

Northwell Health
completes merger
with Nuvance Health

Northwell Health and Nuvance Health have announced that the two nonprofit health systems have officially joined together to form a new integrated regional health system that will enhance care for communities across greater New York and Connecticut, serving a population of more than 13 million.

The integrated system, with a combined \$22.6 billion operating budget, now encompasses over 104,000 employees, a diverse network of 22,000 nurses and 13,500 providers at 28 hospitals, more than 1,050 ambulatory care and 73 urgent care locations while tapping into the world-class expertise of the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, the visionary Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.

"Today marks a commitment to the future of healthcare in the region. This partnership opens a new and exciting chapter for Northwell Health and Nuvance Health to take patient care and services to an even higher level," said Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health. "We already had similar missions in providing high-quality care for patients in the communities we serve, and we look forward to building on the world class care that Nuvance Health's staff members and providers deliver every day. We're excited to move forward, united in our vision to transform health care and build a healthier future for the residents of Connecticut and New York."

The New York State Department of Health and Connecticut Office of Health Strategy, along with the attorneys general of each state, approved plans for the integrated health system, which received final clearance after the board of trustees from both organizations voted to move forward.

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Collaborative effort puts FDR
students in 'Winner's Circle'

Car show
set May 17

By Curtis Schmidt

Students at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park are calling it "the opportunity of a lifetime," "the highlight of my high school career" and "the class I look forward to at the end of the day."

They're talking about Winner's Circle Program, now in its second year at FDR, where students sign up for one of three classes (BUILD, Visual Communications and Marketing). All three classes work together to build a modern day race team with newsletters, social media, logo design, AND build a Factory Five Cobra race car. A total of 36 students are involved with the program across the three classes.

It's a collaborative effort that also forges relationships in the community with Matt's Auto Body in Salt Point donating the body work and painting of the race car and the creation of a Booster Club to help with financial support.

The students are even hosting their first Car Show on Saturday, May 17 at the school, located at 156 South Cross Road. (Rain date, May 18) It will benefit the Roosevelt Racing Booster club. There



Franklin D. Roosevelt High School students, from left, Ben Tuttle, Annika Hietman and Zack Casto are shown working on the engine of a Factory Five Cobra race car as part of the Winner's Circle Program. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

will also be a flea market to benefit the senior class at FDR.

Technology Education Teacher Shawn Christensen said he sees the show as "an opportunity for students to showcase their work and network with the community."

Christensen and his fellow instructors share in the excitement of the students. "This program brings back hands-on skills training and learning experiences to the high school in a generation where this has been somewhat forgotten," he said.

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All pets are welcome for annual
Blessing of Animals in Rhinebeck



Hazel is an Ambassador Dog for Blind Dog Rescue Alliance, a 501c3 charity. She and owner Kelly will be at the Blessing of the Animals in Rhinebeck for the third year. Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

Some "tails" are old as time, like dog as man's best friend, and respect for the animal kingdom. To celebrate the 110th annual "Be Kind to Animals Week," the Third Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck will host its annual Blessing of the Animals event from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The rain date is scheduled for the following day.

Pastor James Miller will give a hands-on blessing to all pets in attendance, provided they are leashed, caged or

otherwise escorted by a human. The event will also showcase nonprofit organizations and opportunities for pet adoption, as well as animal ambassadors of all species.

At the Partnership for Animals Needing Transition (P.A.N.T.), the goal is to humanely reduce the populations of community, stray and feral cats. Above all, each animal's quality of life is the priority. Some cats can't be socialized to be adoptable, and others go inside just to be out the door the next day.

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As part of the agreement, Northwell will invest at least \$1 billion in Nuvance hospitals.

“At Nuvance Health, we have always been deeply committed to delivering high-quality, compassionate care to our communities,” said Dr. John M. Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health. “Joining forces with Northwell Health strengthens our ability to meet the evolving needs of patients and ensures we can provide exceptional care for generations to come. This is a transformative moment for our patients, employees and the communities we serve.”

“This is an unprecedented opportunity to build a more integrated, regionally connected health system across New York and Connecticut,” said Margaret Crotty, chair of the Northwell Health Board of Trustees. “It is based on our aligned commitments to expanding access to excellent care, and to recruiting and retaining the best clinical talent. The Northwell board is confident this new partnership will bring great value to both organizations.”

Both Northwell Health and Nuvance Health reaffirm their commitments to the goals and objectives of the new integrated health system:

- Deliver extraordinary clinical care to patients - With increased capacity to invest in medical advancements and innovation, the integrated system will

better serve patients in their respective markets and communities. With Nuvance Health joining Northwell Health, patients will have enhanced access to coordinated care in their local communities at more than 1,050 sites across Connecticut, New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley. The care delivered in these sites will span the full range of ambulatory, hospital and post-acute services.

- Create healthier communities - Combining Nuvance Health with the resources of Northwell Health will enable the organizations to meet the evolving, varied needs of local communities more quickly, more efficiently and more effectively. Together, both organizations can make significant improvements to health outcomes and address health disparities across the communities they serve. As nonprofit organizations, Northwell and Nuvance Health will also continue to provide care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

- Advance medical innovation - By joining Northwell Health, Nuvance Health will gain access to the clinical, operating and financial resources of one of the nation’s most comprehensive and integrated health systems. Combining clinical and technical capabilities and expertise from both organizations will help drive even greater innovation, enhanced care and services offerings. Building on each organization’s research,



Dr. John M. Murphy, president and CEO of Nuvance Health, left, is pictured with Michael Dowling, president and CEO of Northwell Health. *Courtesy photo*

education and clinical care infrastructure, the combined entity will accelerate innovation in patient care and advance medical research that can help transform lives.

- Recruit top talent - An increased opportunity for Nuvance Health to attract and retain top talent, including medical, surgical and research specialists as well as nurses, allied health and business pro-

fessionals. By coming together, medical staff and team members will have professional growth opportunities, new career opportunities and the chance to work with some of the best in the industry. This could include academic pathways for health professionals to acquire additional degrees and for new graduates to fill high-demand positions.

All pets are welcome for annual Blessing of Animals in Rhinebeck

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The Mommy & Me program at Southlands Foundation is a program that builds trust and confidence in young riders while parents lead the horse’s way and will have horses at the Blessing on May 17. Alongside kittens available for adoption, P.A.N.T. will be providing information on combating the stray cat issues in Dutchess County neighborhoods. *Courtesy photos*



With limited resources, bringing in every cat to P.A.N.T. just isn’t feasible. But what volunteers can do is follow the TNR protocol: trap, neuter, release.

Using traps, trained volunteers bring the cats in, spay/neuter them, and release them back to their community. For the friendly felines, P.A.N.T. takes them in with the hopes of socializing them to be adopted. Some volunteers, like Gwen, have trapped cats all over Dutchess County, from Rhinebeck and Staatsburg, to neighboring counties. But every day is a reminder of the magnitude of the issue.

“You can’t save them all,” said Gwen. “We do the best we can with the resources we have, but there are times when we just can’t do any more for (a cat).”

Cats can have up to four litters a year, and the kittens become mature after three months. As females from that first litter have their first litters, the mothers have more. And so on. But with the passion of volunteers and fosters like Gwen, P.A.N.T. fights on. Alongside kittens available for adoption on May 17, P.A.N.T. will be providing information on combating the stray cat issues in Dutchess County neighborhoods, and equipping citizens with the tools and knowledge to help these community cats.

Another animal representative is Hazel, a little dachshund with a big heart. Hazel is a product of the dangerous “designer dog” trend, where puppies are selectively bred based on aesthetics. Her parents are two Merle (dapple) dachshunds, a combination known to cause birth defects in vision and hearing. While Hazel is completely blind, her brother was born both blind and deaf. Each has found their own “forever” homes, thanks to the Blind Dog Rescue Alliance (BDRA) in Boothwyn, P.A., which provides visually impaired dogs with foster homes and transportation upon adoption.

“If it wasn’t for someone rescuing Hazel, she would have been killed,” said Hazel’s best friend, Kelly.

In 2021, Kelly wasn’t sure she wanted a dog of her own. That decision took the shape of a three-month-old puppy, saved from a kill shelter and needing a home. Ever since, Hazel has been the tiny bestie

attached to Kelly’s side, from trips to Florida and Colorado to the annual visit to Rhinebeck. Kelly also volunteers at BDRA, monitoring the transports. As volunteers across states sign up to drive legs of these trips, strangers work together to get canine cargo safely to their new homes. For the third consecutive year, these gals will represent the organization that gave Hazel a second chance at life. And she lives it to the fullest, with long walks, extended games of fetch, and exploring the world with her human.

BDRA is just one out-of-town organization to appear at this event. Others, like Rhinebeck’s Southlands Foundation, are local. Southlands was built in the early 1900s around the values of respect for land, conservation, and respect for the natural world. It’s a bridging of generations of respect for animals. Because as the world changes, animals stay the same. Caring, nonjudgmental, and trusting of those who mirror their unconditional care.

“Horses have a unique intuition towards people, a sense of empathy. They’re able to sense people’s heartbeats from three feet away,” said Southlands Foundation director Kathy McGettrick.

Southlands further partners with local organizations, including the Anderson Center for Autism and Samaritan Daytop Village, for horses to heal, comfort, and nurture people’s souls. Whether for a walk around a corral or a listening ear, Southland’s horses are a support for all ages. Pony ambassador Casey will be around to take kids for rides at the Blessing of the Animals. And parents can learn about the Mommy & Me program at Southlands, a program that builds trust and confidence in young riders while parents lead the horse’s way. A longtime friend at Southlands, Casey is a kind, gentle pony who loves meeting new people.

With each vendor booth and animal ambassador in attendance, all attendees can be reminded of the empathy and understanding that animals bring to humans across land, air, and sea. And some will most certainly leave with a new family member they didn’t know was missing.



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Rabies clinic set May 31

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) has partnered with the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARs) to host a series of free rabies vaccination clinics for local pets. The first clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the HVARs hospital, located at 9 Barnes Drive in Poughkeepsie; it is open to dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required and is available online at hvars.org.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents and \$15 per pet for non-residents. All dogs must be on a leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years with proof of prior vaccination. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year. Microchipping will also be available at a cost of \$45 per pet, and a one-year distemper vaccine for \$25 per pet.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by four months of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus.

HVARs is a non-profit animal rescue, wildlife rehabilitation center and low-cost vet service that opened in 2011, first offering mobile pet clinics before opening its Poughkeepsie hospital location in 2015.

Two additional rabies clinics will be hosted in 2025 as well as spay and neuter services to help reduce the number of feral cats in the area.

DCDOH is available to answer questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. If a person or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact with any animal, contact DCDOH at (845) 486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or (845) 431-6465 on nights and weekends. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps to ensure the safety of their animal. To report an animal acting strangely, please contact local police.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCDOH at ehs@dutchessny.gov.

Community Action Partnership names Dr. Linda Haas Manley CEO

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County (CAPDC) has announced that Dr. Linda Haas Manley has been named its new chief executive officer, succeeding Elizabeth Spira, who is retiring after leading CAPDC for the last 14 years.

Haas Manley will begin serving as chief executive officer on May 19.

CAPDC's mission is to partner with individuals and families to eliminate poverty and identify resources and opportunities available to them to enhance their self-sufficiency.

Haas Manley served as Dutchess Community College Workforce Pathways Coordinator in the Office of Workforce Education and Development, a program that involved collaborations with CAPDC programs, such as Dress for Success Dutchess County and Suited to Succeed.

Prior to this, she worked at Marist University and the Culinary Institute of America, where she served in leadership, academic advising, career development, and employer relations roles. Haas Manley also has served as an adjunct faculty member and has taught consulting for nonprofit and government organizations, college composition, professionalism and life skills, and career preparation courses.

Germania of Poughkeepsie to sponsor Maifest on May 16-18

Germania of Poughkeepsie is sponsoring a fun, festive and authentic Maifest from May 16 to 18. The event features live German bands, German food, German Bier, home-baked German desserts, children's entertainment, Bavarian folk dancers, and singers. Adult entry ticket \$5 daily, \$4 Veterans and Active Military with valid ID, children under 16 with parents, no charge (only service animals with valid ID please). The event will be held rain or shine or under tents. There is free parking.

Hours are Friday, May 16, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, from 1 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, May 18, from noon to 5 p.m.

Visit maifest2025 – Germania and Facebook (3) Facebook for details.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, is a benevolent, 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to the education of German heritage and culture. Germania hosts various authentic cultural events throughout the year including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest,

Christkindlmarkt, Heritage Day Bake Sale, Biergartens, authentic German dinners, Stammtisch, and other events.

Over the past 175 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of America Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club.

Throughout the year Germania holds clothing, food, toy drives, as well as grants annual scholarships to BOCES CTI Culinary program graduates. Since the pandemic, Germania has donated over seven hundred German Take Out Dinners to area First Responders.

Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through

locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The organization remains a 100% volunteer, private club, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds.

Contact Germania directly for more information: president@germania-pok.com or (845) 471-0609.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 28 issue of Northern Dutchess News will have early deadlines for all departments. Editorial and calendar submissions must be received by Thursday, May 22, at noon. Advertising must be received by Thursday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

Contact cschmidt@sutchessnews.com for more information.



Unfair and Rash Move to Seize the Red Hook Boat Club Land via Eminent Domain

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is Eminent Domain?

Eminent domain is the power of the government to take private property from its citizens. It is also known as "condemnation" or, in some states, "expropriation."

2. What Does the Fifth Amendment Say?

The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: "...[N] or shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

This means the government can only take private property if it's for a legitimate public purpose, and the owner must be fairly compensated.

3. How is Eminent Domain Typically Used?

Eminent domain is generally used to address:

- Abandoned or blighted properties
- Tax-delinquent or contaminated land
- Neglected properties

It is also used for necessary public infrastructure like:

- Roads and highways
- Bridges
- Utility easements
- Reservoirs

4. What Happens on May 16, 2025?

On **May 16, 2025**, the Town will hold its **official public hearing** on the proposed **eminent domain taking of the Boat Club**.

This is NOT a routine or informational meeting.

It is the **only** formal opportunity for the public to comment or object. The Town has signaled its commitment to this controversial and unprecedented action — your voice must be heard now.

5. How is This Taking Different?

This case departs from the typical use of eminent domain in several key ways:

- **Not a necessity:** A public boat launch is an amenity, not an essential service like a road or bridge.
- **Unprecedented history:** The Town has functioned for centuries without government-owned waterfront access, relying on the abundant access available along the Hudson River.
- **Faulty justification:** Would it be reasonable to seize a private estate with tennis courts and a pool just because the Town doesn't have public ones? Of course not. The logic here is equally flawed.
- **Displacement by design:** This taking recalls the discredited "slum clearance" policies of the 1950s — actions now widely condemned as racially and socially unjust.
- **Forced partnerships?** Suggesting the Club enter a public-private partnership to operate a facility it never intended to run for the public is unreasonable and coercive.

6. Why Should This Concern You?

This proposal sets a dangerous precedent:

- It blurs the line between **public necessity** and **government convenience**.
- It sends a message that no private property is safe from seizure, even without urgent public need.
- It threatens the **longstanding fabric** of community and private stewardship.

**Attend the hearing. Speak up.
Protect private property rights.**

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of the Red Hook Boat Club**



**PUBLIC HEARING May 16 at 6:30PM
Red Hook High School Performing Arts Center**

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Opposes Red Hook Boat Club eminent domain plan

To the editor:

As a Barrytown resident and Red Hook Boat Club member, I am deeply concerned about the Town of Red Hook’s plan to seize the Boat Club’s waterfront property through eminent domain, as reported in your May 7-13, 2025 issue (“Town of Red Hook seeks to acquire Red Hook Boat Club property by eminent domain,” pages 1-3). Town Supervisor Robert McKeon’s rationale for this costly acquisition is misleading and fiscally irresponsible.

McKeon states, “Public waterfront parks are commonplace and popular, but rarely crowded.”

If these parks are underused, why pursue a project demanding significant costs—purchase price, environmental, safety and traffic studies, maintenance and liability insurance—while removing at least \$25,000 annually from the tax rolls?

His claim that “...Red Hook residents would be able to access the park for free” ignores the taxpayer burden. Moreover, dismissing Tivoli’s viable waterfront site, which has an approved revitalization plan and erosion mitigation grants, prioritizes a small, potentially unsafe park over a community-supported alternative. The lack of transparency and due diligence erodes public trust. I urge readers to learn more at redhookboatclub.com and attend the public hearing on May 16, 2025, at Red Hook High School Performing Arts Center, to voice opposition.

Roxanne Fischer
Barrytown

Late State Budget does some, but not enough,
to address New York’s affordability crisis

To the editor:

The New York State Legislature has finally passed a 2025-2026 state budget that takes some steps to address the affordability crisis, but does nowhere near enough to remedy New Yorkers’ economic pain. Because of Governor Hochul’s bad faith negotiating, this was the most overdue budget in 15 years. She managed to exclude critical clean energy legislation, even though we are in a climate crisis. She left out progressive revenue raisers, even though Trump and Musk are moving to cut federal funding. She neglected to fully address the statewide housing crisis, despite the rising rates of evictions and homelessness.

There will be some relief for working families in the form of free school meals for K-12 students, an expanded Empire State Child Tax Credit, and the launch of a pilot version of the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP). Although HAVP’s inclusion is a huge win that will help many people pay their rent, it is ridiculous that Governor Hochul refused to fully fund the program. We are sure to see many evictions avoided, and lives saved, because of HAVP. However, the program will only be as effective as it is sufficiently resourced. Governor Hochul and the Legislature must commit to fully funding a permanent rental assistance program to keep people in their homes.

It is unconscionable that the state failed to pass the NY HEAT Act for a third year in a row or take any meaningful climate action at all. Passing NY HEAT to cap utility bills at 6% of household income for all households would have provided exactly the sort of assistance Governor Hochul promised when she vowed to address cost of living in this budget. Instead of siding with working class New Yorkers, the Governor delayed and derailed the budget process by fighting to weaken criminal justice reforms to lock up more people. She has no plan to address federal funding cuts except to expand her own executive authority. New York could protect our social safety net by raising taxes on the billionaires and corporations. Instead, Hochul would

rather put more cops on the subway to try to defend herself against a primary threat she absolutely deserves.

This is why we must elect officials who care more about our communities than corporate donors. We should celebrate this year’s budget wins, but we must not forget how Governor Hochul wasted our time and overlooked our needs this budget cycle.

Daniel Atonna
Political Coordinator at For the Many
Candidate for City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council (Ward 8)

New York State budget champions environmental protection

To the editor:

Scenic Hudson commends Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature for passing a robust budget that sustains funding for vital environmental and climate resiliency initiatives. The FY 2025-26 budget boasts a historic level of funding for the Environmental Protection Fund and the largest investment in resiliency in New York’s history, demonstrating the strong commitment of our elected officials as stewards and protectors of our air, land, and water, now and for future generations.

Scenic Hudson expresses its strong support for these final state budget provisions:

- \$425 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), including these programs.
- \$19.5 million for Climate Resilient Farms
- \$18 million for Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- \$25 million for Farmland Protection
- \$42 million for Open Space and Land Conservation
- \$200 million for New York State Parks capital improvements
- \$500 million for clean water infrastructure
- The exemption of nonprofit conservation organizations from the payment of the “Mansion Tax,” a real estate transfer tax imposed by New York State on properties exceeding \$1 million

- \$289,000 to the City of Kingston and \$33,000 to the Town of Ulster to address decreased tax revenue to these host communities of Sojourner Truth State Park
- \$1 billion for the Sustainable Future Fund

These programs will guarantee that New Yorkers continue to benefit from access to nature, clean drinking water, and healthy, local food, even without current federal funding.

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, “We commend Governor Hochul and the State Legislature for coming together to create a budget that puts environmental concerns front and center. Importantly, this year’s budget includes increased funding for farmland protection and open space conservation. We are thrilled that \$19.5 million has been allocated for the Climate Resilient Farming program within the Environmental Protection Fund. These resources will go directly to supporting farmers in their implementation of practices that benefit both soil health and farm viability, including improved water quality and increased food system resiliency. These budget augmentations will also empower land trusts across the state to expand conservation efforts to protect working farms and ecologically important lands. Increased funding, coupled with the exemption of nonprofit conservation organizations from the Mansion Tax, clearly demonstrates our state decisionmakers’ understanding of how these elements work together to secure a healthy and vibrant future for New York.”

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Marist women advance to College World Series

By Morgan E. Maier

Following a Tuesday rainout, five straight days of postseason college softball kicked off in Poughkeepsie. Marist University hosted the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship from May 6-10, a week that saw two rainouts, a walkoff, and 10 Red Foxes runs to win the title.

With three straight wins, the Red Foxes eclipsed the previous record for single-season wins, going undefeated on home dirt for an automatic bid to the NCAA Women's College World Series.

Game 1: Marist 2 (42-7-1) - Siena

College 0

Key Player: Kiley Myers

A complete game two-hitter by Myers kept the 1-seed happy at home. With her 22nd shutout win to set a MAAC record, the fifth-year graduate student held Siena to 11 scoreless innings over two games.

Game 2: Marist 1 (43-7-1) - Rider University 0

Key Player: Miah McDonald

After Rider's Anna-Marie Groskritz shut out Quinnipiac and no-hit Fairfield to start the tournament, she finished the tournament with zero earned runs and a loss against Marist. Miah McDonald was

crucial for breaking a scoreless tie in the eighth inning, leading off with a double and scoring the unearned run on an infield error, as the Foxes walked it off to reach the championship game.

Game 3: Marist 10 (44-7-1) - Siena College 2

Key Player: The outfield fence

The Red Foxes mercy ruled Siena on Sunday, finishing the tournament - and the title run - early, with an 8-run, five inning victory. Four balls were launched out of Gartland Field, starting from the first inning by Maddie Pleasants. The

Pleasants grand slam and Sam Rogers' multi-homer run masterpiece weren't all. Add in Maddie Gore's solo shot, and the Foxes finished with the long ball being the difference, with 10 total runs leading to a Marist victory.

Five-time MAAC Coach of the Year Joe Ausanio credits his deep pitching staff for the Foxes' success this season. Marist looks to keep the momentum in the College Station, TX Regional, facing Liberty University on May 16. First pitch is at 1 p.m., as the Red Foxes seek to advance past the round of 64.

Collaborative effort puts FDR students in 'Winner's Circle'

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"Students are given a unique opportunity to collaborate across different disciplines and most importantly learn how to work alongside their peers to solve problems and build something that most students never have an opportunity to do."

Students at Roy C. Ketcham and John Jay High Schools in the Wappinger Central School District and Dover High School are also involved with the Winners Circle program.

Christensen noted that Pius Kayiira, an alumnus of the Hyde Park Central School District, initiated involvement with program and then approached the district two years ago in regard to adopting it into the high school curriculum.

"Students also are given multiple opportunities to meet with a life coach through the program where they plan life after high school, whether it be college, career/technical school, or the workforce," he said.

Matt's Auto Body connection

In addition, students learn the importance of building relationships in the community. Christensen illustrated this element with Matt's Auto Body.

"Growing up in the area, Matt's Auto Body has always been a shop I used when the need arose," he said. "I learned about (co-owner) Bob Beckmann's commitment to the community and school through his participation in the crew team. So I approached him hoping he would be able to help us with the body work and painting as we do not have the facilities to do this kind of work in school. He was excited to hear about the project and without hesitation was willing to help us out and donate his service. Matt's takes care of all of our body work, paint and finishes the car. We hope to continue to evolve this relationship as the years progress, creating internship opportunities and more."

Beckmann, who served as a volunteer crew coach at FDR for nine years and retired last year, commented, "I have

always been interested in supporting efforts that are devoted to the positive development of our young people. They're our future. This program gives instructors the ideal opportunity to teach skills that students need to succeed in life, regardless of the career path they choose."

The project will culminate in a few weeks with a competition on all phases at Lime Rock Race Track in Connecticut.

And now - here are the comments from the three students at FDR that started this story.

"The Winners Circle Project is more than just a class where we get to build a car, it helps us build our teamwork skills, make friends and get real world experience. This class has given me opportunities I never thought I would have in high school. It's the class I look forward to at the end of the day, and has been the highlight of my school year."

- Jaheim Ferguson, Junior

"The Winner's Circle Project is an opportunity of a lifetime, where we get to build a super V8 race car that we were able to ride around in the school's parking lot and also market it. Being in WCP is one of the biggest blessings that's ever come in my four years of high school experience. This class has been by far the biggest highlight of my senior year."

- Ken Vernelus, Senior

"The Winner's Circle program is a super awesome experience where you get to build a Factory 5 race car and you learn hands-on experience building this awesome machine and you also get team-building experience learning how to work, not just as a class, but as a whole racing team and the people you meet and the connections you make can carry you far and being in this class has been the highlight of my high school career."

- Zack Casto, Senior



FDR student Guiseppe Doran works on the inside of a Factory Five Cobra race car. Below: Senior Zack Casto operates a simulator in the Winner's Circle Program at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



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REMEMBER THAT RENEGADE

Rookie sensation Ramirez dazzles with Miami Marlins

By Morgan E. Maier

Agustín Ramírez (2023) - “How could the Yankees let him go?” bemoan fans across New York Yankees social media. Now a member of the Miami Marlins, catcher Agustín Ramírez made his MLB debut on April 21. In his debut, Ramírez caught a 14-strikeout game, and further began 7 for his first 10 at the plate appearances. He is making his case as one of the league’s top catching prospects, hitting .283 with four home runs in just under three weeks. As Marlins media calls Ramírez their rookie sensation, the Yankees may remember him as the one that got away.

Note: The first baserunner Ramírez caught stealing was reigning National League MVP Shohei Ohtani.

Oswald Peraza, 3B (2021) - The last time the Yankees third baseman wore number 18 it was magical, Bro. Now Renegades alum Oswald Peraza has earned his roster spot as part of New York’s third base platoon, plus a few reps in the middle infield. Once a back-to-back South Atlantic League Player of the Month, Peraza hit his first home run of the season on Opening Day. And even though Peraza’s bat cooled down a little in May, he will likely stay on as a utility man when “Renegade for a Day” DJ LeMahieu debuts from his offseason injury.

Reid Ryan, P (1994) - From the “Ryan Express” to the Round Rock Express, Reid Ryan’s baseball career was considerably less illustrious than that of his father, Nolan. In the inaugural Renegades summer of 1994, Reid put up a 5-5 record and 2.90 earned run average that earned him a promotion to the Texas Rangers’ Class-A team. While his playing career ended after 1995, Reid made a different move up the MLB ranks. He became the president of the Houston Astros in 2013, a tenure that ended in the wake of the team’s sign-stealing scandal of 2019. Reid is still involved in baseball, as the CEO of Ryan-Sanders Baseball Inc., with ownership of the Texas Rangers AAA affiliate, and the Astros-affiliated Corpus Christi Hooks.



Reid Ryan from the 1994 Renegades is still involved in baseball, as the CEO of Ryan-Sanders Baseball Inc., with ownership of the Texas Rangers AAA affiliate, and the Astros-affiliated Corpus Christi Hooks. *Courtesy photo*

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hudson Valley NYY	23	9	.719	-	7-3	W5
Greensboro PIT	23	10	.697	0.5	8-2	W4
Brooklyn NYM	20	12	.625	3.0	5-5	L1
Aberdeen BAL	13	20	.394	10.5	4-6	W1
Jersey Shore PHI	12	19	.387	10.5	5-5	L1
Wilmington WSH	10	23	.303	13.5	3-7	L5
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Rome ATL	19	14	.576	-	6-4	W2
Bowling Green TB	18	15	.545	1.0	6-4	L1
Hub City TEX	17	16	.515	2.0	4-6	L4
Asheville HOU	15	18	.455	4.0	6-4	W1
Greenville BOS	14	19	.424	5.0	3-7	L2
Winston-Salem CWS	12	21	.364	7.0	3-7	W1



Home Schedule

May			
05/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Disco Night Fireworks Friday
05/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Open Mic Night Jace Avina Bobblehead Giveaway
05/18/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	No Place Like Home Sunday Family Funday
05/27/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	vs. Wilmington	11:05 AM	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/29/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	vs. Wilmington	05:05 PM	The Malmö Oat Makers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount at Somers
June			
06/01/25	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day Sunday Family Funday
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades rock with 5 wins in Delaware

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley has (for now) had its last look at George Lombard, as he was promoted to the Double-A Somerset Patriots this week. Though Lombard's time was fun while it lasted, other new and familiar faces are keeping the Renegades on a wicked tear. This week, the team left Wilmington with a .5 game South Atlantic League lead and impressive performances from first pitch to extra innings. After dropping the opener in a 4-3 walkoff, Hudson Valley took 5 of 6 games from the Blue Rocks in Delaware.

Roc the Parks - Fan favorite infielder Roc Riggio wasted no time in his return from injury, with eight RBI in five games, including a three-run home run into the Renegades' bullpen in Sunday's 9-1 blowout. The second baseman also sealed a fourth straight Renegades victory on May 10, with an RBI double to break a 10th inning deadlock. While Riggio's heroics are known in the Valley, fans quickly learned about third baseman Parks Harber. Harber, a former University of North Carolina Tar Heel, has made a resounding entrance. Not just because of his emphatic fly ball calling, either. Since April 29, Harber has hit .333/.396/.917, with 2 home runs and 9 runs batted in. He even had his own Saturday night heroics, following Riggio's clutch hit with a two-run double. He finished the 5-2 extra-inning win with 2 hits and 3 RBI.

Two-Out Rally - The Renegades were

impressive with two outs this series, with 23 of 45 runs coming with two gone. Four runs crossed home via Josh Moylan's patience at the plate, while Omar Martinez had a monster offensive performance (4-5, 5 RBI, 4 R) on May 7 as the Renegades scored all 12 runs with two outs. This week, 10 Renegades players produced two-out runs, with five coming from Martinez.

High (and Far) Five - Catcher and designated hitter Martinez came into this week with one home run under his belt, and left with five. Martinez launched four above the fences in the first three games, driving in a total of eight runs before the turn of the weekend. Coming into Sunday, Martinez hits a home run every 21 plate appearances and leads the team in long balls and runs batted in (20).

12-1 Odds - The Renegades' box score showed eerily similar numbers in back-to-back matchups on May 7 & 8. Both final scores were 12-1 in favor of the Renegades. Hudson Valley held Wilmington to just 2 hits, and in both games, the Blue Rocks' leadoff batter started the game with a hit and a run scored. Renegades starters Carlos Lagrange and Ben Hess each had nine strikeouts. And in a not-so-surprising twist, Brendan Jones stole a base in each game.

Starting Engines - Quality outings by Kyle Carr (0-1), Lagrange (3-1), and Hess (2-2) paved the way for a 2-1 Renegades series lead through the weekend. Each contributed over 5.0 innings, with Carr giving up two hits, and



Carlos Lagrange, above, and Ben Hess each had nine strikeouts in games last week for the Renegades. Photo by Dave Janosz

Lagrange and Hess each allowing one. Josh Grosz (2-1) offered 6.2 dazzling innings on May 9, fanning 9 batters and giving up one run in a win. With Bryce Cunningham (1.98) and Elmer Cruz-Rodriguez (1.97) each in the top 10 for the league's lowest ERA, the Renegades' starting rotation continues rolling.

The Renegades (23-9) return home

this week to host the Aberdeen Ironbirds (13-20) for the first time this season. Headlining another full week of fun is the season's first Bobblehead Night on May 17, honoring Jace Avina's spectacular grab in '24. So, baseball fans, here's hoping for calm weather and clear skies ahead of this homestand.

RENEGADES FEATURE



Kyle Carr's name is etched in Renegades history. On July 19, 2024, Carr combined with bullpen talents of Hueston Morrill and Trent Sellers for the third no-hitter in Renegades history, and the first of two on the season. Photo by Dave Janosz

Pitcher Carr shows significant improvement with Renegades

By Morgan E. Maier

On May 6, Kyle Carr pitched a no decision on his 23rd birthday, the latest in a series of firsts for the lefty's young career. Though Carr (0-1) still seeks his first win in 2025, this start was undoubtedly his strongest of the young Hudson Valley Renegades season, allowing just three baserunners (2 hits, 1 walk) over 5.0 innings.

Carr has shown significant improvement in his command and confidence throwing in the zone over the first month of his sophomore campaign. He earned the 2025 Opening Day starter job, but the Renegades couldn't produce a run to cancel Carr's single earned run in the opening loss.

Now in his second year with the Yankees organization, Carr's name is etched in Renegades history. On July 19, 2024, Carr combined with bullpen talents of Hueston Morrill and Trent Sellers for the third no-hitter in Renegades history, and the first of two on the season.

Before he was the Yankees' third round draft pick in 2023, Carr was a one-and-done star for the Palomar College Comets. Carr earned a 12-1 record in his sole season at Palomar, with 111 strikeouts in 78.0 innings.

And while he never made a birthday start in college, Carr had a stellar outing on the eve of his 21st, going 7.0 strong innings with 10 K's in a shutout win on May 5, 2023. He led the California Community College Athletic Association (Southern California) in wins and strikeouts. Carr also got a taste of two-way player stardom, with a .500 batting average in 42 plate appearances.

A California native, Carr was recognized by the American Baseball Coaches Association as the best pitcher in the Pacific Association Division, a conference comprised of junior colleges across California and the Pacific Northwest. Palomar College swept those awards in 2023, as teammate Quincy Scott was named the best position player. Scott signed with the Texas Rangers and currently plays in the South Atlantic League on the inaugural team of the High-A Hub City Spartanburgers.

Carr was named the top junior college prospect of the 2023 draft class, and was subsequently selected by the Yankees as pick No. 97. Alongside Carr, the Yankees selected current Renegade Roc Riggio (129th pick) and the recently promoted George Lombard (26th pick), and all three have been instrumental in the Renegades success over the last two seasons.



A photograph of three people at a presentation ceremony. On the left, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a white jacket over a black and white patterned dress, holds a microphone and a white certificate. In the center, a man with white hair and a mustache, wearing a dark suit and a striped tie, stands with his hands at his sides. On the right, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a black sequined top, looks towards the man in the center. The background features a gold-colored lattice screen and a decorative vase with dried flowers.



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4H'ers take part in public presentations, Skillathon

This spring, Dutchess County 4-H youth have been preparing for several regional events, including District Public Presentations and the Regional Livestock Skillathon and Judging Contest.

Thirteen Dutchess County 4-H members participated in the District 4-H Public Presentation event held April 26 at Dutchess Community College, Fishkill. Youth had to qualify for this contest by earning a purple ribbon at county 4-H public presentation event earlier in the year. Members presented in front of two trained evaluators who provided written and oral feedback to each member. Dutchess County 4-H members and their presentations were scored as follows:

- Tabitha Canning – How to Make a Clay Mouse – Blue ribbon
- Riley Mahaffey – Building the Ultimate Cattle Herd – Blue ribbon
- Kieran Orellana – The Edmund Fitzgerald: Pride of the American Side – Blue ribbon
- Lily White – Sour Cream Cake – Blue ribbon
- Cole DeMuth – My Trip to San Diego – Red ribbon
- Grace Johnson – Crash Course in Film – Blue ribbon
- Kelsey Marra – Sourdough English Muffins – Red ribbon
- Adele McKenna – DIY Skincare – Blue ribbon
- Armen Platyan – Chess History & How To – Blue ribbon
- Asher Platyan – Soccer Conditioning – Blue ribbon
- Margot LaPorte – Red – Blue ribbon
- Julia Raskopf – Lizzie Borden – Purple ribbon
- Clara Sundlof – A Guide to Crochet - Blue ribbon

On Sunday April 27, 4-H members from the southeast and capital regions traveled to SUNY Cobleskill for the Regional Skillathon & Livestock Judging Contests. Livestock skillathon is a contest where individuals take written tests

to assess their knowledge of livestock species. These tests are typically arranged in stations for each topic, which may include care, breeding, equipment ID, feed ID, breed ID, and more. Each 4-H member is placed individually per age division. Comparatively, livestock judging contests are typically team contests. Each 4-H member on a judging team will evaluate a class of livestock of similar ages, breeds or types, and assign those four animals placements based on how well they meet the breed or market standard. Three Dutchess County 4-H members attended this contest and placed as follows:

Livestock Judging – Senior Division:

- Dutchess County team: 2nd place
- Vivien Padoleski – 4th place
- Mackenzie Phillips – 6th place
- Addison Stapf – 9th place

Livestock Skillathon – Senior Division:

- Mackenzie Phillips – 13th overall
- Addison Stapf – 16th overall
- Vivien Padoleski – 18th overall
- Dutchess County team: 6th overall



Cole DeMuth gives an illustrated talk entitled "My Trip to San Diego" at DCC Fishkill during the public speaking competition. Courtesy photo

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Movies with Spirit’s May 17 screening was filmed in Dutchess, Ulster counties

A lonely veteran and a shy boy form a quiet bond in “Driveways,” this month’s Movies With Spirit screening at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 22 Livingston St. in Kingston.

Critics praise the drama, filmed in Ulster and Dutchess counties, as a tender character study anchored in fundamental decency — and a poignant farewell to actor Brian Dennehy.

“Deeply moving,” critic Bilge Ebiri writes in New York magazine.

“I loved every moment,” Richard Propes writes in The Independent Critic.

“For a movie about isolation and the risk of reaching out, it’s a generous example of how nourishing a sense of connection really is,” David Fear writes in Rolling Stone.

The story follows single mother Kathy (Hong Chau) and her shy 8-year-old son, Cody (Lucas Jaye), as they arrive at her late sister’s home in the mid-Hudson

Valley to clean and sell it.

As Kathy sorts through her sister’s belongings and grapples with her sister’s past, she begins to grasp how little she truly knew about her.

Meanwhile, Cody quietly connects with Del (Dennehy, in his final role), a widowed Korean War veteran next door.

Protective Kathy initially keeps Cody away, telling Del she doesn’t let her son talk to strangers.

But as summer unfolds, Cody and Del’s quiet conversations deepen into an unexpected friendship.

Accustomed to solitude, Del finds companionship in the young boy, while Cody, with Del’s gentle encouragement, begins to step out of his shell.

Through small acts of kindness, all three — Kathy, Cody and Del — discover a sense of belonging, and the mother and son start to find a new place to call home.

The 2019 film runs 1 hour 23 minutes



Lucas Jaye (left) and Brian Dennehy portray Cody, a shy 8-year-old, and Del, a Korean War veteran, in “Driveways,” filmed in Ulster and Dutchess counties. The touching story of loss and renewal screens at 7 p.m. May 17 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kingston, as part of the Movies With Spirit community film series. Photo courtesy of FilmRise

and is not rated.

The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

“Movies with Spirit,” a monthly film series organized by Gerry Harrington of Kingston, seeks to stimulate joy and wonder, inspire love and compassion, and help people understand their connection with others and with life itself. It supports all cultures, faiths and beliefs while tran-

scending them.

Screenings take place in diverse places of worship and culture in Ulster and Dutchess counties at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month. Movies With Spirit has no religious affiliation.

For more information, call Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or email gerryharrington@mindspring.com. Details are also available on Movies With Spirit’s new Facebook page, tinyurl.com/MoviesWithSpiritFacebookPage.

Arts Mid-Hudson, Millbrook Vineyards & Winery present Art in the Loft

Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH), in partnership with Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, announce the return of Art in the Loft, a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring 16 talented AMH member artists. The exhibition will be on view daily from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, located at 26 Wing Road, Millbrook.

The public is invited to a festive opening reception on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. (RSVP required; see below). Guests will enjoy a first look at the inspiring collection, meet the artists, and raise a glass in the scenic setting of Millbrook Vineyards & Winery. This special afternoon promises to bring together art, wine, and community in a memorable celebration.

The 2025 exhibition highlights the work of the following local artists: Helen Crohn, Bobbi Egan, Peter Fairweather, Camille Fischer, Harriet Forman Barrett, Timothy Ginexi, David G Klein, Mari

Keeler Cornwell, He Lin, Victor Messick, Ivar Sprogis, Eileen Stodut, Allison Walker, Sarah J Wymer, Xuewu Zheng, and Jill Ziccardi.

Continuing a beloved tradition, visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. This interactive competition connects guests directly with the creative community and helps shape the winery’s offerings.

The selected artist will receive a stipend and see their winning artwork reproduced and shared with sponsors and speakers at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfasts, providing valuable exposure.

Art in the Loft will remain open to the public through Sunday, Nov. 9. For more information and to RSVP for the Opening Reception, visit <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft>.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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Poppies are potent posies

When my father brought pizza home from Bruno’s, an eatery in the Catskill Mountain Town of Hunter during my youth, an odd cohabitant rested inside the box, beside the Neapolitan classic. With the pizza, there was always a small, red, crepe-paper flower. My mother may have told me it was a poppy.

I still don’t know why they accompanied Bruno’s pizzas. Maybe he was an American Legionnaire. He could have been a veteran himself, or simply supported veteran’s causes. I was in elementary school and had never set foot inside of Bruno’s, nor met the man. But my father occasionally brought home a pie, so opening the box and finding the crimson bloom may be the genesis of my life-long interest in the crinkly-petalled beauties.

The Common Poppies’ association with Veterans and Memorial Days originates from their mention in a poem written to mourn the loss of fallen soldiers. The wildflowers can lie dormant for up to 80 years and germinate in

disturbed soil, such as when they grew prolifically in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium, particularly in the region of Flanders, after World War I.

Although Common Poppies are familiar because of their association with those days of remembrance, *Papaver rhoeas* is just one of the 70 to 100 species of the *Papaver* genus. Another noteworthy flower is *Papaver somniferum*, which may be called the breadseed poppy. It is those plants’ seeds that adorn some bagels and rolls in the US, as well as featured as a ground sweetened paste in European foods such as *makovník* (a pastry roll), *mákos tészta* (a sweet noodle dish), and *hamantashen* (triangular cookies eaten during Purim, a Jewish festival that celebrates triumph over adversity).

Not all poppies are common

That same poppy plant, *Papaver somniferum*, whose seeds provide a nutty crunch to your bagel, also produces a complex liquid (latex) which consists of substances that produce analgesic, hyp-



Poppy in a Pizza Box, the way the author remembers it from childhood. *Re-created with AI by Francine Wizner*

notic, antitussive, gastrointestinal, and cognitive effects. Opium is produced from the dried latex that is extracted from the unripened seed pods of *Papaver s.*, also called the Opium Poppy. Morphine, codeine, heroin, and oxycodone are all produced from opium.

Those narcotics are used therapeutically to treat pain, suppress cough, alleviate diarrhea, and induce anesthesia. However, they are some of the most addictive substances known to man. As misused drugs, they may be smoked, sniffed, or injected.

Opium is produced by scratching the plant’s immature seed pods to release the latex, which dries into a sticky residue. The residue is then scraped off and dehydrated.

Food and decoration

Live plants and seeds of the Opium/Bread Poppy are widely sold by seed companies and nurseries in most of the western world, including the United States. Poppy seed pods are also sold for dried flower arrangements. Though the Opium Poppy and poppy straw (the dried stalks, stem, and leaves) of the plants are controlled substances in the U.S., *P. somniferum* can be legally grown as a seed crop or ornamental flower. That’s good

news if you enjoy poppy seeds on cake and rolls, or in your garden. The consumption of foods with poppy seeds isn’t intoxicating, but it can result in positive drug test results for opiates.

Poppy parallels

All poppies in the *Papaver* genus do contain some narcotic compounds, albeit at lower concentrations than *P. somniferum*. Both *Papaver r.* and *Papaver s.* are annuals, but they may self-sow and maintain their presence in the garden. Even better, Oriental Poppies (*Papaver orientale*) are perennials, so planting them will insure that the blooms return. And, perhaps because they are all such potent posies, deer don’t typically snack on them.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://medium.com/@wiznerf>, <https://substack.com/@gkatzchronicle>, and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>



Poppy seeds are a traditional filling in hamantash and, of course, a popular topping for rolls. *Photos by Francine Wizner*



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EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through June 1:** This month's featured artist, Maureen Squires, is especially known for her atmospheric creations with calligraphy and the use of a colorful palette with a variety of mediums. **Opening reception:** Sat., May 17, 4-6 p.m. www.artgallery71.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through June 13:** Dutchess Handmade Spring Pop-Up Shop, unique shopping experience features handcrafted works by over 60 Hudson Valley artists and makers.. www.artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222

Convey /er/ or Gallery, 299 Main St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 1:** "This Land Ain't Your Land," photography by Dan Goldman providing sharp social commentary. **Artist talk:** Sun., May 18, 2-5 p.m. (917) 334-5357

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Five new art exhibitions. Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is a photographic display by Jim Smith, Jr. At 12 Vassar St., the works of Kate Masters, Sylvia Mueller, and Jacqueline Oster of the CIRCLE24collective are featured in the Reception Gallery; and Mari Keeler Cornwell presents her artwork in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

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

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

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

Pictured: "Elf Day" by Steve Rein. Courtesy image



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

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

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through May:** "Lisa Petsu: The Imperfectionist, 2000-2025," painting, sculpture and in-betweens. **Artist talk:** Sat., May 31, 1-3 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

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Bannerman Castle opens for another season

By Morgan E. Maier

Another season filled with summer day trips and night-time entertainment is on tap - and it's on an island in the Hudson River. Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) continues to bring life to the Hudson Highlands State Park attraction at Bannerman Island, offering an incredible view of the Hudson River, plus a natural tour of the property where Francis "Frank" Bannerman VI's construction began in 1901.

Keep an eye out for turtles sunbathing as the ferry disembarks from Beacon to the island. It is a nautical ride to remember, so long as passenger hats don't stray overboard along the 20-30 minute ride. The experienced captains of the Bannerman ferry will keep you intrigued with stories of the not-so-high waters of the Hudson, the shallow east bay that the ferry rides along.

The tower of Bannerman Island, part of the original arsenal (the "castle"), collapsed last year but was reinforced through the work of BCT volunteers. Further, a stabilization study will be performed of the arsenal, from a New York State Environmental Protection Fund grant.

"They are going to point us in the right direction so that we know what the scope

of the work is, and what the progression will be," said BCT Executive Director Neil Caplan.

Aric Morgan and team have worked to restore the interior dining room and fireplace of the original Bannerman house, a study in woodworking and masonry that extends outside the building to benches and more. Inside sits a historic preservation that not only encapsulates visitors, but puts them in the shoes of past Bannerman visitors and inhabitants, 19th century to now. Other dedicated volunteers will give not only tours, but a history of Bannerman and the island's history that can't be explained by pictures, or by seeing alone.

At the top of Bannerman's 2025 entertainment bill is the Sept. 23-28 run of "Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker," directed by Christian Conn and starring television and Broadway actor Duane Bout  . An adaptation of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" waits, too, on the horizon, running from Sept. 11-13. The island's outdoor stage offers plenty space for productions, concerts, live music, and an opportunity for a daylong getaway without the travel. And the upcoming farm-to-table dinner on Sept. 7 features the culinary artistry of Noah Sheetz, with a five-course meal and tour combination that benefits Bannerman Trust, Inc.



A pontoon boat delivers visitors to Bannerman Island. *Courtesy photo*

Tours of Bannerman Island are not currently ADA accessible. Seventy-two steps up from the Bannerman dock lay the historic trail and event space where guides and volunteers give not just information, but life to the island. The gardens at Bannerman are celebrating 20 years in action, offering a monarch butterfly sanctuary and floral tributes to friends who have passed on. This summer will also see the first installment of an art installation, a series of sculptured butterflies to

remind all visitors that humans thrive on sharing experiences, like the ones Bannerman Island offers to all setting foot on her docks.

For those who have only seen Bannerman through the window of a Metro-North train, now's the time to see the island in person. Neither pictures nor pamphlets do justice to this Hudson Valley landmark.

Visit <https://bannermancastle.org/> for more information.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 28 issue of Northern Dutchess News will have early deadlines for all departments. Editorial and calendar submissions must be received by Thursday, May 22, at noon. Advertising must be received by Thursday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

Contact cschmidt@sducthessnews.com for more information.

CALL FOR ACTORS & WRITERS FOR 'RHINECLIFF SKETCHBOOK'

There will be a performance of "Rhinecliff Sketchbook," a showcase of original monologues, on Saturday, May 31, at Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Actors and writers of all ages are sought for the performance; no experience necessary.

This is part of a SpoketheHub evening of performance. Alex Roe leads this writing and performing project and would like to get 3-4 monologues created. He is looking for people who would be great subjects to be interviewed (looking for some diversity); would be interested in writing the scripts based on the interviews; and -would be interested in performing the monologue created from the interviews. If interested, contact events@spokethehub.org.

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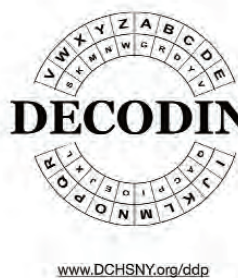
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DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



Food, drink and local history make up DCHS Honors event

By Bill Jeffway

The Dutchess County Historical Society's (DCHS) Annual Historic Preservation & Awards Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 1, at the historic home and carriage barn collection of Dick Lahey in Wappingers Falls. Sponsorships that allow us to celebrate best in class people and practices and ticket sales can be found here: dchsn.org/2025june01. Simply Gourmet is providing food and drink.

Historic Preservation Award is given to Dick Lahey - Dick has been collecting carriages for over 50 years, curating his collection of original and restored carriages and is especially proud of the carriages that have their roots in the Hudson Valley, either through their original owners and/or their builders. His collection, housed in a century-old barn, includes not only the carriages, but the riding gear, accoutrements, photographs, and historic prints. He makes his home in a house that dates to 1790, one of the hidden treasures in the town of Wappinger.

Lahey spent his early years in Hughsonville, New York, where he became acquainted with farm life, horses and carriages, making his first horse purchase when he was 14.

After graduating from Wappinger's schools, he attended Dutchess County Community College and SUNY New Paltz, where upon graduation he taught for 35 years in the Spackenkill School District, initially 5th and 6th graders and then developing and leading the district's talented and gifted program. He also taught at Marist College for 15 years, mathematics and guiding/coaching new teachers as they built their skills.

Lahey is a founding member of the Mid-Hudson Driving Association and a board member of the Carriage Association of America. These responsibilities include judging and conducting demonstrations at many sites throughout the Hudson Valley, including at the Dutchess County Fair.

His interests go far beyond his carriage

collection, his community contributions are many and include leading the Board at the Stony Kill Foundation, chairing the Hudson Valley Teacher's center, a board member of the Putnam-Highlands Audubon Society, and holds long-time memberships with the Waterman Bird Club, the Wappingers Historical Society and Friends of Carnwath. He is very generous with his time, sharing his knowledge of the people, businesses, and stories of Hughsonville, Wappinger and Dutchess County formally and informally - and for that we are very grateful.

The Dutchess Award recognizes county residents who made exceptional contributions in areas of preservation, history, and/or education. Congratulations Rob & Sue Doyle!

Rob and Sue Doyle are community leaders with a dedication to the history of Dutchess County, to the preservation and conservation of information and works of art, and to helping others. Over the past six years on the DCHS Board, including the past four as President, Rob has contributed countless hours to increasing the visibility of DCHS through his tireless networking, his programs on topics such as the history of New Hamburg and the importance of women artists in the 19th century, and his natural ability to see potential opportunities in any and every situation.

Together, Rob and Sue have transformed DCHS through their philanthropy and their shared vision for the annual auction, which began in 2021 and has since grown into the historical society's largest annual fundraiser. Rob and Sue's love of art was a major component in the success of the exhibition, "Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes," which was visited by over 1,000 people in Autumn 2022. Beyond DCHS, Rob and Sue have made significant contributions to a wide range of social causes including Hope on a Mission, the Animal Rescue Foundation, and the Fishkill Food Pantry, among countless others. Sue is active in the Rotary Club of Fishkill, and has been a



Above clockwise from top left: DCHS 2025 award winners Dick Lahey (photo courtesy of Tony Musso for the Poughkeepsie Journal), Rob & Sue Doyle, Aidan Chisamore, Don Fraser, the late Frank Coluccio of Legion Fireworks. *Courtesy photos*

supporter of Dutchess Community College where she previously served on their Foundation Board, including completing a term as Board President. Rob has served on many county-wide Boards including Dutchess Tourism, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts.

Retired auctioneers, both Sue and Rob have been inducted into the National Auction Association's Hall of Fame, the only husband and wife inducted in the NAA Hall of Fame's 56-year history.

The Business of Historic Distinction Award is given to a long-standing business that demonstrates service and commitment to Dutchess County residents. Congratulations Legion Fireworks, Roberta Theiss accepting.

Legion Fireworks was founded in 1920 in Beacon by Joseph Chiarelli, moving to the town of Wappinger in 1924. The business has had only two families own and operate it in that time. In the 19th century, Italy was the leading European country to embrace fireworks, a Chinese invention. The large influx of Italians in the late 19th century saw a large influx of those skills. Many fireworks companies in the United States have roots of Italian heritage and history. Frank Coluccio, who started out as an employee of Chiarelli, took over the business in 1981 and took on every aspect of the business: the responsibility of book, managing, and literally creating each pyrotechnic. Coluccio spoke to the Poughkeepsie Journal in 2005 saying, "I'm a performer, I perform for an audience and I love to hear their cheers!" For pro-bono work as well as business and community-friendly approaches, Coluccio received the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Good Neighbor Award in 2021. Coluccio passed away in 2024. The business continues in the family under the leadership of Frank's life partner Roberta Theiss, her daughter Deanna Theiss, and Frank's nephew Christopher Walsh.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Award is given to a person early in their career who has demonstrated great interest, scholarship, and enthusiasm for local history. Congratulations Aidan Chisamore!

After graduating from Vassar College in 2024 with a degree in History, Aidan has quickly become an integral member of the DCHS team. Utilizing his wide range of skills and unique aptitude for archiving, Aidan has taken the lead on assessing the DCHS collections, creating best in class searchable public access tools, and devel-

oping the foundation for a permanent infrastructure that has transformed the accessibility of the DCHS Archive.

In addition to his work with collections, Aidan has demonstrated initiative in learning and improving all aspects of our "society" including membership, development, and community engagement. As a de facto docent of the Historical Society, Aidan is often the first point of contact for visitors, and has guided countless inquirers as they have begun their Dutchess County history exploration with courtesy.

The Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for Excellence in Education honors a Dutchess County educator who through innovation and creativity imparts a love and appreciation of local history to students. Congratulations Don Fraser!

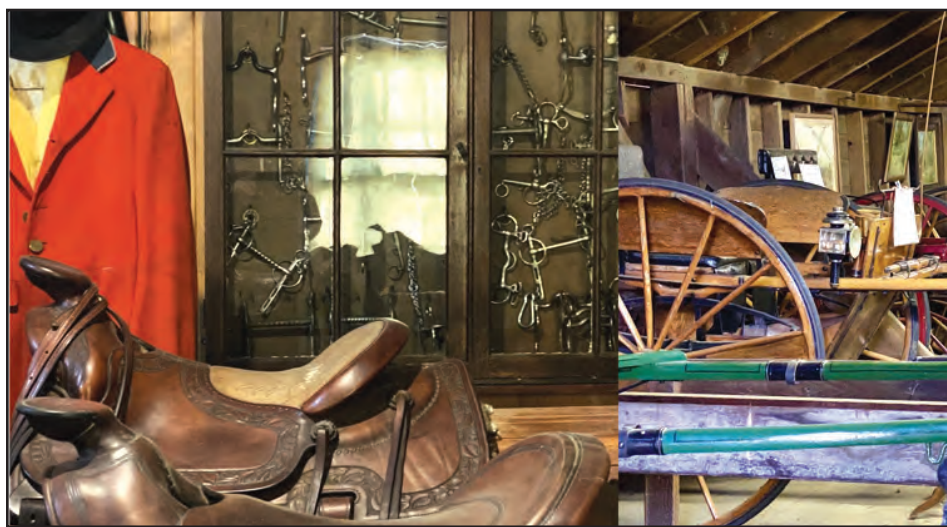
Fraser began his career with New York State Parks and Historic Preservation as a Student Conservation Association intern at Staatsburgh State Historic Site (Mills Mansion) in 1999 and was responsible for developing educational environmental programs related to the property.

He went on to hold leadership positions at Fort Montgomery and Clermont State Historic Sites before returning to Staatsburgh as the Site Educator. In this position he has welcomed students from 2nd grade through college to the site and provided innovative and engaging educational programs. He is recognized as an outstanding historic house interpreter who imparts information about the mansion and its residents in a lively and engaging manner.

Fraser's development of educational programs on topics such as Gilded Age Scandals and World War 1, as well as his focus on teaching untold histories that spotlight the less visible residents of Dutchess County, has resulted in a significant contribution to the understanding of how the Livingston-Mills family impacted Dutchess County.

DCHS is also pleased to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Town of Wappinger and offers this event as part of the festivities. Information at dchsn.org/2025june01. Or simply mail a check (\$100 per person ticket price) to DCHS, 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or (845) 293-7711.



Above: Dick Lahey's lifetime collection of horse and carriage related historical items are on display in the barn adjacent to his home, both of which will be open for the DCHS event. *DCHS photos*

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Betting on ‘Journalism’

Pop nixes his Kentucky Derby bet

My father comes into the restaurant every day. EVERY DAY. As has become custom, he asks me for a variety of things. From ordering him undergarments to filling up his car with gas. It is always something and it is always memorable.

On Saturday, the day of the Kentucky Derby, he came up to me as he was leaving, and stated that he wanted to bet me on the winner of the race.

Pop: Luigi, I wanta to bet you on the Corsa Cavallo (horse race).
Me: (sigh) OK, Pop. Who do you want?
Pop: The onwhosa newspaper.

I had to think about this one, because I had no idea. So I looked it up.
Me: (sigh) That one is called “Journalism.” OK, I’ll take “Publisher.”
Its important to know, I have absolutely no knowledge of horse racing.

Pop: Whosa “Publisher”?
Me: One of the other horses. It’s...
Pop: Whoa isa the Journalism.
Me: That’s the horse you want to bet on.
Pop: Oh no, I wanta Newspaper.
Me: (sigh) ... (sigh) ... (sigh)
Pop: You taka whoever else wins.
Me: (sigh) OK, Pop (as I banged my head against the wall).

As I watched the race, I was truly hoping that “Journalism” would win so that I would just have to give pop his \$5 and be done with it. But as luck would have it, another horse won and now I had to collect on the bet.

Pop: (walking through the door of the restaurant) Good morning, everybody!
Me: (no hesitation) You have my \$ 5?
Pop: No. They no win by enough. He

wasa close.
Me: But, Pop, we didn’t bet...
Pop: I noa going to pay you.
Me: Oh yeah? Well the next time you want me to get gas, I’m just going to put \$5 less in the tank and I’ll get it that way.
Pop: You sonamagun. You no going to do that.
Me: Well then, I’m going to tell Anthony (my brother takes care of paying my father’s bill) and he’ll give me the \$5.
Pop: You disgrazia. You no going to get it from him.
Me: Well, then when you need me to make you change so you can put money in the church basket, I’m going to get it then.
Pop: You going to take froma the church?
Me: Hey, John (my brother)! Can you believe Pop’s not going to pay me for the Kentucky Derby?

John: Louie, just tell the lawyer, and when Pop dies he can give you \$ 5 more in inheritance.
Pop: Now youa get into it, too.
Me: Hey, Vinny (my other brother)! Pop’s not going to pay me for the Kentucky Derby?
Vinny: Jeez, Pop, you’d better be careful or Louie might break your legs.
Pop: You sonamuguns. You makea the joke with me, huh?
Me: Yeah, Pop. That was worth \$5.
Pop: I love you guys. Youa maka me laugh. Now leava me alone, I gotta make the Clams Casino. I still no going to giva you the \$ 5.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Kentucky Derby. I enjoyed the day after. Have fun with this recipe for Pop’s Clams Casino.

POP'S CLAMS CASINO

Ingredients

12 littleneck clams

2 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley

1/2 cup finely chopped pimentos

1/3 cup finely chopped onions

1 1/4 cup white wine

1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs

3 slices bacon, sliced 1/4-inch wide

freshly ground black pepper

lemon wedges, for serving

Preparation

In a pot, place the clams with about a cup of water and steam until they open up.

When the clams are cool enough to handle, discard the top shells. Run a clam knife or spoon underneath each clam to loosen it from its bottom shell.

Melt the butter in an 8-inch skillet over medium heat. Add the pimentos and onions and sautee, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup of wine and drink the other cup of wine. Cook until the liquid is reduced by half, about 2 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs, Parmigiano, parsley, and a few grinds of black pepper. (Do not season with salt.)

Spoon some of the breadcrumb mixture onto each clam. Top each with a piece of bacon strips. Broil the clams until the topping is just browned, about 5 minutes. Serve with the lemon wedges or squeeze the wedges over the clams before serving.

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

A & E CALENDAR

May 15-18: “Girl With A Camera,” Claverack Free Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. A new work by Byron Nilsson poses the question: How does a creative artist come to terms with sudden fame? Photographer Ivy Wilmot found success as a photo-journalist but became a public figure when she married a movie star. As the marriage unraveled, so too did her career. There was another man in love with her – but he was the FBI agent investigating her father. “Girl with a Camera” shows us a life that couldn’t be constrained in the borders of a photograph. Performances: Thurs.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. For tickets and reservations, call (518) 758-1648.

May 16: Richard’s Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Andy Jones, Carlene Thissen, Hudson Crossing, 8-10 p.m. Donations suggested. More info at (845) 876-7007

May 16-18: “Big Fish,” County Players, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. A sweeping musical tapestry with music and lyrics by Andrew Lipka and book by John August, the musical is based on the 1998 novel by Daniel Wallace and the 2003 film written by John August and directed by Tim Burton. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 18, and Saturday, May 17. Tickets \$30 for adults; \$28 for seniors 60+, military, students (with ID), and children under 12. www.countyplayers.org

May 16-18: “Godspell,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck Theatre Society presents Stephen Schwartz’s musical based on the New Testament gospels, mostly St. Matthew, and uses the parables and passion story of Jesus for an inventively theatrical and interactive show about the formation of a community. Follow Jesus, John the Baptist, and an eccentric troupe of actors as they lead the audience through parables using a wide variety of storytelling, perfectly timed comedy, styled movement, wacky props, silly instruments, and singing in a broad spectrum of styles ranging from Vaudeville to ‘70s pop (one of the numbers, “Day by Day,” reached #13 on the Billboard Pop Hits in 1972). Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sat., May 17, 3 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets are \$29 and available at www.centerforperformingarts.org

May 17: Morton Day Spring Fête, Firemen’s Field, Rhinecliff. Rummage sale, bake sale, music, fun games, a dunk tank,

readings, a seedling swap & more, 3-6 p.m. (845) 876-2903 or <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/>

May 17: Roger Phillips Concert Series, Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Acoustic music by The Wallpapers, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free; donations welcome. (845) 876-4030 or www.starlibrary.org

May 18: Free Acoustic Concerts on the Lawn, The Beatrix Farrand Garden, 4097 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park (on FDR National Historic Site). Experience the magic of Sova as she brings her fully acoustic and portable piano to the garden, sharing her mesmerizing compositions in a truly unique performance, 1:30-3 p.m. Bring a blanket, relax under the trees. Reserve your spot at www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org

May 18: Imani Winds, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The Howland Chamber Music Circle closes its 2024-2025 chamber series with Imani Winds, 4 p.m. Following the concert, audience members can meet the musicians and enjoy complementary refreshments. All ticket holders are invited to the reception. To purchase a ticket, visit www.howlandmusic.org.

May 18: Let’s Sing Taylor, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. A live band experience and ultimate tribute to the music of Taylor Swift. Sing along to Taylor’s hits all afternoon. Doors 2 p.m. Tickets at www.MJNCenter.org

May 18: “Out Into The Sun,” Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Part of the Local Produce new play staged reading series, this is the first opera from conductor and composer Adrian Sylveen, with a libretto by Ed Napier. This new opera tells the story of the fallout when a teacher is falsely accused of assaulting a student in a New York City private school, 3 p.m. Tickets \$5; reservations at www.thestissingcenter.org

May 18: Play Reading, Upstate Films Starr Cinema, 6415 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Tangent Theatre Company presents “The Other Place” by Sharr White, 7:30 p.m. A researcher’s life takes a disorienting turn during a meeting with colleagues. A mystery unravels blurring truth, reality and fragmented memories leading to the windswept shores of Cape Cod. Doors 7 p.m. For this special event, you can choose \$0, \$5 or \$10 tickets. Reservations required at www.upstatefilms.org

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

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15. Break of day
16. Repeat, in music
17. Red Cross bed
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25. Money source
28. Golfer's destination
30. Pass, as time
35. "Metamorphoses" poet
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40. Unacceptable, to a baby
41. Alpine singing
43. Resembling wings
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50. Lice eggs
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53. Remainder of a cigarette
55. Before skip and a jump
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61. *Mother _____, Missionaries of Charity founder
64. Passé
65. Stir or fuss
67. Add together
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71. Very angry
72. Puppy sounds
73. "_____ no evil, hear no evil"
74. Tennis-affected joint

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3. Capital of Latvia
4. Kind of ray
5. Cast-off skin
6. French Riviera city
7. "To" follower
8. Wood turning device
9. Tulip starter
10. Leo's Karenina
11. _____ gum, food additive
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**PV Garden Club meets
first Thursday of the month**

**Spring Book Sale & Plant Sale
at the Clinton Community Library**

'Alum-Nite Out' to raise funds for Hyde Park Education Foundation

Garden Talks set at Beatrix Farrand Garden in May and June

**West Clinton FD to hold
Dedication Ceremony/Open House May 17**

Lagrangeville church to host Spring Rummage Sale & Flea Market May 17

Stanford Grange to hold Defensive Driving Course

**Learn mahjong at your own pace
at Hyde Park Library**

Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park.
Call (845) 229-7791 for more information.

East Clinton FD to hold public info session for proposed new facility

**Historic Tavern Trail at
Lasting Joy Brewery set May 23**

Yard Sale set May 29-31 at Regina Coeli
Regina Coeli Parish Blow Out Yard Sale will take

Bulkeley MS students to present play at The Center

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Annual CCEDC Master Gardener Plant Sale fundraiser set May 16-17

The “busy bees” have been buzzing around the greenhouse anticipating this year’s Plant Sale! Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) is gearing up for another thriving season with its 32nd Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale Fundraiser.

The sale takes place on Friday, May 16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, 2715 Route 44 near Millbrook. The event will offer a huge selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs, all grown with care by the Master Gardener volunteers. This is a rain or shine event.

This year marks five decades, the Master Gardener Volunteer Program will be serving Dutchess County. The program’s mission is to train volunteers as peer educators, providing research-based knowledge to help the community manage invasives, lawns, and gardens, while emphasizing food security and environmental stewardship.

“There are many reasons why this program is essential to our community,” said Heather Brenner, Community Horticulture Program Coordinator. “Our Speakers Bureau lectures and the Horticulture Hotline and Diagnostic Lab provide residents with easy access to expert guidance. Due to the increased number of inquiries, we have expanded our Hotline hours to two mornings per week: Mondays and Wednesdays, from April through September. Whether you have questions about pest control, diagnosis, or sustainable gardening techniques, our Master Gardeners are here to help.”

Here’s what to expect at the plant sale:

- A wide variety of garden favorites

- and many new plant introductions
- Expert guidance from Master Gardener volunteers
- Proceeds supporting local horticulture education and outreach
- A community-driven event for gardeners of all experience levels

The Master Gardener Volunteers contribute significantly to the community by providing educational resources, workshops, and direct assistance. In 2024, 19 new volunteers successfully completed Master Gardener training, expanding the program.

Additionally, the Seed Library pilot program launched in six Mid-Hudson Library branches, reaching over 130 individuals. The Horticulture Hotline handled 440+ inquiries in 2024, highlighting the program’s dedication to expert support. Volunteers revitalized the Diagnostic Lab with new shelving, a lab table, and a wall-mounted microscope monitor display to enhance efficiency. The Speakers Bureau engaged over 275 community members through educational presentations.

“The program is growing in exciting new directions,” said Isabella Magna Yannuzzi, the new Agriculture/Horticulture Program Leader. “This year, we are expanding our efforts with the NYS Seed to Supper (S2S) initiative, which provides local gardeners with resources to grow their own food on a budget. Through partnerships with Snap-Ed NY, we are also helping people turn their harvests into nutritious meals.”

For more details on the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, the Annual Plant Sale, or to sign up for upcoming workshops, visit cceduthechess.org or call 845-677-8223.

Children’s Home opens free Community Closet in Wingdale



Staff and officials of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie opened the Community Closet last week in Wingdale. This new initiative expands upon the resources the Family Opportunity Center already provides, furthering the community-based program’s commitment to supporting families. *Courtesy photo*

Staff and officials of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie unveiled their latest initiative to support Hudson Valley families last week with a grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Community Closet located in the Family Opportunity Center at 6423 State Route 55 in Wingdale.

Thanks in part to the funding of “Carve for a Cause,” a grassroots organization created to raise funding and awareness for non-profits helping families, the Community Closet is the latest addition to the Family Opportunity to address the ongoing needs of local families. The closet is designed to provide easy access to essential items such as clothing, non-perishable foods, and toiletries as well as art and craft supplies, toys, and games.

Located in the heart of eastern

Dutchess County, this new initiative expands upon the resources the Family Opportunity Center already provides, furthering the community-based program’s commitment to supporting families.

“The Family Opportunity Center has been an integral resource for the community since it opened in 2023,” stated Erin Cafarelli, Chief Development and Public Relations Officer of the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. “The addition of the Community Closet is the next step to respond to the real needs we see everyday, from parents trying to provide for their children to individuals rebuilding after difficult circumstances. This is one more way we can say, ‘You are not alone.’”

To learn more about the Family Opportunity Center and its offerings, visit www.childrenshome.us.

PANEL TO DISCUSS ONGOING FIGHT FOR FREE EXPRESSION

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK) will host a panel discussion, “Eleanor Roosevelt and Censorship, Past & Present,” on Thursday, June 12, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Rockefeller Hall at Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Tickets are \$35 General Admission, and advance registration is required at <https://ervk.org/censorship-past-and-present/>.

The panel will discuss the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt’s fight for free expression and how censorship continues to shape our world today. Featuring Blanche Wiesen Cook (Roosevelt biographer), Yana Gorokhovskaia (Freedom House), Lee Rowland (NCAC), Daniel Shank Cruz (PEN America), and Miriam Cohen (Evalyn Clark Professor Emerita of History), this conversation will explore the past and present of intellectual freedom, global censorship trends, and what Roosevelt’s legacy can teach us in this moment.

This panel supports ERVK’s 2nd Annual Bravery in Literature “Banned Book Awards” Ceremony on Oct. 11. All ticket proceeds benefit the October event which honors authors whose books are challenged or banned. Find out more at ervk.org/banned-books.

Board of Health Meeting set for May 15

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Health located at 85 Civic Center Plaza – Suite 106 in the City of Poughkeepsie or

you may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 933 903 82#.

The Dutchess County Board of Health meets on the third Thursday of each month except for the month of July.

Free ‘Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen’ returns May 21 at Overlook Drive-In

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month; and to spread awareness and promote prevention methods, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) are once again hosting “Tackling Ticks on the Big Screen” This free, family-friendly night will include a screening of DreamWorks Animation’s “Wild Robot” on Wednesday, May 21, at the Overlook Drive-in Theater, 126 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at sunset. Registration is required and is available online at dutchessny.gov/tickmovie.

Admission to the movie is free, and concessions will be available to purchase. “This time of year means everyone is outside more, unfortunately that also means more exposure to ticks,” said Serino. “To protect our children and families, it’s important to remember easy ways to avoid Lyme Disease and other tick related illnesses. We encourage everyone to come out, learn a few tips on how to stay tick free and kick back to

enjoy a great family-friendly movie.”

At the event, representatives from DCDOH will provide valuable tick information, discuss prevention techniques and share giveaways like tick removal kits and tick coloring books.

“For years, ticks and tick-borne diseases have been a significant public health concern in Dutchess County and throughout New York State with numerous tick species and diseases found in our area,” said Dutchess County Commissioner of Health Livia Santiago-Rosado. “This event is a great way to educate yourself on how to prevent tick bites and what to do if bitten, as these are key to avoiding tick borne diseases. We hope many will attend and take advantage of these valuable resources.”

The Dutchess County Department of Health offers tick education year-round with frequent education opportunities available at their Mobile Health Unit events throughout the county. To learn more about these services as well as others the department offers visit dutchessny.gov/health.

Classroom Champion nominations due May 19

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is again looking to celebrate local teachers who go above and beyond – both inside and outside of the classroom. Students who attend school within Dutchess County are encouraged to nominate a teacher who they feel has made a difference in their life and has created a welcoming and positive learning environment.

“Dutchess County teachers work tirelessly for their students—often taking those extra steps to meet young people where they are and finding new, creative and innovative ways to ensure each and every student reaches his or her fullest potential. We are grateful for the work they do,” said Serino. “Whether they are

helping students stay engaged in the classroom, giving extra time to coach a school sport or after-school club, or being a mentor, our educators play an invaluable role in the lives of their students. I am excited to continue our ‘Classroom Champion’ awards this year, and look forward to hearing about all the positive impacts teachers have made.”

Classroom Champion nominations for 2025 are due Monday, May 19, and are available online at dutchessny.gov/Teacher. For more information, call (845) 486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated from Monday, May 5, to Friday, May 9, this year.

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Districts stay within tax caps

Compiled By Kate Goldsmith

This year’s school budget vote and Board of Education (BoE) elections will take place on Tuesday, May 20. 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 20; 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.

ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Arlington District proposes a budget of \$268,025,000, an increase of 1.53% over the current year. The proposed tax levy is \$160,413,543, a 2.74% increase over the current year and below the district’s mandated limit of 3.38%.

There are two additional propositions on the ballot:

- **Proposition #2 – Purchase of School Buses and Equipment \$3,261,000** (to be bonded over five years)

The proposal provides for the purchase of ten 71-passenger propane buses, four 30- to 34-passenger vans, four 18- to 20-passenger vans, four 7-passenger mini-vans, one wheelchair van, one cargo van, two Ford F-350 Truck or equivalent with plows, and one Cat 250 KKW generator.

Bus costs totaling \$2,926,000 are eligible for state transportation aid at the rate of 66%, so the local share is \$994,840.

- **Proposition #3 – Permission to use Capital Reserve Funds \$4,250,000**

The District also seeks approval to use funds already set aside in its capital reserve fund to replace the air conditioning in the Arlington High School auditorium, and upgrade the football field lights to support energy-efficient and cost-effective bulbs. This proposition also includes vital projects at several other schools within the District, all funded through these dedicated reserve funds with a 0% impact on taxes.

School Board elections

Voters will elect three members to the Arlington Board of Education. The terms of Jennifer Boye, Marion Quinn, and Mark Tornatore will expire on June 30, 2025.

There are three candidates running for three seats. Those elected to the Board will serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2025.

The candidates are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot.

Jennifer Boye was elected last year to fill an unexpired term, from May 21, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Brian Arnold was one of four commu-

nity chairs for Arlington Connect (2022-2023), a community-led effort to bring the entire ACSD community together to develop goals and priorities to improve its schools and plan for the future.

Marion Quinn has served as an Arlington Board member for six years.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Visit www.arlingtonschools.org to locate your polling district and additional information.

DOVER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dover proposes a budget of \$45,066,311, a 4.76% increase over the current year. The proposed tax levy of \$17,155,638 is below the mandated cap.

Voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Dover Middle School Gym, 2368 Route 22, Dover Plains.

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

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hyde Park proposes a \$125,988,823 budget, a 4.13% year-to-year increase. The proposed tax levy of \$72,258,441 represents a 2% increase, under the mandated 2.43% cap.

Two transportation propositions are also on the ballot:

- Approval to purchase one 7-passenger minivan (gas), one 30-passenger van (gas), one wheelchair-accessible van (gas), four 66-passenger buses (diesel). The purchases, totaling \$975,075, would qualify for 58.4% state aid, making the net cost after \$405,631.
- Approval to purchase nine electric-powered 66-passenger buses (and a Level 3 charger for each bus) for a total of \$4,534,637. The District states there would be no net cost, due to a grant from NYSEDA (\$257,250 per bus) as well as 58.4% state aid.

Three seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Two seats carry a three-year term. One seat carries an 18-month term. Incumbent board members Katherine “Katy” Briber, Edward Spence and Michael Zagorski are all running for re-election.

Voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Haviland Middle School, 23 Haviland Road, Hyde Park.

Visit www.hpcsd.org for more information.

MILLBROOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millbrook is presenting voters with a \$35,649,651 budget with a year-to-year increase of \$1,074,576 or 3.11%. The proposed tax levy is \$27,782,136, a year-to-year increase of \$707,900 or 2.61%, within the mandated cap.

Two capital project bond propositions are also on the ballot.

- One would authorize up to \$27,264,482 for alterations and improvements to the middle school and high school. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$39,264,482; however, \$10,500,000 would come from the district’s “District-Wide Renovations, Reconstruction and Construction Reserve Fund” and another \$1,500,000 is available to further defray the cost. Note: An additional \$3,184,145 for an energy performance contract will also be required in order for the district to receive an additional 10% in state aid.
- Another proposition would authorize alterations and improvements to the district’s elementary schools. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$21,779,259. As with Proposition #2, in order for the district to receive an additional 10% in state aid, an extra sum of \$2,708,491 for an energy performance contract will be

required.

Board of Election incumbents running for re-election are Jennifer Carnecchia, Perry Hartswick and Dena Ghobashy.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. in the Millbrook Middle School Band Room (next to the Auditorium), 43 Alden Place, Millbrook.

Visit www.millbrookcsd.org for more information.

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pine Plains proposes a budget of \$38,712,336, a year-to-year increase of \$1,022,592 or 2.71%. The proposed tax levy is \$27,885,802, an increase of 3.2% and below the cap.

Two additional proposals are on the ballot.

- One would establish a \$15 million capital reserve fund to be known as the “Buildings and Facilities Improvements Reserve Fund 2025,” to pay all or a portion of the costs of renovation, construction, reconstruction and improvements to the district’s buildings and facilities, including athletic facilities and fields, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, planning costs, site improvements, and associated incidental improvements and expenses. Funding sources include transfers from previously established capital reserve funds from 2019 and 2021; unexpended and unassigned fund balances in the general fund at the end of each fiscal year; funds transferred from other existing reserves; and/or legally available funds available to the district.
- A transportation proposition includes the purchase of two 71-passenger school buses, estimated at \$328,326; and one 8-passenger Chevy Suburban, at a maximum estimated cost of \$68,043. The district proposes to pay for these vehicles with funds from its “Bus Purchase Reserve Fund.” The total expended would include the cost of the vehicles (\$396,369) plus an additional sum of up to \$118,911 as a result of tariffs.

Incumbent Board of Education members Fred “Chip” Couse Jr. and Amie Fredericks are running for re-election. The three-year terms commence on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2028.

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

For more information about the vote or the voting process, contact District Clerk Julia W. Tomaine at (518) 398-7181, ext. 1408, or j.tomaine@ppcsd.org.

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Red Hook proposes a budget of \$64,998,156, an increase of \$2,153,818 or 3.31%. The projected tax levy is \$41,270,000, an increase of 3.98% and under the cap.

A transportation proposition asks voters to approve up to \$1.2 million to purchase four electric-powered school buses, with a maximum cost of \$300,000 per bus after outside grants, subsidies, rebates and other third-party funding assistance. Financing of these vehicles does not impact the 2025-26 budget.

A request for \$6.09 million is proposed for various capital improvement projects, including:

- Construction of a new grass field inside the track at Red Hook High School/Linden Avenue Middle School

and installation of lighting;

- Various improvements to the track and surrounding fencing at Red Hook High School/Linden Avenue Middle School;

- Fire rate the kiln room at Linden Avenue Middle School;

- Renovate existing bathrooms at Red Hook High School.

The following propositions for funding the Red Hook Library and Tivoli Free Library are separate and apart from the school district’s annual budget. Because these funds are raised annually by a tax on the taxable property of the school district, by law they must be included as part of the school tax bill if approved by the voters.

- The Red Hook Library requests that its annual appropriation be increased by \$10,000 to the total amount of \$234,400.

- The Tivoli Free Library requests that its annual appropriation by increased by \$2,107 to the total amount of \$107,478.

There are four candidates running for two vacant Board of Education seats: incumbents Kelly Borrelle and Charles Kachigian, and community members Robert Tynes and Patrick Boyd.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at Mill Road Elementary School’s 3-5 cafeteria, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook.

Visit www.redhookcentralschools.org for more information.

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rhinebeck’s proposed \$41,474,225 budget reflects a year-to-year increase of \$1,346,293 or 3.36%. The proposed tax levy of \$34,124,030, a \$41,071 increase over the current year, is within tax cap.

Nine candidates are vying for four seats on the Board of Education: one for a 1+ year term commencing on or about May 21, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2026; and three for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2028.

The order of trustee candidates on the ballot are Christian Mundigo, Gabrielle Marcigliano, Susan St. Clair, Benjamin Moffat, Mary Beth Scattergood, Craig St. John, Juliet Gorman (incumbent), Navin Chawla, Steve Jenkins (incumbent).

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

Visit www.rhinebeckcsd.org for more information.

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Webutuck will offer voters a proposed budget of \$28,665,850, a year-to-year increase of 5.95%. The proposed tax levy is \$19,403,307, a budget-to-budget increase of 5.27% and within the allowable limit.

There is also a transportation proposal on the ballot, for the purchase of one 2025 65-passenger school bus and two Chrysler Voyager LX transportation vehicles, at a cost not to exceed \$249,190.

Board of Education incumbents Nichole Reyes and Anthony Robustelli are running for re-election. The terms will commence on July 1, 2025 and expire on June 30, 2028.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Gym, 194 Haight Road, Amenia.

Visit www.webutuckschools.org for more information.

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OBITUARIES

Arlene Lund

Arlene Sandra Lund (nee Munson) age 86 of Red Hook died at home on Sunday May 4, 2025 with her husband Art and daughter Cheryl by her side. She was born in Port Ewen NY on October 27, 1938 to Adolph and Clara Munson (nee Rice).

She is survived by husband Art, one brother, Bruce Munson of Port Orchard, Washington, one daughter, Cheryl Klercker (Dale), three granddaughters, Clarissa Klercker, Erika Klercker Boice (Thomas), Madelyn Klercker Smith (Corey), four great grandchildren, and the loves of her life, Caleb Smith, Chase Smith, Elena Louangsyotha, and Joseph Boice plus many other Nieces and Nephews. Two brothers, Adolph and Robert Munson, as well as her parents predeceased her. She has many dear friends and was fiercely loyal to each and every one of them.

Her education began in a one room school house in Port Ewen and continued there until the elemental school was constructed. From there she attended and graduated from Kingston High school. Continuing on she also holds a vocational school diploma in hairdressing and is a licensed hairdresser.

Arlene was employed by several local firms including Micronetics, Feroxcube, IBM and Plasmaco as an assembler and technician.

Arlene's passions and pleasures were cooking, gardening, quilting, reading, league bowling and most important of all, her four great grandchildren. It is while indulging in one of her pastimes, league bowling, that she met her husband Art nearly 50 years ago. They have been married for 47 years. Her cooking and baking for the Lund family and friends was legendary. The cakes and specialty cookies were especially favored. She spent countless hours watching the TV cook shows or with her head buried in a cookbook for ideas and technique. Gardening for her meal contents was equally as passionate. What she could grow in small Earth Boxes was amazing mainly due to the care she gave each plant every morning and evening. Even the hummingbirds waited for her to tend the garden as they would buzz her in anticipation of the red nectar she would bring with her. Quilting introduced her to even more life long friends and skill challenges all of which she relished. Arlene will be missed. She will be missed by her many friends, her extended family and most of all, her husband, her daughter, her grand daughters and her dearest great grandchildren.

Friends will be received at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571 on Friday May 16, 2025 from 4 to 7 pm. Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 17, 2025 with Certified Funeral Celebrant -Clare Troy officiating. Interment will follow at Montrepose Cemetery in Kingston, NY.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571.

For directions, or to sign the online guest-book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com

Maryann D. Niederkorn

Maryann D. Niederkorn, 76, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY surrounded by loved ones after a long battle with a September 11-related health issue. Mary was a long-time employee of Dutchess County Community Action Agency, a respiratory therapist for Crossroads Hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois, and an American Red Cross Volunteer, where she was an emergency response worker directly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Born on March 2, 1949, in Sharon, CT, she is the daughter of the late Minnie and Wesley Dennis. Mary served proudly on the Dover Union Free School District School Board. On December 23, 1967 in Dover Plains, NY, she married Ronald Niederkorn who passed away on February 10, 2019.

Mary was an avid crocheter and collector who loved to spend time at home with her favorite companion, Radar. She was also a life-long fan of the New York Yankees, the Alabama Crimson Tide football team and enjoyed watching UFC. Mary was always willing to help and loved spending time with family and her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by a son, Doug Niederkorn, and his wife, Kimberly, of Northern Illinois; three daughters, Maranda Stratton and her husband, Corey, of Red Hook, NY, Melanie Clocher and her husband, Jeffrey,

of Frankfort, NY, and Megan Niederkorn of Dover Plains. She is also survived by her sister Linda Camburn of Amenia, and brother Sam Dennis of Schoharie, New York; nine grandchildren, Aaron Niederkorn, Abigail Stratton, Logan, Dustin, and Alora Clocher, Cody and his wife Amanda Iannelli, Hayden Brown, Nathaniel Rolf, and Camden Metcalf and a great-grandchild, Noah Iannelli. Mary is also survived by her "BFF," Dolly Zagarella of Dover Plains, her fur baby, Radar, and close friends and caregivers, Christine and Tim Russell of Dover Plains, NY.

Calling hours were held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at Hufcut Funeral Home, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services took place at the funeral home. Burial followed at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains, NY. To send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcut-funeralhome.com

Emil Panichi

Emil Panichi, 92, died at his home in Millbrook on May 4, 2025. He was predeceased by his father, Luigi Panichi, his mother, Elisa Panichi, and his wife of 65 years, Emily Panichi, who died in 2019. Emil is survived by his daughters, Elisa (James) Popovich and Evelyn Panichi; his grandchildren, James Popovich, Jr., Kristi (Scott) Brien, Emil Constantino (Dr. Hope Harvey), Matthew Constantino, and Elisabeth Constantino; and his great grandchildren, Emily Brien and Benjamin Brien.

Emil was born on February 4, 1933 in Ascoli Piceno in the Central Italian province of Le Marche. His father, Luigi, left Italy for the United States in 1938, prospecting for a better life for his family. Shortly thereafter, World War II broke out, cutting off Luigi from his family. Emil's childhood took place in impoverished Nazi-occupied Italy, during which time he witnessed the occupation of his family farm. Emil and Elisa were only reunited with Luigi in 1948 after the end of the war, having survived a difficult decade of separation.

Upon arriving in the United States, a 15-year-old Emil was placed in the first grade on account of the low level of his English. Nevertheless, he proceeded to graduate from high school the next year. Outside of school, Emil supported his family by making grocery deliveries. From this young age, Emil learned to make his living by picking up and delivering goods for people, which is to say: by providing a universally valuable service to the members of the community where he lived.

In 1955, recently married to Emily, and newly a father to Elisa, Emil bought a small garbage company in Hopewell Junction while living in the Bronx somewhat optimistically called Royal Carting. At the time Emil bought Royal Carting, the company owned a single truck and a list of about 200 customers. Although Emil's primary responsibilities were managerial, he was known to his customers for driving the truck to pick up and empty the trash himself when drivers would call out sick—often at night after he had worked a full day at the office.

Emil, Emily, and their daughter Elisa moved to Dutchess County in 1963, where they were soon joined by another daughter, Evelyn, who was born four years later.

Under Emil's leadership over the next seven decades, Royal Carting (and its companion company Welsh Sanitation) grew from a one-truck operation to a 200+ truck operation that includes state-of-the-art processing facilities. In that time, Royal's original workforce of 2 grew to over 200 employees, and its original clientele of 200 grew to over 70,000 valued local customers. Emil considered a countless number of his longstanding and loyal colleagues among his closest friends—to say nothing of his daughters, Elisa and Evelyn, who spent their entire careers at Royal Carting working to support and expand Emil's vision. Up until the family's sale of the business in 2024, Emil, though no longer driving a truck, continued to possess a fierce, competitive work ethic and a keen focus on providing superior customer service at a fair price.

Emil's neighbors were not simply his customers; they were his community, and he was happy to serve them. Over the years, Emil and Emily supported innumerable local charities, hospitals, scholarship programs, civic societies, and families in need. Much of Emil's philanthropy was private and unpublicized, and he did not seek—though he nonetheless received—many public awards for his efforts.

The greatest reward for Emil's hard work and deep involvement in his community were

his many friends—who came second only to his family. At the center of Emil's identity was his family, and he took great joy in presiding over his kitchen dinner table surrounded by loved ones whenever he could. Emil was also a talented amateur sportsman who enjoyed and excelled at tennis, skiing, and cycling. (He was, however, not much of a mariner; Emil briefly and ignominiously owned a small recreational boat that he christened the Egabrag, whose best times were enjoyed while she was safely docked at the marina.) His ski trips were particularly rich sources of family fun, and he delighted in racing his grandchildren and great grandchildren down the slopes well into his eighties. Emil traveled extensively into his nineties, returning to his native Le Marche frequently, where he especially enjoyed spending time with his extended family in the region.

Although Emil's travels are over, the memory of his life and works will continue to roam. His family is grateful for the example he has set.

Calling hours were held Thursday, May 8, at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Columba Church, Hopewell Junction, NY, on Friday, May 9.

Persons wishing to make memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may do so to the Panichi Family Charitable Foundation Attn: Dave Andros, Foundation Source, 55 Walls Dr., 3rd Floor, Fairfield, CT 06824, or Hudson Valley Hospice, 542 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Please visit Emil's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Ursula Segatti

Ursula Christina Katherina Segatti, 74, died on May 5, 2025 at the Taconic at Hopewell. A resident of Stormville since 1976, she previously lived in Mount Vernon and Mount Kisco.

Born on March 30, 1951 in Bremervörde, Germany on March 30, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Heinrich and Annelise (Maack) Kolhossner. Ursula was employed by Guideposts in Carmel until her retirement.

Ursula was a dedicated and active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. She enjoyed traveling, and especially liked to visit Ogunquit, Maine.

On October 3, 1971 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon, she married John Segatti who survives at home after 53 years of marriage. She is also survived by her children, John Segatti and his wife Mandy and Eric Segatti and his wife Michele; her grandchildren, Brittany, Jonah, Eliana, and Gemma; her great-grandchildren, Lilliana, Cornelius, and Kaylie; her siblings, Marlies Kolhossner and William Kolhossner and his wife Michele; and her nieces and nephews, Drew, Samantha, Xavier, and Kayden.

Calling hours were held on Friday, May 9, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 10, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fishkill.

Please visit Ursula's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Frank T. Weber Jr.

Frank "Buddy" Weber, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in Stanfordville, NY surrounded by his family late on May 3, 2025, the anniversary of his beloved mother's 100th birthday.

Buddy was born in Yonkers, NY, grew up in The Bronx and Stanfordville, NY, and graduated from Cardinal Farley Military Academy before attending college at Siena and joining the Army National Guard. Although he worked in several professions and continued his education throughout his life, he most cherished his time in the New York State Police, as well as the time following in his father's footsteps as a town justice.

Buddy is best remembered by the things he loved the most. He was a great storyteller, often regaling listeners with stories about his childhood on the farm with his brother and sisters, riding his horse, Dynamite, marrying the love of his life, Eileen, and raising his daughters. He was an avid golfer and cyclist, he loved to travel, and he was especially delighted at the births of his grandchildren. He was dedicated to his Catholic faith, attended daily Mass, taught Sunday school, and volunteered to help the sick in Lourdes. We will miss his enthusiastic, humorous, and indefatigable spirit.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Eileen, his daughters, Katherine and Monica, his son-in-law, Matthew, and his grandchildren, Caleb and Annie. He is also survived by his brother, Tom, sister-in-law, Patty, nieces Meghan,

Lauren, and Kaelyn, and their families, his sister, Susan, her husband, Jim, their children Michael, Kasey, and Molly, and their families. He is survived by many good friends, neighbors, and colleagues. He is predeceased by his father, Frank Sr., his mother Marilyn, and his sister, Janet.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Friday, May 9, at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, May 10, at the Church of St. Joseph's, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, NY. Rev. Bancroft & Rev. MacDonald officiated. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bangall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations maybe made to Town of Stanford Recreation Department, PO Box 436, Stanfordville, NY 12581 or to Signal 30 NYS Troopers Benefit Fund, Inc., 20 Century Hill Dr. S., Suite 3, Latham, NY 12110. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

A. Harry Williams, IV

A. Harry Williams IV, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 67 on May 2, 2025, at Vassar Brother's Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Born on May 30, 1957, in Bryn Mawr, PA, he was the cherished son of the late Rev. Alfred H. Williams, III and Doris (Hipple) Williams. He was the oldest of four siblings and spent his childhood in Geneva, NY before spending most of his life in Dutchess County.

He earned a BA degree in Computer Math, an MS degree in Computer and Information Science from Syracuse University, and a MBA in Human Resources from Marist College. While still a student at Marist, he started working in the Computer Lab. He retired as the Chief Technology Officer at Marist College in July 2024. During his tenure there he mentored many, and served in many roles. He was an active member of SHARE Technology for over 20 years, serving as President from 2016 – 2018.

In 2003 Harry married Janice Weston, in Salt Point, NY, creating a new blended family. Family, children, grand-children, and pets were always the center of their lives. Janice survives at their home in Red Hook, NY.

Harry's commitment to service was exemplified through his active and devoted membership in the Masons. He was initiated in 1993 as a member of the Adonai Lodge No. 718, and served as master from 2000-2002 and 2004-2005. He was active in the education committee, mentorship, ritual and served as Chaplain for many years. He was also a member of Warren Lodge No 32, Geneva Lodge No 965, the American Lodge of Research, the Southern California Research Lodge, the Missouri Lodge of Research No 9998, and honorary member of the Mountain Lodge No 529. Brother A. Harry Williams IV raised to the 32 Degree MSA, and was elected to receive his 33rd Degree this coming August. His Masonic journey was distinguished, earning him recognition and honors.

Beyond his Masonic endeavors, Harry was deeply involved in his local community and an active supporter of the Red Hook United Methodist Church Food Pantry. His Scouting heritage as an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow showcased his commitment to youth and community service.

Harry's legacy is carried on by his loving family, including his wife, Janice Williams of Red Hook, NY; his children, Jessica (Jack) Mitchell, Jennifer (Ian) Reed, Becky (Brent) Taylor, and Carter (Sabrina) Williams; his sisters, Debbie (Dave) Binger, Becky (Miguel) Chen, and Rev. Dr. Martha (Bruce) Jordan; and his adored grandchildren, Austin, Kristin, Lauren, Lindsey, and Grayson. His extended family, numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and fellow brother Masons also feel the profound loss of Harry's passing.

Friends and family paid their respects on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook, NY. A service to honor his Masonic journey will take place. A service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at the Red Hook United Methodist Church, Red Hook, NY.

Memorials may be made in Harry's memory to a local food bank of your choice or to the Masonic Medical Research Institute at <https://www.mmri.edu/ways-to-give/>

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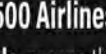
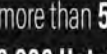
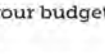
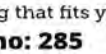
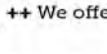
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County, Culinary to host food waste reduction workshop

Encouraging residents to take meaningful steps to protect the environment for future generations, the County’s Division of Solid Waste, in collaboration with the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), has opened the registration process for an innovative and unique pilot Food Waste Reduction Workshop at the CIA campus. Residents are invited to participate in this insightful demonstration of food sustainability, which will educate attendees on effective ways to minimize food waste by creatively repurposing leftovers into delicious new meals. A presentation and cooking demonstration will be provided by Jason Potanovich ’96, Associate Dean – School of Culinary Arts.

Residents can enter online for a chance to attend this educational event, which

the CIA will host on Monday, June 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at its Hyde Park campus.

Due to limited space, attendance for this workshop will be determined through a registration drawing. Residents interested in securing a spot must register by May 16 by visiting the Dutchess County Solid Waste Management website; more information is available by emailing solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or calling (845) 463-6020. The drawing to select attendees will take place on May 19, and those chosen will be notified shortly thereafter.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Food waste is a critical issue, and we are excited to collaborate with the Culinary Institute of America to bring this valuable workshop to our

County residents. This initiative will teach residents how to reduce waste, save money and contribute to a more sustainable future. I encourage all who are interested in reducing food waste and protecting our environment to register for the opportunity to attend this great event.”

As food waste continues to be a growing environmental and economic concern, this event offers an opportunity to learn practical strategies that can be implemented in everyday cooking. This engaging workshop provides a unique opportunity for residents to gain culinary skills, reduce food waste and support a greener, more sustainable community.

Kerry Russell, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Solid Waste Management, said, “Wasting food means

losing a chance to nourish oneself and preserve resources. In the United States, roughly one-third of all our waste is food waste. Cutting down on wasted food reduces our overall waste stream, reduces our carbon footprint, and is an economic savings; it’s a benefit to us all. Come learn how simple actions can make a difference for years to come.”

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management focuses on reducing waste, encouraging recycling and promoting responsible disposal practices. By offering educational programs and community initiatives, the Division strives to foster a more sustainable environment. For further details, residents can visit the Division of Solid Waste Management’s webpage.

Central Hudson announces new leadership to enhance customer service and drive transformation

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), is excited to announce the appointment of two visionary leaders to its executive team, underscoring the utility’s commitment to top-tier customer service and groundbreaking operational strategies. Lauren Preston joins as Chief Customer Services Officer, while Joel Eline steps into the newly created role of Chief Transformation Officer.

Lauren Preston joins Central Hudson with more than 15 years of experience in the regulated utility industry, most recently from Liberty Utilities in Missouri where she served as Vice President of Customer Care. At Liberty, Lauren led comprehensive customer strategy and operations, including billing, business planning, call centers, website transactions, credit and collections, major account billing, meter reading activi-

ties, contract pricing and negotiations, support services, and walk-in office service. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Massachusetts and a Master of Business Administration from Boston College.

Joel Eline moves into the newly created role of Chief Transformation Officer, overseeing critical strategic areas, such as asset management, project governance, vegetation management, data analytics, and exper-

ience assessment. Joel’s experience in the utility sector exceeds 15 years, having led operations, reliability, analytics, and strategic planning initiatives. Prior to joining Central Hudson, Eline founded Spark Data Lab, where he helped organizations leverage advanced analytics to drive performance and innovation. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in Economics and Business Administration from Ursinus College.

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