

SCHOOL NEWS

Hyde Park Chamber scholarship applications available

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce again offers three scholarship opportunities.

All criteria must be met before the application can be considered. If any portion of the criteria is missing the application will not be considered. The criteria are as follows:

- Must be a full time Hyde Park resident.
- The applicant is a graduating senior that plans to attend a university/college in the fall of 2016 and majoring in either business or agriculture.
- The applicant must have a minimum of a "B" average.
- Student must submit a 500-word essay describing why they chose this area of study.
- Student must submit an official transcript.
- Student must possibly be available for a personal interview, if needed.

Scholarship recipients, plus one adult guest, will be invited to attend the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Year" award dinner held at Coppola's of Hyde Park on May 3.

The deadline application submission is April 8. An announcement will be made on or before May 1. Applicants may apply online or by mail. In either case, all criteria must be submitted to ensure scholarship consideration. The application form may be accessed on the Chamber's website, www.hydeparkchamber.org,

Call the Chamber office at (845) 229-8612 for more information.

Program on paying for college set at Elmendorph in Red Hook

The Red Hook Library will sponsor a program, "How Much Does College Really Cost? Why You Need to Know Sooner Rather than Later," on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m., at the Elmendorph Inn on Route 9 in Red Hook.

This program for parents is led by former college admissions director Sandra M. Moore, MA. Moore will discuss how to figure actual college costs before children apply, rather than simply relying on published sticker prices and/or hoping to qualify for some type of assistance. Tools for discovering and comparing the relative generosity of institutions with regard to need-based and/or merit aid, as well as basic financial aid terminology, required forms and time frames will be provided.

Reservations are required for this free program. Call the library at (845) 758-3241.

School leaders form regional Superintendents Council

NEW PALTZ – In an unprecedented display of the foresight, vision and commitment needed to tackle the unique challenges facing school districts today, superintendents from throughout the region have come together to form the Mid-Hudson Catskill Council of School Superintendents (MHCCOSS), an organization dedicated to advancing educational opportunities for students.



Mid-Hudson Catskill Council of School Superintendents 2015-2016 Executive Committee members are (clockwise from left) Thomas Palmer, Tri-Valley Central School District; William Silver; Liberty Central School District; Maria Rice, New Paltz Central School District (President); Joseph Phelan, Rhinebeck Central School District (Vice President); Paul Finch, Red Hook Central School District (Treasurer); Diane Munro, Florida Union Free School District (Secretary); and Kenneth Eastwood, Middletown City School District. Not pictured is Kingston City School District Superintendent Paul Padalino. *Courtesy photo*

Made of up school leaders who are part of the Dutchess, Orange-Ulster, Sullivan and Ulster BOCES consortiums, the MHC-COSS was established to promote and foster high-quality practices, strong leadership and effective collaboration among regional school districts.

"As educational leaders, these superintendents have the shared goal of improving educational opportunities for students and adults throughout the region," explained

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Rhinebeck CSD hosts Harlem Wizards in fundraiser



The Harlem Wizards played a basketball game against staff from the Rhinebeck Central School District on Feb. 4. The event was a new fundraiser for the Rhinebeck PTSO (Parent-Teacher-Student Organization), and was sold out with 525 people in attendance. Over \$12,000 was raised to enable the PTSO to provide more grants for teachers, which help to fund field trips and special supplies for classrooms. In the photos, clockwise from the left, PE instructor Kevin Yarnell moves forward after making a steal. The Rhinebeck staff cheerleading squad prepares for the game. Members of the Wizards dance with students. *Courtesy photos by Kathy Cassens Photography*



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