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## Celebration honors opening of the Inn at Bellefield

A ribbon-cutting on Thursday, May 2, commemorated the opening of the Inn at Bellefield Residence Inn by Marriott International, a 137-room all-suite hotel at Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park. Bellefield, a transformational \$1 billion world-class hospitality, agritourism and residential attraction being developed, also announced that Phase II of construction, comprising half of the project, is now under way.

Thomas Mulroy, Chairman and CEO, T-Rex Capital Group, LLC, which is orchestrating the Bellefield campus' full development, said Bellefield will have more than 2 million square feet of development. 60% will consist of 801 residential units. About 20% will be experience-driven retail space, and 20% is earmarked for hospitality attractions. These include two hotels, a spa and additional event space for up to 500 people.

The Inn at Bellefield, a \$55 million project, has been welcoming guests desiring sophisticated amenities and elite lodging since January 2024. Located on a natural rise with dynamic views, the hotel, at 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park was developed by Shaner Hotel Group, LP, an award-winning international hotel owner and operator. Reservations are welcome.

"The opening of the Inn at Bellefield Residence Inn is a signature first milestone for Bellefield, which will advance Hyde Park's reputation as an extraordinary tourism destination," said Lance T. Shaner, Chairman and CEO, Shaner Hotel Group, LP. "The Inn at Bellefield's superb location and amenities are wholly designed to offer guests an exceptional, memorable experience surpassing even stellar expectations. This will not only reflect wonderfully on the community, but on Dutchess County and the Hudson

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## Apple Blossom Day to offer 'fun and fellowship' in Red Hook

Annual event set this Saturday along South Broadway

By Stacey vandenThoorn

Sun shining, flowers budding, birds chirping, bees buzzing ... and Mother's Day coming, are all the signs of spring and time for Red Hook Rotary's Annual Apple Blossom Day. This year, Apple Blossom Day will be Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., around and about the Village of Red Hook along South Broadway.

The day is a true celebration of community and provides the perfect opportunity to get outdoors and reconnect with neighbors and friends in a music-filled, fun, relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. As in previous year's the event promises to be a day jam-packed with activities, entertainment, and information about the various community members and organizations that make Red Hook so special.

"Our goal is to simply give back to the community by providing a day of fun and fellowship," said Red Hook Rotary Club President Ariadne Montare. "It is a great time for the entire family to get outdoors and celebrate the day together with entertainment, food and fun while supporting

local businesses and organizations."

Entertainment will be performed on two separate stages in the village. The lineup scheduled for the day is as follows: McCanna at 10:30 a.m., Dance and Theater Arts at noon and 2:15 p.m., The Local Jam at 12:30 p.m., and Stringmasters at 2:45 p.m. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes as this year boasts a second stage and additional space for dancing and dance demonstrations for all to get their groove on. Local artisans and vendors will be on hand along with village shops will be open for finding those last-minute gifts for Mother's Day.

"Apple Blossom Day is a wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of Spring in our beautiful area! The Red Hook Rotary, who puts on this event, has been working hard to create a fun day filled with activities for all," said Red Hook Mayor Karen Smythe. "Come to the Village to enjoy all the festivities, see your neighbors, meet new friends. It's also a great opportunity to come see some of the new businesses that have opened. Everyone is welcome



Red Hook Rotary Members

*Image courtesy of Red Hook Rotary*

in the village of Red Hook."

The event is made possible thanks to numerous locally owned businesses and will run rain or shine in the heart of Red Hook Village south along Broadway.

For more information, go to [redhookrotary.org](http://redhookrotary.org) or contact [nemontare.redhookrotary@gmail.com](mailto:nemontare.redhookrotary@gmail.com).

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## Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck marks 109th 'Be Kind to Animals Week'

By Stacey van den Thoorn

The Third Lutheran Church of Rhinebeck will once again host a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, May 18, from noon to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the 109th celebration of "Be Kind to Animals Week." The event is coordinated by area resident and animal lover Rosemary Joyce, who initiated and developed the program to provide a community-wide interactive day full of fun, feathers, fur and more.

For Joyce, the blessing of the animals is a great opportunity to enhance awareness of the importance of the human-animal bond and how much all creatures

great and small contribute to our world.

"Having the luxury of spending summer months on [a family] farm I learned that pets are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole," said Joyce. "Sharing your life with animals in your home, in the barn or as visitors to your backyard, fosters respect and caring not only for them, but for each other. Events like this, where we can meet traditional and nontraditional animal companions and hear their back stories helps build concern and respect for other earthlings."

This year, a special "Pet Remembrance Tree" has been added to the event in honor of those furry family

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Veterinarian, wildlife rehabilitator, educator and falconer Dr. Laura Jaworski and her 7-year-old Eurasian eagle owl Lazarus are scheduled to be at the Blessing of the Animals event in Rhinebeck on Saturday, May 18. Courtesy photo

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# Celebration honors the opening of the Inn at Bellefield

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Valley as a whole."

"The beautiful Inn at Bellefield was strategically conceived to reflect the historic and robust character of Hyde Park and Dutchess County," said Mulroy. "Our impressive occupancy rates show that this vision already appeals to business and leisure travelers valuing luxury, comfort, sophistication and superb convenience. A special experience awaits every guest."

The ceremony's master of ceremonies was Tom Sipos, host of the Hudson Valley Focus Live program on Newsradio WKIP, 1450/1370 AM and iHeartMedia. Several dignitaries offered remarks, tours of the Inn at Bellefield were provided and a cooking demonstration was led by Chef David Burke, preparing Buttinger Farms flat iron steak that's available at Bellefield. Chef Burke is a 1982 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America.

"The Inn at Bellefield, and Bellefield overall, represent singularly spectacular attractions," said Manuela Roosevelt, Director of Public Relations for Bellefield and the wife of David Roosevelt, a grandson of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who called Hyde Park home. "President Roosevelt had a grand vision for Hyde Park's future, including that the United Nations be located here. Bellefield is advancing FDR's inspiring ingenuity in a way that will delight, entertain, educate and exhilarate visitors and residents alike, while providing abundant economic advantages for this beautiful community and region."

The Inn at Bellefield also pays tribute to Hyde Park's renowned history, featuring original artwork from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and

Museum and the playing of Roosevelt's fireside-chat recordings alongside outdoor fire pits. In addition, sycamore wood in the hotel is repurposed from a 230-year-old sycamore tree on the property. The Storyteller, a Farm to Table bar/lounge, offers eclectic dining featuring specialty craft beers and spirits. Its menu, a homage to the rich tapestry of storytelling, excites the imagination and tantalizes the senses. Most ingredients are sourced from local farms, including grass-fed Bettinger Farms beef, Bulich Farm produce, Rockland Farms honey and others. Eleanor's Market, honoring First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, offers snacks and sundries.

The hotel also will curate diverse experiences for guests. These include mixology classes, cooking classes and partnering with local attractions to provide wine- and sake-tasting tours, among many others.

Bellefield also is being faithful to what makes Dutchess County so special by helping preserve the region's natural beauty. Almost two-thirds of the property's 340 acres will remain as undeveloped woods, and more than 10 miles of trails will tie into the William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail system. Bellefield is minutes from the Culinary Institute of America, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Walkway Over the Hudson and local colleges.

Numerous dignitaries offered congratulations on the Inn at Bellefield's opening and advancement of construction at Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park.



A host of officials and dignitaries were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Inn at Bellefield in Hyde Park on Thursday, May 2. The 137-room all-suite hotel is a cornerstone of Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park, a transformational \$1 billion world-class hospitality, agritourism and residential attraction being developed. Below: The Inn at Bellefield, a \$55 million project, has been welcoming guests since January 2024. Courtesy photos



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# For these ladies, maternal instincts are forever

By Rich Thomaselli

This Mother's Day, this is for the moms who never stopped being a mom.

No matter how long their kids might be out of the house, no matter whether they started their own families, or if

society now calls them empty nesters, moms never stop being a mom.

They care, and their natural tendency is to help.

"It the greatest job, and I use that term loosely because I never looked at it as a job, that I'll ever have," says Kathy

## JOB FAIR SET MAY 15 IN RHINEBECK

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce, the Autism Supportive Community Committee for the Village of Rhinebeck and Rhinebeck High School will hold a Rhinebeck Community Job Fair on Wednesday, May 15, at the high school, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck. The Job Fair is for people of all abilities who are eager to find employment. Come and speak with local business owners about potential opportunities for you.

No registration needed for those seeking employment.

The Autism Supportive Committee will have a "Relaxation Station" that affords individuals an opportunity to step away from overwhelming sensory experiences with interview tips and is open for anyone who desires extra preparation time.

Email info@rhinebeckchamber.org or call (845) 876-5904 for more information.

Tomlinson of Poughkeepsie.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12.

"I have three children who have their own families, and I have three grandchildren now," says Gina Moriarty of Hopewell Junction, "but I don't think I will ever stop being a mom. Things have changed and evolved over the years, but you still have the same maternal instincts."

"You never stop being a mother," says Hyde Park's Andrea Formicello.

To a person, moms say that they never lose that responsibility. As one woman put it, it's almost like attaining the rank of general. People are always going to refer to you as general and mothers are the same way. They are proud to have that designation and wear that title with honor.

They help with book reports, they drive back and forth to practices, and they volunteer. Let's not even get started with picking up dirty clothes and doing laundry.

The responsibilities and extracurriculars might change, but the roles remain the same.

"Unless you are a parent," Tomlinson said, "you have no idea what it feels like to be called Mom or Dad."

Mary D'Allesandro of Wappingers Falls said it is a quiet satisfaction to revel in the success and triumphs of her children and grandchildren.

"That," she says, "is when you know you've done a great job as a mother and can take a sense of accomplishment."

Happy Mother's Day!

## Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck marks 109th 'Be Kind to Animals' Week

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members that have passed away. Anyone interested in placing a memorial of their beloved pet on the tree is encouraged to bring an item of remembrance, whether it be a special toy, a note, a card, decoration, or drawing.

The day will begin with a brief opening ceremony at noon followed by the blessing of animals conducted by Pastor James (Jim) Miller who will minister individual blessings to each and every critter and creature. Followed by the blessings, numerous events and activities from exhibitors will take place, including meet and greet sessions with animal ambassadors from local shelters and rescue groups, representatives from local service animal establishments, and a police canine unit.

Those scheduled to be at the event include veterinarian, wildlife rehabilitator, educator and falconer Dr. Laura Jaworski and her 7-year-old Eurasian eagle owl Lazarus.

Dr. Jaworski adopted Lazarus at 10 days old from a local breeder. It is their mission to educate the public about birds of prey, their unique adaptations, their roles in the environment, and how people can make simple, everyday changes in their lives to help protect their local owls and other wildlife from common man-made hazards.

"These types of functions serve to connect and to educate people, bringing us together to celebrate animals and inspiring us to make positive change in our communities," said Dr. Jaworski. "Wildlife serves a critical function in our world and is a part of our community! It is

important for people to continue learning about wildlife so we can appreciate these amazing animals and the lives they lead."

Be sure to stop by and chat with the staff specialists from The Ridge School and Shilo, a specially trained autism therapy dog; visit with some farm animals from Hope Farm Animal Rescue; meet visually challenged dogs from the Blind Dog Rescue Alliance; say hello to board certified music therapist and harpist Holly Mentzer who works with Hudson Valley Hospice; and don't forget to "Ask The Vet," sponsored by Countryside Animal Hospital, who will be there to answer questions about medical issues, general care and grooming (bring your list!).

In addition, members of the all-volunteer community group P.A.N.T. (Partnership for Animals Needing Transition) will be on hand. The group, which works to reduce feral and abandoned cat populations by providing support for early neuter and spay, will be on hand with felines looking for loving homes, as well as the Incredible Pups Pet Rescue, a foster-based rescue that focuses on rescuing dogs in disaster areas and kill shelters which was founded by Dutchess County native Dana Jones, a graduate of Dutchess Community College and Marist College, and founder and CEO of Accessador.

"Events like this not only help find homes for pets in need but also open human hearts, teaching empathy and compassion through the powerful bonds formed between people and animals," said Jones.

Various environmental groups dedicat-

ed to bees and creating a safer haven for birds will be there along with members of the Animal Farm Foundation (AFF), who will promote awareness of animal and human welfare and the importance of supporting local shelter programs and rescues, especially those directed at finding homes for at-risk breeds and senior shelter dogs. Southlands Foundation, a mainstay of the Rhinebeck equestrian community, will be there to inform attendees of their many interactive programs for all ages, including their "Mommy & Me" program for parents/guardians and children age 3 and up.

The Blessing of the Animals at the Third Lutheran Church at 31 Livingston

Street in Rhinebeck, is a free outdoor event for the entire family and for any animal lovers – ownership of a pet is not necessary to attend. To ensure the safety of all, animal ambassadors must be properly escorted, leashed, kenneled or harnessed and with their owner at all times. Pooper scooper laws do apply and pick-up bags will be available. Cooperation and adherence to local leash laws is encouraged and tremendously appreciated. In case of inclement weather, the event will occur on Sunday, May 19.

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# Advice on Spongy Moth: 'Let nature run its course'

By Kate Goldsmith

The Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) notes that Spongy Moth caterpillars recently emerged. The larvae of Spongy Moths (formerly known as the Gypsy Moth) are notorious for defoliating trees as they feed.

The Clinton CAC stated, "In 2023, the Town of Clinton and areas in adjacent towns experienced a severe outbreak of Spongy Moth caterpillars that defoliated (ate all the leaves on the trees) in early spring. In June, the trees looked as bare as winter, and if you took a walk in the woods the sound of caterpillars pooping sounded like rain."

What should homeowners do to prevent a repeat this year? Based on scientific research, the Clinton CAC says, "The short answer: while it may be hard to watch, the scientists suggest the best option is to let nature run its course. A naturally occurring virus is likely to knock back the population this year, so most homeowners don't need to spend the money on treatments that are generally not very effective and can have negative effects on other insects and our water supply."

The CAC added, "We are lucky to have the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies (IES) as our neighbor in the Town of Washington. Scientists from IES have been studying the Spongy Moth (formerly known as the Gypsy Moth), for decades."

In January, IES hosted a virtual webinar to discuss what's in store this year with the infestation and what to do about



The Spongy Moth, formerly known as the Gypsy Moth, in caterpillar or larva form.  
Courtesy photo

it in your yard.

"Because the infestation is so large and the caterpillars drift through the air on web-like silky strings, the treatments that typically come to mind are not effective," according to the CAC. "Scraping the egg sacks off your trees, using sticky tape or burlap bands around the tree, and spraying trees with pesticides will not help in most situations. More caterpillars will just swoop in and start munching away."

Cary Institute scientist Clive Jones discusses some exceptions to this in his talk, but says the best (and most cost-effective) approach is to let nature run its course. A naturally occurring virus and fungus will likely kill the caterpillars and should bring the population back into balance either this year or next at the latest.

Jones explains, "So the best guess for Cary is that in 2024 we will have an NPV [virus]-induced collapse, plus or minus the fungus depending on the weather. Whether or not there'll be a lot or a little defoliation will really depend on how fast the virus moves through the population. If it moves slowly, there'll be complete defoliation. If it goes through fast, there'll be incomplete defoliation. And if that doesn't happen, and the density continues to rise or stays at the level it is, then a viral collapse in 2025 has a much higher probability, because by then food limitation and stress will be kicking in."

Watch the presentation on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_IW-hdgf4f8&t=14s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IW-hdgf4f8&t=14s).

## Countywide Food Drive set throughout May

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT		16	10	.615	-	7-3	W2
Wilmington WSH		15	10	.600	0.5	4-6	W2
Hudson Valley NYY		14	10	.583	1.0	5-5	L2
Brooklyn NYM		15	12	.556	1.5	6-4	W3
Jersey Shore PHI		14	13	.519	2.5	6-4	W5
Aberdeen BAL		13	14	.481	3.5	5-5	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Rome ATL		14	11	.560	-	6-4	W2
Bowling Green TB		13	14	.481	2.0	2-8	L5
Asheville HOU		11	15	.423	3.5	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS		11	16	.407	4.0	5-5	W1
Winston-Salem CWS		11	16	.407	4.0	4-6	L2
Hickory TEX		10	16	.385	4.5	4-6	L2



## Roster changes point to ‘big picture’

By Rich Thomaselli

WAPPINGERS FALLS – Roster moves at the Class A level of minor league baseball are not uncommon.

But one month into the season, the Hudson Valley Renegades have already made nearly a dozen roster changes.

Or, should we say, the parent club New York Yankees have made the roster changes as they move players up and down on their farm teams. Renegades management is not responsible for promoting, demoting, or generally shuffling players around.

“I don’t have that responsibility, nor do I want it,” said general manager Zach Betkowski with a bit of a laugh.

“It sounds like a lot (of roster moves), but it really isn’t,” Renegades manager Nick Ortiz said. “You have to look at the big picture. And our main goal is to get players ready for the next level and eventually for the Major Leagues.”

Hudson Valley does a good job of that, with the most recent example being shortstop Anthony Volpe, who played with the Renegades four years ago and is now the starting shortstop for the New York Yankees.

“Of course, you’re happy for the players who get promoted and move on,” Ortiz said, “and balance out the pros and the cons and point out the things they have to work on for those who get sent down. The winds and the championships are nice, but at this level we are really here for the preparation.”

Just this past week, in fact, the Renegades swapped right-handed pitchers. Leonardo Pestana was transferred to Double-A Somerset and Steven Fulgencio was promoted from the Single-A Tampa Tarpons.

“It’s the nature of the game,” Fulgencio said.

He then paused and laughed a little.

“You just hope it’s good news when that phone rings.”

## Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS	Photo
1 Jared Serna SS	HV	23	86	17	21	5	0	5	19	16	12	1	3	.244	.358	.477	.835	
2 Omar Martinez DH	HV	21	77	8	19	1	1	4	10	16	20	0	0	.247	.383	.442	.825	
3 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	22	87	13	27	4	1	3	10	9	14	3	3	.310	.381	.483	.864	
4 Jace Avina CF	HV	14	52	7	15	4	0	2	7	7	15	1	0	.288	.413	.481	.894	
4 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	18	62	7	13	5	0	2	8	8	17	1	1	.210	.310	.387	.697	
4 Kiko Romero 3B	HV	15	47	7	11	2	0	2	7	7	23	1	0	.234	.368	.404	.772	
7 Kyle Battle LF	HV	9	19	6	4	1	0	1	3	3	10	1	0	.211	.333	.421	.754	
7 Josh Moylan 1B	HV	19	65	10	15	2	1	1	5	12	18	0	0	.231	.354	.338	.692	
7 Roc Riggio 2B	HV	15	54	10	11	3	1	1	7	15	11	3	1	.204	.371	.352	.723	
10 Beau Brewer 2B	HV	10	29	2	8	1	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	.276	.323	.310	.633	
10 Cole Gabrielson RF	HV	14	39	9	7	4	0	0	2	8	12	2	2	.179	.396	.282	.678	
10 Anthony Hall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	.091	.286	.091	.377	
10 Garrett Martin LF	HV	14	46	7	10	4	1	0	9	3	16	5	1	.217	.333	.348	.681	
10 Nelson Medina CF	HV	16	53	5	8	1	0	0	6	4	26	3	0	.151	.224	.170	.394	
10 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	.200	.316	.400	.716	

## Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	Avg	Photo
1 Cam Schlittler P	HV	3	0	1.29	4	4	0	0	0	0	21.0	8	7	3	3	1	9	26	0.81	.113	
2 Sebastian Keane P	HV	1	3	6.20	5	5	0	0	0	0	20.1	24	14	14	1	3	13	23	1.82	.300	



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## RENEGADES ROUNDUP

# Renegades win two, lose two; no movement in standings

By Rich Thomaselli

WILMINGTON, DE – Two teams battling for the South Atlantic League North Division first-half title ... got nowhere.

Heading into a Sunday doubleheader necessitated by a rain-out on Saturday, the Hudson Valley Renegades and Wilmington Blue Rocks were still tied for first place thanks to splitting the first four games of their series.

Meaning there was no movement in the standings.

The 'Gades won the first two games.

Wilmington is an affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies and the Renegades, of course, are the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees.

The opener was a 12-2 romp for the Renegades at Frawley Stadium. In an historic offensive performance in the seventh, the Renegades tallied nine runs on 10 hits to turn the game into a blowout. It was just the third time since 2005 that Hudson Valley had collected 10 hits in an inning, with the last occurrence coming on Sept. 5, 2021 at Greensboro. Jace Avina led the way for the Renegades, finishing 3-for-6 with a run scored, two doubles, a home run and two RBIs. His solo homer to center in the third off

Bryan Caceres was his second of the season and proved to be the winning run in the blowout.

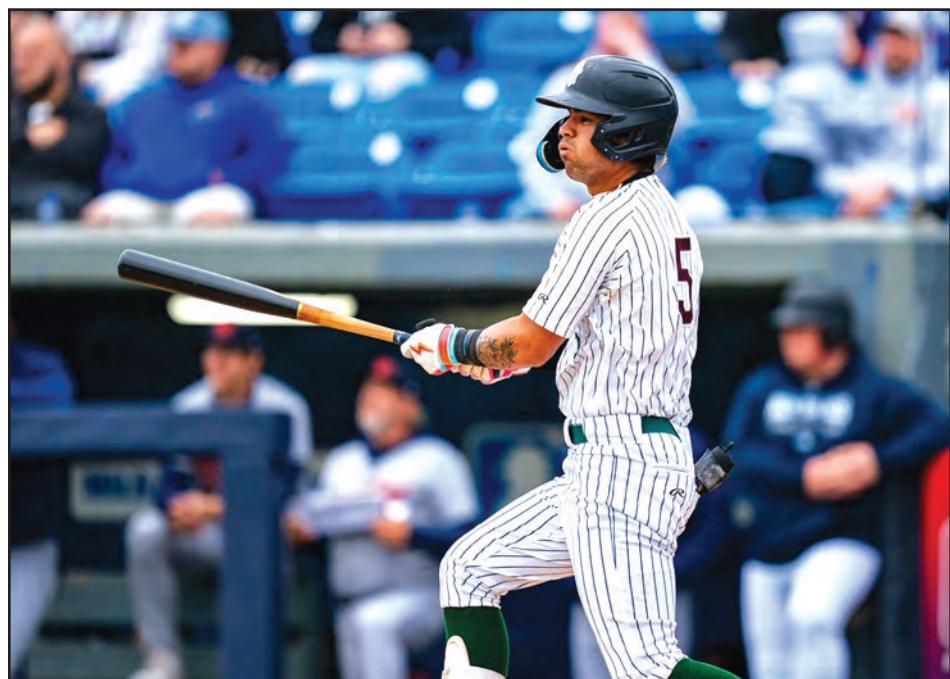
After Wilmington cut the deficit to 3-2 with a rally in the bottom of the fifth, the Hudson Valley offense broke out with its seventh-inning extravaganza. The Renegades sent 13 batters to the plate, collecting 10 hits including seven extra-base hits, setting a new franchise record for most extra-base hits in an inning.

One night later it was still a slugfest, as Hudson Valley posted a 13-10 victory.

Jared Serna starred at the plate, finishing 3-for-7 with three home runs, six RBIs and three runs scored.

Serna put the Renegades on the board in the top of the third with his first home run of the night. He sliced an opposite-field two-run home run down the right field line to give Hudson Valley a 2-0 lead. The blast came off Blue Rocks starter Luke Young, who had not allowed a run across his previous 14 innings pitched.

Wilmington answered with two runs in the bottom of the third against Jackson Fristoe, and took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth when T.J. White connected for a two-run home run off Trent Sellers and it was clear that both teams had their hitting shoes on.



Renegades' Kiko Romero takes a swing. Photo by Dave Janosz

The Renegades tied the game in the top of the sixth when Jesus Rodriguez and Omar Martinez clobbered back-to-back home runs to start the inning against Brendan Collins. It was the first time this season that the 'Gades hit back-to back homers. They regained the lead on

Serna's second two-run homer of the night in the top of the seventh.

Tied at 10-10 in the 11th inning, the Renegades struck for three runs. That included two runs that scored on bases loaded walks.

## MANAGER'S Q & A

# Customer experience is key goal

*The Hudson Valley Renegades have a new general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.*

**Did you see any issues from the first homestand that need to be addressed?**

You know, I think for us, we're perfectionists. I think it's the mantra that we have across the staff is that we're obsessed with the customer experience.

So while to the naked eye, maybe there's some things on the surface that fans didn't notice as much. We certainly did. So we actually have in our office right now posted, it's called an improvements list; and there's probably, I don't know, 20 or so items that are, you know, mostly minor in stature, but our motivation is to make sure that those things are improved when we come back on May 14th.

**Please talk about the numerous roster changes and let fans know that this is the**

**Yankees and not you making those calls.**

Yeah, it's funny. It's one of the most common misconceptions about my job. I think a lot of fans will get angry when a player is called up or released or traded, and they think I have any sort of hand in that. I can't emphasize enough I have so little to do with that side of the business. Quite honestly, the only interaction I really have with it is just getting a courtesy copy email from the Yankees minor league development staff, just letting us

know what the transactions actually are, so that we can communicate it outwardly. I have literally zero say in those.

**The team is again flirting with first place in the division. How much does that help?**

It certainly doesn't hurt, but we're here for the entertainment. At the end of the day, we want people to leave not thinking about the final score, but thinking about how good a time they had.

# SBA Metro NY names Impact PR & Communications 2024 women-owned Small Business of the Year

Receiving a prestigious designation, Impact PR & Communications, Ltd. (IPR&C), a public relations and marketing firm based in New York's Hudson Valley region, has been named the Women-Owned Small Business of the Year for 2024 by the Metro New York District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

A New York State-certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), IPR&C will be lauded alongside the area's top entrepreneurs and small business advocates at an award ceremony on May 9 in celebration of the presidentially declared National Small Business Week 2024. The awards recognize companies that have demonstrated growth, success, job creation or retention and community involvement, as well as individuals who have mentored and/or championed small businesses.

In addition to the award IPR&C is receiving, and recognition of the 2024 Small Business Person of the Year, the SBA Metro New York categories include: Financial Service Champion; Veteran Small Business; Minority Small Business; Women Business Champion; Home-Based Business and Jeffrey

Butland Family-Owned Business.

Winners were nominated and selected from within the SBA's Metro New York district which includes New York City, Long Island and the downstate counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

"We invite elected officials, SBA Partners and members of the small business community to join us and honor our winners whose contributions have helped strengthen the U.S. economy," said SBA District Director, John Mallano.

The ceremony will be held at the Microsoft Technology Center, 11 Times Square, 6th Floor, New York, NY, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon on Thursday, May 9. The event is free and open to the public. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sba-metro-new-york-announce-its-2024-small-business-award-winners-tickets-887895227527?aff=2024SBWAwardsCe> remony

"It's an honor for our team to be recognized in the company of other groundbreaking small businesses in New York – and on the heels of our agency's 10th anniversary," said Filomena Fanelli, founder and CEO, IPR&C.

## WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SATURDAY AT WALKWAY

The upcoming Walk for Mental Health is being held on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County and the National Alliance on Mental Illness Mid-Hudson are once again teaming up for a Walk for Mental Health. This year, they return to the Walkway Over the Hudson, the premier location in Dutchess and Ulster Counties to promote mental wellness. Walkers will meet at the Center Overlook, by the flagpole, collectively at noon and come together with local dignitaries in solidarity for mental health awareness.

Register for this year's Walk for Mental Health to support MHA and NAMI in their quest to continue to deliver programs that provide support and hope for the families and individuals affected by mental health conditions.

Registration is free. For more information, visit <https://go.rallyup.com/walk2024>. If you are in crisis, call the Dutchess County HELPLINE at (845) 485-9700.



The team of Impact PR & Communications will be lauded alongside the area's top entrepreneurs and small business advocates at an award ceremony on May 9. Courtesy photo

## Hyde Park recognizes Rebuilding Together



Hyde Park Town Supervisor Al Torreggiani (third from right) and 1st Ward Councilperson Marc Prine (third from left) participate in presentation of the recent Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley project in Hyde Park. This project was one of several in the region completed on National Rebuilding Day, April 27. Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley helps homeowners throughout our region by improving the safety and health of their homes. RTHV mission is safe homes and communities for everyone. RTHV vision is repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. Courtesy photo

## Clinton Historical Society Spring Tag Sale May 10-11

The Clinton Historical Society will hold their annual Spring Tag Sale on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Society will have all kinds of great items; in addition, their famous homemade baked goods and coffee will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale go to support the Mission of the Town of Clinton

Historical Society: To preserve, educate and encourage an appreciation for the history of the Town of Clinton (founded in 1788) and its historic sites and structures with a focus on preserving and restoring the 1777 Creek Meeting House. The purpose of this effort is to benefit town residents, visitors, and all future generations.

For more information, contact Cathy McMahon at (845) 266-0071 or cmcmahon137@optimum.net.

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# Hyde Park Food Pantry begins 'Check It Out!' mid-year campaign

The Hyde Park Food Pantry, Inc. (HPFP) recently launched its 2024 "Check It Out!" fundraising campaign with a donation of \$2,500 from Key Construction Services, LLC. Hyde Park Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani, who is Key Construction Services' founder, owner and president, presented the gift, on behalf of his company, to members of the board and development committee at his Hyde Park office.

This new effort was created to challenge local businesses to meet or exceed this initial gift in support of the food pantry's weekly operations at the former Regina Coeli School on Route 9. Those who do will be offered a photo opportunity and media coverage.

"Giving to the food pantry helps the food pantry continue to give to others in

our community," said Torreggiani. Residents of the Hyde Park Central School District are provided access to a supplemental supply of nutritious food free of charge.

HPFP Board President Leslie Quick noted, "This generous donation from Mr. Torreggiani will help us feed so many guests – we are so grateful on their behalf."

The agency, staffed solely by volunteers, is a member of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the New York Council of Nonprofits, and the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce.

The campaign runs through June 30. For additional information, visit <https://www.hpfpantry.org>, or call (845) 873-2046.



Alfred Torreggiani (third from left) presents a check for \$2,500 to the Hyde Park Food Pantry on behalf of his business, Key Construction Services, LLC. Courtesy photo

## 'Power to the People' set for May 16 at Cunneen-Hackett in Poughkeepsie

"Power to the People!" will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Cunneen-Hackett Center in Poughkeepsie. This is a League of Women Voters Education & Networking Event.

Light refreshments available

The League of Women Voters, throughout New York State, is a partner with New Yorkers for Equal Rights, in educating the public about the upcoming New York State Constitutional Ballot Initiative to ensure equal rights for every-

one regardless of gender, age, disability status or cultural background.

Erica Smitka, Deputy Director of the New York State League of Women Voters will be the guest speaker to explain the ballot initiative and how others can

spread the word to encourage people to get out and vote.

Additional information can be found at <https://nyequalrights.org/> and <https://lwvny.org/nys-equal-rights-amendment/>

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<https://ccedutchess.org/gardening/ccedc-mgv-spring-plant-sale>  
or call (845)677-8223 x115

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Vendors sought for fundraising tag sale June 1

Crum Elbow Cemetery and Meeting House at 490 North Quaker Lane will be holding a Tag Sale as part of the Hyde Park town-wide Tag Sale on June 1. Crum Elbow Cemetery is seeking vendors as a fundraiser for our historic property at \$25 per spot. If interested please contact Denise Byrnes at (845) 229-0062

## Rhinebeck Village brush pick-up under way

Village of Rhinebeck Clerk Martina McClinton recently announced that the Highway Department brush pick-up is under way through May 15.

Residents are reminded that materials collected include sand (accumulated from being spread on roads), brush, limbs (up to 4 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter) and leaves. Materials not collected include garbage, building materials, stones, lumber and/or grass clippings.

Also, please be sure to separate any leaves into their own pile.

All material should be placed in front of the property that generated the material and should not cover any storm water drain or impede the flow of traffic.

## Meet the Candidates Night set May 9

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Meet the Candidates Night for the Pine Plains Central School Board of Education on Thursday, May 9, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 7 p.m. Candidates will be asked to introduce themselves, state their qualifications for office, and their goals if elected. Dr. Brian Timm, Superintendent of the Pine Plains Central School District, will also hold a budget forum just prior to the Meet the Candidates event. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

## PV Rec sets Tall & Small Family Ball

Pleasant Valley Recreation recently announced its inaugural Tall & Small Family Ball for the entire Pleasant Valley community. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 10, to bring your family for a fun night of dancing. This family-fun event will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Community Room. Tickets are free, but registration is required. PV Rec is limiting registration to 50 children and their adult. You can customize your participation to whatever fits your family best - daddy/daughter or son, mother/daughter or son, grandparent/grandchild, etc. All children attending must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served. Register at <https://pleasantvalleyny.myrec.com/>.

## Clinton Historical Society

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## Copake Grange to hold Flea Market & Bake Sale

Browse for treasures you've been looking for: kitchenware, household goods, art, linens, accessories, small furniture, gifts at a Flea Market and Bake Sale at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Baked goods will be for sale, as well. The Grange Program Committee sponsors this event. To bake for the sale, email or call Roberta at [roberta.roll@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.roll@gmail.com) or 518-329-0384. To get more information email [copakegrange@gmail.com](mailto:copakegrange@gmail.com) or visit [copakegrange.org](http://copakegrange.org)

## Palatine Farmstead

### to celebrate Centennial May 11

The Palatine Farmstead at 6916 Route 9 North in Rhinebeck will celebrate its 300th anniversary on Saturday, May 11, with an Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. Included in the day's activities will be a tour of the house, an ongoing slideshow giving the timeline of the Farmstead's restoration, cookies from the kitchen's bake oven, demonstrations, refreshments and musical entertainment.

### Fall Prevention & Balance Testing set May 14 in Red Hook

The Red Hook Community Center (RHCC) will host Dr. Annabella Jacks from Northern Dutchess Hospital in a presentation on fall prevention for community elders, to be held on Tuesday, May 14, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Each year about 1 out of 4 Americans over age 65 falls, and over 3 million are treated in emergency departments for a fall injury. Come and learn more about what you can do to prevent falls in order to live a full, active, and healthy life. Dr. Jacks will discuss risk factors, prevention strategies, and exercise recommendations.

Walk-ins welcome. For more information or questions, email [signup@redhookcommunitycenter.org](mailto:signup@redhookcommunitycenter.org) or call (845) 758-0077.

RHCC is at 59 Fisk St. in Red Hook.

## Community Wellness Walks to start May 16

Rhinebeck Rotary's Mental Health and Wellness Committee will launch its Community Wellness Walks on May 16. These Wellness Walks are a first step to cultivating stronger social connections and feelings of overall well-being for people who live or work in Northern Dutchess County.

The walks will be open to the public, and will rotate locations on the 2nd Thursdays of each month at 11 a.m., and the 4th Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. from May through October. Each excursion will include a 5-10 minute "mindfulness activity" led by a Mental Health and Wellness Committee member, which may include breathwork, meditation, tai chi, qigong, and/or other experiences designed to promote mindfulness.

The wellness walks are free of charge and open to anyone 18 years of age or older. All participants must sign a waiver form in advance (available at [rhinebeckrotary.org](http://rhinebeckrotary.org)).

## Morton Day, Seedling Swap set May 18

Morton Memorial Library announced that Morton Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in downtown Rhinecliff. There will be a Community Potluck Celebration in honor of Levi P. Morton's Birthday. There will be fun for all ages.

Earlier in the day, there will be a Seedling Swap and Wattle Fencing Workshop starting at 10 a.m., at

the Picnic Shelter at Firemen's Field. Call the library at (845) 876-2903 for more information.

## Corn Hole tourney in Clinton May 18

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Corn Hole Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday May 18, at the East Clinton Fire House, 9 Firehouse Lane Clinton Corners. Registration starts at noon. Single elimination. The cost is \$40 a team. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Donna at (845) 224-6522 or Lynn at (845) 266-5485.

## Stanford Grange to host

### Baked Ham Dinner May 18

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 18, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of baked ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, peas, dinner roll, and a homemade carrot cake cupcake for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. The dinner will be take out only, and dinners will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! For reservations, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

## Aerodrome Gala set May 18

The Spirit of the Aerodrome Gala will take place on Saturday, May 18, at 5 p.m. The fundraising event will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and fun. The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome counts on the financial support of fans, friends and enthusiasts to keep its vintage planes flying. They do 38 airshows each season, like no other aviation venue in the country. Visit [www.oldrhinebeck.org](http://www.oldrhinebeck.org) for tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information.

## Rhinebeck Choral Club sets

### Spring Concert for May 18-19

The Rhinebeck Choral Club will present "Songs of Peace and Hope," their Spring Concert, on Saturday, May 18, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m., at Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill St., Rhinebeck. Free admission; donations welcome. Visit [www.rhinebeckchoralclub.org](http://www.rhinebeckchoralclub.org) for more information.

## May 19 Bike Ride to raise funds for mental health awareness

Dutchess County Legislator Barrington Atkins (District 9, City of Poughkeepsie) and Scenic Hudson will hold the Annual Mental Health Awareness Bike Ride on Sunday, May 19, starting at 1 p.m. at Malcolm X Park, 131 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. Ride 4 miles to support mental wellness with keynote speaker Courtney Williams from Black Girls Do Bike. All levels welcome. Plus, don't miss out on our bike, helmet, light and repair kit giveaways. Register via EventBrite.

## Milan church to host presentation May 19

Join us for an entertaining and informative afternoon with a Vintage Visitors presentation of "A New England Mill Girl: Lucy Lancom." This free historical performance is Sunday afternoon May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Rowe Methodist Church, 1376 Route 199 in Milan. Refreshments served. All welcome.

## Copake Grange Plant Sale set May 25

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, welcomes the whole community to its seventh annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The plant sale takes place every year at the historic

Grange Hall on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. A wide-variety of herbs, perennials, annuals, ground covers and shrubs are available.

The Grange Plant Sale Committee sponsors this event to encourage gardening, the sharing of plants and to raise general operating funds for Copake Grange. The sale is held rain or shine. Cash, check or debit/credit cards accepted.

To donate items or get more information email [copakegrangeplantsale@gmail.com](mailto:copakegrangeplantsale@gmail.com) or visit [copakegrange.org/events](http://copakegrange.org/events). Donated items must be delivered Friday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Chicken BBQ set Memorial Day in Pine Plains

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will host its Annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day - Monday, May 27 - at the Church, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains. Pick up will be from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The menu will consist of 1/2 a barbecued chicken (1 each of wing, breast, thigh, and leg), cole slaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and brownie for dessert. Each dinner is \$18, and 25% of the profit after expenses are paid will be donated to local food pantries - the Pine Plains Community Food Locker & Willow Roots. For reservations, call or text the Church at (518) 398-7117 or contact Church Organist Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

## 'Then & Now' Festival set June 1 in Red Hook

Historic Red Hook will present "Then & Now Festival: Farms, Food, and Families" on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn and Green, 7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook. Rain date: June 2

Join Historic Red Hook for this summer festival and explore the farms, food, and families past and present that shape our town's unique character. Experience displays, music, food, vendors, and Red Hook memories that'll make you smile.

As part of this event, Historic Red Hook will be launching a self-guided driving tour and family-friendly scavenger hunt which will be available on their website on May 11. In addition, on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn, Historic Red Hook will host a panel discussion on the Future of Farming. For more details visit [www.historicredhook.org/thenandnow](http://www.historicredhook.org/thenandnow).

## Repair Cafes set in Stanford

The Stanford Free Library will host a series of Repair Cafes on July 6 and Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, toys and more to be repaired, instead of throwing them away. The cost is a voluntary donation. The library is at 6035 Route 82 in Stanfordville. Visit [repaircafe.org](http://repaircafe.org) for more information.

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## Vanderbilt Garden Association to offer talk, tours

Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will be in the formal gardens on Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting) to talk to visitors about the gardens and their history.

Beginning on Sunday, June 15 and every third Sunday of the month thereafter through and including Sunday, Sept. 21, the Interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on the 40th anniversary of the F.W. Vanderbilt Association, the Vanderbilt ownership and the mission of the not-for-profit Vanderbilt Garden Association to rehabilitate and maintain the plants, shrubs and trees within the formal gardens as they were in the 1930s just prior to Frederick Vanderbilt's death in 1938.

For further information, e-mail [info@vanderbiltgarden.org](mailto:info@vanderbiltgarden.org) or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.



# Chicken Piccata

Vicki takes a piquant trip down Memory Lane with this classic Italian dish.

Over the last 8 months or so I've been trying to reorganize and reprioritize my life. I say 'trying' because I am a romantic at heart and sentimental because of it, which means that I can get side-tracked by nostalgia while sorting through life's accumulations. With age has come a bit more discipline, so I'm not nearly as easily distracted as I was 40 years ago, an accomplishment since with age also comes so much more to be nostalgic about! But I suppose I just have to accept that I will always be the kind of person to pause and savor the (mostly) lovely past whenever I submerge myself in memories, and I'm more than OK with that.

Among the things I've accumulated over the years are, perhaps not surprisingly, recipes. I have 2 vintage recipe boxes which were originally intended for all my go-tos but were so quickly filled that I also have binders overflowing with them, in addition to tons of cookbooks, plus all the recipes from the articles I've written. That's a lot to go through but, while somewhat daunting, it's a task that's long overdue, brings back fond memories and is great inspiration for new articles.

It's been fun rediscovering old recipes and I've already dusted some off recently to share with you, something you should expect a lot more of. Whenever I scroll through my article archives to see what I've done so as not to repeat, I sometimes get discouraged, feeling as though there's nothing I haven't written about, but now I realize how ridiculous that is. Not only do I still have a hunger to keep playing with food and developing new recipes, but I also have a treasure trove of memory-inducing old ones to share, so with your kind indulgence, that's just what I'll continue to do.

Because food has always been a big part of my life's journey, every recipe has a story to tell, and being reunited with them is like visiting an old friend. Many of the ones I come across take me back to a particular place and time, much the way hearing a song from my teenage years does, and it feeds my soul every time it happens. That means there are plenty of stories yet to tell. I should have done this years ago!

Which brings us to today's share,

Chicken Piccata. I lived in Florida in the very early '80s and had my first food service job in an Italian restaurant. Lacking experience, I was first placed in the take-out section, which was separate from the main restaurant, had its own entrance and was connected by the kitchen. Hungry to learn everything I could, I observed, asked a lot of questions and did my best to try every aspect of the business I could. I learned how to run the dishwasher, make salad dressings from scratch, plate desserts and mix cocktails. The hard work paid off because I eventually became a waitress and a bartender in addition to working take-out, all of which I loved. Between the lunch and dinner shifts when there was a lull, I'd watch the chefs make dishes, and they were all very gracious when I asked about the recipes and methods used.

One of the first dishes I made from the restaurant was Chicken Piccata. As wait staff we were always well fed, the chefs making us lunch or dinner, and this was one of my favorites. I can picture walking through the grocery store with my Walkman on, shopping for the ingredients from the carefully written recipe. I also distinctly remember prepping them in the kitchen of the condo my roommate and I shared while she was at work to surprise her when she got home with what I hoped would be a lovely meal. I felt very grownup and independent and knew I'd found a niche I would never fall out of love with.

## CHICKEN PICCATA

As it turns out, I chose a great recipe as my first to try. I had cooked when I still lived at home, but this was a different level. Lucky for me it came together quickly – just about 30 minutes – and went off without a hitch. Pan-fried thin chicken cutlets are served in a buttery sauce with the bright tartness of lemon and a briny pop of capers that's somehow both rich and light. Serve it with rice or pasta and a side of steamed vegetables or a salad. My favorite? Caesar salad, also a recipe from the restaurant.

## INGREDIENTS

4-6 thin-sliced chicken cutlets (or you can cut chicken breast in half lengthwise and pound them to 1/4-inch thickness)

Flour for dredging (about 3/4 cup)

Salt and pepper (about 1/2 teaspoon of each)

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan

1/4 cup olive oil

6 tablespoons butter, divided

1/2 cup chicken stock

1/2 cup dry white wine (you can omit and double the stock)

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup capers, drained

Fresh chopped parsley

## METHOD

Heat olive oil and 3 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

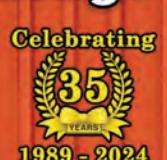
In a shallow bowl, whisk together flour, salt, pepper and Parmesan. Dredge chicken cutlets through the flour mixture to coat evenly on both sides. Add chicken to the skillet. You may need to do this in 2 batches since you don't want to

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Photo of Chicken Piccata by Vicki Frank Day

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# Can a Cockroach Love You?

Local students create some impressive projects for their BOCES agriculture class.

Bryanna Coakley loves Madagascar hissing cockroaches, but can they love her back? That was the issue Bryanna was researching with her senior project for the BOCES agriculture class.

Rebecca Cossa is the agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at the Dutchess BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) Career and Technical Institute. FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Each of the seven seniors in Rebecca's class created and ran a year-long research project based on an issue in the agriculture industry:

- Lucy Mann - "The Effects of Isolation on Rats."** While working at a dog boarding facility, Lucy noticed that after a few days, the dogs lost their appetite and became loud and aggressive. She decided to test two groups of rats, one with the rats in individual cages, and the other group in a communal environment that she called "home." By weighing the rats after 8 weeks, Lucy concluded that the "home" environment was healthier. The dog boarding industry is catching on, because nowadays you can board your dog in a "dog spa" or even a dog resort, with swimming pools, aroma therapy, and a visiting canine psychologist.

- Ashley Keek - "The Effects of Various Salts on Grass."** Ashley noticed the detrimental effect of road salt on adjacent vegetation. She experimented with different salts – sodium chloride, calcium chloride, and magnesium chloride – dosing the grass that she grew in trays.

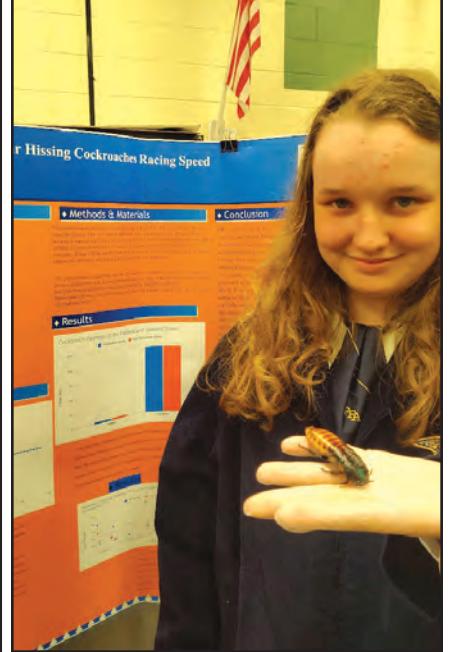
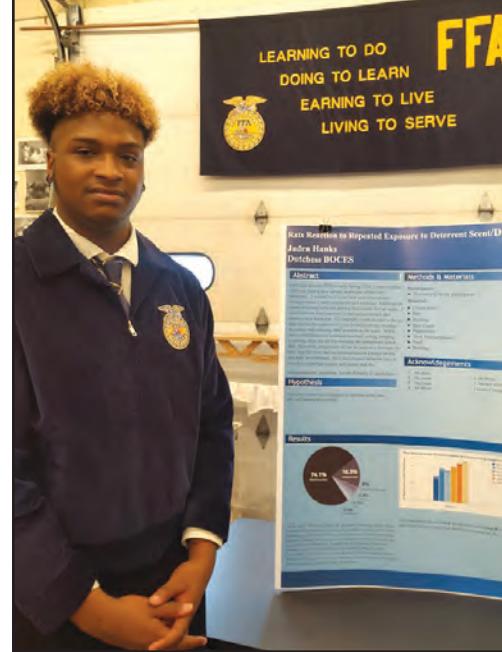
Ashley found out that magnesium chloride actually has a beneficial effect on surrounding vegetation. Next question – can highway departments afford it?

- Maleah Bishop - "The Effects of Radio frequency Radiation on Brown Mustard Plants."** We've all heard the stories about radiation from cell phone towers, microwave ovens (that's why they have that screen over the front glass) and glow-in-the-dark toys causing health issues. Maleah grew some mustard plants next to a Wi-Fi hotspot, and some others at various distances away. Results were "inconclusive," showing no detectable differences. Good news for screen-addicted teenagers.

- Jaden Hanks - "Rats Reaction to Repeated Exposure to a Deterrent Scent."** By exposing rats to cotton balls soaked with peppermint oil, Jaden saw that they avoided the cotton balls, but their behavior – eating, sleeping, exploring – was otherwise unaffected. So the scent could be used as a harmless deterrent.

- Arianna Ranello - "The Effects of Different Fan Speeds on Lettuce Plants."** Since fans are used in greenhouses to reduce humidity, Arianna wanted to determine the optimal wind speed and distance from the plants. She found out that the highest speed and closest distance, a few inches from the fan, damaged the plants. A 4-foot distance and low speed seemed ideal.

- Maya Marrs - "The Effects of Horse Skin Color on Fly Landings."** During her work with horses, Maya observed that some horses were bothered by flies more than others. Could it have to do with their



From left: Jaden with his project; Bryanna with cockroach. Photos by Mark Adams

skin color? She used suede patches to show that flies preferred the color pink over brown, explaining why her pink pony is especially besieged by horseflies.

- Bryanna Coakley - "The Effects of Human Affection on Cockroach Racing Speed."** Bryanna interacted with one group of cockroaches and ignored the other group, then raced them, hoping to show that the one she showed affection to would win. (How do the cockroaches know she wanted them to win?) Alas, there was no detectable difference. She did notice that the loved ones became more docile.

All of Rebecca's students are planning to continue their education, some at Dutchess Community College, or at the state university at Cobleskill. Jaden will attend Morgan State University in Baltimore, majoring in Biology. Ashley wants to pursue a career as a conservation enforcement officer. For Lucy – anthropology. Lots of options for these talented, enthusiastic scholars.

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

## A & E CALENDAR

**Through May 27: Fairy House Hunt Family Program,** Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Enjoy this fabulous outdoor scavenger hunt with whimsical and adorable Fairy Houses hidden among the blooming flowers and trees at Locust Grove, Saturdays & Sundays in May; also Mon., May 27. Each Fairy House celebrates a different heirloom flower or historic tree on Locust Grove's park-like property. Tickets: \$10/person, kids under 4 are free. Timed entry tickets available at [www.lgny.org](http://www.lgny.org) or (845) 454-4500.

**May 9: "Game Changers" Film Series: "Close-Up,"** UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Free movie series features films that revolutionized cinema, 7:30 p.m. "Close-Up" uses a sensational real-life event that occurred in Tehran in the '80s – the arrest of a young man on charges that he fraudulently impersonated the well-known Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf and conned his way into a middle-class family's home – as the basis

for a stunning, multilayered investigation into movies, identity, artistic creation, and existence, in which the real people from the case play themselves. This fascinating and intensely moving film from director Abbas Kiarostami is a meditation on art and identity like no other. (845) 473-5288 or UPAC at (845) 339-6088

**May 9: Murder Cafe's "Murder at the Mic,"** The Venue at the Best Western, Kingston. You're invited to enter the glamorous and cutthroat world of karaoke com-

petition. Someone is killing the contestants at your annual Karaoke Clash. Whodunit and why? 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person, includes three-course dinner with entree choice; cash bar, murder mystery show and prizes. Tickets via EventBrite.

**May 9: Sunset Sensations Food and Wine Sampling Series,** Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Sample culinary tastings from a celebrated Hudson Valley Chef Austin Flores of Flores Food Truck, Catering and Tapas paired with three fine tastes of wine and a wine presentation from a celebrated Hudson Valley Wine Merchant Expert, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Round out the evening with a tour of our heirloom flower gardens or kitchen gardens that inspire our celebrated local chef. Tickets \$37/person. (845) 454-4500 or [www.lgny.org](http://www.lgny.org)

**May 10 & 31: A Chamber Music Experience,** East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction. A free, no ticket required concert series presented by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, sponsored by the town of East Fishkill, held in the rotunda at the East Fishkill Community Library. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. May 10: Gwen Laster's New MUSE4tet. May 31: HotWk Ensemble. (845) 221-9943 or [eflibrary.org](http://eflibrary.org)

**May 10-19: "It's Only A Play,"** Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery, Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. The hilarious comedy by Terrence McNally. It's the opening night of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing an opening night bash in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are

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## The Two of Us Productions in collaboration with The Claverack Library present:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

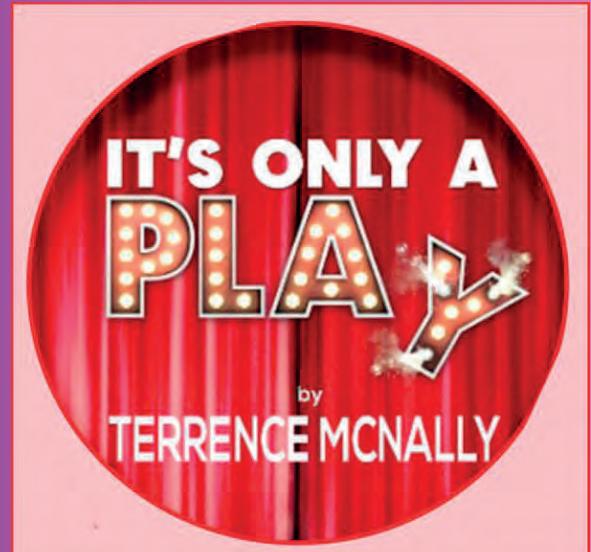
**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

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# City of Poughkeepsie signs lease deal with restaurant to operate at Ice House site at Waryas Park

The City of Poughkeepsie has signed a lease agreement with ESS Hospitality to operate the former Ice House site at Waryas Park, which has previously served as an anchor restaurant on the city's most active waterfront park.

Melanie Lemieux, owner and co-founder of ESS Hospitality, will open a gastropub called "The Governess," that will feature a variety of American Cuisine. ESS already has two established restaurants – "The Baroness" and "The Huntress," both in Queens. These establishments have a strong following, and ESS Hospitality has ambitious plans to tie their new Poughkeepsie location to many waterfront events.

Waryas Park is located at the foot of Main Street and adjacent to the Poughkeepsie Train Station, just off of the Main Street exit from Route 9.

The park sits on more than eight acres, offers daily activities including a children's playground and skate park and hosts several big annual festivals. It also has grills and picnic tables, fishing access, a deep water pier, and boat docking and launch, among other amenities.

The park is also adjacent to the Discovery Museum and is within walking distance of an elevator that takes people to and from the Walkway over the Hudson, which attracts more than 600,000 visitors annually.

"This location is a premier spot in our city, right on the waterfront and between the Mid-Hudson Bridge and Walkway Over the Hudson," said Mayor Yvonne Flowers. "It's such a wonderful setting, and the city needs a vibrant operator to create a destination-quality venue that caters to all residents. We believe we have found that with ESS Hospitality."

Since the early 2000s, the Ice House has been leased for commercial use, initially offering concessions and eventually a full-scale restaurant beginning in 2012.

Mayor Flowers said when selecting an operator, the city put a premium on a business that has plans to include their service with the many events that take place on the waterfront.

Lemieux said, "Our goal is to transform Waryas Park into a prime waterfront destination for both the community and commuters. We are excited to bring our decades of experience in hospitality and show business to the waterfront, to create a yearlong experience of activities and festivities. We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Governess."

The mayor said the new business also will incorporate how it intends to keep public access along the promenade undisturbed, keeping in mind that the restaurant has to fit in with the bigger picture of what Poughkeepsie's waterfront has to offer.



The former Ice House in Poughkeepsie. Courtesy photo

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# Two of Us Productions to present McNally comedy May 10-19

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Copake, will present "It's Only A Play," the hilarious comedy by Terrence McNally that was nominated for both a Tony & Drama Desk award. Performances are May 10-19 in the Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library in Claverack.

It's the opening night of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing an opening night bash in her Manhattan townhouse.

Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews. The group includes the excitable playwright; the possibly unstable wunderkind director; the pill-popping leading lady, treading the boards after becoming infamous in Hollywood; and the playwright's best friend, for whom the play was written but who passed up this production for a television series. Add to this a drama critic who's panned the

playwright in the past and a new-in-town aspiring singer, and you have a prime recipe for the narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality that infuse the theater—and for comedy.

"It's Only A Play" features Mark Leinung as playwright Peter Austin, Constance Lopez as producer Julia Budder, Brian Yorck as theater critic Ira Drew, Bill Solley as director Frank Finger, Jackie DiGorgis as star actor Virginia Noyes, Fred Sirois as best friend James Wicker, and Karissa Payson as fresh off the farm hired-help Augusta

(Gus) Head.

Performances are on May 10-12 and 17-19. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. The comfortable & intimate Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library is located at 629 NY-23B, Claverack, right on the corner of Route 23 and Route 9H. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students & seniors; call for Group Rates.

For advance reservations, visit [www.TwoOfUsProductions.org](http://www.TwoOfUsProductions.org) or call (518) 758-1648.

## Love to Cook

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overcrowd the skillet. Cook until brown on both sides, about 4 minutes per side. Transfer cooked cutlets to a plate.

Add chicken stock and white wine, stirring with a wooden spoon to scrape up all the tasty, browned bits. Reduce heat and simmer 4-5 minutes. Whisk in lemon juice, capers and remaining 3 tablespoons of butter. Simmer for 1 minute.

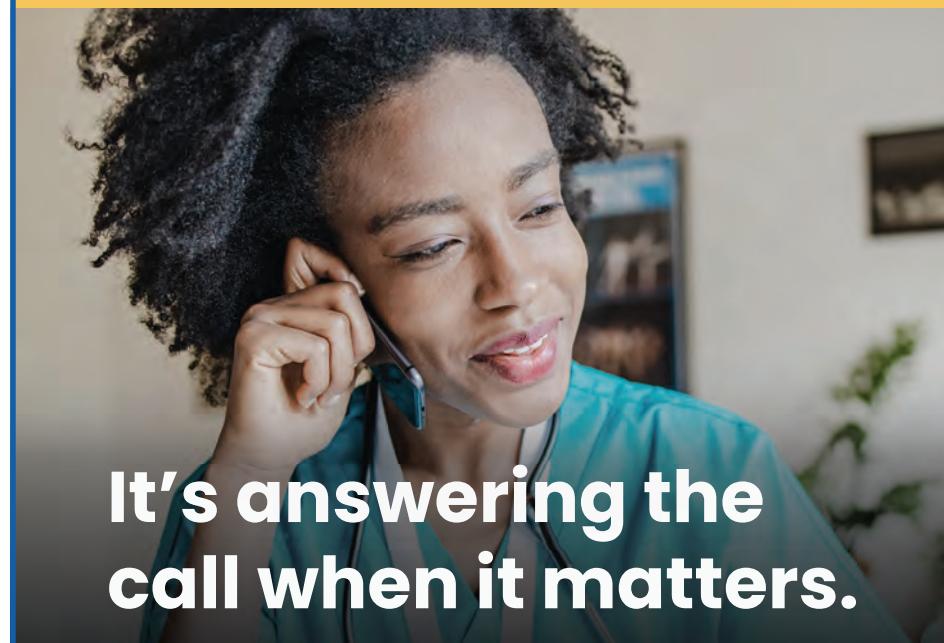
Plate chicken, pour sauce over the top and sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

And just like that, I'm 21 again, just starting my cooking adventure and eager

to share the results. It's a comfort to know some things will never change. Enjoy!

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

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# Veterans art show reception set May 10 at PV Library

SSG Fox presents "We Got You Covered: A Veteran Art Exhibit," on view at the Pleasant Valley Library, 1584 Main St., Pleasant Valley. There will be a reception and open house in the Community Room on Friday, May 10, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Presentations begin at 3:30 p.m.

The symbols, images, and words in this exhibit represent a common military expression indicating the support that US

Veterans have for one another. These supports are not always enough. "We Got You Covered" also explores the stressors and painful stories that Veterans hold, and the efforts made each day to heal and release.

This artwork will be on display at the Library through the end of May.

No registration is required.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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**May 10-26:** "Little Shop of Horrors," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the hit musical comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" with music by Alan Menken, book & lyrics by Howard Ashman. Directed by Cheyenne See, Assistant Direction by Patrick Bogert, Musical Direction by Sean Matthew Whiteford, and Choreography by Cedric James. The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3088 or [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org)

**May 11:** Lyle Lovett & Lisa Loeb In Conversation and Song, UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Show time 8 p.m. A singer, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Lisa Loeb started her career with the platinum-selling Number 1 hit song "Stay (I Missed You)" from the film Reality Bites. A trailblazing independent artist, Lisa was the first pop musician to have a #1 single while not signed to a recording contract. Tickets \$59, \$69, \$85; Members save \$5. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or [boxoffice@bardavon.org](mailto:boxoffice@bardavon.org)

**May 12:** Concert by Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas Duo, The Ashokan Center, Olivebridge. The duo will be joined by fiddler Emerald Rae and cellist Summer McCall, as well as Ashokan Music and Dance Camp founders Jay Ungar and

Molly Mason, in a musical program that explores both the emotional and chronological range of traditional Scottish music, 3 p.m. Tickets \$20. <https://ashokancenter.org/events/>

**May 14: Author Event,** Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Larissa Babij, "A Kind of Refugee: The Story of an American Who Refused to Leave Ukraine" in conversation with Maria Sonevitsky, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Music, Bard College, 6 p.m. Free. Registration requested. A percentage of the proceeds from book sales at this event will be donated to support ongoing humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. (845) 876-2903

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## EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **May 10-June 2:** "The Blue Line," paintings by featured artist Wendy Sheasby. **Opening reception:** Sat., May 11, 4-6 p.m. [www.artgallery71.com](http://www.artgallery71.com)

**CCS Bard's Hessel Museum of Art,** Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through May 26:** Graduate Exhibitions, a capstone of CCS Bard's Master of Arts program, this series marks the debut of 11 exhibitions featuring new commissions, original narratives, and fresh readings on themes and works that represent the next generation of curatorial practice. Distinct in theme and focus, each exhibition is independently curated by a member of CCS Bard's 2024 graduating class and culminates in rigorous, multi-year research and collaborations with artists, writers, scholars, and other contributors. <https://ccs.bard.edu/museum>

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center,** 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be the photographic solo exhibition masked tribes of modern America by Paul Esposito; and at 12 Vassar St. in the Reception Gallery, Adrien Seitz will display his solo exhibition of mixed-media compositions. Also at 12 Vassar St. in the Hancock Gallery, Carrie Decker, Bernadette Decker and Joanne Thorne Arnold will present their group exhibition entitled "b. with the sea." Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: [cunneen-hackett.org](http://cunneen-hackett.org)

**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center,** Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 2:** "Making A Life In Photography: Rollie McKenna," the first survey of the prolific career of American photographer Rosalie (Rollie) Thorne McKenna. The exhibition, presented thematically in four galleries, features over 100 gelatin silver prints made during the artist's lifetime, drawn primarily from the Loeb's collection with the addition of several key loans. (845) 437-5632 or [www.vassar.edu/thelob](http://www.vassar.edu/thelob).

**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum,** 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through December:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org)

**LAND Gallery,** 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through May 26:** "Unrealistic Expectations," exhibit by Terry Pasquale. (845) 490-2281 or [www.landgalleryonline.com](http://www.landgalleryonline.com)

**Olana State Historic Site,** Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **May 12-Oct. 29:** "Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory," a series of intimate memorial landscapes painted by Church, 19th-century America's foremost landscape painter, and highly personal family artifacts – never before exhibited -- from Olana's collections. The theme of landscape as a vehicle for personal reflection and healing continues outdoors at Olana with "Memories in the Landscape," a self-guided tour of Olana's dedicated rustic benches that bring to life the stories and memories around loved ones. (518) 751-6879 or [www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org)

**Pleasant Valley Library,** 1584 Main St., Pleasant Valley. **May 10-31:** SSG Fox presents "We Got You Covered: A Veteran Art Exhibit." The symbols, images, and words in this exhibit represent a common military expression indicating the support that US Veterans have for one another. These supports are not always enough. "We Got You Covered" also explores the stressors and painful stories that Veterans hold, and the efforts made each day to heal and release. **Reception & Open House:** Fri., May 10, 2:30-5 p.m. Presentations begin at 3:30 p.m. [www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org](http://www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org)

**Starr Library,** 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through May:** The 18th Annual Rhinebeck Central School District Art Show, group exhibition of works by the district's art students from grades K through 12 present a body of 2-D and 3-D work containing a variety of media used in their academic classes. (845) 876-4030 or [www.starrlibrary.org](http://www.starrlibrary.org)

**Tivoli Artists Gallery,** 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through May 26:** "Our Only Planet: Art for Sustainability," exhibition featuring images that highlight the urgent need to protect our planet and its inhabitants. [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com) or (845) 757-2667

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# Hyde Park Central School District shares blueprint for the future

Hyde Park Central School District staff gathered with community members on April 25 to discuss the district's Blueprint for Excellence, "a practical, focused and meaningful approach to strategic planning."

Priority areas that both staff and families decided were crucial include providing comprehensive supports and services to students, teachers reinforcing highly effective instructional practices and assuring everyone's safety and security. District leaders' hopes and dreams were shared including to build resilient learn-

ing communities where students, staff and families experience a strong sense of belonging.

Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman expressed his sincere appreciation to the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council members, faculty and staff, parents and guardians, as well as community partners for consistently offering support and valuable feedback.

"I want to acknowledge and commend the dedication and hard work exhibited by each team member thus far," Roman said. "Remember, it is through teamwork

that we transform our dreams into reality."

The final meeting in this endeavor is scheduled for May 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Hyde Park Elementary. During that meeting, Roman will delve into the refined mission, vision and core values based on the feedback provided by district leadership team members. Roman and his team will focus on devising an actionable plan to present to the Board of Education on June 20 with the ultimate goal of formally adopting a new

strategic plan in July.

"This session will mark the culmination of our efforts to determine the essence of our mission, vision and core values," Roman said. "While we recognize that the journey toward realizing our mission, vision and core values is ongoing, the prospect of our collective future is undeniably promising and bright."

For additional information, contact Joan Powers, Secretary to the Superintendent, at (845) 229-4000, ext. 1002.

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## Teen Ambassadors attend Cornell Vet Science Day

In early April, members of the Dutchess County 4-H Teen Ambassadors got up at dawn and met to travel to the Cornell campus in Ithaca for the Veterinary Science Day.

They spent an interesting and highly educational day learning aspects of veterinary science and animal training including stations on dairy management, farriery, neurology, pathology and canine training.

Staying overnight, the youth engaged in team building games, swam and ate together making this a rewarding and meaningful experience.

### Regional Hippology, Horse judging

Hosted by CCE Orange at their purpose built 4-H education center and organized jointly by Emma Kron, Dutchess 4-H Program Manager, 34 youth participated in equine-related competitive events including tack and feed samples identification, horse judging, a written test, and team questions.

After lunch, an educational workshop engaged the kids in

learning about the digestive system and associated topics such as nutrition, parasites, and colic.

For more information on the hore programs and clubs, contact Emma at [elj57@cornell.edu](mailto:elj57@cornell.edu).



Dutchess County 4-H Teen Ambassadors are pictured at the Veterinary Science Day in Ithaca. "Improving our World" is their slogan! Courtesy photo

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## Homespun Hangout members attend CPR Babysitting Course

By Caitlin Kuciembra

Homespun Hangout 4-H Club members recently attended a CPR babysitting course at the Millbrook Library.

We learned what is appropriate and what is not appropriate to do when babysitting different aged kids. For example, you may be able to play board games with a 4- or 5-year-old but not with an infant.

We also learned how to do the Heimlich lifesaving maneuver. There's one way to do the Heimlich on an infant, which is different than how you would do it on older kids and adults.

We learned what to do if a child is hurt - like when we should call an adult or when we would be able to handle it ourselves. The Homespun Hangout members are ready to babysit.

### Public Speaking -

### 4-H Flagship Program

Following our final week of presentations with 51 youths attending the evaluations at Dutchess Community College and 12 new members taking a training workshop, this brings the total of CCEDC 4-H members participating in this impactful life skills program to 273.

### A-Fair to Remember

Why wait until August to meet the 4-H animals, join in activities and drink a real Dutchess County "Fair Shake" milkshake? The 4-H A-Fair to Remember 2024 will be held on Sunday June 2, at Wilcox Memorial Park, Rt. 199 Stanfordville from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., courtesy of Dutchess County Parks.

Entry to the event is free and everybody is welcome! Festivities to celebrate the opening of the season will start with a ribbon-cutting at 10 a.m. by the lake where the brand-new splash pad is situated. 4-H'ers will be showcasing their projects and welcoming the public to explore what they do. 4-H projects cover a wider range of subjects than most people realize! Join us for a fun-filled day with food trucks, beverages, music and more.

Meet the animals, get up close, pose for photos and learn about the care that goes into raising them, test your knowledge: animal-related games/quizzes for all ages with fun prizes, learn archery and try your hand at air rifle with our trained shooting sports instructors and state-of-the-art equipment, participate in arts and crafts of many types, play fair-style games and purchase local products and those made by the youth. Scan the code or visit the website <https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/> to learn more.

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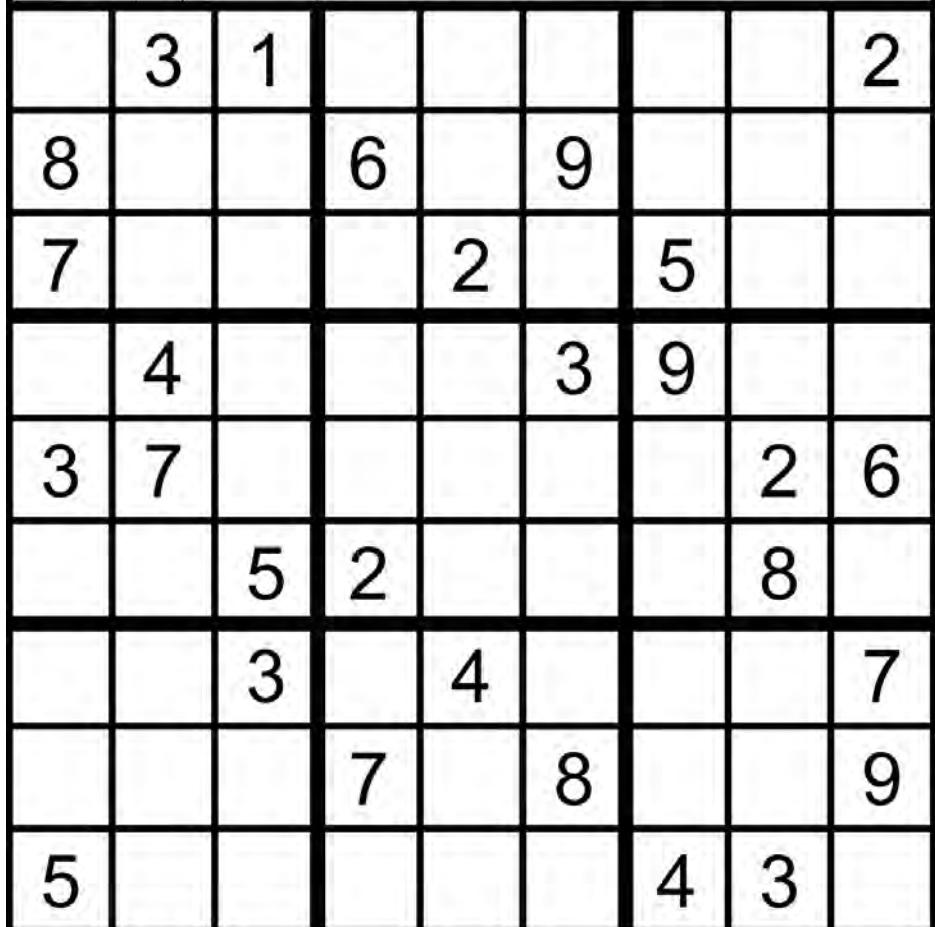
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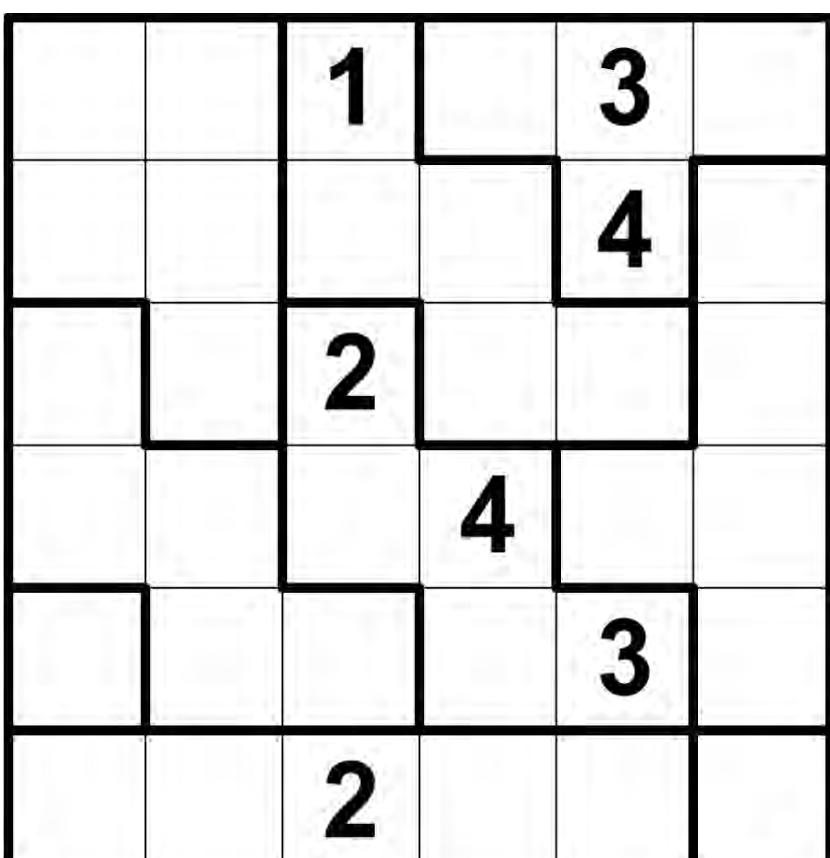
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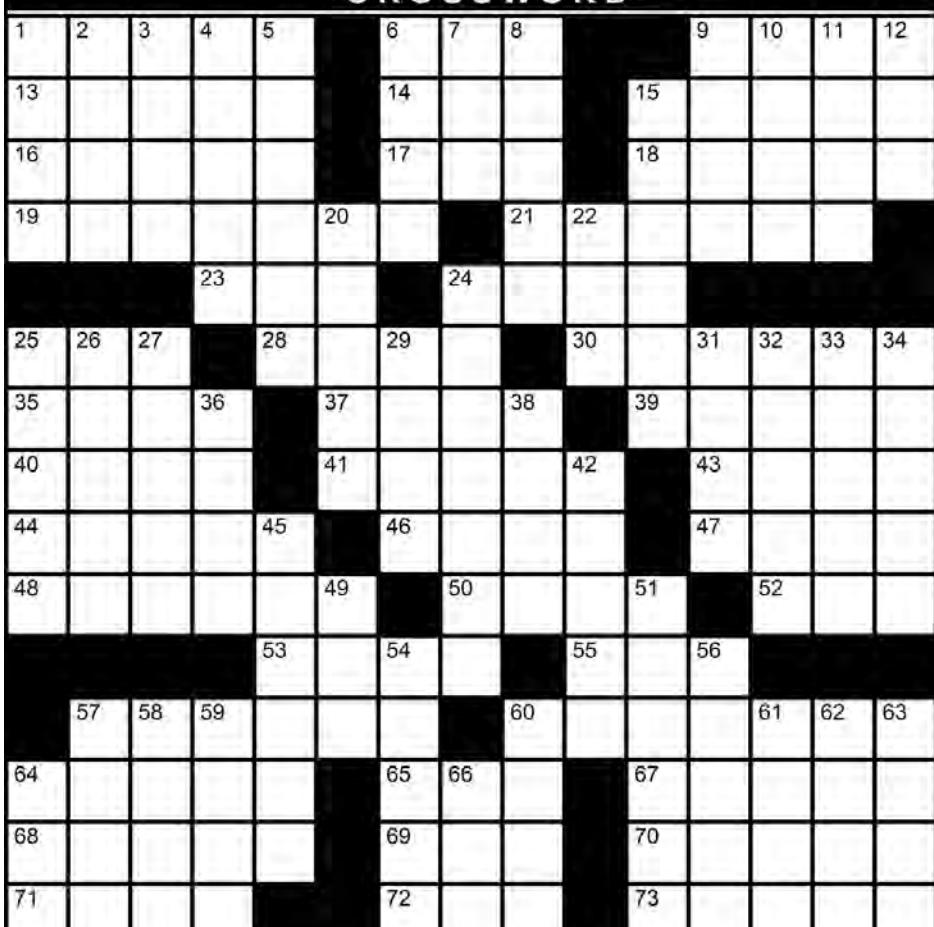
### ACROSS

1. Bars
6. Escape or flee
9. Green gemstone or Heather Graham in "The Hangover"
13. Turning point
14. 34th U.S. Pres
15. Actress Sophia \_\_\_\_
16. Each and all
17. Lake, in France
18. Roof overhangs
19. \*Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. \_\_\_\_
21. \*Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah \_\_\_\_
23. Not safe, in baseball
24. "Hold on!"
25. Uno \_\_\_\_, in Mexico
28. Iranian monarch
30. Be a go-between
35. Kind of cuckoos
37. Passing mention
39. Dwelled
40. TV show "\_\_\_\_ 911!"
41. \*\*Beloved" mother
43. Like a tennis skirt
44. Scottish kinship groups
46. Spare in car
47. Email folder
48. Vertical dimension
50. Turf alternative
52. Morse Code dash
53. Hippocratic \_\_\_\_
55. Three, to Caesar
57. \*Margaret White's telekinetic daughter
60. \*Elizabeth Zott of "\_\_\_\_ in Chemistry"
64. Vernacular
65. R&R hot spot
67. Capital of Vietnam
68. Yours is as good as mine?
69. Tennis retry
70. Cause anxiety (2 words)
71. Bookie's quote
72. Well-kept secret, for some
73. Teatime treat

### DOWN

1. Do like volcano
2. Honey home
3. Iris holder
4. Human trunk
5. iPad "pen"
6. \*Matriarch, \_\_\_\_ Munster of "The Munsters"
7. \*Nadezhda of "The Americans," \_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Jennings, acr.
8. Muhammad's birthplace
9. Melissa Rivers' mom
10. Australian slang for afternoon
11. Widely hunted ruminant
12. Follow ems
15. A particular legume
20. Not pathos
22. Second O in EVOO
24. Kinda white
25. \*Mrs. \_\_\_\_, a.k.a. Marmee
26. Anoint
27. Red Sea peninsula
29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
31. Goals
32. Like a Harvard building?
33. Plant-based laxative
34. \* \_\_\_\_ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
36. Dance partner
38. Drive-\_\_\_\_, for short
42. Like a haunted house
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. \_\_\_\_ chi
51. Casts a line
54. Popular electric car
56. Newton's first name
57. Foul substance
58. Matured
59. Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
60. Better than never?
61. On top of
62. "High" time
63. Cosine's counterpart
64. In the past
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## Dutchess teen announced as grand marshal for Footsteps for Families

Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley (RMHGV) has announced that the annual Footsteps for Families Walk Over the Hudson event is officially open for registration. This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 19. The walk will kick off at noon on the Poughkeepsie side of the bridge in Dutchess County.

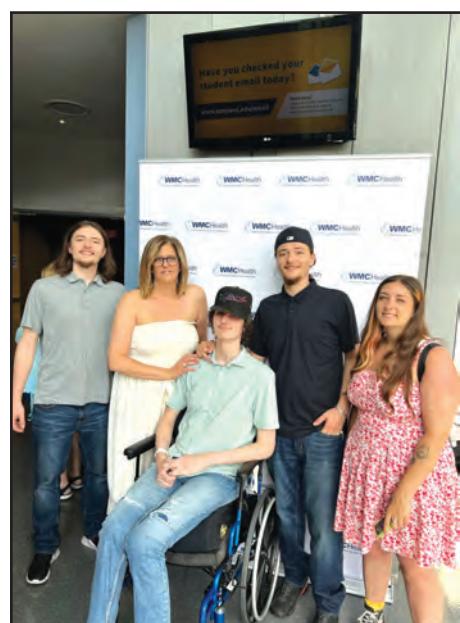
Participants are encouraged to join the walk and raise funds to help RMHGV continue supporting families during their child's critical medical care. Each participant who registers for the event will receive a t-shirt and special gift.

There will be family fun activities, face painting, live music, raffles, Spin to Win Prize Wheel and more for all attendees to enjoy. The historic Walkway is the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge and is surrounded on both the Poughkeepsie and Highland sides by restaurants, shops, trails and welcomes strollers and leashed dogs.

The Grand Marshal for the event this year is Michael McPike who will kick off the walk with his family. Michael, who is 17 years old, was airlifted from their home in Dutchess County to the trauma ICU at Westchester Medical Center where he was treated for 39 days.

"I got a phone call minutes before midnight that Michael was hit by a car and broke both his legs. The first day we went over to the Ronald McDonald House and applied for a room and spent all 39 days of our journey with them," said his mom, Mary. "We are so grateful to all the staff and volunteers who created a warm and welcoming environment for us to live in during this time. Every day we had meals, laundry and a listening ear waiting for us. Together as a family we are honored to be a special part of this event and hope to continue to support their events moving forward."

Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley is hosting this event and encouraging participants to raise funds to help them reach their goal of raising \$50,000 which will be used to support families who are coping through their child's medical crisis. When fami-



Dutchess County teen Michael McPike (center), shown with his family Mary, Liam and Eileen, will be the grand marshal for Footsteps for Families which will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. Courtesy photo

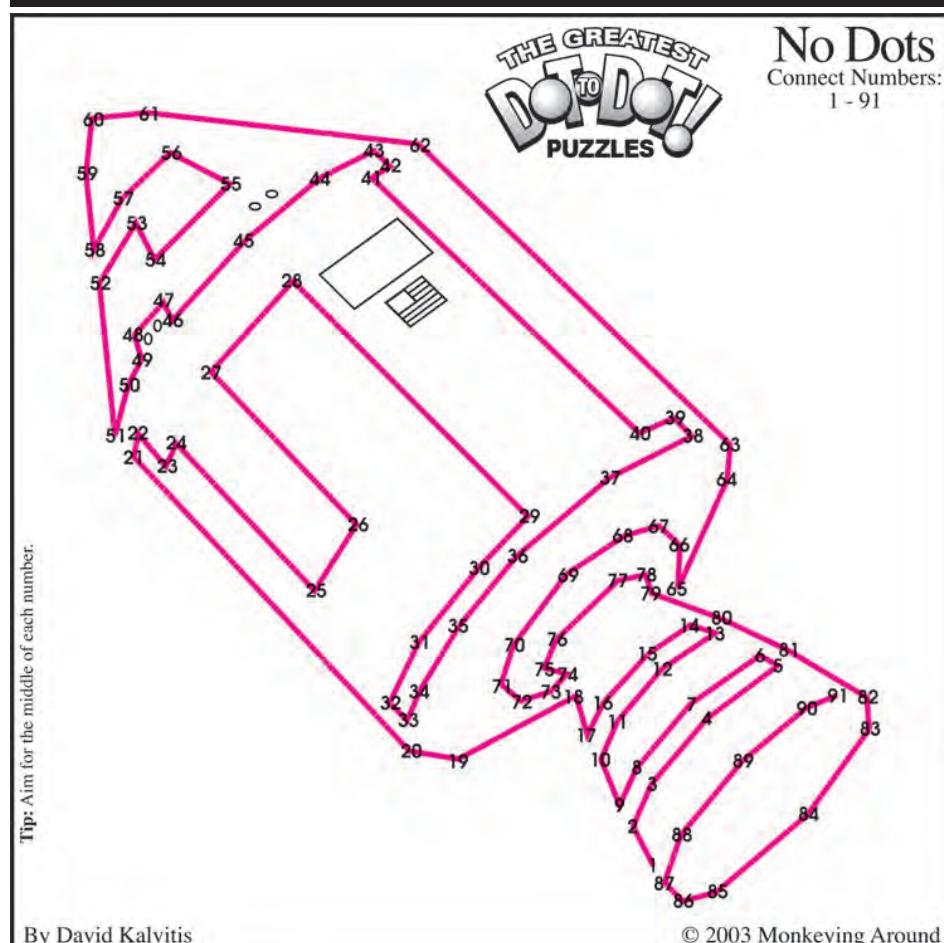
lies must travel far from home to access the medical care their child needs, RMHGV provides hope, help and a home-away-from-home. Keeping families together and easing some of the emotional and financial burdens they experience when faced with a child's medical crisis.

"This year we are hopeful our community will join us in celebrating local families by participating in this annual event and help us raise funds to continue supporting families when they need it most," said Brittany Moretti, Executive Director of RMHGV. "When a child is sick the entire family needs comfort and support. Our House keeps families close to their child in their time of need." To register a team or sponsor Footsteps for Families visit [bit.ly/4d4T6TQ](http://bit.ly/4d4T6TQ) For more information about Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley visit [www.rmh-ghv.org](http://www.rmh-ghv.org).

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Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 14)



## Five students honored at DCC History, Government and Economics Department Award Ceremony



From left, DCC HGE award winners are Yassmine Chanaoui, Ashley K. Carson, Nicole Ciardullo, Michael A. Gattine-Suarez and Ryan J. Scott. Courtesy photo

Dutchess Community College held its annual Eugene Sheridan Awards ceremony on April 25, which honors student achievement in the social sciences.

Two History, Government and Economics (HGE) Departmental Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Social Sciences were presented. Awardees were Yassmine Chanaoui (Wappingers Falls) and Michael A. Gattine-Suarez (Kingston).

Ashley K. Carson (Highland) was awarded the Ann and Dan Zodikoff

Memorial Scholarship.

Ryan J. Scott (Hyde Park) was presented with the Xavier H. Verbeck Memorial Award in honor of Xavier H. Verbeck who taught in the HGE Department from 1963-1992 and who also served as department chair.

Nicole Ciardullo (Poughkeepsie) received the Eugene Sheridan Award in honor of Eugene A. Sheridan, Jr. who taught in the HGE department from 1966-1973.

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# What to know about Red Hook's Budget Expo May 8

Before the Red Hook Central School District asks voters to support its \$62.84 million budget, residents will have the opportunity to see where their tax dollars are going.

On Wednesday, May 8, the district is inviting residents to visit Red Hook High School for not only its annual budget hearing, but also a showcase of current programming, innovative educational initiatives and future growth plans.

The inaugural Red Hook Budget Expo will begin at 6 p.m. in the school's state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. After the budget hearing at 6:30 p.m., attendees will be invited to explore the gymnasium and school to speak with staff and student representatives regarding programs and ballot propositions. Refreshments will be available and eligible residents will be able to register to vote or obtain an early or absentee ballot.

"Each year when we ask residents to support our budget or ballot initiatives, we are asking residents to trust that we are putting their tax dollars to the best use for their children," Superintendent Dr. Janet Warden said. "We're proud of the programs, resources and curriculum we offer our students. We want everyone to see for themselves what we see every day and our vision for the future."

The budget vote and school board election is May 21. Red Hook is proposing a \$62.84 million 2024-25 budget that maintains services while remaining under the tax cap. In addition to the budget, there are four propositions on the ballot and five candidates are vying for three open board seats.

Polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. at Mill Road Intermediate School. Early mail voting is also available this year, as are absentee and military ballots.

Proposition 2 on the ballot asks voters to support the district spending up to \$500,000 for the purchase of electric buses, with the caveat that the buses cannot cost more than \$250,000 each after grant funding or other outside assistance. The proposition comes in response to a New York State mandate that will require school districts to operate only zero-emissions vehicles beginning in 2035.

Proposition 3 is a \$14.95 million capital improvement project that would address safety and accessibility concerns in buildings across the district and the athletic facilities used at the high and middle schools. An artificial turf multipurpose educational and athletic field with lighting would be created and the gymnasium would undergo upgrades to come into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, among other improvements. State aid would cover 64.4 percent of the project, making

the functional cost to taxpayers roughly \$5.3 million.

At the expo, visitors will be able to tour the athletic fields and an electric bus. School representatives will also be on hand to discuss the capital project and the reasons the district believes it is a necessary improvement for the district.

Staff and students will also be available to discuss such curriculum as the International Baccalaureate Program and project-based learning, as well as the theatre, arts, robotics, SRO and athletic programs, and others.

Residents can also visit the high school's Performing Arts Center from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 8 to register to vote. Early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be available.

For more information on the expo, as well as voting and other budget materials, visit [RedHookCentralSchools.org](http://RedHookCentralSchools.org).

## Ruge Family Scholarship announces 2024 winners

Ruge's Automotive has announced the winners of the 2024 Ruge Family Scholarship Fund. The scholarship recipients were chosen following an application process with criteria stipulating that students must have plans to pursue further education or training in automotive studies or engineering, and in addition, demonstrate an ongoing commitment to community service.

Kristin Ruge Hutchins, owner of Ruge's Automotive, said "On behalf of our entire team at Ruge's, we are so pleased to recognize the work ethic and character of these four students by awarding them with well-deserved scholarships. And we extend our warmest wishes.

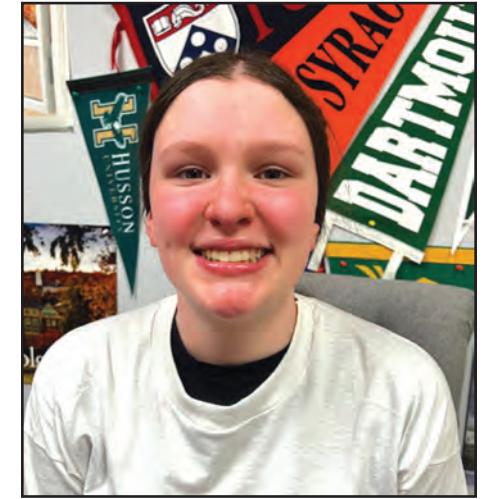
es to all local graduates as they celebrate commencement and begin the next chapters of their lives."

The 2024 Ruge Family Scholarship award recipients are as follows: Carter Lewis of Rhinebeck High School, Mark Paschal, Sarah Holtman and Greg Gorga, all of Red Hook High School.

Ruge's Automotive has supported many initiatives over the years, including Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation, American Legion Post 429, Rhinebeck Rotary, Taconic Little League, among many others.

For further information about Ruge's Automotive, visit [rugesauto.com](http://rugesauto.com).

Recipients of the 2024 Ruge Family Scholarship are (clockwise from top left) Carter Lewis, Mark Paschal, Sarah Holtman and Greg Gorga. Courtesy photos



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sor of the Town of  
Pleasant Valley,  
County of Dutchess,  
has completed his  
tentative assessment  
roll for the current  
year, a copy of which is  
filed with the Town  
Clerk.

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The Assessor or de-  
signee will be in atten-  
dance with such tentative  
roll at 1554 Main  
Street, Pleasant  
Valley, N.Y. on the  
following days:  
May 10, 2024  
BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 10:00 A.M.  
and 2:00 P.M.  
May 13, 2024  
BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 4:00 P.M.  
and 8:00 P.M.  
May 18, 2024  
BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 2:00 P.M.  
and 6:00 P.M.  
May 20, 2024

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A.M. and 2:00 P.M.  
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sessments may be  
filed with the Assessor  
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Grievance Day and  
shall be transmitted by  
the Assessor to the  
Board of Assessment  
Review on or before  
Grievance Day.  
A publication contain-  
ing procedures for  
contesting an assess-  
ment is available at the  
Assessor's office or  
online

## Legal Notices

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publications/orpts/  
grievancebooklet.pdf  
Pleasant Valley  
Assessor  
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Fourth Tuesday in  
May ----  
(Section 508 RPTL)  
(Section 525 RPTL)  
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that the BOARD OF  
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VIEW for the Town of  
Pleasant Valley,  
County of Dutchess,  
shall hear and deter-  
mine complaints in re-  
lation to assessments  
at 1554 Main Street,

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Pleasant Valley, N.Y.  
Telephone #845-635-  
1111 Ext. 208.  
The BOARD OF AS-  
SESSMENT RE-  
VIEW will be in atten-  
dance on the following  
day:  
Tuesday, May 28,  
2024 BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 4:00 P.M.  
and 8:00 P.M.  
The BOARD OF AS-  
SESSMENT RE-  
VIEW will then file a  
copy of the determina-  
tion with Town Clerk to  
become a matter of  
public record.

Board Chairman

## Legal Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF HEARING  
BEFORE THE  
ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS**  
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Valley, Dutchess  
County, NY  
Please take note that  
the Zoning Board of  
Appeals of the Town of  
Pleasant Valley, NY,  
will hold a public hearing  
on the following  
proposition:  
**23 Apple Gate Lane,  
Hyde Park  
Appeal #1070  
Grid# 6265-02-**

## Legal Notices

**905564**  
Interpretation Request: The applicant is  
seeking an interpretation regarding the decision made about having a commercial  
business in a Rural Agricultural zone.  
**SAID Meeting** will take place on May 22, 2024 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

# OBITUARIES

### Demetrios 'Jimmy' Christides

HYDE PARK - Demetrios "Jimmy" Christides. Born in Porto Lago, Xanthi Greece on September 8, 1945 to Mr. & Mrs. Christos Christides. Jimmy volunteered early at the age of 18 for the Greek Air Force. He was stationed in Thessaloniki, where he was responsible for overseeing the fuel depot for the airplanes. Jimmy left Greece in 1967 and came to the Hudson Valley.

He began his long career as a chef at the Andros Diner in Poughkeepsie, followed by work at the Bedford Diner in Bedford NY and the Gateway Diner in Kingston. In between, he started and ran a successful produce delivery business of his own.

Jimmy married Betty Ann LeFaive December 18, 1968 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Betty Ann passed away at the age of 67 on March 15, 2011. He was one of the original owners of the Pleasant Valley Diner on Rt. 44 in Pleasant Valley, NY. After this, he began a long association and friendship with the Vanikiotis family and their group of restaurants where he cooked at the Brass Anchor Restaurant in Hyde Park, Barnaby's in New Paltz and the Palace Diner in Poughkeepsie until his retirement. Jimmy passed away while residing at The Eleanor Nursing Care Center in Hyde Park in New York.

He is survived by his sisters Sultana Christides, Nikki and her husband Costas Atmatzidis and two nieces and nephew, all of Greece.

A Graveside Service was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Calvary Cemetery, 62 LaGrange Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial followed in the family plot.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com).

### Judith 'Judy' Fehlig

CLINTON CORNERS - Judith ("Judy") Kathryn Fehlig, age 81, of Clinton Corners, Dutchess County, New York, died suddenly

on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident that same day close to Poughkeepsie New York.

Judy was born July 9, 1942, in St. Louis Missouri to Louis Clement Fehlig and Betty Lee Stansbury Fehlig, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her namesake and beloved niece, Kathryn Lyon Flora.

Judy grew up in Ladue, Missouri and graduated from Villa Duchesne school in St. Louis MO in 1960. She later graduated from Marymount University in Arlington VA. After college, Judy moved to New York, New York, and on her own initiative, gained employment and enjoyed a long and pioneering career as a woman serving prominent financial firms providing financial advisory services.

For a few years preceding her retirement, she provided financial services through her own firm, Fehlig Advisers. Upon retirement, Judy moved from downtown New York to her place of peace and joy, Applebrook Farm in Dutchess County NY.

To all whose lives crossed hers, Judy Fehlig was a beautiful, glamourous, articulate, strong-willed woman. She was an avid reader. She loved to travel the world. She cared deeply for horses, dogs, cats and farm animals. She liked to be around other beautiful and successful people and thrived in that environment. She had no desire to be a traditional housewife, nor did she gladly tolerate opinions of those who disagreed with how she chose to live her life. Judy did things her way.

Judy is survived by her daughter Lee Thorne, her sister, Susan Fehlig Lyon (Paul) and her brothers James W. Fehlig (Debbie) and William R. Fehlig. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, Tracy Lyon Terrick (Charles), P. Travis Lyon, Jr. (Adriana), Christopher Fehlig (Stacey), Molly Fehlig Setien (Blake), J.W. Fehlig (Becky), Ellie Fehlig and Louis D. Fehlig (Devon) and many great nieces and nephews.

As requested by Judy, her ashes were

buried at Applebrook Farm. There will be a private service limited to family at some date in the future.

The family requests no flowers and suggests contributions be made to Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, 2699 NY-22, #334, Dover Plains NY 12522; or Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, 1822 South Rd, Wappinger Falls NY 12590.

Arrangements by the Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 218 Mill St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Condolences may be shared by visiting [www.torsonememorial.com](http://www.torsonememorial.com).

### Peter F. Heiligenhaller

Peter F. Heiligenhaller, (76), of Clinton Corners, NY, passed away on April 21st, 2024.

Peter, was born to Franz and Magdalene Heiligenhaller, on October 21, 1947, in Nuremberg, Germany. He was a master mechanic who loved History, Collecting and Puzzles. He came to America with his Parents in 1957 aboard a Holland America Transatlantic Ship and in July of 1963 became a US Citizen. He attended School in Chappaqua, NY after which he went to Syracuse University School of Forestry. He was Drafted and sent to Vietnam, with the Army 125th Infantry armored division. Upon Returning he worked as a mechanic at North County VW in Mt Kisco, he then opened his own repair shop in Mt Kisco. Before retiring he had a VW restoration business in Clinton Corners where he had a devout following. Peter is survived by his son Sean along with Daughter-in-law Stacey and Grandson Skylar. He also survived by his cat KitKat.

Aside for Peter's love for vintage cars, which he owned many in his life, he had a great love for animals and nature. He enjoyed camping trips and spending time outside in the country.

Peter's family hosted a funeral service on Sunday May 5. The service was held at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave.,

Millbrook, NY. Please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com) for condolences.

### Alan L. Lindsay

MILTON - Alan Lewis Lindsay, 76, a life-long area resident, transitioned to be with our Lord on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at The Grand at River Valley in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mr. Lindsay worked briefly at the Wassaic Developmental Center in Wassaic, NY. He went on to work for the Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, NY as a corrections officer for over 25 years.

Born July 14, 1947 in Sharon, CT he was the son of the late Lewis W. and Clara (Reed) Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay attended and graduated from Webutuck High School in Amenia, NY in 1965. Alan was raised in Millerton and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966.

In 1968 he married Helen Evans and to this union two daughters were born. Alan enjoyed hunting and fishing, listening to the "Oldies" and walking the rail trails which he did faithfully every day. Alan will be remembered for his contagious laughter, love of family and his willingness to take part in a good prank.

Alan is survived by his daughters, Vachon Lyons and Jannel Wallace of Fayettleville, NC; two sisters, Lorraine Melton of Poughkeepsie, NY and Carol Cappillette and her husband Don of Maryland; three grandchildren, Jared and Justin Mitchell and Jada Wilson; nine great grandchildren and a host of cousins and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Helen and his nephew Dwayne Melton.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Memorial contributions may be made to the North East Community Center Food Pantry, P.O Box 35, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Alan's memory, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

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### Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 18)

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### SUDOKU This week's answer

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## SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

The first batches of Office for the Aging Summer Picnic reminder cards are currently being mailed to older adults throughout Dutchess County. Residents can generally expect to see a reminder card for their community's picnic between four and six weeks before the picnic.

Below is the 2024 picnic schedule.

May 29 - Town and Village of Pawling, Towns of Dover, Amenia, and Union Vale Boyce Park, 6420 Route 55, Wingdale

June 5 - Village and Town of Fishkill Geering Park, Fishkill

June 12 - Towns of Milan, Red Hook and Rhinebeck and Villages of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli

Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 US 9, Rhinebeck

June 18 - Towns of Clinton and Hyde Park, including Staatsburg

Church of Regina Coeli (rear lot), 28 Harvey St., Hyde Park

June 26 - Town of Poughkeepsie Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Rd., Poughkeepsie

July 10 - City of Beacon Memorial Park, 298 Fishkill Ave., Beacon

July 17 - Towns of North East, Pine Plains, Washington and Stanford and Villages of Millbrook and Millerton

Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School, 2829 Church St. (Route 199), Pine Plains

July 24 - Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls

Recreation Park, 95 Robinson Lane, Wappinger

July 31 - Town of Pleasant Valley West Road School, 181 West Rd., Pleasant Valley

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

August 21 - Town of East Fishkill East Fishkill Recreation Park, 330 Route 376

August 28 - Towns of LaGrange and Beekman

Freedom Park, 212 Skidmore Rd., LaGrange

You can also see the picnic schedule at [dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics](http://dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics). We've kept the pictures from the 2023 picnic season there as well, to help familiarize those who've never been to a Summer Picnic.

All but one picnic is scheduled for a Wednesday. The June 18th Clinton/Hyde Park picnic is being held on a Tuesday because the Juneteenth national holiday falls on a Wednesday this year.

Every resident of Dutchess County over age 60 can make a reservation for themselves for the free picnic serving their community. Reservations must be made by calling OFA during business hours (9 am – 5 pm weekdays) at 845-486-2555. We cannot accept voice mail or email reservation requests. There is an \$8 per person fee for every non-resident guest, and for any guest age 59 or under, if space is available at the requested picnic.

You needn't receive a reminder card to make a reservation, but you do need to make the reservation. Picnic space is limited; therefore, we cannot accept walk-ins.

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

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

Many thanks to The Pines at Poughkeepsie and AccentCare for their support of all 12 picnics.

## SENIOR PICNIC SEASON VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging's annual summer picnics get under-

way at the end of this month, continuing until the end of August. There are plenty of ways volunteers can help our older Dutchess County neighbors enjoy a fine picnic lunch and good company, both at picnic sites all over Dutchess County as well as behind the scenes at the Office for the Aging's facilities in Poughkeepsie.

Clerical picnic season volunteers can help with stocking picnic goodie bags at the OFA main office in Poughkeepsie, starting in mid-May, and with making reminder calls to older adults who have reserved seats at their community's picnic.

On picnic days, we welcome volunteers who can help set up picnic equipment, guide parking lot traffic, bring guests their food and drinks, and help break down picnic equipment when the day is done.

For more information on OFA's diverse volunteering opportunities, visit [dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer](http://dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer), email [bjones@dutchessny.gov](mailto:bjones@dutchessny.gov), or call 845-486-2555. For programs that accept volunteers under age 18, a signed parental waiver is required. If a child's school or house of worship has a community service requirement, helping at an OFA Summer Picnic is a great way to fulfill that requirement.

## OFA 'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS

If you're recently retired and exploring the idea of volunteering, the OFA "Friendly Calls" program is a way to help that can easily fit into your new schedule.

Most orientations for prospective OFA "Friendly Calls" program volunteers take place at OFA unless otherwise indicated below. Orientations typically last 40-60 minutes. Pick one, and contact OFA at 845-486-2555 to set up your orientation:

- Thursday, May 9th, 10 am
- Tuesday, May 21st, 10 am
- Tuesday, May 28th, 10 am

You can volunteer from home, or from anywhere your phone gets a good signal. To register for any orientation, if you have more questions about "Friendly Calls," or to arrange an on-site orientation for your civic organization, call 845-486-2555 or email Friendly Calls program manager Linda Edgar at [ledgar@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ledgar@dutchessny.gov).

## UPCOMING MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC FORUMS

To better reach residents and families living with mental health and substance use issues and hear their feedback on the local services and programs available to them, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will be hosting this year's mental health public forums at various locations across Dutchess County. Four forums will be held throughout the year. Each forum will feature simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

The first two forums are scheduled for:

- Thursday, May 16th; 5:30 p.m., Poughkeepsie High School Auditorium, 70 Forbus Street, Poughkeepsie
- Wednesday, June 5th; 5:30 p.m., Stissing Mountain High School Cafeteria, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains

Each of the forums will offer residents the opportunity to share their experiences and give input to DBCH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol Substance Use Addiction and Recovery;
- Mental Health Needs for Youth and Mental Health Needs for Adults.

These forums are free and open to the public; families, caregivers and local stakeholders are encouraged to attend. All input received will help DBCH shape the 2025 Local Services Plan, which establish long-term goals and objectives consistent with statewide goals and objectives. Community partners will also have representatives and informational tables at each forum to connect directly with residents.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Keep reading, and you'll see a link that'll point you to additional local mental health resources.

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