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Today's local news briefs from: Ulster County, New Paltz, Bard College

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Ulster County Community College offers GED program

STONE RIDGE, N.Y. — Ulster County Community College's Continuing and Professional Education Department will offer a General Educational Development program starting on Sept. 17.

Taking the fall course at the community college is an opportunity to prepare to take the existing exam or prepare for the new exam that will begin being offered in Jan. 1.

The program is designed for students who did not graduate from high school but want a certificate equivalent to the traditional high school diploma. Instruction in language arts, writing, reading, math, science and social studies is offered.

Passing the test enables adults to continue their education. Classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Nov. 21.

Morning classes will be offered at the Business Resource Center in the town of Ulster. Afternoon classes will be held at the main campus in Stone Ridge.

The course fee is \$20.

For more information, call (845) 339-2025.

SUNY New Paltz report focus is municipal collaboration

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz released its 10th discussion brief, "Energy Action Consortia: Moving Municipalities Toward Collective Sustainability."

The report is a case study of how the national economic crisis in 2008 produced local opportunity for a collaborative group of municipalities in Westchester County. From a founding membership of 12 municipalities in April 2009, the original group of collaborating towns and villages has grown into the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium. The consortium is now recognized as an innovative leader in energy policy and practice.

The consortium is seen as proof that, with strong leadership and consistent local commitment, a collaborative intergovernmental infrastructure created for a particular purpose can develop into a regional resource.

"Energy Action Consortia: Moving Municipalities Toward Collective Sustainability" is published online at www.newpaltz.edu/crreo.

Bard Center for Civic Engagement to present Volunteer Fair, Farmer's Market

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. — The Bard Center for Civic Engagement is presenting a Volunteer Fair and Farmer's Market from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the college's Bertelsmann Campus Center Multipurpose Room.

The fair is for community agencies, government agencies, libraries and nonprofits to recruit volunteers in northern Dutchess and Ulster County.

Over 50 different organizations from Dutchess and Ulster counties are expected to be in attendance at the fair.

Those organizations will represent services for children and adolescents, culture and the arts, families, historic preservation, housing, literacy, medical emergencies, sustainability, mental health, senior citizens and more.

Students, senior citizens and families interested in connecting as volunteers are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the event, contact Eric Cannan, Bard College's associate director for the Center for Civic Engagement, by calling (845) 758-7453 or by email at cannan@bard.edu.

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