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Rhinebeck Crafts Festival set June 8-9

The Hudson Valley's favorite shopping event is back for 2024.

Find thousands of unique handmade items from 175 makers you can't find anywhere else upstate. Looking for a unique art and shopping experience in the Hudson Valley? Then don't miss the Rhinebeck Crafts Festival on June 8-9 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

This experience 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.

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!

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, June 8 from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sunday,

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Preventive measures urged as high-risk tick season arrives

By Kaeleigh Banda

As the weather gets warmer in the Hudson Valley and schools begin to let out, outdoor activities become more popular than ever. However, the high-risk season for ticks occurs at the same time.

These tiny arachnids can carry diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and babesiosis. Experts are encouraging individual action and preventive measures to help reduce the risk of encountering and getting bitten by ticks.

Spring and summer are two of the most dangerous times for ticks, not because there are more, but because they are smaller. In a tick's life, it will go through three main stages including the larva, nymph and adult. Once a tick has latched onto an animal host, there is a chance it could have a tick-borne illness. Ticks typically enter the nymph stage in the springtime. Joellen Lampman, a researcher for the Cornell University New York State Integrated Pest Management Program, said nymphs are about the size of a poppy seed, making them difficult to spot and therefore more harmful.

"Now is the time that a lot of people are going to get bit by these poppy seed size nymphs and never know that they were bit by a tick," Lampman said. "And most diagnoses of Lyme disease come in June and July from the ticks that bit



Richard Ostfeld and his fellow researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies conduct fieldwork to collect data about ticks in Dutchess County. Studying the white-footed mice and their correlation with tick seasons helps them understand the severity of each given tick season. Right: Ticks have four stages: egg, larva, nymph and adult. The size of the nymph ticks is what makes them so difficult to find which, makes them more dangerous. The longer they are hooked onto a body and feeding on the human blood, the higher the chance that person will get infected. Photos courtesy of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

people in May or June."

The possible severity of this year's tick season is the topic of a lot of conflicting online information at this time.

Richard Ostfeld, a distinguished senior

scientist at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, said the warmer winter does not impact tick seasons because ticks are able to survive

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Rhinebeck's Unified Basketball team ends a 'slam dunk' first season



Players and staff of the Rhinebeck High School Unified Basketball Team pose for a team photo. Unified Sports provide opportunities for students with disabilities in all aspects of school life through social inclusion that brings people of all abilities together. Photo by Alex Burg

By Stacey vanden Thoorn

It was an inspiring inaugural season for the Rhinebeck High School Unified Basketball Team, which joined Section IX of the New York Public High School Athletic Association this spring. Unified Sports, established by Special Olympics, provides opportunities for students with and without disabilities to team up to represent their school in various athletic competitions. Rhinebeck's newly developed 16-member basketball team was coached by Assistant Principal Marc Burg and faculty member Susannah Renzi, and joined the ranks with Red Hook, Pine Plains, Rondout, and Arlington High Schools.

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RevCon 2024: A revolutionary experience in Dutchess County

As Dutchess County kicks off its multi-year commemoration of America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary), Dutchess Tourism, Inc. (DTI), the Dutchess County Rev250 Committee, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum will host RevCon 2024, an immersive event with living history demonstrations dedicated to celebrating and exploring Dutchess County's pivotal role in the American Revolution. RevCon 2024 will be held on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park. Re-enactors from the Brigade of the American Revolution will demonstrate military camp life, tactics, and weapons demos and answer questions about life in Revolutionary

America. The accompanying history fair will allow the public to engage with local historians and organizations who will share stories of the people, places, and events that tie in with the continuing themes and promises of the Revolution.

"We are excited to co-host RevCon 2024, a truly unique event that brings history to life in an engaging and accessible way," said Melaine Rottkamp, DTI president & CEO. "Learning about our past is crucial for understanding our present and shaping our future. RevCon provides a fun and interactive opportunity for residents and visitors alike to connect with the rich history of Dutchess County."

The following organizations and historical societies are scheduled to participate: Amenia Historical Society;

Chancellor Livingston Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Dutchess Tourism; Dutchess County Historical Society; Dutchess County Historian's Office; Dutchess County Rev250 Committee; East Fishkill Historical Society; Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Fishkill Historical Society; Poughkeepsie Public Library District; Town of Dover Historian & Town of Dover Historical Society.

Visitors can choose from a variety of hands-on experiences. Larry Maxwell, Town of Patterson Historian from neighboring Putnam County, will have a display of reproduction uniforms that the public can try on. Neil Murray of the Dutchess County Rev250 Committee will display and discuss the weapons and accoutrements that Dutchess County soldiers carried to war. The East Fishkill Historical Society's interpretive team will demonstrate butter making and children's games from the era.

Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum, III emphasized the significant impact the county had on the Revolutionary War, stating, "RevCon offers the public an opportunity to explore our rich heritage, offering insights into the local contributions to securing American liberty. Dutchess County played a critical role in the

American Revolution as the closest secure territory to New York City under patriot control. In addition to hosting the primary supply depot for the Northern Department of the Continental Army, Dutchess provided troops for the 4th New York Regiment and detachments from the county militia that served as far away as Saratoga and Manhattan."

For more details, visit www.dutchestourism.com/rev250. Fun for all ages, this free event will be held rain or shine.

RevCon 2024 is part of the broader REV250 initiative, a commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, highlighting the pivotal moments and contributions of Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley region. The event aims to foster a deeper understanding of the Revolutionary era and inspire a new generation of history enthusiasts. Launched last February, the Commander in Cheers program allows the public to participate in a unique, augmented-reality experience by visiting designated pubs, restaurants and other locations to hear tales about Dutchess County's revolutionary endeavors. Visit www.commanderincheers.com for more information.

Later in the month, New York State will celebrate Path Through History Weekend June 15-16.

Norrie Point, Stony Kill Farm set events for 'Get Outdoors & Get Together Day'

Governor Kathy Hochul announced last week that "Get Outdoors & Get Together Day" will be held on Saturday, June 8, with events at more than 20 select locations across New York State to bring people of all abilities, ages, identities, and backgrounds together for a day of fun, healthy activities.

In Dutchess County, programs will be held at Norrie Point Environmental Education Center in Staatsburg and Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in Wappingers Falls.

Supporting the State's ongoing efforts to broaden the diversity of users and ensure inclusivity of access to State public lands, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, in partnership with the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Veterans' Services, are hosting free events to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors.

"Get Outdoors & Get Together Day" is an event for every New Yorker to participate in and enjoy," Governor Hochul said. "We've prioritized accessibility in New York State and are proud that a diverse cross-section of people already visit our spectacular public lands and facilities. We want New Yorkers to know that no matter what their background or ability, New York State resources are shared by all."

At 22 locations across the state, participants will be encouraged to discover new skills and enjoy a range of introductory-level outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, nature walks and hikes, birding, archery, camping, paddling, and more. Each event will highlight ways to enjoy the outdoors safely and sustainably. All locations will offer a selection of accessible activities and use of adaptive equipment, and demonstrations will be provided at many sites, including trail and beach mobility aids, archery assist stands, arm supports for fishing, and more.

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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 photos



June 9 from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. General admission is \$10, seniors are \$9 (62+), children 6-16 are \$4 and children under 6 are free. Group rates are available and tour buses are welcome. Parking is free

and the show is held indoors and outdoors, rain or shine.

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Dress for Success Dutchess County to host Shopping for a Cause Sale fundraiser

Dress for Success Dutchess County, a program of Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, announced the upcoming Shopping for a Cause Sale to support Hudson Valley Women. The sale will be held on June 7-8 and June 14-15 from noon to 5 p.m. at 2536 South Road (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie (formerly Dress Barn, next to Stop & Shop).

Hudson Valley fashionistas and women looking for bargains on clothing and accessories should take advantage of this signature sale. Recognizable name

brand apparel will be priced \$5 and up while prices on dresses, suits and outerwear start at \$10.

"Our Shopping for a Cause Sale keeps our inventory current, ensuring our clients are consistently offered stylish professional attire during confidence building career styling sessions in our Boutique. These events allow the entire community to take advantage of these amazing deals while supporting our mission," said Robin Blue-Brown, who is the program director at Dress for Success Dutchess County.

"While the sale primarily features new and gently used professional attire and accessories, great deals can be found on designer, formal and casual clothing as well. All proceeds from the sale will help Dress for Success Dutchess County continue providing unemployed and under-employed women the skills, support and resources needed to obtain career success on their path towards self-sufficiency through our Boutique, Career Center, Stepping into Success (SIS) Lunch and Learn Workshops and our BOSS Club" said Blue-Brown.

Dress for Success Dutchess County was established in 2011. Its mission is to empower Hudson Valley women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Women may receive additional services available through Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County.

For more information, call (845) 452-5104 ext. 144 or email: dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day at Val-Kill

The National Park Service is hosting its first World Wide Knit In Public Day event on Saturday, June 8, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) the home of the

former First Lady, who was known as The First Knitter of the Land.

This event is free and open to the public.

Bring your latest knitting, crochet,

embroidery, spinning, felting or hooking project and join the world in this special event. Plan to bring your own chair and refreshments.

Note there is shelter in case of rain.

Plan to stay afterward for a free tour of Eleanor's cottage.

Direct all further inquiries to the National Park Service at (845) 229-9422 or (845) 489-8513.

Preventive measures urged as high-risk tick season arrives

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colder temperatures.

"We've been studying the effect of winter temperatures, as well as various other weather patterns on tick abundance and tick infection for 33 years now, and we find no association between winter temperatures and tick abundance the following spring," Ostfeld said. "The ticks are able to escape very cold, nasty conditions in the winter by getting down under leaf litter and into small pores in the soil where they don't freeze to death."

The severity of tick seasons is primarily influenced by the mast years for oak trees. When oak trees have a mast year, they produce more acorns. This leads to better hibernation and health for acorn-eating animals, which causes an increase in breeding. With more rodents and other small mammals, ticks have more animal hosts to feed on, which can infect them with a disease. Ostfeld said they noticed that last summer when the baby ticks were hatching, there was a low population of white-footed mice.

"So we expect, at least in our local areas in the Hudson Valley in southeastern New York and western New England, to be maybe slightly less risky than average this year," Ostfeld said. "But, there's still plenty of risk out there, so no one should relax and no one should think they're out of danger."

Preventive action

In order to prevent tick bites and tick-borne illnesses, people must take individual action. One protection method is to wear permethrin-treated clothing or get permethrin spray. The spray can be applied to clothing and can last for about six weeks or six washes. Pre-treated clothing will last for the duration of the garment.

Experts also recommend that people tuck their pants into their socks. This makes sure the ticks stay on the clothing instead of getting to the skin. Joy Westercamp, a 2024 Cornell University graduate with a master's of public health in infectious disease epidemiology, said educating yourself on ticks is key to protection.

"The predominant recommendation to prevent tick-borne diseases is individual action like doing tick checks on yourself and your pets after coming inside, wearing white clothing so you can see ticks like when you're outside and those kinds of things," Westercamp said. "So, if people don't know about ticks, they aren't going to take those actions because we don't have a lot of community tick con-

trol to help protect above the individual level, so taking those individual actions is really the only way people can protect themselves from tick-borne diseases."

Tick Task Force

Donna Bolner, the former chair of the Dutchess County Tick Task Force for 14 years and current citizen member, said the DC Tick Task Force also promotes education through their annual virtual educational panels and student media contest.

"What is great about [the panels] is that we could get scientists from all across the country to present and they didn't have to leave their offices," Bolner said. "We archive all of the old presentations on the Dutchess County legislative website for people to access anytime."

If a tick bite is found, the recommendation is to remove it with sharp tweezers. Ostfeld said to pull the tick out with the tweezers and put it on a white piece of paper with clear tape so it can be identified later, which is important if symptoms occur.

"Do not mess around with folk remedies like smothering it with Vaseline or putting a hot match head on it," Ostfeld said. "Neither of those things work and they also can result in crushing the tick, and keeping the tick allows you to have it identified."

There are many misconceptions surrounding tick bites. One misconception is that all tick bites can lead to disease. Luckily, only about 30 percent of nymphs carry a tick-borne illness in Dutchess County. Another misconception is what symptoms look like. Bolner said a bullseye rash is not the only way to know you could be infected.

"A big misconception is you do not need to see a rash to have a tick-borne disease," Bolner said. "So, if you start to have symptoms, you don't need a rash to demonstrate that you are suffering from a tick-borne disease."

Additionally, Lampman said to make sure to put on your calendar when the tick was found and monitor symptoms afterward. If symptoms occur or if you want to get the tick identified, go to your healthcare provider.

"Ticks are really impacting people's lives in a serious, long-term way, so I want people to take ticks very seriously," Lampman said. "But, at the same time, I don't want to scare them so that they don't go outside, because going outside is incredibly important and good for our physical, emotional and mental health."



Joellen Lampman and other members of the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program conducted field research by dragging a white cloth through the grass to see how many ticks would latch on to the cloth. Ticks are not able to fly or jump, but they easily latch on to fabric and host animals. This is a good way to collect ticks to study and analyze the number of ticks in a certain area. Photo courtesy of The New York State Integrated Pest Management Program

For more information, visit the following sites:
cals.cornell.edu/new-york-state-integrated-pest-management/outreach-education/whats-bugging-you/ticks
tickproject.org/
dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Legislature/Tick-Task-Force.htm

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Barrett serves AD 106 constituents well

To the editor:

Didi Barrett serves her NY Assembly District constituents well, with thoughtful, careful consideration of proposed legislation important to our environment, our communities, our families and to our wallets. Vote for Didi Barrett in the June 25 Democratic primary.

Her primary opponent is desperately flailing for traction on issues, without success, as reflected in her recent odd and misleading campaign mailing.

Vote for Didi Barrett to enable her to continue to effectively work for us in Albany.

Idan Sims
Clinton Corners

Reader appreciated Memorial Day special section

To the editor:

Thank you for the Memorial Day Weekend issue of Northern Dutchess News. Each of the stories about the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the sacrifice of our veterans was interesting and a good read. These heroes sacrificed everything they had and everything they were ever going to have.

I found the cover story about the WWII pilot from Pleasant Valley, 22-year-old Lt. Edgar Peters, who died on a mission over northern Italy, especially moving. The humanity of the Italian villagers, and especially the Grisoglio family, to respectfully recover and honor the flier's remains was touching. Lt. Peters gave his "last, full measure of devotion" to our country. And, that the descendants of the Grisoglio family would travel to rural Dutchess County after 80 years to visit and decorate the flier's grave is amazing.

Michael F. Forlenza
Rhinebeck

Presentation on local agriculture set June 12 at Morton Library

"Let's Talk Agriculture," a presentation by three local organizations (Dutchess County 4-H Club, Future Farmers of America, and Rhinebeck Grange) will take place on Wednesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Morton Library. Admission is free

Come learn about these three groups and the variety of ways they work within our communities. The FFA will talk about its mission and services, 4-H youth representatives will discuss their experiences raising livestock, and the Rhinebeck Grange will give a brief history of the organization and how it has evolved to fit the needs of a changing community. The event is expected to last about 1.25 hours, with a short snack break.

Morton Memorial Library & Community House is at 82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

'Are the times, in fact, a-changing?'

To the editor:

The empire is getting restless. Its principal ally and (accused) war criminal in the Middle East, Netanyahu, is facing arrest by the International Criminal Court. The International Court of Justice has studied the killing of Palestinians in Gaza and identified it as a genocide. Next comes an international embargo by the vast majority of countries in the world that know apartheid and crimes against humanity when they see them.

The empire and Israel were the last two countries in the world supporting Apartheid South Africa. It's a familiar story, two nations willing to commit wanton acts of murder in the pursuit of military domination and wartime profits.

But the empire is coming apart at the seams. Its newest generation is disgusted at the charnelhouse of Gaza and is ready to march against racism and colonialism. Two thirds of Americans now side with the victims of Israel's killing machine. Are the times, in fact, a-changing?

New laws are being passed stripping not-for-profit status from any organization critical of Israel. Churches, colleges and unions could be destroyed for talking about Palestinian human rights. And that's not all. Other laws are being passed identifying all criticism of Israel as antisemitic. The empire will destroy our freedom of speech to keep the slaughter going.

Will America finally wrap itself in the cloak of the Holocaust to silence its worldwide critics? The Zionist billionaires and the white nationalists will have us all goose stepping into this dystopian future. Rise up, fight back!

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

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Dutchess County to receive over \$600K for Summer Youth Employment Program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced last week that more than 20,000 youth from low-income households are expected to be employed across the state this summer through New York State's Summer Youth Employment Program. The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance is distributing \$55 million, an increase of \$7.9 million over last year, to all 57 counties and New York City to help youth who might not otherwise have access to summer jobs enter the labor market, acquire professional skills and explore possible career paths.

Dutchess County will receive \$601,494 for the local program, according to a press release from the governor's office.

"The Summer Youth Employment Program helps young New Yorkers find good summer jobs that will give them valuable experience and skills to help prepare them for future employment," Governor Hochul said. "For many participants, this will be their first time in the workforce, and these new experiences

will help them greatly as they pursue their educational and career goals into adulthood."

The Summer Youth Employment Program supports communities across the state in creating summer jobs for youth from low-income families. Participants work in entry-level jobs at places such as parks, summer camps, child care organizations, cultural centers, educational facilities and community-based organizations, among others.

To be eligible for the program, youth must be between the ages of 14 and 20 and be a member of a household with a household income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which varies by household size and, for example, is \$51,640 for a family of three.

The FY25 Enacted Budget included an increase of \$7.9 million for the program over last year to address minimum wage increases and to increase the number of participants. The program served more than 18,400 young people last summer.

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The American Red Cross critically needs blood and platelet donors now following a concerning trend over the past month – fewer donors rolling up a sleeve to give lifesaving blood. In fact, about 20,000 fewer blood donations were collected over the past month than needed to maintain the Red Cross national blood supply.

Make an appointment to give now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Severe weather and historic travel in May contributed to fewer blood dona-

tions. According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), five of the busiest travel days ever happened this month and more record-breaking travel is expected all season long – a busy time when many regular donors may be unable to give. Additionally, as the U.S. approaches what AAA calls the “100 deadliest days” of summer for auto accidents, it’s critical hospitals have lifesaving blood products on hand for all trauma and accident victims who count on transfusions when there is no time to waste. In some of the most dire situations, medical teams may need to use hundreds of blood products to save a life.

Help build the blood supply

The Red Cross has teamed up with Tetris, creators of the iconic, best-selling video game, to celebrate their 40th anniversary and build the blood supply for patients in need. In commemoration, all who answer the call to help through June 9 will get an exclusive Tetris® + Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last, plus be automatically entered for a

chance to win a trip for two to New York to meet Tetris creator, Alexey Pajitnov. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Tetris](#) for details.

Pajitnov, a recent first-time blood donor, says now is the time to help patients play on.

“I think it’s very important to not just talk about people united together and helping each other, but doing it with your real action, and that’s what I tried to do this time,” he said. “So, play Tetris and donate blood!”

Additionally, the Eastern New York Region is teaming up with Stewart’s Shops for “Give a Pint, Get a Pint.” During the month of June, donors at blood drives in counties with Stewart’s Shops locations will receive a voucher for a free pint of Stewart’s Shops ice cream or gelato. Vouchers can be redeemed at any Stewart’s location.

How to donate blood

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#), call 1-800-RED

CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](#) or use the Blood Donor App.

Rhinebeck's Unified Basketball team ends a 'slam dunk' first season

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“We had been thinking about Unified basketball for a while as a district, but this year’s inaugural team was amazing!” said Coach Burg. “Not only are all the students incredible, the team performed great and we all had a fun and fantastic season.”

According to Special Olympics: Unified Sports...” was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.” With that goal in mind, Unified Sports provide opportunities for students with disabilities in all aspects of school life through social inclusion that brings people of all abilities together. Rhinebeck’s Unified team not only had a lot of fun physical activity, they also made some good friends and engaged in experiences that they may not have had the opportunity to engage in before.

“It was exciting to see the student-athletes on the unified basketball team develop confidence and form a cohesive squad throughout the season,” said Coach Renzi. “Students who might not have any

opportunity to interact at school were able to meet and form friendships on and off the court.”

“This program had a positive experience on both the school and the community,” said Unified Sports Helper Chris Martin. “The community continued to show their support from the stands all season long. It was fulfilling to see the friendships that grew on and off the court.”

Unified Sports are gaining great momentum in the USA as more states are adopting programs for public schools. Currently, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® programming is in more than 8,300 schools across the United States, with a goal of being in 10,000 schools by the end of 2024.

“Thanks to everyone who helped to make it possible, especially Susannah Renzi, Chris Martin, Sue Cotter, and Tamara Iovanella and, of course, Pupil Personnel Director Emily Davison, who was the driving force to make it happen,” said Coach Burg. “We are already looking forward to next season.”



Members of the Rhinebeck Unified Basketball play defense during a recent game.
Photo by Alex Burg

CAPE'S NEW YOUTH CLUBHOUSE OFFERS FREE CLASSES TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Too Good For Drugs & Violence (TGFDV) classes are happening Fridays at 3 p.m. In this program, kids/teens can learn important skills on how to refuse substance use through fun activities.

This 15-week, evidence-based drug and violence prevention curriculum (designed by The Mendez Foundation) focuses on developing young people’s social and emotional learning through fun and interactive lessons. These lessons aim to reduce risk factors associated with substance use disorder and increase protective factors, such as pro-social attitudes, healthy relationships, resistance to substance use, conflict management, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence. Students build self-confidence and skill sets to make healthy decisions and achieve their goals.

TGFDV is happening at CAPEs new youth clubhouse, a safe space for teens ages 12-18 at Generation Hope Clubhouse, 31 Marshall Road, Suite 3F, Wappingers Falls.

For questions or to register now to guarantee a spot, please contact CAPE at (845) 765-8301, ext. 104, or education@capedc.org.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greensboro PIT	29	21	.580	-	6-4	L2
	Jersey Shore PHI	28	23	.549	1.5	5-5	L1
	Brooklyn NYM	27	24	.529	2.5	5-5	W1
	Aberdeen BAL	26	25	.510	3.5	5-5	W2
	Hudson Valley NYY	24	24	.500	4.0	5-5	L2
	Wilmington WSH	24	25	.490	4.5	4-6	W2
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Rome ATL	28	21	.571	-	8-2	L1
	Bowling Green TB	27	24	.529	2.0	5-5	L2
	Winston-Salem CWS	25	26	.490	4.0	5-5	W2
	Asheville HOU	22	27	.449	6.0	4-6	W2
	Greenville BOS	21	30	.412	8.0	2-8	W1
	Hickory TEX	20	31	.392	9.0	5-5	L2



Manager Ortiz understands role

By Rich Thomaselli

"This is a place where you are not defined by wins and losses, but by the success and improvement of the players," said Hudson Valley Renegades manager Nick Ortiz. "Of course, you still make game moves and you react to what happens on the field, but you need to understand the umbrella and the overall mission."

At the High Class A level, the mission is to get players advanced to the next rung of baseball.

Perhaps nobody understands that better than Nick Ortiz.

"It's a balancing act, that's for sure," he said.

That's just one reason why the New York Yankees brought him back to the organization and entrusted their minor league players with him after a four-year stint as the Quality Assurance Coach for the San Francisco Giants Major League team.

And, in a way, quality assurance is still his job.

Ortiz is the 19th manager in the 30-year history of Hudson Valley. Ortiz previously served for four seasons in the Yankees system, serving as an Amateur Scout covering Puerto Rico and a Minor League coach. He

does have previous managerial experience.

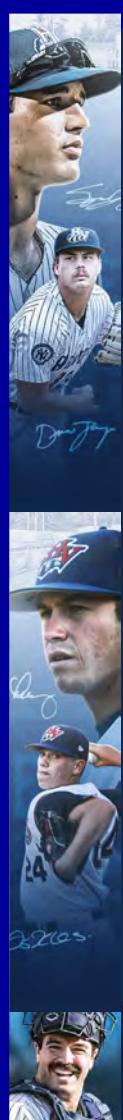
"It's a tremendous experience," he said. "A lot of that has to do with the great fan support and the incredible community sport that the team gets."

In addition to his Major and Minor League coaching experience, Ortiz has coached and managed in the prestigious Puerto Rican Winter League for the Gigantes de Carolina and the Cangrejeros de Santurce, a league in which he played in for 16 seasons and was a six-time All-Star. He began his coaching career after a 15-year playing career in Minor League Baseball, playing all four infield positions in the Boston, Montreal, Cleveland, Los Angeles-NL, Kansas City, Chicago-NL, and Yankees organizations.

Ortiz also played for the Puerto Rican National Team in 2010 at the Central American and Caribbean Games.

In his role as the field boss of the Renegades, he is able to draw on his experience as a player and a coach and a manager.

"I don't know if I would refer to it as 'imparting any wisdom' or anything like that," Ortiz said. "It's just a matter of shared experiences and being there for the players when they need me."



PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Jared Serna SS	HV	47	183	35	45	11	0	10	40	32	41	7	5	.246	.363	.470	.833
2 Omar Martinez C	HV	39	139	18	33	6	1	6	18	33	39	0	0	.237	.385	.424	.809
3 Jace Avina CF	HV	37	143	23	45	15	0	5	26	20	42	4	0	.315	.409	.524	.933
3 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	45	173	30	56	12	1	5	23	24	28	6	3	.324	.407	.491	.898
5 Kiko Romero 3B	HV	29	89	15	19	5	0	4	14	18	40	4	1	.213	.369	.404	.773
6 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	37	125	15	37	14	0	2	21	23	33	2	1	.296	.407	.456	.863
6 Roc Riggio 2B	HV	33	126	26	26	6	3	2	12	28	29	7	2	.206	.365	.349	.714
8 Kyle Battle LF	HV	19	40	14	7	1	0	1	3	9	19	5	0	.175	.333	.275	.608
8 Garrett Martin LF	HV	21	68	10	13	4	1	1	11	5	25	6	1	.191	.304	.324	.628
8 Josh Moylan 1B	HV	36	120	16	29	4	1	1	11	24	34	0	1	.242	.374	.317	.691
11 Beau Brewer 2B	HV	19	54	4	11	2	0	0	2	6	15	0	0	.204	.283	.241	.524
11 Juan Crisp P	HV	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
11 Cole Gabrielson RF	HV	30	93	17	19	8	1	0	5	14	25	4	2	.204	.357	.312	.669
11 Anthony Hall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	.091	.286	.091	.377
11 Tyler Hardman DH	HV	9	34	3	7	1	0	0	4	4	16	1	0	.206	.289	.235	.524
11 DJ LeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	.286	.286	.429	.715
11 Nelson Medina CF	HV	31	104	7	14	2	0	0	13	10	54	7	0	.135	.216	.154	.370
11 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	.200	.316	.400	.716
11 Jorbit Vivas 2B	HV	4	16	4	5	1	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	.313	.389	.375	.764





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Serna shines with three homeruns as Renegades take 3 from Aberdeen

By Rich Thomaselli

This might be the best rivalry in minor league baseball this season.

Hudson Valley vs. Aberdeen.

They don't hate each other. They just have a healthy respect for each other's franchise. It's a rivalry that dates back 30 years to the old New York-Penn League in the low Class A short season. Now they are both in high Class A and in the South Atlantic League.

But the rivalry continues.

After the IronBirds won five of six games at home three weeks ago, the two teams split six games at Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers last week.

After dropping a 9-4 decision to Aberdeen in a Memorial Day game, the Renegades won on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday, it was a 9-3 victory led by a remarkable game from Jared Serna.

Serna had two long balls, including a grand slam and a three-run homer. His seven RBI were tied for the most RBI in a single game in Renegades history. Serna also set the Heritage Financial Park record for RBI.

The Renegades struck for five in the second inning. After a Josh Moylan single,

Garrett Martin walked and Kiko Romero was hit by a pitch. Moylan scored on a Nelson Medina RBI groundout. Roc Riggio walked to re-load the bases, and Serna launched a grand slam to make it 5-1.

Behind a six-run fifth and another stellar start from Sebastian Keane, the Renegades won 11-1. Keane tossed six innings of one-run ball with six strikeouts for the Renegades, not allowing a hit until the fifth inning. The right-hander has struck out six batters in consecutive starts. In his last three home outings, Keane has three quality starts, allowing just three runs in 19 innings and recording 20 strikeouts.

Another blowout was to come. Using a seven-run explosion in the sixth inning, Hudson Valley posted a 10-3 win on Friday. In the sixth, the Renegades sent 12 to the plate and recorded eight hits including two home runs. Serna hit his South Atlantic League-leading 10th home run of the season, while Martinez launched a two-run shot.

The Renegades lost both games on Saturday and Sunday by scores of 3-1 and 7-3. They are now 24-24 on the season and are on the road this week with games against the Wilmington Blue Rocks.



Jared Serna hit three homeruns during the past week for the Hudson Valley Renegades and leads the South Atlantic League with 10 on the season. Photo by Dave Janosz

RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

Rehab assignments and trouble with steals, errors

By Rich Thomaselli

(7.0 IP) at Worcester in a doubleheader in August 2021.

REHABBING RENEGADES: Last week, the Renegades were joined by three rehabbing players. DJ LeMahieu, Jorbit Vivas and Tyler Hardman all had their rehab assignments transferred to Hudson Valley by the Yankees.

TIME AWAY: The Renegades are in the midst of playing 24 of 36 games away from Heritage Financial Park in Wappingers Falls.

SCRANTON/WB (REALLY MOOSIC) SHUFFLE: After Baron Stuart made a spot start with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in a doubleheader last week, he returned to the Renegades. Stuart joined a list of impressive Renegades to make spot starts with the RailRiders in recent seasons, most notably Sean Boyle, who threw a complete game no-hitter

TROUBLE WITH THE STEAL: Going into last Friday, in only 13 games against the Aberdeen IronBirds, the Renegades have allowed 59 stolen bases (4.54 steals/game). The IronBirds alone account for 57.3% of all stolen bases against the Renegades this season in just 30.2% of Hudson Valley's games. The Renegades have allowed 103 stolen bases this season, the fifth-most in Minor League Baseball.

TO ERR IS TO HUMAN: Also going into last Friday's game, the Renegades have committed 69 errors this season and sport a .956 team fielding percentage, both the worst in High-A. The Renegades have the fourth-most errors in Minor League baseball and tied for the second-worst fielding percentage.

GENERAL MANAGER Q & A

YES Network game broadcast and preparation with team meetings

Each week writer Rich Thomaselli and Hudson Valley Renegades General Manager Zach Betkowski sit down to discuss the Renegades in particular and minor league baseball in general.

What was it like having your Memorial Day game broadcast on the YES Network and what does it mean to the franchise?

First of all, that doesn't happen without the efforts of (Director of Publicity and Media) Joe Vasile. He worked tirelessly since the off season to even see if this was a possibility. Now we have two more games on the network because of him later this summer. So congratulations to Joe. The games will be in August and September, and we are really excited. I think we executed a

very crisp and professional broadcast.

The team has been playing about .500 ball. Can you please elaborate to readers that you have nothing to do with the on-field performance?

No, I think it's another thing that's worth mentioning again, I can't be more clear to the readers and you know, I certainly have a zero influence on any transactions, performance, anything of the nature. I'm not much of a baseball guru, if you will. But I think I certainly know the business side of things. And that's what this job is mainly all about.

What are team meetings like? Are they fun? Is there a lot of free willing and exchange of ideas?

You know, I think it depends on the context of the meeting, right? Like the meeting this morning was really just preparation for today's game. We try to do a game day meeting every day with a focus group of staff members that are going to be involved in the game presentation in some form or facet. There's certainly a fair share of meetings where we, you know, talk about fan experience things, and maybe some shortcomings we have in improvements that are needed. So those conversations can, at times, be difficult, but are necessary to improve the business. And there are times when certain verticals are working, and we talk about how we can improve and enhance on those. I have an open-door



policy. I am open to talking about anything that will improve the team.

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Pictured above are Filomena Fanelli, founder and CEO of Impact PR & Communications and professional advisor for PRSSA's Marist College chapter, presenting a check to Dr. Amanda Damiano, faculty advisor of Marist College's PRSSA, at the agency's 10th-anniversary celebration. Photo courtesy of Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

On the heels of its 10th anniversary, Impact PR & Communications has announced a donation of \$550 to Marist College's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). The donation will fund 10 student memberships for the 2024 – 2025 school year, further demonstrating the agency's ongoing commitment to supporting

up-and-coming public relations industry professionals.

PRSSA, an organization for public relations and communications students, promotes practical and experiential industry knowledge, peer and professional networking and internship and mentorship opportunities, ultimately preparing the next generation of PR experts.

Red Hook car-pedestrian fatality under investigation

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reported the investigation into a car-pedestrian fatal crash which occurred in the Village of Red Hook at approximately 10:20 p.m. on May 25.

On the above date and time, Sheriff's Deputies responded to North Broadway (Route 9) near Cherry Street in the Village of Red Hook for a report of a crash. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2017 Ford Fusion was traveling southbound on Broadway when it left the roadway and struck a pedestrian on the sidewalk.

The pedestrian, who has been identified as Linh Hong Nguyen (age 25 of Red

Hook), was pronounced dead at the scene, and the vehicle operator was uninjured. The operator remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

The primary factor in the crash appears to be unsafe speed, and at this time no charges have been filed; however, the investigation is continuing by the Sheriff's Office's Detective Bureau and Crash Investigation Unit. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Dutchess County Medical Examiner and Village of Red Hook Police, and more information may be released at a later time as it becomes available.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Embroiderer's Guild event set June 5

June 5: "Creative Blackwork on Canvas" - Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville - Skylkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA), will present a Zoom presentation by Ann Strite-Kurtz. Ann is certified in canvas embroidery by the National Academy of Needlearts (NAN) and holds a Master Craftsman certificate in canvas from EGA. She specializes in innovative stitch treatments. This program begins at 12:30pm. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10AM or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30pm. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA.

Invasive plants cleanup set June 6 at Lovett Wildlife Preserve

Dutchess Land Conservancy and the Town of Stanford Conservation Advisory Committee invite the community to a Invasives Cleanup on Thursday, June 6, from 4 to 9 p.m., at the Gary M. Lovett Wildlife Preserve, 3141 Salt Point Turnpike, Stanfordville.

Invasive species can quickly grow to dominate the landscape, and their presence can cause serious ecological harm. Help control some of the more aggressive plants that are taking over the trails, fields, and hedgerows at the Lovett Preserve. Drop in for an hour or stay for the whole time – come by on your way home from work or stop by after dinner. There will be tasks for all levels of age and fitness.

Parking: Bridge repair is ongoing along Salt Point Turnpike, resulting in closures. The Preserve can only be reached via Route 82 and then heading west on Salt Point Turnpike. There is a parking lot at the Preserve. If it is full, please park along the shoulder of the road.

Bring snacks and water, and wear weather-appropriate clothing. Registration requested via EventBrite ("Invasives Cleanup at the Lovett Preserve").

Flea Market at Rhinebeck Masonic Lodge June 8

Saturday, June 8, 2024. 9am-4pm. Flea Market. Rhinebeck Masonic Lodge, 6472 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck. Rain date Sunday, June 9. For info or to reserve vendor space (10' x 10' \$15 in advance, \$25 on day of event), contact Barb Gray-Black, 845-876-2473.

PV church sets Yard Sale June 8

There will be a Yard Sale, rain or shine, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley, on Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Something for everyone! 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.

Italian Dinner set June 8 at Poughkeepsie church

An Italian Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. The eat-in or take-out dinner will be prepared by JJ & his students from the CIA. The menu: Choice of Chicken Milanese or Eggplant Parmigiana with 2 pastas (red & white sauces), green beans with garlic & bacon, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea & water. The cost is \$20. Reservations required by June 3. Call (845) 452-8440 for reservations.

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club sets Open House weekend

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club will hold an Open House on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, from noon to 5 p.m. Experience the best Hudson views from our docks & clubhouse in Staatsburg as you discover our affordable welcoming community club for sailors, power boaters, paddlers and river lovers. Bring the family, rain or shine. www.poughkeepsieyachtclub.org

Family Meet & Play set June 9 at Copake Grange

There will be a Family Meet & Play on Sunday, June 9, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake. This free event is a fun way to meet young families in our town and build lasting friendships. It features an afternoon of play time, crafts and conversation.

Stanford Fire Co. to hold golf tourney June 14

Stanford Fire Company's annual golf outing is coming to James Baird State Park on Friday, June 14. The event is an opportunity for food, fun, friendship, and fundraising. Pick up a registration flyer at the Stanford Free Library any time they are open or at the Firehouse any Monday evening. For more information, contact Will Moriarty at (845) 489-2825 or wmoriarty39@optonline.net.

Strawberry Festival take-out dinner set June 15

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 15, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m. Dinners will be Take Out only. The menu will include traditional picnic fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs (let us know which one you would like!), potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, and homemade straw-

berry shortcake for dessert made with hand-picked local strawberries and homemade ice cream and biscuits. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations (which are a must as we will run out of dinners), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Explore some of Clinton's historic landmarks on June 15 driving tour

Join the Clinton Historical Society's self-guided Historic Landmarks Driving Tour on Saturday, June 15. Docents posted at 12 landmark Clinton properties will offer exterior tours and historical information from 11a.m. to 3 p.m., followed by an After-Party in the gardens at Mole Manor.

The tour takes participants at their own pace through the hamlets of Clinton Corners, Schultsville, Hibernia, and to visit old farm and mill houses nearby.

Registration and tour maps may be obtained at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners beginning at 11 a.m. Registration is \$50 for Clinton Historical Society members, \$60 for non-members, and \$40 for Garden After-Party only. Free for kids 12 and younger. For more information and to register in advance for a 5% discount, visit the CHS website: <https://clintonhistoricalsociety.org/2024-driving-tour-registration/>.

Stanford Market Day June 15

Stanford Market Day is a town-wide event set Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It combines the town's 4th annual community-wide yard sale with the Lion's Club Flea Market & Bear Creek's Farmers Market to create a mega-market day that is sure to have something fun for everyone. Co-Sponsored by the Stanford Business Association & The Lion's Club.

Raise the Tank fundraiser set June 15

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will hold its Pull the Tank fundraiser on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m., to raise critical funds to support Mission United, a program dedicated to assisting veterans and military families in the community. For more information and to register for Pull the Tank, visit www.uwdor.org/pullthetank.

Vanderbilt Garden Association to offer tours

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

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

For more information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Repair Cafes set in Stanford

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Bangall/Stanfordville: Bear Creek Farmers Market, 108 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall. Bi-weekly on Saturdays, starting on May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a rich array of locally sourced food for families to make complete at-home meals, and a lineup of community-centered events. More info: Debra Kaye, debra@bearcreekfarm.com or (914) 475-1150

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market

Albany Post Road (Route 9, across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June-October. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and much more. New vendors always welcome. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market

the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Tuesdays, 2-5:30 p.m., May 21-Oct. 29. (845) 471-0589 or info@mhdcm.org

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise needed. You need to be 18 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 & Thursday mornings, 8:30 a.m.-noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, visit our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call 845-229-6432.

DCHS presents annual awards at ‘The Grove’ in Rhinebeck

By Kaeleigh Banda

The Dutchess County Historical Society Historic Preservation and Awards Celebration took place from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Hill family’s “The Grove” in Rhinebeck. The celebration recognized two individuals and two organizations for their contributions to the preservation and protection of Dutchess County’s history.

The Hill family home was built in 1842 and has only been owned by two families since then. The home’s unique octagonal structure and characteristics from both the 1800s and the 1930s, when it was renovated, provide a vast historical experience. The event was set inside and outside the home. There were tour guides inside to explain the history of the house and refreshments outside for guests to enjoy.

William P. Tatum III, the Dutchess County Historian and ex officio for DCHS, said Huck Hill and the Hill family generously provided their home for the event.

“[The Grove] is one of the most outstandingly preserved properties in the village of Rhinebeck so it’s always wonderful to be able to honor the people who make history possible at a superlatively historic property,” Tatum said.

Bill Jeffway, the executive director of DCHS, presented the awards to the honorees and emphasized the importance of highlighting individuals and organizations who support local history.

“There are a lot of lessons you can learn from history,” Jeffway said. “The familiarity of local history makes it more real than national history from a textbook.”

The first of the four main awards that were presented was the Dutchess Award, which was awarded to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Director William A. Harris accepted the award on its behalf. The FDR Presidential Library and Museum is an international tourist destination and uses its property to host historical presentations.

The second award was the Eileen Mylod Hayden Award for Excellence in Education. It was awarded to Jeff Urbin, the education director for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Urbin’s in-person and remote teachings have positively impacted his students and demonstrated his resilience as an educator.

The third award was the Helen Wilkinson Reynolds Award. Jack Conklin, a U.S. Army veteran and retired businessman, received the honor for his historical writings and dedication. He has written two books and historical columns for local newspapers.

The final award was the DCHS Business of Historic Distinction Award, which was presented to Arnoff Moving and Storage and was accepted by its President and CEO Mike Arnoff. Arnoff Moving and Storage played a large role in



From left are, Dutchess County Historical Society President Rob Doyle, Mike Arnoff, Anna Hill, DCHS Executive Director Bill Jeffway, Jack Conklin, Huck Hill, Jeff Urbin, and William Harris. The honorees received their awards on the porch of the Hill family home, “The Grove,” in Rhinebeck on Saturday, June 1. Photo by Kaeleigh Banda

DCHS’s recent move from Poughkeepsie to Rhinebeck. DCHS felt their collections were moved with professional specialist services.

This is the second year that the DCHS has held a large event for their awards presentation. Rob Doyle, the volunteer president of the DCHS, said they plan to continue to host large celebrations each

year and move the location across the county.

“We have always done the annual awards, but never had a big venue,” Doyle said. “Last year, for the first year, we decided to go to a historical property in Union Vale - we hope to continue to have this event at historical properties.”

Applications now open for Hudson Valley Agribusiness BIPOC Microloan Accelerator

Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) has opened applications for its upcoming BIPOC Microloan Accelerator, a Business Technical Assistance (BTA) and access to capital program.

The nine-month program will be accepting 12 BIPOC and other minority agribusiness entrepreneurs from the Hudson Valley counties of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Rensselaer, Sullivan, Ulster and Washington. The deadline for application is June 20.

Participants will receive training that will help them improve their businesses’ financial literacy and access microloans through HVADC’s Agribusiness Loan Fund. The curriculum for the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator will combine virtual, in-person and on demand training, and will be conducted in-group, and one-on-one. Topics will include how to manage debt, using credit to increase FICO scores, credit repair, personal and business management budgeting, choosing the right loan for a business, managing cash flow, and achieving loan readiness to access capital. Additional programming will address operational and management skills, as well as mental and physical well-being.

As a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), HVADC facilitates training such as the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator as part of its mission to provide financial services and investment in local communities and the residents who live there by providing critically needed financing often unavailable from mainstream financial institutions. HVADC is the only

CDFI in the region exclusively dedicated to providing funding to farm and food enterprises in economically disadvantaged communities. Funding for the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator has been made possible through a grant received from Empire State Development.

The entrepreneurs selected to participate in the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator will be those that have promising business concepts where greater financial literacy and access to capital can make a significant and positive impact on the future of their business. These impact measurements include significant sales growth, increased profitability, job retention and creation, and enhanced sustainability of the business. Those successfully completing the program benchmarks will each receive a low-interest \$5,000 microloan from the HVADC Agribusiness Loan Fund.

“HVADC is continuing its efforts to support equity and inclusion through this opportunity for BIPOC farm and food business owners,” said Mary Ann Johnson, HVADC Deputy Director. “Past HVADC Accelerator programs have resulted not only in positive economic outcomes for the participants, but all have rated the aspects of relationship and community-building as being beneficial to enhancing their network and businesses,” she continued.

The BIPOC Microloan Accelerator is specifically tailored to fit the needs of agribusinesses owned by those in underserved populations in rural areas, particularly those defined as low- to mid-income, startups, nonemployee firms, those with no access to capital in the tra-

ditional sense, and minority groups (businesses owned by women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons, and Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color).

To learn more about the BIPOC

Microloan Accelerator and to apply, visit <https://www.hvadc.org/business-technical-assistance/bipocmicroloanaccelerator>.

Questions about the program may be addressed to Duane Stanton, at dstanton@hvadc.org.

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Ribbon-cutting held to open 21st Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market



Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce president Dot Chenevert cuts the ribbon to open the 21st edition of Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market on Saturday, June 1 at the lot across Route 9 from the Hyde Park Town Hall. The market is named in honor of Paul Chenevert, who operated and volunteered at the market for many years. It is open rain or shine every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. through the end of Oct. The market features approximately 20 booths to include farm fresh fruits and vegetables, chicken farm products, artwork, bagels, quiches and baked goods, dog treats, hot sauces and much more. For more information, check out the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce or the Hyde Park Farmers Market on Facebook. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Grants awarded to 11 local youth sports teams to provide opportunities to underserved youth

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced \$119,355 in grant awards has been awarded to 10 non-profit youth team sports programs for underserved children under the age of 18 through New York State's Youth Team Sports (YTS) grant program. An additional grant of \$19,969 was awarded to one project through the 2023-2024 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding which was made possible through a one-time allocation for the improvement of sporting infrastructure.

These grants, ranging from \$6,015 to \$20,000, will help provide opportunities for young people in need to engage in sports activities that promote improved physical, mental, emotional or social outcomes; decreased stress, anxiety and depression; improved social skills and ability to work well with others; and reduced risk of engaging in substance abuse and similar risky behaviors.

Serino said, "Dutchess County is committed to ensuring every child of every background has access to enriching opportunities that promote their physical, mental and emotional well-being. These Youth Sports Teams grants empower young people, offering not only athletic opportunities, but building blocks for success in various aspects of their life as they grow."

Projects funded through the 2024 Youth Team Sports Program include:

Arlington Lacrosse Developmental Club, Inc. - \$10,000 to provide opportunity for all local children ages 5-14 (kindergarten through 8th grade) to participate in a comprehensive, year-round athletic program teaching the fundamentals of lacrosse while promoting positive moral values such as compassion, respect and teamwork. The funds will be used to purchase loaner equipment to continue the success of their "no gear, no problem" initiative, which began last season.

Dolphins Swim Club of the Hudson Valley - \$9,250 to offer a competitive USA Swimming program for swimmers of all levels, creating a safe and enjoyable

atmosphere conducive to learning swimming and good sportsmanship/dedication. The funds will be used for scholarships, which will reduce the financial barriers to participate in swim club programming.

Family Services, Inc. - \$10,000 to continue access to basketball activities offered at the Teen Resource Activity Center during the summer, helping local youth keep physically fit in a safe environment; funds will be used for clinics and tournament; equipment and supplies; and incentives for participation.

Girls on the Run Hudson Valley - \$13,070 to inspire girls using fun, activity- and experience-based, positive youth development programs that creatively integrate running and are designed to enhance the physical, social and emotional skills/behaviors of girls ages 8-13 to successfully navigate life experiences. The funds will be used for adaptive equipment, supplies/uniforms, healthy snacks and scholarships.

Lagrange Soccer League - \$20,000 to fund the league's current Special Needs program, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes, which encourages inclusive participation in the sport of soccer. In addition to the Special Needs program, funds will be used to complete field infrastructure repairs which will increase accessibility and safe surfacing for players of all abilities.

Northern Dutchess Aquatics Club - \$12,000 to provide robust training and swimming opportunities for young swimmers while keeping costs affordable. The funds will be used for scholarships that provide full programming opportunities including swim meet fees, basic swim gear and competition travel fees in order to serve youth facing financial barriers.

Poughkeepsie Crew Parents - \$15,000 to increase participation and diversity in the sport, giving every young person the opportunity to row and benefit from the life lessons rowing teaches as part of the only dues-free program in Dutchess

County. The funds will be used for a new boat and crew equipment.

Rhinebeck Crew - \$7,000 to lower the costs and give all local students access to the sport of rowing. The funds will be used for scholarships to pay for the fees, gear and uniforms that participants would likely not be able to afford without this opportunity.

The Black & Latino Coalition - \$17,000 to provide underserved children, ages 4 to 12, with an opportunity to engage in competitive majorette baton twirling activities, focusing on dance, teamwork, discipline, and self-expression through the art of majorette performance. The funds will be used for equipment, uniforms and competition expenses.

Wappingers Crew Club - \$6,015 to offer additional scholarship opportunities, allowing the club to include more participants who are financially burdened, increasing participation and tar-

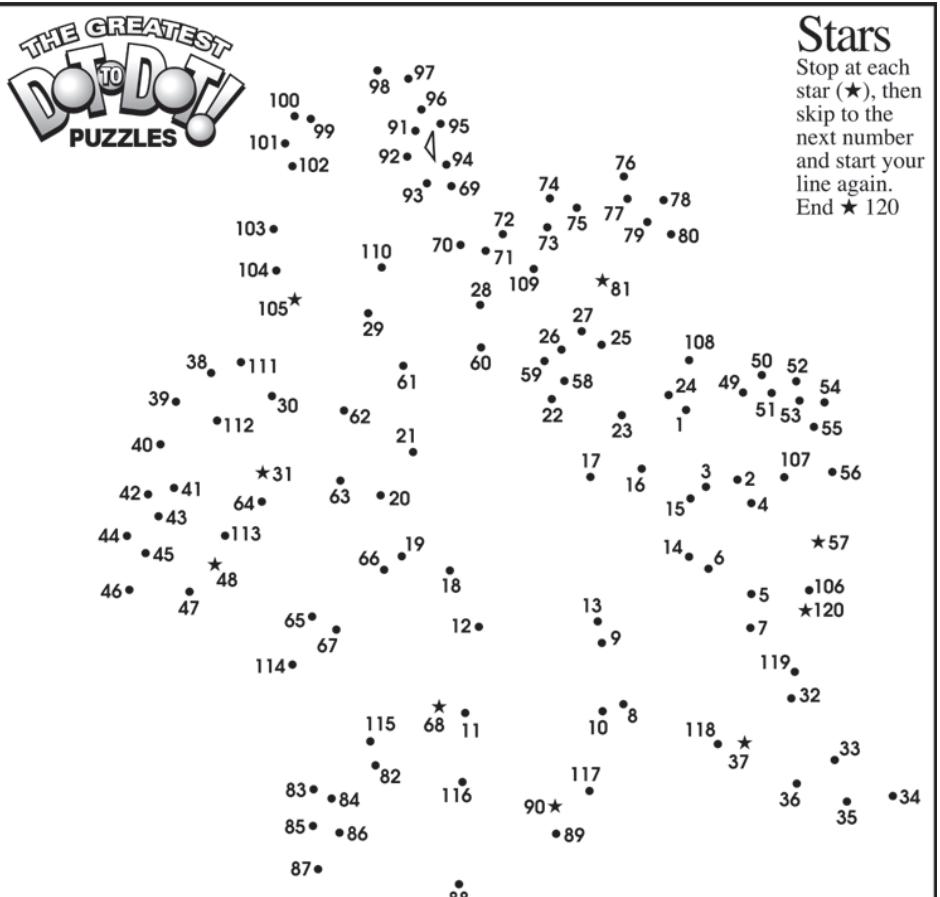
geting youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity to compete. The funds will be used for student scholarships and their cost of equipment, uniforms and supplies associated with participating in club competitions.

Applications for the Youth Team Sports grant program were reviewed by the Dutchess County Youth Board and Coordinating Council, as well as the Department of Community and Family Services Commissioner, with recommendations made to the County Executive for final approval.

Project funded through the 2023-2024 Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Infrastructure allocation: Hyde Park United Soccer League - \$19,969 to improve on their sports complex by providing a safe and accessible space all year for underserved youth and families. The funds will be used to install a concrete floor under the existing pavilion.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 19 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



By David Kalvitis

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Poughkeepsie Public Library sets author talk for Juneteenth on June 15

The Poughkeepsie Public Library will present and author talk with Jemar Tisby, New York Times bestselling author, national speaker, and public historian on a mission to deliver truths from the Black experience with depth and clarity. He has been featured in The Washington Post, Vox, CNN and The Atlantic.

Join us on Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m. in the Lateef Islam Auditorium at the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie for a spirited conversation

about Juneteenth and its historical significance in modern times. Light refreshments will be served.

Juneteenth became a federally observed holiday in 2021. Tisby says of the holiday, "Black people today should carry on the spirit of the earliest Juneteenth celebrations and actually...celebrate. I think we can honor the true intent of Juneteenth, a day to revel in Black freedom."

The holiday commemorates the end-

ing of slavery, and the date that Major General Gordon Granger ordered the last enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the Civil War.

Tisby has spoken about the commemorative practices: "Juneteenth should have been a national monument of remembrance, memorial, and celebration for generations. Black people have known this, and we've taken it upon our-

selves to celebrate our liberation...We should celebrate. Throw a party. Have a picnic. Watch your favorite movie. Express joy in whatever way feels appropriate."

Tisby's books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. Registration is required.

For more information about the event, visit poklib.org/jemar-tisby, or call (845) 485-3445 x3707.



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38th Powerhouse season to present new musical and play workshops, free readings

Vassar College will present the 38th Powerhouse Theater Season starting June 21. The annual summer season brings together some of today's most influential theatrical voices and welcomes the next generation of theater artists as members of the renowned Powerhouse Theater Training Program.

Since 1985, Powerhouse has welcomed artists and students of the highest caliber to the Vassar College campus—from Lynn Nottage to John Patrick Shanley and from Taylor Mac to Sarah DeLappe. The artists and projects that join the ranks of this esteemed group in 2024 include Drew Droege (*Titanique*)

and his new biting comedy *Messy White Gays*, directed by Mike Donahue (*The Legend of Georgia McBride*). Jocelyn Kuritsky (*KPOP*) and her writing partners present episodes in progress of the Webby Award-honored podcast *A Simple Herstory*, in collaboration with The Tank and directed by Meghan Finn. Writing team Dorie Clark and Marie Incontrera turn the patriarchal spy genre on its head with the lesbian spy thriller musical *Absolute Zero*, directed by Powerhouse alum Ellie Heyman (*The Great Work Begins*). *Shanghai Sonatas*, the sweeping musical based on the memoirs of Jewish refugee musicians who



Joyce Cohen brought "Useful People" to Powerhouse Theater in 2023. This year, she brings "Shanghai Sonatas" along with Sean Gao and Alan Goodson. Photo by Buck Lewis

escaped Nazi Germany and found refuge in Shanghai in the 1930s and '40s, comes from the creative team of Sean Gao, Alan Goodson and Joyce Hill Stoner, with direction by Chongren Fan (*The Dragon King's Daughter*). Liz Dahmen returns for the second installment of Performing Art at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center. And rounding out the Powerhouse Season are free readings of new works written and directed by Gloria Majule and Shariffa Ali, Savon Bartley and Adam Coy (*The Tank*), C.J. Baer and Judson Jones (*Theatre East*), Max Reuben, and Kaela Mei-Shing Garvin, the winner of the Leah Ryan Fund's "Leah Award."

Vassar will also welcome to campus a new cohort of young actors, directors, and writers as members of the Powerhouse Theater Training Company. These emerging artists will present a slate of free theater throughout the season including Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, adapted and directed by Devin Kawaoka ("Chicago Med"), and *The Taming of the Shrew*, directed by Caley Chase. Both will be performed outside at the Preserve at Vassar. Max Reuben returns to direct the company in the innovative use of Soundpainting, a gestural language, in a completely devised project at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center.

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Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to open June 11

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) (Davis McCallum, Artistic Director; Kendra Ekelund, Managing Director) presents their 2024 repertory season.

The World Premiere of Medea: Re-Versed, by longtime HVSF company member Luis Quintero (Love's Labor's Lost), adapted from Euripides, and co-conceived and directed by Nathan Winkelstein (Seascape), in a co-production with Red Bull Theater and Bedlam will begin on June 11, with opening night set for Friday June 21 for a run through September 2. The production will then transfer to the Frank Shiner Theater at Sheen Center for Thought and Culture in Manhattan and will run September 12 to October 15.

The cast for Medea: Re-Versed will include Melissa Mahoney, Mark Martin, Luis Quintero, Stephen Michael Spencer, Jacob Ming Trent, Sarin Monae West, and Conservatory Company member Siena D'Addario.

Medea: Re-Versed will feature costume design by Nicole Wee, lighting design by Carolina Ortiz Herrera, sound design by Matt Otto, and properties by Buffy Cardoza. Mark Martin serves as music director, Alitheia Phillips is the voice and dialect coach, and Janelle Caso is the stage manager.

An ice-cold, high-octane adaptation of Euripides' play written in battle rap verse, this brand-new hip-hop version of Medea sheds contemporary light on the classic tragedy of family, power, and revenge - as stunning today as it was two thousand years ago. Quintero's version of the story

reignites the sacred rage of our ancestors and illuminates in the most human terms the extraordinary lengths that some people will travel to even the scales of justice.

Medea: Re-Versed was originally commissioned and developed by Red Bull Theater.

The World Premiere of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, by Heidi Armbruster (Mrs. Christie), adapted from Agatha Christie, and directed by Ryan Quinn (The Tempest at HVSF) will begin on June 13, with opening night set for Wednesday June 26 for a run through September 1.

The cast for The Murder of Roger Ackroyd will include Melissa Mahoney, Sean McNall, Bobby Moreno, Travis Raeburn, Kurt Rhoads, Malika Samuel, Nance Williamson, and Conservatory Company members Siena D'Addario and Kevin Thrower.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd will feature costume design by Charlotte Palmer-Lane, lighting design by Lucrecia Briceño, sound design and compositions by Matt Otto, and properties by Buffy Cardoza. Susannah Millonzi serves as movement director, Alitheia Phillips is the voice and dialect coach, and Daniel Vaughn is the stage manager.

The murder of Roger Ackroyd sends shockwaves through the tight-knit community of King's Abbot, a drowsy village now awash with suspicion and secrecy. Not to fear -- a certain mustachioed Belgian detective is on the case! This highly theatrical adaptation of Agatha

Christie's 1926 masterpiece delves deep into the human psyche's intricate dance with truth and deception, re-inventing the pleasures of the theatrical whodunnit with HVSF's signature playful and free-wheeling style.

By The Queen, by Whitney White (Macbeth in Stride), adapted from William Shakespeare's Henry VI and Richard III, and directed by Shana Cooper (The Taming of the Shrew at HVSF) will begin on June 15, with opening night set for Saturday June 29, and a run through August 31.

The cast for By The Queen will include Bobby Moreno, Luis Quintero, Travis Raeburn, Malika Samuel, Stephen Michael Spencer, Jacob Ming Trent, Sarin Monae West, Nance Williamson, and Conservatory Company members Siena D'Addario and Kevin Thrower.

By The Queen will feature costume design by An-lin Dauber, lighting design by Carolina Ortiz Herrera, sound design and composition by Lee Kinney, and properties by Buffy Cardoza. Tiffany Rachelle Stewart serves as movement director, Alitheia Phillips is the voice and dialect coach, and Janelle Caso is the stage manager.

Experience Shakespeare's story of the War of the Roses through the lens of Queen Margaret, the ultimate survivor in a country coming apart at the seams. Part disco party, part riotous post-mortem on a life lived to the fullest, By The Queen puts one brilliant woman at center stage, and the light and heat given off by her stories of resistance and resilience will

make you want to call the queens in your own life – your mother, your grandmother, your sister, or your daughter – and ask, "What was it like for YOU?"

By The Queen received its world premiere last year at Trinity Repertory in Providence, RI.

Casting for the season is by Calleri Jensen Davis.

Tickets begin at \$10 and can be purchased at hvshakespeare.org. This year, any ticket for any performance is \$10 for audience members aged 18 and under, when accompanied by an adult.

This will be HVSF's third season on the grounds of its new home in Garrison, NY, using its pre-existing seasonal theater tent during the construction of a permanent open-air theater venue, slated to open in 2026. HVSF has engaged a team of experts including Jeanne Gang + Studio Gang, Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects, and Fisher Dachs Associates Theater Consultants to lead the design process of the performance space and surrounding campus. Now and into the future, HVSF audiences will continue to experience the company's signature open-air productions and pre-show picnicking on the grounds.

ABOUT HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Founded in 1987, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) is a critically acclaimed (The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal), professional, non-profit theater

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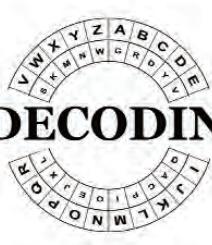
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By Will Tatum

On Wednesday, May 22, the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) played host to a special audience at its headquarters on Route 9 just south of the Village of Rhinebeck: 7th-grade students participating in the annual walking tour of Rhinebeck. While a first for DCHS in the post-COVID era, this day of connecting students to local history was a thoughtful observation of a longstanding tradition in Dutchess County and America more broadly. Field trips to local museums and historical societies has been a staple of local education for decades—in some communities, the practice may well stretch back almost a century at this juncture. This meeting of the minds between the current custodians of our local past and the hoped-for future protectors of the archives, objects, and histories that form our understanding of how the present came to be is an expression of how our local history community addresses the challenge of access. But as with everything in our sector, even access to local history has its own story of change over time.

Access has been a focus of the discipline of History since professional historians first emerged in the United States in the 1880s. Until the advent of public history in the 1970s, that issue of access was generally one of gatekeeping: ensuring that the right people could see, touch, and interact with documents and objects, but keeping those resources safe from the harmful hands of the uninitiated. This situation began to change with the foundation of historical societies during the Colonial Revival era, particularly as America approached the 150th anniversary of the Revolution. Many communities across the nation felt the desire to participate in commemorative activities and to

preserve the surviving treasures of their past. Our own Dutchess County Historical Society was an early product of that increased interest in the local past. However, these organizations tended to remain focused on their elite members, rather than on the broader public.

The expansion of educational opportunities and the growing numbers of museums and ultra-local historical societies in the wake of World War Two decidedly placed the emphasis on granting public access to history. The first rumblings of this new approach to connecting people with the past came in 1940, when the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) formally separated from the American Historical Association to become its own stand-alone advocate for preserving and accessing the local past. The founding of the National Council on Public History in 1980 bookended that effort, which benefited profoundly from the enthusiasm surrounding America's bicentennial. Public History, that portion of the history field dedicated to connecting residents at large to local, state, national, and now even global history was here to stay. But how we have pursued that mandate of making history relatable and compelling to people who do not always choose to study the past has varied over time.

While Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of DCHS, local 7th-grade History Teacher Henry Frischknecht, a rotating cast of other Rhinebeck teachers, and I were guiding the students through a focused investigation of the meaning of building a better union, historical societies elsewhere were following a different model. The East Fishkill Historical Society offered a two-day immersive program for local fourth graders. Executive Director Rick Soedler, Tracy Fehr, and Blacksmith James Burr, Sr, along with

The challenge of access



Bill Jeffway and Will Tatum welcome a group of Rhinebeck 7th graders to the Dutchess County Historical Society. Courtesy photo

other site volunteers, followed the station model of school group engagement. A costumed guide staffed a different display in each of the East Fishkill Historical Society's buildings, providing a focused lesson for part of the fourth grade. At regular intervals, the groups would rotate so that each student had time to experience all of the stations. Themes ranged from blacksmithing to hearth cooking to the experience of school in the "little red schoolhouse days." East Fishkill is fortunate to have the original Upper Hopewell School Number 9 from the 1820s on its campus, along with a blacksmith's shop, an ice house, and barns, all adjacent to the beautiful Brinckerhoff-Pudney-Palen House that forms the core of the site. Located at 68 North Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction, the site is well worth a visit. Regular weekend tours begin on June 2 with the annual Strawberry Festival.

In Rhinebeck, we followed an adjusted model. Instead of circulating through a single campus, the 7th graders walked to sites spread throughout the village, including the Dutch Reformed Church. Many of these students had taken a Civics course, so Bill and Henry developed a game plan centered on the question of what makes a more perfect union. After greeting each group of students, we showed them a four minute video explaining this constitutional theme, then released the youths to explore the objects on display, including this year's focal exhibit on firefighting in Dutchess County. Henry charged the students with finding artifacts that connected to the theme, then called them back to their seats for a discussion. Not knowing what to expect, I was impressed with the range of objects that caught students' eyes, ranging from the fireman's prayer to a Civil War-era surgeon's kit to 1960s high school yearbooks. The Civil War draft wheel, a stark reminder of the dark days of 1864, was worked into a discussion of how actions in the past might seem to have contributed to a more perfect union, but had caveats. Working as a group, the students did a fine job of picking out themes of service, sacrifice, compromise, and tolerance, and explaining how these ideas were essential to improving our communities.

The culmination of the visit came with the mystery object game. Henry had charged Bill and I with picking several

odd objects that would not resonate with students' experience of modern life. Henry divided the groups into teams of three, directed them to choose a mystery object, and then to go with me to the library room, while the rest of the students debated the most likely identity of the chosen item. I explained the name and purpose of the object to the three students, then we worked together to create two convincing lies. Returning to the main room, each of the three students presented their explanations of the object. The other students had to pick which story was correct. Everyone had a lot of fun, learned new facts, and enjoyed a rewarding Sherlockian exercise of piecing together the true identity of these old objects from a mixed bag of clues. By far the most compelling object for each group was the hatchet, the original purpose of which was to help in refining flax into thread or yarn, similarly to how cards were used in refining wool. Students guesses on the object's purpose ranged from home defense to punishing prisoners to scratching backs. With the exception of the last one, I can't find any fault in their thinking. But I guess 7th graders have not usually experienced the gift of back pain that comes to all of us eventually.

Having been through numerous school programs in the past, I can say without hesitation that this one was my favorite experiences. Henry Frischknecht and his educator colleagues, along with Pat Sexton of the Education Network for Teachers and Artists who coordinated all of the activities, created a balanced schedule that allowed everyone to roll through the day seamlessly. My metaphorical hat is always off to Bill Jeffway for his videography skills and talent for connecting a variety of audiences to key themes through DCHS's extensive collections. The students were fun to work with and I appreciated the opportunity to look at objects and ideas that are familiar to me through their fresh eyes. These sorts of programs are absolutely essential for the ongoing health of our communities, so if you have the chance to support such offerings in your community, I heartily encourage you to do so.

Will Tatum has served as Dutchess County Historian since October 2012.



This hetchel, a tool used for refining flax fibers for spinning into thread or yarn, proved to be a fan favorite during the mystery object game at the conclusion of each student group visit. Courtesy photo

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June 7-9: Magic & Illusion Weekend, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Come start the summer off with a full weekend of prestidigitation as the Society of Americans Top Magicians of the Hudson Valley take the stage for a wild ride of illusions, close-up magic, and mind-bending effects that are a delight for all ages. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. Visit www.centerforperformingarts.org for performance schedule and to purchase tickets; or call (845) 876-3080.

June 8: Music on the Porch Summer Concert Series, Red Hook Public Library, 7444 S. Broadway (Rte. 9), Red Hook. Free performance by Tina White Pierce and Dennis Douglas, 1 p.m. Bring blankets or chairs and picnic on the library's front lawn while enjoying the music. Canopies will be provided. Also, June 8th is Knit in Public Day so join our Tuesday Knitters Group throughout the performance and enjoy knitting and crocheting projects. www.redhooklibrary.org

June 8-9: Play Reading, "Until the Day is Done," The Tin Barn, 1783 Rte. 9, Clermont. Tangent Theatre Company pres-

ents a pop-up reading of a compelling new play by Jared Michael Delaney. Performances: Sat., 6 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Free, donations welcome; reservations required. RSVP via email. See www.tangent-arts.org for more info.

June 9: Chamber Music at Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. The Forgotten Octet Premiere of Loeffler's octet from a reconstructed score and Brahms Clarinet Quintet by a stellar lineup of highly sought-after classical soloists, 7 p.m. Tickets & more info at www.thestissingcenter.org/chamber-music

June 10-16: Bloodlines Interwoven: Festival of Art + Diaspora, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. The week-long music and cultural festival will feature artist talks, evening-length concerts including commissioned world premieres by acclaimed composers, informal music-making in traditional and contemporary styles, late-evening fireside music, and curated storytelling and discussion sessions. All will include a multicultural collective of world-class musicians led by festival artistic director Kaoru Watanabe, a renowned instrumentalist and composer. Visit www.kaatsbaan.org for schedule and ticket information.

June 13 & 20: Game Changers" Film Series, UPAC & Bardavon. Free series features films that revolutionized cinema, 7:30 p.m. June 13: "Pan's Labyrinth" at UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston; June 20: "Moonlight" at Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Reserve your free ticket by stopping in to the Bardavon or UPAC box office, or by calling Bardavon at (845) 473-5288 or UPAC at (845) 339-6088.

EXHIBITIONS

Artists' Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through June 22:** "The Wild Show." Open noon-6 p.m., Fri.-Sun. achpny@gmail.com, (845) 366-6856, artistscollectiveofhydepark.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through June 14:** Spring Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop, a vibrant showcase of locally made arts and crafts by 60 Hudson Valley artists. www.artsmidhudson.org

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

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

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through June 30:** "A Thousand Words." a photography show by Cynthia O'Connor. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com. Pictured: "The Birds"



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

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through June 14:** Artworks by Hyde Park artist Tatiana Rhinevault. www.TatianaRhinevault.com

Stissing Mountain softball team routs T-V, heads to state playoffs

By Rich Thomaselli

It's nice when you can give yourself some breathing room.

That's what the Stissing Mountain High School (Pine Plains) softball team did in winning the Section 9, Class C title over Tri-Valley.

The game was played at Mount St Mary College.

The Bombers scored nine times in the first inning on four hits, four walks and five errors before T-V even came to bat en route to a 15-2 victory to win the crown and advance to the state playoffs.

Pine Plains had the bye in the first round.

Eighth-grader Talia Durant notched the victory on the mound and also had a two-run double.

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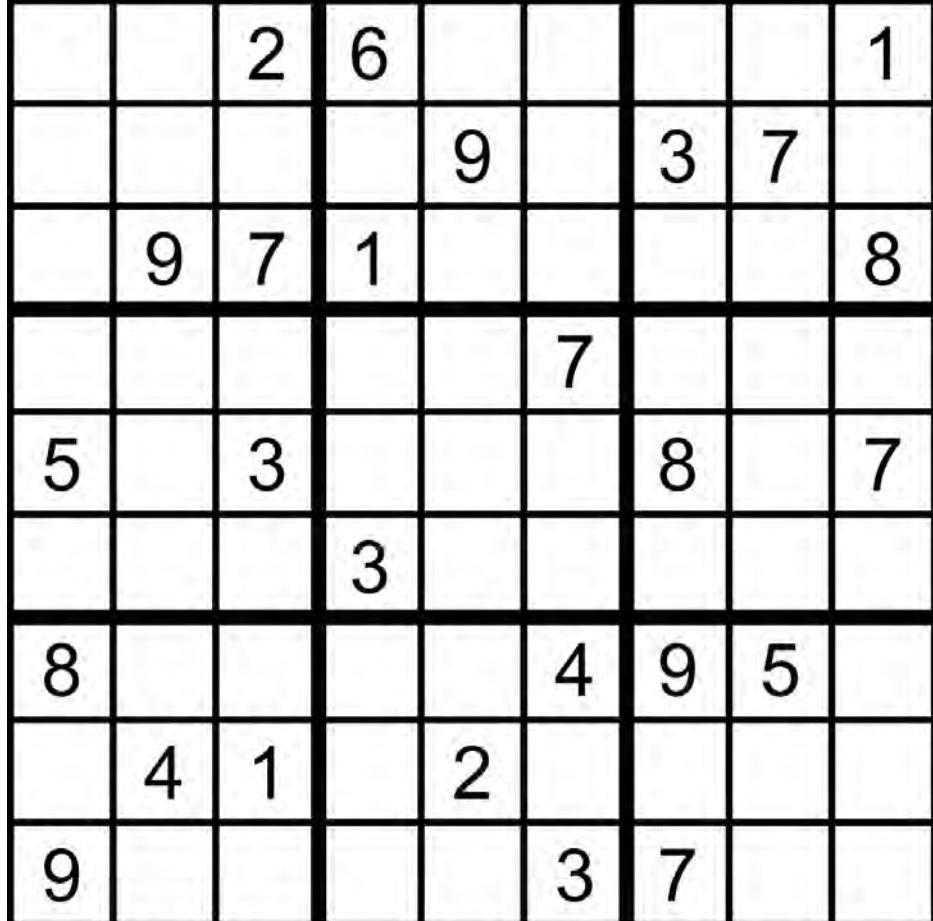
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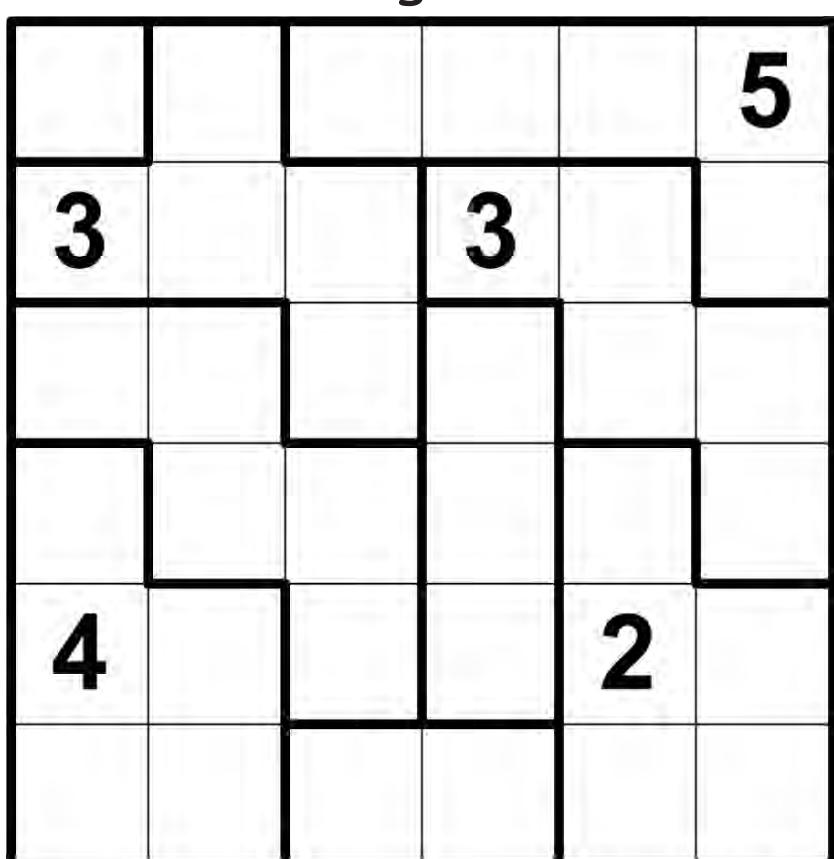
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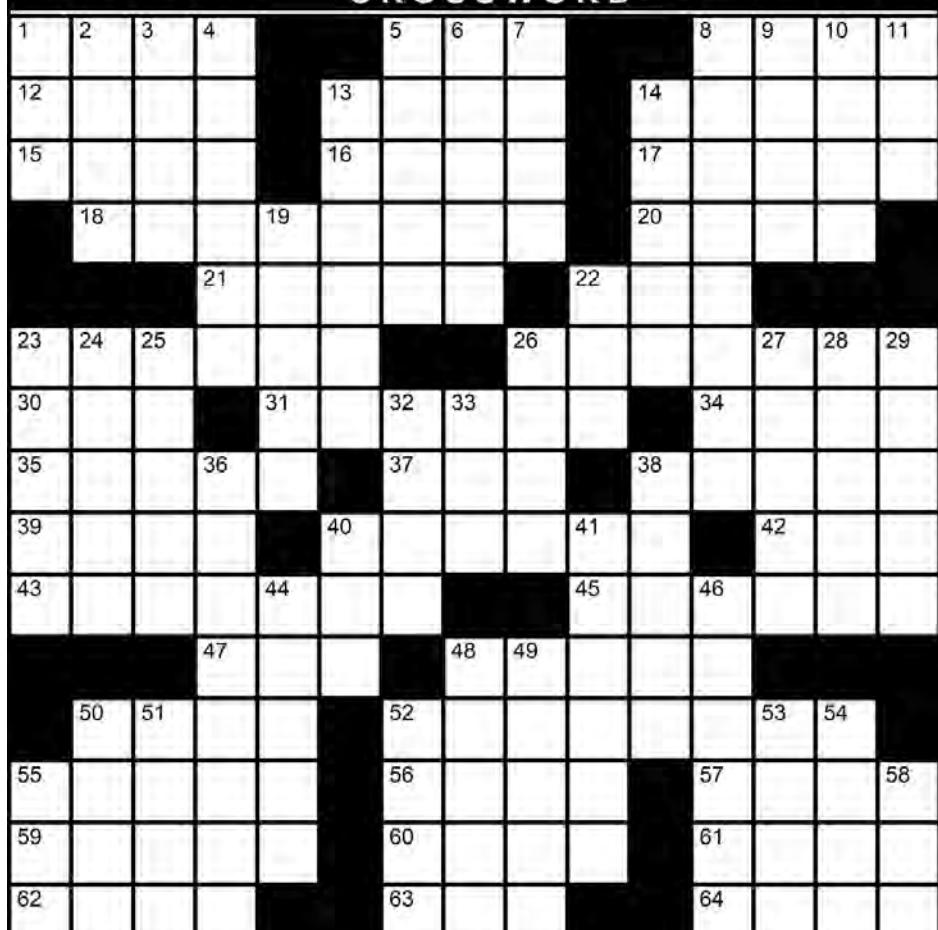
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- Clothing joint
- *Opposite of good
- *Pre-
- Guesstimate (2 words)
- Sudden impulse
- Group dice game
- Stead
- Naive person
- Fancy necktie
- *Compass point opposites (2 words)
- A pinch between the cheeks
- Earth tremor
- Before skip and a jump
- Constantly worry about something
- More infinitesimal
- Catch a wink
- One weber per square meter, pl.
- *Pre-recorded
- Deed hearings
- Cribbage piece
- Bread spreads
- Plural of focus
- Making the way, in a way
- "I Like ___," 1952 campaign slogan
- Of somber color
- *Like bride's accessories (2 words)
- 60 mins., pl.
- Indiana ball player
- One of Three Bears
- *Day periods (2 words)
- Vernacular
- Part of church
- Soap bubbles
- Type of small salmon
- Bound
- Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
- Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
- Key next to spacebar
- Where users review

DOWN

- Fa follower
- Between Ohio and Ontario
- *Opposite of on land
- Fluffy dessert
- Hillsides in Scotland
- Anti-seniors sentiment
- *Opposite of awkward and clumsy
- *Door instruction (2 words)
- Fairy tale opener
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Bambino
- Not like #26 Down
- Popular breakfast item
- MCAT and LSAT, e.g.
- *Hers
- *Switch positions (2 words)
- Louisiana swamp
- Glasses, for short
- Three biblical sages
- A logical connection (2 words)
- Extract a memory, e.g.
- Stitch again
- R&R spots
- Tolstoy's given name, in Russian
- *Irwin Shaw's title opposites (2 words)
- Checked out
- Pimple fluid
- Marked
- Speak like Pericles
- *Not airtight
- Teacher's pet, e.g.
- Balance sheet entry
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- Muslim honorific
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- Donned
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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 21

15th Miles of Hope Regatta raises \$10,000 for Breast Cancer Foundation

By Curtis Schmidt

The 15th annual Miles of Hope Regatta took place on Sunday, June 2 at the Hudson River Rowing Association (HRRA) Boathouse in Poughkeepsie. The event benefits the Miles of Hope Breast cancer Foundation with a mission to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley.

"We are honored to be the beneficiary of this event. The kids and adults participating are all so dedicated and admirable. There is a boat of just breast cancer survivors," explained Miles of Hope Executive Director Pari Forood.

The event raises money for the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. A total of 17 teams and 499 athletes and 183 boats were racing. Some rowed more than once. The event raised approximately \$10,000 for the Miles of Hope Foundation.

"Many groups, organizations and businesses raise money for us so that we can help those affected by breast cancer with their bills and finances while in treatment, programs enhancing recovery and scholarships for college bound students whose lives have been affected by breast cancer," said Farood.

In its 20 year history, Miles of Hope has given away \$3.4 million dollars to residents of the Hudson Valley.

"We are celebrating 20 years of helping people with breast cancer in our Hudson Valley," added Forood.

Bill and Nicole Rooney with Kelly Kranz from Wappingers Crew Club started the event in 2008. Hudson River Rowing Association has continued the tradition. Athletes from area crew teams compete in a variety of races. Most wear costumes, often with themes or in various pink attire.

"We had princesses, animals, kings, lifeguards, vikings, superheroes, minions, babies, fast food icons, sharks, fairies and many others. It was a day of fun competitive rowing that also remembers, honors and supports those affected by breast cancer," said Sue Cerulli,



From top: The Franklin D. Roosevelt High School Novice Crew was one of 17 teams participating in the event. The Arlington High School Girls Four team takes off from the dock at the Hudson River Rowing Association Boathouse. Pari Forood, Executive Director Miles of Hope, left, is pictured with the Saugatuck Survive-OARS, Saugatuck Rowing Club's Breast Cancer Survivor Rowing Program, based in Westport, CT. Team members are, from left, Michele Liberty, Susan Rutz, Amy Bauer, Lori Boersma, Lisa Norat, Susan Thornton, Bridgette Healey, Holly Sexton, Billie Karner, Jackie Siguenza, Karen Herman, Cecelia Hagelsieglb, Karina Reininger, Victoria Madden, Lisa O'Gorman, Pam Rouleau and Diana Kuen, Program Director. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

HRRA vice-president.

Included in the event was a team from Saugatuck Rowing Club's Survive-OARS program who are women who battled breast cancer and are now supporting each other through rowing.

All the money raised was through the registration fees, merchandise fees, parking fees, raffles and donations.



Millbrook Library to host June 5 talk on antique bottle detecting

Have you ever come across that lone bottle residing on your kitchen shelf or living room counter begging to tell a story? Today, it is often forgotten how glass bottles were once a primary method of storing and transporting substances of all kinds. Join Alex and Viktor Prizgintas with the Millbrook Library on Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles.

Alex has been collecting bottles from the Hudson Valley for over ten years and served as president of the Hudson Valley Bottle Club from 2018 to 2020. His research on local bottles and bottle history has been published in the Antique Bottle & Glass Collector magazine, Marist College's Hudson River Valley Review, and the New York Archives Magazine.

"Alex Prizgintas truly knows how to

tease the story out of a bottle" says Diane Lapis of the Beacon Historical Society. "The Art of Bottle Detecting helps the viewer to understand markings on bottles and put them into historical context. You will never look at a bottle in the same

way again: marks, dips, seams, and colors come alive after this succinct and interesting discussion."

Millbrook Library is at 3 Friendly Lane in the Village of Millbrook.

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Why Chickens?

Mark does some field research on raising chickens.

When a friend complained about the price of eggs (he said they cost \$6.99 a dozen, but Sue found them for \$2.79 at a local supermarket), I decided to look into the possibility of raising chickens. So I called Michelle Topolsky, who harvests her own eggs from her back yard. She answered the phone and said she was in California wrapping up the school year — she's an administrative assistant and H.R. Director at a private school.

"Don't you need to feed chickens every day?" I asked, naively.

"Ken's taking care of them," she said with a little chortle. The chickens were evidently Ken's idea, leaving Michelle at home most of the time to mind them. But Michelle has grown to love them, especially the Black and iridescent green Austrolorp, a breed that produces up to 300 especially delicious eggs in a year. When they come running, with a distinct waddle, "they give me such joy," Michelle admits.

"Why did you get chickens in the first place?" I wondered.

"You'll have to ask Ken."

So I called Ken Topolsky. A Dutchess County native and Dutchess Community College Hall of Fame graduate, Ken is a Hollywood producer ("The Wizard," a cult classic) and director — 13 episodes of "The Wonder Years," which he also produced, and "Party of Five." He's also an airplane pilot, long distance runner, and is currently the Vice President for Public Affairs at Marist Center for Lifelong Studies. And a chicken farmer.

"Why did you get chickens?" I asked Ken, when I caught up with him at Four Brothers drive-in in Amenia.

"You'll have to ask Michelle."

I pressed him and he caved.

"A friend told me they were very funny," And "there's something nice about going out in the morning and picking up an egg."

Ken moved from Hollywood to Amenia a few years ago, and restored a house on 58.9 acres of property. Since he's on the town planning board, Ken is well aware that most towns have zoning laws about keeping chickens, and that you are required to start off with six; I'm not sure why. Maybe they get lonely? Ken got Australorps and Rhode Island Reds, having researched breeds suitable for Amenia.

They are free range, roaming the property, hopefully eating ticks. A couple of Rhode Island Reds got eaten by foxes. But then another producer friend gave Ken three beautiful bufforpingtons — "rescue chickens," he calls them. Now they won't be lonely.

To flesh out my tutorial on raising chickens, I visited the 4-H fair at Wilcox Park, where I hooked up with Nicole Raskopf, leader of the Flock of Feathers 4-H Poultry Club, her daughter Julia, who is president of the club, and their friend and club member Danielle Brandt. Julia tends 40 chickens, raising them, like most club members, to enter in the Dutchess County Fair.

Danielle says chickens are "really smart," and can be trained to do tricks. I asked about eating fertilized eggs, and Nicole told me there's no difference from unfertilized eggs if they're eaten in a few days, or once they're refrigerated. When the eggs are laid, they have a natural coat-



Julia, Nicole and Danielle with Danielle's chicken. Photo by Mark Adams

ing that keeps them fresh for several days without refrigeration. This is so the mother hen can lay several eggs before she gathers them in a "clutch" to sit on them.

"Why chickens?" I asked Julia.

"Cause I really like them."

Fair enough.

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



Ken with his chickens. Photo by Ken Topolsky

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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Another year around the sun

Remembering birthday cakes and life lessons

I love birthdays. The fact that we celebrate being born is a beautiful thing and sharing the occasion with those who are glad we're here is certainly life-affirming. As with most of our celebrations, food plays a big part on our special day, probably the biggest reason my fondness for them knows no bounds.

I'm sure you all have at least one memory of a great birthday. I'm lucky enough to have too many to count. My mother always went above and beyond to make our birthdays special, and still does, and I can recall many of the cake masterpieces she's made over the years. There was a ladybug, one that looked like Raggedy Ann and a delightful carousel with chocolate-dipped animal crackers, each of which had to have taken a long time to make. As we've gotten older, we've been asked what kind of cake we want. My request for years now is another one I remember from childhood, now simply dubbed The Birthday Cake, with rich, chocolate cake, a cream cheese layer and fudgy chocolate frosting. I am not at liberty to share the recipe, for which I'm sorry, so you'll just have to trust me – it's amazing!

Which brings me to the other reason I love birthdays. Celebrating the people I love and making them feel special fills my heart. Making their favorite meal,

baking a cake they love and planning something just for them is what it's all about and a declaration that you're glad they were born, that your life wouldn't be complete without them and that they matter more than words can say. When someone knows just how they want to spend their day, you accommodate. When they don't you take the lead to ensure they feel loved. In my experience, even those who claim not to want a fuss don't really mean it. They maybe just never had anyone make the effort before and need someone to show them how special they are. The trick is finding the right way to do it, which comes with being thoughtful and knowing them well.

A perk that comes with adulthood is choosing how we want to spend our day. It may not surprise you to hear that, more often than not, I love going out to dinner, which is always a treat for me, preferably to a restaurant with a river view and great ambiance, cocktails and excellent food, though a particularly fun time was going out with my family and neighbors for pizza. I think that may have been my 50th and it was a blast! Just sitting at the long table, comfortably dressed and surrounded by people I dearly love was the perfect way to start another year. Fun fact: pizza is probably my favorite food!

This year marks my 60th year on the

planet and I genuinely can't believe it. Even thinking back over all I've done it just doesn't seem possible. I certainly don't feel that old at all and, if I'm honest, still think of myself as about 30 years younger, something that quickly goes away when I look in the mirror. But here we are, and I'm grateful for every year and accomplishment and memory, even the difficult ones, of which there have been a fair few. All the scars I have as a result, mainly the ones you can't see, have taught me a lot about the world and my place in it, made me stronger and more resilient and helped make me who I am. They've also taught me the humbling lesson that you're never too old to learn and grow and become the person you want to be. These are the things that also give the gift of perspective, showing me what's truly important and helping me let go of what simply isn't.

I'll admit some birthdays have been harder than others, and there have been years when I didn't feel like celebrating at all, but I think those days are behind me now. Not to sound cliché but every day is a gift as well as an opportunity. If I've learned anything it's that striving to make your mark on the world even in small ways and being your true self are key. I may not love who I am, but with each passing year I become more com-

fortable in my own skin. I love discovering what I'm capable of and knowing that no matter what life throws at me, I am confident that I will always choose the higher path, which helps a lot when I look in the mirror and can still see the girl that I was, only wiser and more grateful than ever.

So here's to another year. Thank you for being part of my journey and for letting me share my love of food – and life – with you.

I hope my stories and shared experiences make some small difference to you as they do to me, if only for the few minutes it takes to read them and that the food you bring to the table enriches you and helps you spread the love the world so desperately needs. That would be the best gift this old girl could ever hope for! Cheers!

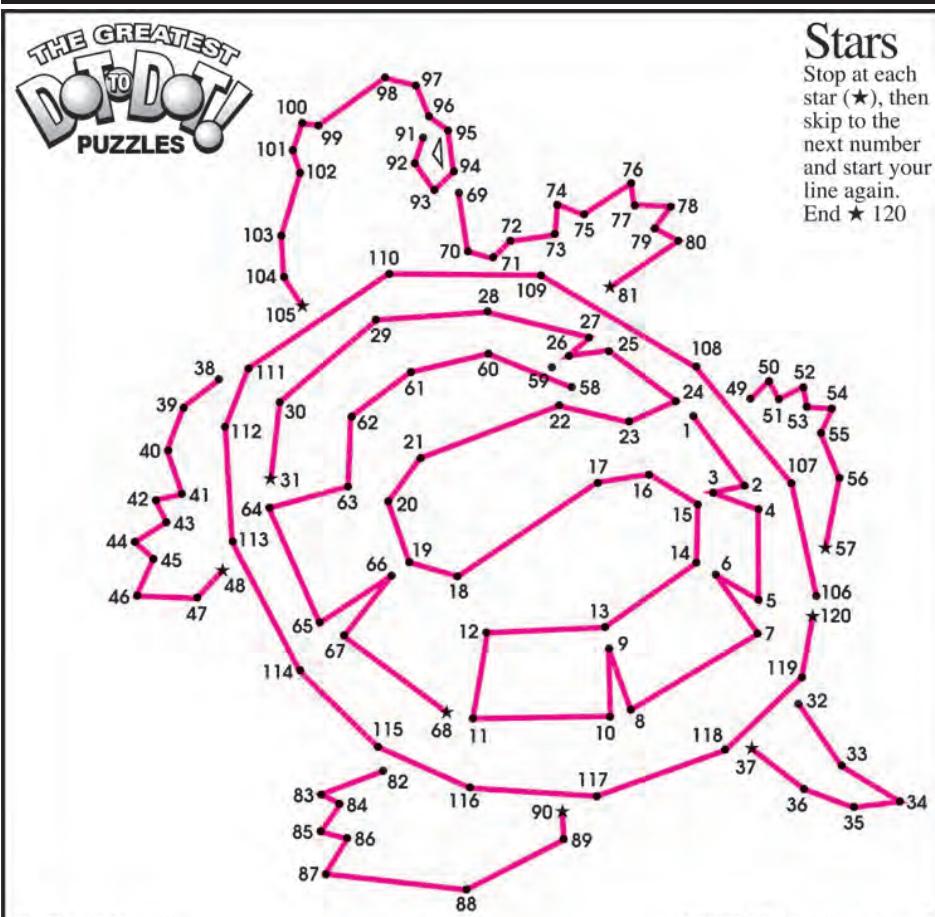
Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience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



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



By David Kalvitis

Local musician and historian awarded Arts Mid-Hudson grant

A 2023 recipient of last year's community arts grant from Orange County, New York Arts Council, Alex Prizgintas was recently notified that he is being awarded a 2024 community arts grant from Arts Mid-Hudson.

"Recognition for my work throughout the year is most gratifying," said Prizgintas. "There are those days when you wonder and sometime doubt that what you are doing matters, so these awards certainly help bolster and encourage me to delve further and dive deeper into it."

And "it" is what keeps Prizgintas quite busy. Arts Mid-Hudson serves Orange, Ulster, and Dutchess counties providing arts consulting, community engagement, programs, and funding for the arts.

When not being a student (he recently

graduated with his Master's in Public Administration from Marist College), leading the Woodbury Historical Society of Highland Mills, NY as its president, or writing articles for various journals and magazines, he can be often found packing all his gear—cello, mixer, amplifier, guitar pedals, looping station, computer, wireless mic, and miles of cables—to get to a live performance at a library, distillery, community center, assisted living facility, or senior housing.

"Last years I booked 135 dates and this year I have already exceeded that number and expect this year to reach 150 bookings," said Prizgintas.

To learn more about Alex Prizgintas and his work in the Hudson Valley, log on to alexprizgintas.com.



Powerhouse Theater

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And the theater-making team Hal Cosentino and Ellenor Riley-Condit explore humanity's capacity to defy our assumed limits in Marathon.

"It's a privilege to share with our audiences a diverse, challenging, and joyous lineup of plays and musicals in progress," said Producing Director Ed Cheetham.

"The 38th Powerhouse Season offers our audiences the opportunity to journey across the world, from a Hell's Kitchen loft in Messy White Gays to a bumpy Tanzanian road trip in Gloria Majule's Possessed; from a (possibly) haunted house in Max Reuben's new play to the haven and challenges of Shanghai during the rise of the Nazis," added Producing Director Michael Sheehan.

"Vassar's role in shaping the history of American theater cannot be overstated. Each summer, the Powerhouse Theater Season adds to that history by welcoming such talented artists and students, along

with our discerning Hudson Valley audiences," said Vassar College President Elizabeth H. Bradley.

"As always, at the foundation of the Powerhouse program is the Training Company. We are delighted to welcome a new cohort of dedicated aspiring-artists, who come from all over the country to study, create, and perform alongside our world-class faculty and professional artists," added Sheehan.

"We can't wait to welcome our loyal audiences back to the Vassar campus. See you this summer!" concluded Cheetham.

Additional projects and casting information will be announced in the coming weeks. For updates and more information about the Powerhouse schedule, visit www.vassar.edu/powerhouse/season.

For tickets, call (845) 437-5599, email phtboxoffice@vassar.edu or visit www.vassar.edu/powerhouse for more information.

HV Shakespeare Festival

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company based in Garrison, NY, one hour north of Manhattan. The Festival has established a reputation for lucid, engaging, and highly inventive productions staged in rotating repertory under an iconic, open-air theater tent overlooking the Hudson River.

In recent years, the Festival has also ventured beyond the tent, touring its work to other venues throughout the Hudson Valley as part of its HVSF On the Road series, transferring productions to other theaters, engaging its community through radically participatory art-making, and

reaching over 50,000 students and educators annually through its year-round Education programs. HVSF began performances at its first permanent home in 2022.

Rooted in the landscape of the Hudson Valley, with the plays of William Shakespeare as their touchstone, HVSF engages the widest possible audience in a theatrical celebration of our shared humanity.

For more information, visit www.hvshakespeare.org.

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OBITUARIES

Donald R. Barbour

MILLBROOK- Donald R. Barbour, 98, a resident of Millbrook, NY, passed away on May 25, 2024 at Danbury Hospital.

He was born on April 25, 1926 in Patchogue, NY, the son of the late David and Anne Barbour. He was predeceased by his first wife Stella in 1981; his son David in 2014; his sister Elizabeth in 2019; his grandson Travis in 2022; and his brother David in 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughters, Diane (Stephen Morgan) and Patricia (Mark Nelson); stepson, Kenneth McAdam; stepdaughters, Ruth (Thomas Whelan), Helen (John Defazio) and Allyson McAdam; 14 grandchildren, Lauren (Frank), David, Evan, Jeremy (Lisa), Abigail, Eric, Sondra (Brendan), Paris (Blade), Kylie, Ross, Connor, Rachel (Anthony), Ryan (Katrin), Rebecca; and 6 great-grandchildren, Frankie, Jack, Stella, Timmy, Dallas and Dawson.

He enlisted in the US Navy in the Submarine Service after graduation from high school in 1944. He served in the American area and Asiatic Pacific area after completing training in the submarine school at New London, CT. He served aboard submarines, USS Lancefish SS296, and USS Boarfish SS327. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in May 1946.

After his discharge from the Navy, he enrolled in Clarkson College of Technology in the Mechanical Engineering Program. During four years at Clarkson, he was elected to several honorary societies including Phalanx, Clarkson's senior honorary recognition. At the time of graduation, he was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

After graduation from Clarkson, he joined General Electric in 1951 and subsequently worked for IBM beginning in 1964. He served at IBM as a second level Manager, developing advanced chip carriers. He retired in 1990 and in retirement enjoyed playing golf and boating at Lake George.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, June 10, from 11am-12pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. There will be a service at 12pm. On Tuesday at 12pm, there will be a graveside service with Military Honors at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Patchogue, NY. As per Donald's wishes, everyone is asked to wear colorful clothing.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Gordon R. Flanigan

Gordon R. Flanigan, a resident of Dover Plains, entered into rest Saturday, May 25,

2024 at his home. He was 85.

Son of the late George Robert and Margaret Hazel Lee Flanigan, he was born September 28, 1938 in Ogdensburg, New York. He married the former Martha J. James on June 27, 1969, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Martha preceded him in death on December 8, 2011.

Gordon retired from the Wassaic Developmental Center. He was also a funeral director who worked and helped at several funeral homes in the area. Gordon was an active parishioner of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Amenia. He enjoyed volunteering with the Thrift Shop as well. He was very involved with the Masonic Order over the years in New York and Connecticut, attending many lodge meetings and functions. Along with his wife, Martha he was active with the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his sisters, Patricia Monaghan, Ann Anderson and her husband, Melvin and Nancy Monaghan; his niece, Lauren Anderson; great-nephew, Eric Simpson, Jr.; as well as numerous friends.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 East Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, June 3 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 4 Lavelle Road in Amenia. Interment took place on Tuesday, June 4 at St. John's Lutheran UCC Cemetery, St. John's Road in St. John's, Pennsylvania.

Memorial donations may be made to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Desiree Nicole Griffin

PAWLING - Our sweet Desi passed peacefully in her sleep on May 25, 2024. Desiree Nicole Griffin, 34, was from Pawling, NY and resided in New Paltz, NY. She was born on September 26, 1989 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

She will be missed by her hundreds of family, friends and caregivers to whom we are eternally grateful for having in her life. Desiree loved music and movies with her favorites being Carly Simon, Selena and the Wizard of Oz. Fittingly, her favorite Disney character was Goofy and she was a lifelong fan of the NY Rangers. She also loved animals especially her cuddle bug family dogs, Bam Bam and Pebbles.

Desiree leaves behind her parents, Brian and Leticia Griffin of Pawling, NY; her brother Trevor Griffin and his wife Brittany; her nephew, Caleb; her niece, Nina; her grandmother, Grace Gleason; her grandparents, Tomas and Maria Ofelia Mejorado; 18 aunts and uncles; and 24 cousins. Desiree has now

joined her Aunt Sue, grandfather Warren, and step-grandfather, Steve in Heaven.

In her younger years she played soccer, was a Brownie and enjoyed swimming and eating cheeseburgers, fries and a coke! Her infectious laugh and love of life carried her through her 34-year journey on this earth.

Visitation was held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 11 am – 1pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A graveside service followed at Beekman Cemetery, 5 Church Street, Poughquag.

Please visit Desi's Book of Memories at www.mchoulnfuneralhome.com.

Carmela 'Millie' Russo

Carmela Teresa Russo, 98, passed away peacefully on Sunday May 26, 2024 at her home in Poughquag, New York. She was born May 7, 1926, the daughter of the late Santo F. Russo and Santina Muzzicato Russo. Known as 'Millie' to friends and family, she was born in Manhattan, NY and lived in New York City until the family moved to Beekman, NY when she was 5 years old.

She attended Beekman School #1 and Pawling High School, graduating in 1942 at the age of sixteen. She continued her education at the New York State College for Teachers at Albany, where she graduated with honors in 1946. Millie then began an almost 40-year teaching career in Averill Park, NY and later taught mathematics at Suffern High School, where she retired in 1985.

Millie loved her extended family and her Italian heritage. Holidays were always a special time for her, and she loved to cook for family and friends. Besides her teaching career, she was also deeply involved in her family's retail business in Hopewell Junction. Millie was a devout Catholic and a longtime member of the St. Denis-St. Columba parish.

Millie was predeceased by her brother Rudolph P. Russo and his wife Jean, and her brother, Nicholas M. Russo. She is survived by her sister Agnes Russo Treacy, her sister-in-law Nancy Brinkerhoff Russo and her cousin Agnes Muzzicato. She is also survived by nine nieces and nephews; Susan Treacy, Jean Treacy, Nancy King, Julie Kernode, Stephen Russo, Katherine Russo, Michael Russo, Philip Russo and David Russo.

The family would like to thank Maia Lezhava for the devoted care and attention she provided for Millie over the past five years.

Visitation was at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY, on Friday May 31. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday June 1 at St. Denis Roman Catholic Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction NY. Interment immediately followed the Mass was at the St. Denis cemetery adjoining the church.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE Index No.: 2022-53169 Date Filed: 10/03/2022 Mortgaged Premises: 2436 Route 83 Town of Pine Plains County of Dutchess SBL: 6871-00-455865-0000 Assigned To: Hon. Christi J. Acker, J. S. C. DALE O. MITCHELL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DALE O. MITCHELL LIVING TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- 2436ROUTE83,LLC and NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court and entered in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on the 3rd day of May, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Dutchess County Courthouse 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York (rear lobby), on the 24th day of June, 2024, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said Judgment to be sold and in said Judgment described, as follows:

See "SCHEDULE A--LEGAL DESCRIPTION", attached.

Subject also to each and every other term of said Judgment of Foreclo-

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sure and Sale as well as the Terms of Sale. The approximate amount of the lien due to the Plaintiff pursuant to the Judgment, with costs and allowances, excluding the expenses of the sale, is \$281,047.59.

Dated: May 16, 2024 Poughkeepsie, New York

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Daniel J. Bloom, Esq., of Counsel BLOOM & BLOOM, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff) 530 Blooming Grove Turnpike Post Office Box 4323 New Windsor, New York 12553 Telephone: (845) 561-6920

Location of Property to be Foreclosed: 2436 Route 83, Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York (SBL: 6871-00-455865-0000.)

SCHEDULE A DESCRIPTION
All that land, situate in the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York, shown as Lot 2 on a map entitled "Survey & Lot Line Adjustment Map of Lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust", prepared by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Engineering-Land Surveying filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on 3/22/2017 as Filed Map #11026A, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeast side of County Road 83, at the common corner of lots 1 and 2 as shown on the above

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described Lot Line Adjustment map; Thence from said point of beginning, and through the lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2014-3975; North Forty-Eight Degrees, Thirty Minutes, Twenty-Six Seconds East, One Hundred Fifty-One and Twenty Hundredths Feet (N 48° 30' 26" E 151.20'), and South Sixty-Six Degrees, Seventeen Minutes, Fifty-One Seconds East, Four Hundred Twenty-Four and Forty-Six Hundredths Feet (S 66° 17' 51" E 424.46');

Thence along the lands of Tomlaw of Pine Plains, LLC, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2004-3535, and being lot 2 of filed map number 11026;

South Eight Degrees, Fifty-Nine Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds East, One Hundred Twelve and Eighty-One Hundredths Feet (S 08° 59' 37" E 1125.81'), South Seventeen Degrees, Zero Minutes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Seventy and Zero Hundredths Feet (S 17° 00' 23" W 70.00')

South Fourteen Degrees, Zero Minutes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Zero Hundredths Feet (S 14° 00' 23" W 257.00'), South Fifty-Seven Degrees, Twenty-Three Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds East, Forty-Eight and Twenty-Four Hundredths Feet (S 57° 23' 37" 48.24'), and South Eleven Degrees, Eleven Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Thirty-Six and Ninety-Three Hundredths Feet (S 11° 11' 07" W 236.93') to a found concrete monument,

marked "DC", 7" above grade, on the northeast side of County Route 83; Thence along the northeast side of said road;

North Fifteen Degrees, Fifty-Eight Minutes, Fifty-Three Seconds West, One Hundred Fourteen and Fifty-Two Hundredths Feet (N 15° 58' 53" W 114.52'), North Twelve Degrees, Fifteen Minutes, Seventeen Seconds West, Sixty-Nine and Forty-Eight Hundredths Feet (N 12° 15' 17" W 69.48'), North Fourteen Degrees, Fifty-One Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Fifty-Nine and Sixty-Two Hundredths Feet (N 14° 51' 37" W 59.62'),

North Twenty-Two Degrees, Thirty-Two Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Sixty-One and Seven Hundredths Feet (N 22° 32' 07" W 61.07'), North Thirty-One Degrees, Seven Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Seventy-Seven and Thirty-Eight Hundredths Feet (N 31° 07' 37" W 77.38'), North Thirty-Six Degrees, Twenty-Four Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, One Hundred Seventeen and Eighty-One Hundredths Feet (N 36° 24' 37" W 117.81'), North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Six Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Nine Hundredths Feet (N 37° 56' 07" W 257.09'), and North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Seven Minutes, Thirty-One Seconds West, One Hundred Twenty-Seven and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Feet (N 37° 57' 31" W 127.79') to the point of beginning.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY, NOT INSURED: Containing 4.00 acres of land. As surveyed by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Land Surveying-Engineering, P.C., 45 Main Street, Pine Bush, NY, 12566. Bearings refer to north datum of filed map number 11026.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFB-DCP-38-24

Operator for the Dutchess County Emergency Housing Facility on Hamilton Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of July 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition:

23 Apple Gate Lane, Hyde Park Appeal #1070 (Consolidated)

Grid #134400-6265-02-905564-0000 Interpretation Request: The applicant is seeking an interpretation by appeal regarding the decisions of the Town Zoning Administrator (March 25, 2024) and Code Enforcement Officer (May 3, 2024) relating to the operation of a commercial business/lodging facility in the Rural Agricultural zone, and a swimming pool permit.

Said meeting and hearing shall take place on June 10, 2024 at Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York and begin at 7:00pm. Comments from the public regarding these matters will be heard and received by the Zoning Board of Appeals during this hearing.

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Audience: Adults

Tea Time Book Club (in person)
June Selection: The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff
Thursday June 13, at 2:00 PM
Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

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Global Literature Book Club
June Selection: Prophet Song by Paul Lynch
Monday June 17 at 7 PM

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Audience: Adults & Seniors

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*NEW Homeschool Happening: Marble Run
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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

*NEW Adult Craft Night: Make a Journal
Monday, June 10 at 5:30 PM

*NEW Worldwide Knit in Public Day
Saturday, June 8 at 11:30 AM

Evening Book Club - Hang the Moon
Monday, June 24 at 6 PM

Afternoon Mystery Book Club: The River We Remember
Friday, June 28 at 2 PM

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Fridays at 12:30 PM

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Saturday, June 8th at 1:00pm

GOD SAVE BENEDICT ARNOLD: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man by Jack Kelly

By presenting the hero and the traitor side by side, GOD SAVE BENEDICT ARNOLD offers a fresh perspective on this pivotal figure in American history, compelling readers to grapple with the complexities of human nature and the choices that shape destinies.

Cookbook Club with Lenny

June 12th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The Cook Book Club Presents: Cheese Potluck/Tasting

Come Share your favorite cheese and try something new! Find out about the Cook Book Club and meet new friends.

May Book Club

June 10th 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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Read to Therapy Dog Jambo

June 12th 4:00pm - 5:00pm

He's a gentle giant who loves to make new friends. People of all ages are welcome to come and visit with him. Sign up for a 15 minute slot with Jambo.

Music in the Library

Saturday, June 22nd 11:00am-12:00pm
Local Musician Walt Otto will play much-loved standards, early pop tunes, and classic country songs for us!

Yoga for Homeschool Kids with Amy

June 24th 1:00 pm -2:00 pm

Ages 5+ Please bring a mat and a water bottle and be sure to wear appropriate clothes.

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ADULTS

Thursdays beginning June 6th - July 18th, 10-11am - Waterfall Qigong with Steven Michael Pague

Saturday, June 8th, 10-11:30am - How-To: Kitchen Gardens in Small Spaces with Kiera Faulkner Jekos

Saturday, June 8th, 4:30pm - Linda Chase on An Artist's Alphabet: Artwork by Tom Blackwell

Tuesday, June 11th, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story and Craft Program with the Anderson Center

Thursday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 26th, 7-9pm - Nerds at Nite

Monday, June 17th, 2-3pm - Managing Money: A Caregivers' Guide to Finances with the Alzheimer's Association HV

Tuesday, June 18th, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Workshop with Michelle Montalbano

Thursday, June 20th, 10:30-11:15am - Good Vibrations: Guided Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Thursday, June 20th, 6:30-8pm - Fiction Workshop with Lillian Kahan

Saturday, June 22nd, 4:30-5:30pm - Roger Phillips Concert Series presents the Hudson Organ Trio

Monday, June 24th, 4-5pm - Navigating Medicare

Tuesday, June 25th, 6am-9pm - Federal Primary Polling Place for Districts 1 & 4

Thursday, June 27th, 5:30-7pm - Starr Library Board of Trustees Public Meeting

Friday & Saturday, June 28th-29th, 10:30am-1:30pm - AARP Smart Driver Course

BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday, June 11th, 1-2pm - Mysteries Around the World Book Club: Faithful Place by Tana French

Tuesday, June 11th, 5-6pm - Cookbook Club: Madhur Jaffrey's Vegetarian Cooking

Tuesday, June 25th, 7-8pm - Starr Library Book Club: The Fraud by Zadie Smith

FEATURES

From the Archives - The History of 23 Livingston St. by Bonnie Wood



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