind my back, I would say I could "jump ditches the long way" (Saltare i fossi per il lungo).

If it was raining really hard, we wouldn't say it's raining cats and dogs; we would say "it rains from washbasins" (Piovere a catinelle).

If we over-cooked pasta, it would not be over-done; it would be "cooked to the small point" (Cotto a puntino).

If someone was "not the sharpest tool in the box," we would say they were a "merry goose" (Oca giuliva).

My parents would not tell me that I take things too far, they would say that I "pull the rope" (Tirare la corda).

Since I was always hyper I would move like I "have live silver on myself" (Avere argento vivo addosso).

When I would shock Mom and Pop, they would just stare at me and their expression would "remain as stucco" (Rimanerci di stucco).

When I was told to keep my mouth shut, it was usually told to me to keep "water in the mouth" (Acqua in bocca).

When we were little we were never told to go to bed early, we were told to "go to bed with the chickens" (Andare a letto con le galline).

If we were really angry we would not be out of our mind, we would be "outside as a balcony" (Fuori come un balcone).

When we were little, asking our mother to do something over and over, the last time we asked it wouldn't be the straw that broke the camel's back, it would be "the drop that made the vase overflow" (La goccia che ha fatto traboccare il vaso).

Since spring is here and since artichokes are the Italian symbol for spring, please enjoy this springtime recipe.

CREAMY ARTICHOKE HEARTS WITH SHELLS

Ingredients

- 1 lb. small pasta shells
- 1 lb. cooked and diced fennel sausage
- 2 cloves of garlic, diced fine
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 3 cups heavy cream

1/2 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Method:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Gently place the pasta in the water and stir. Boil for 6-8 minutes or until the pasta is tender. Drain pasta.

In a large saucepan, brown sausage and garlic with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add heavy cream to the saucepan. Stir in grated cheese. Once sauce is warmed and beginning to thicken, stir in artichokes. Cook together for 3-4 minutes.

Add egg yolks and hot pasta and cook for another two minutes. Serve topped with grated Parmesan.

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

Acoustic concerts set at Beatrix Farrand Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Garden, at 4097 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park (on FDR National Historic Site) will offer a free acoustic concerts in the garden on Sundays, May 11, 18, 25 and June 8, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy the serene setting of the Beatrix Farrand Garden for these free Sunday afternoon acoustic concerts, featuring a lineup of talented musicians. Bring a

blanket, relax under the trees, and enjoy live performances in one of the most peaceful and beautiful spaces in the Hudson Valley.

The Acoustic Music in the Garden series is made possible by a grant administered by Arts MidHudson; concerts are free and open to the public. Reserve your spot at www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org

May 11: The series kicks off with a special Mother's Day performance by Allie Chipkin, a folk singer-songwriter whose heartfelt melodies and storytelling will delight the whole family.

May 18: Sova

Experience the magic of Sova as she brings her fully acoustic and portable piano to the garden, sharing her mesmerizing compositions in a truly unique performance.

May 25: Kathryn Aldous

Let the masterful violin of Kathryn Aldous (from the Bard Orchestra) bring the garden to life with an afternoon of enchanting and expressive music.

June 8: Callie Mackenzie

Passionate soul singer and songwriter Callie Mackenzie sees music as a revolutionary act that fosters healing, joy, and community. Join her for an intimate acoustic performance.

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

New video chronicles Wilderstein fashion history

The Rhinebeck Historical Society announces a new video by Linda and Duane Watson, manager and curator, respectively, of Collections & Wilderstein Historic Site, titled "200 Years of Fashion Preserved at Wilderstein."

From outer wear to underwear, from swimming costumes to ball gowns, the garments cared for at Wilderstein docu-

ment the interests and activities of the Suckleys and their extended family from the late 18th century to the late 20th century. With a wealth of images, Linda and Duane Watson define the scope, conservation, and preservation of this unique collection, bringing these outfits once more to life.

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A & E CALENDAR

May 1: Author Event, Adriance Memorial Library, 94 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Local author Robert Stevens will be speaking about his most recent book, "Yvon's Paris," 6 p.m. The book is a biography about Pierre Yves-Petit, known as Yvon, a photographer who walked the streets of Paris between the world wars, looking for the perfect moment when the changing light and clouds would show the city's iconic beauty. The dramatic images of the city and its people would become the most popular postcards in France. They are still sold on the Parisian quais today, and are eagerly sought by collectors. Signed copies of Yvon's Paris will be available to purchase for \$20. www.poklib.org or (845) 485-3445 x3707

May 1: The Haiti Project's 13th annual Art & Soul Gala, Vassar College Alumnae House, Poughkeepsie. The gala will honor accomplished Hudson Valley physicians Diane Cicatello, MD and Kimberly Heller, MD, who both went to Haiti and served in the clinic there. Also being honored are the Vassar Haiti Project alumnae/i whose dedication to the organization's health mission has manifested in healthcare careers. 5:30 p.m. Tickets & more info: <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/>

May 2: Open Mic and Poetry Reading, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Join us for a special edition of Open Mic Night to celebrate National Poetry Month, 7-9 p.m. We will feature our usual music, story, and song segments, and plenty of time for poetry. Bring your own poems or read one of your favorite poets, or just come and be inspired. copakegrange@gmail.com

May 2-3: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. May 2: Ari Hest & Marc Douglas Berardo, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. May 3: Cliff Eberhardt and Vance Gilbert, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

May 2-4: Hudson Valley Theater Festival, various venues. The New Deal Creative Arts Center presents 12 new works from playwrights from across the U.S., U.K., and Canada as readings in various venues throughout Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. Locations, tickets & more info: <https://newdealarts.org/hudson-valley-theatre-festival/>

May 2-4: "Spinning My Wheels," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. A one-man show written and performed by Michael Garfield Levine and directed by Caitlin Langstaff. This brutally honest, often harrowing, and sometimes funny roller coaster of a ride takes us from the 1970s streets and stages of New York to the hills of Vermont, into the depths of Michael's psyche as he battles mental illness and addiction. Clawing his way back to sanity through bicycle racing and a life-long career in acting, he encounters an Olympian, a Zen Master, a Holocaust survivor, and a meditation teacher who becomes his wife. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20. www.centerforperformingarts.org

May 2-18: "Big Fish," County Players, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. A sweeping musical tapestry with music and lyrics by Andrew Lipka and book by John August,

the musical is based on the 1998 novel by Daniel Wallace and the 2003 film written by John August and directed by Tim Burton. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 11 & 18, and Saturday, May 17. Tickets \$30 for adults; \$28 for seniors 60+, military, students (with ID), and children under 12. www.countyplayers.org

May 3: Con Brio Concert Series, Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie. Duo Solitude presents "Schubert at an Exhibition," music for violin and viola performed by David Fiedler and Anastasia Solberg, 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$25, which goes to support the series and the church's music program. However, any amount is welcome. For Con Brio updates, visit www.christchurchpok.org.

May 3: The Ochs/Morris/Wimberly Trio, VBI Theatre at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Elysium Furnace Works presents the exhilarating artistry of Rova Saxophone Quartet founding member Larry Ochs (Nels Cline, Gerald Cleaver), multi-instrumentalist Joe Morris (Anthony Braxton, William Parker) on bass and Michael Wimberly (George Clinton / Parliament-Funkadelic, Dionne Warwick, Charles Gayle) on drums and percussion, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Advance tickets on sale at <https://ochs.eventbrite.com>.

May 3: Pure Prairie League, Bearsville Theatre, Woodstock. Country-rock royalty Pure Prairie League, a seminal outfit during the '70s and '80s movement that brought mainstream success to the country-rock and Southern rock genre, performs, 8 p.m. Tickets \$46-\$77.50. All ages. www.bearsvilletheater.com

May 3: Staged Reading, "In the Year without a Summer," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. A live, semi-staged reading of a play written and directed by Michael Curtis, 7 p.m. A satirical re-imagining of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein: The Modern Prometheus." All are welcome. Free admission, donations accepted. (845) 876-2903

May 4: Cello Americana! Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, Pine Plains. Cello

Americana! Star cellist Sterling Elliot with pianist Sophia Zhou present a program composed of classical composers from Amy Beach (1869) to Kevin Day (1996), 4 p.m. Tickets: thestissingcenter.org or tickets@thestissingcenter.org. Questions or comments: communications@thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3340.

May 4: The Howland Chamber Music Circle, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The Metropolitan Opera Chorus Artists, 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit www.howlandmusic.org.

May 6: Eugene Meyer Lecture in British History and Literature, Bard College, Bitó '60 Auditorium (RKC 103) of the Gabrielle H. Reem and Herbert J. Kayden Center for Science and Computation, Annandale-on-Hudson. Renowned British historian Dominic Sandbrook, one of Britain's most distinguished historians and cohost of the most widely downloaded history podcast in the world, "The Rest is History," will talk about Britain in the 1980s with Richard Aldous, Eugene Meyer Distinguished Professor of History, 5:30 p.m. Free. www.bard.edu

May 7: Author Event, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Ada Calhoun ("Crush") & Susannah Cahalan ("Acid Queen"), 6 p.m. Books will be available for purchase. (845) 677-5857 or www.merrittbookstore.com

May 7: Taste the Art of Bobbin Lace, Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild, presents Martine Charise, Skyllkill's Librarian and creative stitcher. Martine will show diverse lace pillows, her bobbin collection to make different kinds of lace as well as demonstrate the basic technique of bobbin lace. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. You can join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or come for this program only at 12:30. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Clinton residents can get

Rec Park passes at town clerk's office

Town of Clinton Town Clerk's office announced that passes to Rec Park are now available.

Seniors ages 60 and older qualify for one free pass; a second pass will cost \$10. The cost to other residents is \$20 for the first pass and \$10 for a second pass.

Seniors may email Deputy Town Clerk Mary Molloy at deputytc@townofclinton.com and she will mail a free pass to them.

Other residents can stop by the Town Clerk's office Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., to pick one up in person; or mail the fee, include your name and address, and they will mail a pass back to you.

The mailing address is 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. Visit <https://www.townofclinton.com/> for additional information.

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ARI HEST & MARC DOUGLAS BERARDO AT TOWNE CRIER MAY 2

On Friday, May 2, at 8:30 p.m. the Towne Crier Café will present Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Ari Hest (right) and celebrated Americana artist Marc Douglas Berardo (below). Ari Hest, known for his soulful voice and evocative songwriting, has had his music featured in films and TV shows including "The Lincoln Lawyer," "Private



Practice," and "One Tree Hill." Marc Douglas Berardo brings his sharp storytelling and acoustic charm to the stage, drawing comparisons to legends like James Taylor and John Prine. His songs are rich with vivid characters and narratives. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Visit www.townecrier.com or call (845) 855-1300 for tickets and more information. The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. *Courtesy photos*

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 411/2025

RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW J OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE TOWN CODE WITH REGARD TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS"

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified a need to change the regulations for accessory dwelling units in the town to simplify the approval process and to allow accessory dwelling units to be rented to tenants;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law J of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units" 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 J is a Type I action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.4[b][2]), 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 therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law J to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law J to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on May 5, 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.

Dated: April 7, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Chapman

SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL table with columns AYE, NAY and rows for Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht, and Carried.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 412/2025

RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW K OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7 WEST ROAD"

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that an error was likely made when creating the current zoning map as the parcel at 1-7 West Road, which has long been a commercial business and is suited to business use, was classified in a residential district;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law K of the Year 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road" for the purpose 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 K 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 therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law K to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on May 5, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:10 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that the Building Department place a sign on the property giving notice of the public hearing pursuant to § 98-101(E).

Dated: April 7, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Chapman

SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL table with columns AYE, NAY and rows for Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht, and Carried.

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 Rifenburgh

SECONDED BY: Councilman Degan

ROLL CALL table with columns AYE, NAY and rows for Councilwoman Chapman, Councilman Cookinham, Councilman Degan, Councilman Rifenburgh, Supervisor Albrecht, and Carried.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW K OF 2025

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

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

This Local Law changes the Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map to re-classify one parcel.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This law is enacted pursuant to § 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and is authorized by Town Code Section 98-100.

SECTION 4. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT.

The Town of Pleasant Valley Zoning Map, Attachment 3 to Chapter 98, Zoning, is hereby changed as follows:

The zoning designation of tax parcel number 134400-6363-02-780584 located at 1-7 West Road at the intersection with Main Street in the Town of Pleasant Valley, consisting of approximately 0.75 acres, shall be changed from the Hamlet Residential (HR) district to the Hamlet Pleasant Valley (H-PV) district.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon is filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. K OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PARCEL AT 1-7 WEST ROAD"

PLEASE 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 May 5, 2025 at 7:10 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law K of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed Local Law K of 2025, "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Map for the Parcel at 1-7 West Road".

PLEASE 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.

PLEASE 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 April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. J OF 2025, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE TOWN CODE WITH REGARD TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS"

PLEASE 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 May 5, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law J of 2025, Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process for Proposed Local Law J of 2025, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 98 of the Town Code with Regard to Accessory Dwelling Units".

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PLEASE 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 April 8, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-15-25 On Call Abatement Services for Leading in Lead Prevention Program

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 19, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION East Clinton Fire District in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 179 of the Town Law, as a special election of the qualified voters of East Clinton Fire District in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at the Valley Community Church, 2260 Salt Point Turnpike, in Clinton Corners, New York, in said Fire District, on June 3, 2025, between the hours of 4:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the adoption or rejection of the following bond resolution:

Bond Resolution
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIREHOUSE FOR THE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$6,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,500,000 SERIAL BONDS AND THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF \$1,500,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND OTHER AVAILABLE MONIES OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act described herein, have been performed; and WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize said class of objects or purposes and to provide for the financing thereof, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of East Clinton Fire District in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:
Section 1. The construction of a new firehouse on a

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Fire District owned site on Salt Point Turnpike in said Fire District, including site work and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental expenses in connection therewith, in and for East Clinton Fire District in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,000,000.

Section 2. **SEQRA DETERMINATION/NEGATIVE DECLARATION:** The project has been determined to constitute an Unlisted Action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act which, it has been determined, will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Section 3. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is as follows:

a) By the issuance of \$4,500,000 serial bonds of said Fire District hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and b) By the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,500,000 from capital funds and other available monies of said Fire District hereby authorized to be expended therefor.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years pursuant to subdivision 11(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said East Clinton Fire District in the Town of Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Fire District, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount suffi-

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cient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Fire District Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Fire District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Fire District Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if: a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or

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proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in the official newspaper of said Fire District for such purpose, together with a notice of the Fire District Secretary in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. This resolution is adopted subject to approval at a special election of said Fire District to be held on June 3, 2025.

BOND PROPOSITION. The polls will be kept open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours, and the proposition will be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

BOND PROPOSITION
Shall the bond resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIREHOUSE FOR THE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$6,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,500,000 SERIAL BONDS AND THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF \$1,500,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND OTHER AVAILABLE MONIES OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.", duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of said Fire

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District on April 16, 2025, be approved
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Pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 179 of the Town Law, every elector of the Town who shall be a registered voter of the Town and who shall have resided in the Fire District for the period of thirty days next preceding the election which is the subject of this notice shall be qualified to vote upon such proposition.

E A R L Y MAIL BALLOTS. Applications for early mail ballots for the special election may be applied for at the office of the Fire District Secretary. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued, will also be available in the office of the Fire District Secretary on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote except Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place for the vote. Early mail ballots must be received at said office not later than 5:00 P.M. on June 3, 2025.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. [IF PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR BY RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 175-b OF THE TOWN LAW.] Notice is given that applications for Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the Office of the Fire District Secretary. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Fire District Secretary at least seven (7) days before the election being Tuesday, May 27, 2025 by 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Fire District Secretary no later than the day before the election, being Monday, June 2, 2025 by 4:00 P.M., prevailing time. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the Fire District Secretary no later than 5:00 P.M. prevailing time on June 3, 2025. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the Fire District Secretary on weekdays during regular office hours (be-

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tween the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. prevailing time) and such list will also be posted at the polling place on election day. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Fire District Secretary or designee of the Inspectors of Election on the election day.

MILITARY VOTERS. Military voters who are qualified voters of the Fire District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the Fire District Secretary at CMackin @ EClintonFD.Com. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the Fire District Secretary must have received a valid ballot application not later than 5:00 P.M. on May 8, 2025 the date twenty-six (26) days before the election day. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. In order to be counted, military ballots must be received by the Fire District no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of election.

Dated: Clinton Corners, New York, April 16, 2025.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF CLINTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
/s/ Carol Mackin
Fire District Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL
The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action,

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suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 24, 2025

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2025034
BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 14, 2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,858,250 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF BRIDGE, CULVERT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY
Class of objects or purposes: Highway, culvert and bridge improvements, including incidental improvements and expenses
Period of probable usefulness: 15 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$14,077,805
Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$7,858,250 bonds
Other monies: \$6,219,555 CHIPS, PaveNY, Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave our Potholes monies from State
SEQRA status: Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-21-25

Parenting Skills Training Services
Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 23, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

ULSTER INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW INSURANCE LICENSING FOR TIMOTHY MURPHY

Ulster Insurance Services (UIS), a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, has announced that Timothy "Tim" Murphy has successfully completed all education

and licensing testing to become a New York State-licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Broker. This license enables him to sell and support a variety of personal and commercial insurance policies. Murphy joined UIS in March 2025 and will serve as an Account Manager for commercial clients. "Tim is a great addition to our com-

mercial services team," said Steve Gadaleta-Rosario, VP/Ulster Insurance Services. "His insurance underwriting background, combined with his banking experience -- both high-intensity customer service roles -- makes him an ideal fit for our agency." Prior to joining UIS, Murphy worked as a commercial and agricultural

Underwriting Associate. Before that he was with a local bank, starting as a teller and working his way up to Relationship Manager and Personal Banker. Murphy graduated in 2018 from the State University of New York at Potsdam with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

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1928, only a year after its founding, the club established a subcommittee on conservation. Three years later, in 1931, the same year as Poucher's publication, the club celebrated the "Wildflowers of Dutchess." Poucher clearly had influence with the club as nearly all early club material (like fig. 2) listed him as an honorary member of the organization.

Their participation in statewide organizations best illustrates the scope of this garden club's conservation efforts. Guidelines published by the Federated Garden Club of New York State (1933) outlines the crucial role of local garden clubs in promoting environmental consciousness: "preservation is the law of life and that preservation with conservation is one of the most constructive schemes we can fulfill." As an active member in the state-wide organization throughout the 1930s, the Poughkeepsie Garden Club supported these values participating in seed drives, fundraising, political outreach, and—most importantly—educational programming.

The organization worked in Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley, promoting conservation efforts. Events such as their yearly lecture series and annual garden tours emphasized themes of conservation and reforestation. This mission served as the guiding principle for the organization well into the 1950s. This brief study serves as a reminder of the people who sought to preserve the beauty of the county for modern residence, and it is a lesson we should take to heart. Conservation, with the ultimate goal of preservation for the future of Dutchess County, should not be confined to history. It is just as important today, as it was at the creation of the "Floral Map."

Aidan Chisamore is archive manager at DCHS. He may be reached at aidan.chisamore@dchsny.org.



Flower Fair & Flea to raise funds for In Flight, Inc. on May 3

In Flight, Inc. presents Flower Fair & Flea, a vibrant and free community event on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1351 Route 66, Ghent, Columbia County. This event is a celebration of community, inclusion, and local creativity.

Whether one is a seasoned gardener, a lover of local art and artisans, a grandparent looking for weekend plans with the grandkids, or a family ready to enjoy the fresh air, the event has something for everyone.

Visitors can explore a colorful mix of more than 20 local artisans, crafters, and plant vendors, indulge in sweet treats, and delight in interactive kids' activities, raf-

fles, games, and more. A perfect multi-generational, inclusive outing, this event offers spaces to relax and connect with family and community members alike. At its heart, Flower Fair & Flea is about more than shopping or entertainment – it's about building connections and celebrating the strength of community.

Hosted by In Flight, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to lead independent and fulfilling lives, this event embodies the spirit of inclusion and opportunity. All proceeds will go directly toward supporting In Flight's life-changing programs throughout the Hudson Valley.

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His legacy will be cherished and remembered through the stories of his adventures and the lives he touched. His family and friends will miss his vibrant spirit and enduring love.

Services were held April 23 at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie and on April 24 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Poughkeepsie. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Sparrow's Nest.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.doylefuneral-home.com

Lorraine Travia

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, Lorraine M. Travia died peacefully in her sleep. She was an area resident for over forty years.

Born in Yonkers on January 8, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Vincent and Casimira (Piekarski) Sachar. On November 5, 1966 at St. Casimir's Church in Yonkers, Lorraine married the love of her life, Robert F. Travia, who predeceased her on September 19, 1996. She was a self-employed accountant for many years. Lorraine loved spending time with family and was proud of her Polish heritage. Traveling, playing card games and Mahjong on Fridays are among the things she loved. Lorraine loved watching the NY Yankees.

As a very devout Catholic,

Lorraine was a faithful parishioner of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in LaGrangeville; the founder of St. Denis – St. Columba – St. Kateri Widows and Widowers' Group, a member of the Altar Rosary Society and instrumental in the establishment of the Bereavement Support Group.

She will be remembered lovingly by her three daughters, Jeannine Fountain and her husband Brian, Elizabeth Gannon, and Rachel Goione and her husband, John. Lorraine is survived by her son, Robert Travia Jr. and his wife Leslie. She leaves behind her grandchildren, Lauren, Travis, Hunter, Paige, Shane, Anna, Carter, Kevin and Katie. Lorraine is also survived by her sister, Phyllis Telfer; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her husband and her parents, she was also predeceased by her brothers, Thomas and Vincent Sachar.

Calling hours were held on Friday, April 25, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on April 25 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, LaGrangeville. Burial followed at St. Denis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2025 tentative assessment roll which will be available online at: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Real-Property-Tax/assessment-rolls.htm> An Assessor will be in attendance with such tentative roll located at 20 Wilcox Circle, Red Hook (Town of Milan), NY during the following dates and times: Monday, May 12th, Wednesday, May 14th & Monday, May 19th, between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00PM

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6:00PM and 8:00PM Saturday, May 17th, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00PM Please call the office at 845-758-5133 ext.4, to schedule an appointment. Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day, Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day. All Grievance forms must be originals only. We cannot accept scanned or emailed applications. Information on contesting an assessment is available from the Assessor or online at <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm> ELIZABETH BURNS, ASSESSOR

Legal Notices

Pursuant to Section 508 & 525 of the Real Property Tax Law: GRIEVANCE DAY – Fourth Tuesday in May: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Milan, Dutchess County, will meet at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571 to hear and examine all properly filed complaints in relation to assessments of Real Property on May 27th 10AM – 12 NOON; 1:00PM – 4:00PM; 6PM – 8PM. Contact the Town Assessor's Office prior to May 27th for details and to schedule an appointment. ALL COMPLAINT FORMS MUST BE ORIGINALS (NO SCANNED OR EMAILED COPIES) AND BE FILED BY 8PM ON MAY 27th, 2025. (Property owners wishing to appear

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before the Board of Assessment Review must have their grievance application, RP-524, and supporting documentation received by the Town Assessor by May 27th 2025 by mailing to: Board of Assessment Review, C/O Town of Milan Assessor, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571. You may also drop off the application during regular business hours of the Assessor's office, which are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9AM and 3PM. The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record. J A C K I E R E Y N O L D S , BOARD CHAIRMAN

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Miles of Hope announces 2025 scholarships

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation recently awarded scholarships to 19 Hudson Valley students, including 10 in Dutchess County.

"This is one of the most rewarding things we do," said Executive Director Pari Forood. "Each year, a committee made up of members of our Board, former and current teachers, and the two co-founders of the foundation get together to review applications and read heartwarming essays from students whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer."

The Miles of Hope mission is to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. In 21 years, Miles of Hope has given away

over \$3.6 million dollars for programs helping people affected by breast cancer.

"This year, the foundation received 63 applications from nine counties - 19 students were awarded between \$1,500 and \$5,000 for their college/university expenses. Over 300 students with an association to breast cancer through a family member or friend/teacher have received scholarship assistance from us," Forood said.

The students from Dutchess County receiving scholarships are listed below with the high school they currently attend and the college they'll be attending (if available):

Madison Kaminsky, Roy C. Ketcham High School/RPI;
 Nell Stevens, Millbrook High

School/Wellesley College;
 Maryclare Parker-Stark, Spackenkill High School;
 Gabrielle Desdune, Our Lady of Lourdes/USC;
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 Julian Pritchard, Franklin D Roosevelt High School;
 Charlotte Wang, John Jay Senior High School;
 Connor Peyton, Arlington High School;
 Connor Meltzer, Rhinebeck Senior High School;
 Lindsay Pedersen, Beacon High School;

"This year, we gave away \$45,000 to

students whose lives have been affected by breast cancer," explained Miles of Hope Co-Founder and Scholarship Committee Chairman Cathy Varunok.

Forood noted that Miles of Hope works with guidance counselors in 24 school districts in nine counties.

"The [application] process is relatively easy," she said. "Students submit their grades, class rank, and volunteer activities as they relate to breast cancer and an essay telling us how breast cancer has impacted their lives."

Scholarships will be awarded at the 21st Annual Spring Brunch on May 4 at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Visit www.milesofhope.org for more information.

GOLDEN LIVING

OFA PICNIC SEASON – REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1

About 50,000 Office for the Aging Summer Picnic reminder cards are being mailed to older adult households throughout Dutchess County. Residents can generally expect to see a reminder card for their community's picnic between four and six weeks before that picnic.

Here is the 2025 picnic schedule:

May 28 - Town and Village of Pawling, Towns of Dover, Amenia and Union Vale: Boyce Park, 6420 Route 55, Wingdale;

June 4 - Village and Town of Fishkill: Geering Park, Fishkill;

June 11 - Towns of Milan, Red Hook and Rhinebeck and Villages of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli: Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 US 9, Rhinebeck;

June 18 - Towns of Clinton and Hyde Park, including Staatsburg: Church of Regina Coeli (rear lot), entrance at 28 Harvey St., Hyde Park;

June 25 - Town of Poughkeepsie: Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Rd., Poughkeepsie;

July 9 - City of Beacon: Memorial Park, 298 Fishkill Ave., Beacon;

July 16 - Towns of North East, Pine Plains, Washington and Stanford, and Villages of Millbrook and Millerton: Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School, 2829 Church St. (Route 199), Pine Plains;

July 23 - Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls: Recreation Park, 95 Robinson Lane, Wappinger;

July 30 - Town of Pleasant Valley: West Road School, 181 West Rd., Pleasant Valley;

August 13 - City of Poughkeepsie: Stitzel Field, 10-14 Lincoln Ave., Poughkeepsie;

August 20 - Towns of LaGrange and Beekman: Freedom Park, 212 Skidmore Rd., LaGrange

August 27 - Town of East Fishkill: East Fishkill Recreation Park, 330 Route 376,

Hopewell Junction.

All of this summer's picnics are being held on Wednesdays, with lunch starting at noon. You can also see the picnic schedule at www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics. We've kept the pictures from the 2024 picnic season there as well, to help familiarize those who've never been to a Summer Picnic.

Every resident of Dutchess County over age 60 can make a reservation for themselves for the free picnic serving their community. Reservations must be made by calling OFA during business hours (9 am – 5 pm weekdays) at 845-486-2555. We cannot accept voice mail or email reservation requests, or reservation calls made before May 1.

There is an \$8 per person fee for every non-resident guest, and for any guest age 59 or under, if space is available at the requested picnic. You needn't receive a reminder card to make a reservation, but you do need to make the reservation. Picnic seating space is limited; therefore, we cannot accept walk-ins.

Guests enjoy a nutritious lunch and can have their concerns heard by the Office for the Aging, various Dutchess County Government departments, as well as local government leaders and area nonprofit organizations.

We strongly recommend car-pooling to picnics. It makes picnic parking considerably easier for everyone.

Many thanks to The Pines at Poughkeepsie, Central Hudson and Hudson Valley Medicare Group for their support of all 12 picnics.

VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY DRIVERS WANTED (Weekdays)

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OFA's current area of greatest driver need is in the greater City of Poughkeepsie area, especially on Fridays; but HDM drivers cover the whole county, every weekday. There's no minimum time commitment, and you can pick up extra shifts if you find yourself with extra time. Mileage reimbursement is available for any driver using their own vehicle for deliveries.

For more information, email ofa@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2555.

'INTRO TO PICKLEBALL' LESSONS RETURN

OFA and Dutchess County Parks have joined again this year to host Introduction to Pickleball classes for older County residents, at the courts at Quiet Cove Park (1 Clear Water Dr., Town of Poughkeepsie). Classes are scheduled for three Tuesdays: May 13, 20 and 27, from 9-11 am.

Participants must be able to commit to all three classes. Space is limited to the first 16 County seniors who sign up via OFA by calling 845-486-2555 during business hours. Equipment can be provided.

We cannot accept reservation requests via email or voice mail.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE CAREGIVER CONFERENCE (Wed 5/7, Hyde Park)

You still have time to sign up for one of the remaining spots at the free annual "Caregivers Rock" Caregiver Conference, taking place on Wednesday, May 7th from 8:30 am – 2 pm at the Wallace Center on the grounds of the FDR Historic Site on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

Registration takes place through the Alzheimer's Association. Call their helpline

to save yourself a seat: 800-272-3900.

Breakfast and lunch are provided. Discussion topics include self-care, difficult conversations, advocacy for one's needs, and the differences between hospice and palliative care.

The Caregiver Conference is organized by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging with the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Hospice, and community members Cathy Regan and Falisia Cotten-Swain.

'EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES' AT OFA THIS SPRING

Are you the caregiver of a Dutchess County resident living with dementia? The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter to host the "Empowered Caregiver Series" in May and June at OFA headquarters, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie.

Each session takes place on a Tuesday at 3:00pm. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. Call the Office for the Aging to save your seat at any session(s) you can attend, at 845-486-2555 during business hours. We cannot accept reservation requests made via voice mail or email. Topics in the program include:

- May 6 - Building foundations of caregiving
- May 13 - Supporting independence
- 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.

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