

Shopping galore
at Rhinebeck
Crafts Festival

If you're looking for a unique art and shopping experience in the Hudson Valley, then don't miss one of the region's most anticipated events, The Rhinebeck Crafts Festival on May 31-June 1 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

The annual event is a celebration of all things handmade, which includes unique contemporary craft and art, gourmet specialty foods, tastings from Hudson Valley distilleries and wineries, craft demonstrations and family activities.



The Rhinebeck Crafts Festival is a maker's festival and runs May 31 and June 1 at the DC Fairgrounds. *Courtesy photo*

Some of America's best modern makers will be traveling from all over the country to exhibit and sell their one-of-a-kind creations. Shoppers can find items they can't find anywhere else upstate like original fashions, accessories, jewelry, home de'cor, furniture, photography and fine art; as well as functional and sculptural works in ceramics, glass, metal, wood, mixed media and more - all handmade and all uncommon!

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HV Nurses Honor Guard:
A passion for caring

Local chapter
seeks new members

By Curtis Schmidt

Karin Graham, an operating room nurse at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, remembers a poignant moment. She had just lost a dear friend and colleague and members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard were on hand at the wake to provide a moving tribute.

"It was so touching. I was immediately taken, it was so beautiful," she said. "I wanted to be part of that group. This would be my way to honor and respect my colleagues in the nursing profession."

The Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard is a group of volunteer nurses who honor and pay tribute to other nurses. They note that any individual can request services to honor their nurse. Their mission is - "Nurses honoring nurses, to ensure no nurse is forgotten."

And they're on a mission to recruit new members. But it's a humble pitch.

Nurses understand - it's not about them. They learn that point early in their training and everyday in their careers. They have witnessed life and its' beauty and loss of life more times than they want



Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard members stand with their banner with the Mid-Hudson Bridge in the background. From left are, Cathy Colon, Kathleen Tappen, Karin Graham, Brenda Taylor, president and founder and Kate Czajka. *Photo by Curtis Schmidt*

to remember—but remembering and honoring is what the Nurses Honor Guard is all about.

"Our reward is to honor and help others. It is a true calling of caring - for our patients and each other," says Brenda Taylor, president of the Hudson Valley chapter. "It isn't about the Honor Guard team as individuals. It is about all of us and our profession. What we do is about those we honor, the families we support

and offer comfort to. It's about community – the communities we live in and of the community in nursing."

The Nurses Honor Guard was first organized in 2003 by the Kansas State Nurses Association and there are over 300 chapters worldwide. Taylor founded the Hudson Valley chapter in 2022 as an all-volunteer non-profit organization.

A recently retired emergency room

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Quaker Meeting House
tours begin June 1

By Craig Marshall



The Oblong Meeting House in Pawling is the oldest preserved Quaker meeting house in Dutchess County. *Courtesy photo*

A first-ever tour of four preserved Quaker meeting houses in Dutchess County will begin on Sunday, June 1. Initiated by the Dutchess County Legislature, it is one of their many funded projects by 19 county historical societies for REV250, the national program celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and beginning this year.

The Quaker Meeting House Tour will feature open

houses with educational exhibits and docent-led tours at four historic meeting houses in Dutchess County: Oblong (1764) in Pawling; Nine Partners (1780) in Millbrook; Creek (1777) in Clinton; and Crum Elbow (1797/1810) in Hyde Park. The four sites will be open on the first Sunday of each month June 1 to Nov. 2 from noon to 4 p.m.

Each meeting house will have a display highlighting its history and the significant role that Quakers have played

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nurse, Taylor worked at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh for many years.

She adds, "I believe nursing is a calling and this mission that we are serving is a different kind of calling. It's a shared mission inspired by nurses we knew as colleagues, as friends and who became family - nurses we admired, respected and mourned. It is a privilege to honor our legacies, both living and deceased. I believe nurses have earned the highest honor, respect and appreciation we can provide."

Taylor says she had wanted to start the local chapter for a number of years. "I lost a couple of good friends who were nurses and I was saddened by the fact that there were no formal honor services for nurses," she said. "I had always been impressed by the services for members of the military and police and fire organizations. But what about nurses?"

So she founded the Hudson Valley chapter and has been leading a growing group of nurses for three years.

The Memorial Service includes a formal standing honor guard with a presentation of the Florence Nightingale Lamp, a commemorative coin, a rose and members recite a nurse's prayer.

They also take part in a variety of public functions and community events, serving as ambassadors for nursing professions and are present for "send offs and welcomes" for Veteran's Honor Flights to Washington DC.

The following are testimonials from four members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard.

• **Kathleen Tappen** retired after a 48-year career at St. Francis and St. Luke Hospitals with a concentration in oncology and hospice care. She recalls seeing many patients pass and losing many fellow nurses over the years.

"As a nurse, to fulfill the wants of a dying patient is such an honor - touched by a nurse."

In regard to the Honor Guard she commented, "This is my way to honor nurses I knew and those I never met - who dedicated their lives for care of others. I am so thrilled to be part of the tributes to remember these wonderful individuals.



Members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard are pictured at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. From left are, Susan Patel, Jennifer Beyer, Jeanne Carfora, Lauretta Colgan, Mary Bettens, Kathleen Tappen, Kate Czajka and Brenda Taylor. *Courtesy photo*

It's such an honor to provide a sense of comfort and peace to families and friends."

• **Karin Graham** has worked as a nurse for 34 years. She remembers losing a co-worker to blood cancer who was only 32. "I remember the first time I witnessed the Florence Nightingale tribute. We stood there holding hands together. It's something that sticks with you forever."

She said the Nurses Honor Guard provides "a different level of reverence," and adds "You face so many sacrifices as a nurse, missing activities with your kids and family. You don't expect a lot of thanks as a nurse, but when it comes, it means everything."

• **Cathy Colon** retired after 35 years as

a nurse to care for mother and is now back working in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Stonybrook University Hospital, Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital and the New Center for Discovery in Harris, Sullivan County.

"I spent lot of time with patients and families. It was an honor to care for them at the time when patients were passing. It's also an honor to care of our own. One of my co-workers, a nurse, passed in 2008. I wish we had this group for her. That's why I want to spread the word and help recruit for the Nurses Honor Guard."

• **Kate Czajka** has worked in the nursing profession for 47 years in intensive care, post-cardiac care, orthopedics, endoscopy and ambulatory surgery. She

was involved in informal Nightingale Tributes while working at Benedictine Hospital in Kingston.

"The tributes were so impressive," she said. "These were our contributions, honoring their professionalism and caring."

The Nurses Honor Guard members also wear the original nurses uniforms during tributes. "This is what we wore for so many years. The uniform feels like coming home again. We worked so hard to earn our stripes," said Czajka.

The Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard serves in six counties to include Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan. For more information, write to nurseshonorguard@gmail.com.

Quaker Meeting House tours begin June 1

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in local history, influenced by their pacifism during the American Revolution, and their commitment to antislavery and women's rights movements. The interiors of the Oblong, Nine Partners, and Crum Elbow meeting houses are near original to their 18th-century construction. Visitors to the Creek Meeting House will

view a special 3D video that portrays the interior of the building as it likely looked in 1777.

When the meeting houses are closed, a posted QR code, when scanned by a smart phone, will link to the QMHT website, giving access to the exhibit material and directions for all four sites.

Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society, noted that the tour will be "... a unique opportunity to see all four historic Quaker Meeting Houses open to the public, showcasing three interiors as the Quakers used them for worship in the 1700s. This is a powerful American story of the free-

dom to practice one's religion without interference and a powerful Dutchess County story given the size of our local Quaker community."

Admission is free. For more information and directions, visit www.meeting-housetour.com.

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County highlights progress during National EMS Week

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino highlighted the essential role of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) during National EMS Week and in the community, as the Department of Emergency Response continues to work on the County Executive's multi-pronged initiative to ensure EMS resources are always available when residents need them most.

"This EMS Week (May 18-24), we recognized the everyday heroes who answer the call when we need them most. The work they do is nothing short of life-saving, and here in Dutchess, we're not just saying thank you — we're investing in real solutions to support them," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "From supplemental coverage to public education and recruitment, we're committed to strengthening our EMS system and making sure help is always there when it's needed."

Earlier this month, Acting Emergency Response Commissioner William Beale presented an update to the Dutchess County Legislature's Public Safety Committee about the various components of the County's EMS initiative — including supplemental ambulance coverage, regional collaboration, workforce recruitment and retention, public education, fly car grants and more.

Supplemental coverage and regional collaboration

In January, the County began contracting with Empress to provide the county-wide supplemental ambulance coverage, with two Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances and one Advanced Life

Support (ALS) Fly Car providing 24/7 coverage. The coverage is providing successful results, with 700 total calls responded to from January through April 2025, with 167 patient transports provided. Calls responded to included 42 individuals with chest pains, 20 individuals with difficulty breathing, 13 seizures, and 3 cardiac arrests.

The County's supplemental service does not replace local primary coverage. It is dispatched by the Dutchess County 911 Communications Center when primary coverage is not available and mutual aid is dispatched. It is designed as a temporary measure, reducing the burden on mutual aid, while long-term solutions are developed in collaboration with local municipalities, fire districts and rescue squads. The supplemental coverage and overall response data is being continuously reviewed and discussed at regional meetings hosted by Serino and the Department of Emergency Response with mayors and supervisors, fire chiefs and commissioners as well as EMS rescue squad captains.

Key performance indicators include:

- Priority 1 call response under 9 minutes 90% reliability
- Priority 1 response time over 15 minutes approaching 0%

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The supplemental coverage is providing much-needed relief in the county's EMS system, enabling public safety dispatchers to get an ambulance on-scene without making multiple dispatch attempts when primary coverage or mutual aid is unavailable. Local resources are thus able to remain in their primary coverage area and not have to be dispatched as mutual aids several towns away.

Public Education

Dutchess County has recently launched a new public education campaign - "EMS Matters: Essential Care. Saving Lives" - highlighting the importance of EMS and educating the public about when to call for an ambulance—and when not to—helping to alleviate some of the stress on the EMS system.

"The public doesn't generally realize how limited the resources are when it comes to EMS," said Beale. "When there is a life-threatening Priority 1 call, we don't want to have ambulances consumed with responding to Priority 4 non-emergency calls."

Residents will see the new messaging on Dutchess County Public Transit buses and local billboards and digital messag-

ing and radio advertising is expected to begin in the coming months. The messaging links to the County's EMS Matters webpages, which includes information about the County's efforts to address EMS challenges; accident prevention and safety resources; as well as information on EMS careers, including scholarship resources and other opportunities.

Fly Car Program

The Fly Car Grant program is also off to a strong start. 10 local fire districts took advantage of the first round of Fly Car grants offered in 2024, each receiving up to \$20,000 for the purchase of life-saving equipment such as automatic chest compression systems for cardiac emergencies for their existing fly car vehicles. These fly cars all now have branded, highly visible recruitment messaging on the rear of the vehicles. Fly car vehicles are often first to the scene of an emergency, and the new equipment helps first responders provide vital patient care until an ambulance arrives. Another round of fly car grant funding is expected later in 2025.

Learn more about Dutchess County's efforts at dutchessny.gov/EMSmatters. The full May 8th presentation to the County Legislature can be viewed online.

Dutchess County Day at Firefighters Home in Hudson

Roosevelt Reading Festival set June 21

On Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host the annual Roosevelt Reading Festival. The day-long program will highlight the recently published work of fourteen authors — including a special afternoon presentation with Richard Breitman, author of *A Calculated Restraint: What Allied Leaders Said about the Holocaust*.

The festival will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event. Registration is not required.

In six concurrent sessions taking place throughout the day, fourteen authors of works that draw upon the Roosevelt Library archives — or focus on the Roosevelt era — will present author talks followed by question-and-answer sessions and book signings. Copies of all the authors' books will be available for sale in the New Deal Store.

The program begins at 9:45 a.m. with coffee and refreshments. A complete list of authors will be available at www.fdrlibrary.org

The event is free and open to the public. Author book signings will be conducted throughout the day, and books will be available for purchase in the New Deal Store.

For additional information about this event, call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.



Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighter's Day at the Firefighters Home in Hudson was held on May 18. Once a year Firefighters make the trip up to Hudson to visit the residents at the Firefighters Home. It's a day with a barbecue for the members at the home and other Firefighters. Also, that day gifts are presented to the home for the benefit of the members. In attendance today were representatives from the following Departments: Chelsea Fire Company, Hillside Lake Fire Company, Hughsonville, J.H.Ketcham Hose Company, Millbrook Fire Department, New Hackensack FD, New Hamburg FD, Pawling FD, Pleasant Valley FD, Rhinebeck FD, and Rombout FD. Photo by Vinny Galvin

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DMV, unpaid tolls are latest scams; here are tips

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office advises the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas to beware of scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

In the latest scam, the perpetrators pose as the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and send the victim a text or email. The text/email tells the victim that they have unpaid tolls, and that if the tolls aren't paid by the next day their vehicle's registration will be suspended. A link is then provided, which when clicked will re-direct the person to a fraudulent DMV website.

The Sheriff's Office offers the following general tips to help people avoid these scams:

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, it's very likely a scam.

- If you receive correspondence from someone that you don't know and they instruct you to keep the matter confidential

and not tell anyone about it, it's most likely a scam.

- Emails or text messages that contain misspelled words, grammatical errors, don't make sense, or are sent at odd hours – for example the middle of the night - are most likely scams.

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.

- If you receive an email or text about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money, call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone you don't know asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, provide remote computer access, enter a code, or click on a link given to you by them, use caution as it is likely a scam.

- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call back

number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

- If a loved one has recently passed away, be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases, someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call/email/letter you've received, contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, so be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam, once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsohints@gmail.com.



RED HOOK VFW LAUNCHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Members of the Red Hook VFW Post 7765 officially launched their 5-Year Capital Campaign Fund Drive for \$715,000 recently. Standing with the progress sign showing 25% goal reached are from left, Richard Wambach and Theresa Reed, campaign co-chairs, Troy Haley, Quartermaster and Jon Conroe, Commander. A town wide letter and pledge form requesting donations will arrive in Red Hook residents' mailboxes by May 30-31. Photo by Thomas Sullivan

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County offers Drowning Prevention Seminars

With the summer swimming season quickly approaching, the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) is hosting Drowning Prevention Seminars to raise awareness about how to quickly identify a swimmer in distress. These seminars are open to lifeguards, people who have supervision responsibilities for swimming activities, as well as residents interested in protecting loved ones.

“Drowning looks very different in real life than it does in the movies. Knowing the signs of drowning and always staying vigilant helps keep summer fun and safe to enjoy,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “Our Health Department’s annual Drowning Prevention Seminars teach you how to recognize the signs of struggle and help prevent drownings.”

Drowning is often “silent” with very little splashing or cries for help. Distressed swimmers cannot call out for help because they are struggling to breathe. However, there are predictable movement patterns/signs of drowning and DCDOH’s Drowning Prevention Seminars teach people how to identify the patterns of drowning and act quickly to save a drowning swimmer.

The presentation will offer guidance for supervising swimmers, how to identify swimmers in distress, an informative video on drowning victim recognition, and a time to discuss lifeguard duties and

responsibilities as they relate to DCDOH regulations. All participants who successfully complete the program will be awarded a certificate of attendance.

2025 Drowning Prevention Seminar dates are as follows:

Friday, June 13, 2 p.m. - Open to lifeguards ONLY: Ramapo For Children, 22 Camp Ramapo Road, Town of Rhinebeck;

Friday, June 20, 4 p.m. , Beekman Recreation, 29 Recreation Center Road, Town of Beekman;

The schedule can also be found online at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Drowning-Prevention.htm>. Check back often as additional dates may be added or locations/times changed after publication.

Seating for the seminars is limited. To make a reservation, contact DCDOH, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (845) 486-3404 or ehs@dutchessny.gov. The Department asks that reservations are made at least two days prior to the event. Please direct all information requests to the DCDOH and not the individual seminar sites.

Facilities interested in setting up a training session for lifeguards or members of a homeowners’ association may also contact the Department.

To learn more about the Dutchess County Department of Health, visit dutchessny.gov/health.

Aymar-Blair to host Town Hall May 28 at Millbrook Library

The Office of the Dutchess County Comptroller announces an event being hosted by Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair on Wednesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

At this Comptroller’s Town Hall,

Aymar-Blair will present significant findings of recent reports, such as “Dutchess County’s Federal Funds Profile,” the final update report on COVID-19 relief funding, and all the latest news from the Office of the Comptroller.

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Shopping galore at Rhinebeck Crafts Festival

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The Rhinebeck Crafts Festival is a celebration of all things handmade, which includes unique contemporary craft and art, gourmet specialty foods, tastings from Hudson Valley distilleries and wineries, craft demonstrations and family activities. *Courtesy photo*

Visitors can taste small batch gourmet specialties, enjoy Hudson Valley distillery and winery tastings and watch craft demonstrations and can experience fun family activities like face painting and balloon-animal-making stilt walkers! They can also choose from a multitude of lunch options like crepes, Greek, Mexican and more, plus favorites like

hamburgers, sausages and ice cream! Show hours are Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is free and the show is held indoors and outdoors, rain or shine. While we love our furry friends, no pets are allowed within the fairgrounds. Additional details available at artrider.com.

Bulkeley Drama Club to present comic take on Conan Doyle classic



From left: Bulkeley Middle School students Julio Cirell (Seldin), Charlotte Yamashita (Maiden/Ensemble), and Adelina Knapp (Laura Lyons) rehearse for their upcoming performances of “The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Comic Thriller Starring Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson,” set May 31 and June 1 at the Rhinebeck High School Auditorium. *Courtesy photo*

The Bulkeley Middle School (BMS) Drama Club will present “The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Comic Thriller Starring Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson,” adapted by Kent R. Brown and inspired by the novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The show is a family-friendly and fast-paced mystery full of slapstick comedy. Performances are set Saturday, May 31, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m., at the Joseph L. Phelan Auditorium at Rhinebeck High School, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens. Visit <https://our.show/bmshounds> to purchase.

Synopsis:

Sherlock Holmes and his faithful sidekick, Dr. John Watson, have left on an extended holiday throughout Europe, leaving their nieces—Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson—to keep an eye on the famous flat at 221B Baker Street. Shirley, studying logic, and Jennie, studying medicine, are busy preparing for upcoming exams when there’s a knock on the door. It’s Dr. Maxine Mortimer and Sir Henry Baskerville, who’ve come to seek the assistance of the famous

Sherlock Holmes.

Sir Charles Baskerville has died a mysterious death. Is he the most recent victim of the Curse of the Baskervilles—a curse linked to the nightmarish tales of a supernatural hound that haunts the murky moors of Devonshire? But wait, there’s more! The young Sir Henry, the only surviving heir to the Baskerville legacy, has received a threat against his life.

Something must be done! There’s no time to recall Holmes and Watson from their trip.

“We’re all you’ve got,” says Shirley. “We’re up to the challenge,” chimes Jennie.

And indeed they are! In this fast-paced adaptation, full of wailing hounds, thundering hooves, and the slithering mists of the moor, Shirley and Jennie follow the trail of evidence and intrigue until, at last, they are confronted by the ravenous Hound itself!

The BMS production is directed by Vera Perry in partnership with The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, funded by the Rhinebeck Central School District, and supported by the Rhinebeck Parent Teacher Student Organization.

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The case for what could be MLB's newest city

Editor's note: Writer Morgan E. Maier takes a detailed look at expansion plans in Major League Baseball.

By Morgan E. Maier

A sports movement is brewing in Raleigh, NC. Just 90 minutes east of where the Winston-Salem Dash play their High-A home games, baseball fans and government officials are pushing a new sports product. As commissioner Rob Manfred fields calls to expand the league before 2029, Major League Baseball has one prime spot for the newest club: North Carolina's Research Triangle.

Though the Durham Bulls (né Tobacconists) have ruled the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill baseball scene for over a century, a grassroots movement calls on MLB to join them. Bring MLB to Raleigh (MLB Raleigh) is a nonprofit community endeavor.

As expansion grows in popularity, fans expect that the MLB's newest teams will be placed on the continental coasts. Alongside Nashville and Montreal, Raleigh has emerged as a frontrunner for the East.

Montreal just isn't the fit for this moment. As shown by the Toronto Blue Jays' plummet down the American League East standings, one

baseball team is enough for Canada. And Nashville, the rapidly growing destination for bachelorette parties and musicians, may not be the answer either.

According to MLB Raleigh data, the Triangle's metro population of 2,100,000+ sits in line with established major league markets. With three points of population in a single commuter area, college students, families, and scientists alike can enjoy America's pastime at the major league level. While Little League participation flourishes in Raleigh, North Carolina's professional teams in Charlotte are slipping from fan interest. And with the closest MLB team four hours away, across state lines, why not Raleigh?

Cities with existing hockey fan bases are likely to capture the expansion MLB team. With nearly opposite seasons of baseball, hockey fans waiting for October's return could catch a ballgame. While many North American cities have fallen short of a franchise for a lack of necessary financial backing, Raleigh has a start.

MLB Raleigh has steadfast support from Tom Dundon, the owner of the Carolina Hurricanes in the National Hockey League. The Hurricanes are four wins from a Stanley Cup Finals appearance, which could bode well

for Dundon's future sports venture.

In Carolina's September press conference introducing new CEO Brian Fork, the Hurricanes publicly announced plans to support an MLB contender.

"Tom (Dundon) is very serious about pursuing that opportunity, bringing it (MLB) here to Raleigh, and we'll be taking a lead, helping him on the corporate side and business side," Fork said.

In his first five months as North Carolina's governor, Josh Stein has inherited the MLB bug from his predecessor, Roy Cooper. Cooper was the first to call legislative attention to the movement, for the good of the state, the growth of the region. And for the prosperity of the city.

"[W]e've talked with folks at the Hurricanes, and I've talked with Tom Dundon. I'm thrilled at the possibility. I'm a baseball fan and would love to have a major league team here," Stein told the Triangle Business Journal.

In the wake of Hurricane Helene's devastation across the state, MLB Raleigh has potential to continue the growing North Carolina economy. The mid-sized city of Raleigh continues to grow in population, but not in metro appeal. And though Dundon was once estimated to be a billionaire, he cannot be the sole shareholder or

investor in such a project. The lack of Fortune 500 companies in the Triangle is a deep concern in establishing a team.

As one of the NHL's most hands-on owners according to the Sports Business Journal, it's not surprising Dundon is taking the same approach with Raleigh's baseball movement. With the rights to develop around the Hurricanes' home arena, Dundon could build a small market sports park to rival the four-sport cities. Think Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago.

MLB hasn't established a team since the Tampa Bay (Devil) Rays in 1998. Yet the emergence of St. Petersburg's hometown ball club took 20 years. The idea took flight in the 1970s, then stadium construction began in the '80s. The city had patience and persistence on its side. After an entire decade or two, a couple years' wait means little.

MLB has a larger issue at hand than expansion. The Athletics, awaiting relocation to Las Vegas, are playing in Sacramento's Triple-A stadium. And until Tropicana Field's damages from Hurricane Milton are repaired, the Rays are leasing the Yankees' minor league field in Tampa.

Until 30 teams have 30 major league parks to call home, Raleigh waits to play ball.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
	Greensboro PIT	29	13	.690	-	7-3	W2
	Brooklyn NYM	27	13	.675	1.0	8-2	W1
	Hudson Valley NYY	27	14	.659	1.5	5-5	W1
	Aberdeen BAL	16	25	.390	12.5	4-6	L4
	Wilmington WSH	16	25	.390	12.5	6-4	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI	15	24	.385	12.5	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
	Bowling Green TB	22	20	.524	-	4-6	L1
	Hub City TEX	22	20	.524	-	5-5	W2
	Rome ATL	22	20	.524	-	4-6	L2
	Asheville HOU	19	23	.452	3.0	5-5	L2
	Greenville BOS	19	23	.452	3.0	5-5	W1
	Winston-Salem CWS	14	28	.333	8.0	3-7	L1

Stats as of 5/22/25



Home Schedule

May			
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 Milk: 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
July			
07/01/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/02/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!
07/08/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Cider Donuts: Dusty's Revenge, Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA





RENEGADES FEATURE

Roc Riggio excites Renegades fans with with running, hitting

By Morgan E. Maier

Since returning from injury on May 6, infielder Roc Riggio has reminded fans what he means to the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Continuing last year's efficiency on the base paths, Riggio stole two bags from the Winston-Salem Dash on May 21, bringing his season total to 3. What he lacks in physical speed, Riggio makes up for in his ability to make quick reads and advance 90 feet. In 2024, he led the team with 27 stolen bases, ten ahead of the team's second-most total (Garrett Martin, 17). Riggio also led the team in hits (88), doubles (27), and triples (5).

Beginning the season as MLB.com's 27th ranked prospect in the Yankees organization, Riggio has jumped three spots in the season's first month. With the sight of a rocking ballpark, Renegades fans have welcomed their second baseman - and his bat - with open arms.

Riggio was originally drafted by Milwaukee in 2021, but was committed to play collegiately at Oklahoma State University. As a Cowboy, Riggio was described as a spark plug for the dugout, especially during their magical College World Series run in 2022. Riggio caught the attention of the Yankees, who took him in the fourth round the following year. Before his pro career began, Riggio played at the international level from the age of 11, winning gold as a member of Team USA's U15 squad in 2017.

Now in his second full High-A Hudson Valley season, second baseman Riggio

still fits in with the crowd. Fans, teammates, and Facebook comments alike praise Roc's achievements in his young career.

Though a hand injury kept him off the field until May 6, Riggio's bat has the remarkable pop from last season. Since returning from a two-game rehab stint in the rookie league, Riggio has a respectable .295/.456/.750 split in 44 at-bats. He's hit five balls out of the park since returning to High-A, with 14 RBI on 13 hits. Riggio continues reaching milestones, notching his first career multi-home run game at home against the Aberdeen IronBirds on May 17.

Also a talented lead-off hitter, Riggio has a knack for getting on base. And crushing the baseball. In addition to the thievery of May 21, he reached base five times, going 2-2 with a home run and four scored runs. After working 71 walks in 106 games in 2024, Riggio has continued to establish discipline at the plate. A mainstay at the top of the batting order, Riggio posts a 1.206 OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage). In all, he's constantly conjuring momentum for the eight hitters behind him.

His first minor league defensive coach compared him to Brett Gardner, gritty outfielder who was the last man standing from the Yankees' 2009 title team. Others see in Riggio a striking resemblance to Boston's beloved Dustin Pedroia.

Just 22 years old, Roc's fit to blaze his own trail to the pros. For now, the Valley is rocking with Riggio.



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades rebound vs. Dash; prepare for homestand

By Morgan E. Maier

In a shortened edition of the usual Hudson Valley Renegades recap, three key weekday matchups highlight the season's sole series in Winston-Salem. In this inter-division matchup, the Dash ran away with the first two games before the Renegades finally made a stand on Thursday night.

Single run support

Kyle Carr started game 1, and was given a similar result to the season. Six unanswered Dash runs dropped Carr's record to 0-2, in his second straight start allowing 4 runs.

In 30.1 Carr innings this year, the Renegades have scored just 8 runs to back up their starter.

Josh Moylan continued his recent hot hitting streak, saving his team from being shut out on the road. Moylan's RBI double put Hudson Valley ahead in the second, a lead that couldn't stick around past the fourth inning. Final: Dash 6, Renegades 1.

They took two, too.

On May 21, Hudson Valley couldn't hold on to an early 2-0 lead once Carlos Lagrange submitted to a four-run bottom of the first inning. After 6 earned runs by Lagrange, the Renegades knotted it at six,

then took a 8-6 lead on a Roc Riggio home run. Renegades relief pitching gave up 5 runs in the final three home frames to put the Dash ahead 11-8.

Third time's the charm?

The Renegades finally prevailed on May 22. With 13 runs, Hudson Valley outscored the previous games' performances combined. Winston-Salem's 1-0 lead was negated by Riggio's fourth home run of the series, and the 'Gades were off. Hudson Valley took 4-2 lead through the seventh, where the offense broke the game open. With 9 runs in the final third of the game, the Renegades

turned the tables from Wednesday's back-inning blowout, capturing the series' first win in their own offensive masterpiece.

Coby Morales also joined the hitting heroics, going 4-5 with a home run (4), two doubles, plus three RBI. A triple away from the cycle, Morales was marvelous. Riggio, Parks Harber and Jackson Castillo drove in a pair of runs each. Bryce Warrecker sent the Dash out quietly in the bottom of the ninth, as Benn Hess improved to 4-2 on the year.

The Renegades are at home this week with games against Wilmington at Heritage Financial Park.

Kirchhoff hosts National Town Builders Association roundtable

Kirchhoff welcomed developers, architects and planners from across the country as host of the National Town Builders Association's (NTBA) recent roundtable – the first ever held in New York State.

As a recognized leader and regional expert, Kirchhoff guided NTBA members through a dynamic program centered around its projects that have implemented design and planning principles of New Urbanism; walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and communities that foster a sense of place and community. Centered around the theme New Urbanism in the Hudson Valley, New York, the event showcased the real estate investment firm's deep understanding of the area's historical significance and its future potential.

Roundtable highlights included expert-led discussions around topics such as planning and architecture, financial performance, marketing and entitlements, among others, at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. Additionally, attendees took part in walking tours of both Eastdale Village and Tradition @ Red Hook, two of Kirchhoff's groundbreaking projects, as well as historic site tours of local landmarks including Vanderbilt Mansion and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Estate and Library, offering participants a rich blend of history, innovation and design excellence in the Hudson Valley.



Participants of the Spring 2025 National Town Builders Association Roundtable Event gather outside on the green at Kirchhoff's project Tradition @ Red Hook. *Courtesy photo*

Levine & Levine, PLLC elevates Mossey, Tramaglini to Partner

Levine & Levine, PLLC has announced the elevation of attorney Meghan B. Mossey, an associate of the firm since 2022, to partner, and the addition of attorney Christopher S. Tramaglini, joining the firm as a partner.

Mossey and Tramaglini each bring a depth of knowledge of the law, an unwavering commitment to providing excellent service to our clients, and a dedication to serve our community in ways both meaningful and significant.

Mossey has been a practicing attorney for more than 15 years and has been an associate attorney with Levine & Levine since 2022. She continues her practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate transactions, commercial and



Meghan B. Mossey

residential lending, land use and developmental approval process, commercial purchases and sales, leasing, trusts, wills and estate administration, and general corporate law. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, and is a member of the Mid-Hudson Valley Mortgage Bankers Association, the New York State Bar Association, Dutchess County Bar Association, and the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association.

Tramaglini has been a practicing attorney for more than 15 years. Chris earned his Bachelor's Degree from Iona College (now Iona University) in 2001 and his Juris Doctorate from Pace Law School (now the Elisabeth Haub School of Law of Pace University) in 2005. Chris brings a broad depth of knowledge in the areas of commercial law and business transactions, leasing, NYS liquor license appli-

cations, commercial and residential real estate, estate administration and litigation, estate planning, probate, administration and will contests, accounting, genealogical research, civil litigation and personal injury. Chris has been serving his community as a town judge in the Town of Beekman since elected to that position in November 2023. He joins us as a former partner with the Tarrytown law firm Grossbach, Grossbach, Tramaglini & Hayes, P.C.

Levine & Levine, PLLC, is a full service law firm located in Poughkeepsie and has been serving the greater Hudson Valley since 1932. Managing partners Dale J. Lois and Niki Pagones Quinn continue to build its team of exceptional and talented lawyers across our offices who are well positioned to carry the firm's values and culture forward while contributing to its legacy.



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Red Hook Eat & Go concert series to open May 30

Baright Associates sponsors the annual Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, which kicks off this Friday, May 30, at 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Folks are encouraged to purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining.

The series runs Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. through September. See the Facebook event page for updates and more information.

The schedule:

- May 30: Roadhouse '60s Band
Classic songs from the Sixties
- June 6: Payne's Grey Sky: American roots band from across the river in Kingston
- June 13: Hurley Mountain Highway Band: Cornwall, NY-based quartet plays the finest '60s and '70s (and beyond) pop-rock "feel-good music" around.
- June 20: NY Funk Alliance Band: Classic Motown, R&B, funk, blues, rock and originals
- June 27: Willie Amrod Band: Willie Amrod has been playing for decades with some of the best musicians in the world. He opened for Janis Joplin, and for Levon Helm at the old Lone Star NYC.
- July 4: Painted Blue Sky: Five-piece '70s Southern rock band
- July 11: The Tailgate Band: Country rock

- July 18: Soul Purpose: Classic and contemporary soul, New Orleans funk, swing, R&B and jazz
- July 25: Soul City: Five-piece band brings the best Motown, funk, and R&B hits of the past.
- Aug. 1: Billyrock Band: Great mix of rockabilly and classic AM gold favorites
- Aug. 8: Judith Tulloch Band: Pop, soft rock & world music, with vocals, guitar, flute, bass & percussion
- Aug. 15: The Crew: A band of veteran NY musicians that'll move you. Three great lead singers do seven decades of rock, pop, & soul hits.
- Aug. 22: Circus of Wolves: Alternative/indie-rock ensemble creates a highly distinctive musical fusion, rock, folk, soul, jazz and Brazilian influences; all rolled up into unforgettable, hum-able melodies with tight vocal and instrumental arrangements.
- Aug. 29: The Deadbeats: Playing Grateful Dead in the Hudson Valley & Capital District for 33 years
- Sept. 5: T McCann Band: Eclectic group of gentlemen musicians, known for their lively stage shows
- Sept. 12: Wyld Blu: Alana Wyld & Wyld Blu serve up their blues with a generous side order of rhythm, heart and soul. The menu is rich, reflecting a variety of influences from classic and Texas blues, rock, boogie, R&B – even splash- es of country flavor.
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The Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series begins this Friday with the Roadhouse '60s Band. Get take-out from a local eatery and bring it along while enjoying live music. *Courtesy photo*

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By David Kalvitis

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Three intriguing Dutchess County names

I have been intrigued by several location names since moving to Dutchess County. People who’ve lived here their whole lives might not think much about the labels. But I was compelled to investigate and find out why were they so christened.

Local historians are valuable resources who have spent years investigating bygone times in this area. My contribution with this column is merely as a recent arrival interested in some of the more unique names and how the backstories of those monikers can be employed in education. Learning about the derivation of area names in a community can be a great conversation starter and helpful when teachable moments present themselves.

New York has lots of historic places

New York has 270 National Historic Landmarks, the most of any state. Nearly half of those landmarks are in Dutchess County! I found it helpful to review the history of Dutchess County within the larger state of New York before delving into specific location names.

Before there was a Dutchess County

The first peoples to live in present-day New York are estimated to have arrived in 10,000 BC. Around AD 800, the Iroquois’ ancestors moved into the area from the Appalachians. The predecessors of the Algonquian peoples also lived in the region. By around 1100, the Iroquoian-speaking and Algonquian-speaking cultures that would eventually be encountered by Europeans had developed.

The Age of Exploration brought Europeans to the Americas. The land that includes present-day New York was a Dutch Colony known as New Netherland from 1614-1674. When the British con-

quered New Netherland, the colony and major city were renamed New York, in honor of the Duke of York.

The British considered the King to be the only source of legal title. Therefore, previous land purchases made from the Indians were invalidated. Large tracts of land in Dutchess County were divided among men of money and influence. Those land “patents” were granted to them by the British crown. The “proprietors” of those patents then conveyed smaller land allotments to others. Over time, towns developed.

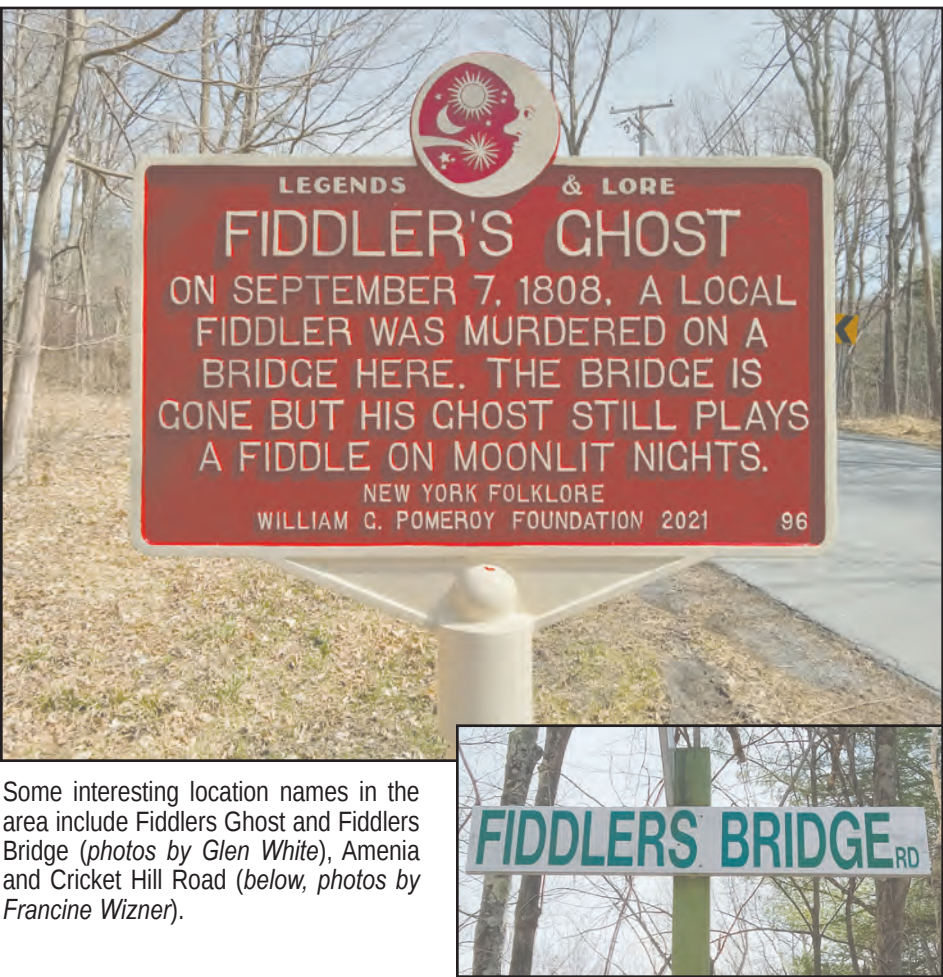
The names of the land patents are reflected in Dutchess locations today. They include Rombout, Nine Partners’, Rhinebeck, Beekman, and Oblong. Beyond those historical names, there are others that are quite unique, such as Crum Elbow, Shekomeko, and Spackenkill. But, here are the three most intriguing Dutchess names, in the view of the HV Naturalist.

#3: Fiddlers Bridge Road

The road connecting Pleasant Plains to Schultsville commemorates a rather macabre event. According to legend, in 1808, a fiddler, who played at local dances, was murdered. His body was abandoned on a bridge, which has since been removed—but the road’s name refers to its former presence.

#2: Amenia

The Latin word amoena means “beautiful.” This name was coined by Thomas Young in 1762 when the precinct was formed. Young was a physician, poet, a writer of political pamphlets, and a Latin scholar, who also gave the State of Vermont its name: for the Green (“vert”) Mountains (“mont”) within the state. He also participated in the Boston Tea Party.



Some interesting location names in the area include Fiddlers Ghost and Fiddlers Bridge (photos by Glen White), Amenia and Cricket Hill Road (below, photos by Francine Wizner).

#1: Cricket Hill Road

Cricket Hill, at Buena Park in Chicago, is an artificial hill, built in 1948. It is 45 feet high. One explanation for the hill’s moniker is that the location was formerly a cricket field. Another fun, if morbid, possibility, is that three elephants were killed in a circus train collision in the 1800s. One of the elephants is buried beneath the hill.

New York State Route 22 connects with Old Route 22 by way of Cricket Hill Road in Dover. The hill is 538 feet high, nearly twelve times the size of the hill in Chicago. Ergo, the other two circus elephants are probably buried in Dover. (All of the elephants performed under the stage name Cricket.)

But, seriously...

Documenting locations near where you live can help you understand the area

better. It certainly did for me. Check out the places near you and learn how they came to be a part of your home. Maybe they’ve experienced some changes. There are probably aspects about them that remain unchanged. Explore how and why your geography exists as it does today!

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The works of I-Station art students will be on display from June 1 to 15 at Taste Budd's Cafe in Red Hook. Above: I-Station's Monday session group is pictured with works in progress (from left to right): Brielle Boivin, Tadeo Costa, Vivienne Petkos, Scarlett Robinson, Nora Saksa, Remy Gilmour. *Courtesy photo*

Something simple but profound; that's what the intention was with this heart-warming installation on "Love" by I-Station art students opening June 1 at Taste Budds Cafe in Red Hook. Enchanting abstract sculptural forms will hang throughout from above; and the effect will be an immersive experience.

Upon the wall will be watercolors and drawings on the same subject, some painted with coffee and various teas, in keeping with the cafe theme.

This exhibit runs through June 15.

For more information, contact I-Station Art at istationstudio3@gmail.com or (646) 306-2520.



Coffee & Tea Paintings that will be displayed include (clockwise from above left) "Goddess holding Lotus Flower" by Vivienne Petkos (6th grade); "Lady in Pink" by Brielle Boivin (5th grade); and "The Soul Dragon" by Tadeo Costa (6th grade). *Courtesy images*

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLAYERS SETS OPEN AUDITIONS FOR SHAKESPEARE'S 'AS YOU LIKE IT' JUNE 7-8

Columbia County Players will hold open auditions on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, from 2 to 5 p.m., for its free community production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," to be performed at the Churchtown Dairy Round Barn this August.

Auditions will take place at the Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front St., Hudson.

Whether you're an aspiring actor, singer, dancer, juggler, or someone who has never set foot on a stage, you are warmly invited to open auditions for this joyful production. All sizes, ages, professions, backgrounds, and experience levels are welcome!

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For more information, email casting@columbiacountyplayers.com.

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. 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. Includes glassware, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor & more. www.artsmidhudson.org or 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. (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. Pictured: "Aurora" by Kate Masters

Darryl's Boutique, 18A Market St., Rhinebeck. "Keep Your Vibration High," an

exhibit of paintings by Theresa Corrigan. (845) 876-8800

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>

Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. **Sat., May 31:** Opening for the 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition, 4-6 p.m. RSVPs encouraged. Free admission. Curated by Hilary Greene, the 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition presents visitors with a compelling combination of visual art from the past and our present day in our Lobby Galley and on our outdoor grounds. See contemporary works by acclaimed Hudson Valley and New York City artists, and two, newly installed bronze works by world renowned 20th-century sculptor, Gaston Lachaise. (845) 757-5106 or www.kaatsbaan.org

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. (845) 677-3611 or www.millbrooklibrary.org

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 9:** "Art in the Loft," a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring the work 16 Arts Mid-Hudson member artists. On view daily, noon-5 p.m. Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft>

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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Smithfield Chamber Orchestra to offer 'Pops' Concert May 31

The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra will present its fifth annual Spring Pops Concert on Saturday, May 31, at 3 p.m., at The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia. The event, which offers an eclectic mix of classical, pop and jazz, is part of the church's Bang Family Concert Series.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 to keep this music program going, but everyone is welcome to attend, and children are free. For more information, visit www.TheSmithfieldChurch.org/concerts. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Five years ago, the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra performed its first concert, the earliest indoor concert in

Dutchess County on the heels of the pandemic. At that time, eight professional wind and string players played a program of classical music with unique arrangements by Director Matt Finley. Since then, with the strong support of the Smithfield community and sponsorship by The Bang Family Concert Series, the group has grown to 13 musicians who perform twice each year.

The orchestra has four strings, four woodwinds, trumpet and trombone, a jazz rhythm section, and a conductor. Music selection has evolved to include jazz, pop, holiday and film music in addition to classical, with all songs short enough that the program retains interest

for everyone.

The annual Spring Pops Concert features an eclectic program of source material drawn from a jazz quartet to a symphony orchestra, a solo guitar to a British brass band, an opera to a movie, and a jazz big band to a full concert band.

Director Finley says, "Our performances have explored music from many genres to take advantage of our strengths and interests. We have only one short run-through which keeps our performances spontaneous and exciting."

This year the audience will recognize pieces such as Leroy Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday," "Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst; "Caravan" as performed

by Duke Ellington; “Rio” by Brazilian Bossa Nova pioneer Roberto Menescal; “Fiddler on the Roof”; and “Pure Imagination” from Willy Wonka.

The performers: Walter Barrett – trombone; Lynnette Benner – flute; Michelle Demko – flute; Matt Finley - trumpet, arranger, director; Matt Garrity – drums; Charles Gray - clarinet, sax; Larry Ham – piano; Piotr Kargul – viola; Milt Lee – conductor and trumpet; Rob Murphy – violin; Lou Pappas - double bass; Kay Sutka – clarinet; and Jean Vilkelis – cello.

Visit www.thesmithfieldchurch.org or email thesmithfieldchurch@gmail.com for more information.

**LOOK FOR LOVE TO COOK
IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE**

Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



Free sensory-sensitive showing of 'How to Train Your Dragon' on June 14

As part of Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to build an inclusive community for those with disabilities, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites families and residents of all abilities to a free sensory-sensitive screening of "How to Train Your Dragon" on Saturday, June 14, at Lyceum Cinemas, 15 Old Farm Road in Red Hook. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the movie will begin at 10:30 a.m. Registration for this free event is required, and residents can register online at dutchessny.gov/movie.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “We’re thrilled to bring this sensory-friendly movie experience to Red Hook, providing a fun and inclusive atmosphere for neighbors of all abilities. This free event is thoughtfully designed to ensure everyone can relax and enjoy

‘How to Train Your Dragon’ in a comfortable and welcoming setting.”The theater will modify lighting and sound levels to create a more comfortable experience for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and those with sensory sensitivities. Closed captioning will also be provided.

This free event is open to individuals, families and support organizations. Concessions will be available for purchase; outside food and beverages are not allowed.

Dutchess County's Think DIFFERENTLY initiative is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for people of all abilities. For more information or to view upcoming events, visit www.thinkdifferently.net.

Open call for 'Beyond the Rainbow' exhibition

Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH), in collaboration with Big Gay Hudson Valley (BGHV), are holding an open call for artists for the upcoming exhibition “Beyond the Rainbow: Highlighting LGBTQIA+ Stories,” opening July 10, 2025, at the AMH Gallery in Poughkeepsie. This exhibition will celebrate the diverse voices, experiences, and resilience of the LGBTQIA+ community through a wide range of visual and performance-based artworks.

Artists working in all mediums are encouraged to submit work that reflects on themes of identity, expression, love, community, and the ongoing contributions of queer individuals. Submissions are welcome from both LGBTQIA+ artists and allies whose work thoughtfully explores or uplifts these narratives.

Submission requirements

- Open to all artistic disciplines, including visual, performing, written, digital, video, traditional, and experimental mediums.
- Minimum of two submissions required for 2-D, 3-D, and written work. 2-D work must measure between 8" x 8" and 36" x 48". 3-D work must not exceed 17 inches in any dimension. Written work should fit on one 8 1/2 x 11 page (12pt font) and will be

printed and mounted by AMH.

- Sculpture display space is limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (15 inches max in any dimension).
- Video and digital work will be displayed on a monitor.
- Proposals for performance-based work are welcome; AMH will consult on feasibility.
- Submissions must be suitable for public gallery display.
- Artists understand that AMH does not provide insurance for artwork.
- AMH retains a 25% commission on sold work.

Eligibility:

Emerging and established artists residing primarily in Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, or Westchester counties are eligible to apply.

Timeline:

Submission Deadline: June 13
Notification of Acceptance: June 20
Artwork Drop-off: June 26-27
Exhibition Dates: July 10 – September 7
Artwork Pickup: September 7 and 9
More information/to apply: www.artsmidhudson.org/beyond-the-rainbow

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A & E CALENDAR

May 29: Local Authors Event, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Lilli Taylor, “TURNING TO BIRDS: The Power and Beauty of Noticing,” in conversation with Susan Fox Rogers, 6:30 p.m. Presented by Oblong Books in partnership with Morton Memorial Library. Tickets required. Admission only: \$10. Admission with book: \$32 - includes one hardcover copy of “Turning to Birds.” Register at www.oblongbooks.com. (845) 876-0500, events@oblongbooks.com

May 29-31: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. May 29: Latin Dance, 7 p.m. Beacon Dance Beat plays a wide array of Latin rhythmic styles, including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Bolero and MAS. Singles, couples, friends, newcomers – all are welcome. All seats \$15. May 30: Aztec Two-Step 2.0 performing The Simon & Garfunkel Songbook and ATS fan favorites, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. May 31: Back to the Garden 1969’s 16th Anniversary Show, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

May 30-Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local

eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Roadhouse ’60s Band, Classic songs from the Sixties. More info on the Facebook event page.

May 31: Concerts Con Brio, Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie. Oxalis Trio presents “Sounds of Spring,” Chamber Music for Flute, Oboe, and Piano performed by Carl Gutowski, Zachary Pulse, and Alexandra Beliakovich, 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$25. www.christchurchpok.org

May 31: Spring “Pops” Concert Featuring The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra, The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. (Rte. 83), Amenia. The Bang Family Concert Series hosts the performance of The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Matt Finley, 3 p.m. Program includes an eclectic mix of classical, pop and jazz. Suggested donation \$20; children are free. www.TheSmithfieldChurch.org/concerts

May 31: “Trekking Mexico,” Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, Pine Plains. An interactive cultural adventure for the whole family, 2 p.m. Vibrant, multimedia performance by the acclaimed ensemble Mexico

Beyond Mariachi. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children. thestissingcenter.org

May 31-June 1: American Ballet Theatre Studio Company, Black Box Theater, Studio Complex, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Experience the next generation of ballet stars with the American Ballet Theatre Studio Company. The Studio Company presents a dynamic program featuring both classical and contemporary works. Performances: Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$45 GA, \$25 students with ID. www.kaatsbaan.org

May 31-June 1: Rhinebeck Crafts Festival, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck. Find handmade and uncommon items from 165+ makers. Indoor and outdoor booths. Hours: Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$11 general, \$10 seniors (62+), \$4 ages 6-16; free ages 5 & younger. www.artrider.com

May 31-June 22: Fairy Houses at Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. The event, formerly known as Fairy House Hunt, features whimsical fairy houses and gnome homes. Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Last ticket entry at 2 p.m. Advance tickets: \$12 per person (adults and children ages 4 and older). Children under 4 are free. Tickets \$15 at

the door, if available. www.lgny.org

June 4: Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt Mansion NHS, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Recreation presents free concerts held alternately at Vanderbilt Mansion and Staatsburgh SHS (a.k.a. Mills Mansion), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week: The Hyde Park Central School District Band. For inclement weather locations & other updates, call (845) 229-8086 or check Hyde Park Recreation on Facebook.

June 4: Needlework Mounting Workshop, Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild of America, presents Deborah Smith, one of our members, who will be presenting a hands-on workshop to learn an alternative-to-lacing mounting technique, suitable for framing. Students will learn how to prepare needlework in a way that reduces stress on the fabric. Small practice kits available. NOTE: NO completed stitch pieces are necessary, and Non-members are asked to pay \$5 at the door for each kit. This program is from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10am or come for this program only. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillIGA or email EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

Powerhouse Season announced

Now in its 39th season, Powerhouse at Vassar College brings together some of today’s most influential theatrical voices and welcomes the next generation of theater artists as members of the Training Company. Check out this year’s lineup of new plays and musicals, all of which are open to the public and many of which are free.

Tickets for the Mainstage and Workshops are available online starting May 29 at www.vassar.edu/powerhouse. Mainstage tickets are \$40 plus fees and Workshop tickets are \$30 plus fees. The box office opens for in-person and phone sales starting June 12.

Admission to readings are free, but a reservation is required. Reservations for readings can be made by calling the box office at (845) 437-5599 starting June 13.

All Training Company performances are free and open to the public. No ticket required.

Additional projects and casting will be announced at a later date.

MAINSTAGE

“A Trojan Woman”
July 25-27
Written by Sara Farrington
Directed by Meghan Finn
Featuring Drita Kabashi
Bosnia, Gaza, Mariupol – a woman with her child, alone in a devastated city, confronts the indiscriminate cruelty of war. Euripides’ “The Trojan Women” was the original anti-war play, first performed in Athens in 415 BCE as a searing protest against the Peloponnesian War. Now, in a taut, solo, contemporary adaptation commissioned by and first performed at the Interbalkan Festival of Ancient Greek Drama in Athens, Greece, “A Trojan Woman” by Sara Farrington brings this ancient cry of anguish into the present.

WORKSHOPS

“A Simple Herstory”
July 5-6
Created by Jocelyn Kuritsky
Written by Jonathan A. Goldberg
Additional Conception and Consultation by Jenny Turner Hall
Directed By Meghan Finn, Co-Directed by Donya K. Washington
Returning to Powerhouse for additional episodes-in-progress is “A Simple Herstory,” a groundbreaking, multi-platform audio fiction exploration of the 100+ women who have run for President of the United States. Season 2 revolves around the life and times of Margaret Chase Smith who ran for President in 1964 and borrows from 20th century film styles to create a complex portrait of the Senator from Maine, challenging historical narratives, cultural assumptions, and entrenched myths about American politics. While taking a sharp look at the McCarthy era, this summer’s presentation will also be paired with a meta-theatrical reflection on history and politics—echoing the treacherous pitfalls of “hot takes” and the volatility of contemporary punditry.

“The Chamber”
July 11-13
Devised and Written by Members of Hook & Eye Theater
Directed by Carrie Heitman
In 1628 Brussels, Alexandrine Von Taxis, the imperial postmistress, runs something more than mail through the empire’s hands. In present-day Follansbee, West Virginia, Charley Gibson works at her family’s hardware store, where lockers hold more than tools. One misplaced letter. One break-in. The consequences could be larger than anyone expects. As 17th-century operations collide with contemporary Appalachia,

The Chamber explores how resistance takes shape through cunning, risk, and subverting laws. Devised by Hook & Eye’s ensemble, this darkly funny, time-jumping play trades projections for physical performance, gesture, and sound to tell a story of quiet power, bold ingenuity, and the cost of doing what you’re not supposed to do.

READINGS

“Medea and Her Sons”
June 20
Written by Peter Gil-Sheridan

“It Is Right To Rebel!”
June 21
Written by Andy Boyd
Directed by Zinc Tong
Part of The Tank residency

“Untitled, Unknown Artist(s)”
June 22
Written by Petra Brusiloff
Directed by Christa Kimlicko Jones
Part of the Theatre East residency

“In The Bronx Brown Girls Can See Stars Too (Or The F**k Is You Lookin’ At?)”
June 28
Written by Amalia Oliva Rojas
Part of The Leah Ryan Fund residency

“It’s Kind of a Funny Story”
July 18-19
Music and lyrics by Drew Gasparini
Book by Alex Brightman
Directed by Sarna Lapine
Produced with Special Arrangement

by Lisa Dozier Shacket

“The Holes”
July 19-20
Written by Max Wolf Friedlich
Directed by Michael Herwitz
Produced and Dramaturgy by Hannah Getts
Learn More About the 2025 Readings

TRAINING COMPANY

“The Comedy of Errors”
July 11-13
Written by William Shakespeare
Adapted and Directed by Shaun Patrick Tubbs

“The Seagull”
July 18-20
Written by Anton Chekov
Adapted by Leah Ryan
Directed by Jasmine Roth

“Biography”
July 3, 10, 17, 24
Conceived and Composed by Max Reuben
Developed and Performed by members of the Training Company

Oresteia
July 20-21
Written by Aeschylus
Adapted and Created by Caley Chase and Hal Cosentino

New Works Play Festival
July 26
Written and Directed by members of the Training Company

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THEME: THE 1950s

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11. Auditioner's hope

12. Closing act

13. *Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, supposedly

15. Corset rod

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17. *"Lord of the Flies" shell

18. *Ed of TV

20. Sty sound

21. Pillow filler

22. Gastrointestinal tract

23. *Pooch on a 1950s skirt

26. Most cautious

30. Go wrong

31. Camels' relatives

34. Lake north of Cleveland

35. Wide open

37. Kind of conifer

38. Spectrum maker

39. Better than never

40. Portable stairs

42. Headdress

43. Tennis shoe

45. Triage nurse's measurements

47. Old horse

48. Film director Sergio

50. Band's work-related trip

52. *Slicked men's hairstyle

55. Does like a hot dog

56. Rod for a hot rod

57. Winter forecast

59. Be

60. Measurement, abbr.

61. U2 guitarist

62. *Clearasil target

63. Ballpark fig.

64. Wine choice

DOWN

1. Roman goddess of fertility

2. *Domino's nickname

3. German Mrs.

4. Coiffed

5. Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern

6. "Pomp and Circumstance" com-poser

7. Low-ranking worker

8. Certain Scandinavian

9. 52 cards

10. Fireplace mess

12. Beer mug

13. Use elbow grease

14. *First Black nominee of Oscar for Best Actor

19. City in Northern France

22. Neon or radon, e.g.

23. Church bell sounds

24. Liturgy instrument

25. Speak like Pericles

26. *June Cleaver's husband

27. "Fear of Flying" author Jong

28. Type of rug

29. Christmas help, pl.

32. Way, way off

33. *___-Century Modern

36. *Charles Schulz creation

38. Newspapers and such

40. Chicken order

41. Calls forth

44. Eroded limestone landscape

46. Movie trailer, e.g.

48. Lumen per square meter, pl.

49. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.

50. Yellow ride

51. The Fonz: "Sit _____!"

52. Female equivalent of sir

53. ___-European language

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Supermarket sneak

Luigi gets one up on Pop, for a change.

As I've written before, my father is a tough cookie. He has a way of getting people to do just what he wants. And as I've said, it is the "deer in the headlights" outcome. You want to say no, you really do, but he just stares at you and blinks until you break down. I always thought it was just with his boys, but I have come to find out that he has this power over many people.

One morning, I was greeted with a text from my brother Nick. He was at our local supermarket, and he took a picture of my father's car parked in the fire lane with his hazards on. Standing next to the car was "Peter," one of our locals who works at the market, watching his car. Apparently, "Peter" valeted his car and brought it up front for my father.

Nick waited for a few minutes to see what was going on, thinking maybe something had happened in the supermarket that required this person's assistance. Out comes Pop from the store with his shopping cart. Peter opens his trunk, places his bag in the car, proceeds to open my father's door and assists him getting into the car. Pop hands him a tip and off he goes.

Nick stared incredulously and called me to tell me of what just happened. I knew Pop was on his way to the restaurant and decided to have a little fun with him for a change.

Pop walks into the restaurant with his shopping bags.

Pop: Bongiorno Luigi!
Luigi: Bongiorno Pop. Where were you this morning?

Pop: Why? Whatsa matter?
Luigi: Well Pop, I just had a picture sent to me by the police.
Pop: Yeah?
Luigi: Apparently someone robbed the store? They said it was you!
Pop: Oh come on. Ima an olda man!
Luigi: They said a black beat up Mercedes raced off with a grocery bag full of money.
Pop: Youa crazy.
Luigi: Yeah? How do you explain this picture then!
Pop: Holy crap! Howa dida you getta that picture?
Luigi: It was sent to me, Pop.
Pop: I wasa at the store, but I no steal anything.
Luigi: Yeah? Well, now I've got to explain everything to the police. Why did you park at the curb, Pop?
Pop: I no parka at the curb. 'Peter' hea helps me.
Luigi: Peter?!
Pop: Yeah, hea does the carts ata the store.
Luigi: Geez Pop, you have everyone do stuff for you.
Pop: Yeah, he evena helped me doa the shopping. Thena he puts the groceries for the car and helps me in.
Luigi: Man Pop ... (laughing) ... You're good.
Pop: Youa makea the joke with me?
Luigi: Yeah, Pop. Nick sent me the picture.
Pop: You sonamagun. You had mea scared.
Luigi: Sorry, Pop. You've gotten me plenty of times. This one was my turn.
Pop: I wasa gonna make you the wild

mushrooms, now forget it. Youa getta nothing.

Shame was, those mushrooms were so good. I was only able to steal a quick bite before he took them away. Oh well, a good joke is always worth it.

WILD MUSHROOMS AND PASTA

Ingredients
8 ounces bow tie pasta
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons pine nuts
10 ounces fresh chanterelle mushrooms
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
3 ounces shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano
1 tablespoon minced onions

Directions
Cook the pasta in salted water and boil for 5-6 minutes for al-dente.
While the pasta is cooking, heat the pine nuts in a dry 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Toast the pine nuts, shaking and stirring frequently, until golden brown (about 5 to 7 minutes). Transfer the pine nuts to a small bowl and set aside.
Return the skillet to the stove and adjust the heat to medium-high. Melt the butter in the pan, then add the mushrooms, garlic and minced onions and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes, until browned.
Drain the pasta, making sure you leave the pasta generously wet, and add it to the skillet. Toss well and season with extra virgin olive oil, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with the toasted pine nuts, and shaved Parmagiana-Reggiano
Serve at once with a loaf of crusty Italian bread and nice Chianti.

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.

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Bannerman Castle tours, events ongoing through October

Tours of Bannerman Island are available now through October.

For more than 30 years, the Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) has been dedicated to restoring this historic and picturesque island, transforming it into a unique destination for all.

Explore the island's structures, the Bannerman Residence Museum and stunning gardens with an experienced guide or venture out on your own on the scenic trails.

The adventure begins aboard the MV Estuary Steward from Beacon (adjacent to the Metro North Train Station), offering a 20–25-minute scenic cruise with breathtaking views of the Hudson River Highlands.

Island tours, including travel, last just over two hours.

Theater events, concerts, film nights, environmental programs, art shows and fundraising dinners are also scheduled throughout the season.

Bannerman Island Dinner events include the BCT's First Annual Burns Supper on Friday, July 25 - celebrating Scottish poet & lyricist Robert Burns (1759-1796) and the Bannerman family's Scottish Heritage. BCT's popular Annual Farm to Table Dinner will be held on

Saturday, Sept. 6. Designed by Chef Noah Sheetz, the dinner events will feature culinary delights in line with the dinner themes.

Theater on Bannerman Island will include Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's live performance of "Julius Caesar," Sept. 11-13; and "Dracula: The Journal of Jonathan Harker" by Jim Helsing, featuring actor Duane Boutté, Sept. 23-28.

Movie nights will feature "Romeo & Juliet" starring Clare Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio on June 6; "Hook," starring Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams on June 20; Disney's "Coco" on July 5; "Raiders of the Lost Ark" starring Harrison Ford on July 11; "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" on Aug. 8; and the classic films "Now Voyager" starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains on Aug. 22 and Boris Karloff in the "Bride of Frankenstein" on Oct. 3.

For a schedule of all upcoming tours and events and tickets, please visit <http://www.bannermancastle.org>. For more information on BCT programming please call 845-831-1001 or contact Executive Director Neil Caplan directly at 845-440-3318.

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

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

Stars

Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 92

By David Kalvitis

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rotary event to benefit SPCA
The Hyde Park Rotary will be hosting a Cocktails for Charity event at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Coppola's. The evening will feature live music, raffles, a lottery basket, and free pizza, as well as a cash bar. Proceeds will go toward the Dutchess County SPCA. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Lisa at 845-229-7791, ext. 205.

Millbrook Historical Society sets May 29 program
The Millbrook Historical Society's upcoming meeting and program is set Thursday, May 29. The event will take place at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. Peter Devers, John Flanagan and Skip Ciferri will present "The Stonework of Millbrook," sharing the story of field stone and its prominence into the town's architectural works of art. For more information, contact Millbrook Historical Society President Robert McHugh at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Yard Sale set May 29-31 at Regina Coeli
Regina Coeli Parish Blow Out Yard Sale will take place May 29, 30, 31. Hours are Thursday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Rain or Shine, Indoors and outdoors. Reasonable Prices. Get free glass or mug with sale. Our special table - Fill gallon bag for \$1. The Church is on Route 9, Hyde Park.

Dress for Success Sale dates
Dress for Success Dutchess County, a program of Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, will continue its Shopping for a Cause Sale on Fridays and Saturdays, May 30-31 and June 6-7, from noon until 5 p.m., at Post Road Plaza, 2536 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie. Recognizable brand-name dresses, tops, pants, blazers, and suits will be priced from \$5 to \$15, while one-of-a-kind designer apparel will be priced \$25 and up. For more information, call (845) 452-5104, ext. 144, or email dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org.

Garden Talks set at Beatrix Farrand Garden in May and June
The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association will host series of free garden talks on Saturdays in May and June. The talks will take place from 11 a.m. to noon in the Beatrix Farrand Garden, located at the FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park.

The Bellefield Garden Talks series is made possible by a grant from the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Talks are free and open to the public by reservation: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org

The next talk will take place on May 31: "Choosing the Right Native Plants." Join ecological landscape designer Ashley Gamell in the Wild Garden to get to know standout native plants for your home garden. Late spring is the prime planting window for many native plants--get inspired to run out and plant some with confidence! Ashley will highlight dependable, no-fuss selections for shady, sunny, dry and wet gardens that offer the biggest positive impact for your garden and the planet.

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.

Yard Sale set May 31 at Pleasant Valley church
There will be a Yard Sale, rain or shine, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley, on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Items for household, workshop, outdoors, children. Good weather location will be the front lawn. If we need to move inside, enter through the side door or elevator on the parking lot side of the building and go downstairs.

AHS Class of 1975 sets reunion
The Arlington High School Class of 1975 will be holding its 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, May 31 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Pirate Canoe Club in Poughkeepsie. The event will feature appetizers, cash bar, a buffet dinner, light desserts and the local band "Jumpstart." The cost is \$50 per person.

Interested individuals should send checks to Debbie Shipley, 1556 Salt Point Turnpike, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 or Mary Albrecht, P.O. Box 1619, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, or Venmo@Mary-Albrecht-12. For additional information, contact Caroline Dolfi at (845) 453-8478.

Bulkeley MS students to present 'comic thriller' May 31-June 1

The Bulkeley Middle School Drama Club is presenting "The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Comic Thriller Starring Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson," adapted by Kent R. Brown and inspired by the novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The show is a family-friendly and fast-paced mystery full of slapstick comedy and ample fourth wall breaking! The BMS production is directed by Vera Perry in partnership with the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, funded by the Rhinebeck CSD, and supported by the Rhinebeck PTSO. Show dates are Saturday, May 31 at 7pm and Sunday, June 1 at 2pm. at the Joseph L. Phelan Auditorium at Rhinebeck High School, 45 N. Park Rd., Rhinebeck. Website for tickets: https://our.show/bmshounds

DC Historical Society to host awards celebration
On Sunday, June 1, the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) will hold a Historic Preservation and Awards Celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. at Dick Lahey's carriage collection, Wappinger. Exact address provided upon RSVP confirmation. The traditional DCHS Annual Awards will take place at the same time. More information at https://dchsnyc.org/ More information at https://dchsnyc.org/.

Learn mahjong at your own pace at Hyde Park Library
Hyde Park Library is offering a six-part instructional series on how to play mahjong. Learn the ins and outs of this addictive game Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the library annex. Game sets and cards will be provided for each session. No need to attend all six workshops – you can come to as many or as few as you'd

like, just make sure to register for the ones you want to attend. The programs will be held June 2, 9, and 16. Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St. in Hyde Park. Call (845) 229-7791 for more information.

Abilities First Recognition Reception set June 5
Abilities First and Foundation for Abilities First NY will hold their Recognition Reception on Thursday, June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at The Curry Estate in Hopewell Junction. Visit www.abilitiesfirstny.org to purchase tickets and learn about this year's honorees.

PV Rec to host teen fishing trip June 7
Pleasant Valley Recreation is offering teens a chance to go on a fishing trip aboard the Sound Bound Princess-New Rochelle on Saturday, June 7. The cost is \$100, which includes transportation.

Boarding will take place at 6 a.m., with fishing from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register at pvrec.com.

Got good kids' stuff? Exchange or donate it
Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, hosts a Kids' Swap and Sale, June 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It's time to exchange gently-used clothing, toys, and baby/child gear. Young families can bring their gently-used items for babies, toddlers and young children to swap. A few items will be for sale. All sales benefit the Grange.

Clean out storage bins and exchange items for what you need.

The Grange Program Committee and Amelia Harnish sponsor/organize this event. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Donation drop-off times will be May 13, 4 to 5 p.m.; May 16, 1 to 3 p.m.; May 23, noon to 1 p.m.

All items must be clean and in good condition.

Get more information by emailing ameliafaith@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org.

Anderson Golf Classic set June 12
2025 Anderson Golf Classic, sponsored by Oldies 98.9, will take place on Thursday, June 12, at The Links at Union Vale, 153 North Parlman Road, Lagrangeville. The all-day event is open to golfers of all playing abilities; event sponsorships also available. The cost is \$300 per person; includes golf (shot-gun start), raffles, prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and awards dinner. Unlimited beverage cart and stations are included. All golfers will receive a golfer gift and favor bag.

For more information, call (845) 889-9208, email events@AndersonCares.org or visit andersoncenterforautism.org/golf.

'Poker Run Regatta' set June 14
On Saturday, June 14, the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club is planning a "Poker Run Regatta" to benefit Athens lighthouse. Entry fee will be \$50 per boat which PYC will donate to Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society. This event would be open to sailboats on the Hudson, the idea being a casual sail more or less between Kingston and Hyde Park. Participants will sail by five checkpoints where they will receive via text a random playing card finishing up at the PYC clubhouse for food and beverages. The best 5 card poker hands win! Sail at your own pace, enjoy the river, try your luck and support a good cause. For further information visit poughkeepsieyachtclub.com or e-mail regatta.pyc@gmail.com

ONGOING
Men's fellowship and Bible study: Tuesday nights, 7-9 p.m., in the home of David Mahoney, 21 Mountain View Road, Staatsburg. Call (845) 797-4805 for more information.

PV Garden Club meets first Thursday of the month. Want to learn more about gardening while helping your neighbors? Join Pleasant Valley Community Gardens for its monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Pleasant Valley Library. No experience necessary. Pleasant Valley Community Gardens are volunteers learning as they grow vegetables and flowers in Helen Aldrich Park on Route 115. Everything we grow is to benefit local food pantries. See our Facebook page and web site at www.pleasantvalleycommunitygardens.com.

GREETERS IN THE GARDEN: Visit the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield, located at 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, on the FDR National Historic Site, any day from dawn to dusk. Entry is free. On the first and third Sunday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., Volunteers Greeters will be on hand to informally provide historic and garden information. The historic, walled garden was designed in 1912 by Beatrix Farrand, the first American woman landscape architect, making this Hyde Park garden very significant. The newer "Wild Garden" is a thriving demonstration garden featuring 140 native plants. Free parking and restrooms are available at Wallace Center, a few steps from the historic, walled Beatrix Farrand Garden garden. For information about the nonprofit BFGA, a Park Partner to the National Park Service, visit the website: www.beatrixfarrandgardenhdepark.org.

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be eighteen years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org or call 845-229-6432.

Meals on Wheels of Hyde Park and the Village of Rhinebeck is seeking volunteer drivers during the hours of 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Drivers are needed Monday-Friday. You can drive one or more days each week or substitute as needed. All drivers work in teams so couples or friends are encouraged to volunteer together. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelsofhp.org or, contact Andrea Tkazyik at (845) 229-5896.

The New to You Thrift Shop at St. Christopher's in Red Hook has cold-weather clothing, with everything from shoes to coats, bags, scarves, hats...Come in and outfit yourself for the chillier times. The prices are amazing. And while the ladies are browsing clothing, we have children's clothing and toys and games. The shop is at 30 Benner Road in Red Hook by St. Christopher's School.

Red Hook VFW Post 7765 May / June Calendar

The Post is at 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook, NY 12571
Call 845-758-6212 for reservations and more information.
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HOMEMADE MONDAY: 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23 & 6/30	6/26 CORN HOLE & COCKTAILS \$10/team
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Hinchey, Rhinebeck Legion post to hold resource fair for veterans & military families

On Friday, May 30, Senator Michelle Hinchey's office is partnering with American Legion Post 429 to host a resource fair for area veterans and military families in Rhinebeck, offering services, support, and opportunities for the veteran community, including notary services, healthcare, higher education, and more.
The Veterans & Military Families

Resource Fair will take place on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 429, 6361 Mill St., Rhinebeck.

Organizations interested in tabling and offering services to veterans and military families can call Senator Hinchey's office at (845) 331-3810 or email hinchey@nysenate.gov.

Budgets approved; all but one proposition passes

Hyde Park voters reject electric bus package

Compiled By Kate Goldsmith

Voters in all eight school districts in the Northern Dutchess News readership area approved budgets by a decisive margin. A variety of additional propositions were approved, as well. The only one that failed called for the purchase of nine electric-powered buses in the Hyde Park Central School District.

The budgets proposed 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.

Note: 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.

ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voters approved Arlington’s budget of \$268,025,000 by a count of 1,331 to 434. The budget reflects an increase of 1.53% over the current year. The tax-levy increase is 2.74%, below the district’s mandated limit of 3.38%.

Two additional propositions also passed:

- The purchase of school buses and equipment passed with 1,326 “yes” and 438 “no” votes.
- Permission to use Capital Reserve funds passed by a count of 1,350 to 411.

Three candidates ran for three seats on the Board of Education. Incumbent Jennifer Boye received 1,435 votes. Community member Brian Arnold received 1,452 votes. Incumbent Marion Quinn received 1,454 votes.

Those elected to the Board will serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.

Visit www.arlingtonschools.org for more information.

DOVER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dover’s \$45,066,311 budget passed by a count of 201 to 65. The budget carries a 4.76% increase over the current year. The proposed tax levy of \$17,155,638 is below the mandated cap.

Incumbent Board of Education members Suzanne Calligan-Courtien and Paul Palmer were re-elected. Calligan-Courtien received 204 votes and Palmer received 215 votes.

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

Voters approved Hyde Park’s \$125,988,823 budget by a count of 1,316 to 923. The budget carries 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.

Transportation propositions received mixed results:

- A transportation proposal passed with 1,438 “yes” votes to 810 “no” votes. The vehicles in this proposal are powered by gas or diesel.
- Approval was denied to purchase nine electric-powered 66-passenger buses (and a Level 3 charger for each bus) for a total of \$4,534,637. The proposition failed, 952-1,316, despite the district stating there would be no net cost, due to a grant from NYSEDA (\$257,250 per bus) as well as 58.4% state aid.

Three incumbents on the Board of Education were re-elected. Michael Zagorski (1,121 votes) and Katherine Briber (1,106 votes) will serve terms beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. Edward Spence (996 votes) will serve a term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Visit www.hpcsd.org for more information.

MILLBROOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Millbrook voters approved a \$35,649,651 budget by a count of 816 to 331. The budget carries 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 were approved:

- Proposition 2 passed by a count of 748 to 399. It authorizes up to \$27,264,482 for alterations and improvements to the middle school and high school.
- Proposition 3 passed by a count of 706 yes to 439. This proposition authorizes alterations and improvements to the district’s elementary schools.

Board of Election incumbents Jennifer Carneccchia (770 votes), Perry Hartswick (775 votes) and Dena Ghobashy (702 votes) were re-elected.

Visit www.millbrookcsd.org for more information.

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pine Plains voters passed the district’s \$38,712,336 budget proposal by a count

of 294 to 102. The budget carries a year-to-year increase of 2.71%. The proposed tax levy is \$27,885,802, an increase of 3.2% and below the cap.

Two additional propositions were approved:

- One establishes a \$15 million capital reserve fund to be known as the “Buildings and Facilities Improvements Reserve Fund 2025.” It passed by a count of 309 to 87.
- A transportation proposition passed, 284-110.

Incumbent Board of Education members Fred “Chip” Couse Jr. and Amie Fredericks were re-elected; Couse received 333 votes and Fredericks received 330 votes. There were also 16 write-in votes. The three-year terms commence on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2028.

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

Voters approved Red Hook’s \$64,998,156 budget, which carries a 3.43% increase over this year’s approved budget and a tax levy increase of 3.98% (within the cap). The budget succeeded by a count of 1,309 to 455.

Several other propositions were passed:

- Voters approved by 1,033 to 722 the purchase of four electric school buses that cannot cost more than \$300,000 individually or \$1.2 million cumulatively. However, officials have assured residents each bus will be acquired at little-to-no cost thanks to grants and state aid reimbursement programs.
- A capital improvement project passed, 1,266-495. The project encompasses a new grass surface for the main athletic field at the high and middle school and various improvements to the field and surrounding track; renovations for some high-school bathrooms; and a new kiln room for Linden Avenue Middle School.

The approval marks the end of a lengthy effort to repair the field, which began in Fall 2019. The district proposed to voters three previous renovation plans centered on an artificial turf surface, which were all defeated.

The district will receive state aid for nearly two-thirds of the project cost, leaving taxpayers with a less-than \$2.2 million expense.

The final two propositions on the ballot asked voters to increase budgets for local libraries and were not tied to the school district’s operations or budget.

- Proposition 4 passed (1,297-463), granting a \$10,000 increase to the Red Hook Library’s annual appropriation, to a

total of \$234,400.

- Proposition 5 passed (1,287-470), granting a \$2,701 increase to the Tivoli Free Library’s annual appropriation, to a total of \$104,487.

Incumbent Kelly Borrelle (986 votes) and Patrick Boyd (945 votes) were favored among the four candidates for two open Board of Education seats, over Robert Tynes (773 votes) and incumbent Charles Kachigian (632 votes). Borrelle and Boyd will serve three-year terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2028.

Visit www.redhookcentralschools.org for more information.

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rhinebeck’s proposed \$41,474,225 passed by a count of 1,045 to 230. The 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 vied 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 following have been elected for three-year terms: Juliet Gorman (915 votes), Steve Jenkins (833 votes), and Gabriella Marcigliano (607 votes).

Benjamin Moffat (586 votes) will serve through June 30, 2026.

Other candidates on the ballot included Christian Mundigo (450 votes), Susan St. Clair (334 votes), Mary Beth Scattergood (575 votes), Craig St. John (286 votes), and Navin Chawla (307 votes).

Visit www.rhinebeckcsd.org for more information.

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voters approved Webutuck’s \$28,665,850 budget by a count of 173 to 103. The budget carries 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.

A transportation proposal also passed, 185-92, 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 were re-elected. The terms will commence on July 1, 2025 and expire on June 30, 2028.

Visit www.webutuckschools.org for more information.

Rolison bill requiring public hearings on utility rate increases advances in NYS Senate

Legislation moves forward as Central Hudson proposes new three-year rate hike

Legislation sponsored by Senator Rob Rolison (SD-39) that would require public hearings before utility companies raise rates has advanced through the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and was referred to the Consumer Protection Committee last week.

Senate bill S980 mandates that in any case where the Public Service Commission (PSC) is considering an increase in rates, fees, or charges imposed by a utility compa-

ny, a public hearing must be held within the affected region at least 90 days prior to a final decision. The hearing must allow for public comment and include an opportunity for community members to ask questions of both the commission and the utility company.

“As the Hudson Valley continues to struggle with rising costs, utility rate hikes should never be decided behind closed doors,” said Rolison. “This legislation ensures that families and small businesses have a voice when decisions are being

made about the bills they pay every month. We need to strengthen public oversight and give our residents a seat at the table when their cost of living is on the line.”

The bill’s advancement comes at a critical time, as Central Hudson, one of the Hudson Valley’s primary energy suppliers, has applied for another delivery rate increase plan. Under the proposal, the average electric customer’s bill would rise by \$5.43 per month (a 3.12% increase) in the first year, while natural gas customers would see an increase of \$7.73 per month (a

5.19% hike). If approved by the State Public Service Commission, the new rates could take effect as soon as the first of the month following the commission’s decision.

Rolison, an advocate for transparency and affordability, emphasized the need for public accountability in utility regulation. Senate Bill S980 now awaits further consideration in the Senate Consumer Protection Committee.

Pleasant Valley Library to offer special programs in June

All programs are free, unless noted. Please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org to register and for more information on these and also on our monthly occurring programs.

Monday, June 2 12:00-1:00pm
The Complete Bone and Joint Health Plan - with Sydney Nitzkowski, MS, RD Registered Dietician and Fitness Instructor Sydney Nitzkowski, will go over highlights from her new book, “The Complete Bone and Joint Health Plan: Help Prevent and Treat Osteoporosis and Arthritis” (co-written with Jocelyn Wittstein, MD). She’ll discuss the basics of what to include and what to avoid to promote an anti-inflammatory diet, getting enough calcium in your diet based on your age, and the most important types of exercise to include in your week. She’ll also lead a standing workout, focusing on balance and body weight strength, so please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers or comfortable footwear. Sydney will answer questions, and will sign copies of her book that will be available to purchase.

Friday, June 6 6:00-8:00pm
Estate Planning with Financial Advisor Jeremy Angevine and Estate Lawyer Michael Martin
It’s never too late to plan for the future. However, sometimes issues such as wills, trusts, asset protection, and health care directives can be complex and challenging. This Estate Planning program will feature Financial Advisor Jeremy Angevine of Edward Jones and Estate Lawyer Michael Martin, founder of Martin Law, PC, who will explain the basics of estate planning, consider the options that make the most sense for different situations, and answer questions.

Saturday, June 7 9:00am-3:00pm
Friends of the PV Library Yard Sale
The Friends of the PV Library Yard Sale is being held on the front lawn of the Library, with many tables of new and gently-used items. Stop by and see what treasures you may find!

Wednesday, June 11 11:30am-2:30pm
Senior Movie Morning: “Harriet” (2019, PG-13)
Seniors (ages 50+) are invited to attend this special seniors-only movie matinee. Light refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snack or lunch to enjoy! For June, we will be watching “Harriet,” starring Cynthia Erivo as American hero Harriet Tubman. The biopic follows the harrowing true story of Tubman’s escape from slavery, and her bravery in leading hundreds to freedom along the dangerous path of the Underground Railroad.

Friday, June 13 6:00-8:00pm
Audrey Barrett Artist Reception
Join us for a reception to meet our Audrey Barrett, our June Artist of the Month, and view her bright, joyful acrylic and watercolor paintings. Refreshments will be served. No registration is required - all are welcome.

Saturday, June 14 11:00am-12:00pm
Crafterday: Origami Greeting Card Gift Boxes with Barbara Shapley
Barbara Shapley, a local artist and crafter and Friend of PV Library, will teach how to make origami trinket boxes from greeting cards. Everyone will be able to make two boxes - one for yourself and one for someone special. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided, including tiny trinkets for the boxes. This program is for ages 15 and up.

Wednesday, June 25 4:30-6:00pm
Summer Reading Kickoff Party!
Kids, teens, and their families are welcome to join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Party, with special guest Charlie and the Bubble Factory! No registration required to attend! At the party you can: sign up for our reading program, enjoy a bubbly blast dance party, and get first dibs on registering for our July events and programs! For those who cannot make it to the party, registration will open online at 10am the next day. We offer summer reading programs for all ages - this year’s theme is “Color Our World”! Why not win prizes for the books you’ll be reading?

Three FDR students recognized at annual Achievement Dinner



Prem Bedi



Julian Pritchard

Three students Franklin D. Roosevelt High School students in the Hyde Park Central School District were recognized for their academic efforts at the annual Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner held by the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents on May 21 in Mahopac.

Prem Bedi received one of four Judith Johnson “opportunity scholarships,” while Julian Pritchard and Jason Yang, this school year’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively, were also honored.

The Council sponsors the dinner every year to recognize outstanding scholars from the Lower Hudson Region, consisting of Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties where 16 scholarships are awarded.

Bedi will attend SUNY Plattsburgh to major in Information Technology, while minoring in Management Information Systems. He was happy to learn of the news as the scholarship will be beneficial toward his college journey.

“I am honored to accept the scholarship that I have been awarded,” Bedi said. “They allow me to achieve my dreams.”

District Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman is proud of the students’ remarkable academic achievements and well-deserved recognitions, noting that Bedi’s selection as a recipient of the scholarship



Jason Yang

is a testament to his hard work, perseverance and future promise. He also extended congratulations to Pritchard and Yang, whose dedication and academic excellence serve as an inspiration to the entire Hyde Park community.

“The recognition of our students highlights the strength of our educational programs and the extraordinary efforts of our students, families, and educators,” Roman said. “We celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to the bright futures that lie ahead.”

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley welcomes 20 new Advisory Committee members

To better address the philanthropic needs in the Hudson Valley, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has expanded its advisory committees to include an additional 20 members from Dutchess, Ulster, and Putnam Counties. These volunteers and local leaders bring diverse experience, deep connections, and a shared passion for strengthening the Hudson Valley. Their work will amplify the mission and values of CFHV. By listening closely to community voices, CFHV aims to ensure it is responding to needs identified by residents while continuing to support a range of local priorities.

“Understanding local issues through the eyes of the residents helps strengthen our efforts in addressing community needs,” said Laura Washington, president & CEO of CFHV. “As our organization continues to evolve, our Advisory Committee members’ ideas and passion for enhancing our communities will pave the way for us to make effective change.”

Each advisory committee plays a vital role in supporting CFHV’s overall mission by serving as community liaisons and identifying key opportunities in Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties. Committee members lever-

age their personal and professional connections to engage with local nonprofits, charitable individuals, and business leaders, ensuring that CFHV’s initiatives align with community needs. They also play an essential role in the grant review process, helping to ensure that CFHV’s funds are directed toward high-impact projects and deserving organizations. Their involvement not only enhances outreach efforts but also fosters stronger relationships, allowing CFHV to respond effectively to the unique challenges and opportunities within the Hudson Valley.

From Dutchess County, 15 new members include Pamela Governale, G. Angela Henry, Susan Kavy, Maureen Lashlee, Gaye Mallet, Gina McCann, John Nelson, Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, Isabella Paquette, Phil Rosenbloom, Trish Santini, Karen Unger, Toby Usnik, Ayoka Wiles, and Francine Wizner. From Ulster County, three representatives – Frances Knutsen, Nica Lalli, and Julie Stoil Fernandez, Esq. – have joined. Lastly, from Putnam County, Lisa Hunter Rasic and Tatiana Kaletsch will lend their expertise.

For more information on CFHV and its Advisory Committees, visit www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org or connect with the group on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

Answers to this week’s diversions

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This week’s answer

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OBITUARIES

Charles R. Cappillino

Charles R. Cappillino, 41, of Poughkeepsie, died on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Westchester Medical Center after a brief illness.

Born, January 30, 1984, in Albany, he was the son of the late Anthony Cappillino Sr. and Sharon Hauptman Cappillino. His mother survives at home.

Charles enjoyed listening to music, attending concerts and going for walks, especially with his dog Tucker.

In his free time, he enjoyed travelling all over the world often on Disney cruises.

Known to enjoy life in the spur of the moment, he had a personality unlike most and was affectionately known as princess.

Along with his mom he is survived by his triplet sisters, Amy Rose and Mary Rose; his brothers Anthony Cappillino Jr. and wife Frances, and Peter and companion Rudy.

He is also survived by his niece, Jazmine Cappillino and godson Matthew Hauptman as well as many aunts, and uncles and cousins, and his four-legged friend Tucker.

Calling hours were held Friday, May 23, 2025, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park, NY. A Funeral Mass took place on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park, NY. Burial followed at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com

Norene Coller

Norene Duthie Coller died on May 3, 2025. Born on August 31, 1937 in Newark, NJ to the late Irene and Norman Fairbairn Duthie, Norene was raised in Winnetka, IL, and graduated from New Trier High School in 1955. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1959, and from SUNY New Paltz in 1976 with a Masters degree in Biology.

Norene taught in private schools in Brooklyn and Manhattan before moving to teach biology and earth science at Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park, NY. She continued as an adjunct at Vassar College in her retirement, placing science and math students as interns in the public schools. Her hands-on approach to teaching and love of nature were inspired by her grandmother, Dr. Isabelle Howes Frey, and by the Mount Holyoke Zoology Department.

Norene was an active volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension, as Chair or Vice Chair of the Dutchess County Environmental Management Council for 25 years. During those years the community dealt with new laws and practices protecting water resources. As Chair of the Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council, Norene wrote grants to help the town develop laws to protect water quality, farms, open space and wildlife habitat. She also obtained grants for the planning and construction of Walkway Over the Hudson.

Norene lived for 58 years in the Town of Clinton and was predeceased by her husband Dick. Norene is survived by her children Derek Fetler of Seattle, Bayard Fetler of Clinton, and Karen Whitten and her husband Paul and granddaughter Jessica of West Nyack, NY. Also surviving are stepdaughter Lizabeth Coller, her husband Paul Talbert, granddaughter Kai and great-granddaughter Destiny of Seattle, WA, as well as stepdaughter Sandra Coller of Mims, FL.

Interment will be private at Pleasant Plains Cemetery in Pleasant Plains, NY.

Arrangement are under the direction of the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Rhinebeck, NY. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.Burnett-White.com

Rosa Glorius

Rosa B. Glorius, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center at the age of 88. She was born on September 4, 1936, in Germany. The daughter of Joseph and Franziska (Rottmaier) Welz. She immigrated to the United States in 1956 by way of Ellis Island and settled in New York City with her sister Anna. It was there that she met her husband Gerhard J. Glorius and together they enjoyed almost 55 years of marriage until his passing in 2013.

Rosa led a life filled with love, dedication, and adventure. A keen traveler, Rosa always sought to explore and learn from the world around her. She traveled all over the world. Including places like Israel, Egypt, India, China, Peru, Brazil, Australia, Canada and the entire European continent. Her life was marked by her passion for cooking, baking, gardening and her dedication to community service. She was an active member of the Stanfordville Forever Young group and the Stanfordville Garden Club, where she shared her love for nature and fellowship.

A devoted mother, Rosa is survived by her children, Christian Glorius, and his wife Julia,

Annette Glorius, and her husband James Patrick, and her favorite son of the four legged variety, Mario. Her legacy of love and kindness lives on in her cherished grandchildren: Christiana Glorius, Kevin Glorius-Patrick, Alexander Glorius, Karin Glorius-Patrick, Kyle Glorius-Patrick, and Athena Glorius. She also leaves behind her beloved great-grandson, Theodore J Geithner Glorius.

Family and friends shared memories and offered condolences on May 19, 2025 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial wase celebrated on May 20, 2025 from St. Joseph’s Church, Millbrook. Interment followed in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Bangall.

Donations in Rosa’s memory may be made to American Kidney Foundation. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Matilda Hazel Hamill

Matilda Hazel Hamill, beloved wife of Samuel Hamill, passed away peacefully at home in Hyde Park on May 15, 2025 at the age of 88. Born on July 24, 1936 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Tillie was the daughter of Herman and Dorothy Betz.

She was a 1954 graduate of Poughkeepsie High School where she was a Varsity cheer-leader and participated in various other sports.

On June 3, 1956 at the First Congregational Church in Poughkeepsie, NY she married the love of her life, Samuel Hamill. Together they built a life filled with love and cherished memories for 68 years. Blessed with three children; Brian (Susan) Hamill, Sharon (Robert) Foster, Donna (William) Ferrante. In addition, she had 4 cherished grandchildren: Melissa (Ryan) Whelchel, Robert (Brianna) Foster, Craig Ferrante and Alexis Ferrante. Tillie had 30 nieces and nephews and several great nieces and great nephews.

She brought joy and laughter to every occasion, large or small. Whether at family gatherings, celebrations, or life’s everyday moments, her fun loving spirit and infectious enthusiasm were always present.

Tillie had a long career in banking with Dutchess Bank and Riverside Bank, retiring in1997. Achieving a lifelong dream of moving to the Carolinas, they lived and loved there for more than 20 years. Tillie enjoyed her family, friends, traveling and had a passion for reading - many times staying up until the wee hours to finish a good book.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hudson Valley Hospice, especially the Home Health aides, nurses, physical therapist, music therapist, social worker, and chaplain.

Calling hours to honor and celebrate Tillie’s life will be held at William G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 from 1PM-3PM on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice in memory of our mother.

To leave an online condolence, please visit wmgmillerfuneralhome.com

Adrienne Shea Meldrom

MILLBROOK – Adrienne Shea Meldrom, 97, a resident of Millbrook, NY for over 45 years and formerly of Millerton, NY died peacefully on Monday, May 12, 2025 at Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Sharon, CT. Mrs. Meldrom was a self-employed professional seamstress in Millbrook for 50 years prior to her retirement.

Born February 4, 1928 in Sharon, CT, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Hazel (Hosier) Shea. She was a graduate of Millerton High School in Millerton, NY. She married her beloved husband Lee Meldrom in Millerton, NY and they shared many happy and loving years together. Lee passed away on October 11, 2001.

Mrs. Meldrom was a longtime member of the Clinton Corners Evangelical Free Church in Clinton Corners, NY and enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing and cooking in her spare time. She will be deeply missed by her loving family and many friends.

Mrs. Meldrom is survived by three children, Charles Meldrom and his wife Linda of Pensacola, FL, Nancy Stark-Lynehan and her husband Butch of Dover Plains, NY and Sharron Baldwin and her husband Jeff of Cherry Valley, NY; five grandchildren, several great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Carole Derifield of Worcester, NY.

A funeral service will take place at Clinton Corners Evangelical Free Church, 20 Shepherd’s Way, Clinton Corners, NY on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 11 a.m. Pastor Jeff Silvieux will officiate. A reception in Adrienne’s honor will follow in the church hall. Burial will take place privately at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton, NY, at a later date. Arrangements

have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clinton Corners Evangelical Free Church, P.O. Box 157, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Mrs. Meldrom’s memory please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Frank Orlando

Frank Orlando, a longtime resident of Millbrook, NY, passed away peacefully into eternal rest on May 17, 2025 at the remarkable age of 96 years old.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rosalie; his loving daughter, Dawn Mejias, his brothers, Joe and Anthony; and his grandson Will Chorney.

He is survived by his devoted son, Frank (Margaret), and his loving daughter, Francine Chorney. He will be deeply missed by his adoring grandchildren: Christopher (Melissa) and Michael Hanna, Adrienne (Malcolm), Thomas and Jonathan (Meghan) Orlando; and his great grandchildren: William Chorney, Olivia Hanna, and Robin Orlando- Biggs. Frank also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

A proud veteran of the United States Navy Frank served his country proudly. Shortly after his honorable discharge from the Navy, he met the love of his life Rosalie when their eyes met across the dance floor. They had three children and many Adventures. Rosalie took him places he would not otherwise have been. He was devoted to her to the end.

Frank possessed a profound passion for flying. He shared countless joyful moments with his esteemed flying companions, Eric and Harold, soaring through the skies

When he and Rosalie built their house in Millbrook, he met his dear friend Ray. From that point forward his family knew they could always count on Ray to lend a hand and fix anything.

Frank’s family would like to express their thanks to Alice and his friends at the Office of Aging, Amenia Center, for their companionship. The family would also like to thank the doctors and staff at Castle Point VA for the caregiving of their dad and many other veterans.

To many Frank will be fondly remembered as a dapper gentleman always impeccably dressed with his signature hat and suspenders and for his wonderful sense of humor

Visitation was held Friday May 23, 2025, at the Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie NY. A service was held Saturday May 24th, 2025, at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Entombment followed. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to the Millbrook Rescue Squad, 20 Front Street, P.O. Box 202, Millbrook, NY 12545.

Mary Pizzuto

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce that Maria “Mary” Pizzuto, 85, of Pleasant Valley, passed away peacefully at home

on the evening of May 19, 2025, surrounded by the love and care of her devoted family.

Born on August 11, 1939, in Casteldaccia, Palermo, Italy, Mary was the cherished daughter of Giuseppe and Angela (Ingenio) Aiello. In the early 1960s, she courageously immigrated to the United States, full of hope for a brighter future and ready to embrace new opportunities. In December 1963, Mary married the love of her life, Carmelo Pizzuto, also of Casteldaccia. The two were united in marriage at Mt. Carmel Church in Poughkeepsie, NY, and later became members of Holy Trinity Church. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, love, and family, raising three children and welcoming the blessings of grandchildren in later years.

To those who knew and loved her, Mary was affectionately known as “Nonna.” She was a dedicated wife, nurturing mother, and proud grandmother whose greatest joy came from caring for her family. Her home was a place of warmth and gathering—where delicious meals were prepared with love, and where laughter and conversation flowed freely around her kitchen table.

Mary had a passion for beauty, both in her profession as a beautician and in her everyday life. Whether tending to her flowers or cultivating friendships that lasted a lifetime, Mary brought joy and kindness to everyone she met. Her radiant spirit, generosity, and grace will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mary is survived by her loving children: Carmelo Pizzuto Jr. of Astoria, NY; Joseph and Kimberly Pizzuto of Lutz, FL; and Rosalia Pizzuto-Reid of Highland, NY. She was a beloved Nonna to Isabela Reid, Ava Pizzuto, and JoJo Pizzuto, who brought endless pride and joy to her life. She is also survived by her brother, Frank Aiello.

Mary now joins in eternal peace her husband of 62 beautiful years, Carmelo Pizzuto Sr., along with her beloved sisters, Rose Moschetto and Nancy Moschetto.

Though she has departed from this world, Mary’s legacy of love, strength, and compassion will live on in the hearts of her family and all who were fortunate to know her.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church, 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, with entombment to follow at St. Peter’s Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mary’s memory to one of the following organizations:

Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Padre Pio Foundation, 463 Main Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

The MDS Foundation, 228 Park Ave S, PMB 118983, New York, NY 10003

To leave online condolences, please visit www.doylefuneralhome.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 12, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the

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provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, May 19, 2025. ----- LEIGH WAGER Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2025066 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 12, 2025. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY PLANNING EXPENSES FOR THE SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT ON SOUTH MILL ROAD IN

Legal Notices

THE TOWN OF RHINEBECK, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$378,750, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$378,750 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF. **Specific object or purpose:** Preliminary planning expenses for slope stabilization on South Mill Road in the Town of Rhinebeck **Period of probable usefulness:** 5 years **Maximum estimated cost:** \$378,750 **Amount of bonds to be issued:** \$378,750 bonds **SEGRA status:** Type II Action

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MAKING SUMMER TRAVEL SENIOR-FRIENDLY

For older adults, travel is different than it used to be. The road map that never folded back up the right way has been replaced by a mobile device. Waiting at toll booths is largely a thing of the past. The kids are grown, so it's unlikely you'll have to threaten them with turning the car around if they keep misbehaving in the back seat. Your car's air conditioner works better than the one in dad's 1972 Oldsmobile did.

But a nod to the realities of aging today is a must for any summer trip for older adults. Some tips:

Research your destination thoroughly. Understand the climate, available medical facilities, and local culture. Book well in advance, especially if you need specific accommodations.

Traveling abroad? Check your health insurance. Find out if your existing policy covers travel outside the U.S. or if you need supplemental travel insurance. Medicare does not cover expenses incurred outside the U.S.

Try to get a checkup before departure. Find out from your doctor if your itinerary warrants additional vaccinations.

Get the medication situation sorted. Carry a list of your medications, allergies, and emergency contacts. Pack your medications in your carry-on bag to avoid losing them.

Mobility issues? If you're traveling by plane, bus or train, your carrier will want to know about your mobility needs. At airports in particular there can be long waits on security lines and long distances to walk.

Dress comfortably. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Consider wearing

support stockings to prevent swelling on long flights and road trips.

Allow more than enough time when flying. Airlines aren't kidding around when they recommend you get to the airport at least two hours before departure. Apply for TSA PreCheck, Clear, Global Entry, or other available programs to make air travel easier and more convenient.

Don't exhaust yourself. On a cruise, you might be tempted to cram in as many shore excursions as possible ... but chances are it'll seriously tire you out. Even a seemingly sedate trip to a museum is a lot of time to spend on one's feet. Regardless of where you're headed, stay hydrated and listen to your body. Take all the breaks you need.

Bring more than one bank/credit card. You'll be in a rough spot if an ATM eats your only card.

Sticking around Dutchess County still requires preparation. Even a day trip can come with traffic waits, especially if you're headed to a popular festival, concert or fair. It's not unheard-of for some larger events to draw crowds of over 50,000. If you've lived in Dutchess County for a while, this is where you get to show off your knowledge of the back roads that only the locals know!

Speaking of day trips, did you sign up for your OFA Senior Picnic yet? Picnic season begins this week and continues through late August. You can register for the free picnic that serves your community, catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while, and get to know your community a little bit better.

Picnic capacity is limited. Find the picnic for your community at www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics, and call OFA during business hours to reserve

your seat: 845-486-2555.

'EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES' CLASS AT OFA

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is continuing its partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter to host the "Empowered Caregiver Series" OFA headquarters, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. This free program is open to caregivers of all ages and is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Each session takes place on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. There is one session left on the schedule as of this week: June 3 - Exploring care and support services.

Call the Office for the Aging to save your seat at the session, at 845-486-2555 during business hours. We cannot accept reservation requests made via voice mail or email.

SENIOR PICNIC SEASON VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging's annual summer picnics get underway at the end of this month, continuing until the end of August.

There are plenty of ways volunteers

can help our older Dutchess County neighbors enjoy a fine picnic lunch and good company, at picnic sites all over Dutchess County as well as behind the scenes at the Office for the Aging's facilities in Poughkeepsie.

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

On picnic days, we welcome volunteers who can help set up picnic equipment, guide parking lot traffic, bring guests their food and drinks, and help break down picnic equipment when the day is done. Volunteer for the one picnic closest to you, or volunteer for all 12 ... or any number in between!

For more information on OFA volunteering opportunities, visit dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, email bjones@dutchessny.gov, or call 845-486-2555. For programs that accept volunteers under age 18, a signed parental waiver is required.

The full OFA Summer Picnic schedule with venues is available at dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics.



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