

Winning ways
keep Renegades
atop division
in early going

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades are finding all kinds of ways to win and maintaining their hold on first place in the division.

The Renegades scored single runs in the 7th, 8th, and 9th innings on Friday night, and beat Wilmington, 3-2, plus wins of 3-1 on Saturday to take four of the six games in the home series.

Alexander Vargas clubbed a go-ahead three-run home run in the seventh inning helping the Renegades down the Blue Rocks 3-1 on Saturday night.

The Renegades own first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League with a 18-9 record.

On Friday, the winning run came home on a wild pitch.

In the ninth inning, after Aaron Palensky opened up the frame with a leadoff single, Spencer Henson reached base on a fielder's choice. Henson advanced to second on a throwing error by Yoander Rivero on a fielder's choice groundball hit by Rafael Flores, who reached at first.

Jack Sinclair (2-1) struck out Grant Richardson for the second out of the inning before Henson stole third after Onix Vega threw down to second base on a pickoff attempt. Two pitches later, Henson dashed home on a wild pitch to win the game for the Renegades. It was the first walk-off win of the season for Hudson Valley.

Wilmington had tied the game in the ninth with a sacrifice fly from Vega against Juan Carela after James Wood tripled on a ball lost in the lights in the outfield.

The Blue Rocks starter, Dustin Saenz, held the Renegades without a hit until a Flores leadoff single in the

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Apple Blossom Day to shine
with music, vendors in Red Hook

by Stacey vandenThoorn

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the buds are flowering – including the apple blossoms, which means it is time to usher in the spring season at the Village of Red Hook's Annual Apple Blossom Day sponsored by the Red Hook Rotary Club on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is a true celebration of the community featuring live music, entertainment, local businesses and organizations, arts, crafts, and vendors galore with plenty of gift ideas for Mom just in time for Mother's Day.

The daylong celebration has been around for decades, with the purpose of providing residents and visitors of all ages a chance to get outside and engage, explore, and re- connect with all Red Hook has to offer after the long winter season.

"Our goal is to simply give back to the community by providing a day of fun and fellowship," said Red Hook Rotary Club President-Elect 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 planned for the day begins at 11 a.m. with The Local Jam, followed by the Talent Showcase at noon featuring a variety of performances by local residents of all ages, Irish music by the T McCann Band at 1 p.m., then at 2 p.m. it's Jordan Stoner, and the finale is a lively performance by the StringMasters at 3 p.m.

Of the numerous businesses and local organizations set to participate in the celebration of the day are the Red Hook High School Future Farmers of America (FFA), who will bring some livestock and a small tractor to raise awareness of the club and its mission in hopes of sparking interest in elementary and middle school-aged students. Cider Brothers, Red Hook Responds and Mighty Donut will serve up some delish treats along with village restaurants who will have special menu



Apple Blossom Day is sponsored by the Red Hook Rotary Club and annually brings large crowds of visitors to the Village. This year's event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at various locations near the center of Red Hook. Courtesy photo

options available. "Apple Blossom Day is a wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of spring in our beautiful area! The Red Hook Rotary, continued on page 2

Regional events add possibilities
to Mother's Day celebrations



A cow and her calf at Harlem Valley Homestead in Wingdale. The public is invited for tours on May 13. Courtesy photo

by Kate Goldsmith

This Sunday is Mother's Day, and many of us will celebrate a Mom or two in what has long been a tradition on the second Sunday in May: going out to eat. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is the busiest day for restaurants in the United States.

By all means, treat that incredible woman to a beautiful brunch, lavish lunch or delightful dinner; but why not get really creative and add an event that caters to one of her interests – or is just plain fun? This article offers some suggestions, many of which take place on the Saturday before,

so you can "spread the love" out over the entire weekend.

May 13: Open Days program features Millbrook garden

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program returns to Dutchess County this month. Open Days are special invitations to visit private gardens. Through the Open Days program, The Garden Conservancy highlights America's diverse regional horticultural and stylistic expressions for all to enjoy.

Sharpstone Farm in Millbrook opens its garden gates to the public on Saturday, May 13, from 10

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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 to the village of Red Hook.”
The event, made possible by

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Union ratifies 'historic agreement'

To the editor:
1199SEIU Members in New York's Hudson Valley have ratified a historic agreement ... after more than a year of tense negotiations with Connecticut-based NuVance Health. More than 1,500 members of 1199SEIU, the nation's largest health-care union, have voted overwhelmingly to ratify a contract that will improve the lives of the workers, their families and patients, and will also help to recruit and retain staff.
The 3-day ratification vote, which took place on April 19, 20 and 21, was the culmination of more than a year of contentious negotiations. With constant stalling on behalf of the employer and little progress being made, the healthcare workers were forced to hold several informational pickets, joined with concerned elected officials and patients at press conferences, held a car caravan to inform the public and contact Board members, and demanded dozens of meetings with management (away from the negotiating table).
The bargaining units:
First union contract:
• Technical Workers at Northern Dutchess
• BioMed Engineers at Vassar/Putnam
• Radiation Therapists at Vassar Putnam

Extending Contract:
• Vassar Brothers Medical Center
• Putnam Hospital

Contract Highlights:
• Annual raises of 3.5% in 2023, 2024, 2025
• Increases minimum rates up to 10%
• Juneteenth as an additional premium holiday
• Long-time members continue their no-cost, comprehensive health benefits through the 1199 National Benefit Fund
• New members to be covered by the 1199 National Benefit Fund effective 12/1/24.

Background: New York's healthcare system is facing an unprecedented crisis. Three years since the first COVID case was confirmed in New York, patients and workers continue to face pandemic's aftershocks. Emergency rooms are overflowing, patients wait interminably for lab results, and healthcare workers are fed up and leaving the industry. This contract aims to recruit and retain workers and bring back the type of care that Hudson Valley residents have enjoyed in decades past.
Submitted by Mindy Berman
Communications Consultant
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Master Gardener plant sale set May 19-20 at CCEDC

Spring is a time for fresh beginnings and that means it's also time for the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale! Master Gardener Volunteers and extension staff will be on site at the Dutchess County Farm & Home Center 2715 Route 44 near Millbrook for the plant sale on Friday, May 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m..
Master Gardener Volunteers grow and sell a wide variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs. Some of these varieties are "tried and true" favorites; others are exciting new introductions. At this event, a Master Gardener Volunteer information booth will be set up. Volunteers are available to answer your

gardening questions and to help you make your plant selections.
"We are so excited to see everyone in person and have fully stocked greenhouses ready for our annual sale," said Joyce Tomaselli, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Community Horticulture Resource Educator and program liaison.
Master Gardeners are a group of trained volunteers who work in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) to extend information and share skills throughout the county. The first Master Gardener volunteer program was started in Washington State in 1972. Dutchess

County was the first county in New York State (1975) to train Master Gardener volunteers. There are currently over 100 active Master Gardener volunteers in Dutchess County, and many will be available at the annual plant sale to provide free information and advice! The CCEDC Master Gardener Program is funded through volunteer fundraising efforts and from donations from the public like this event.
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All local districts present budgets meeting tax cap

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

This year’s school budget vote and Board of Education (BoE) elections will take place on Tuesday, May 16. Each district has specific poll hours; see below for more information.

All eight districts in the Northern Dutchess News readership area are proposing budgets with tax levies that meet or are less than their state-mandated limit, requiring only a simple majority to pass. Originally called the 2-percent tax cap, the actual number varies by district depending on several variables.

If any of the budgets fail, the districts have two options: put up a second budget or go straight to a contingency budget. If the second budget is defeated, the districts must go to contingency, which carries a zero-percent levy-to-levy increase.

The tax levy increases listed for each district represent an average. The actual tax impact will vary from town to town, based on assessed values, STAR values and equalization rates that will be finalized in August. In addition, residents should know that there is no direct correlation between the tax levy increase and the amount of the increase in their individual tax bills.

Qualified voters will be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old by May 16; a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the vote; and be registered either with the school district’s board of registration, or be on a current voter list maintained by the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

Please note: Numbers have been rounded to the nearest hundred-thousandth; for example, \$230,574,118 would be \$230.6 million.

ARLINGTON

The Arlington Central School District proposes a \$256.3 million budget with a 6.51% increase over last year. The \$2.8 million (1.85%) tax levy increase is under the district’s tax levy cap of 2.05%.

A \$2.2 million proposition is also on the ballot for new buses and maintenance vehicles, to be bonded over five years. According to the district’s website, bus costs totaling \$2,147,000 are eligible for state transportation aid at the rate of 70%, making the local share \$644,100.

Voters will also elect three members to the Arlington Board of Education. The terms of Dr. Linda Gaines and Dave Goddard will expire on June 30, 2023. The term of Charles McLeod (appointed on Oct. 11, 2022, for the seat vacated by Peter Bodnar) will expire on May 15.

There are six candidates running for three seats: Jeff Haight, Phee Simpson, Ed.D., David A. Scott, Ed.D., Linda Gaines, Ed.D., Jennifer Boye, and Eileen Snook.

Those elected to the Board will serve a three-year term. The candidate with the highest number of votes (who is not an incumbent) will begin their term on May 16, 2023. The other two candidates elected to the BOE on May 16 will begin their terms on July 1, 2023.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.arlingtonschools.org for polling locations and more information.

DOVER

Dover’s \$41 million budget carries an increase of \$3.7 million (9.97%) over last year.

The proposed tax levy increase is \$2.1 million, which translates to a 6.87% decrease in the tax levy, and which will result in a decrease in property taxes for the second year in a row. In 2022, Dover district taxpayers saw a 1.07% decrease in their property taxes.

There are three vacancies open for the election of school board members: Two to a full term of five years to begin on July 1, 2023 and to expire on June 30, 2028; and one to fill a three-year and six-week vacated term effective May 17,

2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026.

The two candidates who receive the two highest vote counts will fill the five-year terms. The candidate with the third highest vote count will fill the three-year vacated term.

Petitions have been received from Erin McCarthy, Natasha Merritt and Philip Calabro

The vote will be held at the Dover Middle School Gym in Dover Plains, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact District Clerk Nicole Wilkinson at (845) 877-5700, ext. 1282, or email Nicole.Wilkinson@dovertschools.org for more information.

HYDE PARK

Residents will vote on a \$115.3 million budget, carrying an increase of 8.97% over last year.

The tax levy is \$68.4 million, an increase of 3.7% over last year, falling just within the 2023-2024 tax levy limit.

There are two additional propositions:

- A \$1.3 million transportation proposition that would replace three 66-passenger school buses (powered by gasoline), five 30-passenger vans, one 66-passenger electric bus and one electric vehicle charger. State aid would pay for nearly 65% of the purchase, making the net to taxpayers \$457,972.
- A proposition to continue to allow a student, as established under NYS Education Law 1804, to serve on the School Board as a non-voting member. This proposition is put up to voters every two years.

Jesslyn Hollar and Michael Tibbetts are running for the open seats on this year’s ballot.

Polls will be open at Haviland Middle School, 23 Haviland Road, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.hpcsd.org for more information.

MILLBROOK

Millbrook’s proposed budget of \$34 million carries a \$1.3 million (4.11%) increase over last year, with a tax levy increase of approximately \$834,191 (3.28%), which is at the district’s calculated tax levy limit.

Two candidates, incumbents Howard Shapiro and Christopher Rosenbergen, are on the ballot to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

The vote will take place from noon to 9 p.m. in the Millbrook Middle School Auditorium, Alden Place.

Visit www.millbrookcsd.org for more information.

PINE PLAINS

Pine Plains’ \$36.4 million budget carries a 3.3% increase over 2022-2023. The resulting tax levy increase of 2.8% is within the tax levy limit.

A transportation proposition is on the ballot for the purchase of two 71-passenger buses at a cost of \$303,994.

Voters will elect two Board of Education members for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026. Two candidates are running for the two seats are incumbents Heidi Johnson and James Griffin.

The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria, 2829 Church St., Pine Plains.

Visit www.ppcsd.org for more information.

RED HOOK

The 2023-24 proposed budget of \$60.3 million reflects a 3.38% increase over last year. The proposed tax levy of \$38.4 million carries a 4.55% increase over 2022-2023, and is below the district’s tax levy limit.

Four candidates are running for two seats on the district’s Board of Education. They are current BoE Vice President Russ Crafton, Fernando Dongo, Charles Kachigian, and current BoE President Kate Kortbus (incumbent).

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at Mill Road Intermediate School, 3-5 Cafeteria.

Visit www.redhookcentralschools.org for more information.

RHINEBECK

The district is presenting a \$38.9 million budget to voters, carrying a 4.5% increase over last year. The tax levy of \$32.8 reflects a 2.73% increase, putting it below the district’s tax levy limit of 3.37%.

Two candidates are running for two seats on the Board of Education: Rose Ann Serpico and Amanda N. Miller-McGrath. The three-year terms will commence on July 1, 2023, and expire on June 30, 2026.

Voting will take place from 2 to 9 p.m. in the Bulkeley Middle School Cafeteria, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

WEBUTUCK:

Webutuck’s \$25 million 2023-2024 budget carries a 3.73% budget-to-budget increase.

The tax levy is \$17.6 million, a 3.95% increase over last year and below the allowable cap of 4.95%.

There are two other propositions on the ballot:

- A transportation proposition to purchase two 65-passenger buses;
- Establish a \$10 million capital reserve account. The fund would use excess fund balance to fund capital reserve over a period of 10 years. There would be no requirement to fund every year or at all, if excess fund balance is not available.

There are four open seats on the Northeast (Webutuck) Board of Education to be voted on this election: Two seats are for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026 to fill the vacant seats of incumbent board members Judy Moran and Rick Keller Coffey; one seat to fill the vacant seat occupied by Chris Mayville (from the resignation of Chris Lounsbury) commencing on May 17, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026; and one seat to fill the vacant seat occupied by Aimee Wesley (from the resignation of Jessica Deister) commencing on May 17, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The candidates running for these seats are Rick Keller Coffey, Judy Moran, Aimee Wesley and Jerry Heiser.

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Brooklyn NYM		9	14	.391	7.0	5-5	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Winston-Salem CWS		18	7	.720	-	7-3	L1
Hickory TEX		12	13	.480	6.0	3-7	L2
Greenville BOS		12	14	.462	6.5	7-3	W3
Rome ATL		12	14	.462	6.5	6-4	L2
Bowling Green TB		11	14	.440	7.0	5-5	W2
Asheville HOU		9	16	.360	9.0	2-8	L3

Winning ways keep Renegades atop division in early going

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fifth. Tyler Schoff replaced Saenz in the seventh, and Henson clubbed his sixth home run of the season to tie the game at one.

On the second pitch of the bottom of the eighth, Ben Cowles crushed a solo home run over the right field wall to hand Hudson Valley their first lead of the game at 2-1. The blast was already Cowles' fifth of the season in his 16th game played, after he hit seven in 93 games in 2022.

Zach Messinger started the game for the 'Gades and struck out five in five innings of work. Carela (1-1) went the final 4.0 innings and limited the Blue Rocks to just two hits while striking out three and not allowing a walk in his first relief outing of the season.

The force was with the Renegades on Thursday night as they scored all their runs early in a 6-2 win over the Wilmington.

Aaron Palensky opened up the scoring with a solo home run off Andry Lara (0-3) in the second inning. Palensky is tied for the South Atlantic League lead with eight home runs.

The Renegades' lead didn't last long as Nick Shumpert crushed a solo blast off Tyrone Yulie on the first pitch of the third to tie the game at one. Yulie allowed just one run in 4.2 innings

while striking out five.

Hudson Valley responded with a five-run third inning to surge ahead 6-1. All the damage was done with two outs.

The Renegades split the first two games of the series, including a 9-4 win on Wednesday night. Again, it was a come-from-behind victory. For the second straight night, the Blue Rocks scored in the first inning. After a leadoff walk was issued to Nick Shumpert, Jacob Young bunted a ball down the third base line. Caleb Durbin fielded the ball but threw wildly to first, scoring Shumpert. Clay Aguilar retired the next three batters in order to limit the damage.

Wilmington added another run in the third on an RBI single by Trey Lipscomb off Harold Cortijo. In the bottom half of the inning, Aldenis Sánchez launched a one-out triple to right field and scored on an RBI groundout by Spencer Jones to cut the deficit to 2-1.

After that, there was all Hudson Valley. The team scored single runs in the 5th and 6th innings and, after briefly allowing Wilmington to retake the lead at 4-3 in the seventh inning, Hudson Valley erupted for six runs in the bottom half of the inning. The big hit was a two-run triple by Sanchez.

Players Statistics

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

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Drew Thorpe P	HV	1	1	4.56	5	5	0	0	0	0	25.2	26	17	13	2	0	12	34	1.48	.268
2 Zach Messinger P	HV	0	1	2.08	5	5	0	0	0	0	26.0	17	7	6	2	0	9	31	1.00	.183



Renegades Extra!



Letting young players be themselves is ideal philosophy for manager Santos

by Rich Thomaselli

Hudson Valley Renegades manager Sergio Santos has the ideal temperament for the game of baseball, and knows how to deal with his young players.

He lets them be themselves.

“This is a level where there is just as much teaching, if not more, than at every other level,” he said. “And we want them to succeed. Moving up a level is to reward for us. But there also comes a time when you have to let them be themselves. Most of these kids are at that age, where they just have to figure it out for themselves.”

His philosophy of hand-on and hands off, and knowing when the situation calls for which, has proven to be successful. As of this writing, the Renegades are in first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League.

“Like I said, at this level you don’t think of it from a team standpoint,” Santos said. “We just want them to move

up and move on. Half of these guys won’t even be here at the end of the season. That’s just the nature of the beast at this level.”

Santos, 40, is a Former pitcher in the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and New York Yankees organizations. He was drafted out of Mater Dei High School in California in 2002. Santos gave it his best, but it is difficult to latch on to a team that is pitching rich.

But it wasn’t for a lack of trying.

“One thing I’ve learned from all my years in baseball, and I try to pass it along to these guys,” Santos said, “is that you have to be willing to put the work in. Sometimes it works out, and sometimes it doesn’t. But don’t let anybody accuse you of not trying your hardest.”

So does Santos also look to move up? Perhaps do the AA level in Trenton or Triple A in Scranton Wilkes-Barre?

“I’m not angling for it,” Santos said, “but I wouldn’t turn it down, either.”



Hudson Valley Renegades manager Sergio Santos concentrates on working with young players and helping them to advance to the next level of minor league baseball. Photo by Dave Janosz

TYSON’S TIDBITS WITH TYSON JEFFERS

The GM’s learning process and the value of good communication

Every week, reporter Rich Thomaselli sits down with Tyson Jeffers, the general manager of the Hudson Valley Renegade. These are his thoughts on the team in particular, and minor league baseball in general.

Have you learned anything new about the franchise since moving up to general manager?

I’d say that there are always lessons to be learned, no matter how long you’ve been involved with something. The good

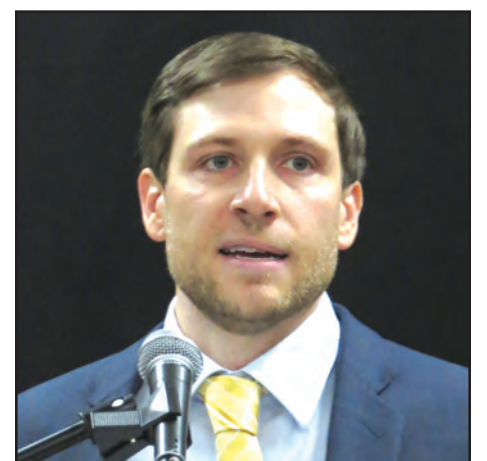
thing about Steve (Gliner, the former GM of the Renegades), and maybe he did this in anticipation of knowing that last year was his final year, was he pulled back the curtains for me and let me really get involved. He allowed me to get involved with a lot of things. So I really haven’t been shocked by anything.

What have you learned from minor league baseball in general, in the last six months or so?

It’s really been communication. Talking with other GMs and league people, with Major League Baseball, with people from the Yankees. It’s really just communication and making sure you talk to people.

Steve Gliner has been a kind of de facto mentor for you. What have you learned from him?

Balance. I have learned from him how to balance my professional and personal life. Steve has a great way of stepping back and looking at things from a different perspective. I’m sure it has to do with his 30 plus years in the business, but that balance and sense of perspective is



critical in a customer driven business. Nothing surprises him. Steve has taught me the ability to evaluate the situation, especially when it comes to customers.

WEATHER BREAKS HELP HV

by Rich Thomaselli

Even Hudson Valley Renegades general manager Tyson Jeffers will admit it.

“Oh, I’ll be the first to say that we’ve been very lucky with the weather,” he said. “Especially for April and, now, the beginning of May.”

The team has been able to avoid any postponements so far this year at Heritage Financial Park. In part, that has been due to the schedule. The Renegades have already had a 12-game road trip, with back-to-back six-game series’ in Georgia and South Carolina. The team does not have a 12-game homestand in Wappingers Falls at all this year. There are ten consecutive home games at the end of July and beginning of August however.

And although the rain and cloudy skies were expected much of this week, the Renegades nonetheless completed a homestand with Williamsport and went on the road to Aberdeen, MD, this week. They do not return home again until Tuesday, May 16. In fact, the only rainout the Renegades have experienced this year came in Greenville, South Carolina, last week.

“We’ve been lucky with the weather, and even when the weather has hit us, we have been lucky with the schedule,” Jeffers said.

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Regional events add possibilities to Mother’s Day celebrations

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a.m. to 2 p.m. Reflecting 18th-century English design sensibilities for long views and circular forms, Sharpstone Farm is a stroll garden that incorporates meadows, a steep valley, streams, a waterfall, and a series of spring-fed ponds.

Registration is \$10 per person or \$5 for members of The Garden Conservancy. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. All registrations must be processed online through The Garden Conservancy’s website: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days>

Those who have previously visited gardens via the Open Days program are advised that several changes have been made to the process, mostly brought on by the pandemic. Visit the website to learn more.

May 13: Lecture at Wilderstein & Horse Barns Tour at Southlands

Wilderstein Historic Site will present a lecture on the history of carriages at Wilderstein (330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck) by carriage collector and founding member of the Mid-Hudson Driving Association Dick Leahey. His collection of carriages has been featured on television and in motion pictures.

Following the lecture, enjoy special tours of the Wilderstein Carriage House and the Horse Barns at Southlands (5771 Route 9, Rhinebeck).

This event takes place on Saturday, May 13, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 with advance reservations required. Register at <https://wilderstein.org/> For more information, call Wilderstein at (845) 876-4818 or Southlands at (845) 876-4862.

May 13: Bannerman Island Cruise and Walking Tour

Take a magnificent boat ride from the Beacon dock over to Bannerman Island aboard the Bannerman Castle Trust’s Estuary Steward tour boat. Enjoy a guided or self-guided walking tour of the island. Visit the famous Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, which is now a museum, where you’ll learn about all things Bannerman. Stop by the new island pavilion and gift shop. Call (845) 831-6346 or visit <http://www.bannermancastle.org/> for more information.

May 13: Stanford Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the lower Town Hall parking lot, across from the Post Office. Perennials, annuals, hanging baskets available for sale.

May 13: National Birding Survey Walk Southlands, 5771 Route 9, Rhinebeck 6:30-11:30 a.m.

Southlands Foundation hosts a National Birding Survey Walk. Mona Payton will lead the national birding survey. Meet in front of the office. Wear sturdy waterproof shoes or boots. Recommend bug and tick spray. Rain will cancel the walk. Confirm attendance by email to: executivedirector@southlands.org. Free. RSVP required.

Call (845) 876-4862 or visit <http://www.southlands.org/> for more information.

May 13: Mother’s Day with the Cows Harlem Valley Homestead, 147 Old Forge Road, Wingdale 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free; RSVP preferred (845) 310-6950

www.harlemvalleyhomestead.com/farm@harlemvalleyhomestead.com

Head to Harlem Valley Homestead to officially welcome this year’s baby calves on Mother’s Day weekend. The tour will visit the cow herd and cover the farm’s grazing and breeding practices. The names of the new calves will be announced, and you might get to see the herd move from one pasture to another! The tour will last approximately one hour and is appropriate for all ages. The farmstand will be open for shopping; pick up snacks for lunch and stick around to picnic by the ponds.

If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of illness, please refrain from attending.

May 13: Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club Semi-Annual Show and Sale

Veterans Memorial Building, 413 Main St., Beacon 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission \$5; children under 10 free (845) 702-4770 <https://www.facebook.com/hvdepressionglassclub/> HVDGC1972@gmail.com

This year, the Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club is hosting its 51st Semi-Annual Spring Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China and Accessories. Admission includes a raffle entry for a \$10 gift certificate toward a purchase from any of the vendors or for a one-year membership in the club. Free glass ID and appraisal (limit three items). Refreshments will be available. For show information, contact Debbie Siller at (845) 702-4770.

May 13-14: Fairy House Hunt

Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$10 per person, children younger than 4 are free.

(845) 454-4500 <https://www.lgny.org/programs@lgny.org>

Put on your favorite set of wings and fly on over to Locust Grove. Kids and families can enjoy the Fairy House Hunt, a scavenger hunt for over 30 tiny fairy houses hidden among the gardens and trees, every Saturday and Sunday in May and June. Costumes encouraged. Fairy wings and flower crowns are available for purchase in the museum shop. Reservations required.

May 13-14: Hidden History in the Woods Guided Hike at Staatsburgh

Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Road 1 (off Old Post Road), Staatsburg 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Free. Reservations required: www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS (845) 889-8851

Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills-Norrie State Park might be? The beautiful park land of Mills-Norrie State Park was once the setting of grand Hudson River-front estates. This 90-minute guided hike will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh’s founding as a gentleman’s farm in the 1700s to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain and requires sturdy footwear.

May 13-14: “A Funny Thing Happened



Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck will offer a lecture on the history of carriages on Saturday, May 13. *Courtesy photo*

on the Way to the Forum”

Performances 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday

County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main St., Wappingers Falls

Tickets \$26 adults; \$23 for seniors (60+), students (w/ID), military & children under age 12 (845) 298-1491

www.countyplayers.org

Stephen Sondheim’s Tony Award-winning musical comedy, “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” is a story with shenanigans, hijinks, and tomfoolery as a lowly servant endeavors to scheme his way to freedom in this antic romp through Rome with desperate lovers, scheming neighbors, and scandalous secrets behind every toga. The plot twists with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a showgirl or two. This joyous romp of a musical will have you dancing in the aisles with the infectious energy of slapstick and vaudeville.

May 13-14: “Hello, Dolly!”

Performances: 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck

Tickets \$29 (845) 876-3080

www.centerforperformingarts.org/

Up In One Productions presents “Hello, Dolly!” the highly acclaimed Broadway musical comedy and winner of 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. This adaptation of Thornton Wilder’s hit play, “The Matchmaker,” bursts with humor, romance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history. The romantic and comic exploits of the irrepressible Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and “woman who arranges things,” have thrilled and entertained audiences again and again.

May 14: Innisfree Garden’s Mother’s Day Curator’s Tour

Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook

10:30 a.m.-noon

General admission: \$35 Innisfree members: \$25

(845) 677-8000

<http://www.innisfreegarden.org/> office@innisfreegarden.org

Join Innisfree Garden’s landscape curator, Kate Kerin, for a lively 1.5-hour tour exploring Innisfree, a powerful icon of mid-20th-century design now recognized as one of the world’s 10 best gardens and listed at the highest level—exceptional national significance—on the National Register of Historic Places.

Advance registration is required for this program. The garden is open rain or shine. All tickets are non-refundable.

May 14: Farm Tour

Clover Brooke Llama and Alpaca Farm, 175 Ruskey Lane, Hyde Park

noon-1 p.m. \$20 per person; reservations required

(845) 444-6066

<https://cloverbrookefarm.com/> cloverbrookefarm@gmail.com

On this one-hour walking farm tour, meet some of the most charismatic animals in the Hudson Valley. There are dozens of animals eager to meet you and provide a farm tour through the pastures, fields and bass stock pond. Clover Brook’s farm tours focus on education, representation and fun. Animals you will likely see on a tour include barn cats, llamas, alpacas and goats.

May 14: Bunny-Luv-a-Palooza Experience

Clover Brooke Llama and Alpaca Farm, 175 Ruskey Lane, Hyde Park

noon-1 p.m.

\$25 per person; ticketed reservations required

Must be age 5 or older (845) 444-6066

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How a Bunnypalooza Works: When you arrive and show your ticket to the handlers, they will escort you to the bunny petting zoo, where half a dozen wonderfully soft and friendly hoppers are ready to hop around and teach you their ways. The experience is an hour long and will be supervised and facilitated by Clover Brooke’s knowledgeable and passionate educators. They will be able to help anyone handle and love a rabbit. Learn not only where to pet a bunny, but how to pet one.

Requirements of the Farm: You must be five years or older to enjoy the bunny petting zoo. Be sure to snag a ticket as soon as possible to enjoy this wonderful experience with those you care about! Anyone without ticket access will not be allowed on the bunny farm.

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Barrett, Dutchess County DBCH announce launch of mobile health RV

To expand access to public and behavioral health services and promote healthy lifestyles, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) officially rolled out its new Mobile Health & Wellness RV on Thursday, May 4, at the North East Community Center in Millerton. The new mobile vehicle was made possible with funding secured by New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett and brings a wide range of services to areas where access to healthcare resources may be limited.

Health services offered through the mobile RV can be customized for specific community needs, including health screenings, mental health resources, immunizations, testing and health education.

"I am delighted that we are finally able to launch this new Mobile Health RV in Millerton today," Barrett said. "Critical mental and behavioral health providers have been in short supply in the rural eastern and northern communities of Dutchess County. It was especially important to me in funding this mobile health unit to ensure these much needed services, as well as other essential public health offerings, would be more accessible to our local families, seniors, veterans, teens and children. We have already heard from programs and communities across rural Dutchess County asking how to get this new mobile unit to their towns. Many thanks to DCBCH for their partnership in realizing this vital health and wellness resource."

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "Our goal is to deliver accessible health services, both mental and physical health, to improve the well-being of our community. Dutchess is a large county and this new Mobile Health

& Wellness RV allows us to bring services to where people may be facing barriers to healthcare access. Our dedicated team at the Department of Behavioral & Community Health is committed to serving people where they are and this vehicle will help us do that. We are grateful to Assemblymember Barrett for helping make this important resource possible."

DBCH's Mobile & Wellness Health RV is equipped to provide a wide range of services, including:

- Wellness checks including blood pressure checks;
- Community outreach, education and training including Narcan, CPR and AED training;
- Clinical services including immunizations for children and adults;
- STI screening and testing;
- Mental health and/or substance use counseling and harm reduction activities;
- Recovery coach supports;
- Health education including healthy eating, diabetes prevention;
- and much more.

Nearly 39 feet long, the state-of-the-art RV is equipped with an exam room, intake area, one-on-one meeting space, medical refrigerator and more. It is also handicap accessible with a wheelchair lift for easy access. The exterior of the vehicle is equipped with a video monitor and awning for outreach and training opportunities.

Funding for the vehicle came primarily through a \$250,000 New York State State & Municipal Facilities (SAM) Grant secured by Barrett. The remainder of the cost, \$150,000, was covered utilizing American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP).

DBCH Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado said, "We are excited to collaborate with community partners, healthcare providers and other



NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett, Dutchess County officials and others gathered at the North East Community Center in Millerton on Thursday, May 4, to celebrate the launch of the county's new mobile health RV, which will bring a wide range of services to areas in Dutchess where access to healthcare resources may be limited. *Courtesy photos*

organizations to improve population health outcomes. With this new vehicle, we can reach underserved populations and customize services and education to reduce health disparities and improve health equity by connecting people with health resources they need."

The Mobile Health & Wellness RV will be at community events over the coming months so people can get familiar with all it can offer and they can provide feedback on topics and locations that

would best serve their communities. Some upcoming events include: Apple Blossom Day in Red Hook on May 13, Dutchess Outreach Farmstand events, Dutchess County Office for the Aging summer picnics, ThinkDIFFERENTLY Fitness and Field Day and more.

Those interested in scheduling the Mobile Health & Wellness RV at their organization or local event can contact DBCH's Trish Munk by phone at (845) 486-3559 or pmunk@dutchessny.gov.

DOT TO PRESENT OPEN HOUSE MAY 17

ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOOKER-RAYMOND INTERSECTION

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will host an Open House on Wednesday, May 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Poughkeepsie Town Hall (1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie), to present proposed improvements to the intersection of Route 376 (Raymond Avenue) and Hooker Avenue (Route 983T). NYSDOT's preferred alternative is to construct a modern roundabout to replace the existing signalized intersection. In addition, this alternative will construct new buffered sidewalks and crosswalks with pedestrian refuge islands.

This event will highlight the conceptual plan and components of this project, as well as the project schedule. The public will learn about the history, existing conditions, and proposed objectives of the project; and provide input on the vision, objectives, and aesthetics being proposed.

Those unable to attend can provide comments to:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Local businesses to get spotlight at Expo

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

Mother's Day Plant Sale
at Poughkeepsie Kimlin Cider Mill

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

K104, Renegades team up for Cupcake Festival

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and K104 announce that Heritage Financial Park will serve as the home for the 2023 K104 Cupcake Festival. The free event will be held at Heritage Financial Park on May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.k104online.com/cupcake>.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Free parking is available in Newburgh at the Newburgh Mall/Resorts World Newburgh. There will be a free shuttle provided from those lots to Heritage Financial Park.

Meeting schedule for
County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 15, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or phone in by dialing 1-516-68-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

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

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

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

Yard Sale at Regina Coeli

The Regina Coeli Parish Yard Sale will take place May 19-20, rain or shine, indoors and outdoors. Many items at reasonable prices. Hours are Friday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The church is on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

Book Sale & Plant Sale at the
Clinton Community Library

Clinton Community Library's annual book sale will take place May 18-21, both indoors and outdoors, with a variety of titles to choose from for adults, teens, and children. The dates/times for the sale are:

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

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

Saturday 5/20 Book/Plant Sale: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

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

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalociety@gmail.com.

Historic Tavern Trail event
at Foster's Coach House

On Saturday, May 19, join Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III at Foster's Coach House

Restaurant and Tavern for a presentation to explore the hidden history of illegal liquor in northern Dutchess during Prohibition. How was the moonshine made? Who transported it? What were local speakeasies really like? What changed from the pre-Prohibition drinking scene? The program runs from 6 to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. RSVP is required at <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/tavern-trail-fosters-23>. The presentation will take place in the atmospheric basement dining room. Hosted by the Dutchess County Department of History and Historic Red Hook.

Stanford Grange sets Baked Ham Dinner May 20

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, May 20, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of baked ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, and homemade 7-Up cake 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.

Free Virtual Homebuyer Seminar

Ulster Savings Bank will present a free Virtual Homebuyer Seminar on Monday, May 22, at 5:30 pm. Learn about the many critical steps to owning your own home. You may be eligible for a \$750 Home Buyer Credit* just for attending. Sign up at https://www.ulstersavings.com/why-us/seminars/#section_HomebuyerSeminars

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Rhinebeck couple to be honored
with Good Egg Award

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Good Egg Award Dinner & Celebration on Tuesday, May 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at The Tavern at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck.

The Good Egg Award is a time-honored tradition that celebrates those who have made significant contributions to the Rhinebeck community. This year's honorees are Dick and Barbara Schreiber.

The evening will begin with a cocktail social hour, followed by a dinner prepared by the talented team at The Tavern at the Beekman Arms. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with local business leaders, community members, and the honorees themselves.

Member tickets are \$90 and non-member tickets are \$100. Tickets and sponsorship information is available at <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stanford's Salute to Veterans set June 3

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

Historic Red Hook
to present Then & Now Festival

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

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The Wildflower Island

Mark and Sue tour two acres of spring wildflowers at Teatown Lake Reservation.

Faithful readers of this column (there are a few) know where to find the early spring wildflowers, or “ephemerals” that burst into bloom just before the trees leaf out in May. Dutchman’s breeches, spring beauty, trout lily and wood anemones are common examples in the Hudson Valley.

Last week Sue and I took a walk in one of our favorite spots to see ephemerals, but we were too late. The trees had already leafed out, and the only flowers still blooming at Creekside Park, along the Wappingers Creek near Eastdale, were common violets, blue, white and even yellow ones, beautiful but nothing to write home about.

So I booked us a tour of The Wildflower Island at Teatown Lake Reservation, a 1,000-acre nature preserve in Ossining. Last Sunday’s hour-plus walk on the two-acre island revealed a wealth of wildflowers that bloom after the ephemerals have melted back into the forest floor:

- **Wild Geranium** – Almost all wildflowers – obviously they are native – are herbaceous perennials, meaning that they die back to the ground in winter and re-emerge from their hardy underground roots in the spring. Wild geranium, or “cranesbill,” is a wonderful flower for a perennial garden, blooming from May through June.
- **Marsh Marigold** – An ephemeral still in bloom on May 8. The native marsh marigolds are getting crowded out by the look-alike invasive lesser celandine, which is lower-growing and sports golden blossoms with nine petals instead of the five on marsh marigolds. Wildflower Island is actually the only place I’ve seen real native Marsh Marigolds.
- **Swamp Rose** – Our guide, Wildflower Island curator Matthew McDowell, is in a constant tug-of-war with invasive species trying to take over the island. The white-flowered multiflora rose is a case in point, crowding out the pretty pink-blossomed native swamp rose. Discussing non-invasive but non-native flowers like zinnias, petunias or cuphea, I pointed out that pollinators love to visit them. Matthew came back with

the point that caterpillars of these pollinating butterflies need native plants to feed on. For example, even though monarchs visit zinnias, the caterpillars need native milkweed to survive.

- **Trillium** – Three native trilliums inhabit the island, all blooming in May. The red wake robin made famous in the writings of naturalist John Burroughs was not one of the three, but the rosy trillium was new to me, and a welcome shade of soft pink.
- **Lady’s Slipper** – Native orchids are the holy grail of Hudson Valley wildflowers. The Wildflower Island is home to the rare and protected pink and the yellow lady’s slipper orchid, as well as an almost extinct winter blooming orchid called puttyroot.
- **Bloodroot** – The blossoms of this ephemeral have faded, leaving the seed capsules. Matthew explained that a sweet coating on the seeds encourages ants to carry them underground where they can easily sprout. So the bloodroot is myrmecochorous, a new word I learned describing a plant whose seeds are dispersed by ants.
- **Wolfbane** – Another new word I learned during the trip to Wildflower Island is lycanthropy – werewolfism. We saw some wolfbane plants, which bloom in October. They were once used to bait wolf traps, and rumor has it that wolfbane causes lycanthropy. Sue couldn’t stop me from tasting it.
- **Snakeroot** – You wouldn’t notice this ordinary-looking wildflower which is a common roadside attraction. But when cows eat it, which evidently happened a lot in colonial times, their milk becomes poisonous. Abraham Lincoln’s mother supposedly died from “milk sickness.”

The Wildflower Island at Teatown Lake Reservation is open by reservation only, weekends through September. Take extra time to visit the wildlife exhibit, home to a menagerie of rescued birds.

Www.teatown.org.

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Wildflower Island curator Matthew McDowell with trillium. Below: Yellow Lady’s Slipper. Photos by Mark Adams



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FDR crew teams shine at Triangulars



Members of the crew teams at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park turned in strong performances during the annual Triangulars competition on May 5-6 at the Hudson River Rowing Association in Poughkeepsie. Above are members of the FDR Girls' freshman 4 from Friday's race. They won their race by 16 full seconds. Below left are members of FDR's boys' Junior 4 after their first-place finish at the Triangulars. Above left shows a rainbow over the FDR boys' novice boat, heading to the starting line of the race. The big wins are key confidence builders for the FDR crews leading up to this coming weekend's races at Saratoga. *Courtesy photos*



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NEWS FROM THE OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

submitted by Pat Owens

While you are planning for your garden this spring, consider the Annual Plant Sale of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club which will take place at the Memorial Garden across from CVS on May 20 at 9 a.m. There will be hundreds (yes) of plants and some gardening accessories and books.



Last year's Plant Sale held by the Old Dutch Village Garden Club in Red Hook attracted a great crowd. *Courtesy photo*

second Thursday of each month, except for August. Please try to come. New members and visitors are always welcome, and we have snacks!

If anyone has an abundance of plants, please give us a call. The club would welcome them and even dig if you're not up to it. We'd love to have them at least two weeks ahead to get them into their pots and healthy for the sale. It helps if you know the name and color of your plants.

All proceeds from the sale go to local scholarships, community projects, and to maintain civic pride and our own Memorial Garden. Feel free to call Linda Lawson at 845-399-9532. She is a wealth of information on the club and on the Plant Sale.

At our next meeting on May 11, we will have a presentation on "Be a Better Backyard Birder" by Cathy Michael. We meet at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30 p.m. on the second



Find your ‘unwind’

Freeing one’s creativity can help reduce life’s daily stresses.

What do you do to unwind? I ask because I’m just home after a trying day – well, a trying few weeks if I’m honest, and could do with a little pleasant diversion. Unless you’re one of the lucky few who live stress-free, you probably have a thing or two you like to do to escape and decompress. These are things we turn to and even crave when the going gets rough, things that occupy our minds and hands and hearts to take us out of the rat race, even if only for a blissful hour or two.

I know some who like to paint, knit, go for walks or even do housework to lighten their mood, anything to get themselves out of their own heads. It’s an unfortunate part of being human, I suppose, but not without great returns. I think for most of us it’s being physically active that does the trick where stress is involved. Watching TV or reading have their places for shutting out the world, of course, but there’s something soul healing in getting one’s hands dirty and the blood pumping.

If you’re like me you won’t always feel it, or rather, feel like doing it, and that’s okay, even to be expected. Think about it: you’re stressed to the breaking point and your brain is doing all it can just to make it through. Not exactly a recipe for creativity, is it? But this too shall pass. In the meantime find something else, even if it doesn’t feel terribly creative. Sometimes any distraction is enough to give you the break and outlet you need.

I rather envy people who can access their creativity on command, something I’ve not had great overall success with. For me it seems the times I could use the distraction the most are when the creative angel on my shoulder takes a leave of absence. It wasn’t always so. I suspect

that, as life soldiered on and problems got bigger, any creative urges just shut down for a while, maybe so I could take some much-needed time to heal and rest my weary soul. Still, I would love to have the energy I once did even in the face of challenging times. Here’s hoping that time will come again soon.

My creative endeavors run deep and I often overextend myself. Chalk it up to too many ideas, and no wonder they abandon me from time to time. Once I’m retired (I tell myself) they’ll be back in force and, hopefully, move right on in and stay. ’Til then I opt for some less involved but no less therapeutic things to soothe me.

I highly recommend weeding as a cathartic endeavor to anyone with an outdoor inclination. There’s something about being out in the fresh air and ripping things up by the roots that can work wonders after a challenging day. Plus the dogs and I get some much-needed outdoor time after being cooped up inside, and there’s the added benefit of sprucing up the yard for instant gratification.

I also love harvesting my perennial herbs. I have several well-established beds of different types of mint, thyme, sage and, my personal favorite, oregano, which is already up and thriving. From now until fall I’ll be out there almost every day picking bunches to hang and dry for use all year. I use a lot. Knowing I always have them at the ready for when the urge for culinary creativity strikes is a comfort. It’s a simple thing, but there’s a certain magic to it and so that, too, feeds my soul. I can’t recommend growing your own herbs highly enough!

And then there’s cooking. Obviously food plays a big role in my life and has for a long time. I admit I don’t cook as often as I used to – see

above paragraphs – but that’s all about to change, I just know it. Already I find myself yearning to be in the kitchen, coming up with new ideas and going through the process of trial and error to get them just right and then write about them. No matter that I never went to school for it or even took a single cooking class (on my bucket list) or that I very likely do a lot of things wrong. It’s kind of the point, really, that I throw myself into it and just try, working it out as I go based on little more than my love of food, the desire to create something good, a little knowledge from experience and a willingness to fail while I play. It’s a formula that works for me and it’s brought me out of many a funk. There’s something so satisfying in getting an idea and working it out to the final – hopefully palatable – result that can turn a tough day right around to a happy ending.

It’s also the reason that I write this column; anyone can do it. If you love food, you should make your own. Start small if you like: follow recipes to get the feel, then make them your own. Or go all in and go big. Tackle a dish you love but have never made because it seems daunting. You can do it! If you fail, you learn. Before you know it you’ve got it, and the rewards are too numerous to mention.

We’re coming up on the season of locally and homegrown goodness, so it’s the perfect time to start. Whether you go savory or have a sweet tooth that needs satisfying – or both – there’s soon to be everything you could want growing close by, which is pure inspiration in my humble opinion. Besides, if you’re just starting on your cooking adventure, there isn’t much you can do to mess up fresh berries or salad greens. They don’t need much to make them better, and you can

start simple for greater success and more confidence.

My advice is to start with what you like to eat. It sounds obvious, but there it is. One of my signature recipes was born that way. My father and I love crème brûlée but, although we always ordered it when we were out, it always lacked something. I made up my mind to try it for myself - with no idea how to do it, by the way - and voila! A favorite dish was suddenly at my fingertips for any time when the occasion or the mood s might strike. I don’t even need to look at the recipe anymore. My hands, mind and heart know just what to do. I’d call that a win!

I guess as I sit here pondering my own stress-induced dilemma it occurred to me that I must not be alone in this. We all have bad days and stress just comes with life. It’s however we chose to cope that counts as much as moving past it to the Next Great Thing. Tomorrow’s another day, another opportunity to get it right, or at least better. As long as there is beauty and food, friends and family and a heart that beats, there’s a promise of a willing spirit of creativity to feed the soul. That might be enough to turn any bad day around.

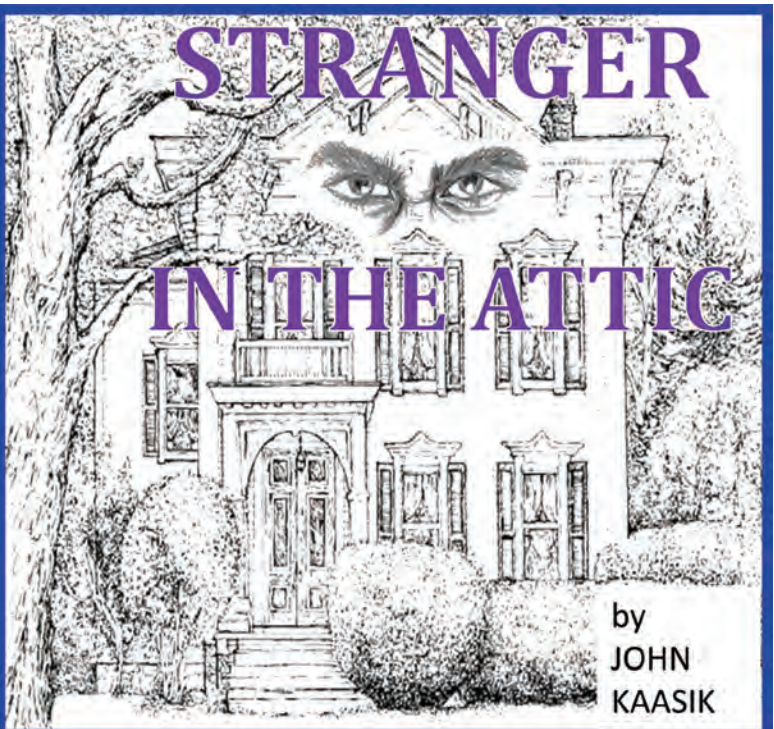
The dogs and I have been out, herbs and weeds picked and I’ve written a thing or two, so now, if you’ll excuse me, I have a hankering to get to the kitchen to bake up a batch of brownies from scratch to give to someone who has helped me a lot recently. Cooking for those I love will always be the best incentive and stress reliever I could ever ask for. And with sweet rewards besides! Enjoy!

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A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

May 11: Local Book Launch, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Alexandra Auder ("Don't Call Me Home") in conversation with Jo Ann Beard, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required. (845) 876-2903

May 11: Native American Presentation, Henry A. Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library and Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. An afternoon of programs with the Dineh Tah' Navajo Cultural Program. At 3 p.m., Tradition Keeper and Director of the Dineh Tah' Navajo Dancers Shawn Price will deliver a presentation titled "FDR and the Native New Deal." At 6 p.m., the Dineh Tah' Navajo Dancers will perform a traditional dance. Registration for both programs is required. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

May 12: Mick Lynch, with special guest Mary Stuart Masterson, The Listening Room, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Enjoy an evening of Mick's latest material, including the new single "Cold Old River" with Mary Stuart Masterson, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. www.kaatsbaan.org

May 12: The Wallflowers, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. For the past 30 years, the Jakob Dylan-led act has stood as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands – a unit dedicated to and continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting

and decidedly modern musical attack, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$48 (members get \$5 off). (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

May 12-21: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical comedy is a story with shenanigans, hijinks, and tomfoolery as a lowly servant endeavors to scheme his way to freedom in this antic romp through Rome with desperate lovers, scheming neighbors, and scandalous secrets behind every toga. The plot twists with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a showgirl or two. Directed by David J. Ringwood. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., May 14 & 21, 2 p.m. Tickets \$26 adult; \$23 senior 60+, military, students (w/ID) & children under 12. Check website for the latest Covid-related information. (845) 298-1491 or www.countyplayers.org

May 12-28: "Hello, Dolly!" The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents this 10-time Tony Award-winning (including Best Musical) adaptation of Thornton Wilder's hit play, "The Matchmaker." Bursting with humor, romance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theater history, the romantic and

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May 13: The Bard Conservatory Orchestra Concert, Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Concert celebrating works by Bedrich Smetana (1824-84), Claude Debussy (1862-1918), Grigora Dinicu (1889-1949), Toru Takemitsu (1930-96), and Benjamin Britten (1913-76), 8 p.m. Conducted by Tan Dun. Tickets at fisher-center.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

May 13: Cannastock, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. A 21+ event for those who work in the cannabis industry, are a cannabis consumer or just canna-curious, noon. Includes live music, speakers, samples, games and prizes. Tickets from \$35.72. Presented by Radio Woodstock, Woodstock Heritage Strains, Etain and the

Cannabis Workforce Initiative. www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

May 13: Desperate Souls, Dark City and the Legend of 'Midnight Cowboy,' Screening + Q&A, Orpheum Theatre, Saugerties. A half-century after its release, "Midnight Cowboy" remains one of the most original and groundbreaking movies of the modern era. With beguiling performances from Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman as two loners who join forces out of desperation, black list survivor Waldo Salt's brilliant screenplay, and John Schlesinger's fearless direction, the 1969 film became the only X- rated film to ever win the Academy Award for Best Picture. Its vivid and compassionate depiction of a more realistic, unsanitized New York City and its inhabitants paved the way for a generation's worth of gritty movies with complex characters and adult themes. Screening at 5 p.m., followed by Q &A with director Nancy Buirski and producer Susan Margolin. Admission \$15. <https://woodstockfilmfestival.org/new-upcoming-events>

May 16: Author Event, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Hernan Diaz ("Trust") in conversation with Bill Clegg, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required. (845) 876-2903



The Wallflowers, featuring Jakob Dylan (above), will play the Bardavon on May 12. Courtesy photo

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Meat processing expansion grants now available through HVADC

The Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) is now administrating the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets' Meat Processing Expansion Grant Program. Applications are now open for this program, and producers state-wide may apply through HVADC.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Grant program helps to fund projects to support the expansion or retention of existing USDA inspected meat processing facilities and the establishment of new USDA inspected meat processing facilities in the state to increase the capacity of New York sourced meat. This addresses the nationwide shortage of affordable meat available to consumers, including the availability of protein sources for schools and

institutional facilities in the state. The grant program will make it easier for beef, pork, lamb, goats, poultry, and seafood farmers to process their products and get affordable, local meat into a variety of markets, strengthening New York's food supply chain and rural economies.

"Across the state, and in particularly here in the Hudson Valley, we have seen an increased demand for meat processing services as consumer demand for more locally sourced products has increased in the past three to five years," said Todd Erling, Executive Director, HVADC. "At times it has been difficult for farmers to find capacity at USDA inspected meat processing facilities, which has restricted getting product to market. This grant program will go a long way in bolstering market viability for livestock farmers

across the state," he added.

For meat processors, this grant program is available for capital projects that can range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 on a reimbursement basis. For grants of less than \$100,000, a 10% recipient match is required. For grants of \$100,000 to \$250,000, a 20% recipient match is required. Grant funds may be used for the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment and fixtures, or installation, renovation/leasehold improvements to an existing building. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis, and funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. Funds will be available until state funds have been exhausted.

To be eligible for the grant program applicants must be involved in the processing of meat products and be a legally recognized business entity organization

in New York State in good standing. Those with current USDA inspection status or seeking to become a USDA-inspected processor may apply. Applicants must submit a detailed project plan or proposal that outlines the expansion, retention or establishment of a USDA inspected meat processing facility in New York State, including a detailed budget and timeline for the project. They must also demonstrate how their proposed project will increase the capacity of New York State sourced meat.

To learn more about the Meat Processing Expansion Grant program, or to apply, visit <https://www.hvadc.org/nys-meat-processing-grant> or contact Duane Stanton, HVADC Business Services Coordinator at dstanton@hvadc.org.

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Why wait until August for a Fair Experience?

In 2022, the 4-H "A-Fair to Remember" attracted support from across the community. In 2023, the event will be bigger and better!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to take part in this incredible event.

Included will be Milkshakes courtesy of Dutchess County Dairy Committee. You can also interact with the 4-H'ers and their animals, try archery and shooting, enjoy arts and crafts. Funds raised make it possible for 4-H youth from all backgrounds and all abilities to participate at the Dutchess County Fair. This is a not-to-be-missed fun family day out and a really feel-good event to support our youth.

Margot LaPorte – 4-H Life Skills in Action

During a time when we read about the stresses on our youth, it is refreshing to see our young people have a place to learn and grow and one major influence can be found with 4-H.

Margot LaPorte, President of the Entomology Club of Dutchess County, has taken her sense of wonder and excitement about nature and encouraged others to learn about insects. The 4-H Dragons and Damsels Entomology Club, named for Dragonflies and Damselflies, was started by Maureen Calamari and her daughters to provide a place for youth that are passionate and curious about insects. The main focus of the Club is to learn about bugs, their life cycles and how they contribute to the environment. Club activities and outdoor exploration create space to explore and learn together and form lasting friendships.

Margot was welcomed into this club about 5 years ago and for the first two years she participated in the Club as a photographer and flag bearer. The chance to develop leadership skills came gradually, as did opportunities to use those skills. Margot is now President of Dragons and Damsels. She dedicates hours of time to the Club, leading meetings, teaching her peers, and helping organize activities.

Epitomizing the tenets of 4-H, Margot regularly uses her knowledge to teach in 4-H programs and most recently shared information on insects "superpowers" to a local Girl Scout group to assist them in attaining their Bug Badge. Reaching out to the community is a foundation block of 4-H and one Margot loves.

In recent years Margot has exhibited at the Fair winning many blue ribbons. In 2022 she was awarded the highest distinction and a letter of encouragement from the New York State Fair Judges for her project depicting the life cycle of Ladybugs. Margot has participated in the LadyBug Project to support the repopulation of the Nine Spotted Ladybug in New York State. Another focus is the requirement for 4-H'ers to develop their presentations and public speaking skills, resulting in confidence and eliminating fears of public speaking.

Margot's determination paid off and she overcame a fear of speaking in front of others through practice and encouragement. This year she will compete at the South Eastern District 4-H Public Presentation Contest representing Dutchess County.

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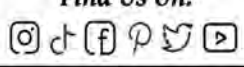
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Leader of the future – Charlotte Read is a shining example

A long-time 4-H'er and a keen scout, Charlotte Read has an amazing community service ethic. So, when she approached 4-H Leader Jane Rodd for ideas for her Eagle Scout capstone project, it was a wonderful opportunity to bring several community organizations together.

By connecting with them through 4-H, Charlotte received generous funding from Millbrook Garden Club to design, construct and install an arbor in the Millbrook Middle School garden. The goal: "To provide a quiet space where students, staff and parents can sit to relax, study and enjoy nature."

Millbrook Garden Club also supported the creation of this garden, which has been developed over the past two years and this year is expected to produce hundreds of pounds of fresh food to be donated to the community.

It will be managed by Millbrook Middle School Garden Club and the Blooming Kids 4-H Club, and the incredible John Mullins who leads the school maintenance team. Charlotte will be helping maintain this arbor for years to come. She is a shining example of how youth today are already showing themselves to be leaders of tomorrow.

Proud Public Presenters

Support from the Amenia Lions Club for the 4-H Public Presentation program helped us give 242 youth aged 5-18 the opportunity to improve their public speaking skills. Twenty youth progressed to District Public Presentations, which was held on April 29th at the lovely Dutchess Community College, Fishkill campus.

Charlotte Read received generous funding from Millbrook Garden Club to design, construct and install an arbor in the Millbrook Middle School garden. Courtesy photo

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

	2		8		9		4	
7		4		2				3
		8		7				1
	5		3			4		6
			2		4			
8		7			5			
9				5		1		
4				6		7		8
			9				5	

Suguru

1			5		5
3			1		
	2				
	4				

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

ACROSS

- Pricey accountant: abbr.
- Crusty formation
- Not live
- Pasture sounds
- Military force
- Worship
- Lacks accuracy
- Asian nation
- Of the proboscis
- Relaxes for a while
- Poet Eliot's monogram
- Said
- In front
- Helper: abbr.
- Stomach and heart
- One who writes in a secret language
- Beverages
- Perched on
- Assert
- French impressionist
- 100 centavos
- City on the Brazos River
- Space
- Harass
- Pitcher's specialty
- Run one's words together
- ___ Marshall
- Sprung
- Fan's shout
- Dry one
- Woman's name
- Glide on air
- "You wouldn't ___!"
- Center remover
- Lioness in "Born Free"
- City NW of Oklahoma City
- Letters
- Establishes
- Highway: abbr.

DOWN

- Unit of weight
- Winter item
- Valuable
- Slaws
- Bad-tempered person
- Love: Sp.
- "...and two if ___..."
- Large ship
- City SE of Oklahoma City
- Writes 3/1 on a 2/28 check
- Times
- Eliminate, for short
- Takes a chance
- Burn
- "...a crowd, ___ of golden daffodils..." (Wordsworth)
- Looking astounded
- Ship's pole
- Sounds
- Word with dive or gay
- Launderer's problem
- Raucous noises
- Zero's shape
- Figures out what 32 Across has written
- Wear away
- Ring
- River that was the site of two WWI battles
- Southern California city
- Walks into
- Extremists
- Hai and si
- Rapidly growing tree
- Seedling
- Creepy
- ___ Scott case
- Test of speed
- Uproars
- Lacquered metalware
- Oven
- ___ Majors

	1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12
13					14					15				
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61			62			63					64			
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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 20

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May 11th @ 6 pm
Movie Night - Triplets of Belleville

May 12th @ 10 am
Qigong with Cris Caivano

May 15th (all day)
Seedling Swap

May 17th at 6 pm
Open Mic Night

May 19th @ 4:00 pm
Book Club - Crossing to Safety

May 19th @ 5 pm
Yarn Bending

May 24th @ 6:00 pm
Bike Safety Class

May 25th @ 6 pm
Movie Night - Parallel Mothers

May 26th @ 10 am
Qigong with Cris Caivano

May 31st @ 6 pm
All Ages Game Night

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ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Chess Club
Thursday, May 11 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, May 25 6:00-8:00pm

Chair Yoga with Samantha Free
Tuesday, May 16 1:00-2:00pm

Family Movie Matinee: "Strange World" (2022, rated PG)
Saturday, May 20 2:00-4:00pm

All-level Gentle Flow Yoga with Samantha Free
Wednesday, May 24 6:00-7:00pm

Meditation with hypnotherapist Susan Olin-Dabrowski
Afternoon Meditation - Tuesday, May 30 1:30-2:30pm
Evening Meditation - Tuesday, May 30 6:30-7:30pm

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Crafterday - "Stained Glass" Butterfly Suncatcher
Saturday, May 13 12:00-1:30pm
Join us to make a faux stained glass butterfly suncatcher. All materials are

provided. Open to teens and adults ages 13 and up.

A Celebration of Trees - with Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener
Monday, May 15 6:30-7:30pm
Explore how trees function, how to pick and plant the right tree for the right site, and how to enjoy the best of trees.

Local Author Talk - Lee Brown, author of "Nyctophobia"
Thursday, May 18 7:00-8:00pm
Local author Lee Brown will read from his new neo-noir crime novel, "Nyctophobia" - the sequel to his debut novel, "Dark" - and will discuss the social and political situations that informed the writing of his books.

"March a Mile in My Boots"
Friday, May 19 4:00-7:00pm
"March a Mile in My Boots" is an art installation of military boots turned into sculptures that represent the lives and experiences of local U.S. Veterans. These artists explore powerful themes around Veteran mental health. Hosted by MHA of Dutchess County and Saints & Scholars, Inc.

Money Smart for Older Adults - with Heather Ohlson, Financial Literacy Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Wednesday, May 31 3:00-5:00pm
A workshop to raise awareness among older adults and their caregivers on money issues such as making informed financial decisions; preventing elder financial exploitation and identity theft; managing advance planning; and preparing for potential financial disasters.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Drop-In Mother's Day Crafts
Ages 3-6 years: Thursday, May 11 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages 6-12 years: Friday, May 12 4:30-5:30pm

Kids can stop by to make a lovely Mother's Day craft for a special someone in their life! No registration required.

Reading Fur-iend Brianna, Reading Therapy Dog for kids of all ages who are shy readers. No registration required.
Wednesday, May 10 3:30-5:00pm
Wednesday, May 24 3:30-5:00pm

Read & Watch Drop-In Storytime
Tuesday, May 30 11:00-11:30am
Thursday, May 11 OR Thursday, May 25 1:00-1:30pm

Kids ages 2 to 5 and their grown-ups can stop by for a fun storytime where we will first read a book and then watch a video adaptation of it! No registration required.

Nutty Scientists Present: The Ice Age Show!

Friday, May 19 1:00-2:00pm
In this special STEAM program, Kids will help the Nutty Scientists perform amazing experiments in the "Secret Forest of Merlin the Wizard" while learning about the properties of CO2 and dry ice. Ages 4-12.

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Saturday, May 20th, 2-3pm - Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians Outdoor Concert

All Saturdays in May, 1-3pm - Teen Tech Support

TEENS & ADULTS

Thursday, May 11th, 6:30-8pm - Airy Spring Witch Wisdom with Cait Johnson
Wednesdays through June 12th, 10:30am-11:30am - Tai Chi for Health and Healing with MVP Health continues!

Tuesday, May 16th, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story & Craft Program with the Anderson Center

Thursday, May 18th, 10:30am-11:15am - Good Vibrations: In-Person Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Tuesday, May 23rd, 11:30am-12:30pm - Beginner's Knitting with Katy & Debbie

Tuesday, May 23rd, 11:30am-12:30pm - Lunchtime Learning at the Beatrix Farrand Garden with Horticulturist Karen Waltuch

Plus: Chair Yoga every Friday at 10:15am, and a whole host of clubs and games including Scrabble, Mahjong, and Brain Games.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Mondays, 10:30am-11:30am - Connect & Play at Starr Library with Early Childhood Educator Jane Korn ?

Thursdays, May 11th & 25th. Back-to-back sessions of Music & Movement with Terry Watson. First session: 10:15am-10:45am. Second session: 11am-11:30am.

Wednesday, May 17th, 4pm - After School Dungeons & Dragons with DM Jack. Note: New players should arrive by 3:30pm to create a character before joining the campaign!

Saturday, May 20th, 11am-12pm - Sensory-Friendly Aesop Bops! Co-sponsored by the Anderson Center for Autism and the Village of Rhinebeck's Autism Supportive Communities Initiative.

Every Tuesday beginning at 10:15am. Back-to-back Story Times with Robbie! Toddlers (2-3 years old): 10:15am-11am. Preschoolers (up to age 6): 11:15am-12pm.

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour!

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AT STARR

Friday, May 19th, 7pm - Rhinebeck Historical Society presents Dutchess County Samplers: Schoolgirls' Work in the Early 19th Century

County to host Caribbean American Heritage Month celebration at DCC

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate the history and cultures of individuals from the various Caribbean islands. In the spirit of the month and its mission to promote and celebrating various cultures to increase inclusion and belonging, Dutchess County's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, in collaboration with Dutchess Community College (DCC), will host a free Caribbean American Heritage Event on Thursday, June 1st, from 9am to 4pm at DCC's Dutchess Hall, located at 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie.

Josayne Anderson-Tejera, Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Officer for Dutchess County Government, said, "The islands of the Caribbean have a rich cultural history that has contributed greatly to the vivid tapestry that is our country and local community. Dutchess County is proud to help bring this event to DCC students and the greater Dutchess County community to

celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Caribbean Americans."

The event will feature speakers, workshops, cultural dance lessons, vendors, music and food. Registration is suggested and is available online. There will also be community tables and vendors, including Dutchess Community College Admissions, the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, and the County's Human Resources Department highlighting the County's current employment opportunities and various career paths.

The event is coordinated in partnership with Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, Professor of English and Humanities at DCC, has taught Caribbean Literature for over 30 years and has taken her students to the Caribbean for the more than 20 years for a cultural emersion study abroad course. The event is also supported by the New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice Inc. Region 4.

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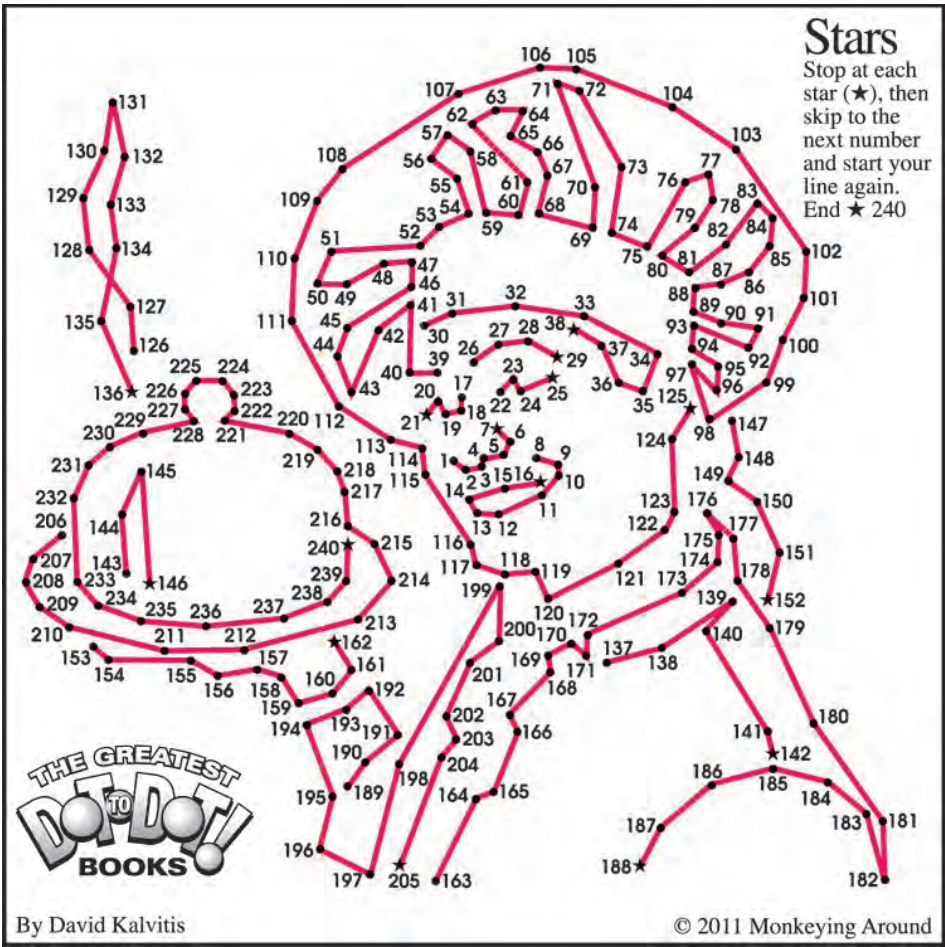
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Kenneth O'Connor, Mickey Ouru, Maddox Patierno, Odin Pawlson, Daniel Pedreira Lapa, Luna Piraces, Mary Pomerantz, Brayan Ramirez Flores, Carlos Daniel Ramirez Flores, Marcello Reppucci, Jessica Robbins, Edward Russell, Liam Russell, Joshua Sackett, Rocco Schultz, Mia Sember, Kaelyn Sepesi, Leo Slavin, Sawyer Smith, Loki Sniderheidt, Archibald Staropoli, Gabrielle Steele, Tucker Stelmach, Allison Weber, Nova Webster, Ada Wilson, Riley Wood, Maura Wright
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Honor Roll – Logan Bradley, Roniah Bucci, Preston France, Olivia Haley, Peter Hamilton, Kayla Hobson, Grace Lecours, Kylie Manetta, Aaliyah McNabb, Anthony Mejia-Solorzano, Naomi Odendahl, Arianna Rhynders, Diana Robles Cruz, Caiden Staats, Tayler Sundheimer, Reid Traudt, Bryce Vosburgh, Payton Wagar

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



Three DCC students awarded SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence

Dutchess Community College students have received awards for excellence from the State University of New York (SUNY). It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the University.
Kaitlynn Lopez (Cornwall), Penny Lowry (Kingston) and Daniel O'Sullivan (Staatsburg) were among just 193 students from 63 SUNY campuses presented with Chancellor's Awards for Student

Excellence (CASE). The award recognizes the integration of SUNY excellence with many aspects of their lives, including academics, leadership, campus involvement, community service, and the arts (creative or performing).
SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. said, "I am honored to recognize these students for the work they've done to better their communities, their generation, and our collective future. I'm honored to witness the growth of a generation of individuals like these and to work to support their educational pursuits."



From left are DCC CASE Award winners Daniel O'Sullivan, Kaitlynn Lopez and Penny Lowry. Courtesy photo

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 18)

Suguru solution

1	4	1	5	1	5
5	2	3	4	2	4
3	4	5	1	3	1
1	2	3	2	5	2
3	5	1	4	1	3
2	4	2	3	2	4

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-23 Dutchess County Jail Planning and Moving Services
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 12th day of May 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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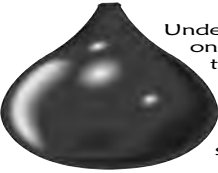
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Public Hearing on May 15, 2023 at 6:55 pm on the proposed Local Law # 3 of 2023 – amendment and addition to Chapter 67 (Procurement Policy). Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.
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Request for Proposals
Town of Pleasant Valley, NY

Subject: Tents for Pleasant Valley Weekend
Date RFP released: May 2, 2023
Services required: Vendor will provide and install the following equipment for Pleasant Valley Weekend, September 8-10, 2023:
* 1 – 20x20 Party Tent
* 1 – 20x30 Party Tent
* 1 – 20x40 Party Tent
* 1 – 30x30 Party Tent
* 1 – 40x80 Party Tent
* 1 – 40x100 Party Tent
* 7 – 4x8 Risers, 1 foot high
* Lighting
Location of service: The event is located at Cady Field, 1548 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.
How to submit a proposal: Please submit a written proposal by May 12, 2023 to the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley or email at: townclerk@pleasantvalley-ny.gov.
Proposals should include the company name, contact person, contact information, proposed price, and any relevant details about the service proposed.
Contact for questions: Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
1554 Main Street
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Phone: 845-635-1111 Ext. 201

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* The Town will select a contractor in accordance with applicable law and policies. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
* Before work proceeds, a contract will be negotiated. Contract terms may include, but are not limited to, insurance requirements, limitation on subcontracting, compliance with Labor Law and other applicable statutes, non-discrimination, indemnity, and conflict of interest provisions. Please inquire with any questions.
* Proposals are considered firm offers that may be accepted within 60 days of receipt.

Request for Proposals
Town of Pleasant Valley, NY

Subject: Fireworks for Pleasant Valley Weekend
Date RFP released: May 2, 2023
Services required: Vendor will provide a fireworks display on September 9, 2023. The display shall consist of a duration of 12 minutes.
Location of service: The event is located at Cady Field, 1548 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.
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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

Cathleen Anderson
PLEASANT VALLEY - Cathleen Anderson, 67, of Pleasant Valley, NY passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2023 at home. She was born on October 13, 1955 in Rochester, NY, the daughter of John D. & Patricia Burke Carmitchel. She graduated from Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn, NY. Cathleen married Michael P. Anderson on January 11, 1976 in Brooklyn, NY. He survives at home. She was the Director of the Infant Program at Cinnamon Tree Children's Center in LaGrange, NY. Cathleen was an E.M.T. with LaGrange Fire Dept., Co. 1, Billings, NY. Cathleen was a loving wife, mother and "nanny" who was the glue that held the family together. She enjoyed the traditional Irish Sunday dinners with her family. Cathleen and Mike enjoyed vacationing in Florida. Survivors include her son: Jared (Heather) Anderson of Wappingers Falls, NY; daughter: Julie (Michael) Suessle of Salt Point, NY; brothers: Roy & Timothy Anderson; sister: Elizabeth Bernhard; grandchildren: Katie, Charles, Henry, and nieces Sabrina & Danielle. She was predeceased by her brothers: John T. Carmitchel, Kenneth & Kevin Anderson. Visitation was Friday, May 5, 2023. Services were Saturday, May 6 in the Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date. Memorial Donations may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's

Way, Memphis, TN 38105. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.
Gary Griffen Hallock
PLEASANT VALLEY - Gary Griffen Hallock, 69, of Pleasant Valley, NY, passed away on 5/3/23 in his home. Gary was born in Poughkeepsie to Donald G. Hallock and Margaret G. Hallock on 1/28/1954. He went to high school at Ketcham graduating in 1972. He went on to earn a master's degree. in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic. For 46 years he worked in Poughkeepsie as a computer programmer for IBM mainframes and recently retired. Gary is survived by his brother, Donald A. Hallock of La Grange. He is preceded in death by his mother, Margaret G. Hallock, and Father Donald G. Hallock. Calling hours will be at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie, New York on 5/10/23 from 2 PM to 4 PM. If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com.
Lois King Mowbray
FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK - Mrs. Lois King Mowbray, 100 years old, died Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem, NC. She was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on April 18, 1923, the daughter of Richard Dee

and Lois (Hill) King. She is survived by her daughter Karen M. Blackwell (husband Eugene B. Blackwell) and grandson Mark M. Blackwell of Kernersville, NC, and brother Frank C. King of Raleigh, NC. Also surviving are her nieces Joan and Barbara Kuchenmeister, Barbara Maton, and nephew Richard King. She is pre-deceased by both parents, her husband George A. Mowbray of 53 years, and loving sister Thelma Kuchenmeister. Lois was a member of the first graduating class (1941) of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, NY. She graduated from Vassar Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in 1945 as a Registered Nurse. She lived in Mt. Kisco, NY most of her

adult life working and raising her daughter and moved to North Carolina in retirement. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with family, and with an interest in traveling and fashion. The funeral service with Holy Eucharist was held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Kernersville, NC. The family received friends at the church following the service. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements by Pierce-Jefferson Funeral Services in Kernersville, NC. Friends and family may offer online condolences at www.piercejeffersonfh.com.

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O'Neil releases 2022 year-end financial report

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil announced the County's 2022 year-end financial report has been submitted, as required, to the New York State Office of the Comptroller. Thanks to the County's continued responsible and conservative fiscal management, in 2022, Dutchess County Government was able to utilize historic fund balance reserves to deliver tax relief to residents and businesses. Additionally, the County paid down debt and avoided new debt by utilizing fund balance for several significant capital projects. As outlined in the year-end report, the County's current fund balance totals a healthy \$72.5 million, providing some ability to mitigate negative economic impacts or new cost shifts from the state or federal government.

O'Neil said, "I am grateful to our dedicated, steadfast fiscal management team who guide our policies, strategies, cash flow and budget. Together with the County Legislature, we have built a solid fiscal foundation for Dutchess County's future with smart choices and careful, conservative management. We need to be ever vigilant as we know how quickly conditions can change, particularly as New York State seeks to push down more costs on to county taxpayers in the 2023-24 State Budget."

General fund balance is an important measurement of the County's fiscal stability, as it serves as a "rainy day" fund to help insulate the County from the impact of unforeseen economic downturns or

unexpected costs. The County adheres to a fund balance management policy of maintaining 1-2 months of operating expenditures, or approximately \$49 to \$97 million. If general unassigned fund balance exceeds two months of operating expenditures, the policy states the County will use general fund balance to:

- Pay down debt; Avoid new indebtedness; and/or
- Provide property tax relief through offsetting current year operating expenses.

• In 2022, with fund balance reserves totaling \$119.5 million, the County did all three – cut taxes, paid down debt and funded critical projects with cash rather than financing through bonds.

2022 fund balance use highlights include:

- Dutchess County's property taxes were reduced in both the 2022 and 2023 Adopted Budgets. The County property tax levy is the lowest levy in 14 years and the property tax rate has been reduced 32% since 2015.
- Sales tax on clothing and footwear items less than \$110 was eliminated. Dutchess County is one of the only counties in the
- Hudson Valley region to offer this clothing and footwear savings.
- All eligible, callable debt was paid off.
- Capital projects that normally would be financed through bonds were paid utilizing fund balance including:
- Emergency Response vehicles (\$2.1

million)

- Countywide interoperability 2-way emergency response radio project (\$3.4 million)
- Camp Nooteeming property purchase and improvements (\$4.8 million)
- Replacement of County roofs (\$2 million)
- County building improvements (\$3.5 million)
- Northside Line trail funding (\$2.5 million)
- ADA Accessibility projects (\$1.5 million)
- Network infrastructure, Board of Elections printers, capital vehicles and equipment (\$2 million)
- Capital projects for Enterprise funds (\$1 million)

Additionally, the County established the Housing Trust Fund with \$12.3 million in unassigned fund balance set aside in a restricted reserve. \$9.3 million of the Housing Trust Fund will come from federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, and as the funds are spent and ARP revenue can be realized, those dollars will be returned to the unassigned fund balance over the next three years.

Looking ahead, as the Governor and State Legislature work to finalize the 2023-24 New York State budget, Dutchess County Government faces multi-million dollar impacts as the State seeks to take back funding and add new

costs for county governments. Although the State Budget agreement has been reached, specific details have not yet been released. Dutchess County is facing new annual costs totaling nearly \$10 million, including \$5-6 million as the State pulls back federal Medicaid funding intended for counties. Additionally, it is believed the State will also renege on \$25 to \$30 million due to the County for prior year Medicaid expenses.

O'Neil highlighted the County's concerns about the Medicaid funding shortage and other unfunded mandates in a letter to New York State Governor Hochul earlier this week.

"With new costs coming down from the State, maintaining a solid fund balance is critical to managing and adjusting to external financial impacts on the County budget and finances. We will continue to carefully monitor the County's expenses and adjust to changing circumstances as necessary. We may be facing tough decisions ahead as New York State's fiscal climate is uncertain, and history has shown that the State often resorts to foisting its costs on to local governments, without regard to the impact on local taxpayers," O'Neil concluded.

The full 2022 Annual Financial Report and accompanying fiscal update memo to the County Legislature are available on the County's website at dutchessny.gov.



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