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## Renegades' bats come alive on road trip

by Rich Thomaselli

After winning five of six games in Rome, Ga., the Hudson Valley Renegades moved on to Greenville, S.C. and took the first three games from the Drive before a postponement from a rainout slowed their momentum. After splitting a double-header on Friday, Hudson Valley lost on Saturday, 17-4.

Spencer Jones blasted two home runs on Saturday night at Fluor Field. It was Jones' second multi-homer game of the season, and both long balls cleared the 30-foot Greenville Monster in left field. In just 20 games with the Renegades, Jones has five homeruns. His first home run came in the top of the third, and his second in the fifth, homering in back-to-back at-bats.

On Saturday, the Drive rallied for three runs in the bottom of the second inning off Juan Carela to set the tone early. They added five more on six hits in the bottom of the third and another in the fourth to chase the right-hander from the game.

It was a tough night for Carela (0-1), who allowed nine runs (eight earned) on 12 hits in 3.1 innings. He struck out four and did not walk a batter.

Earlier in the lengthy road trip, the Renegades won the first two games against Greenville by putting 27 runs on the board, 11-6 and 16-2.

Following the Thursday rainout, Hudson Valley split a double header on a Friday. They won the first game 7-4 and lost the second game, 9-1.

After 12 games and almost two weeks on the road, the Renegades return to Heritage Financial Park this week to face Wilmington in a six-game series.

The Renegades took an early 1-0 lead in Game 1 when Aaron Palensky whacked a solo home run to center off Angel Bastardo. The blast was the third in three at-bats for Palensky,

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## Car Show at Fairgrounds kicks season into gear

by Jim Donick

This weekend will see the Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association (HRVAAA) staging the 51st Annual Rhinebeck Antique Car Show & Swap Meet, set May 5-7 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. The Rhinebeck show is generally considered the unofficial opening of what becomes a very busy car show season in the Hudson Valley. Local enthusiasts have waited all winter for this one to come around again.

"We celebrated our 50th event last year, and this year we are proudly starting on the next fifty," said Herb Lorenz, president of HRVAAA. "It's going to be another great show. There will be hundreds of show cars, along with many hundreds of vendors in the flea market and the car corral."

Andy Imperati, President/CEO of Dutchess County Fairgrounds, said, "the car show is one of our top three events of the year. There's not a square foot of our entire 147 acres that isn't devoted to the swap meet or to the show cars, and they are in every one of our buildings as well."

Lorenz notes a few very special vehicles that will be present on the show fields for 2023. One is the "National

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Above: This replica of the control car from the first internal combustion-driven Zeppelin, built in 1888, will be on display at the Rhinebeck Car Show. William Eggers (right) re-created the car and its very rare Daimler engine from scratch. Left, from top: One of the celebrity vehicles expected on the show field is the iconic "Truckster" from "National Lampoon's Vacation" movie. Saturday's car show will feature customized cars and hotrods as well as custom trucks and race cars. Sunday is reserved for unmodified classics up to 1998. This Ford "Woody" wagon won its class recently. *Courtesy photos*

## Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck to celebrate pets, creatures of every kind



Hazel, a 2-year-old blind double dapple mini dachshund, shows off her tricks, "stool" and "pose." Hazel will participate in the Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck on May 6. *Courtesy photo*

### May 6 event advances Be Kind to Animals Week

by Stacey van den Thoorn

If you are a pet owner, you know that whether it's furry, fuzzy, feathered, four legged, hairy, scaly, slimy, short or tall, really big or really small ... no matter the shape, species, or size of pet, these amazing creatures work themselves into our lives and become members of the family. To celebrate the special animal-to-human bond, pets of every kind are welcome (properly escorted by their human counterparts, of course!) to attend the first Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, May 6, at the Third Lutheran

Church at 31 Livingston St. in Rhinebeck. This special inaugural event is open to the community and is held in conjunction with the celebration of the 108th Be Kind to Animals Week, which kicks off on Sunday, May 7.

The event was developed and made possible by the efforts of area resident and animal lover Rosemary Joyce.

"This is a celebration of life and community for anyone who has a love of animals. It is not limited to pet owners. It is a way to give thanks and show support and love for the animals of our world during Be Kind to Animals week," said Joyce. "It's a beautiful way to recognize those creatures who provide us with unconditional love and make such a huge

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# Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck to celebrate pets, creatures of every kind

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impact on our lives. It is an event of unity for our community. So come on over and pet a pony or hug a pig!”

Traditionally, Blessing of the Animals is held in October in celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. However, Joyce decided that the rejuvenating season of spring and the milestone marking the 108th anniversary of Be Kind to Animals Week was the perfect time to pilot what she hopes to be an annual event that will continue well into the future.

The Be Kind to Animals Week campaign, a long-standing tradition created in 1915 by the American Humane Society, reminds us that it is our duty and privilege to give animals the respect, care, and kindness they deserve. The goal was to spread awareness about the importance of being kind to animals by protecting them and preserving their habitats, not just one week a year, but every day of every week all year round.

Of course, being kind doesn’t necessarily mean committing to adopting an animal as a pet. Joyce points out that there are many ways to be influential in the lives of these amazing creatures that includes volunteering, collecting donations, helping with fundraisers, or even taking photos and creating some fun social media posts for rescue organizations. The Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club, Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, Blind Dog Rescue Alliance, and Hope Farm are among some of the organizations being represented on May 6, as well as animal ambassadors from the New York State Mounted Troopers and local police K9 units and two very special ball pythons, Frik and Frak.

David Grover, president of the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club of Poughkeepsie for the past seven years, will be there to promote awareness of birding and how to help our local bird populations. Grover, a retired biology teacher of 30 years, had an interest in birding that goes back his

teen years.

“I always liked to be out of doors,” said Grover. “We are always looking for new members. Part of our club’s activity involves helping protect habitats. Our club has installed more than 400 bluebird nesting boxes which we also monitor. We have put up kestrel boxes for the smallest falcon in our county and installed a display board at the Peach Hill Park pavilion to help identify birds associated with the area and learn of migratory birds that migrate to the area.”

Most of us are familiar with dogs assisting blind and visually impaired human owners, Blind Dog Rescue Alliance is the flip side to that and is dedicated to finding owners for blind and visually impaired dogs that need a home. Volunteer Kelly Finno will be on hand with Blind Dog Alliance Rescue ambassador Hazel, a two-year-old, blind double dapple mini dachshund.

“Blind Dog Alliance is dedicated to finding owners for blind dogs that need a home,” said Finno. “We focus on finding human companions for blind dogs who may be at risk of being put down due to their visual impairment. Blind Dog Rescue Alliance provides training and information and resources on how to raise and care for a visually impaired dog and is always seeking volunteers and helpers to assist with dog transporting, fostering and fundraising.”

Owner of the non-profit Hope Farm in Saugerties Tammy Drost is very excited to be a part of the event and will be accompanied by her ambassador animal Rosie the pig. Hope Farm is dedicated to taking in and caring for animals that typically have outlived their usefulness on a working farm.

“We take in animals that need a place to live out the rest of their lives. Many have health issues and need special care, but we strive to give them the peace of mind that they have a home and are loved.” said Drost. “I always think any



“All creatures great and small” will be welcomed at the Blessing of the Animals at the Third Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck on May 6. Some of those expected to attend are (left, from top) Evie, an 8-month-old Coton de Tulear owned by church member Brenda Bassett; Frik and Frak, 40-year-old ball pythons; and Rosie the pig. Above: Kelly Finno and Hazel, seen at a pet-friendly Halloween party in Pennsylvania, will attend on behalf of the Blind Dog Rescue Alliance. Courtesy photo

## County’s school districts approve BOCES budget

The Boards of Education of the 13 Dutchess County school districts unanimously approved the 2023-24 budget for Dutchess BOCES at independent board meetings last week. The vote approves an administrative budget of \$6,449,000.

“We are pleased that our component districts have approved our administrative budget for the coming school year,” said District Superintendent Jason Schetelick. “We work very hard to provide the best educational experience for all students by closely collaborating with

our component districts. We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of all Dutchess County students by providing programs and services tailored to each child.”

The Boards of Education also voted to fill the two vacancies on the Dutchess BOCES Board of Trustees. Elected were incumbents Michael Riehl and new member Anquinette Haynes. The terms begin July 1 and are effective through June 30, 2026.

event which brings animals and people together is important. Animals need a purpose just as much as people do. They love bringing joy and interacting with people as much as the people love interacting with them. In a world where compassion and empathy are so easily forgotten. Animals remind us that kindness to all living things is easy.”

Representatives from Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, which was founded by Executive Director Deanna Mancuso in 2008, will be in attendance on May 6, as well. At the age of 12 Mancuso was gifted a horse by her grandfather who struggled with PTSD and recovery.

“Before my grandfather passed away from pancreatic cancer, he taught me that horses can help people with all their struggles. I based Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue on the premise of ‘People Helping Horses Heal People’ in my Grandfather’s honor and memory,” said Mancuso. “We focus on Humane education, bringing animals and people together in the community for the benefit of

both. Animals are among God’s many diverse gifts to us.”

Ashley and Lily, two miniature horses, will be the animal ambassadors of Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue at the event.

The Blessing of the Animals is a free, outdoor event for the entire family for any animal lovers – ownership of a pet is not necessary to attend. Ceremonies will begin at noon with a brief opening ceremony by Pastor Jim Miller accompanied by a special white dove release by Wings and Memories as a symbolic call for peace and humanity in the world.

To ensure the safety of all attendees, all animal ambassadors must be properly escorted, leashed, kenneled, or harnessed and pooper scooper laws apply for owners in the care and provision of their pet(s). Cooperation and adherence to local leash laws is encouraged and tremendously appreciated.

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# Car Show at Fairgrounds kicks season into gear

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Lampoon’s “Vacation” movie’s “Truckster.” The Truckster was a major part of the movie with Chevy Chase at the wheel. Co-starring with him, among others, was Beverly D’Angelo, who played his wife, Ellen. After the various Trucksters built for the movie were disposed of, she decided she wanted one of her own and had this one built. It is as perfect a replica as Ms. D’Angelo could get made.

Another fascinating vehicle expected this year isn’t exactly a car, at least not the four-wheeled variety. Actually it is a replica of the control car suspended below the earliest internal combustion-driven Zeppelin ever constructed. Created in Germany in 1888, this airship was controlled by a two-and-a-half horsepower Daimler single cylinder engine. The lift, like all the subsequent Zeppelins, was provided by hydrogen in the envelope above the control car. That allowed it to float in the air. The high-speed Daimler single-cylinder engine powers the two propellers (horizontal and vertical) and is therefore responsible for propulsion and trimming.

“On the morning of August 10th, 1888, it made its test flight of just a bit over four kilometers. With that success it became clear that the four-stroke engine had great potential as an aircraft engine.” (comment from Mercedes Benz Group Media.) That little single cylinder engine became the first in a long line of Daimler-Benz aero engines that powered fighters and other aircraft in the two world wars and beyond.

The replica expected in Rhinebeck was built from scratch by William Eggers, a master craftsman from Connecticut, who is also known for outstanding restorations of unique cars and motorcycles.

The fields will be filled both days with hundreds of collectible cars of every size, shape, and national origin.

Saturday will feature Rods and Customs, showcasing the talents of individual builders turning their personal automotive dreams into more than simply transportation down the road. The

entrants will be vying for 30 awards in various classes that also include trucks and race cars. The Hot Rods will likely span the eras from the poodle skirt days of the Fifties to the hottest lowered and turbo-charged cars to be found anywhere.

Sunday offers an entirely different field of cars. That’s the day the “classics” take over the fairgrounds. Classics range from great-grandfather’s Model T Ford all the way through the most glorious of American Packards and Cadillacs as well as muscle cars, sports cars, and the family’s old ’63 Dodge Sedan, now fully restored to as good as new. There will be 60 classes for classics up through 1998, making for all-but-unlimited variety to choose from.

The Swap Meet at Rhinebeck, according to Lorenz, has been a favorite among car collectors from all over the Northeast for years.

“Our objective,” he says, “is to make this the most vendor-friendly Swap Meet around. There are a large number of Swap Spaces at Rhinebeck both outside and inside that consist of four large well-lighted buildings. Our long-time vendors tell us that Rhinebeck is one of their favorite shows.”

Each year thousands of spectators come to Rhinebeck in search of the part or parts to complete a project or to buy an entire car in the car corral. Every year, as well, new people arrive for their first introduction to the old car hobby.

Dane Medici from Poughkeepsie was one of those newcomers as a very young kid growing up in Poughkeepsie.

“Rhinebeck is just a great car show with such variety of cars and automobilia, food, and everything else,” he said. His interest grew from there and led him to becoming a car show judge for some of the biggest and most important car shows in North America and in Europe.

“I love the whole atmosphere,” he says, “and I guess it started for me in Rhinebeck.”

Andy Imperati summed up his thoughts on the event succinctly.

“A car show may not seem to be in the middle of our mission to promote our



Classic and vintage sports cars like this Mercedes Benz 190 SL Roadster will have their own classes at the show on Sunday. Below: American muscle cars are always a favorite among the classics in the Sunday show at Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photos*



rural and agricultural heritage.” he said. “But a big part of promoting our rural heritage is promoting mechanical and domestic arts that have contributed to our rural existence. One of my favorite parts of the car show is listening to fathers or grandfathers, even uncles, walking along with a child and explaining what they are looking at or telling them ‘your grandfather had one just like this one and I remember how much he loved it.’”

The show opens at noon on Friday for paid spectators to get an early look at the vendors’ wares. The Car Shows are Saturday and Sunday, running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ticket costs are \$15 Individual, \$25 for a weekend (2-day) pass, \$35 for a 3-day pass, \$12 senior & veteran. Children age 12 and younger are free.

Visit <https://rhinebeckcarshow.com/> for more information.

## Riverkeeper Sweep set May 6 on Rhinecliff waterfront

Join Morton Memorial Library & Community House, The Pollinator Patrol, Rhinebeck Grange, Dirty Gaia, Climate Smart Rhinebeck, and Riverkeeper for a cleanup, native vegetation planting, invasive species removal project at Rhinecliff Dock/Rhinecliff Landing for the 12th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with adult supervision.

Volunteers will meet at Rhinecliff Dock, 95 Shatzell Avenue, Rhinecliff. Street parking is available.

All Sweep volunteers are asked to bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, and a face mask, work

gloves and hand sanitizer.

To ensure the safety of volunteers, Sweep Site Leaders, park staff, and the community, volunteers are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Volunteers are required to register in advance for the Sweep, and bring their own masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and water. Go to <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/calendar/> or call (845) 876-2903 to register.

- Volunteers should not participate if they have any signs of illness or if they have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous two weeks.

Questions? Contact Riverkeeper at [sweep@riverkeeper.org](mailto:sweep@riverkeeper.org) or Sandy at [sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org](mailto:sandy@mortonrhinecliff.org).

### COUNTY TO ROLL OUT NEW MOBILE HEALTH RV MAY 4

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, together with New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett, announced the roll-out of the new Dutchess County Mobile Health RV on Thursday, May 4, at the North East Community Center, 51 South Center St., Millerton. Stop by from 1 to 3 p.m. to check out this new mobile health resource and learn more about the public and behavioral health services it can offer, as well as find out how communities throughout Dutchess County can take advantage of this valuable extension of critical health services.

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Coordinated Behavioral Health Services helps everyone to embrace healthy goals

To the editor:

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, an excellent time to share that mental health wellness is critical to overall well-being. Mental and behavioral health issues affect millions of people nationwide, and many people don't realize the depth of support and services that are there for them. For instance, at Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), we partner with healthcare providers throughout Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties to connect Medicaid recipients to support. People can often receive services in their home or their community and in the way that feels right to them.

For example, peer counseling support allows individuals to connect with others who have shared the same experiences as they have. Working with a peer who has had similar challenges in their lives can be especially impactful and allow people to connect on a deep level. Other types of resources and counseling are available as well, such as family support, job training and employment assistance, among others.

Getting help does not have to be complicated and stressful, and working on your wellness goals can be something that you actually look forward to. Embracing healthier solutions and lasting recovery is possible, as well as empowering. Please reach out if you are unsure of your next step; we will either help you or connect you to the help you deserve.

Nicole Willner  
Chief Operations Officer  
Coordinated Behavioral Health Services

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# Sheriff's Office creates dedicated domestic violence unit

Sheriff Kirk Imperati has announced the creation of a dedicated domestic violence unit within the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. The newly formed unit consists of two sworn members and two civilians, all overseen by a supervisor.

The unit will be completely dedicated to serving the victims of domestic violence and seeking justice for offenders, but it will not be doing it alone. Through a partnership with Family Services, the Sheriff's Office already houses a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, who is a first responder to a victim in need and partners with Deputies to ensure that victims are treated with compassion and have access to critical services.

This new unit will do even more to keep victims safe and get connected with the right services, and will continue to liaise with Family Services and other law

enforcement throughout the County to assist victims in any way possible.

Leah Feldman, the Chief Executive Officer for Family Services, said "The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office has been a special partner in the fight to ensure safety and justice for survivors of domestic violence. For many years we have had a vision for a domestic violence unit within law enforcement. This new unit is a testament to the continued integrity and innovation of the Sheriff's Office. We are proud partners in building a stronger, safer community."

In addition the Sheriff's Office will continue to partner with the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence-related offenses, as it has done for decades. The newly formed unit is expected to enhance that collaboration and provide an even smoother path for the Sheriff's Office to continue assisting with the prosecution of offenders.

In reaction to the creation of the unit, Chief Assistant District Attorney Matthew Weishaupt said "Dutchess County has always been a leader in developing strategies to combat domestic violence. The creation of the domestic violence unit by

the Sheriff's Office will further enhance our efforts to reduce domestic violence using a collaborative approach. I am committed to participating with agencies dedicated to protecting victim safety and ensuring offender accountability. Sheriff Imperati's insight and partnership with Family Services and the District Attorney's Office will ensure direct access to services for the victim and effective prosecution of the offenders. I look forward to continuing our work together."

Sheriff Imperati said he is honored to have the dedicated domestic violence unit as part of the Sheriff's Office and expects that its benefits to victims and law enforcement will be immeasurable in the future.

Sheriff Imperati said, "I am extremely proud to have the new domestic violence unit here at the Sheriff's Office. I have every confidence in the men and women that are part of it, and I strongly believe that the valuable work they do will have an enormous positive impact. I would also like to thank the District Attorney's Office and Family Services for their continued partnership and support as we move forward with this new dedicated domestic violence unit."

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# Pleasant Valley Repair Café to offer new kids feature

*submitted by Jean Curlee  
Pleasant Valley Climart Smart  
Task Force*

The Pleasant Valley Repair Café will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main St. (Route 44), Pleasant Valley. The event will feature a new fixer station, a Kids “Take Apart Table.” This will be supervised by an adult, and kids should be accompanied by a parent.

The Repair Café was gifted an IFIXIT Tool Kit that has the proper tools for working on electronic phones, tablets, games, etc. Taking things apart teaches kids how things work, how to put them together, and perhaps fix what is broken. It may also spark a kid’s interest in tinkering.

All the usual Repair Café stations; lamps, clothing, jewelry, laptops and knife sharpening, will be ready to fix whatever is brought in. But if you have something for the Take Apart Table,

bring that in too.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and we close at 2 p.m. The café offers homemade muffins, cookies, coffee and tea while you wait for repairs to be completed. Anyone interested in becoming a fixer, joining the staff or can sharpen lawnmower blades and garden tools, please visit the Café or contact the email below.

The Repair Café is brought to you by PV Climate Smart, and they are happy to help reduce the waste that goes into landfills. “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Repair”

saves money and resources, and helps minimize CO2 emissions. But the most important reason to repair is to share repair skills and pass the knowledge on to the younger generation as our parents and grandparents did for us.

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## League Standings

| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH |  | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  | L10 | STRK |
|-----------------------------|--|----|----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Hudson Valley NYY           |  | 14 | 7  | .667 | -   | 7-3 | W1   |
| Greensboro PIT              |  | 14 | 7  | .667 | -   | 6-4 | W2   |
| Wilmington WSH              |  | 10 | 9  | .526 | 3.0 | 6-4 | W2   |
| Jersey Shore PHI            |  | 8  | 9  | .471 | 4.0 | 6-4 | L1   |
| Aberdeen BAL                |  | 7  | 12 | .368 | 6.0 | 3-7 | L2   |
| Brooklyn NYM                |  | 6  | 11 | .353 | 6.0 | 3-7 | W1   |

| SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH |  | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  | L10 | STRK |
|-----------------------------|--|----|----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Winston-Salem CWS           |  | 14 | 5  | .737 | -   | 7-3 | W3   |
| Hickory TEX                 |  | 10 | 9  | .526 | 4.0 | 5-5 | L3   |
| Bowling Green TB            |  | 9  | 10 | .474 | 5.0 | 3-7 | W1   |
| Asheville HOU               |  | 8  | 11 | .421 | 6.0 | 5-5 | L1   |
| Rome ATL                    |  | 8  | 12 | .400 | 6.5 | 4-6 | L2   |
| Greenville BOS              |  | 7  | 13 | .350 | 7.5 | 3-7 | L1   |

## Renegades bats come alive on road trip

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who leads the South Atlantic League with six round-trippers this season.

After Greenville tied the game in the bottom of the first on a Blaze Jordan RBI single, Aldenis Sanchez put the Renegades back in front in the top of the second with a sacrifice fly scoring Rafael Flores. Jordan tied the game again in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home run off Zach Messinger.

Hudson Valley went in front for good in the top of the sixth, when Grant Richardson ripped a two-run homer to right, touching off a five-run rally which put the Renegades up 7-2. Sanchez and Spencer Jones collected RBI singles, and Ben Cowles brought in a run with a double to provide the other three tallies.

Nick Paciorek earned his second save of the season.

In the nightcap, the Renegades struck first again when Caleb Durbin walked, stole second, and scored on a bloop single to right by Rice. Durbin had a solid game, walking three times in three plate appearances and stealing his league-leading 14th base of the game.

Greenville grabbed the lead in the bottom of the first when Nathan Hickey connected for a two-run home run off Tyrone Yulie. The Drive added another on an RBI single by Eduardo Lopez in the second, and then blew the game open with a five-run third. Lopez highlighted the inning with a grand slam off Yulie (1-1), who allowed eight runs in 2.2 innings in the contest.

In the 16-2 romp on Wednesday, Palensky led the way with two monster two home runs, seven-RBI game at Fluor Field. Palensky finished the night 4-for-5 with two home runs – a three-run homer in the seventh and a grand slam in the eighth – seven RBIs, three runs scored and stole two bases. It was the first multi-homer game of his career, and he set a new career-high in RBIs.

The Renegades took the lead four batters into the game when Rice brought in Spencer Jones with a sacrifice fly to left off Wikelman Gonzalez. After the Drive tied the game with a run in the bottom of the second, the 'Gades sent 10 men to the plate and erupted for six runs in the top of the third to take a commanding 7-1 lead. The frame was capped by a two-run single by Jones.

## Players Statistics

| PLAYER                | TEAM | G  | AB | R  | H  | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | AVG  | OBP  | SLG  | OPS   |
|-----------------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 Aaron Palensky LF   | HV   | 12 | 47 | 14 | 19 | 3  | 1  | 7  | 20  | 7  | 13 | 7  | 0  | .404 | .500 | .957 | 1.457 |
| 2 Spencer Henson 1B   | HV   | 15 | 52 | 15 | 14 | 3  | 0  | 5  | 15  | 7  | 16 | 0  | 0  | .269 | .375 | .615 | .990  |
| 2 Spencer Jones CF    | HV   | 18 | 77 | 13 | 22 | 6  | 2  | 5  | 16  | 6  | 30 | 7  | 1  | .286 | .329 | .610 | .939  |
| 4 Benjamin Cowles SS  | HV   | 14 | 53 | 9  | 11 | 2  | 0  | 4  | 7   | 4  | 22 | 1  | 0  | .208 | .288 | .472 | .760  |
| 4 Alexander Vargas SS | HV   | 14 | 57 | 12 | 15 | 1  | 2  | 4  | 8   | 7  | 16 | 4  | 0  | .263 | .344 | .561 | .905  |
| 6 Anthony Garcia RF   | HV   | 15 | 58 | 15 | 10 | 3  | 0  | 2  | 9   | 11 | 31 | 1  | 2  | .172 | .300 | .328 | .628  |
| 6 Ben Rice C          | HV   | 15 | 44 | 15 | 15 | 2  | 0  | 2  | 10  | 18 | 10 | 3  | 0  | .341 | .559 | .523 | 1.082 |
| 6 Grant Richardson RF | HV   | 8  | 32 | 7  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 7   | 5  | 11 | 3  | 0  | .125 | .263 | .344 | .607  |
| 9 Marcos Cabrera 3B   | HV   | 13 | 49 | 5  | 10 | 3  | 1  | 1  | 6   | 5  | 19 | 1  | 0  | .204 | .278 | .367 | .645  |
| 9 Aldenis Sanchez LF  | HV   | 13 | 45 | 9  | 9  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 9   | 8  | 13 | 6  | 1  | .200 | .304 | .289 | .593  |
| 9 Luis Santos 2B      | HV   | 9  | 23 | 4  | 7  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 4   | 8  | 7  | 3  | 1  | .304 | .469 | .522 | .991  |
| 12 Kyle Battle LF     | HV   | 3  | 10 | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2  | 5  | 1  | 0  | .000 | .167 | .000 | .167  |
| 12 Caleb Durbin 2B    | HV   | 17 | 59 | 16 | 17 | 3  | 0  | 0  | 6   | 12 | 8  | 14 | 0  | .288 | .447 | .339 | .786  |
| 12 Rafael Flores 1B   | HV   | 12 | 47 | 7  | 19 | 5  | 0  | 0  | 10  | 4  | 10 | 1  | 0  | .404 | .442 | .511 | .953  |
| 12 Antonio Gomez C    | HV   | 15 | 59 | 7  | 16 | 4  | 0  | 0  | 7   | 8  | 20 | 0  | 0  | .271 | .358 | .339 | .697  |

## Pitcher Statistics

| PLAYER             | TEAM | W | L | ERA  | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | SVO | IP   | H  | R  | ER | HR | HB | BB | SO | WHIP | AVG  |
|--------------------|------|---|---|------|---|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|------|
| 1 Drew Thorpe P    | HV   | 1 | 0 | 2.86 | 4 | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 22.0 | 20 | 11 | 7  | 2  | 0  | 9  | 29 | 1.32 | .244 |
| 2 Zach Messinger P | HV   | 0 | 1 | 2.14 | 4 | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 21.0 | 15 | 6  | 5  | 2  | 0  | 6  | 26 | 1.00 | .195 |
| 3 Juan Carela P    | HV   | 0 | 1 | 5.40 | 4 | 4  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 16.2 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 1  | 1  | 8  | 25 | 1.62 | .271 |





# Renegades Extra!



## ‘Raking’ Renegades off to hot start in hits, runs during early season

by Rich Thomaselli

If early indications come true, it's going to be a rocking season at Heritage Financial Park.

The Hudson Valley Renegades are “raking,” folks.

In six of the team's first 17 games, they have scored in double figures. “I never worried about us hitting,” slugger Spencer Jones said. “We have guys on this team who can really rake.”

“Usually, guys are pressing early in the season,” says Manager Sergio Santos. “This level is new to most of these guys and they try to impress too soon.”

But the Renegades have been nothing but impressive so far at the plate. Everybody expected Jones to hit, but Aaron Palensky has also stepped up. Palensky clubbed a pair of home runs, and drove in a career-high seven runs in a 16-2 win over Greenville on Wednesday

night. That came on the heels of the team scoring five runs in the top of the ninth inning on Tuesday to record an 11-6 win.

“There should be no reason why this team doesn't hit,” Palensky said in the preseason. “Too much talent.”

The Renegades took the lead four batters into the game vs. Greenville when Ben Rice brought in Jones with a sacrifice fly to left off Wikelman Gonzalez. After the Drive tied the game with a run in the bottom of the second, the Gades sent 10 men to the plate and erupted for six runs in the top of the third to take a commanding 7-1 lead. The frame was capped by a two-run single by Jones.

The Renegade proved they can play long-ball and situational ball. The club is hitting .259 as a team.

“We don't always need a big hit, just a timely one,” said Jones,

So far, they have gotten both.



Renegades outfielder Anthony Garcia visits with two local little league players during a game at Heritage Financial Park. Photo by Dave Janosz

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### TYSON'S TIDBITS WITH TYSON JEFFERS

## Balancing a strong start with strong fan appeal bodes well for team

Every week, reporter Rich Thomaselli will interview Tyson Jeffers, the general manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades. These are his thoughts on the team in particular, and minor league baseball in general.

**As of this writing on Sunday morning, the team is progressing very well. But does success on the field necessarily translate into fans in the seat at this level?**

I think there's a correlation, yes. But we don't live and die by the baseball. That's where the balance comes in at this level, with the baseball, with the promotions, with the things for kids to do, with the entertainment and all that.

**Is that a good thing to be able to fall back on?**

I think it's always a good thing for the team to do well in our league. The way our league is structured with the first half and second half champions, if we go on and win the first half, we know we have playoff games that we have months in order to sell. You have to think of it from a business standpoint as well. If you have months to sell a playoff game, as opposed to making the playoffs at the last minute, it's always a benefit.

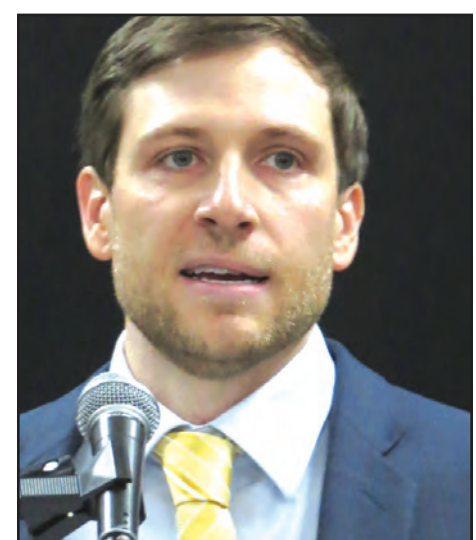
**So you can use it as a selling point. Can you use a player who might be a hot prospect as a selling point?**

I think we already did with Anthony Volpe. A player might be here only a short

amount of time, but for some kids, it becomes a touch point to be able to say someday that you got his autograph, or you interacted with him.

**What are your impressions of the first month of the season?**

Our goal has always been to maximize April and May. The numbers are up. We've been lucky with the weather. So we're very, very happy. We have a lot of momentum going into June, July and August. And as I've said several times, those are our bread and butter months. We have a pretty impactful few months coming up. And the ballpark looks terrific. It has never looked better. People are starting to think about how to plan their summer, and we are happy to be a part of it.





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Men's Bible Study offered at Hyde Park Baptist Church

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

## Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

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

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

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

## Needlework discussion set May 3 at Lagrangeville church

Skyllkill Chapter will present "What's In Your Yarn Box," a discussion of the love of knitting, ways to use some of the many yarns and fibers available now for knitting, crochet and needlework. Marie Stewart, owner of the Yarn Box in Pawling, will also discuss her adventures as a business owner. This program will be held on Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m., at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville.

Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA](http://www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA) or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

## Clay Shoot for HOPE set May 5

Registration is open for the 12th Annual Clay Shoot for HOPE on Friday, May 5, at Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook. All proceeds from the events will benefit Hope For The Warriors, a national nonprofit that has served over 40,000 service members, veterans and military families through a variety of support programs focused on health and wellness, sports and recreation and transition.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and registration. Shooting begins at 10 a.m. with lunch and an auction at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$500 and include sporting clays (round of 100, including four boxes of shells, and shotguns), a golf cart, breakfast and lunch. Register at [hopeforthewarriors.org/2023clayshoot](http://hopeforthewarriors.org/2023clayshoot).

## Pine Plains Garden Club sets lectures

The Pine Plains Garden Club will host three free lectures presented by Dutchess County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. The series includes: May 4 at 7 p.m. Four Season Gardening; June 17 at 2 p.m., Cutting Gardens: How To Create An Endless Supply of Vase Worthy Flowers; and Sept. 9 at 2 p.m., Bulbs For All Seasons. All lectures are held at the Pine Plains Community Room. 7775 South Main St.,

Pine Plains. Any questions, email Pine Plains Garden Club@gmail.com.

## Abilities First sets pickleball fundraiser May 6

Abilities First will host theThinkWealth Think Pickleball Classic on Saturday, May 6, at Sportsplex New Windsor, from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Cost per team is \$250 for 2 players, \$475 for 4 players. All players must be 21 or older to participate. Funds raised will benefit Abilities First. For questions or to register, email [events@abilitiesfirstny.org](mailto:events@abilitiesfirstny.org).

## Rhinebeck garden center sets grand opening May 6-7

The Old Dairy Nursery will hold its grand opening weekend May 6-7. Located 3 miles from the center of Rhinebeck at 781 Route 308, the nursery is a convenient haven for plant enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.

The weekend festivities kick off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, with a raffle, where visitors will have a chance to win prizes. In addition, the first 100 visitors will receive a free plant as a thank you for their support. Samuel's Sweet Shop will be on hand to provide treats and snacks for all to enjoy.

On Sunday, May 7, the fun continues with another day of raffle giveaways and free plants for the first 100 visitors. There will be a special treat for the little ones - a scavenger hunt designed just for children.

Call (845) 859-0848 or visit [www.olddairynursery.com](http://www.olddairynursery.com) for more information.

## Miles of Hope High Tea Brunch set May 7

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

Tickets for this event are available at [www.milesofhope.org](http://www.milesofhope.org). Proceeds from the Annual Spring Brunch benefit people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley.

## Local businesses to get spotlight at May 13 Expo

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a Think Local First Expo on Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road (Route 9) in Poughkeepsie. For more information about this event, email [frontdesk@dcrcoc.org](mailto:frontdesk@dcrcoc.org) or call (845) 454-1700, ext. 1000.

## Mother's Day Plant Sale at Poughkeepsie Kimlin Cider Mill

On May 14, Cider Mill Friends, who is preserving and restoring the historic Kimlin Cider Mill at 140 Cedar Ave., Poughkeepsie, is having a plant sale in honor of Mother's Day and springtime. Both indoor and outdoor plants will be for sale, including lilies of the valley, irises, catnip, periwinkle, elephant ear bulbs, wild ginger, Japanese maple, spider plant, cat grass, and ground cover geranium. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the cider mill. If you have questions, go to [cidermillfriends.org](http://cidermillfriends.org) for contact information.

## Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on

Monday, May 15, at noon, at the Community Mental Health Center located at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie.

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

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

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

## Millbrook Historical Society meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Memorial flags to fly at 4th Field of Honor in Hyde Park

The Hyde Park Education Foundation (HPEF) is sponsoring its Fourth Field of Honor® on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29, on the lawn in front of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, on Route 9 in Hyde Park. The Field of Honor® is a display of 200+ American flags, 3' x 5', mounted on 8' poles.

At the HPEF website, <https://www.HydeParkEducationFoundation.org>, flags can be purchased or dedicated; click on "How To Donate." Each flag purchased can be labeled in memory or in honor of a veteran, a fallen soldier, or anyone the buyer wishes to remember. Individuals and businesses who would like to make a sponsorship donation can visit the same link.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hyde Park Education Foundation.

The Hyde Park Field of Honor® opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m. (Rain date is Sunday, May 28) There will be live, local entertainment on the Main Stage, and a kids' tent for activities, crafts and games on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m., FDR High School Music alumni will perform a concert on the Main Stage.

All events at the Field of Honor® are free to the public, and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Stanford's Salute to Veterans set June 3

The Town of Stanford's veterans will be honored on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stanford Recreation Park, 33 Noller Way, Stanfordville. There will be light refreshments, fundraising raffles and a ceremony honoring local veterans. There will also be a Veterans Resource Drive, collecting new clothing, bedding, toiletries and canned goods; monetary donations will also be accepted.

## Historic Red Hook to present Then & Now Festival

Then & Now Festival: Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Rain Date Sun. Jun. 4), The Elmendorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway, Red Hook. Come to the Elmendorph Inn and Green for a summer festival celebrating Red Hook, the things that have changed and that have stayed the same. Enjoy demonstrations, family friendly activities, live music, and local vendors. Volunteers needed to help out by setting up and closing down, or participate by hosting an activity or info table. Email [info@historicrodhook.org](mailto:info@historicrodhook.org) for more details.

## Anderson Golf Classic set June 15

The 2023 Anderson Center for Autism Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, June 15, at The Links at Union Vale, 153 North Parliman Road, Lagrangeville. Cost: \$300 per person; includes golf, raffles, prizes, and breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and awards dinner. Unlimited beverage cart and stations are included. All golfers will receive a golfer gift and favor bag. Sponsorships are also available. For more information, call (845) 889-9208, email: [info@AndersonCares.org](mailto:info@AndersonCares.org) or visit [www.andersoncenterforautism.org/andersonclassic](http://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/andersonclassic).

## Stanford Fire Co. golf tourney set July 28

Support your local volunteer firefighters on Friday, July 28, when the Stanford Fire Company holds its Golf Tournament at James Baird State Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$150 per person and includes lunch and dinner. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Stanfordville Truck Restoration Fund. To learn more, contact Will Moriarty at [wmoriarty39@optonline.net](mailto:wmoriarty39@optonline.net).

## ONGOING

**The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association** is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. Must be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For more information, e-mail [info@vanderbiltgarden.org](mailto:info@vanderbiltgarden.org), visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

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

**Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program:** The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is reaching out to older adults who are isolated and would like some type of social connection, somebody to talk to for 20-30 minutes a week. OFA's Friendly Calls program is looking for volunteer callers to reach out to our older adults. It's a simple program at its core: neighbors talking to neighbors in a short, structured conversation. Volunteers would start out calling from OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie, but we envision the program becoming something a volunteer can do from home if that's what they prefer. Adult volunteers of all ages are welcome. To take part as a volunteer caller, email [bjones@dutchessny.gov](mailto:bjones@dutchessny.gov) or call (845) 486-2555.

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# Clinton Community Library to hold Book Sale, Plant Sale

Clinton Community Library’s annual book sale will be happening from May 18-May 21, just in time to stock up on summer reads. The sale will take place both indoors and outdoors, with a variety of titles to choose from for adults, teens, and children.

The selection includes history, popular fiction, cookbooks, children’s books, biographies, paperbacks, specialty books, and more. On Saturday, a selection of seedlings and divided perennials will also be for sale outside, along with a selection of home and garden books.

All books and plants are priced as

marked unless stated otherwise. The dates/times for the sale are as follows:

Thursday 5/18 Book Sale Preview Night (\$10 entrance fee): 5 PM - 7 PM

Friday 5/19 Book Sale: 1 PM - 7 PM

Saturday 5/20 Book Sale/Plant Sale: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Sunday 5/21 \$5 Bag Sale: 11 AM - 3:30 PM – Fill a bag of books for just \$5!

The library is at 1215 Centre Road (Clinton Town Hall Campus) in Rhinebeck. For more information, call (845) 266-5530 or visit [www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org).

# Cary Institute sets event on threats facing soils

On Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. join Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies for a science conversation featuring Jane Lucas, an ecologist researching threats facing soils, and how they can be understood and managed in the face of global change.

Healthy soils produce the majority of our food supply, buffer extreme weather, and safeguard water resources. They lock away twice the amount of carbon stored in plants and trees and are hotspots for antibiotic discoveries. Yet we are losing fertile soil much faster than it can be replaced.

In conversation with Cary President Josh Ginsberg, Lucas will explore the state of soils. This will include insight into her research on microbial ecology,

soil food webs, and how antibiotic introductions into our soil environments (via livestock) shapes microbiomes, antibiotic resistance, and soil’s ability to store water and carbon.

She will also discuss Stressed Out Soils, a large-scale experimental project that is the first to look at how drought, warming, fungicides, antibacterials, and pesticides interact to shape soil health. Eighty plots have been established on grasslands at Cary Institute’s research campus, and will be a model for similar experiments around the US.

This event will be offered in-person, at our Lovejoy Auditorium, and virtually. It is free and open to all. Questions can be submitted in advance. To join the conversation, register via Eventbrite.

# Garden & plant sale set June 2-3 at Rhinebeck Reformed Church

Submitted by Brenda Klaproth

The Rhinebeck Reformed Church will hold a garden and plant sale on June 2 and 3 to raise funds for the preservation and maintenance of the historic structure that is an integral part of the Village of Rhinebeck.

A weekly food pantry is held every Tuesday, and the building used by many organizations, such as the Dutchess County Survivors of Suicide Support Group, Northern Dutchess Beekeepers Club, Sinterklaas, the Rhinebeck Choral Club, and the joint lecture series with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Container plants, hanging baskets, and pots of annuals, small shrubs, and

perennials donated from local businesses or dug from local gardens will be offered. Think of us if your perennials or small shrubs need dividing. Someone can help dig and pot if you are unable. We are also asking for lightly used yard decorations, tools, birdhouses, wind chimes, lawn, porch furniture, and large size terra cotta planters.

Vendor space is available to sell local produce and garden-yard type crafts.

The church is at 6368 Mill St. in Rhinebeck. For further information, call or text Brenda Klaproth at [bklaproth@gmail.com](mailto:bklaproth@gmail.com) (845-309-3181) or Nancy Katrulya, (914-489-2001). Donations are tax deductible. <http://www.rhinebeckreformed.org>

# K104, Renegades team up for Cupcake Festival May 14

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and K104 announce that Heritage Financial Park will serve as the home for the 2023 K104 Cupcake Festival. The event will be held at Heritage Financial Park on May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.k104online.com/cupcake> and <https://www.milb.com/hudson-valley/tickets/promotions>.

K104’s Cupcake Festival is one of the most-popular spring events in the Hudson Valley, annually drawing over 10,000 visitors for a day of food trucks, artisan vendors, and of course, cupcakes. K104 will be broadcasting live from Heritage Financial Park throughout the day.

“This is going to be a great event! Having events at Heritage Financial Park is such a pleasure,” said Pamal Broadcasting COO Chuck Benfer. “The Renegades and Dutchess County are great partners to work with, which makes planning and hosting events like K104’s Cupcake Festival and K-Fest a real joy. The stadium looks amazing, the staff and team led by their GM Tyson Jeffers are very cooperative and accommodating. It feels like home there!”

The event is free and open to the public. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The winner of K104’s Cupcake Wars will also be crowned at the event. K104’s Cupcake Wars with Woodman kicked off on Friday, April 21, and will continue on the air every Friday until a winner is crowned at the Cupcake Festival. Contestants are competing for the bragging rights of being the best cupcaker, \$1,000 in prize money, and to have their cupcake featured at a Renegades game.

Free parking is available in Newburgh at the Newburgh Mall/Resorts World Newburgh. There will be a free shuttle provided from those lots to Heritage Financial Park.

There will be a \$20 VIP Parking Pass available for purchase in advance of the event that will allow people to park at Heritage Financial Park, with \$5 of that being donated to the American Cancer Society in support of Breast Cancer awareness and research. Passes will be sold for both a morning (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and an afternoon (1 – 4 p.m.) session.

One may purchase a Morning VIP Parking Pass, and an Afternoon VIP Parking Pass. Only one pass is needed per car.

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# Astor announces dine-out event for Mental Health

Several restaurants throughout the Hudson Valley region have signed on for Astor Services’ 3rd annual Dine Out for Mental Health, during May, Mental Health Awareness Month.

Restaurants in the Hudson Valley will donate a portion of their proceeds to support Astor and the mental/behavioral services the nonprofit organization provides to more than 10,000 children and families throughout the Hudson Valley and the Bronx.

According to Sonia Barnes-Moorhead, executive vice president The Children’s Foundation of Astor, “Dine Out was created in 2021 to help restaurant owners and small businesses who suffered from the economic impact during the shutdown get diners out again for a good cause. It was a great way to draw attention to the mental health crisis in our

communities, and to get friends together to show their commitment to local businesses while garnering much-needed resources for our children and families.”

This year, the month-long event will include many return participants from last year, along with some familiar and new restaurants in the lineup. Money raised by participating restaurants will help Astor ensure that every child has the opportunity to meet life’s challenges, pursue their dreams, and reach their full potential.

To view the Dine Out Calendar and participating restaurants, visit: <https://www.astorservices.org/events/dine-out-for-mental-health/>

Diners are encouraged to return to Astor’s website throughout the month for updates and special offers from Dine Out participants.

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# Creative Living

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## ‘Hello Dolly!’ comes to Rhinebeck

Up In One Productions will present the blockbuster Broadway musical comedy “Hello, Dolly!” with music by the legendary Jerry Herman (“Mame,” “La Cage Aux Folles”) and book by Michael Stewart (“42nd Street,” “Barnum”). Opening May 5 and running through May 28 on weekends at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, the show is produced by Diana di Grandi, directed and choreographed by Thomas Netter, with music direction by Matthew Woolever.

This 10- time Tony Award-winning (including Best Musical), adaptation of Thornton Wilder’s hit play, “The Matchmaker,” bursts with humor, romance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history. The romantic and comic exploits of the irrepressible Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and “woman who arranges things,” have thrilled and entertained audiences again and again. It is an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living, aglow with show-stopping song and dance numbers and alive with the personality of one of the most charismatic characters on the musical stage...Dolly Gallagher Levi.

In the grand tradition of the Broadway

musical comedy, “Hello, Dolly!” is guaranteed to bring a smile to every theatergoer’s face, while setting their feet a-tapping.

“Hello, Dolly!” opened on Broadway on Jan. 16, 1964 at the St. James Theatre, with Carol Channing in the title role. The show ultimately played for 2,844 performances, making it - at the time - the longest-running Broadway musical in history. “Hello, Dolly!” has been revived several times on Broadway, most recently in 2017, starring Bette Midler as Dolly Levi.

The Up In One Production features Amy LeBlanc (Dolly Levi), David Foster (Horace Vandergelder), Ory Lopez (Cornelius Hackl), Emily Boone (Irene Molloy), Caleb Sheedy (Barnaby Tucker), Olivia Michaels Bogert (Minnie Fay), Michael Risio (Ambrose Kemper), Alison Delaney (Ermengarde), and a large talented and energetic supporting cast.

Tickets are \$29 and may be purchased online at [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org) or by calling (845) 876-3080 Wednesdays-Fridays, 1-5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck is at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck.



“Hello, Dolly!” will open May 5 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. Pictured are David Foster (Horace Vandergelder) and Amy LeBlanc (Dolly Levi). Photo by Rachel Karashay

### GERMANIA SETS MAIFEST CELEBRATION MAY 19-21

Germania of Poughkeepsie will host MAIFEST! ?A springtime Oktoberfest from Friday, May 19, to Sunday, May 21. Celebrate the arrival of spring with German food, Oma’s famous baked goods (apple strudel, bee sting cake, crumb cake), Bavarian pretzels, German beer, wine, and much more.

There will be live music by German bands (Maria & John Band, The Adlers Band, Bernie’s Orchestra), Bavarian folk dances performed by the Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein and Kindergruppe, a stein holding contest, raffle prizes, as well as children’s activities with balloon art, face painting, clowns, and piñata. The Town of Poughkeepsie Police K-9 will do a demonstration on the soccer field. There will also be vendors.

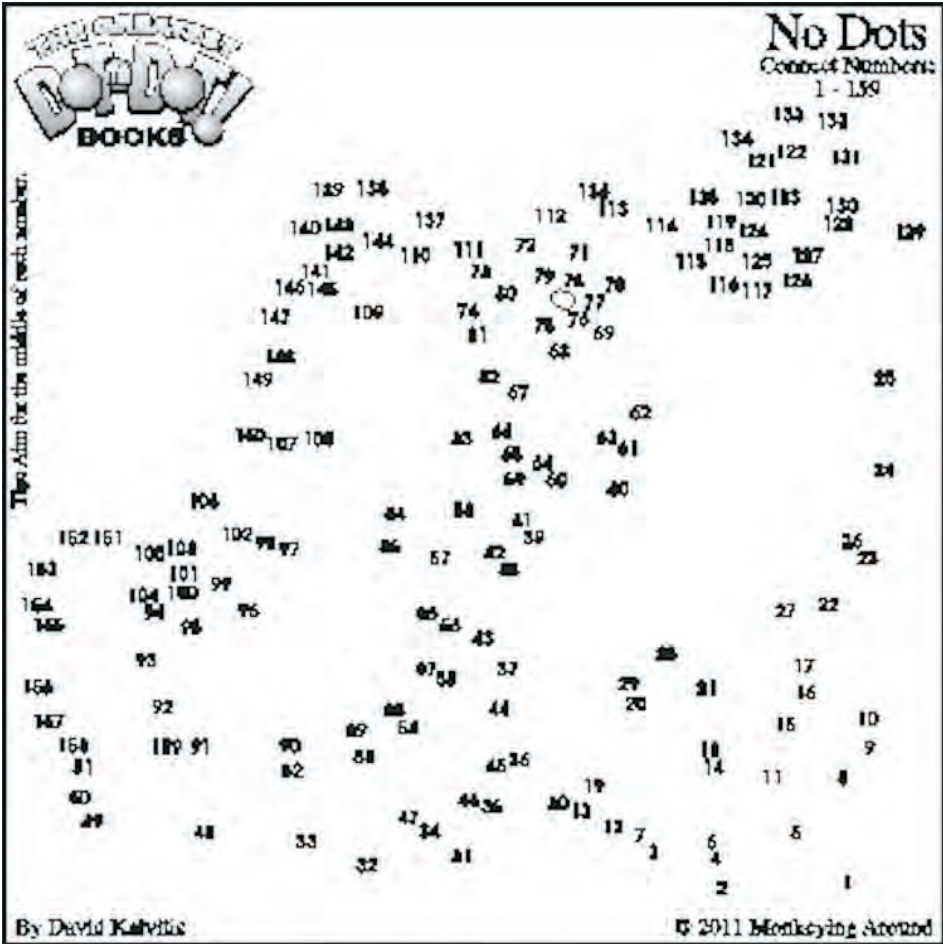
Maifest will be held rain or shine, under the tents.

Admission is \$5. Children 16 and under are free. Military and veterans will receive a discount with ID. There is free parking. Hours are Friday, May 19, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 21, from noon to 5 p.m.

Germnia is at 51 Old DeGarmo Road in Poughkeepsie. Visit [germaniapok.com](http://germaniapok.com) for more information.

### DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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# ‘Laugh when everyone is crying’

Pop illustrates another life lesson with a story.

*I came across this article the other day. I was working through some issues and it helped me put things in perspective. I figured there was a reason I came across this particular article and decided that we should run it again.*

Pop came into the restaurant yesterday: The first day that we were shut down for eat-in patrons due to the Coronavirus outbreak. He knew we were worried about our livelihood. He knew we were fearful of the unknown. Pop knew he had to say something to calm our nerves. Pop was nervous himself that his sons were in trouble. However, Pop, at 88 years old, has a unique perspective because he lived through one of the darkest times of human history: WWII. As usual, Pop had a story.

“Times were very difficult during the war. Food was scarce. Thieves frequently robbed our garden. We began to bring our chickens into the house at night to keep them from being stolen. I had to go barefoot, as I had no shoes. One day, I stepped hard on a sharp stone, and it pierced my heel. A cyst formed and it became infected. Once a week, a doctor would come to our town for a few hours to see anyone that needed any help. The doctor would often accept payment in the form of wine, meat, or groceries, as few residents could actually afford to pay with currency. The doctor operated on my heel and drained the cyst. Unfortunately, he did not have anesthetic. My mother and brother had to hold me down to keep me from jumping as the doctor worked on me.

“It was shortly after this incident that I bought my first pair of sandals with the money I earned selling cigarettes on the street. Late one evening, I met a man who

made sandals and bought them. I was so happy and proud that I walked around town showing them off to whomever I met. When I finally got around to walking home, it was almost 11 p.m. and I was alone. I heard a squeak behind me. I stopped cold and looked around, expecting to find someone stalking me. My heart skipped a beat when I saw no one was there.

“A ghost was following me! I ran home like my pants were on fire. The faster I ran, the closer the ghost got. I was praying to God to please not let the ghost get me. I ran through the front door and slammed it shut behind me. The noise was still there. I ran to my mother panting and out of breath. It took me a few minutes to explain to my mother what had happened. When she finally understood she gently smacked me and said, ‘Don’t you know it’s your own shoes?!’”

So the moral of yet another story of my father’s, though it’s hard to see, sometime when times are at their worst, you have to laugh when you want to cry.

In light of this very serious, frightening, situation, let’s all remember to laugh instead of crying. We will all get through this together. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

**ITALIAN MAC AND CHEESE**  
**Ingredients**  
1 lb. Italian sausage  
1 lb. your favorite macaroni  
1 large onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 red bell pepper, diced  
1 32 oz. jar Coppola’s Marinara Sauce  
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
2 cups shredded mozzarella, divided  
Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

**Directions**  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat, cook sausage, breaking up with a wooden spoon, until seared and no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Add onion, garlic, and bell pepper and cook, stirring, until soft, 5 minutes more.  
Add macaroni and stir, then pour over marinara and broth. Bring liquid to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until pasta is al dente and almost all liquid has been absorbed, about 8-10 minutes.  
Stir in half-and-half and simmer until mostly absorbed, 2 minutes more. Remove from heat and stir in half of mozzarella.

Transfer mixture to a large baking dish and sprinkle with remaining mozzarella. Bake until cheese is golden, about 5-10 minutes.  
Garnish with parsley before serving.  
  
*Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at [www.coppolas.net](http://www.coppolas.net).*

## EXHIBITIONS

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. are the works of Robert Goldwitz; and at 12 Vassar St. are Susan Angeles in the Hancock Gallery and the ArtEast Dutchess Group Exhibit in the Reception Gallery. **Free Public Art Opening Receptions:** Fri., May 5, 5-7 p.m. [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org) or (845) 486-4571

**LAND Gallery**, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **May 5-June 25:** “Impressions,” photographs by Jane Haslam. **Artist Reception:** Fri. May 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (845) 490-2281 or [www.landgalleryonline.com](http://www.landgalleryonline.com)

**Starr Library**, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through May:** The 17th Annual Rhinebeck Central School District Art Show, group exhibition of works by students attending RCSD. (845) 876-4030 or [www.starrlibrary.org](http://www.starrlibrary.org)

**Tivoli Artists Gallery**, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through May 28:** Sculpture And Ceramic Show, a group of TAG members and guest artists present an exhibit of figurative sculpture and ceramic creations in 3D and wall reliefs. Highlights will include an exploration of forms from clay, wood, marble, metal or found objects. Hours: Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. or by appt. [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com)

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# Diversions

## SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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## Suguru

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

### ACROSS

- Swirling waters
- Location
- Prickly bush
- Refuses to
- Louise or Turner
- Source of news
- Away from the weather
- Drug dealer's prey
- Great distress
- William Tell's gear
- \_\_ tai
- Yang's counterpart
- TV manufacturer
- Foot support
- Aristotle's forum
- Vision
- Storm
- Race loser
- Crucifix letters
- Reduced
- Neat as \_\_
- \_\_ down; resign
- Asian nation
- Velocity
- Piece of playground equipment
- Examiners
- Linear measures: abbr.
- Canine curer
- Swiss river
- Cross-stitches
- Shady spot
- 1958 Pulitzer-prize winning author
- Woman's name
- Breaks
- Portable beds
- Word with doer or eye
- No longer fashionable
- Formerly
- Hans Christian Andersen, for one

### DOWN

- Q-tip
- "Sport of Kings"
- Once more
- Fulton's inventions
- Photographer's milieu
- Tower city
- Oddity
- Linger
- Muscular
- Shabby clothing
- Words of commitment
- German article
- \_\_ Rogers
- Cartoonist Thomas
- Lubricated
- Farming machine
- Marie and Pierre
- Fix
- Suggested
- Sees eye to eye
- Pack too full
- 1/24, to a jeweler
- Accompanied as a tour guide
- Wimp
- Tierney, for one
- Strength
- Slay with a dagger
- Unwilling
- Wisest
- Tiny amount
- Beer ingredient
- Mr. Stravinsky
- Fishing items
- Canadian province start
- Actress Moran
- Mall event
- Cleo's downfall
- Ribonucleic acid, familiarly
- Undergrad goals, for short

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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15





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## The Eighth Wonder of the World - and it's right here in Dutchess County

by Rick Levitt

No matter which version, ancient or new, of the Seven Wonders of the World you use, you won't find a single one in North America. But the Eighth is, and Dutchess County sits astride it—the Delaware Aqueduct Tunnel, and its half-way point at Shaft 6 is just north of Chelsea, on the east bank of the Hudson River.

At 85 miles long—reputedly the longest continuous tunnel in the world—the Delaware System aqueduct originates at Ulster County's Rondout Reservoir and supplies roughly half of New York City's billion gallon-per-day requirement of fresh drinking water. The tunnel, ending at Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers in Westchester County, went into service in 1944 after seven years of construction; work continued on and off until 1953. It was the second trans-Hudson tunnel supplying water to New York City, following the 1907 completion of the Croton System's crossing between Storm King in Ulster County and Breakneck in Putnam County. (The Croton System, which terminates at Kensico Reservoir in Westchester County, supplies roughly 40% of New York City's drinking water.)

At 600 feet below the Hudson, the portion between Shafts 5A (near Roseton on the West Bank) and 6 (near Chelsea) is

the deepest part of what New York City's Department of Environmental Protection calls the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel. Built in 1939 by Pleasantville Constructors, this 36,600-foot section cost \$10,679,710 (over \$226,000,000 in today's money).

A wonder it was, but perfect it wasn't. When leaks were discovered in the aqueduct in the 1990s, it was estimated the system was losing 20,000,000 gallons per day; later work showed the leaks had increased to nearly 35,000,000 gallons per day. Most of the loss was occurring in an underwater tunnel section near Newburgh. DEP began planning what became the largest repair project in the water supply system's history, the Rondout-West Branch Bypass Tunnel.

Work began in January 2013 on what one observer called "open heart surgery under the water": a new 2.5-mile tunnel section to be constructed just to the north of the existing tunnel and eventually tied in at the original junctures near the Hudson's edge on both banks. First, an 845-foot shaft was drilled on land DEP had acquired in Newburgh, while one measuring 675 feet was dug across the river on land the agency had historically owned in Chelsea. Once these access shafts were completed in 2016, it was time for Nora to go to work.

Nora weighed more than 2.7 million



"Sandhogs" are pictured in front of the Nora underground tunnel near Chelsea, August 2019. Photo courtesy of NYC Department of Environmental Protection

pounds and was 470 feet long; "her" blade was 21 ½ feet long. "She" was the tunnel boring machine used to dig the underwater route between the two shafts, named after Nora Stanton Blatch Deforest Barney, the suffragist who was the first woman ever awarded a college degree in civil engineering in the United States and first woman member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The real flesh-and-blood Nora was well acquainted with New York City's water needs, having worked as a drafter during the construction of the Ashokan Reservoir, part of the Croton System that predated the Delaware System.

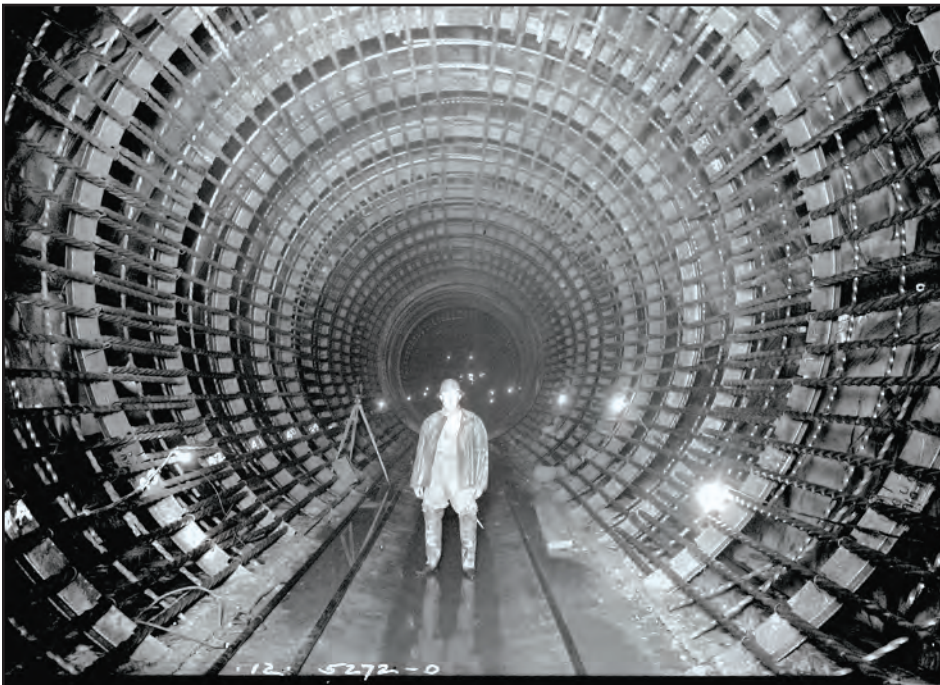
It took four months to assemble Nora's monstrous mechanical namesake on the Newburgh side of the project. Then digging began. By the time "Nora's" work was done in August 2019, the machine had dug over two miles to the Chelsea side, leaving precast concrete rings in "her" wake. By May of the following year, 9,200 linear feet of steel lining had been installed in the rings, in preparation for the final construction work, the laying of the tunnel's concrete lining.

Lining work started in June 2020. Pacing themselves at roughly 80 linear feet per day, workers began pumping concrete from the Wappingers side of the tunnel until they reached roughly half-

way through the 2.5 mile boring. Then they packed up the equipment, moved it over to the Newburgh side and slowly traced their way back until they completed the task on March 25, 2021. 29,600 cubic yards of concrete in total were used in this final stage of the so-called triple pass design that is intended to enhance the tunnel's structural stability and prevent leaks in the future. That's about half the concrete used in the construction of the Empire State Building.

Per DEP officials, shutdown of the current tunnel is scheduled for October of this year, with final completion of the entire project about eight months later. But Town of Wappinger residents have already seen the benefits of this massive undertaking. When work was still in the planning stages, then-Supervisor Barbara Gutzler negotiated with DEP officials to permit some locals living close to the east bank construction to tap into the NYC water that would ultimately be flowing underneath their feet. Once completely dependent on wells, at least 80 families in the town are tied into the system to date, with more to come. Talk about wonder!

Rick Levitt is the chair of the DCHS Publications committee and editor of the DCHS 2023 Yearbook.



The above photo shows the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel, November 5, 1942. Photo courtesy of NYC Water

## Locust Grove sets fairy-themed programs for children and adults

Locust Grove Historic Estate, Museum & Nature Preserve will hide one-of-a-kind fairy houses among its blooming flowers and historic trees this month, during the Fairy House Hunt taking place on Saturdays and Sundays in May and June, as well as Memorial Day (Monday, May 29).

Locust Grove staff invite visitors to "fly on over" to discover these whimsical dwellings. Don't have a set of Fairy Wings for the occasion? You can buy some in the Museum Shop.

Timed entrance tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Fairy Fest, a new event for adults ages 21 and older will take place on Friday, May 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Put on your favorite set of wings and fly on over to an exclusive After-Hours Preview Party (ages 21+ only) of Locust Grove's Fairy Houses. Dine on lavish hors d'oeuvres, decorate your own desserts with Dulce Cake and Confections Supply Shop, visit the cash bar, dance among the

flowers and historic trees to tunes by DJ Jimmy Lyles Productions. Make and take your own Fairy door, play games, and tour more than 30 tiny fairy houses in the twilight.

The cost to attend Fairy Fest is \$75 per person (again, attendees must be 21 or older).

Costumes are encouraged. Fairy wings and flower crowns are available for purchase in our Museum Shop. All proceeds benefit Locust Grove.

Tickets to all the upcoming events are available at [lgny.org/calendar](http://lgny.org/calendar) or Eventbrite.

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# A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

**May 4: Movies from the Balcony: "Memoria,"** UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. The winner of the 2021 Cannes Jury Prize, Thai auteur Apichatpong Weerathesakul's "Memoria" is only available to screen in theaters and will never be available for home viewing. The film's breathtaking visuals and meticulous sound design create a revelatory viewing experience, 7:30 p.m. Plus happy hour in UPAC's Upstairs Lounge, featuring a pre-show musical performance by Kingston-based ambient musician J. Ashdown. Free. (845) 339-6088

**May 5: Open Mic,** Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake. Performers of all genres are invited to share their best music, stories, readings, poetry, dance, songs and comedy, 7-9 p.m. All are welcome to come, relax and be entertained by the best talent in the area live and in-person. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Mics and piano are provided. copakegrange.org

**May 5-6: Rhinebeck Theatre Society presents "Emilie: La Marquise Du Châtelet Defends Her Life Tonight,"**

Oakwood Friends School, 22 Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie. Award-winning playwright Lauren Gunderson's contemporary piece about the brilliant but under-recognized 18th-century philosopher Emilie du Châtelet. In the play, Emilie has materialized mysteriously in front of a modern audience. Without questioning her circumstances, she launches into a reflection of her life and work, framing a debate between love and philosophy that at once seems both worldly and painfully personal. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 students/seniors, \$20 general public. Purchase at rhinebecktheatresociety.org.

**May 5-21: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,"** County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical comedy is a story with shenanigans, hijinks, and tomfoolery as a lowly servant endeavors to scheme his way to freedom in this antic romp through Rome with desperate lovers, scheming neighbors, and scandalous secrets behind every toga. The plot twists with cases of mistaken identity, slamming

doors, and a showgirl or two. Directed by David J. Ringwood. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., May 14 & 21, 2 p.m. Tickets \$26 adult; \$23 senior 60+, military, students (w/ID) & children under 12. Check website for the latest Covid-related information. (845) 298-1491 or www.countyplayers.org

**May 10: Author Event,** Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, 4079 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. Three men and one woman formed a kind of Cabinet within a Cabinet

for President Roosevelt. In "Unlikely Heroes: Franklin Roosevelt, His Four Lieutenants, and the World They Made," author Derek Leebaert examines the four figures – Harry Hopkins, Harold Ickes, Henry Wallace, and Frances Perkins – who played such a critical role in the nation's recovery, 6 p.m. Free. Registration required via <http://fdrlibrary.org/> for in-person attendance (local health metrics permitting). The talk will also be streamed on the official FDR Library's YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages. More info: Cliff Laube, (845) 486-7745

## Baer goes Off-Broadway with one-man show about Samuel Clemens



The cast of County Players' "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" includes (from left) Robert Yarnall, Andrea Buergers, Ethan Maslyn, Emma Hempel, Glen Morrice and Philip Corso. Photo by Louise Vilardi Photography



Joe Baer portrays Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, in his one-man show, "Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain." Baer has performed the show locally many times, and it will debut Off-Broadway on May 6 at the Actor's Temple Theatre in New York City. Courtesy photo

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Baerhands Theater & Television Inc. announced that its original solo show, "Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain," will perform Off-Broadway in May and June at the Actor's Temple Theater, 339 West 47th St., New York City. Performances are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday beginning May 6 through June 25, with performances at 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. For more information and tickets, visit <https://baerhands theater.com>.

The show, written and performed by Joe Baer of Rhinecliff, has been touring the Hudson Valley for the past two years, including performances at The Linda (Albany), The Main Stage at Shadowlands (Ellenville) and the Stissing Center (Pine Plains), among others.

Last November, Baer was awarded five Theater Association of New York State (TANYS) awards at the 2022 Annual NYS Theater Festival for his performance, including the 2022 Festival Adjudicators' Discretionary Award for Excellence In Overall Production and 2022 Festival People's Choice Award for his portrayal as Samuel Clemens.

Written by Baer, the show is an original script sprinkled with excerpts from the hand of Samuel Clemens, otherwise known as Mark Twain. Baer portrays Samuel Clemens near the end of his

career, in a narrative and thought-provoking performance. The show highlights events in Twain's life with events happening during his lifetime in American history. Baer presents a nostalgic look back through time, beginning with Twain's rural roots in small-town Missouri, to his international acclaim.

Context and words from the pen of Mark Twain are intertwined to re-imagine this legend on the lecture circuit, highlighting the ebbs and flows of this iconic American figure's life against a visual backdrop of historical imagery. This parallel timeline brings Twain back to life by conveying how many of the same topics back then are just as relevant in today's world.

Baer's performance also portrays Twain's irreverence for politics and politicians as is his penchant for embroidering the truth with less true but more interesting alternative facts. Act 2 includes condensed passages from Clemens's masterwork, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Says Baer, "I'm not trying to impersonate Twain, but rather personify him. My goal on stage is to create a Twain character for the 21st century. His logic and 'snappers' are timeless, and many, for better or worse, are still applicable to today's world."



COVID-19 COVERAGE  
CHANGES COMING IN MAY

The emergency phase of the nation’s response to COVID-19 is set to end on Thursday, May 11. The Dutchess County Office for the Aging and Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) have been preparing to meet the needs of Dutchess County older adults beyond that date, so we all can anticipate the expected changes.

OFA will continue its offer of free vaccinations and boosters for COVID-19 and influenza to homebound older Dutchess County residents for the next several months. If you or someone for whom you care has been unable to travel to a traditional provider, OFA can arrange for trained providers to come to the residence of the homebound individual. Contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov to find out more.

DBCH commissioner Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD FACEP offers the following guidance to all Dutchess County residents, regardless of age or vaccination status:

“Although the COVID-19 state of emergency is coming to an end in May, the CDC recommends that anyone who has not yet had their updated shot get one. This bivalent vaccine induces antibodies against both the original virus and the Omicron variants, especially important among people who may be older or immunocompromised. We urge those more vulnerable populations to consider

their risk, as they have been approved to receive another dose of the updated shot, even if they have already had one in those last few months.”

What else changes after May 11? A full accounting of the changes would take up a good-sized book, so we’ll cover the changes that’ll affect the most of us.

For one, COVID-19 vaccines and antivirals such as Paxlovid will remain free to everyone regardless of insurance status until the current federal stockpile runs out. Additionally, expanded telehealth covered by Medicare will also remain in place through December 2024 under federal spending legislation passed in December. After 2024, congressional action to extend telehealth coverage would be needed.

In New York State, flexibilities that have applied to physicians’ assistants during the COVID emergency are scheduled to expire on May 11, barring any changes made as part of state budget talks that were ongoing as of this writing. The 2022-23 state budget permanently granted full practice authority to nurse practitioners. NPs in New York can diagnose, evaluate, test, manage treatments and prescribe medicines, without a previously required contract with a physician.

Meanwhile, New York’s continuous Medicaid enrollment policy enacted during the pandemic expired on March 31. Since then, the state has been notifying Medicaid consumers about potential changes to coverage. For older adults

covered by Medicare and/or Medicaid who are concerned about what the future holds, OFA is hosting a Medicare Savings Plan (MSP) Enrollment Forum on Friday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at OFA offices at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie.

Space is limited; contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 to save a spot to talk with a trained, non-sales-oriented OFA counselor.

VOLUNTEER HOME DELIVERED  
MEALS DRIVERS WANTED –  
WAPPINGERS AND EAST FISHKILL

There is an immediate need for OFA Home Delivered Meals volunteer drivers in the Wappingers/East Fishkill area. Volunteers who can help on any or all weekdays, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov. Mileage reimbursement is available for drivers who use their own vehicles.

NEXT OFA FRIENDLY CALLS  
ORIENTATIONS – THURSDAY 5/11

Register for the upcoming OFA Friendly Calls Volunteer Orientation session on Thursday, May 11, at 10 a.m. It will last 30-40 minutes.

If you speak a language in addition to English, you’d be a fantastic addition to our Friendly Calls volunteer team. We have several Friendly Calls volunteers that are fluent in Spanish, and can always use more; one volunteer who speaks the Malayalam language common to southern India, and...how’s your French? We have at least one older adult who’s hoping to hear from a French-speaking Friendly Calls volunteer. Contact OFA, s’il vous plait.

Other commonly spoken languages in Dutchess other than English and Spanish include Chinese (any dialects), Arabic, Italian, Korean and Polish...but speakers of all Earth languages are welcome!

To register for orientation at OFA, or to request a group orientation at your place of business or meeting venue, call 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov. We plan to schedule additional orientations throughout May.

CLERICAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED –  
Wed-Thu May 3rd and/or 4th

We’re moving into OFA’s busiest time of year for clerical needs, and are seeking volunteers with clerical skills on the following days, to assemble goodie bags for the May 10 Caregiver Conference (see story below):

Wednesday, May 3 – 9:30 am-4 pm

Thursday, May 4 (if necessary) – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

To arrange an orientation appointment, email ofa@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2555 during business hours.

As OFA Picnic season gets closer, we’ll also need volunteers to assemble the 250-500 goodie bags needed for each week of picnics. Read each week’s Aging News newsletter to find out more and contact OFA with any volunteering questions.

FREE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM  
ENROLLMENT CLINIC (Friday, May 5)

If you’re covered by Medicare, there’s

a new eligibility change that could mean considerable savings for you.

Starting this year, eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) in New York State expanded to single individuals with Medicare who have a gross income up to \$2,280 per month and couples with monthly gross incomes up to \$3,077. New York State does NOT look at your assets for this program.

In New York State, MSP helps older adults and people with disabilities living on low incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums (\$164.90 each month) and enrolling them in Extra Help, the federal prescription drug subsidy program that the Social Security Administration estimates is worth about \$5,100 per year.

This program lowers prescription costs and gets rid of the deductible and the “donut hole”, or gap coverage. The financial assistance can be a lifeline, allowing enrollees to maintain their Medicare coverage, access needed care, and afford other necessities, like food and rent.

If this is the first you’re learning of this, you can find out more about your potential savings. The Office for the Aging is hosting a Medicare Savings Program Enrollment Clinic for Dutchess County resident older adults. Please call ahead to reserve a time to meet with a trained counselor.

• Friday, May 5 at the Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. To reserve a spot at this event, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

Be sure to bring the following information with you to your appointment:

- Proof of income;
- Your Medicare card;
- If you pay for dental insurance or Medicare Supplement, bring a bill;
- Proof of address, like a current utility bill.

For older adults who are homebound or whose schedules conflict with MSP enrollment clinics, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 and we’ll connect you with the resources you need.

FREE CAREGIVER CONFERENCE  
(Wed 5/10) – Registration open

Limited space remains available to reserve your seat at the free 17th Annual Conference on Caregiving, Wednesday, May 10, at the Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Blvd. in Poughkeepsie.

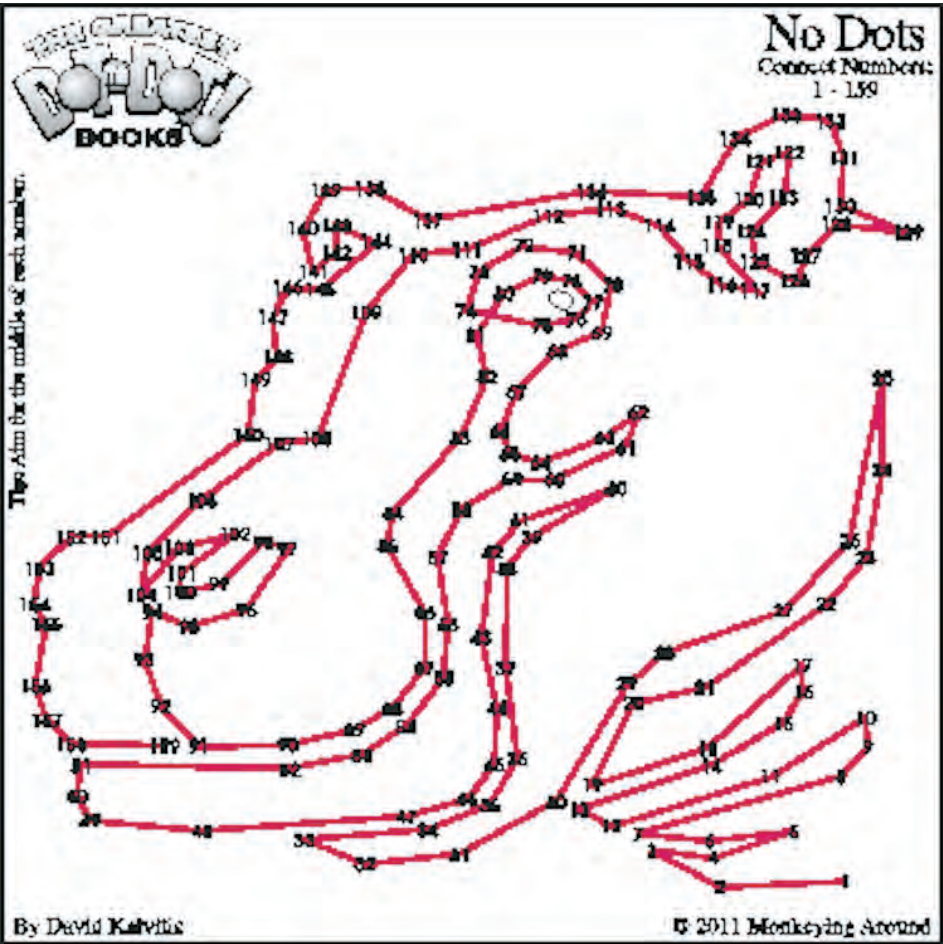
This year’s theme is “Caregivers: Our Unsung Heroes.” The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

To make a reservation, call the Alzheimer’s Association at 800-272-3900. It’ll be an outdoor event under a tent, so dress accordingly.

There will be plenty of time for your questions and concerns, and dozens of experts and vendors will be on hand with answers and solutions.

The conference is organized by the Office for the Aging, the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter; Hudson Valley Hospice; Parkinson’s Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley; and community members Cathy Regan and FaLisia Cotton-Swain.

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



Answers to this week’s diversions

(puzzles on page 12)

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Qi Gong with Vince (online)  
(Optimistic Aging)  
Mon. Mon. 05/08, Mon. 05/15, Mon. 05/22, Mon. 05/29 at 9:30 AM  
Wed. 05/03, Wed. 05/10, Wed. 05/17, Wed. 05/24, Wed. 05/31 at 9:30 AM  
Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension. Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Story time on the Dot (in-person)  
Tue. 05/09, Tue. 05/16, Tue. 05/23, Tue 05/30 at 10:30 AM  
Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Mah Jongg (in-person)  
(Optimistic Aging)  
Tue. Tue. 05/09, Tue. 05/16, Tue. 05/23, Tue 05/30 at 2:00-4:00 PM  
Fri. 05/05, Fri. 05/12, Fri. 05/26, at 2:00-4:00 PM  
No Session 05/19 Due to Book Sale  
If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels welcome

All Level Yoga (in person & online)  
Wed. 05/03, Wed. 05/10, Wed. 05/17, Wed. 05/24, Wed. 05/31 at 6:00 PM (ONLINE)  
Sun. 05/07, Sun. 05/17, Sun. Sun. 05/21 (online) 05/23, Sun. 05/28 at 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON)  
Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Contact CCL for registration information.

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)  
(Optimistic Aging)  
Fri. 05/05, Fri. 05/12, Fri. 05/26 at 11:00 AM  
No Class 05/19 Due to Book Sale  
Join Samantha Free on zoom for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-266-5530.

Zumba, (in-person)  
Sat. 05/27 at 9:00 AM  
Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Free Tech Help (in-person)  
Sat. 05/06, Sat. 05/13, Sat. 05/20, Sat. 05/27 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM  
Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-266-5530 to book an appointment.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:  
Monday 05/08 – Board of Trustees Meeting (in person)  
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday April 10th at 6:30 PM in the library. The public is always welcome to attend. You may view the current board packet on our website.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:  
Tea Time Book Club (in-person) May Selection: Other Birds by Sarah Addison Allen  
Thu. 05/11 at 2:00 PM  
Join Tea Time Book Club the second

Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Global Literature Book Club (in-person) May Selection: Fifth Business by Robertson Davies  
Mon. 05/15 at 7:00 PM  
The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS  
Saturday May 27 at 10:30 AM  
Ask A Veteran: WWII Patches Marck Webster & Bill Payne  
During World War II, American Legionnaire Marck Webster's late Mom collected military patches from many of the young men and women who had graduated high school with her. During the War, they served in the U.S. armed forces around the world and she sewed their patches on a piece of blue cloth as they arrived in the mail. The result is a unique memorial to the service and sacrifices of these heroic Americans  
Join Clinton Community library and American Legion members Marck Webster and Bill Payne in their discussion about the Second World War.

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Hudson Valley Nutty Scientists Present The Ice Age Show  
Thursday, May 4, 4 p.m.  
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The kids will help our scientists overcome incredible challenges within the secret forest of Merlin the Wizard by performing amazing experiments. They will learn about the amazing properties of CO2 and dry ice while getting to know about sublimation, chemical reactions, pressure, density, weight and osmosis.  
Advance registration is requested.

Oblong, Starr & Morton Libraries: Author Talk with Nona Willis Aronowitz  
Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. (at Morton)  
Weaving together feminist history, cultural criticism, and memoir, Nona Willis Aronowitz's 2022 book "Bad Sex: Truth, Pleasure, and an Unfinished Revolution" grapples with the personal, the political, and the often surprising discrepancy between the two. In the lead up to Mother's Day, she'll discuss "Bad Sex," bad sex, and how her relationship to her late mother—radical leftist, feminist writer, and rock critic Ellen Willis, who argued that sexual liberation was crucial to women's liberation—shifted and expanded as she delved into her archives.  
Tickets are free. Registration is requested.  
Oblong will have books available for purchase.

Oblong Books Presents: Alexandra Auder, "Don't Call Me Home: A Memoir," in conversation with Jo Ann Beard  
Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. (at Morton)  
Alexandra Auder talks about her moving and wickedly funny memoir with author Jo Ann Beard.  
Alexandra Auder's life began at the Chelsea Hotel—New York City's infamous bohemian hangout—when her mother, Viva, a longtime resident of the hotel and one of Andy Warhol's superstars, went into labor in the lobby. In Don't Call Me Home, she meditates on the seedy glory of being raised by two

counterculture icons, from walking a pet goat around Chelsea and joining the Squat Theatre company to co-parenting her younger sister, Gaby, with her mother and partying in East Village nightclubs. Flitting between this world and her present-day life as a yoga instructor, actress, mother, wife, and much-loved Instagram provocateur, Alexandra weaves a stunning, moving, and hilarious portrait of a family and what it means to move away from being your mother's daughter into being a person of your own.  
Tickets are free. Registration is required. Oblong will have books available for purchase.

Oblong Books Presents: Hernan Diaz, "Trust," in conversation with Bill Clegg  
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. (at Morton)  
Hernan Diaz's "Trust" elegantly puts these competing narratives into conversation with one another—and in tension with the perspective of one woman bent on disentangling fact from fiction. The result is a novel that spans over a century and becomes more exhilarating with each new revelation. At once an immersive story and a brilliant literary puzzle, "Trust" engages the reader in a quest for the truth while confronting the deceptions that often live at the heart of personal relationships, the reality-warping force of capital, and the ease with which power can manipulate facts.  
Tickets are free. Registration is required. Oblong will have books available for purchase.

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Music in the Library  
Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.-noon  
Classical guitarist Andrew Baffi will sit and strum for us! No need to register, just drop in and enjoy the music. Andrew will be here on the first Saturday of every month.

May Hybrid Book Club  
Monday, May 8, noon  
May's selection is "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline. You may choose to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

Game Time for Grownups NEW  
Wednesday, May 10, 1-3 p.m.  
We have a growing collection of games available or bring your own. Coffee and tea provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share. No registration necessary.  
Games for adults will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.  
One Room Schoolhouses of Stanford  
Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Presented by the Stanford Historical Society. Space is limited. Reservations required. Call Kathie to register: (845) 868-7320.

Foreign Film Series  
Friday, May 19, 6 p.m. This month's film will be "The Rose Maker." Refreshments will be served.

Music in the Library  
Saturday, May 27, noon-1 p.m.  
Local musician, Walt Otto, will sit and play standards, early pop tunes, and classic country on his piano keyboard. No need to register, just drop in and enjoy the music.

ONGOING EVENTS  
Brain Games Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Calling all seniors! Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games. Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation, and laughter.  
Homeschool Stories and STEAM Workshops  
Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. For students in Grades K-2  
These workshops will contain a story-time component along with crafts and STEAM related activities.

Knitting  
First, Third & Fifth Thursday of the month 7-8:30 p.m.  
Come for knitting, tea and conversation.  
All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players  
Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon  
Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group.

In-Person Yoga with Mia  
Saturdays, 10 a.m.  
Registration is required EVERY week. Class size is limited to 8. One time waiver must be filled out prior to your first class. Bring your own mat or 2 (extra cushioning).

Bridge  
Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
If you are a beginner or an experienced player looking for a partner or just curious about the games, this is for you.

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners  
Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
All levels welcome.

Water Color Workshop  
First, Third & Fifth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m.  
Beginners welcome. Individuals can bring an image or work from a smart phone to paint in class or choose from ones provided. Learn how to use this medium to express your creativity with the technique that benefits you the best, wet on wet, layering, dry brush or very detailed. Supplies are not provided; a list of needed materials is available at the library.

Story Time  
Tuesdays  
Preschoolers (Ages 3-4) 10-10:45 a.m.  
Toddlers (Age 18 months – 2 years) 11-11:45 a.m.

Meditation Class  
Third Wednesday, 10 a.m.  
In-Person (Masks Required) or via Zoom  
Susan Olin-Dabrowski will lead this one hour monthly meditation program. First timers and experienced meditators are welcome. Headset or earbuds recommended. Link sent upon registration.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-18** NAME OF PROJECT: County Road 75 (Innis Avenue) Traffic Signal Upgrades in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. **Project Description:** This project involves the replacement of an existing signal with a new signal on mast arms, including all ancillary restorative work. Beginning **April 28, 2023 at 8:00AM:** Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company

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Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, **E-mail Address. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site.** A refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Bids due on or before **Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 11:00AM** and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person at-

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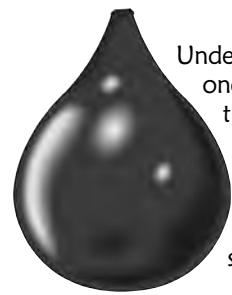
which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 17, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at [d.mckenna@dutchessny.gov](mailto:d.mckenna@dutchessny.gov) and [dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov) with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 1, 2024; the anticipated substantial completion date is December 1, 2024 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is December 15, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023004091. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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May 3, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.  
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May 13, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.  
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# OBITUARIES

Shirley J. Anzalone

HYDE PARK - Shirley Jean Anzalone (Mills), 86 of Hyde Park, NY died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 21, 2023. She was married to Frank, the love of her life, for 67 years and together they created a full and wonderful life. He passed away 5 months ago, and she never recovered. Shirley was small in stature but huge in personality with a great sense of humor and wit. She was a loving and devoted mother/grandmother to four children who survive: Cathy Ahmed (Rob), Teri Prusakowski (Dave), Frank Anzalone (Dawn Marie), Lisa Brennan (Jim). Grandsons: Stephan Berlet, Kris Berlet, Frank Anzalone, Shaun Anzalone, James Brennan, and Ryan Brennan. Great grandchildren: Zachary, Isaiah, Abby, Emma, Stephan, Jude, Aubrey, Jaxon, Bella. And Great great grandchild: Nico. Our Mom was an avid reader, seamstress, and all around very artistic. She was a force to be reckoned with and always a positive guide. She will be sorely and forever missed by all of us. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A Funeral Service was held at the Funeral Home. Entombment followed at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Poughkeepsie. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmgmiller-funeralhome.com](http://www.wmgmiller-funeralhome.com). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2678 South Road #103 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or [dcrcc.org](http://dcrcc.org).

William Jackson

HYDE PARK - William "Bill" Jackson, 73, of Hyde Park passed away peacefully on April 24, 2023 after a long and courageous battle with dementia. Born in Poughkeepsie on November 28, 1949, he was the son of George Jackson and Geraldine "Dolly" (Filoia) Jackson. Bill was raised in Poughkeepsie among a large and close-knit

extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. On July 3, 1971, he married the love of his life, Carol (Matuk) Jackson, and together they raised two daughters. Mrs. Jackson predeceased him on September 28, 2022. He is also predeceased by his parents. Bill is survived by his daughters, Sara Lennon and husband Andrew, and Alison Vincitore and husband Ben; his six grandchildren who were the lights of his life, Connor, Brady, Jackson, Madelyn, Camden and Ava; his brother Richard "Rick" and sister-in-law Ann Marie Jackson; sister-in-law Christine (Jim) Barth, brothers-in-law Edmund Jr. (Caroline) Matuk, John (Janine) Matuk and William (Bobbi) Matuk; many cousins and lifelong friends. Bill graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1967 and began his career at IBM in Poughkeepsie where he worked for 43 years and held various managerial and non-managerial roles. He later transitioned to AT&T until his retirement in 2016. Bill had a strong work ethic and was well respected among his colleagues, but most important to him were the friendships he forged throughout his career that carried with him through life. Bill's family and friends meant the world to him and the time spent with them was what he valued above all else. He loved to reminisce about his youth and tell stories of all the good times with his brother, cousins and childhood friends. He was proud to be part of such a large and loving family. He was humble, incredibly generous, and always counting his blessings. Bill enjoyed many days on the golf course with his buddies and sons-in-law, watching his beloved NY Yankees, vacationing with dear friends and being present in every aspect of his children and grandchildren's lives. He was our biggest fan. Most of all he enjoyed welcoming everyone into his home to share food, drinks, conversation and precious time together. It never mattered where he was, but rather who he was with, always content to live in the moment and enjoy the time with those he loved. His zest

for life was apparent; he loved joking around and hoped others would be laughing right along with him. No one will ever forget his charismatic personality, infectious sense of humor and generous, loving heart. He will be missed immensely by all who were blessed to have known him. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 2pm-6pm at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A

Mass of Christian Burial took place at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 97 Mill St. Poughkeepsie, NY on Monday, May 1, 2023. Burial at St. Peter's Cemetery followed. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in Bill's name. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com).



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# ACSD bus driver receives Dutchess County School Bus Driver of the Year Award

by Kristine Coulter

Kathleen O'Connor was presented the Dutchess County School Bus Driver of the Year Award on April 26. O'Connor is a bus driver for Arlington Central School District (ACSD). The presentation was held the day before Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day, which was April 27. O'Connor is the 20th recipient of the award in Dutchess County.

"I'm very honored," said O'Connor, who added, "It's a team effort" and then thanked her colleagues and bosses.

"It was supposed to be a temporary job," O'Connor told Southern Dutchess during a recent phone interview. O'Connor's mother was a bus driver too for 20 years, said O'Connor.

"On Operation Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day, County, state and local law enforcement agencies will shadow school buses to identify and ticket drivers who do not obey the flashing red lights on a stopped school bus," said Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said in a release. "Law enforcement throughout Dutchess County will target enforcement efforts at what school transportation officials have identified as 'hot spots,' where most violations typically occur."

O'Connor stated in a letter which was with the nomination from Daniel McNamara, who is the ACSD Director of Transportation, "Being a bus driver has never been just a job to me."

She continued, "I truly enjoy waking up every day to see the smiling faces of my students and ensure that they get to

school safely. ... In a very unpredictable world, I try and make sure that my bus is a safe place for my students to simply be themselves. I continuously try and make sure that I go above and beyond to not only drive my students to school safely, but to be there for them as a mentor and a friend."

O'Connor, who previously drove for Westchester BOCES, has been driving for the ACSD for 25 years.

O'Connor said the job is "really rewarding." When she said students who graduated and are now in their 30s and have families of their own and they remember her, O'Connor said, "that's when you know you really made a little bit of an impact—they still want to talk to you."

According to the County Executive's office, "New York State Vehicle and Traffic law requires drivers to stop from either direction, even on a divided highway, any time a school bus's red lights are flashing. Passing a school bus with red lights is not only dangerous, but it is illegal and punishable with fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000; a motorist may also be assessed five points on their driver's license, and penalties can include possible imprisonment (up to 30 days for first offense and 180 days for a third or subsequent conviction)."

"Motorists' safe driving practices complement the dedicated service of bus drivers like Kathleen O'Connor, whose professionalism and diligence behind the wheel assure a safe ride to and from school. We thank Ms. O'Connor for promoting safety on our roadways, and



Arlington Central School District bus driver Kathy O'Connor was awarded the 2023 Dutchess County School Bus Driver of the Year Award on April 26. Below: O'Connor is flanked by other drivers, monitors, mechanics, County Executive F.X. O'Neil and members of law enforcement agencies during the award presentation. Photos by Joe Torres



remind all drivers to stop for a school bus that has its red lights flashing – it's the law, and it protects children," stated O'Neil, who added everyone has a role in ensuring the safety of students while on the road.

The annual award was initiated in 2002 to increase public awareness regarding school bus safety issues and to recognize school bus drivers who get children to and from school safely on a daily basis; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no award was given out in 2020 and 2021, according to the County Executive's office.

The Dutchess County Traffic Safety

Board's School Bus Driver of the Year award seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts. School bus drivers are an integral part of the safe transportation of school children, and crashes and related injuries are prevented by these highly trained professionals' experience, skill and daily performance, according to the release.

Nine of the 13 school districts within Dutchess County have joined the partnership – several others are in discussions to join – with 12,631 violations being issued to motorists, as of March 31, according to county officials.



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