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Common Ground Farm launches 'Teeny Greenies' program

Common Ground Farm is launching "Teeny Greenies," a new program that brings together the farm's education, Backpack, and farmers' market programs to support food access, healthy eating, and early financial literacy for children in our community.

Throughout October and November, children visiting the Beacon Farmers' Market and Newburgh Farmers' Market can visit the market manager tent to receive two \$2 Teeny Greenies coupons to spend at market vendors, along with a Teeny Greeny Booklet filled with activities focused on food, nutrition, and financial literacy.

Teeny Greenies give children the opportunity to make their own purchasing decisions while learning basic concepts like budgeting, spending, and the value of locally grown food. The program also helps introduce young shoppers to farmers' markets as places to find fresh food, connect with local farmers and businesses, and spend time with their community.

Both markets will also feature Tasting Stations, where market visitors can sample simple pairings sourced from market vendors. Everyone who visits the Tasting Station will receive a sticker.

Common Ground Farm also operates a Backpack program, which currently provides weekly food support to 75 students in the Beacon City School District who have been identified as food insecure. Greens4Greens is a community-funded double-up program used at both the Beacon and Newburgh Farmers' Markets. Greens4Greens are \$5 coupons that extend the purchasing power of people who rely on benefits at the markets. Every Backpack recipient will receive a pack of 10 Greens4Greens, along with an informational flyer encouraging them to visit the market to receive an additional \$4 in Teeny Greenies.

"Teeny Greenies is an exciting new program that gives children a chance to participate in our farmers' markets in a whole new way," said Sember Weinman, Executive Director of Common Ground Farm. "Young people are given the autonomy to make their own food and financial decisions—all while supporting the farmers and small businesses that make our markets a community."

This program is made possible with generous funding from Hudson Valley Credit Union.

Common Ground Farm supports and engages our community by fostering access and connection to fresh food and local agriculture through farming, education, and farmers' markets. Common Ground Farm stewards the Beacon and Newburgh Farmers' Markets.

Beacon Farmers' Market is a vibrant community hub dedicated to promoting local agriculture, artisanal craftsmanship, and sustainable living. The market fosters connections between producers and consumers while championing food accessibility and community wellness.

Newburgh Farmers' Market is a year-round community market in the heart of Newburgh that supports local small businesses and provides food access initiatives to help ensure that everyone in the community has access to fresh, local food.

The mission of the Beacon and Newburgh Farmers' Markets is to feed and engage the community, support local farms and businesses, and create a more just food system.

Handcrafted vendors set stage for Octoberfest at Fairgrounds



Clockwise from top left, giant pumpkins, carriage rides and farm animals will join many handcraft vendors at this weekend's Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photos



An unforgettable fall weekend awaits visitors as Handcrafted Octoberfest: A Family Harvest Celebration returns to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10-11.

This one-of-a-kind festival blends the best of Oktoberfest traditions with the charm of a juried craft show, perfect for art lovers, families, and everyone in

between. Promoted by Quail Hollow Events, a nationally recognized craft promotion company with decades of experience, Handcrafted Octoberfest is a two-day event held in Rhinebeck, a historically significant and hip destination in the heart of the Hudson Valley, known for its classic fairgrounds, picturesque Market

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Beacon Flow: Music & Wellness Festival to feature musicians, local artists

By Kristine Coulter

Beacon Flow: Music and Wellness Festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pete & Toshi Riverfront Park in Beacon. The festival is free to attend.

"There's so many people involved now...more everything," said Dassi Rosenkrantz, who co-founded the festival with her husband Richie Cabo, of Cabo Project LLC. and Amy Soucy, of Resonant Heart Yoga.

There will be music by:

- Sarah Christa Charles & Jarrett Cherner

- Jeremy Schoenfeld
- Rachelle Garniez
- Dassi Rosenkrantz
- Downside Up
- Illari

"Some of the acts are local to Beacon," noted Rosenkrantz. Other musicians are from Kingston and Brooklyn.

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Beacon Flow Festival co-founders, from left, Amy Soucy, Richie Cabo and Dassi Rosenkrantz. The festival takes place on Oct. 10, at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, 2 Red Flynn Dr., in Beacon.

-Photo courtesy Alejandro Lopez

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Street, and vibrant creative community. The festival re-imagines the traditional Oktoberfest through an artistic lens, celebrating the spirit of the season by highlighting all things handmade.

Launched in 2019, the event quickly earned a reputation as a fall favorite, drawing thousands of visitors and becoming a seasonal highlight in the Hudson Valley, now widely recognized as an artistic hotspot. With over 100 juried exhibitors showcasing work across ten media categories, the festival brings together the handcrafted, the artisanal, and the agricultural, from fine art and crafts to regional beers, wines and spirits, specialty foods, and abundant harvest fun.

Visitors can sip, eat and unwind in the beer garden and entertainment tent while enjoying live music throughout the weekend. On Saturday, Blue Hill takes the stage. A collaboration of longtime friends and musicians from throughout the Hudson Valley, Blue Hill brings together decades of musical experience for a wide-ranging mix of classic and recent rock, blues, country, and jazz. Their repertoire spans more than 50 years of music,

including plenty of favorites not often heard from other bands.

Sunday begins with Hudson Valley singer-songwriter Eric Erickson, performing from 10 a.m.–12 noon. Later in the day, Coconut Telegraph brings the sounds of Jimmy Buffett to Rhinebeck with a tribute celebrating the laid-back, tropical music that made Buffett an American favorite.

Families will love the dedicated kids’ craft tent, where children can paint pumpkins, engage in artistic free play, or complete a seasonal art project. Parents can create alongside their kids, or drop them off while they shop, eat, drink, and hang.

Around the fairgrounds, guests will enjoy ongoing demonstrations from woodworkers, fiber spinners, leather-smiths, jewelers, and even master pumpkin carver Hugh McMahon. For even more fall fun, visitors can hop on a horse-drawn carriage ride and visit the petting zoo. Sunday afternoon brings the weigh-off of giant pumpkins, with one anticipated to approach 2,000 pounds.

For tickets, the exhibitor list, beer and food menus, the entertainment schedule, and more, visit quailhollow.com prior to the event. All tickets grant multi-day access to the event.



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-Photos by Alejandro Lopez



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Attendees can visit local artists during the event. There will be healing practitioners taking part in the day.

Attendees can participate in yoga, meditation, sound healing, Qigong, fitness and more during the day’s festivities.

Food and beverages will be available.

Rosenkrantz and Soucy said they always note to “bring a blanket or chair.”

Be a Friend Project is the fiscal sponsor

of the festival this year.

“We are very fortunate that they are joining forces with us and will be a sponsor,” said Rosenkrantz.

Be a Friend Project, according to its website, is a “kid for kids” nonprofit supporting student Upstanders (kindergarten through college).

Rosenkrantz said this is very much a “grassroots festival.” Among some of the community businesses and members sup-

porting the festival are: Mirbeau, Beacon Natural Market, Beacon Wellness Pharmacy, and Purpaula Productions, Inc.

Thanks was offered to Caryn Challman, website designer; Paula Finnerty, graphic designer and Sage Dubrawski, who handles social media and merchandising.

According to organizers, the Beacon-

Newburgh Ferry will be running every hour during the festival.

The following website and social media are for BeaconFlow, beaconflowfestival.com, <https://www.instagram.com/beacon.flow/>, and Eventbrite.

Eventbrite, is how organizers would like one to register/RSVP for the festival.

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Patriots Among Us - A Revolutionary Cemetery experience set for Oct. 11

The Wappingers Historical Society in conjunction with the Town of Wappinger announces a free, family-friendly program to help the community discover the Revolutionary history of the headstones, stories, and patriots of New Hackensack Cemetery as well as other hidden places in the Town of Wappinger. Patriots Among Us ~ A Revolutionary Cemetery Experience takes place on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 1-3 p.m. at the New Hackensack Cemetery, 1652 Route 376, Wappingers Fall. Rain date is Monday, Oct. 12. The public is invited to attend anytime during program hours.

Step back in time and meet a local patriot - Zephaniah Platt - who helped shape our community during the American Revolution. On this special, family friendly day at the New Hackensack Cemetery, attendees will meet this patriot who served in Colonel Brinckerhoff’s Dutchess County Militia, 2nd Regiment, and learn more about his life and the lives and contri-

butions of other patriots buried at this cemetery. Explore the fascinating world of colonial headstones and learn what some of the symbols and inscriptions mean. You'll also learn how to safely clean and care for historic tombstones, and younger history detectives will enjoy a special scavenger hunt designed just for them. Plus, pick up your free copy of the Wappingers Historical Society’s new guidebook: Wappinger Revolutionary Roots - History, Heroes, and Hidden Places to learn more about the people and places that connect the Town of Wappinger to America’s fight for independence.

The Wappingers Historical Society gratefully acknowledges Dutchess County government for their generous grant support which makes this event and the accompanying guidebook materials possible.

For more information about the Wappingers Historical Society and this program, please call 845-632-1281 or email info@wappingershistoricalsociety.org.

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Access Supports for Living launches mobile grocery program

Access: Supports for Living today announced the launch of Access: Mobile Grocery, a new mobile program that will bring free groceries and connections to health and community resources directly to neighborhoods throughout Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan counties.

The Mobile Grocery will be operated out of the Access: Center of Excellence (A:CE) in New Windsor, which serves as a hub for training, collaboration, and developing practical solutions to challenges facing people and communities across the region. From A:CE, the Mobile Grocery will travel to community locations across the three counties, offering a rotating selection of free fresh, refrigerated, and shelf-stable foods.

But the food is only the beginning. Access team members traveling with the Mobile Grocery will also be available to help people identify and connect with other resources that can make everyday life healthier and more manageable, including medical care, mental health and substance use services, housing and transportation resources, and education and employment support.

“Food is one of the most basic needs we all share, and it can also be the beginning of a much larger conversation,” said Ron Colavito, President and CEO of Access: Supports for Living. “With the Mobile Grocery, we can meet people in their own communities, provide something useful right away, and, when they need more, help connect them to the right resources. It’s a simple idea with the potential to make a meaningful difference.”

The Mobile Grocery is part of the Hudson Valley Social Care Network (SCN) and was developed with support from the Hudson Valley Care Coalition (HVCC). The initiative responds to a challenge that is particularly important in communities where transportation, geography, or difficulty navigating service systems can make it harder for people to get help.

“Good health depends on much more than what happens in a doctor’s office. Food, housing, transportation, and access to the right support all have a direct impact on people’s health and well-being,” said Amie Parikh, CEO of Hudson Valley Care Coalition. “The Mobile Grocery puts the Social Care Network into action by bringing food and resources directly into communities, creating an opportunity to identify other needs, make connections in real time, and help people access the services that can make a difference in their lives. We are proud to partner with Access on an approach that makes the network more accessible, more responsive, and more connected to the communities it was built to serve.”

For people with active Medicaid, the Mobile Grocery can also serve as an entry point into the Hudson Valley Social Care Network. Access staff can screen Medicaid members to identify health-related social needs beyond food and connect participants to available services. Staff will be able to make referrals in real time, helping turn a visit for groceries into a direct connection to additional support.

Behavioral health outreach is also built into the initiative through Access’s Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, or CCBHC. This allows Access to connect people with mental health and substance use services in the community when those needs emerge.

The Mobile Grocery is expected to operate four days each week, traveling to locations throughout Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan counties. Access anticipates serving approximately 5,200 people during its first year, with food offerings that include fresh, shelf-stable, and culturally appropriate options.

Operating the Mobile Grocery from A:CE also reflects the Center’s larger purpose: bringing partners, expertise, and resources together to develop solutions that can be put to work in communities throughout the Hudson Valley. The initiative will provide an opportunity to learn from the communities it serves, measure what works, and use that information to strengthen and expand the model over time.

Upcoming Mobile Grocery dates and locations will be announced on a rotating basis. Individuals can visit the website at AccessSupports.org/mobile-grocery, call 888-750-2266, or email info@asfl.org for additional information.



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-Photo courtesy Access Supports for Living

NYSDEC approves interim sheen containment system for Central Hudson’s former North Water Street Manufactured Gas Plant

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has approved an interim petroleum sheen containment system for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation’s former North Water Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site at 2 Dutchess Avenue in Poughkeepsie, beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson bridge.

Central Hudson is responsible for a multi-year cleanup under NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health oversight to address extensive coal tar contamination left by the MGP, which operated along Poughkeepsie’s riverfront from 1911 through the 1950s. Central Hudson has completed the first phase of the cleanup, focused on the former plant’s on-shore location. The next phase will address remaining contamination in the Hudson River sediment.

The 7, working with the Poughkeepsie Water Treatment Facility, has raised concerns about coal tar contamination which continues to periodically bubble to the surface at the site. In the recent past, coal tar has entered the Poughkeepsie drinking water intake requiring a forced shut down. In addition to the current temporary containment plan, NYSDEC and Central Hudson are developing engineering plans for the permanent remediation, with the goal of finally removing the remaining coal tar buried in the River bottom to protect the Hudson River’s aquatic habitat and our drinking water supply.

Coal tar (non-aqueous phase liquid, or (NAPL) was the byproduct of Manufactured Gas Plants which made gas from coal for delivery to local communities - before we had pipes delivering natural gas regionally. It has been one of the most significant contaminants across the entire region - including at places like the infamous Gowanus Canal, for example.

As an interim measure, AECOM, a contractor hired by Central Hudson, will install two 18-inch oil containment booms, absorbent booms and an anchoring system to collect potential sheens from an area of concentrated coal tar, which periodically floats to the surface directly in front of the old MGP plant site - under the east end of the Walkway bridge. Persons walking across the bridge will be able to see these interim containment booms from above.

Installation activities were tentatively scheduled to begin October 5. Due to this weekend’s weather and continued flooding, mobilization has been postponed to October 12, with installation expected to be completed that week. The schedule remains subject to river and weather conditions.

The containment system is expected to remain in place through late fall, with removal planned for the end of November or first week of December, before potential winter ice. Reinstallation is planned for May 2027, it was stated in the release.

NYSDEC will monitor the installation. Following deployment, DEC will evaluate performance and provide Hudson 7 with written updates.

The interim system is not the permanent remedy. Central Hudson is expected to develop design plans for the permanent river remediation in 2027 for DEC review and approval. Following approval, Central Hudson will proceed with contractor procurement and scheduling of the in-water remedial work.

“This is an interim measure, and we will be watching closely to see how the system performs under actual river conditions,” said Mayor Gary Bassett, Chair of the Hudson 7. “We also remain focused on ensuring that the permanent remediation protects the Hudson River and the communities that depend on it for drinking water.”

This work has been made possible in part through more than eight years of sustained advocacy by Hudson 7 and its member communities to protect the Hudson River and the drinking water it provides. Hudson 7 has consistently pressed for the contamination at the former MGP site to be addressed while keeping protection of the river and drinking water supplies at the center of the cleanup process.

Learn more about Hudson 7’s major campaigns and key actions, visit: Hudson 7: Seven Campaigns and Key Actions

Hudson 7 will continue to track the installation, operation and performance of the containment system and provide updates as information becomes available.

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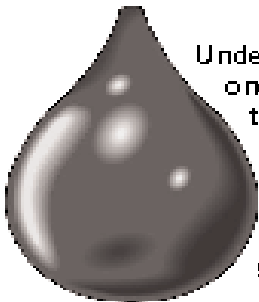
Kaul will support legislation to make energy more affordable

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Lisa Kaul for New York State Senator. For too long, our leadership in Albany has failed to work on legislation to help New York residents afford to heat and electrify their homes. For many, it has become a choice of heating their homes or paying for their medicine and groceries. We need better. Lisa Kaul will support legislation such as the Hudson Valley Power Authority and the HEAT Act to make energy more affordable for New York residents. If you’re fed up with high utility bills and with our current representatives in Albany not doing anything to deal with this problem, the choice is clear, vote for Lisa Kaul for New York State Senate-or better yet, come knock doors to help her get elected. It’s going to take all of us for her to win.

Nicholas Kalogris
Poughkeepsie

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE



Who needs blood?
Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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Understanding the Even Year Election Law

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith

We’ve been hearing about the Even Year Election Law for some time now, but 2026 will be the first year we’ll be seeing the results of the legislation.

On Dec. 22, 2023, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Chapter 741 of the Laws of 2023, which moved elections for a number of local offices outside of New York City to even-numbered years. The legislation went into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

The law primarily impacts town offices (including Town Supervisor, Town Board Member, Town Clerk, and Highway Superintendent), as well as certain county offices (including County Executive, County Comptroller, and County Legislator). However, it does not affect any of the aforementioned offices should they have a three-year term.

All elected officials serving at the time the legislation went into effect will fulfill the entirety of their term. Should an office be impacted by this legislation, that election will fall into one of the three categories below. The process to be followed is laid out below.

- Two-year term:

Those elected in November 2025 are serving a one-year term.

Victorious candidates this November will and thereafter will serve a regular two-year term.

- Four-year term (those elected in 2025):

Those elected in November 2025 are serving a three-year term.

Victorious candidates in 2028 and thereafter will serve a regular four-year term.

- Four-year term (to be elected in 2027):

Those elected in 2027 will serve a three-year term.

Victorious candidates in 2030 and thereafter will serve a regular four-year term.

This legislation does not apply to the following offices:

- Elected offices within the City of New York
- Any town or county office with a three-year term
- City offices
- Village offices
- School Boards
- Fire Districts
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk
- District Attorney
- County Court Judge
- Family Court Judge
- Surrogate’s Court Judge
- Town Justice

Why aren’t all local elections/all positions changed to even years?

According to the New York State Association of Towns (nytowns.org):

“Some positions, like town justices and county judges, have constitutional provisions that come into play and the New York State Constitution would need to be amended to switch those elections to even years. A constitutional amendment would also be required for city elections, and therefore they are not included in the legislation. Finally, villages are not included as they have a different election cycle and conduct their own elections.”

Sources: *New York State Board of Elections, New York State Association of Towns*

Early Voting Information

Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 26, noon-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 28, noon-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie
Cornell Cooperative Extension, 2715 Route 44, Millbrook
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Board of Elections Training Center, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls

Visit elections.dutchessny.gov for sample ballots and more information.

Concert set for Oct. 18 in Beacon

The second concert of the Howland Chamber Music Circle’s (HCMC) 2026–2027 Chamber Series honors founders Gwen and Bill Stevens and is sponsored by the Stevens Family Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. The concert, the seconds in the HCMC’s series, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Ticket holders are invited to meet the artists at a reception with complimentary refreshments after the performance.

The Poiesis Quartet has quickly distinguished itself as an imaginative voice in chamber music. The ensemble won First Prize at the 2025 Banff International String Quartet Competition and received the 2026 Cleveland Quartet Award. Alongside performances of familiar masterworks, Poiesis collaborates closely

with living composers, bringing new stories and sounds to the medium.

That spirit shapes the program they will share which spans contemporary composers all the way back to Beethoven’s final completed string quartet. Works by Daniel Lasagna and Calvin Ray Shawler join Jeff Scott’s stirring “musical ritual” Tapestry of the Beloved Beatified. Beethoven’s audacious String Quartet in F major, Op. 135 closes the program. Audiences can expect a concert of striking contrasts across vivid contemporary voices, quiet contemplation, and the wit and searching intimacy of Beethoven.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$10 for students. A limited number of pay-what-you-wish tickets will be released one week before the concert.

For tickets and information, visit www.howlandmusic.org.

Pumpkin Fest set for Oct. 18

The Beacon Cloop Club will host its annual Pumpkin Festival, Sunday, Oct. 18

from noon to 5 p.m. at Pete and Toshi Seeger Park in Beacon.



The enduring but changing value of forestry



Above: In the Hyde Park Post Office, dedicated in 1940, the artist Olin Dows wrote of this panel, “Before 1741, Jacobus Stoutenburgh, his sons and slave clear the land in Hyde Park.” Inset: excerpts from a 1741 letter in DCHS Collections from Henry Beekman lamenting the stealing of trees on his property such that, “In one mile from the river not a stick of good timber can be found.”

By Bill Jeffway

On the wall of the Hyde Park Post Office, in a mural panel painted by Olin Dows, men are cutting down large trees. The caption reads: “Before 1741, Jacobus Stoutenburgh, his sons and slave clear the land. His log cabin, built 1723, was the first house in Hyde Park Village.” When the post office was dedicated in November 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the room. He had involved himself in every detail of the design of his hometown federal showpiece. The scene on the wall is the first chapter in the story of European settlers’ encounters with Dutchess County’s forests. Roosevelt himself had spent nearly thirty years deeply engaged in the issue of forestry as a landowner and political figure.

In the 18th century, the forest was, in part, in the way. Farming meant clearing, and clearing meant years of axe work. Wheat was the prize. By the early years of the republic, more than a third of the grain shipped from New York State came from Dutchess County. Sheep and dairy cattle followed, needing open pasture of their own.

But it was more than an obstacle. It was also worth money, and worth stealing.

We find in DCHS Collections a letter written on September 23, 1741 (the period depicted in the mural) by Henry Beekman (1687–1775). He was one of the county’s great landholders, a long-time member of the colonial Assembly and the man for whom the Town of Beekman was named. Beekman was owed money that was to be paid from the sale of a tract held by a group of absentee partners, and he wrote to warn them that the land “is daily lessened in

value, by the [removal of] wood.”

Two families, he explained, had been living on the tract “who do no other [thing] than cutting cord wood, staves, cooper’s bolts.” This describes firewood, the vertical slats that make up barrels, and wood blocks. They were in great demand locally in the transportation of flour. In less than ten years, Beekman reckoned, “upward of one hundred sloop & boat loads have been carried off. In one mile from the river not a stitch of good timber can be found.” Worse, a new sawmill had gone up nearby, and he feared the “pretended tenants” would feed it whatever remained. Even a man of Beekman’s standing could not protect woods that stretched across thousands of acres.

The pressure grew in the 19th century as industry joined agriculture. In the Harlem Valley in particular, iron was smelted with charcoal, and charcoal meant wood in enormous quantities. A typical furnace consumed the timber from about 150 acres of woodland a year.

Meanwhile the fields kept spreading. The 1860 agricultural census counted 393,000 acres of farmland in Dutchess County, more than three quarters of its land area and more than three times the 113,000 acres farmed today.

Then coal, oil and gas replaced wood as fuel. The 1825 opening of the Erie Canal had meant that western farms started to outproduce stony Dutchess hillsides. Farming locally started a long decline. By the start of the 1900s, only about 20 percent of New York State was forested. In March 1921, the Dutchess County Farm Bureau News estimated that “two hundred square miles of land in Dutchess County,”



Above top: A deforested hill at the Milan/Pine Plains border c. 1915, part of the Frederick P. Wilcox farm. **Bottom left to right:** Wilcox planting trees in the 1920s. The trees a century later exceed 100 feet and are accessible to the public in Wilcox Memorial Park.

roughly a quarter of the county, were “better adapted to forestry than to farming.” “A pine forest in Dutchess County,” the paper added, “is almost unknown.”

The article held up one man as the exception. Frederick Peck Wilcox (1857–1942), heir to the Wilcox silver-plating fortune, began buying up six farms in the town of Milan in 1911, eventually assembling 615 acres. Much of it was “hillsides and more or less rolling stretches of poor soils that are full of stones and rock outcrops.” For tillage, the writer concluded, “its use is out of the question.”

Wilcox’s interest was forestry, not farming. In 1911 he began planting red, white and Scotch pine. In 1914 he added 10,000 more trees, including 4,000 black locusts. By 1921 more than 50,000 were in the ground, and the first pines already stood 12 to 15 feet tall. “The bare land on which I planted this stock was practically worthless,” Wilcox told the paper. “If the timber was mature today it would be worth three hundred dollars per acre.” He acknowledged that it was a “long term investment ... for the benefit of his children.” Wilcox died in 1942. He and his wife, Irene Kilmer Wilcox, had only child, Frederick Wilcox, Jr., who died in 1950. His widow later sold the land to the county for a nominal sum. Today it is Wilcox Park, where those seedlings have become trees roughly 100 feet tall, for the benefit of the public.

Also in 1911, Franklin Roosevelt bought the 194-acre Bennett farm in Hyde Park. The next year, while chairing the State Senate’s Forestry Committee, he bought his first seedlings from the state tree nursery. Guided by Nelson Brown of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse, he

treated his woodlots as a crop, not as scenery. By the 1930s, 20,000 to 55,000 trees were going into his land each year, nearly half a million over 34 years.

What Roosevelt practiced at home, he pressed for in office. As governor he championed the 1931 Hewitt Amendment, allowing the state to buy abandoned farmland and replant it as forest. As president he created the Civilian Conservation Corps, “Roosevelt’s Tree Army,” which planted some three billion trees nationwide. When he voted, he gave his occupation as “tree farmer.”

These new forests were not the ones Stoutenburgh cleared. They were plantations, often of a single kind of tree, set out in rows and managed like any other crop. Yet they answer Beekman’s letter across nearly two centuries. In 1741, Beekman measured a forest’s value in boatloads carried away. In 1921, Wilcox measured it in dollars per acre still to come. The resource was the same. What changed was who believed its trees were worth keeping, and why.

Today Dutchess County is more than half forested, largely because abandoned fields grew back on their own. But when Roosevelt stood in that post office in 1940, he was looking at the beginning of a story he had helped to turn around.

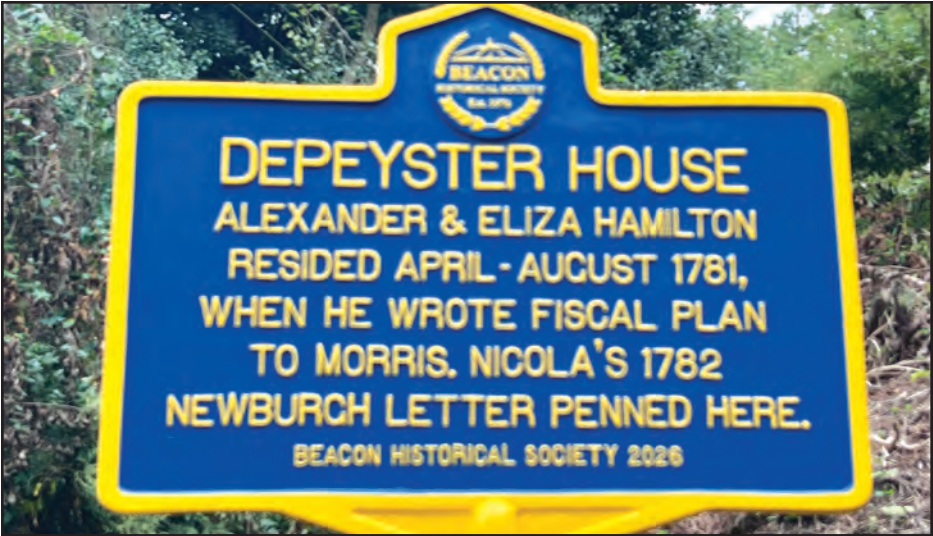


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Beacon Historical Society and City of Beacon unveil 3 Revolutionary War markers



In celebration of America’s 250th birthday, the Beacon Historical Society has donated and worked with the City to create and erect three roadside historic markers promoting important facets of Beacon’s Revolutionary War heritage. The markers are the culmination of a series of Society semiquincentennial observances that included a gallery exhibit, keepsake map, mountain hike, military lecture and more -- all staged to highlight Beacon’s Revolutionary role.

The three historic markers commemorate: 1) the signal fires atop Mount Beacon (marker located at corner of Main and East Main streets); 2) the DePeyster House (marker located adjacent to underpass at South and Tioronda avenues); and 3) Wiltse’s Dock (marker located on the trail adjacent to Long Dock Park, on the river in front of the Dia Art Museum). Each of the markers is located on property owned/managed by the City of Beacon, which was a partner in hosting and erecting the signs.

“We are very grateful to Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Highway Superintendent Michael Manzi and his crews for their assistance and enthusiasm on this project to raise awareness about some of our city’s Revolutionary War story,” said Denise Doring VanBuren, Historical

Society President. She explained that the three markers are the first to be created and funded completely by the Historical Society thanks to generous member contributions that support its mission to preserve and promote Beacon’s history.

“Our Society was founded in 1976 as part of local observances around the American Bicentennial. We’d like to think that our founding members would be proud to see our vitality illustrated in these markers, which bring awareness of that Revolutionary War heritage full circle in honor of our 50th anniversary,” VanBuren added.

The Society’s exhibit, “From Mt. Beacon to the Hudson River: Beacon’s Role During the American Revolution” will remain on display Thursdays 10-noon and Saturdays 1-3 p.m. at its headquarters, 61 Leonard Street, until the end of the year. It is free of charge and there is plenty of free parking; attendees also receive a copy of the Society’s companion map about Beacon in the American Revolution.

Beacon Fires
High Atop the Highlands,
One of Washington’s
Rev War Signal Fires Built
To Warn Of Enemy Approach;



The Beacon Historical Society and City of Beacon recently unveiled 3 Revolutionary War markers: DePeyster House (top left), Wiltse’s Dock (above), and Beacon Fires (below).

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City Named “Beacon” 1913

DePeyster House
1743-1954 Eliza & Alexander Hamilton Lived Here 1781, When He Wrote Economic Plan To Morris. Nicola’s 1782 Newburgh Letter Penned Here.

Wiltse’s Dock
Busy, Deep-Water Port Where Loyalists Once Tried To Smuggle Arms; Washington Met Minister Luzerne About French Military Aid Here.

Premier Cares Foundation announces Dutchess Outreach as Care Fund Partner

Premier Cares Foundation has announced a new partnership with Poughkeepsie-based non profit organization, Dutchess Outreach.

Dutchess Outreach joins a list of several Hudson Valley agencies as a recipient of the Foundation’s Care Fund. Through this partnership, eligible Dutchess County residents undergoing treatment for debilitating and chronic urological and digestive diseases will have access to financial assistance for essential expenses that may not be covered by insurance or other resources.

For individuals and families facing a serious or chronic illness, the financial burden can extend well beyond medical bills. The Premier Cares Foundation Care Fund was created to help alleviate some of that burden by providing grants for needs such as medications and medical equipment not covered by insurance, housing, transportation, utilities and other approved expenses. The program is designed to help patients address urgent financial challenges so they can focus

on their health and treatment. The Foundation works to ensure that financial hardship does not become a barrier to diagnosis, treatment or the supportive services patients need.

“Receiving a diagnosis of a serious illness can affect every part of a person’s life, including their ability to pay for basic necessities,” said Gia McCormack, Executive Director of Premier Cares Foundation. “Our Care Fund was created to help ease some of that financial stress. Partnering with Dutchess Outreach allows us to reach more patients in Dutchess County through an organization that has deep roots in the community and a longstanding commitment to helping individuals and families during times of need.”

For more than 50 years, Dutchess Outreach has worked to strengthen the community by providing healthy food, compassionate support and advocacy for food security and social equity. The

organization serves thousands of community members through its programs and provides individualized assistance to individuals and families facing emergencies. Its Emergency Assistance Program offers case management, advocacy, referrals and one-time financial assistance to help address urgent needs.

“Dutchess Outreach is proud to partner with Premier Cares Foundation to help ensure that people in our community do not have to choose between managing their health and meeting their basic needs,” said Renee Fillette-Miccio, PhD, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach. “Our Emergency Assistance Program takes a holistic approach, working one-on-one with individuals to understand their circumstances, connect them with resources and provide assistance when other resources are unavailable or insufficient. This partnership will allow us to provide additional support to Dutchess County residents facing the financial challenges that can accompany serious illness.”

Through the partnership, Dutchess

Outreach will provide assistance to eligible individuals currently receiving treatment for qualifying urological and digestive diseases. Funding may be used for essential expenses associated with maintaining health and stability during treatment, including medication and medical equipment not covered by insurance, transportation and travel expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utilities and other approved personal expenses.

The partnership builds on the strengths of both organizations: Premier Cares Foundation brings a focused commitment to supporting patients with urologic and gastrointestinal diseases, while Dutchess Outreach brings more than five decades of experience providing direct assistance, case management and connections to community resources.

“Sometimes the most meaningful support is helping someone keep the lights on, get to an appointment, obtain medication or remain safely housed while they are going through treatment,” McCormack said. “We are grateful to have Dutchess Outreach as a partner in making sure Care Fund resources reach people who need them.”

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‘Fire and Freedom’ theme sparks PPLD’s Big Read

Join the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) for their 2026 Poughkeepsie Big Read program, scheduled to run from Saturday, October 17 – Tuesday, November 24. The Big Read is an annual program intended to encourage the community to read, discuss, and participate in thematic events.

This year’s Big Read theme is Revolutionary New York. PPLD is pleased to share that the Big Read title is *Fire and Freedom* by Thomas Wermuth. There are additional Little and Middle Read titles with a focus on heroes, including Sybil Ludington and forgotten founders. A full list is available on the library website.

Thomas Wermuth is the Co-Founder and Director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist University. He is a researcher and teacher focusing on the social and economic history of the Hudson River Valley. He is also the editor of a number of books on New York State and the Hudson Valley.

The Big Read kicks off on Saturday, October 17 at 2:30 p.m., with the Jewel Geissinger Ratzlaff Keynote Lecture, *Fire and Freedom*, with author Thomas Wermuth at the Boardman Road Branch Library. The lecture will present lesser-known New York-centered Revolutionary War stories, from riots against colonial taxation and Washington’s time in the region to non-battle events like retreats, fires, and independence displays. It explores how state power reshaped loyalty, and how Indigenous and enslaved people influenced postwar New York.

- On Monday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host Benson Lossing: *Preserving Stories of the Revolution*. A Dutchess County native, Benson Lossing was a newspaper editor, engraver, and eventually the nation’s most popular writer and historian during the mid-19th century. Shannon Butler tells the story of a fellow historian’s passion to save the stories of the American Revolution.
- The following day, Tuesday, Oct. 20, the library will host *Alexander Hamilton: The Musical and the Duel*. This program features a presentation of the Hamilton mix-tapes, an introduction to the characters of the musical, and the music from the Broadway production.
- On Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., the library will virtually host *Cato In the Revolution: Spies, Slavery, Church and Chocolate*. Join historian Claire Bellerjeau as she shares her exciting new discoveries



Thomas Wermuth
-Courtesy photo

about Cato, an enslaved Black man who aided the patriot spy and tailor Hercules Mulligan during the Revolutionary War. Showing great bravery, agency, skill, and faith, Cato represents other unknown and often “invisible” people of color who helped shape the course of the Revolution—and the history of the US.

- On Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host *Women and the Formation of the Nation: 1776 & Beyond*. Presenter Lynn Saltonstall of the New York Historical Society will discuss the roles women played in the founding of the new United States and in shaping what the country would become. Engage with fascinating true-life stories, artifacts, and images that illuminate women’s critical roles in building a new nation.
- On Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., the library hosts Tanisha Mitchell Presents *Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave at the Beulah Baptist Church*, which honors the African-American experience during slavery through spirituals, art, and slave narratives. Ms. Mitchell, the soprano and librarian behind the popular Opera Talks, will present her research and also perform two live spirituals.
- On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Library will virtually host FDR Library: *Declaration Deep Dive*. Explore the philosophy that inspired it, the reasons it was written, the goals it hoped to accomplish, and ways it has influ-

enced and inspired ours, and the whole world’s, history since.

- On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host *Remember Liss: A New American Founding Figure*. Historian and author Claire Bellerjeau discusses the discovery of a new founding figure. Elizabeth, aka Liss, who was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay, whose most famous member was Robert Townsend, George Washington’s lead spy in Manhattan. Liss’s complex struggle for freedom gives new insight into the country’s founding era, through the eyes of an enslaved Black woman seeking liberty.
- On Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host 18th Century Games Day. Educators from Clermont State Historic Site will teach families how to play three popular games from the 1700s. Recommended for families with children 5 and up.
- On Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host *North of America: Revolution, British Provinces, and Creating the US*. Jeffers Lennox of Wesleyan University explores how America’s founding can only be understood within a broader perspective, including British, Indigenous, and Canadian history. Join us to explore America’s formation from the Revolution to the War of 1812.
- On Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m., the library will virtually host *The Constitution Speaks: Rules, Rights, and Responsibilities*. Learn about some of the key rules, rights, and responsibilities necessary for the maintenance of a healthy and successful democracy.
- On Thursday, November 12, Adriance Memorial Library will host *Learning & Leisure In the 18th Century*. Join Historic Huguenot Street in a journey back through time to discover the secrets of daily life during the colonial period. Explore the impacts of a diverse range of cultures on the Hudson Valley’s history, including Esopus peoples.
- On Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2:30 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host *Cello, America: Songs of Patriotism, Praise, and Protest*. Alex Prizginta presents *Praise and Protest* as part of the vital fabric that weaves our differences into our distinct strength. Key hymns, noble anthems of patriotism, and tunes of solidarity and resistance celebrate our union.
- On Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., a Finale

for the Big Read 2026 will be held at the Bardavon Opera House with a public performance of *The Fateful Hour*. The play is a drama in three acts depicting the ratification of the United States Constitution in Poughkeepsie in 1788. High schools will also be reading and studying the play’s timeline, and see a performance in the morning.

- On Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m., the library will virtually host FDR Library: *Franklin and the Founders*. Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum, will discuss FDR and his keen understanding and great appreciation for the principles on which the country was founded. He explores how Roosevelt tapped the Founding Fathers for inspiration and guidance as he struggled to save America from economic collapse and the world from Nazi annihilation.

As part of the Poughkeepsie Big Read, PPLD partners each year with The Art Effect for professional development for school-teachers who participate and want more background on the topic and expanded teaching resources. The 2026 workshop, held in August, was attended by 25 area teachers. Additionally, through the support of the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (FPPLD), the library provides schools within the district a curated selection of books for teen, middle and elementary students, free of charge.

FPPLD is an independent organization whose function is to support the programs and services of the Library District, to promote the library as an informational and cultural force in the community offering many free services and resources, and to encourage support of the library through gifts and volunteer services. To learn more, contact FPPLD Board President, Norma Vazquez at friendspresident@poklib.org.

PPLD has been serving the community since 1874, striving to provide resources and opportunities that enrich, inform, and empower individuals of all ages. Through innovative programs, comprehensive collections, and a commitment to fostering a love for learning, PPLD aims to positively impact the lives of the people it serves. For more information about these events, follow the Poughkeepsie Public Library District on Facebook and Instagram, visit the website at <https://poklib.org>, or call 845-485-3445 ext. 3707.

Giants Super Bowl MVP, Healey Ford employees volunteer at Regional Food Bank to help fight hunger

New York Football Giants two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXV MVP Ottis Anderson joined more than a dozen members of Healey Ford and officials of the Giants organization last week to take part in a Volunteer Shift at the Regional Food Bank’s Hudson Valley Distribution Center in Montgomery to support the Food Bank’s mission to raise awareness of food insecurity and reinforce the importance to give back to communities.

“I just want to be a part of trying to change lives and make lives better,” said Anderson, who with the other volunteers helped to sort and pack items, including local grown fresh produce, for distribution throughout the Food Bank’s 23-county service area. “We don’t worry about accolades or anything like that, because food connect us all. We’re going to make sure that people who are in need get a chance to have fresh fruit and fresh vegetables or whatever.”

The two-hour Volunteer Shift brought together Ford Motor Company, Healey Ford, and the New York Giants organization in support of the Regional Food Bank, as part of the Ford Building Together campaign that focuses on partnering with dealerships and nonprofit organizations across the country to maximize the collective positive impact in local communities.

“The Food Bank has tremendous gratitude to Healey Brothers and the New York Giants for joining us today and help-



New York Football Giants two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXV MVP Ottis Anderson volunteers at the Regional Food Bank’s Hudson Valley Distribution Center in Montgomery.
-Courtesy photo

ing give back to our community,” said Susan Lintner, Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer for the Regional Food Bank. “Their support helps us expand awareness to the critical need to fight hunger in the Hudson Valley.”

More than 355,000 people, 12.2% of the population in the Regional Food Bank’s 23-county service area, are food insecure, meaning that they don’t always know where they will find their next meal. A staggering 15.4% of children in the region experience food insecurity. The data shows that food insecurity continues to grow with an additional 23,210 individuals in the Regional Food Bank’s service area.

“We’re very, very proud of the partnership that Healey Brothers has with the Regional Food Bank and what we are able to donate and accomplish together,” said Dwight Healey, owner of Healey Brothers.

“The New York Giants believe that being part of this community extends far beyond the football field,” said Allison Stangeby,

Vice President of Community & Corporate Relations New York Giants. “Working alongside Healey Ford and the Regional Food Bank gives our organization an opportunity to roll up our sleeves and help families in this community. We are proud to be part of an effort that brings people together to address an important local need.”

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Celebrate 100 Years of Beacon’s Iconic Dummy Light on October 10



The Howland Public Library will host “Beacon’s Dummy Light: 100 Years.” The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10. Clockwise from top left: “Dummy Moon” by Brandon Fiege, “Mini Dummy” by Polly Perkins and “Stop & Go” by Tena Cohen.

-Images courtesy Howland Public Library

Come celebrate a piece of Beacon history with us! The Howland Public Library will host “Beacon’s Dummy Light: 100 Years,” a community art exhibition honoring the city’s most famous landmark. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 5-7 p.m. at Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon.

Local artists were brought together to share original, creative works inspired by the Dummy Light. Plus, attendees get to explore a fascinating look into its past, with history generously provided by the Beacon Historical Society. Whether you’re a lifelong local or just love our town’s unique character, come mingle, enjoy the art, and celebrate a century of the Dummy Light. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 30.



Classrooms to careers: HVCU awards college scholarships to student members

In an effort to equip students for collegiate growth and success, Hudson Valley Credit Union (HVCU), in collaboration with the New York Credit Union Association (NYCUA), awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to members who are 2026 high school graduates pursuing higher education. The contributions to local students come on the heels of the HVCU Charitable Foundation’s disbursement of \$550,000 in nonprofit grants, further cementing the credit union’s commitment to the communities it serves. Eight HVCU members were selected out of 61 applicants based on their academic achievements, after-school activity involvement and community service, as well as their leadership in their communities and a strong writing portfolio. This year’s scholarship recipients include:

- KaiLangiolillo of Highland, New York, is attending Binghamton University.
- Rachel Berliner of Princeton Junction, New Jersey, is attending the University of Pennsylvania.
- Jacob Cheung of Hopewell Junction, New York, is attending the University of Pennsylvania.
- Ved Kaderu of Fishkill, New York, is attending Cornell University.
- Karolina Mroczek of Wappingers Falls, New York, is attending Northeastern University.
- Connor O’Reilly of Brewster, New York, is attending Virginia Tech.
- Amanda Parker of Garrison, New York, is attending Stony Brook University.
- Lila Sinacori of Campbell Hall, New York, is attending the United States



Military Academy at West Point. “At HVCU, our mission extends beyond financial education. We’re equally committed to expanding access to higher education,” said HVCU’s Community Impact Manager John DeAngelis. “By investing in student success through scholarships, we’re empowering the next generation of leaders and providing the resources they need to flourish academically.” Beyond the scholarship program, HVCU also sponsors Marist University’s

Hudson Valley Scholars Program, an initiative where Hudson Valley organizations award scholarships to local high school graduates attending Marist. HVCU’s \$4,000 annual contribution helps develop the region’s future leaders, ensuring the Hudson Valley community grows and thrives for generations to come. HVCU is offering the 2027 NYCUA Scholarship Program to members in late October. To learn more about HVCU and other scholarship opportunities, visit hvcu.org.

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Spirits of Halloweens past

A fiendishly fun retrospective

If you’ve been kind enough to read my column for any length of time, then you may know how much I love this time of year. October is my favorite month and not least because it culminates in a special, magical, haunting night. Over the years I have entertained on my front porch on All Hallow’s Eve with friends, food and spirits. I try to come up with a new theme and backstory every year, which carries through the menu and costume choices (because of course I dress up) as well as which of my carefully curated props I choose to decorate with inside and out. I try to make the food casually elegant and easy to eat without utensils, and there’s always wine and a cocktail to fit the theme. Looking through photos had me thinking it might be fun to share some of those themes with you. So, with your kind indulgence, come with me on a journey to Halloweens Past and maybe pick up a little inspiration along the way.

A seat at the table

Normally my spooky soirees take place exclusively on the front porch, so my guests and I can both serve and be entertained by the little ghouls that come a-knockin’. There have been two exceptions to this. The first was a dead-themed dinner in the dining room, made possible because it was NOT held on Halloween, but the evening before. I served a roasted head of cauliflower “brain” and lentil squash soup. An extra place was set at the table in the ancient Samhain tradition: it’s said that at that time, the veil between the living and the dead is at its thinnest and that ancestors should be made welcome at the table. Wouldn’t you know it? One showed up!

The House of Nevermore

Classic inspiration from a classic enigmatic character. The theme was Poe’s “The Raven.” The mood was Gothic and romantic. The hostess, the tragic Lenore. Black birds and gravestones abounded, brandy flowed and charcuterie was served most drearly.

A Harry Potter Halloween

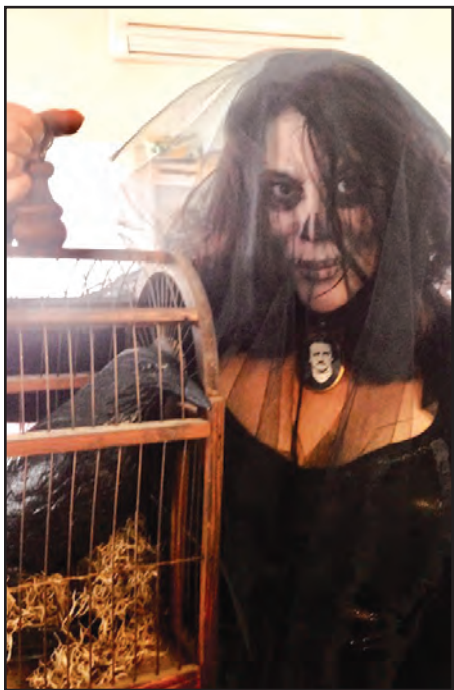
This is the other exception to the front porch tradition. It was the Year of Covid, so there were no trick-or-treaters. I wanted to make it extra special for my neighbor children who were huge Harry Potter fans, so it was an easy theme choice. I decorated the entire backyard, had a Potterverse trivia treasure hunt with themed treat prizes and food from the books and movies. A fair few of us dressed as characters making it even more fun.

SAVORY PUMPKIN PASTIES (Hand pies)

When I made these for the party, I made them with 3” rounds of pastry, which I think was too small since each bite was mostly crust. For you I suggest 4, 5 or 6” rounds, which is still small enough to be eaten out of hand and big enough to showcase more filling. You can make your own pie crust or use a ready-made store-bought brand (like Pillsbury) that you just unroll, cut and bake.

INGREDIENTS

- 7.5oz (half a large can) of pumpkin puree
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder (or ½ clove fresh garlic, minced)
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh sage or thyme, chopped
- 1 package refrigerated pie dough (2 crusts)



1 egg, slightly beaten, for wash
Optional: fresh sage or thyme leaves for garnish

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, butter, cheese and seasonings.

Dust surface with flour and unroll pie dough. It should be ¼” thick. Cut 4” (or larger) circles and transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Add filling to half of each circle, leaving about ¼” around edge for crimping.

Fold dough over to make half-moons and pinch edges together. Cut 2 small slits in the top of each. Brush with egg wash then press all around edges with the tip of a fork to seal well. Top each with a small sage leaf, if you like.

Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a rack to cool. May be eaten warm or at room temperature.

Assemble these ahead and place in freezer for up to a month. (probably longer but they won’t sit there that long!)

Lost at Sea

This was a fun one! The grieving widow of a sea captain went out in search of him after communing with spirits who said he was alive and out in the storm. Spoiler: he wasn’t. She fell into the dark water and haunted our front porch waiting to be reunited with him. Spoiler 2: she was me.

DARK AND STORMY COCKTAIL:

Fill a tall (highball) glass with ice. Squeeze a bit of fresh lime juice over the ice. Pour in 4 oz ginger beer (NOT ginger ale – you want the spicy kick). Slowly pour 2 oz dark rum on top. The effect is to look like a dark storm cloud. Serve with a slice of lime (and a straw so guests can stir it before drinking).

I could go on and on, but the hour grows late, my dears. There is much planning to do and a yard yet to haunt. At this most beautiful, deliciously spooky time of year, I wish you scary fun, wicked-good things to eat and delightful spirits to make a celebration worthy of the most bewitching night of the year! Boo!

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.

From left: The centerpiece of Vicki’s Halloween get-togethers is food that can eaten without utensils, such as this charcuterie display.

Vicki portrays the tragic Lenore in Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven.”

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William A. Harbolic Jr.



William A. Harbolic Jr., a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls and Fishkill, and formerly of Peekskill, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at the age of 77. Affectionately known to family and friends as “Billy” or “Bud”—and to his friends from the firehouse as “Slick”—he was born in Verplanck, NY, on June 22, 1949, the son of the late William A. Harbolic Sr. and Marion (Cronk) Harbolic.

Billy married his beloved wife, Patricia “Patti,” on March 25th 1990. Their marriage was a beautiful testament to what love, partnership, and devotion truly mean. When Billy married Patti, he didn’t simply become a husband—he wholeheartedly embraced her two young children as his own, quickly making the word “step” in “stepfather” feel entirely unnecessary.

He loved being a dad and a devoted husband, and there was simply nothing more important to him than his family.

He was immensely proud of his children, and to call Bud a proud and dedicated grandfather would be an understatement. His grandchildren, Kenzie, Pearl, and Theodore “Teddy,” brought tremendous joy to his life, particularly in recent years. He cherished his time with them, showed up for them whenever he could, and loved watching them grow. The love their Grandpa Bud gave them will remain a part of their lives and hearts for all the years to come.

Billy spent 26 years working for the Westchester County Parks Department, where he served as superintendent of both Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill and George’s Island Park in Montrose, NY, before retiring.

Billy was also a dedicated and active member of the Peekskill Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, serving with the Washington Engine Fire Company and Columbian Hose. During his three decades of service, he held the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain and was proudly an Ex-Captain. Affectionately known to his friends at the firehouse as “Slick,” Billy deeply valued the camaraderie, friendship, and brotherhood he found there. His years of service and the relationships he built through the fire department remained an important part of his life. He was also a member of Peekskill Elks Lodge No. 744.

Together with his wife Patti, Billy owned and operated Hampton Oaks Wine and Liquor Store in Peekskill for a few years. Later, he became a well-known and respected member of the Elmcrest Homeowners Association board. He remained involved with Elmcrest through the time of his passing and grew to deeply love and appreciate the community and the people within it, many of whom became close friends and chosen family.

Bud was a die-hard New York Yankees fan and also enjoyed cheering on the New York Giants and New York Rangers. And then there were his garage sales—something Bud took perhaps more seriously than anyone else in the family ever could. He genuinely loved every part of them: setting everything up, organizing, pricing, selling, and finding a new home for things he no longer needed. Whenever someone in the family was preparing to move, Bud was ready to take charge of the garage, yard, or moving sale and run the whole thing like a well-oiled business. He also organized annual garage sales within the Elmcrest community and truly looked forward to each one.

That was Bud in so many ways: someone who liked to be useful, who took care of things, and, most importantly, who took care of people. Whether it was his family, his friends, or his community, Bud showed his love by being present and dependable. Those who loved him knew they could always count on him.

Bud is survived by his three children, Stephen (Janine) Masopust, Carlajeane (Samantha) Masopust, and Jason Harbolic; and his three grandchildren, Kenzie, Pearl, and Theodore, whom he cherished and adored. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Betty (John) Silverstri and Diane Harbolic (Gary Diehl), as well as several nieces, nephews, and a host of dear friends.

Along with his beloved wife, Patti Ann Harbolic, and his parents, Billy was predeceased by his brother, Ronald W. Harbolic Sr., and his nephew, LeRoy Stillwell.

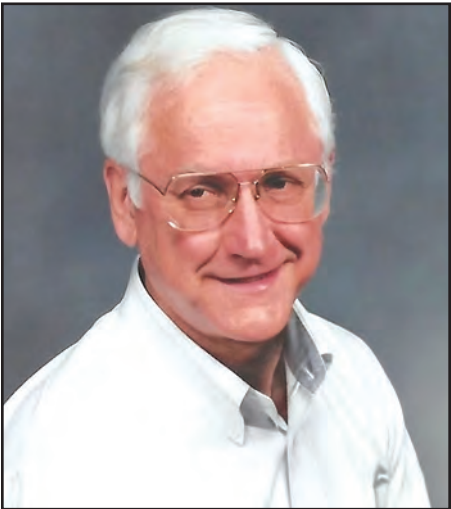
Billy leaves behind a family who loved him beyond measure, a community that valued him, and a lifetime of memories for all those fortunate enough to know him. His kindness, loyalty, sense of humor, and unwavering devotion to the people he loved will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

His family received friends on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Friday, October 2, followed by a private cremation. Interment will take place at a later date, at the convenience of his family, at Assumption Cemetery in Cortlandt Manor.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial donations to be made to a charity of one’s choice, either supporting volunteer firefighters or youth development.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Thomas B. Liguori



Thomas B. Liguori, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls, NY and Delray Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2026 in Boynton Beach, FL at the age of 94. He was born on April 17, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Gaetano (Tom) and Erika (née Fuchs) Liguori. He attended Brooklyn Tech High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brooklyn College and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from The City University of New York.

On October 28, 1951 at St Barbara’s Church in Brooklyn, he married the love of his life, Anita Scirica.

Tom served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. He was in Army intelligence, the predecessor of the National Security Administration (NSA), at the Pentagon and at Fort Meade, Maryland, receiving

an honorable discharge for his service.

Tom worked as an industrial engineer for 27 years at IBM Poughkeepsie, retiring in 1990. Notably, he was on the design team for the first ever IBM semiconductor manufacturing line.

Retirement provided him and Anita the opportunity to spend their winters in Florida where he especially enjoyed church activities and playing tennis with friends well into his 90’s and avoiding all things winter!

He was a longtime communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls, NY where he was a lector, an RCIA team member, and also proudly sang in the choir. Tom and Anita were longtime Pre- Marriage Encounter counselors as well.

He was a Life Member and the oldest living Past Grand Knight of the Wappingers Council 1646 Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed being active with his Brother Knights in all their works of charity. Tom was also a member of the Fourth Degree, Wappingers Assembly 770.

Tom had many hobbies. He was an avid Brooklyn Dodger and then a New York Mets fan. He was thrilled to be honored as the “Veteran of the Game” at a Mets game at CitiField in 2023. Music was another great passion in his life, spending his leisure time listening to his stereo and attending numerous concerts. In addition to tennis Tom also enjoyed playing handball. Tom and Anita enjoyed traveling extensively. More than anything, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Along with his beloved wife Anita of almost 75 years of marriage, Tom is survived by his children: Pamela, Stephen and his wife Susan, Gregg and his wife Michele and

Christopher and his partner Inna. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren:

Aaron, Christine, Patricia, Matthew, Andrea, Rachel, Erika, and Alexa as well his great grandchildren Nathan and Natalie.

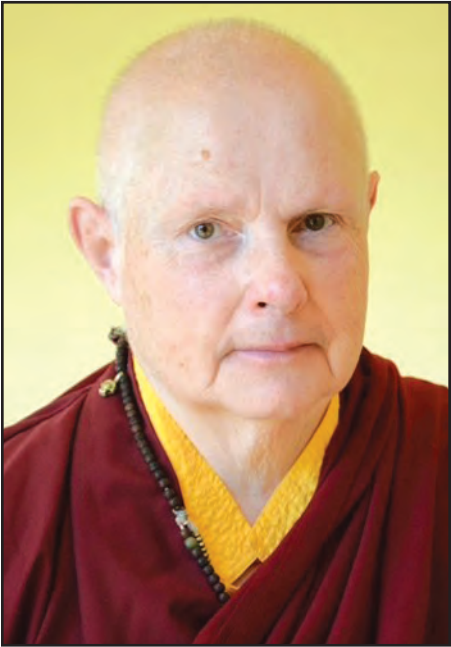
Along with his beloved parents he was predeceased by his brother Ronald Liguori.

His family will gather to honor his life with a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 11:00AM in St. Mary’s Church, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls, New York followed by interment in St. Mary’s Parish Cemetery with military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, Tom’s family is respectfully requesting that donations be made to the Dementia Society of America.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory of Tom, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Lama Ani Dechi Palmo, (Elizabeth Jane Madill)



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved dharma sister Lama Ani Dechi Palmo, (born, Elizabeth Jane Madill). Ordained as a nun in 1982 by Dorje Chang Kalu Rinpoche, Ani Dechi was one of the original residents of Kagyu Thubten Choling, helping to build the monastery and retreat facilities, and completing the first cycle of the three-year retreat. She was an enthusiastic practitioner of the Nyungne purification practice, completing over 200 sets, and led the daily chanting at the monastery for many years.

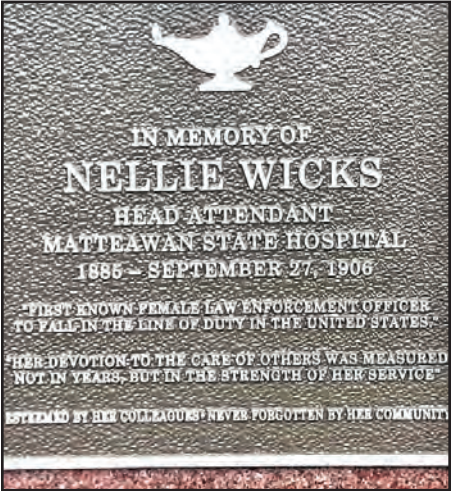
She was mentor and friend to many, known for being welcoming and putting newcomers at ease. Many people name Ani Dechi as the one who helped them connect to the dharma and the array of Tibetan Buddhist practices in a personally meaningful way.

A service will be held on Friday, October 2 at Palpung Thubten Choling Temple, 245 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY

A private cremation will be held at Poughkeepsie Rural Crematory, 342 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of DELEHANTY FUNERAL HOME, 64 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York. To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory of Tom, please visit: www.DelehantyFuneral.com.

Nellie Wicks remembered with monument 120 years after her murder



A monument has been erected in honor of Nellie Wicks, the first female law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in America. The 21-year-old was ambushed in a bathroom of Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane (now known as Fishkill Correctional Facility) 120 years ago, on September 27, 1906. Convicted murderer Lizzie Halliday stabbed Wicks to death with scissors. It was said Halliday was troubled that Wicks was leaving for nursing school

Corrections officers raised funds for the new marker and refurbished an area near the Administration Building’s entrance to erect it in Nellie’s memory on the anniversary of her tragic death, according to the Beacon Historical Society (BHS). The marker displays the Nightingale lamp—the symbol of the nursing profession, representing knowledge, healing and compassionate care in recognition of the degree that Nellie had planned to earn in nursing school, noted BHS.

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Local residents receive military service promotions

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant General for the State of New York, announced the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Caylee Garcia from Poughkeepsie, and assigned to Alpha Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Aug. 27 to the rank of private.

Tyler Cushing from East Fishkill, and assigned to Alpha Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Aug. 9 to the rank of private.

Joshua Francis from Wappingers Falls, and assigned to Alpha Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Aug. 15 to the rank of private first class.

Miguel Rodriguez from Wappingers Falls, and assigned to Alpha Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion Aug. 21 to the rank of private first class.

Huseyn Zeynalov from Wappingers Falls, and assigned to 27th Financial Management Support Unit, received a promotion Aug. 1 to the rank of specialist.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier's overall performance,

demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

Air Force Major General Gary Charlton, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

William Alvarado from Beacon, and assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion July 8, to the rank of chief master sergeant.

Kimberly Rodrigues from Wappingers Falls, N.Y., and assigned to the 109th Airlift Wing, received a promotion July 15, to the rank of senior airman.

Air National Guard promotions are based on a Airman's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

These promotions recognize the best qualified Airmen for a career in the New York Air National Guard, according to Charlton.

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Sudoku solution

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December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.
NOTICE TO BIDDERS: RFB-DCB-15-26: AMENDED: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BID OPENING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026, TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT 11:00 AM and QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:00 PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026. NAME OF PROJECT: Roof Replacement Project for the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, 45 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. **Project Description:** Complete Roof Replacement at 45 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County Public Defender's Office. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at

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dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids are due on or before 11:00 AM, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline A. Miller, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 324 046 710# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be

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enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. **Questions will be accepted by the Close of Business 4:00 pm Wednesday, October 7, 2026,** and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpcwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This RFB may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2026025893. **IMPORTANT: Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor Registry Requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding the APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable.** The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-97-26
Motor Oils, Lubricants, and Engine Fluids
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of October 2026 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid 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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THEME: THE 2010s

ACROSS

1. Convention freebie
5. *Tucker of TV's "Modern Family"
8. To the ____ degree
11. *Space Shuttle Program org.
12. Deal with it
13. Extra tire
15. Stead
16. Real estate land unit
17. Enter user name and password
(2 words)
18. *Instagram's parent company
20. "Fine by me"
21. Strong virile man
22. Caviar alternative
23. *Bruno Mars' hat
26. Highest-reaching
30. Before of yore
31. Quill-dipping vessel
34. Popular aquarium show star
35. Schoolmarm's whip
37. Neither here ____ there
38. Opposite of cation
39. Hurry up, acr.
40. Blood infection
42. Not com or edu
43. Arranged in order
45. Inside info
47. Aye's opposite
48. B2C business
50. Hyperbolic tangent
52. *Katy Perry's 2010 hit
55. Battle royal
56. One R in R&R
57. Nightcrawler
59. *Hipsters' facial trend
60. Prima donnas' problems
61. Not in favor
62. Public promotions
63. Even, to a poet
64. CISC alternative

DOWN

1. *Pete Davidson's TV show
2. Ragamuffin
3. On a deck, perhaps
4. Cowboy, in South America
5. Popular warming drink
6. Chef's garb
7. Opposite of domineering and bold
8. Hindu serpent deity
9. Legendary King Priam's city
10. Chicken coop dweller
12. Taxi driver
13. Ship with a single mast
14. *_____ GO game
19. Spooky
22. Decay
23. Greek cheese, pl.
24. Remove from existence
25. _____'s, blended Scotch whisky
26. High rocky hills
27. Celestial hunter
28. Open disrespect
29. Sour-tasting
32. Capped joint
33. *Funko _____!
36. *Toy for the fidgety
38. Off kilter
40. Dirty dwelling
41. Specks in the sea
44. Oohed and _____
46. Atmospheric pressure line, on weather map
48. Military blockade
49. Fire-raising
50. _____ off on a golf course. past tense
51. Exclamation of sorrow
52. *_____ solo, Alex Honnold's feat
53. Raja's daughter
54. Baby fox and baby beaver
55. Business school degree, acr.
58. Habitual twitching

CROSSWORD

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‘Unity in the Community’ on display during annual Spirit of Beacon Day



BHS Class of 1966 celebrates 60 years

The 49th Spirit of Beacon Day took place on Sunday, Oct. 4. The original date, which was canceled due to weather, was Sept. 27. A variety of vendors and entertainment lined Main St. for the event. The parade was also held.

-Photos by Kristine Coulter

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The Beacon High School Class of 1966 celebrated its 60th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 26 at Nicola's Italian Restaurant. Classmates came from Colorado, Virginia and in and around the New York area. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other and reminiscing about old times from high school, along with many laughs. For those who could not attend for various reasons, you were missed, said organizers.

-Courtesy photos

