

Hackett Farm Supply sets Vendor Market

By Morgan E. Maier

After seeing the joy sprinkled to the masses in curated craft markets, Stephanie Spann was inspired to bring the same spirit to Clinton Corners. Where Hackett Farm Supply has been known for selling feed, it's now a single-stop shop for all of Clinton Corners' needs. Beyond pet supplies and produce, this community cornerstone is offering neighbors a new mode of connection. As apple picking and changing leaves melt away the summer heat, Hackett Farm Supply will be hosting its first annual vendor market, spearheaded by Spann, the store's manager.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 20 and October 11, Hackett Farm Supply is hosting a vendor market at its store at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike. All visitors will have something to catch their eyes, from crochet critters and cozies to thrifted items and a tarot card reading. Jams and jellies, jewelry, and a food truck, too. Visitors can enjoy a few bites while browsing every booth.

The idea was born from a lack of options to introduce the community's local artistry, all in one place. More than an opportunity to meet new people, Hackett Farm Supply's vendor market will showcase the work of local businesses and individuals. There is space enough for each vendor, eager to introduce neighbors to their handiwork. And there is no shortage of interest from the community, many of whom enjoyed Hackett Farm Supply's Fall Festival. The festival captured the spirit of community, the joys of autumn, before the COVID-19 pandemic halted its operation. After the new-look market's initial advertising was released, more messages than Spann ever expected were in her inbox.

On a smaller scale, the vendor

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67th Stanford Community Day has 'Revolutionary' theme

The 67th Annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 13, will celebrate the beginning of the Town of Stanford's celebrations for our nation's 250th anniversary.

"It'll be revolutionary!" said Stanford Grange Secretary and Community Day Chairman Ryan Orton. "Hearing the stories of how Stanford was involved in our nation's Bicentennial Celebration 50 years ago makes us want to recreate that historic event with new, modern flare! And, the Stanford Historical Society will help us with the planning and organizing."

This celebration of our nation's Semiquincentennial will be the theme for Community Day for both 2025 & 2026.

All events for the 67th Annual Stanford Community Day will take place outdoors at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, and surrounding Town of Stanford Recreation Property. Civic Booths from many Town Organizations will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Stanford Business Association is organizing the 9th Car Meet on the Recreation Fields behind the Grange Hall – this is always a huge hit with young and old alike! Jackie the Magician will return to Community Day for a thrilling performance at 10 a.m. A Bounce House, sponsored by the Stanford Business



The Military History Class at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains is pictured with instructor Neil Murray. Members of this year's class will be present at Stanford Community Day for the Flag Raising at the Grandstand Program. *Courtesy photo*

Association, will be on the Rec Fields from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Grandstand Program at 12 noon will feature music by the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus, as well as the presentation of the 2025 Community Citizen Award to a deserving Stanford resident.

The evening program will feature the Red Barn Band performing at the Recreation Pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m. Consisting of several local residents, this band has quite the following, and Community Day is the perfect opportunity for people to hear their wonderful

sound. The Grange will host a free ice cream social during the band's performance at the pavilion during this time as well, and From the Ground Up Food Truck will be present serving up delicious food.

A new activity this year is the Lions Club Pickleball Tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration Forms can be found at the Stanford Free Library, Stanford Town Hall, or by e-mailing Kate Inserillo at inserillo@optonline.net. There will be men's, women's, and mixed teams. Registration is \$60 per team, and

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Stanford Fire Company plans 9-11 remembrance with flags



On Thursday Sept. 11 at 7:15 p.m., the Stanford Fire Company will hold a 9-11 memorial service to honor the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives on that tragic morning 24 years ago. This remembrance will be held at the Stanford Town Hall hill on Route 82 Stanfordville. There will be a journal available that night and also throughout the time the memorial is up from Sept. 5 - 14. They ask that you come and observe a moment of silence and share your thoughts. Next year is the 25th year of 9-11 remembrances and the Fire Company would like to share some of these remembrances with the public. *Courtesy photo*

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9/11 remembrances set in Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park

Dutchess County to host Patriot Day 9/11 Memorial Service

Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy C. MacKenzie will host the County’s 24th annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m., on the steps of the Dutchess County Family Court building, 50 Market St., Poughkeepsie. The service will include remarks from Family Court Judge Jeffrey Martin, as well as a ceremonial lowering of the flag and a moment of silence to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. All are welcome to attend.

Candlelight vigil set Sept. 11 at Tegtmeier Memorial in Hyde Park

On Thursday, Sept. 11, the public is invited to attend a candlelight remembrance for all who lost their lives on that tragic day in 2001.

The ceremony will take place at the “Paul Tegtmeier Memorial Site” located at Hackett Hill in Hyde Park.

Beginning at 6 p.m., free candles will be provided at the entry table. The opening ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Lew Darrow at (845) 206-6585.

County co-hosting survival lecture series at Bowdoin Park

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you found yourself lost in the woods or during an emergency? Could you navigate your way to safety or find a safe place to stay and survive until rescuers arrived? Dutchess County Parks, in partnership with Mountain Scout Survival School, will host a free Survival Lecture Series in September, covering topics such as Wilderness Survival, Urban Emergency Preparedness and Navigation for all ages.

Each lecture will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Center Auditorium at Bowdoin Park, located at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Registration is not required.

Dutchess County Parks Naturalist Dave Beck said, “These programs will discuss the basics of wilderness survival, what to do in an emergency or disaster in a more urban setting, and how to navigate, no matter where you are. We are excited to partner with the experts at Mountain Scout Survival School to bring this new, free lecture series to survival enthusiasts of all ages, as well as those looking to be more prepared for any situation.”

Urban Emergency Preparedness will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17th and is intended for those who reside in and around cities and urban areas. The

presentation will cover what to do when an emergency or disaster occurs, including the importance of communication, building a preparedness kit, recognizing paths of travel to meet up with family members, available resources and how to ensure your safety and security once you leave the urban environment.

Native Navigation will be held on Wednesday, September 24th and will focus on the ability to move through the landscape without a map or compass, including how to know the difference between knowing direction and finding direction, how to see subtle signs of direction in the landscape, what to look for to find resources, how to look to the trees for direction indicators and how to prevent getting lost.

For additional topic information for each lecture, and to learn more about Dutchess County Parks Naturalist Programs, visit dutchessny.gov/parks or call (845) 298-4600.

Mountain Scout Survival School teaches timeless and enduring wilderness survival skills, preparing participants from across the Hudson Valley region to survive comfortably without the luxuries of the modern world. For more information about Mountain Scout Survival School, visit mtnscoutssurvival.com or call 845-629-4866.

Wethersfield Foundation awarded grant from Preservation League of NYS

Wethersfield Foundation, Inc is one of this year’s Preserve New York grantees. Their grant of \$18,600 will fund Building Condition Report for Wethersfield House. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work. At its 2025 meeting, an independent panel selected 31 applicants in 20 counties to receive support totaling \$347,500. Grants represent both of the League’s signature NYSCA regrant – Preserve New York (PNY) and Technical Assistance Grants (TAG).

“The Wethersfield Foundation is deeply honored to receive this grant from such a distinguished organization,” said Hillary Henderson, Chief Operating Officer of Wethersfield. “This support comes at a pivotal moment, enabling us to address critical needs of the estate while laying the groundwork for future stabilization and restoration funding. It is an important step in ensuring that Wethersfield’s historic character and beauty will be preserved for generations to come.”

The Wethersfield Foundation will receive funding for a Building Condition Report, to be completed by Stephen Tilly, Architect. The assessment will focus on the Wethersfield House, a Georgian Brick Revival built in 1939-40 for philanthropist Chauncey Devereaux Stillman and designed by Bancel LaFarge. Bequeathed to the Foundation upon Stillman’s passing, the house is a historic and cultural landmark containing original artwork, frescoes, textiles, and antique furniture. Today, it is open for tours, cultural events, and summer artist residencies.

“This year, the League has brought our

two longstanding NYSCA partnership grants together into one cycle, allowing us to see a clear picture of the remarkable preservation work getting started across the state,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of NYS. “The targeted studies funded by TAG and the expansive reports made possible by PNY will lay the groundwork for many vital projects over the years to come.”

For details and photos of all the 2025 grantees, visit preservenys.org/blog/2025-regrants

“NYSCA is proud to support these diverse and essential projects that will allow organizations to plan for their future and safeguard New York’s rich cultural history for generations to come,” said Erika Mallin, Executive Director of NYSCA.

Preserve New York is a regrant partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has generously provided additional funds to support nonprofit projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Since 1993, Preserve New York Grants has provided funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations that need technical, professional assistance to guide a variety of preservation projects. These grants support important arts and cultural initiatives, as well as economic development related to our state’s arts and cultural heritage. With the announcement of the 2025 awards, support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 totals more than \$4 million to 569 projects statewide.

BENNETT PARK GRAND OPENING SET OCT. 5

Millbrook Community Partnership recently announced that Bennett Park will have its Grand Opening celebration on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and remarks by Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Millbrook Community Partnership, will take place at 2:30 p.m. There will be music, food, drinks, games and souvenirs. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets encouraged.

Bennett Park is on Carroll Boulevard in the Village of Millbrook.

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The Vendor Market at Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners will showcase a wide variety of items from crochet critters and cozies to wood work and much more. *Courtesy photos*

market embodies that festival. Now, an increased focus on the vendors and people who showcase their items. Many are handmade. All are curated with love, a variety of items for every aesthetic and interest. “I’ve had people send me pictures of stuff they make, and I am floored. It’s just so cool to see the talent out there,” said Spann.

Gifts for the earliest holiday shoppers,

including personalized woodworking, will headline the two market days. Spann hopes the two dates will lead to interest growth in the market, as visitors have the opportunity to engage with local businesses. At the same time, chances rise for adjacent booths to connect. All corners of the community, from the makers to the buyers and organizers, can take in fall’s early days on Salt Point Turnpike.

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Doctors perform first robotic cardiac procedure at Westchester Medical Center

Westchester Medical Center has taken a groundbreaking step in cardiac care with the successful completion of its first-ever robotic cardiac surgery. The procedure, led by Makoto Hibino, MD, Director of the Robotic Cardiac Surgery Program, in collaboration with David Spielvogel, MD, marks the start of a new era in advanced, minimally invasive heart surgery for patients across the Hudson Valley and beyond.

In mid-July, Dr. Hibino and Dr. Spielvogel removed a mass from the left atrium of a patient’s heart using robotic-assisted technology. Traditionally, such surgery would require cutting through the breastbone and making a 15–20-centimeter incision in the center of the chest. Instead, the team performed the operation through a 5-centimeter incision on the right side of the chest – small enough to remain hidden even in summer clothing. This minimally invasive approach offers multiple benefits: faster recovery by keeping the chest structure intact, lower complication risks, and the elimination of the need for prolonged ventilator support after surgery. The patient has made a full recovery without necessitating ventilator support after surgery and is now doing well, said Dr. Hibino.

“This was the first cardiac operation of its kind at Westchester Medical Center, but it’s built on decades of surgical expertise, as well as the latest advancements in robotic technology,” said Dr. Hibino.

“We’ve long been a leader in the fields of both cardiology and robotic surgery, and now we’re ushering in a new era of advanced cardiac care for our patients,” said David Lubarsky, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of WMCHHealth. “Westchester Medical Center is able to offer patients in the Hudson Valley the absolute best standard of care when it comes to heart health.”

Westchester Medical Center serves as



Makoto Hibino, MD

a critical referral center for patients from across the Hudson Valley and beyond, including those transferred by helicopter from other hospitals. Unlike many major New York City hospitals, Westchester Medical Center features an on-site heliport, enabling rapid patient transport 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

Westchester Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital continue to be the only ACS-verified Level I trauma care programs in eastern New York State north of New York City, and west to Syracuse, making the hospital fully equipped to handle any cardiac emergency and any related trauma. The hospital is also ready to handle any follow-up care.

“Cardiac surgery isn’t just a one-time operation — it’s a commitment to ongoing, specialized follow-up,” Dr. Hibino explained. “When patients undergo surgery here, we can ensure consistency of care, safety, and access to the team that knows their case best.” Robotic cardiac surgery is one of many cardiac care surgical solutions offered by WMCHHealth’s Heart and Vascular Institute. The institute recently expanded its services with the addition of a Robotic Cardiac Surgery Program, led by Dr. Hibino, who is also part of the transcatheter valve team. The Robotic Cardiac Surgery Program at WMCHHealth treats degenerative and infective heart valve diseases, coronary artery disease, and atrial fibrillation. Physicians or families seeking consultations with WMCHHealth’s Heart and Vascular Institute should call 914.493.8793, option number 4, to schedule an appointment or visit WMCHHealth.org.

RED HOOK COMMUNITY CENTER GALA SET SEPT. 27

The Red Hook Community Center, at 59 Fisk St. in Red Hook, will hold a Gala fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. The evening includes a social hour with beer, wine, cider and hors d’oeuvres; a three-course meal with local ingredients prepared by Misto; live music with violinist, singer and entertainer Edmund Bagnell; raffle packages; and after-party at 9 p.m. featuring music and dancing with DJ Jeszack.

Gala tickets are \$150/person (includes admission to the after-party). Tickets for the after-party alone are \$25/person. Purchase at <https://redhookcommunity-center.org/>.

All proceeds benefit Red Hook Community Center, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Fifty percent of one’s total ticket purchase is eligible for tax deduction.

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t-shirts will be available for all teams. Proceeds will benefit the Lions Club’s Scholarship Fund.

Other activities include the Grange’s Lloyd Woodcock & Ken Straley Memorial Chicken Barbecue at 1 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869. Chicken Barbecue Dinners are \$17 each, and pick up will be behind the Grange Hall by the Food Pantry.

The Grange Snack Bar will offer breakfast sandwiches and coffee in the morning, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and drinks for lunch. Free apples will be given out by the United Church of Christ, and the Bulls Head – Oswego Quakers will have their famous homemade oatmeal cookies free of charge.

The Historical Society will have information on Wreaths Across America, Veterans Banners, Dutchess County Fire Companies History, Rev250 Information, and Historic Quaker Information. The Stanford Garden Club will have their Annual Fall Bulb & Mum Sale, and the

Stanford Free Library will raffles, a bubble machine, and make your own bookmark. The Recreation Department will have a new event for the kids – “Passport to Community Day.”

The Stissing Theatre Guild and Pine Plains FFA will represent the Pine Plains Central School District along with the Stissing Mountain High School Chorus. The Stanford Fire Company will have a Fire Truck at the Grange Hall (which will really excite the kids), and Nuvance Health will have car seat checks. The Grace Smith House will be present with information on their services for domestic violence, and DiBlasi Painting will have a paint recycling campaign and face painting for the kids.

At the Stanford Town Hall, the Stanford Fire Company will have the Annual 9/11 Memorial placed on Town Hall Hill. Wendy Stoner will have her delicious, homemade baked goods, and several local artists featured at the Stanford Free Library will have their work for sale along Noller Way between the Grange Hall and the Library.

Dessert contest returns and this year it’s apples!

A returning feature for this year’s Stanford Community Day is the Dessert Contest sponsored by Taconic Distillery.

This year, the Dessert Contest is Apple themed! Town residents are invited to bake an apple dessert – it can be a pie, cake, crisp, crumble – literally anything involving apples.

No mixes or prepared fillings may be used; it must be made from scratch. Include a list of ingredients, and note your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address on an index card or on your recipe.

There will be two categories and two winners: Age 21+ and Under Age 21. Judging criteria will be based on General Appearance (20%), Appropriate Texture (20%), Taste & Flavor (20%), Creativity (20%), and Overall Impression (20%).

Entries are due to the Stanford Grange Hall (upstairs in the meeting room) by 10 a.m. on Community Day – Saturday, Sept. 13. Judging will take place at 11 a.m. on Community Day, and the winner will be announced during the Grandstand Program at 12 noon.

The winners will receive: Under Age 21 – a bottle of homemade maple syrup, and Age 21+ - a bottle of homemade bourbon cream from Taconic Distillery – all compliments of Taconic Distillery.

All entries will be served at the Stanford Grange Snack Bar on the afternoon of Community Day after the winners are announced for a donation to the St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

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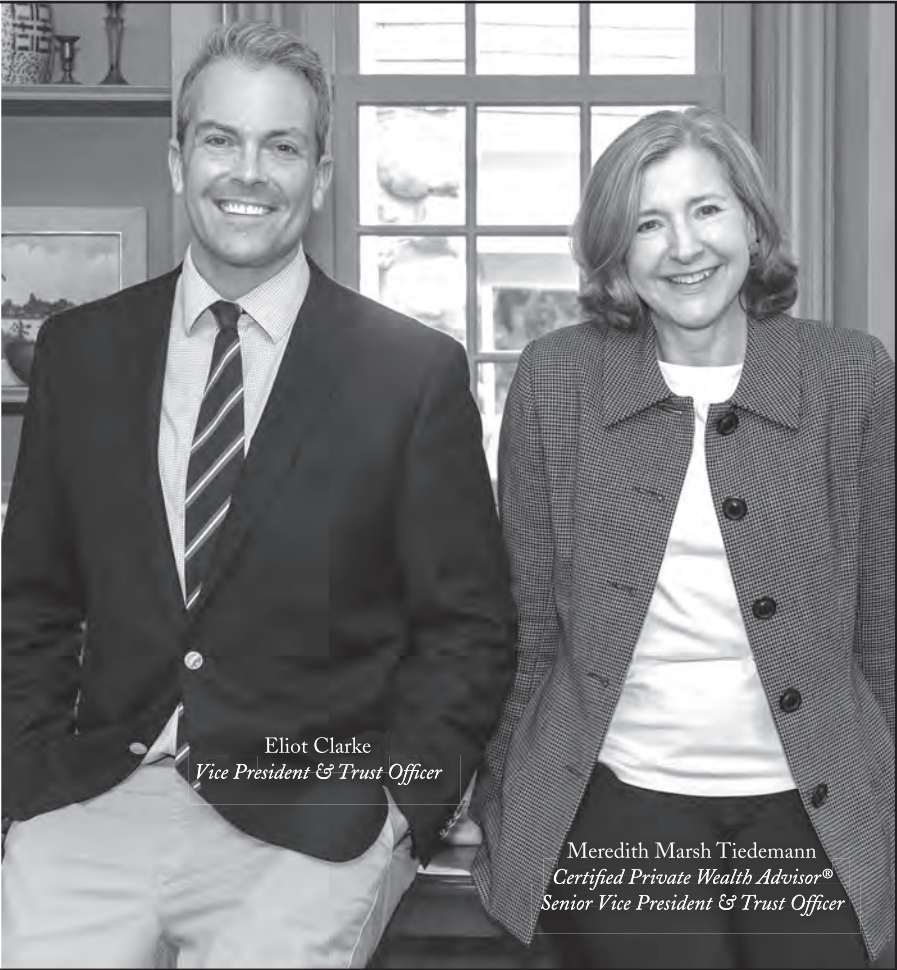


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Children's Home of Poughkeepsie welcomes new board members, officers

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie has announced the appointment of Kevin Caccamo and Kathy McCorry as two new members to the Board of Directors, along with the confirmation of a new executive committee.

These two individuals bring their combined expertise, knowledge, and leadership in financial planning and insurance, to strengthen the organization's mission and long term impact on the community.

Caccamo, CFP®, Wealth Management Advisor & Managing Director, Northwestern Mutual brings both personal compassion and professional expertise to the Home's mission. Since 2012, he has excelled at Northwestern Mutual, helping families achieve financial security and provide top-notch guidance and support. He holds a bachelor degree from Mercy College and earned his CFP® from the American College of Financial Services.

Caccamo's connection to the Children's Home mission runs deep. His mother, Patricia Caccamo, more affectionately known as "Ms. Pat" was a dedicated employee whose commitment to the Home inspired Kevin's own involvement. Outside his professional role, he enjoys spending quality time with his own family, especially outdoor activities and creating magical memories at Disney.

McCorry, Assistant Vice President in Corporate Benefits, NFP, an Aon



Kevin Caccamo



Kathy McCorry

Company – With over two decades of experience in the insurance industry, she has built a career specializing in employee benefits strategy and client service. She holds a New York State Life, Accident, and Health Insurance license.

"We are proud to welcome Kevin and Kathy to our Board of Directors," said Walter J. Joseph, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Home. "We look forward to having them as valuable additions to our board that will help strengthen our organization and guide our future." In addition, the Children's Home announced its newly appointed Executive Committee: Chair – Valerie Murphy; Vice Chair – Matthew

Cruz; Vice Chair, Audit – Maureen Crush; Vice Chair, Governance – Patrick Meaney; Vice Chair, Program – Catherine Forbes; Vice Chair, Resource Development – Jason Dewey; Secretary – Sean Manna; Treasurer – Mary Lou Davis; and Assistant Treasurer – Glenn Noakes. "We enthusiastically welcome our new members, Kathy and Kevin to our Board of Directors," said Val Murphy, Chair, Board of Directors. "They bring not only their professional expertise and long-standing community involvement, but a strong desire to support and promote the mission of the Children's Home to empower children and families to achieve optimal health and well being."

Amenia Historical Society to present program on 'Plight of a Loyalist'

The Amenia Historical Society invites the public to its first "Rev250" program, to hear author and historian Jay A. Campbell present "The Plight of a Loyalist," as revealed in The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr., 1777-1779.

This event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia in the downstairs church hall.

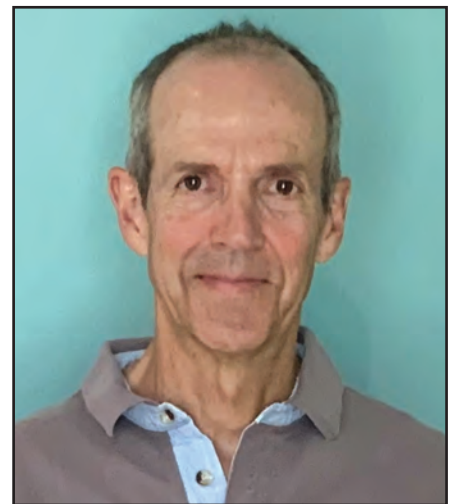
Campbell, formerly from Orange County, where the Colden family resided 250 years ago, became intrigued by Colden's Journal and decided to transcribe it and research the saga therein.

Campbell subsequently published an annotated copy of the Journal.

He will share his findings regarding the difficulties Colden faced as a prisoner of the transitional government of New York and why he was sent to Charlotte and Amenia Precincts of Dutchess County to appeal his case in 1777.

This Rev250 event is funded by a Dutchess County Government grant and is free to the public, with refreshments provided by the Amenia Historical Society.

Jay A. Campbell. Courtesy photo



Copake Grange launches mental health program series

"Mental Health Matters: Building a Community of Support" is a free program hosted by Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, taking place on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The general public is invited. A complimentary buffet-style meal will be served, and take-away material with wellness resources will be handed out to all attendees.

The objectives are to open up conversations about mental health, to share community-specific resources and support options and engage participants through interactive discussion on reducing the stigma around mental health, reducing stress, and building wellness practices for better health and resilience.

The Grange is partnering with Veronica Brodsky, Psy.D, founder and clinical director of Interactive Discovery Consulting & Psychological Services,

P.C., Columbia Memorial Health, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

This event is an outgrowth of a Grange Members Forum held last November to brainstorm ideas to deepen the Grange's programs in service to the broader community. Mental health was identified as an area of major concern for community members of all ages. As a first step, the Grange committed to creating a general community resource guide focused on wellness and various social services in the region, and launching a community talk in 2025 on Wellness and Mental Health with the idea of broadening programming as more about the community's most pressing issues come to light.

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Gem and Mineral Show set Sept. 20-21 at Gold’s Gym



Over 30 vendors will be on hand at this year’s Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society Show on Sept. 20-21 at Gold’s Gym in Poughkeepsie. They’ll be selling minerals, fossils and gemstones. If you’re into crafts, the jewelry vendors will be selling beads, cabochons, and all the other materials you’d need for a geological craft. *Courtesy photo*

By Alexander Tsahalis

Are you looking for a “gneiss” event to attend? Something really “coal?” The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society (MHVGMS) has you covered with their 56th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show and Sale!

The show is set Saturday and Sunday Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Gold’s Gym, 258 Titusville Road in Poughkeepsie.

This year’s show is themed around “Earth’s Rock Cycle” and it promises to have something for everyone. “We’re going to have over 30 vendors this year,” says Bill Fil, the club secretary. “They’ll be selling minerals, fossils and gemstones.” If you’re into crafts, the jewelry vendors will be selling beads, cabochons, and all the other materials you need for a geological craft.

The gem show also has several activities for you to enjoy. Kids under 12 can receive six free rocks at the “Glitter Mountain.” If you bring an aspiring geologist, there’s also a sluice where you can

buy a \$5 or \$10 bag that contains rocks and sand. The bag is poured into the sluice and the water washes away the sand revealing the rocks. There’s also a display of fluorescent rocks that glow brightly in different colors when exposed to UV lights, and several people that will be identifying any specimens you bring them. If you want to see how gemstones are made, there’s a lapidary demonstration where you can see how rocks are polished and shaped to make jewelry. If you just want to see what different rocks and minerals look like, the Vassar Geology Museum and members of the MHVGMS will have displays of some of their favorite pieces.

The MHVGMS is a non profit, all volunteer organization founded in 1969. “Our mission is to support education in geology and mineralogy,” says Fil. “We provide a place for people interested in those fields to participate in field trips and hear from speakers, among other activities.” The club meets once a month and has over 100 members.

Walking tours of Millbrook offered Sept. 27, Oct. 12

The Millbrook Historical Society will offer walking tours of the Village of Millbrook, with a focus on its history and evolution, on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tours are designed as an introduction to Millbrook history and are intended for people who are interested in learning about the founding of the village and some of the key figures, events, and places in its history. Topics covered will include early settlers; the impact of the railroad; prominent businesses; Italian immigration; and Timothy Leary.

The tours will begin at the top on the stairs in the Tribute Garden and end by the firehouse on Front St. and cover a little more than 1 mile. The tours will be limited to 20 participants each and are free for members of the Millbrook Historical Society. (New members are always welcome.) The cost for non-members is \$20 a person. For more info, go to millbrookhistoricalsociety.org. To reserve a spot, email millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com with all relevant information.

Stanford Historical Society sets program on colonial settlement

The Stanford Historical Society continues its REV 250 programs with guest speaker Dillon Streifeneder on Friday Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82 Stanfordville.

Registration is required <https://stanfordlibrary.org/> For more information, call the Library at 845-868-1341.

Streifeneder is a Historian of Colonial America & the Early American Republic Assistant Professor of History at the United States Naval Academy.

This talk examines the local experience in northeastern Dutchess County to consider the stakes and outcomes of the American Revolution by looking at the process of revolutionary settlement. It does so by examining local authority and government from roughly 1777 to 1821, paying particular attention to changes in governing institutions and the relationship that inhabitants of the newly erected Town of Stanford had with county and state-level government.

CTI’s new program could help fill EMS gap in county

Dutchess BOCES’ Career and Technical Institute is launching a new EMT program in September for high school juniors to help meet the needs of the community and provide students interested in a career saving lives as an emergency medical technician with a new opportunity.

The program is a partnership between Dutchess BOCES and Empress Emergency Medical Services. The first year of the two-year program covers 12 topic areas, which may qualify students who successfully complete the program to take the Certified First Responder exam at the end of the school year.

A half credit each of English and science is incorporated each year. This means that if they were to volunteer with a fire department or an entity that accepts the first responder certificate, they would be able to help stabilize patients at the scene, according to Joanne Williams, coordinator of health occupations at BOCES. Students who complete both years will be eligible to take the EMT exam.

“There is an EMS crisis nationwide based on the shortage of personnel in the field, whether its EMTs or paramedics, which results in a shortage of staffed ambulances in communities,” said Dutchess County Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response William Beale. He was happy to hear about the launch of the program and noted that Empress provides two basic life support ambulances and one advanced life support fly car to the county.

“This gives students an opportunity, first-hand, to be certified and receive the practical skills training to prepare them to enter the workforce right out of high school or while they are in high school, and that is unique and has never existed before,” Beale said, referring to that fact that New York lowered the age for EMTs from 18 to 17,

making this possible. “Dutchess BOCES offering an EMT program at the high school level complements the county executive’s overall initiative on improving emergency medical services in Dutchess County,” he added.

Instructor Danielle Bohlmann has more than 18 years of EMS experience and completed a Dutchess BOCES healthcare program in 2005. “When I look at pre-hospital medicine, I see a lot of potential. We are healthcare professionals.” The decision to offer the program at CTI was based on student interest and the market, Principal Nick Millas said. “We track the labor statistics and try to identify the gaps we have to help with workforce development to meet the needs of industry and look for student interest,” he said.

According to the Center for Health Workforce Studies at the University at Albany, demand for EMT and paramedics is expected to grow 25% between 2022 and 2032. Founded in New York in 1985, Empress provides emergency and non-emergency services throughout Westchester County and the Hudson Valley. Deputy Chief David Grass, Empress’ assistant director of education, said, “The more people we can open up to this industry and occupation, the better it will be for everyone.”

Empress brings a level of expertise to the program and will support the program with speakers, advice, and in the second year, opportunities for ride-alongs with EMTs to help students practice their live skills in a real-world environment. Grass said this will also give Empress first-hand knowledge of students and will be able to interview them for openings.

“This new program, as you build it out, can supplement and help fill personnel gaps and vulnerabilities in the system in both career and volunteer capacities,” Beale said.

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Special memories come alive at the ballpark

By Morgan E. Maier

What is the most important thing to bring to the last day of baseball?

The answer isn't a glove, or your furry friend decked out in Retrievers gear. Nor a leisurely read, a scoring book. And it definitely isn't that lucky unwashed jersey. Your handful of bills can stay in the piggy bank, but sunglasses will certainly be useful.

The things fans take home from the stadium matter more than what comes in with them. A stitched souvenir — or three — for groups of tweens gathered on the concourse, gloved hands stretching towards every foul ball (even the most unreachable ones). An errant popcorn kernel in between sneaker treads, or lasting friendships.

Baseball gives us parking lot tailgates and a catch to kill time before the gates open. America's pastime does not hold the key to life's deepest mysteries. It is, however, near-perfection disguised as a parking lot party.

Some questions are easier than others, like why the Renegades have massive holes in their jersey design and "eau de cider donut" wafts in the air. Peanuts or pretzels, Cracker Jacks or

Dippin' Dots?

Like ketchup on a hot dog, the feeling of connection comes standard with every stadium purchase.

For four fans-turned-friends of Josh Moylan, the loss of a father at the beginning of the season opened the door to a dark place. Father's Day, birthdays spent at the stadium made the darkness a little brighter.

"We actually just told Josh last week how happy he's made us going through all this," said Sarah Athanas, a first year season ticket holder but a lifetime fan of the Renegades infielder.

In the wake of tragedy, of difficulties, life can be difficult. But for 9 innings, problems can be forgotten. The joys inside ballparks are for all to share, whether the jersey says New York, Boston, or Greensboro. Win or lose, it's been another year of baseball in the Hudson Valley to look back on fondly.

As reliever Tony Rossi said to the 3,993 fans in-house ahead of the Renegades' final showdown, "Thank you all for making my first professional season memorable."

This writer echoes the sentiment.



Fans Sarah, Dani, James and Dave are pictured with Josh Moylan of the Renegades. Courtesy photo

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT #		43	23	.652	-	4-6	W1
Hudson Valley NYY		41	24	.631	1.5	7-3	L1
Jersey Shore PHI		37	27	.578	5.0	7-3	L1
Aberdeen BAL		33	31	.516	9.0	6-4	W3
Brooklyn NYM *		26	39	.400	16.5	3-7	W1
Wilmington WSH		24	41	.369	18.5	3-7	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB *		35	31	.530	-	7-3	W1
Hub City TEX #		34	32	.515	1.0	5-5	W1
Greenville BOS		33	33	.500	2.0	5-5	W1
Winston-Salem CWS		31	34	.477	3.5	5-5	L1
Rome ATL		29	34	.460	4.5	6-4	L1
Asheville HOU		23	40	.365	10.5	2-8	L1





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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Down to the final game – Renegades come close, but fall short in playoff run

By Morgan E. Maier

Facing the Greensboro Grasshoppers for the first time all season, the Hudson Valley Renegades’ playoff push was decided by one game. The final game on both teams’ schedules on September 7 decided which team would meet the Brooklyn Cyclones, who saw a drastic slide down the South Atlantic League North Division standings, in the playoffs. Although the Renegades fell short in the season finale 4-1, their last homestand was packed with memorable moments, including a series win. Hudson Valley allowed just one run over its four victories. Here’s how they did it:

1. Starting pitching

The Renegades’ starting pitching was magnificent this week, capturing four wins. Each winning pitcher went five or more innings, with Brandon Decker (1-1) contributing 10 innings over two starts. On September 6, Cade Smith went six innings on the way to a 1-0 win. Hudson Valley captured the series win and a third consecutive victory. Smith, Ocean Gabonia, and Brady Kirtner combined for 10 strikeouts. The team also set a single-season record with the 20th shutout of the season. Xavier Rivas, the league’s final Pitcher of the Month for 2025, offered another stellar outing en route to his fourth High-A win.

2. Big hits

Camden Troyer made the difference on September 5, with two RBI singles to propel the Renegades’ 3-1 win. Juan Matheus was a force in the leadoff slot over the series, contributing the Renegades’ lone run on September 6. Matheus finished the week with 11 hits and five RBI, including a 3-4 performance on September 4.

3. Josh Moylan

Josh Moylan was an undeniable strength of Hudson Valley at the turn of the season. His three-hit performance - including two doubles and a pair of runs scored - was instrumental in the dominant 10-0 win on September 4. All series long, Moylan’s proclivity for reaching base set

his teammates up to send him home. Four runs scored on seven total bases, plus three walks.

The Renegades entered the series 3.5 games behind the Grasshoppers. They finished the season a game behind, and two schedule postponements that were never made up. For what it’s worth, Hudson Valley has a winning record over the two division winners. Could those extra games against Jersey Shore have made a difference? Maybe. But what Renegades fans saw in the season’s waning week can tide them over until the baseball defrosts in April. Another great baseball season in the Hudson Valley books. Truly, nothing better.

RENEGADES FEATURE

Southpaw Rivas gains Pitcher of Month award

By Morgan E. Maier

Xavier Rivas is new to High-A play. In fact, he doesn’t have an official portrait on the Renegades’ roster. The starting southpaw emerged on August 8, buckling batters and offering a longevity that the Renegades staff has needed.

Rivas’s prowess has echoed through the South Atlantic League, earning him the league’s Pitcher of the Month title in less than a month aboard. Rivas and Kyle Carr, who captured the award for July, are Hudson Valley’s first back-to-back winners since Ben Shields and Trent Sellers (June-July 2024).

In 24 innings pitched over four starts, Rivas struck out over a third of batters faced (36.95%). He allowed just eight hits and 10 walks, as opponents hit .103 across his four starts. His second and third appearances saw a combined 22 strikeouts – the fourth Renegades pitcher to hurl double-digit strikeouts in consecutive starts. Hudson Valley Hall of Famer Wade Davis was the first in 2005. He was then a Tampa Bay farmhand, accelerating towards a storied 12-year MLB career.

Rivas was drafted in 2024, a 16th-rounder out of Mississippi. This year marks his first professional season. Rivas captured Florida Complex League Pitcher of the Month honors, allowing

just two hits over four appearances for the Yankees’ rookie league team. That’s all the front office needed to see, and Rivas packed up to the Tampa Tarpons.

The lefty brought his 1.50 earned run average (ERA) to a must-win game against the Greensboro Grasshoppers on Sept 4. Until a downpour shortened his outing, the lefty delivered in a big way. Renegades’ playoff hopes were kept alive by yet another stellar Rivas start, his fifth and final of the season.

Rivas was rolling in the sixth inning, pitch count nearing his season high. With 10 strikeouts and 5.1 innings on Rivas’s day, the downpour called for an early exit in his final outing of the regular season. His one-hit performance backed by a 6-0 Renegades’ lead, Rivas improved to 3-1 in High-A. He also lowered his Renegades ERA to 1.23.

The walks can be mitigated, his command honed to a devastating point. The pitch mix can get deeper, even more incalculable to hitters. Hudson Valley is a place to grow and develop, to build the future of the Yankees organization. Rivas brought his skill set to High-A in resounding fashion. With the offseason on the horizon, Hudson Valley’s first look at the lefty’s April form will be highly anticipated.



In 24 innings pitched over four starts, lefthander Xavier Rivas has struck out over a third of batters faced (36.95%). Photo by Dave Janosz

Rethinking the Fit: Why private school may be the best path for your child

By Karin Shultz

With the 2025-2026 school season upon us, many families are reflecting on past experiences, evaluating what went best and looking ahead, wondering whether their child’s current learning environment is truly setting them up to reach their highest potential. Across the Hudson Valley, more and more parents are asking this question each year, and rightfully so; all parents want the best for their child. The traditional “one-size-fits-all” model of many public schools often-times struggles to meet the individual needs of each student.

The conversation is wider than public vs. private schools – it’s about considering the environment where children can grow. In the past, choosing a private school might have been seen as a status decision. However, today, it’s often about something much deeper: a desire for a school that truly sees children as individuals.

A More Personalized Approach to Learning - When schools prioritize the student-teacher ratio, the impact is undeniable. Students are less likely to fall through the cracks, more likely to form meaningful connections, and are better able to engage in the classroom in ways that actually stick.

The “one-size-fits-all” classroom is increasingly incompatible with what we know about how children learn. Some schools have responded by integrating

adaptive tools – like AI platforms or using evidence-based programs like Orton-Gillingham to support students with learning differences. When these tools are paired with educators who have decades of experience personalizing instruction, the result is an environment where kids can thrive, not just fit the mold.

Leading With Values - More families are seeking schools where academic rigor goes hand in hand with character education. In today’s world, it’s not enough to just be smart. Our society demands empathy, adaptability and ethical thinking. Schools that intentionally weave experiential values – like honesty, humility, unity, freedom, respect and love directly into the curriculum, rather than treating them as a separate lesson or assembly topic, are helping raise capable and confident students, and also self-aware future adults prepared to navigate their futures.

Take honesty, for example: in a classroom where truth-telling is encouraged, students learn that mistakes are not failures but opportunities for growth. Humility teaches students to listen intently before speaking. Respect fosters inclusion, collaboration and empathy –seeing others as beyond themselves and considering different experiences and perspectives. The result? Young adults who are emotionally intelligent, socially conscious and capable of navigating relationships in the workplace and the community with confidence and integrity.

As psychologist and author Angela Duckworth puts it, “Character is not just about doing the right thing; it’s about doing the right thing consistently. Grit, self-control, and curiosity aren’t just traits—they’re teachable skills.” When these values are part of a school’s culture, students aren’t just learning about character but living it every day.

A Curriculum that Reflects the Real World - Another shift families are making is a move toward learning environments where students aren’t spending hours taking notes or preparing for standardized tests. Instead, parents are choosing programs that encourage curiosity, creativity and real-world relevance, and some schools are evolving to meet these priorities through intentional elective offerings.

Rather than treating electives as filler courses, making them a required part of the student experience allows students to explore what matters to them, while engaging in subjects outside of traditional academics with real-world interests and emerging industries. Students might find themselves enrolled in entrepreneurship, or exploring stock trading and gaining financial literacy skills that many adults still haven’t learned. They also have the opportunity to explore coding, robotics, arts like crocheting or exploring Taylor Swift’s legacy in the music industry. It’s a model that treats students as whole, multi-dimensional people, not just capable of memorizing facts, but contributing meaningfully to the world.



Karin Shultz. Courtesy photo

The Big Picture - Rethinking private school isn’t about making a sweeping judgment for or against it; it’s about asking, “What kind of space will support my child’s individual needs and growth?”. For many families, the answer increasingly lies in learning environments that prioritize the whole child, embrace individual needs and are brave enough to do things differently.

Dr. Karin Shultz is Chief Academic Officer and Head of School at Mizzentop Day School in Pawling.

COUNTY TO HOLD BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING ON SEPT. 17

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Wednesday, Sept. 17, starting at 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Legislature’s Caucus Room, 22 Market Street, 6th floor, Poughkeepsie, New York.,.

Public Comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per

person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: This meeting of the Board of Ethics shall be for the purpose of reviewing complaints received, if any, by the Dutchess County Board of Ethics.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dover dominant over New Paltz; Pine Plains girls fall to Marlboro



The Stissing Mountain High School girls soccer team started strong, but fell 4-1 to Marlboro last week. Courtesy photo

By Morgan E. Maier

The first 40-point performance of Dover’s football season came under the New Paltz lights. Matt Ogana scored three touchdowns in the 43-15 victory rushing for 210 yards. Connor Drnek rushed for 157 with two touchdowns. He had 8 tackles to lead the defense, one of three Dragons to finish with more than 6. Elder Castillo Ramirez was 3/3 on field goal attempts.

Pine Plains’ pressure - Neveah Rennie was solid in goal for the Bombers against Marlboro. Pine Plains’ early season form startled the Dukes, as the experienced Marlboro squad nearly collapsed under the pressure, but ultimately got through Rennie in the second half. Rennie finished with 19 saves. Michelle Blackburn netted the Bombers only score with a redirected crossbar rebound as Marlboro held on to win, 4-1.

Admirals come armed in Week 1 - Arlington’s field hockey team was a few fourth quarter minutes from a win on Suffern’s turf. Charlotte Reina had the lone goal, assisted by sophomore classmate Khloe Gallo. Lyla DeGregorio and Julia DeForce held the defensive stands with the experienced and competitive drive synonymous with this group that kept Arlington in the game. Jane Gwinn made key saves down the stretch to keep the Admirals in the game.

FDR wanes in Walkill - The FDR Presidents would like a word with Walkill. In Week 1, the soccer teams and the volleyball squad were bested by the Panthers. On the pitch, the girls fell 5-0 to the young Walkill squad.

The boys found themselves in a 3-1 hole as well. Aldo Sanchez netted the lone goal, assisted by Brandon Ocampo. The volleyball squad stole the first set from the Panthers, 29-27, before dropping the match on three straight sets.

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4-H in action: Hard work, happy animals and Fair fun

From barn to exhibit hall, local 4-H members showcase hard work, creativity and a love for animals.

Summer has come to an end and so has the Dutchess County Fair, the big event of the year for 4-H members to showcase months of hard work and dedication. The fair is more than rides, games, and classic food, it's the moment they've spent the entire year preparing for. From the tiniest rabbits to towering cattle, every member brought energy, enthusiasm, and care to their animals.

While visitors enjoyed the attractions, 4-H members were busy grooming, feeding, and practicing showmanship, giving extra attention to their animals and finally stepping into the spotlight themselves.

Beyond the barns was the 4-H Exhibit Hall, filled with artwork, crafts, photography, and projects of every kind, a showcase proving 4-H is about more than just animals. Thanks to generous families, businesses, and clubs, youth received special awards for outstanding projects. Some of the awards and their winners were, Mia Henry earning the Ludl Family's "Best Little Doggy Award" for Eye of the Beholder, Grace Johnson winning the Little Stitchers 4-H Club's "Most Original Project" for Sardines, and Alec Playtan receiving the Paws of Clover 4-H Club's "Cloverbud Most Creative" for Ma Ma's Rose.

For 4-H educators Carolyn and Jim, the fair isn't just about projects or animals, it's about the people. They agreed it's the members themselves who make everything worthwhile. Jim shared, "I've made a career of working with youth at county fairs, and in the 10 years I've done that I've never seen 4-H or FFA members more ready to help each other out! From the cattle barns to the exhibit hall, Dutchess County 4-Hers stepped in to help each other Make the Best Better!"

That same spirit made this year's Barn Bash especially meaningful. With so

many to celebrate, choosing honorees was no easy task. Awards went to Volunteers of the Year Chris, Cosette and Meegan Veeder-Shave; Leader of the Year was Debbie Scannell; Community Member of the Year Stephanie Spann; Community Organization of the Year was Hackett Farm Supply; and 4-H'er of the Year was Riley Mahaffey. As tradition dictates, once awards were handed out, the night turned to fun, members, leaders, volunteers, and parents joined in tug-o-war, line dancing, and a lively round of head, shoulders, knees, and cups.

The Dutchess County Fair is truly where 4-H comes to life, in the laughter of friends, the pride of accomplishment, and the sparkle of show rings. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support our members, we can't wait to see you next year!



Members of the mannequin modeling crew who took part in the 4H fashion show in May are shown at the DC Fair. From left are Leah Dipalma, Grace Phelps, Lainey Kondysar, Olivia Salmela, Tabitha Canning, Charlotte Dipalma, Elizabeth Hamilton, Sabine Terranova, Roniah Bucci, and Lily White. Courtesy photo

Registration open for LaGrange senior bus trip to Holyoke Oktoberfest

The Town of LaGrange Parks & Recreation Department is currently registering for the upcoming senior bus trip to The Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. LaGrange residents age 55 and up are eligible to attend.

The Oktoberfest celebration taking place on Thursday, Oct. 16 will include a full German buffet and an award winning German band, Maestros Men. The trip price includes meal, entertainment, bus transportation and all gratuities.

Registration is under way in the

Recreation Office at LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, Mon-Fri, from 9am-3:30pm.

Please note: No refunds due to nature of trip. Bus departs LaGrange Town Hall at 8 a.m., returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Reach out to the Recreation Office at 845-452-1972 with any questions.

For detailed information about all town recreation activities, follow Town of LaGrange Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or go to www.lagrangeny.gov/parks-rec.

Miles of Hope sets Community Walk Oct. 5

The Miles of Hope Community Walk for Breast Cancer will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5, at James Baird State Park. The opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the walk following at 10 a.m.

Funds raised through the Miles of Hope Community Walk directly benefit breast cancer patients and families by

offering education, services, and financial relief. Over the past two decades, Miles of Hope has donated more than \$4 million to those in the Hudson Valley.

Advance registration is required at <https://milesofhope.org/>.

James Baird State Park is at 14 Maintenance Lane in Pleasant Valley.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Historic Tavern Trail event set at Lasting Joy Brewery Sept. 12

On Friday, Sep 12, Lasting Joy Brewery at 485 Lasher Road in Tivoli will host the next Historic Tavern Trail event from 6 to 7 p.m. Admission is free, but RSVP is required at www.historicredhook.org. This year, the Tavern Trail's main focus is the Real Time Revolution theme of tracing developments in Dutchess County during 1775.

The Tavern Trail is a collaborative endeavor between the Dutchess County Department of History, local historical societies and signature food and beverage industry partners to create an innovative program that highlights the county's rich history.

Indoor Yard Sale set Sept. 13

Indoor Yard Sale at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley, on Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Items for household, outdoors, sports, children. Enter through the side door or elevator on the parking lot side of the building and go downstairs.

Annual Chicken BBQ set Sept. 13 at PV church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley will host its 65th Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$17. Take out only. (Over 90 and under 6 Free). Call Pam for reservations at (845) 635-9402.

Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic Sept. 13

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) will once again partner with the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary (HVARs) to offer a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82 in Hopewell Junction. The event is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required; registration opens Wednesday, Aug. 20 at hvars.org.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents and \$15 per pet for non-residents. All dogs must be on a leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years with proof of prior vaccination. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year. Microchipping will also be available at a cost of \$45 per pet, and a one-year distemper vaccine for \$25 per pet.

Wings and Wheels on Sept. 14

The Tunison Foundation will join with the Hudson Valley Cruisers to present their first annual Wings and Wheels event on Sunday, Sept 14 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Regional Airport, located at 32 Griffith Way in Wappingers Falls. Show car check-in is 8:30 to noon if you want your car judged. Feeling adventurous? Plane rides will be available in the *cafnewyorkwing* PT-26 and also a T-6 Texan.

REV 250 program in Stanford

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Historic Red Hook Cemetery Crawl Sept. 20

Historic Red Hook's Cemetery Crawl returns for its fifth season this fall! Part scavenger hunt, part self-guided tour, the Crawl takes you through six Red Hook cemeteries to uncover the stories of fascinating local residents and their memorials. With just your smartphone in hand, you can enjoy a crisp fall day exploring history in an engaging, family-friendly way.

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End Date & Awards: Sunday, October 26, 2025, 3:00 PM at the Elmendorph Inn. Every participant receives a prize, with four grand prize baskets awarded. More Info: www.historicredhook.org/cemeterycrawl

Vassar Temple High Holy Days services

Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie, invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of Sept. 22, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of Oct.1. The congregation's clergy Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom,) and there will be professional security present. Please visit the website

www.vassartemple.org for the complete service schedule. No fee is involved, but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray our expenses are appreciated.

The congregation is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for its annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit a local food pantry. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive congregation in Poughkeepsie, and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

For further information, and to sign up to attend, contact office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Congregation Shir Chadash

High Holy Days schedule

Congregation Shir Chadash in Lagrangeville announced its High Holy Days schedule of Services 2025/5786, led by Rabbi Glenn Jacob and including choir and musical accompaniment on piano and cello. All are welcome; donations greatly appreciated.

For security reasons, registration is required or streaming link at (845) 232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org. Congregation Shir Chadash is located at Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Route 55 (enter on Stringham Road), Lagrangeville.

Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Evening Service

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service; 2 p.m. Family Celebration Service

Yom Kippur:

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Kol Nidre Service with cello

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service; 2 p.m. Family Service; 4 p.m. Afternoon Service; 5 p.m. Yizkor/Memorial Service; 5:30 p.m. N'ilah/Concluding Service

Community break fast following Yom Kippur concluding services—all welcome!

For more information: (845) 232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org

Pleasant Valley Meet the Candidates Forum set Sept. 24

There will be a Meet the Candidates Forum for all candidates running for town positions in Pleasant Valley on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Fire House. The forum is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the non-partisan Pleasant Valley Community Network and moderated by Pleasant Valley Library Director Daniela Pulice.

This traditional forum will feature all candidates for town office, Supervisor and Town Council. Topics may include all aspects of municipal government, policies, practices, and budgeting.

Questions may be submitted in person at the Pleasant Valley Free Library or via email to pvcommunitynetwork@gmail.com, by Friday, Sept. 19.

Surf and Turf Dinner set Sept. 25 at East Clinton Firehouse

The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 44th Annual Surf and Turf Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the East Clinton Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners. Sit down 5 & 7 p.m. Take-out 6 p.m. only. Cost: \$22 regular or \$32 super-size. Reservations required; call (845) 266-5485.

REV 250 program in Amenia

The Amenia Historical Society invites the public to its first Rev250 program, to hear author and historian Jay A. Campbell present "The Plight of a Loyalist," as revealed in The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr., 1777-1779. This event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Smithfield Presbyterian Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia in the downstairs church hall.

Music Festival benefit for Clinton Corners equine rescue

13 Hands Equine Rescue (50 Tuscan Way, Clinton Corners) will host a Music Festival fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$20; youth age 10 and younger admitted free. There will be bands, a bar car, raffle, vendors, food and sweets truck. Please leave pets at home. Purchase tickets at www.13handsequine.org

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Cunneen-Hackett's Autumn Artistry set Sept. 14

By Morgan E. Maier

With the arrival of September, crisp air and shorter days welcome celebrations of community and local artistry. The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center (CHAC) awaits its annual Autumn Artistry festivities, to be held rain or shine on Sunday, Sept. 14. Friends of Poughkeepsie's art scene are sure to "fall" for this vibrant event on Vassar Street.

These collaborations of blues, brass and crafts will have something for all patrons from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Swirling notes of jazz complement the edible curations and eye-pleasing creations that will line the way between 9 and 12 Vassar Street. The live music bill includes members of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild, Dave Henningson, Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble and Ray Watkins.

Myriad creative media will headline the craft vendor booths, including – but hardly limited to – soaps, woodworking, pottery, leather, and edible curations. Crazy over ART on tour, Carrie Decker's mobile art van, will be in attendance to showcase the youngest artists' creative spirits.

This annual event, presented by the Vassar Brothers Institute, invites all to join together in celebration of arts and community, according to CHAC executive director J. Andrew Burgreen. "It's going to be a fun, social event," said Burgreen. "It helps people to get together and see what artists can do."

At the intersection of history, community, and the creative spirit stands the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center. It provides a space to perform, to commune with neighbors and collaborators. A community resource for showcasing creativity and exploring the arts, CHAC is constantly flutter with performances, installations, and the opportunity to connect via creating something new.

Autumn Artistry began as a fall fundraiser for the preservation and maintenance of the two buildings that comprise CHAC, which houses various performance studios, theaters, galleries, and meeting rooms. Over 140 years old, Cunneen-Hackett's foundation lies within each brick of the twin Victorian structures. They were built with the city in mind, a space to benefit the greater community without profit. During Autumn Artistry, visitors can tour the building with Burgreen, so they may see the inner workings of Poughkeepsie's creative nuclei.

From acrylic paint to sculpting to photography, the artistry of CHAC comes in many forms. The city's art crawl, Poughkeepsie Open Studios, will conclude on September 14, but Autumn Artistry attendees will have the opportunity to view art installations at CHAC. Displayed in various studios at 9 Vassar Street will be the work of Onaje Benjamin, Vanessa Jean Falgoust, Lauren Hollick, Shirley Parker-Benjamin, Laura Polirer, and Carolyn Schlam.



The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center and theatre will be decked out in color and will welcome a variety of music and arts vendors for the annual Autumn Artistry festivities on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9-12 Vassar Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photos*



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PPLD sets Boats, Books and a Changing Climate on Sept. 13 at Waryas Park

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) is partnering with the Schooner Apollonia to host Boats, Books, and a Changing Climate on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Waryas Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with the Schooner Apollonia and the Hudson River Clearwater Sloop. This is a great opportunity for kids to sail on the Hudson River and learn about the environment while having fun.

The day will have free programming that includes pint-sized pirate sessions on the Sloop Clearwater and storytelling sails on the Schooner Apollonia. There will also be environmental education stations, as well as Rover, the library book-

mobile, where children can visit a table of climate action, check out books on marine biology and pirates, get a library card, and more.

The Schooner Apollonia sails in the Hudson River, New York Harbor, the East River, Newtown Creek, the Gowanus Canal, Rondout Creek, and more. They channel the power of wind, tide, muscle, and traditional knowledge to move locally sourced, shelf-stable products to deliver to food banks and pantries, and transport wholesale and individual cargoes. To learn more about the Schooner Apollonia, visit the website at www.schoonerapollonia.com.

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Getting pulled over

And now for something completely different...

Not to brag, but I’ve totaled four cars over the course of my long lifetime, twice with Sue in the passenger seat, including once where the engine ended up in the front seat, between us. Obviously, we lived.

And I’ve been pulled over by the police (for the sake of brevity, meaning no disrespect, I’ll use the term “cops”) dozens of times, especially while driving through the village of Marlboro, in my red convertible, with the top down, at 2 a.m., in the winter. Here are a few of the memorable occasions:

- I have a bad habit of driving through yellow traffic lights just as they’re turning red. One time the car behind me also went through it. A cop pulled me over. “What about the guy behind me?” I protested. “When he went through, it was redder.” He said, “I can only stop one of you, and I saw you first.” Good point.
- A cop pulled me over for supposedly passing a red light. I said, “Officer, I was obeying the sign.” “What sign?” “The one that says no right turn on red. I was going straight!” He actually laughed and let me go.
- Sue and I were traveling south on 9W across from Hannaford’s. I got stopped for speeding. The cop said, “You two look like you’re upstanding citizens. I’ll let you go if you promise never to exceed the speed limit again.” After about 30 seconds he said, “Well?” I replied, “I’m

thinking about it.”

- In traffic court, I blurted out, “Your honor, I plead the 5th amendment!” The judge, with a bemused smile, counseled “Mr. Adams, nobody asked you a question. You don’t need to invoke the right to remain silent unless somebody asks you a question.” “In that case,” I replied, “I throw myself on the mercy of the court.” The verdict: “Guilty as charged.”
- I got pulled over for speeding on Route 28 on the way back from the Woodstock Classic 5K road race. After the cop left, my daughter Becky, who had also been running (she beat me) said, “Dad, I didn’t think you were going that fast.” “Would you be willing to testify in court?” I asked. Becky was 14 years old at the time. “You only have to tell the truth,” I reassured her. In court I called my witness. “Becky, please tell the court what you told me on the day in question.” “I didn’t think you were going that fast,” she said. The officer was allowed to cross-examine her: “Ms. Adams, at any time did you observe the speedometer?” “No,” she answered. The judge slammed down his gavel. “Guilty as charged.” On the way home, I said to Becky, “It was worth a try.”
- On the Taconic Parkway, I slowed way down when I saw a cop parked ahead of me. In fact, I slowed down so much that he saw I wasn’t wearing a seat belt. He pulled me over. “Gee, officer,



A ‘cop magnet.’ Photo by Mark Adams

don’t you have any real criminals to go after today?” I asked. He replied sternly, “I’m only trying to save your life, sir.” Touche.

- Another time in traffic court, the arresting officer took me aside to offer a plea deal. “I’m willing to knock this down to a lesser charge – littering.” “Littering?” I gasped. “Can’t you think

up anything more intimidating? Like, for example, armed robbery?” Me and my BIG MOUTH! I almost spent the next 30 years in prison. Sue reluctantly bailed me out.

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

Author James Patterson to speak at Family Partnership Center

James Patterson has published over 200 novels, including the best-selling books featuring Alex Cross. He has expanded into non-fiction, including the recent best-selling book “The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy.”

On Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., Patterson will be in conversation at the Lateef Islam Auditorium in the Family Partnership Center to discuss his writings and his newest book, “Disrupt Everything—And Win: The Proven and Effective Way to Harness Change Into a Force for Success.” The event is a presentation of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Patterson has disrupted every industry he has been in, from working as the CEO of a major advertising agency to becoming the world’s bestselling author. He

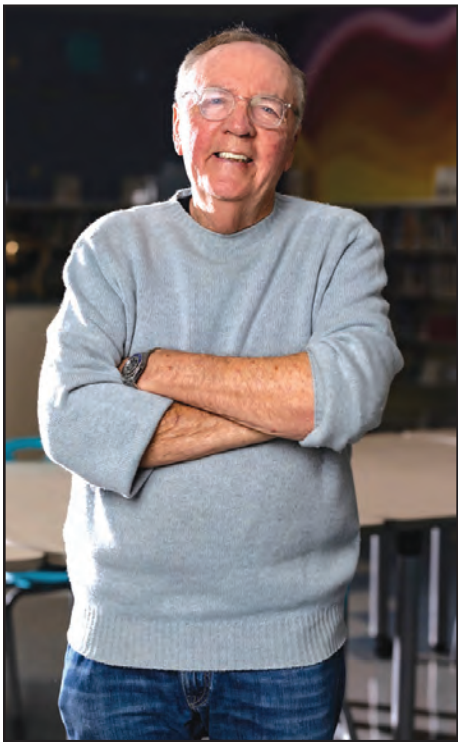
doesn’t follow advice, but creates his own path, publishing 11 books just last year. Everyone is affected by disruption, whether a career shift, family challenges, politics, or myriad other things, and in his new book, Patterson encourages everyday Americans to thrive through change rather than fear it. Disruption can actually be the path to living a better life.

Registration is open. Register online at “Calendar & Events” under the Events tab for simple and quick registration with no wait. Patrons can also call (845) 485-3445 extension 3707 or register at any circulation desk. There will be free copies of the book available at the event for the first 500 patrons on a first come, first serve basis.

The Lateef Islam Auditorium is locat-

ed off the lobby near the information desk in the Family Partnership Center at 29 North Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie. Parking is available across the street and in the Crannell Street Lot at the intersection of North Hamilton Street and Mill Street in Poughkeepsie. Limited handicapped parking is located on the side of the Family Partnership Center.

The Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library is located at 29 North Hamilton Street in Room 224 of the Family Partnership Center. For more information follow the Library District on Facebook and Instagram, or pick up a flyer at any library location. Information is also available by calling (845) 485-3445 x3707 and on the website: poklib.org.



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Fall preview

One of autumn’s signature fruits gets the sweet treatment.

Finally! Cooler days and nights are here to let us know fall is on its way. And if you know me, you know fall is my favorite! From now until Halloween I’ll be writing about all things fall, so buckle up! The best place to start? Apples, naturally!

As I sit on my front porch every morning sipping my coffee with my dachshund (who is in equal measure cranky and sweet), the direct view from my vantage point is my apple tree. I’m looking at it now, in fact, its laden branches swaying in the brisk breeze, calling to my desire to start filling the house with the aroma of warm baking spices.

My little tree is a wonder, especially when you consider that I leave it alone to do its thing. Last year it suffered a blight that greatly reduced the yield; and although I see remnants of it again this year, it’s produced its little heart out. All I do is prune it when needed and water it occasionally when the weather is particularly hot and dry, and it does the rest. It’s full of Fuji apples of all shapes and sizes, and I think the dry summer has made for sweeter fruit. I filled a bucket with more than enough for a pie or three and there’s plenty more where that came from. Today, though, I think we’ll make cookies.

For that I drew inspiration from some of my other cookie recipes as well as the tried-and-true Betty Crocker cookbook. The batter is adaptable in that you can add what you like: nuts, pears, even shredded carrots or zucchini. I added about 1 tablespoon of applesauce (a.k.a. apple shredded with a microplane) to up the moistness and subtly boost the apple flavor, although this step isn’t necessary.

OLD-FASHIONED APPLE COOKIES

If you start with room temperature butter, this comes together quickly. I recommend peeling the apples before cutting

them into ¼-inch pieces (a little bigger is fine) for better texture. One apple may not seem like enough, but it is, although feel free to add more. Use any apple variety you like, add nuts or shredded carrots ... make it your own! I baked one batch on greased baking sheets, the other on parchment. Both were equally good with moist centers and slightly crisp edges.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large egg (preferably room temperature)
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, room temperature
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon applesauce (optional)
- 1 medium-large apple, peeled and chopped (about 1 cup)

METHOD

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease baking sheets (or line with parchment) and set aside.

In a large bowl, beat together egg and brown sugar. When blended, add brown sugar and beat until well mixed and smooth.

In a separate bowl sift or whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and nutmeg. Stir in salt and add, one half at a time, to the batter, mixing well. Stir in apples.

Drop heaping teaspoons of dough onto prepared baking sheets, about 2 inches apart (they will spread as they bake). Bake until light brown, 8-10 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack.

Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

If, like me, you love fall, the flavors in these cookies may be the perfect way to start enjoying it. They may even, dare I say (oh yes, I dare!) rival pumpkin spice.



Old-Fashioned Apple Cookies. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

They will certainly satisfy any craving you have for soft, slightly chewy cookies warmed with cinnamon and nutmeg and there’s apples, so I guess they’re good for you? Well, they’re good for your soul, to be sure! AND they get the grumpy dachshund seal of approval (although he gets more apple than cookie), so you’ll probably want to make a double batch. Enjoy!

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.

Lecture on railroad history in Dutchess County set Sept. 24 at LaGrange library

Alex Prizgintas will present a lecture, “Early Railroad in Dutchess County, the story of the William T. Hart Railroad Ferry,” on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. in the LaGrange Association Library in LaGrange.

Following its completion in 1889, the Poughkeepsie Railway Bridge was a crucial link between New England and the United States’ elaborate railroad network. It continued for over eighty years until its fiery demise in 1974, but prior to trains traveling by rail, a vastly different method of transportation was used to cross the Hudson River. Join author and historian Alex Prizgintas with the Beacon Historical Society as he explores the early history of the Erie and West Shore railroads in Newburgh, NY as well as the service of the William T. Hart—a steam-powered barge that transported railroad cars from the late nineteenth century until the turn of the twentieth century from Newburgh to Fishkill Landing en route to

New England. The rise of railroad traffic between the Hudson River and Boston gave way to an intricate railroad network that connected almost every municipality in Dutchess County, with lines such as the Dutchess & Columbia, Boston, Hartford & Erie, and the Newburgh, Dutchess & Connecticut.

A Marist College graduate with degrees in Hudson River Valley Studies and Public Administration, Alex Prizgintas has been published in several journals such as the peer-reviewed Hudson River Valley Review and New York Archives Magazine as well as the Orange County Historical Society Journal and the Antique Bottle & Glass Collector Magazine. Serving as president of the Woodbury Historical Society and town historian of Woodbury in Orange County, Prizgintas performs and lectures around 200 times each year across the Hudson Valley.

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A & E CALENDAR

Through Sept. 20: “Bullshot Crummond,” County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. Irreverent comedy, by Ron House, Diz White, Alan Shearman, John Neville-Andrews, and Derek Cunningham. Directed by Jeffery Battersby. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 14, and Sat., Sept. 20. www.countyplayers.org

Through Sept. 26: Red Hook Eat & Go Free Summer Lawn Concert Series, Baright Associates, 7509 North Broadway, Red Hook. Purchase take-out from local eateries and bring it along to enjoy while a band performs. A tented area and tables with umbrellas are set up for comfortable dining. Concerts take place Fridays, 6-8 p.m. This week: Alana Wyld & Wyld Blu serve up their blues with a generous side order of rhythm, heart and soul. More info on the Facebook event page.

Sept. 11:TroupEnigma Performance, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. “The Maple Street House or the Apartment Where Time Goes to Die,” a comedy by Melissa Matthews, 7 p.m. Directed by Michael Juzwak. Donations welcome. (845) 876-2903

Sept. 11-13: 2025 Annual Festival, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, Black Box Theater, Studio Complex, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Lineup for Week Three of the annual festival starts Sept. 11: On Literary Kinship: Reading + Conversation Between Friends, Nick Flynn + Marie Howe, 7 p.m. Sept. 12: Deborah Hay's Performance Club, 1 p.m. The Porch: Live Storytelling, 7 p.m. Sept. 13: Deborah Hay's Performance Club, 1 p.m. Turn Everywhere: Deborah Hay On Film/In Person, 7 p.m. www.kaatsbaan.org

Sept. 11-15: Author Events, Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Sept. 11: Local artist/author Stephen Shore, “Early Work,” 6 p.m. Sept. 14: Cookbook signing with local author Alexis deBoschnek (“Nights and Weekends”), 2 p.m. Sept. 15 (at Weiss Cinema, Bertelsmann Campus Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson): Thomas Chatterton Williams (“Summer of Our Discontent: The Age of Certainty and the Demise of Discourse”) in conversation with Dr. Roger Berkowitz, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to (845) 876-0500 or events@oblongbooks.com

Sept. 12-13: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Sept. 12: The Meraki Trio, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Sept. 13: Bookends Band, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Sept. 12-14: “Every Brilliant Thing,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents a heartfelt yet humorous exploration of love, depression, and the lengths we go to for those we love. Written by Duncan Macmillan, with Jonny Donahoe. Directed by Christine Crawfis. Starring Ivy Meehan. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$15. Content Advisory: This production contains

discussions of depression and suicide. Age recommendation: 16+. www.centerforperformingarts.org

Sept. 13: Music for Peace: The Hudson Valley Shakuhachi Choir, Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrell Rd., Millbrook. Elizabeth Brown and Ralph Samuelson once again bring the evocative sounds of the Japanese bamboo flute, shakuhachi, to Innisfree with the Hudson Valley Shakuhachi Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m. This ensemble of 10 players performs music that resonates beautifully across the garden in a program of traditional spiritual pieces, folk songs, and new works. Bring a blanket or folding chair and settle in for an inspiring evening. Reservations recommended. www.innisfreegarden.org

Sept. 13-14: Poughkeepsie Open Studios. Free and self-guided event designed to celebrate local artists and arts in Poughkeepsie. Over one weekend, artist studios open their doors to the public and multiple art spaces host art shows and exhibitions. Expect to see: painting, photography, digital art, film, sculpture, printmaking, illustration, murals, public art, and more. Info at www.poughkeepsieopenstudios.org

Sept. 15: Author Event, Bard College, first floor of the Charles P. Stevenson Jr. Library, Annandale-on-Hudson. “Rewriting Hisstory,” a conversation between Jonathan Brent, visiting Alger Hiss Professor of History and Literature at Bard, and author Jeff Kisseloff, 4:30-6 p.m. They will discuss Kisseloff's new book, “Rewriting Hisstory: A Fifty-Year Journey to Uncover the Truth About Alger Hiss”, about the American government official who was accused of spying for the Soviet Union and whose controversial case became one the most important political trials of the 20th century. The event, which will feature a reception with refreshments and end with a Q&A, is free and open to the public. More info: (845) 758-6822

Sept. 17: Constitution Day Film Screening, “A More Perfect Union,” Wallace Center, FDR Library, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. James Madison, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin lead a three-year diplomatic battle that culminates in Philadelphia. There they create a new form of government ... one that has since become the standard of freedom and democracy for the rest of the world, 6 p.m. This is a free public event, but registration is required to attend in person. www.fdrlibrary.org

Sept. 18: Joe Crookston in Concert, The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, 67 S. Randolph Ave., Poughkeepsie. Joe Crookston is a powerful fiddler, slide guitar player, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter. He communes with his audience and welcomes them into his magic...every time. Show time 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance (strongly recommended) at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/joe-crookston/an-evening-with-joe-crookston. More info: (845) 309-3853 or patla42@gmail.com

Pictured: Joe Crookston. *Courtesy photo*



EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 &12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through October:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, will be painter Valerie Berner with her solo show Scenes and Scenery from Untold Stories. At 12 Vassar Street in the Reception Gallery, Inna Ivanovskya and Tatiana Rhinevault will present their diverse and vibrant works of art, and Lisa Weinblatt brings her renowned School Lunch painting series to the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 1, 2026:** “Chronostasia: Select Acquisitions 2020–2025,” an exhibition that brings together more than s60 works acquired over the past five years. **Related Programs: Thurs., Sept. 18,** 5:30-7 p.m., Screening of “Sky Woman Women,” in the Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film. Co-sponsored by the Loeb and Vassar's Film Department. **Thurs., Nov. 13,** 5:30 p.m., “Rothko in Conversation,” in Taylor 102. Christopher Rothko in conversation with Loeb Director Bart Thurber, followed by a reception in the atrium. **Closing Program: Thurs., Jan. 29,** 5:30 p.m., in Taylor 102, artist talk with Cecilia Vicuña. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7, 2026:** Special exhibition, “Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans,” During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a “who's who” of the 20th century. “Signature Moments” opens the FDR Library's archives and museum for an insider's view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Sept. 27:** “Four Paths to Abstraction,” the sixth exhibition of the Millbrook Arts Project inaugural season. It invites viewers to engage with color, form, and gesture beyond the limits of representation and features four artists who explore abstraction through the tactile possibilities of fabric, paint, and found materials. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

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

Olana State Historic Site, Sharp Family Gallery, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Nov. 2:** “What's Missing?” site-specific artworks in the Olana landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. (518) 751-6879 or www.olana.org

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** “EMILY COLE: Ceramics, Flora & Contemporary Responses,” placing the art of Emily Cole (1843-1913), a professional artist and daughter of Thomas Cole, into conversation with eight, internationally celebrated contemporary artists including Ann Agee, Jacqueline Bishop, Francesca DiMattio, Valerie Hegarty, Courtney M. Leonard, Jiha Moon, Michelle Sound, and Stephanie Syjuco. The exhibition is the largest display of original painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole ever shown since the 19th century. **Through Dec. 14:** “ON TREES: Georgia O'Keeffe and Thomas Cole,” exhibition brings together two iconic American artists in the COLE 200 anniversary year (1825-2025). The presentation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O'Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Sept. 14:** “Works of Passion,” exhibition features artworks in a wide range of mediums born from deep passion, showcasing surrealist dreams, captivating fantasy, and striking abstract landscapes. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

The Transverse Gallery for Contemporary Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 14:** “Spirit Rising: Recent Works by Susan Miiller.” A resident of the Hudson Valley for over 25 years, Miller continues the tradition of fine landscape painting that dates back to the early 19th century in America. Her distinct style builds upon the innovations of the past. (845) 454-4500 or www.lgny.org

E-mail exhibition listings to:
creativeliving@s Dutchessnews.com

Hyde Park Community Day set Saturday

The Town of Hyde Park’s Community Day is this Saturday, Sept. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., at Hackett Hill Park, 59 East Market St., Hyde Park.

Entertainment includes Bee Bee the Clown, magician Ryan Dutcher, and DanceWorks Too.

There will be bouncy houses, performances, a petting zoo, craft and merchandise vendors, a Health and Safety Fair, food, games and more.

For updates, check Hyde Park Recreation’s page on Facebook.

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1. Manual calculator, pl.

6. Beach Boys: " ____ Only Knows"

9. Army beds

13. Pressed ham and cheese sandwich

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15. Popular Latin dance

16. Influencer's creation

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21. *Meet me at the Top of the Rock

23. Comic book expression for alarm

24. Press backward arrow key

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28. Spreadsheet software command

30. Day off, backwards

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40. Be dependent

41. Damage one's reputation

43. Slightly (2 words)

44. Prefix for below

46. Shade of beige

47. Java neighbor

48. War mounts

50. Rope fiber

52. " ____ Now or Never"

53. Leave at the altar

55. Flapper's feathers

57. *Meet me at the London Bridge

61. *The Black Eyed Peas: "Meet Me ____"

65. *Meet me in ____ Mara, Kenya

66. Undergarment

68. *Meet me in Australia to see this bear

69. Done to printer cartridge

70. Corn unit

71. Poet W. H. ____ of "Funeral Blues" fame

72. Infamous Nazi villain

73. Strong solution of sodium

74. Like gelled hair

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1. Parts of a play

2. Actor Reynolds of "Smokey and the Bandit"

3. Cain's victim

4. Paddler's vessel

5. Endows or empowers

6. "Buffalo ____ , won't you come out tonight..."

7. Keats' poem

8. Jinn or genie

9. Guinea pig or capybara

10. Mixture

11. Russian monarch

12. What Titanic did

15. Went to bid farewell (2 words)

20. *Meet me in Orthodox church to see these

22. *Meet me in Tokyo, pre-1968

24. *Meet me in the largest city in Netherlands

25. *Meet me under the Eiffel Tower

26. Real estate broker, e.g.

27. "The Bonfire of the Vanities" author Tom ____

29. *Meet me by the Trevi Fountain

31. Adipose tissue

32. *Meet me at the Burj Khalifa

33. Like the Tower of Pisa

34. Bigfoot's cousins

36. Swirling vortex

38. Filly's mother

42. Popular Cuban dance

45. Be next to, as in rooms

49. Fall from grace

51. The Kenosha Kickers' songs

54. Sticker on a jar

56. Run ____ of the law

57. Same as ayah

58. Respiratory rattling

59. Osiris' sister and wife

60. Opposite of zigs

61. Tortoise's opponent

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63. Sheltered, nautically

64. Pull

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PLEASANT VALLEY LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10 11:30am-2pm
Senior Movie: "The King's Speech"

Seniors (ages 50+) are invited to attend this special seniors-only movie matinee. Light refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snack or lunch to enjoy! Our movie for September is 2010's "The King's Speech," based on the true story of King George VI (Colin Firth), his unexpected ascension to the throne of the British Empire in 1936, and the speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush) who helped the unsure monarch overcome his stammer. (Please note that this film is rated R.)

Tuesday, Sept. 16 6-7:30pm
Buyer Beware: a Wellness Program with Joy E. Dyson

Join us to welcome back local certified health coach and holistic nutritionist Joy E. Dyson, of Wellness With Joy, for her new nutrition wellness program. Dive into a learning experience of decoding food and nutrition labels, spotting important ingredients, and uncovering clever marketing tricks!

***We've partnered with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart to offer these great eco-conscious programs as part of Sustainable Hudson Valley's Climate Solutions Week (September 22-27).*

Tuesday, Sept. 23 6:30-7:30pm
Pollinator Program with Cara B. Hochhalter

Drawing from her book, "Where Do Butterflies Go At Night? and Other Pollinator Ponderings," artist/author Cara B. Hochhalter combines science and art to answer questions about pollinators. Did you know there are beetle larvae that hitchhike, wasps that make mud, and butterflies who wear spangles? Come and hear some fascinating pollinator stories that may be happening in your own yard!

Thursday, Sept. 25 6-8pm
Seed Saving and Pollinator-Friendly Fall Gardening

Join the gardeners of Pleasant Valley's Community Garden for an introduction to seed saving and pollinator-friendly garden-

ing methods for the home gardener. They will share the climate benefits of saving seeds and demonstrate how to harvest, clean, and store the seeds of our native plant, flower, and vegetable gardens. They'll also share the goals of the Pleasant Valley Seed Library and how you can share your seeds.

Saturday, Sept. 27 12:30-1:30pm
"It's The Little Things" presentation and discussion with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart

Members of Pleasant Valley Climate Smart will lead a discussion about the small things you can do at home to help protect and celebrate Mother Earth. Some you may know but others may surprise you. Join us to share ideas and refreshments, and take away some new solutions.

Saturday, Sept. 27 9 am-3 pm
Friends of Pleasant Valley Library Yard Sale. Support the Pleasant Valley community and the Library by stopping by to peruse many great new and gently used items for sale!

STANFORD FREE LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration required for events unless noted otherwise. Please register via the online calendar at www.stanfordlibrary.org or call 845-868-1341

Chair Yoga Friday, Sept. 12. 1-2pm
This is gentle yoga with a chair to support and aid seated and standing postures.

No Greater Love - The Life & Legacy of Charles R. Johnson, Medal of Honor Recipient, Wednesday, Sep. 17, 7pm
Private First Class Charles R. Johnson received a Medal of Honor (Korean War). Join Stanford: A Caring Community here at the library to learn the story of Stanford's young neighbor who crossed racial barriers with character, selfless service, and brotherly love.

Stanford Historical Society Presents: Dillon Striefeneder. Friday, Sep. 19, 7pm
Looking Backward, Looking Forward: Change and Continuity in Stanford, NY from the Revolution to the Era of Good Feelings.

Stanford Historical Society Presents: Stissing Hamlet, Saturday Sept 20, 1pm

Come join the society & Stissing residents as they discuss the history of the hamlet. This is the first in a series

Defensive driving class
Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6-9 p.m.

Save 10% on auto insurance and reduce points on your driving record. Participants must attend both classes. The fee is \$38.

Yo-yo club Saturday, Sept. 27, 1-2pm
Open to students grades 4+
Join us at yo-yo club with Marc Smith. Have hands-on fun while learning about different types of yo-yo's including fixed axle, responsive, and unresponsive. Yo-yos will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Register early.

October Book Club
Monday, Oct. 13, 1-2pm
This month's selection is Time Of The Child by Niall Williams.

Ongoing Events Qigong Thursdays, 530-630pm

Case Management Services
Tuesday 9:30-11:30am

Yoga with Mia Saturdays, 10-11am

Water Color Workshop First, Third & Fifth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 pm

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners
Mondays 6-8pm

Knitting First, Third & Fifth Thursday of the month, 7-8:30pm

Brain Games Thursdays 10:30am-noon

Mahjong for Intermediate Players
Fridays 10am - noon

STARR LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for events at www.starrlibrary.org or call (845) 876-4030.

Preserving Resources: Pickling in Practice with Rebecca Echevarria
Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

Curious about pickling? Join Rebecca Echevarria, a local artist and food preserver, for a presentation on the vast histories of pickling, diverse practices of from around the world, and three popular pickling methods, including fermenting, quick-pickling, and canning. Includes a live demonstration!

Roger Phillips Concert Series presents Dennis Lichtman and Matt Munisteri
Saturday, Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m.

Multi-instrumentalist Dennis Lichtman and guitarist Matt Munisteri perform a vast repertoire of acoustic music from 1920s jazz to folk, Caribbean biguine, ragtime, Italian polka, Brazilian choro, blues, and more.

The AI Revolution with Jean-Claude Fouéré, Monday, Sept. 22, 2-3 p.m.

Speaker Jean-Claude Fouéré will present a short history of AI's rapid development and review the most common AI applications, with a focus on how the technology is transforming industries, impacting daily life, and raising important ethical questions. This lecture will also be held in the evening later this fall.

Ping Pong Pop-Up Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
Now ongoing at a new time! Join a group of table tennis enthusiasts of all ages for pick-up games and practice. Two tables available during open play.

Arco's Little House: Story & Craft With Author/Illustrator Jess Fogel
Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Arco the fox loves his little house. But when new neighbors with huge homes start to move into the area, Arco begins to feel the need to build his house bigger and grander, too. But is that what will actually make him happy? Learn to embrace what truly makes you happy in this sweet story about a little fox with a little house and a big heart designed to engage early readers.

Starting this month, we're beginning an ecological adventure throughout the beautiful Hudson Valley. Every other Saturday, join Children's Programmer Karen as we discover different local ecosystems and decorate new displays in the library that we can all enjoy and learn from. Ages 5+.

Sept. 13 & 27, 2-3:30 p.m. - The Hudson River. This September we'll be using yarn art, paper mache, painting, and more to transform a Children's Wing display into the mighty river that is an ecological marvel. Did you know that the Hudson River is the site of one of the very first environmental activist movements, which is why we are now able to enjoy spotting bald eagles, diamondback terrapins, sturgeon and more?

Music & Movement with Terry Watson. NEW TIME! Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Licensed music therapist Terry Watson delights with songs, chants, puppetry, instruments, storytelling and movement/dance with a focus on child development and early literacy.

Connect & Play Mondays, Sept. 15 & 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join Jane Korn and other parents, caregivers, and children (ages 3 mo-4 yrs) for a child play group at the library! This is an opportunity for parents to connect and share ideas while their young ones interact, play and grow. Space is limited. Registration is required each week through our online calendar.

Storytime with Robbie
Tuesdays, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

An animated, fun, and engaging reading style with literacy-focused activities, including fingerplays and crafts. Great for ages 2-6.

Rhinebeck Families Play & Hang
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
An informal meet-up in the playroom in the children's wing for parents and caregivers of children 0-3 years old.

STARR BOOK CLUB:
"Orbital" by Samantha Harvey
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.

A slender novel of epic power and the winner of the Booker Prize 2024, Orbital deftly snapshots one day in the lives of six women and men traveling through space. Selected for one of the last space station missions of its kind before the program is dismantled, these astronauts and cosmonauts—from America, Russia, Italy, Britain, and Japan—have left their lives behind to travel at a speed of over 17,000 mph as the earth reels below.

Author events at Millbrook Library

Millbrook Library, at 3 Friendly Lane in Millbrook, will host three author events this month in partnership with Merritt Bookstore. For more information and to sign up for these free events, visit millbrooklibrary.org.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 1-2:30 p.m.

Bone and Joint Health with Dietician and Fitness Instructor Sydney Nitzkorski
Arthritis and osteoporosis affect mobility, well-being, and longevity. Join Sydney Nitzkorski, co-author of The Complete Bone and Joint Health Plan for this informational workshop and learn about science-based strategies to start improving your musculoskeletal health. This workshop will include an hour long presentation and some light exercise and balance work.

Sydney Nitzkorski, MS, RD, CSSD has been a registered dietitian and fitness instructor for over 2 decades.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Child Creativity and the Visual Arts with Author Megan Brandow-Faller

From the "creative corners" found in postwar suburban ranch homes to the proliferation of children's art exhibitions in public schools and libraries, Secessionist notions of child creativity burned brightly in postwar America.

Join art historian Megan Brandow-Faller (CUNY Kingsborough and CUNY Grad Center, Center for Jewish Studies) for an introduction to her newly published book which examines the intellec-

tual and cultural roots of notions around children's creativity born in Secessionist Vienna through the lens of three innovative educators: Franz Cizek, often called the "patriarch" of progressive art education and one of the first art educators to allow children to draw from their imaginations; Emmy Zweybrück, who ran a successful craft school for girls and commercial workshops emphasizing traditionally feminine media and solid handcraft knowledge; and Viktor Lowenfeld, a Cizek pupil widely considered the most influential figure in 20th-century American art education.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2-4 p.m.

Adventures of an Audiobook Goddess with Gabra Zackman

Calling all audiobook fans! Ever wonder about the narrator behind your favorite stories? Acclaimed actress, author, and audiobook narrator Gabra Zackman shares the ins and outs of building a thriving career in audiobooks. With over 500 audiobooks and several Audie awards to her name and regular gigs for Apple News and the New York Times, Zackman has earned her spot on audible's list of Ten Best Female Narrators to Listen to Right Now.

Zackman is the writer and co-producer of the ongoing audio series Nice and Naughty, a serialized romance set in Queens, New York, as well as the multi-cast audio production Love at the End of the World: My Covid Romance.

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COLLEGE NOTES

LINCOLN, NE - Jacob Ezra Vargas of Red Hook was among 548 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during a combined graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremony Aug. 16 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Vargas earned a Doctor of Philosophy from the Office of Graduate Studies.

Chancellor Rodney D. Bennett presided over the commencement ceremony.

ONEONTA, NY - Casey Shein of Red Hook graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Digital Marketing from Hartwick College during the May 17, 2025, commencement ceremony.

Shein was among the 232 students who received undergraduate and masters degrees.

ONEONTA, NY - Kayla Vanpelt of Tivoli is one of 20 SUNY Oneonta students getting firsthand experience in their fields of study this summer through research and creative projects on topics ranging from local lake water quality to a paleoanthropology field school abroad.

Vanpelt is working on a project titled "Investigation of the Impact of Changing Climate on Otsego Lake Water Quality" under the mentorship of Associate Professor of Biology Kiyoko Yokota.

With guidance and support from faculty members, students are involved in a

variety of new and continuing research and creative projects on and off campus through the university's Summer Research Fellowship Program.

The 2025 Summer Research Fellowship recipients receive financial support from University Advancement's Student Research and Creative Activity Grant Fund, with additional funding from the Office of Alumni Engagement. Students receive grants of up to \$3,000 each, with a maximum of \$6,000 for two or more students working together on a single project. In addition, students who must remain on campus for their research stay at SUNY Oneonta for free this summer.

The students will share their projects with the campus community during the Summer Research Fellowship Showcase on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

DELHI, NY - SUNY Delhi celebrated the graduation of nearly 800 students at the Spring 2025 commencement event held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, where certificates, associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees were conferred upon the classes of Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.

Christopher LiPuma of Red Hook received an associate degree in Construction Technology.

Gionna Wrobel of Clinton Corners received an associate degree in Construction Technology.

Benjamin Shultis of Rhinebeck received a bachelor's degree in

Recreation & Sports Facilities Management.

Paula O'Dell-Jackson of Wassaic received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Marist Parr of Rhinebeck received a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Karen Root of Pine Plains received a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Cody Clelland of Red Hook received an associate degree in Electrical Construc & Plumbing.

KINGSTON, RI - The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 3,500 of its newest alumni during the University's 2025 Commencement. Nearly 3,600 undergraduate degrees and 600 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 16-18, 2025.

Among the graduates was Jameson Pung of Lagrangeville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Conservation Biology.

ALBANY, NY - The Dean's Letter of Commendation at the University at Albany recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of part-time undergraduate students.

The following students have received this exemplary designation at Ualbany: Angela Anthony of Hyde Park, Alejandro Farias of Stanfordville, Jose Munoz of Hyde Park, Armando Spagnoli of Red Hook, Hailie Turner of Red Hook.

To qualify for the Dean's Letter of Commendation, students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher in their first semester of study and a GPA of 3.50 or higher in subsequent semesters.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 790 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester. Local students include Caylen Hunt of Staatsburg and Allan Rappleyea of Millbrook.

SPRINGFIELD, MA - Western New England University is proud to announce that Caylen Hunt of Staatsburg has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester. Hunt is one of over 550 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

VALDOSTA, GA - Valdosta State University congratulates Steven Mauro of Stormville for earning a spot on the Summer 2025 Dean's List.

To qualify for Dean's List at VSU, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

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IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



ThinkDIFFERENTLY about preparing for emergencies

As part of National Preparedness Month this September, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino encourages the community to take a more inclusive approach to emergency readiness, especially for individuals with autism and other neurological and developmental conditions. The County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative is hosting two events – first responder autism training on Sept. 15 and first responder meet-and-greet for families on Oct. 4 – that will give emergency personnel and families, respectively, the tools they need to respond effectively in crisis situations.

Serino said, "In an emergency, every second counts. Responders must know how to carefully rescue those in need, particularly residents with developmental disabilities, to ensure their safety. Our Autism Training for First Responders will help firefighters, law enforcement and other responders recognize those disabilities and respond accordingly. Families also should know what to expect in the case of an emergency – the people who will respond and the vehicles they'll bring. Our First Responder Meet-and-Greet and open house will connect those families to the brave men and women who may someday save their lives and provide warm introductions to these local heroes."

On Monday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dutchess County's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative will once again offer First Responder Autism Training. Led by nationally recognized experts Capt. Bill Cannata and Lt. Jimmy Donohoe, this four-hour session will provide first responders practical strategies for engaging with individuals on the autism spectrum during emergencies. The

training will take place at the Dutchess County Department of Mental Health, 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie. All first responders in Dutchess County are welcome; advance registration is required at dutchessny.gov/autismtraining.

On Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon, families are invited to a First Responder Meet-and-Greet with Town of Poughkeepsie first responders at Greenvale Park, 2260 New Hackensack Road in Poughkeepsie. This is a great opportunity for families of those with disabilities to explore emergency vehicles and meet first responders in a calm, welcoming environment to help them become familiar with things they would see in an emergency. Representatives from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, the Arlington Fire Department and local rescue squads will be on hand to meet families in a sensory-friendly environment free of any flashing lights or sirens. Registration is recommended and can be completed online by Oct. 1 at dutchessny.gov/meetngreet.

Serino also encourages families to enroll in the Dutchess County Access & Functional Needs Registry, a confidential database that helps emergency services plan for residents who may need extra support during evacuations or disasters. Learn more and register at dutchessny.gov/afnregistry.

For broader emergency preparedness information, visit the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response website: www.dutchessny.gov/preparedness. Additional information about Dutchess County's Think DIFFERENTLY initiative and its inclusive programs is available at <http://www.thinkdifferently.net>.

Jacobson, Hinchey back two utility reform bills

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) and Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41) passed two major utility reform bills to bring more transparency in rate hike requests and restrict estimated billing.

The first bill (A2736/S8213) requires that any capital expenses included in a utility's request for a rate increase are fully and publicly explained. This would include the purpose and cost of the capital project, as well as any benefits to ratepayers. Because utilities receive a greater rate of return on capital expenditures, it is critical that these costs be disclosed to regulators in a transparent and complete manner.

The second bill (A5969/S2182) requires utilities to bill customers based on actual monthly meter readings, rather than estimates, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances like extreme weather. It also directs the Public Service Commission (PSC) to develop a standard estimation formula for all New York utility providers.

"Central Hudson rates are high enough. Since utilities receive a greater return on capital expenses than on other expenses, transparency is essential for the PSC to make a proper determination on a rate increase request. The public and the PSC deserve to know," said Jacobson. "Customers deserve timely and accurate billing. Our previous legislation, which is now law, eliminated late billing. Now, we

want to eliminate estimated billing."

"Our legislation addresses two of the biggest questions we hear from Hudson Valley residents: Why did my bill go up, and does it actually reflect what I owe?" said Hinchey. "Utilities are a public service, and the costs they pass on to ratepayers must be transparent, reasonable, and connected to serving their customers. These bills bring commonsense oversight into capital expenditures proposed by utilities and their billing practices, and we hope the Governor will sign both into law to help us protect ratepayers."

Both bills are another step in Jacobson and Hinchey's fight against Central Hudson's never-ending rate increase requests and controversial billing practices. The disastrous rollout of a new billing and customer service system in 2021 led to a cascade of customer issues, including wildly inaccurate and missing bills, it was noted by Jacobson.

These problems didn't stop Central Hudson from making repeated requests for rate increases, including a 25% increase request in 2024. The PSC instead approved a 5% increase that went into effect in July 2024. Soon after this was approved, Central Hudson proposed another increase. In August, the PSC approved an increase of more than 10% for electricity and more than 20% for gas over a three-year period.

The bills are awaiting the Governor's signature to become law.

ATHENA AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY SEPT. 12

Do you know someone you believe deserves recognition for actively guiding or mentoring women to become great leaders? Then consider nominating them for the 2025 ATHENA Award.

Presented by The Chamber Foundation Inc. and the Women's Leadership Alliance of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the 19th Annual ATHENA Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, to celebrate this distinguished group of professionals who are making a difference for women by providing guidance, mentorship, and encouragement in many ways.

Bestowed annually, the ATHENA Award is given to a member of the Hudson Valley community who best embodies the ATHENA Leadership Model. The Model is unique in that it focuses on the personal traits of strong, successful leaders. It captures the spirit and collaborative leadership style often exemplified in women leaders, while also recognizing the importance of traits such as courageous acts and fierce advocacy in the pursuit of excellence.

Submit nominations by Friday, Sept. 12, at <https://www.dccoc.org/athena-leadership-awards/>.

Historic Hoyt House at Mills Norrie State Park gains \$50K grant for stabilization and repairs

The Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance (CVPA) has received a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology (CREST) grant, thanks to the efforts of Sen. Michelle Hinchey (SD41). The \$50,000 grant will be used for urgently needed stabilization and repair of the main house at the historic country estate known as The Point, overlooking the Hudson River in the Mills Norrie State Park in Staatsburg.

The Point was designed in 1855 by Calvert Vaux for Lydig and Geraldine Livingston Hoyt. Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “I’m proud to deliver funding to help stabilize and repair the historic Hoyt House—where Calvert Vaux first got his start before going on to co-design New York’s Central Park and other iconic spaces. The Point is a meaningful part of our country’s architectural history, and we’re proud that the Hudson Valley is the birthplace of that legacy. The Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance has a bold vision to transform The Point into a center for education, preservation, and cultural programming, and I’m excited to

help move that vision forward.”

The Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance was founded in 2007. Its mission is to restore and find sustainable uses for the Vaux-designed Hoyt House and landscape at The Point as well as the site’s gentleman’s farm and early 20th-century barn complex. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it is the official New York State Friends Group for the site. The Alliance also works to expand awareness of the contributions of Calvert Vaux to American architecture and landscape design, and to forge a more complete narrative of our nation’s cultural history.

CVPA board chair Jon Lawson said, “Senator Hinchey’s advocacy for the stabilization of this important 19th -century estate building is key to its future: its restoration and re-purposing as a community-serving cultural and educational resource for the 21st century. Calvert Vaux was one of the most important architects and landscape designers in American history, and this site has been sitting unused and challenged by nature for over 60 years.

Serino, Dept. of Mental Health to host Town Hall series

Residents invited for conversation about mental health services

To strengthen outreach to residents and families impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health and substance use challenges, and to gather their feedback on local services and programs, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will host a series of Mental Health Town Halls across Dutchess County. Residents are invited to come and be a part of a conversation to learn about available services and resources, as well as share their feedback about needed resources or service changes. Four town halls will be held through September and October, with simultaneous Spanish interpretation offered at each event. Local community partners will also be present with information tables about available resources.

Serino said, “When it comes to mental health, every story matters. These town halls are about listening to our neighbors – hearing their struggles, their hopes, and their ideas – so we can make sure no one feels alone in trying to find help. We want to shine a light on the array of services that already exist, but just as importantly, we want to learn from you about what’s missing and where we can do better. By coming together and sharing openly, we can make sure our services truly reflect the needs of our neighbors.”

opportunity to share their experiences and provide input to DMH about the services available and needed for:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Alcohol/ Substance Use Addiction and Recovery;
- Mental Health Needs for Youth and Adults.

All mental health topics are welcome, and every comment, question, and story help guide how DMH evolves to meet community needs. All input will help the DMH shape its 2026 Local Services Plan, aligning long-term goals with statewide priorities.

Residents are invited to speak up, share experiences, and help shape the future of mental health services in Dutchess County. These forums are not just about sharing information, they’re about listening, learning, and improving together.

DMH Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr said, “These town halls give us the chance to highlight available services and just as importantly, to hear directly from local residents about what’s working and where improvements are needed. With four events throughout the county, made possible by the generosity of our municipalities and community partners, we are happy to meet people where they are and have them be part of this important conversation. The feedback we receive plays a vital role in shaping future programs and priorities.”

Residents planning to attend who may need to request accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, are asked to provide at least seven days’ notice, by emailing edentrone@dutchessny.gov or calling (845) 486-2885.

For those unable to attend, DMH welcomes individuals to submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/townhallcomments, fax comments to (845) 486-2829, or mail them to: Mental Health Town Hall Comments; 230 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. A moderator will follow up with a response and share the comment during the town hall, ensuring others with similar questions or concerns can benefit from the discussion.

Mental Health Town Halls Schedule:

For all events, doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the event program will begin at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Department of Mental Health, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie;

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook;

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia;

Thursday, Oct. 16 - Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

Each town hall will offer residents the

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Judith Marie ‘Judy’ Drury

Copake – Judith Marie “Judy” Drury, 76, a four-year resident of Copake, NY, formerly of Millerton, NY, died peacefully on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY, surrounded by her loving family and her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Judy worked as a therapy aide for Taconic DDSO in Wassaic, NY, prior to her retirement on February 1, 2004. She then went on to work in the Housekeeping Department at Vassar Bros. Medical Center for several years.

Born January 2, 1949 in Richford, VT, she was the daughter of the late Leo J. and Marie A. (Bean) Martel. She attended Roeliff Jansen Central School in Columbia County, NY, in her early years. Judy was an avid sports fan and she was particularly fond of the New England Patriots football team and the New York Rangers hockey team. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling to Florida, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Pennsylvania for many years. She was a longtime parishioner of Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomeko on Silver Mountain in Millerton as well.

Judy is survived by two brothers, John Martel and his wife Jane of Falls Village, CT, and Frank Martel of Ancram, NY; her sister, Susanna “Sue” Martel of Copake, NY; and three generation of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great- great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Judy was predeceased by her brother, Leo W. Martel, Sr. of Poughkeepsie, NY, and her sister, Helen J. Slater of Hillsdale, NY; her sister-in-law, Karen Martel of Ancram and a special nephew, Jacob Stickle of Copake.

A visiting hour will take place on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 2pm to 3pm at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will be held at 3pm. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, NY. A celebration of Judy’s life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, NY 12546 or American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Judy’s memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

George W. Herring

George W. Herring, 89, of the Town of LaGrange, passed away at home on August 26th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. George was born in Bayside Queens NY

on February 21st, 1936, he was the son of the late Albert J and the late Elizabeth Muller-Herring. George was a graduate of Wappingers High School. On December 3rd, 1960, at the First Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie NY George married Sondra Ange lo. She survives at home.

George was a Civil Engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation retiring in 1992.

George has been a local resident since 1950 previously of Bayside Queens NY.

George was a member of the New York State Wildcat bowling league and a member of the CSEA Union. George loved collecting coins, he was an avid Yankees fan and a big car enthusiast. He loved his 69 Camaro and his Firebird.

George is survived by his wife Sondra Herring, daughter Lisa Pensiero of Schenectady NY, daughter Georgia and son-in-law John Trott of LaGrange, his grandchildren Angela Pensiero, Madeleine, Nathaniel, Katarina Herring-Trott, great grandchildren Charlotte and Aste la Herring Trott and his sister Elizabeth Wang. He is predeceased by his brothers Frederick and Raymond.

Calling Hours were held Wednesday September 3rd, 2025, at the Timothy P Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie NY. Burial followed at Saint Peters Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in George’s name to Hospice of the Hudson Valley, 374 Violet Ave. Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

Jane Sylvia

Jane Sylvia, 66, of Staatsburg, NY, died unexpectedly at home on August 25th, 2025.

Born on July 3, 1959, in Lexington, KY, she was the daughter of Edward and Alicia Sylvia. Jane graduated from Spackenkill High School in 1978 and attended Dutchess Community College.

Jane is survived by her loving son, Dillon Neal, whom she adored. Other survivors include siblings Carolyn, Eileen and Michael as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Jean and brother Edward.

Jane enjoyed spending time with Dillon, reading, crocheting, watching the “Housewives” shows and walking the grounds of the Vanderbilt Mansion.

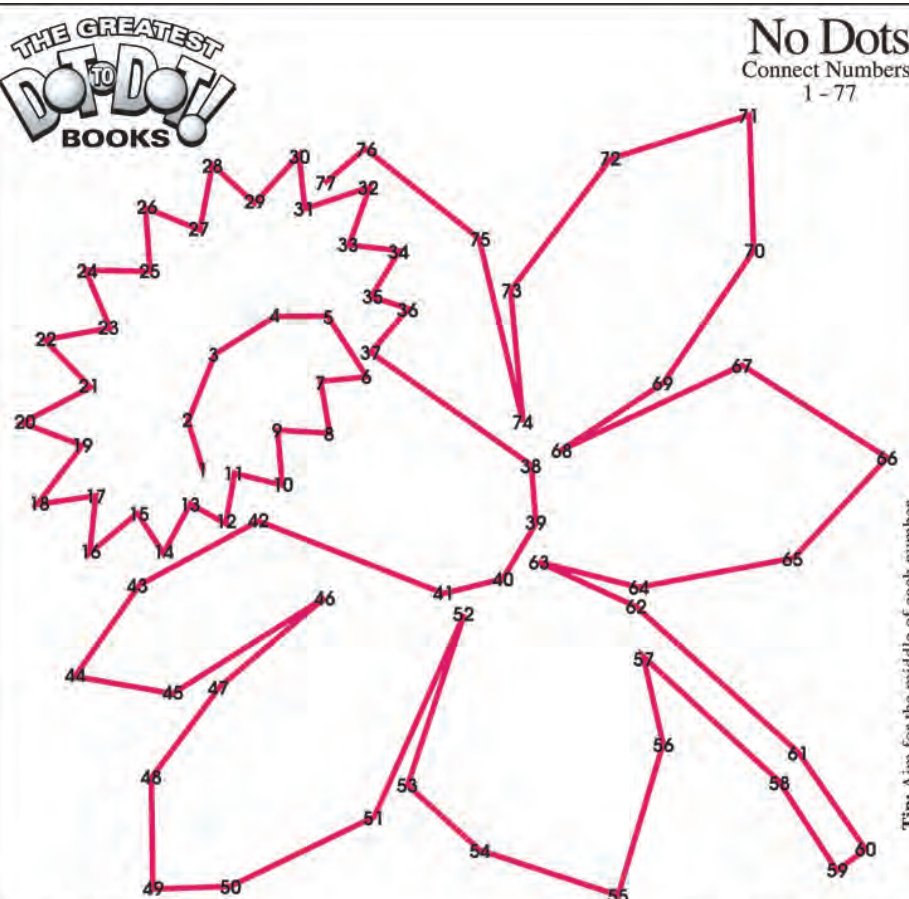
Respecting her wishes, Jane will be cremated and there will be no calling hours.

For many years, Jane struggled with her mental health and severe depression. She is now at peace. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

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

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS



No Dots
Connect Numbers:
1 – 77

Tip: Aim for the middle of each number.

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CPLR § 6343

ORI No: NY013015J

Order No: 2025-000330

Supreme Court, State of New York, County of DUTCHESS
at the Courthouse at: 10 Mart-let Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

PRESENT: Hon. Hon. Edward T McLoughlin

New York State Police

Petitioner

EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER
CPLR § 6343

vs:
Frank V Venturella Jr

Date of Birth

Case #/Index No. 2025-52452

(Check one)
☒ Ex parte
Respondent Present in Court

02/19/1992

Respondent
Date of Birth

The petitioner having filed a sworn application for the issuance of an extreme risk protection order against the respondent; and the application and any supporting documentation having been served upon the respondent; and the respondent having been given an opportunity to be heard; and a hearing having been held; and having considered the application, any supporting documentation of the petitioner, the time that has elapsed since the occurrence of such act or acts, the respondent's age at the time of the occurrence, the sworn testimony of the petitioner or respondent or both and any witnesses, and the background investigation and report submitted by the local law enforcement agency; and pursuant to the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

BASED ON TESTIMONY HEARD AT HEARING,

The Court finds that the petitioner has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent is likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to self or others as defined in MHL §9.39(a) and GRANTS the petitioner's application for an extreme risk protection order. and it is hereby;

ORDERED that any firearm, rifle or shotgun removed pursuant to a temporary extreme risk protection order shall be retained by the local law enforcement agency for the duration of this order, unless ownership of the firearm, rifle or shotgun is legally transferred by the respondent to another individual permitted by law to own and possess such firearm, rifle or shotgun, and it is further;

ORDERED that the respondent is prohibited from purchasing, possessing or attempting to purchase or possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun and shall immediately surrender any and all firearms, rifles and shotguns owned or possessed pursuant to section 530.14(5) of the criminal procedure law, and it is further;

ORDERED that, upon service of the order, the designated law enforcement agency shall request that the respondent immediately surrender all firearms, rifles and shotguns in the respondent's possession and shall conduct any search permitted by law for such firearms and shall take possession of all firearms, rifles and shotguns that are in plain sight or that are discovered pursuant to a lawful search and shall immediately notify the Court of such surrender, and it is further;

It is further ordered that the license of the person against whom this order is issued to carry, possess, repair, sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm or firearms, if any, pursuant to Penal Law §400.00, is hereby suspended and the person against whom this order is issued shall remain ineligible to receive a firearm license during the period of this order, and it is further;

☐ SEARCH ORDER (Optional: check only if applicable)

ORDERED that, pursuant to CPLR Article 63-A and consistent with the procedures set forth in Article 690 of the criminal procedure law, and upon the sworn application of the petitioner and a finding of probable cause to believe respondent possesses weapons, NYSPP shall search for firearms, rifles and shotguns in respondent's possession, and upon the seizure of any property pursuant to this search order, the executing officer must:

i. Write and subscribe a receipt itemizing the property taken and containing the name of the court by which the search order was issued. The receipt shall be provided to respondent or, where respondent is not the owner, tenant or other person in possession, to the owner, tenant or other person in possession of the property.

ii. Without unnecessary delay, return to the court the order and file with the court a written inventory of such property, subscribed and sworn by such officer.

NYSPP shall search as follows (check all that apply and provide with particularity a description of the place, premises or person to be searched):

Person: _____

Premises: _____

Vehicle(s): _____

CPLR § 6343

Form ERO-2
rev 02/25/2020

☐ The search must be made between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

☐ The court, satisfied of the existence of grounds described in CPL 690.35(4) as supported by the above described allegations of fact, authorizes that the search may be made at any time of the day or night.

The court, satisfied of the existence of grounds described in CPL 690.35(4)(b) as supported by the above described allegations of fact and that prior notice may endanger the life or safety of the executing officer or another person, authorizes the executing officer to enter the premises to be searched without notice of his or her authority or purpose.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY (Optional: check only if applicable)

Petitioner's address and other contact information is confidential and shall be redacted from any papers served upon or provided to respondent pursuant to CPLR §6342(6)(a).

Additionally, the case caption shall be amended to reflect that petitioner's name is anonymous, and petitioner's name shall be redacted from any papers served upon or provided to respondent.

Observe the following additional conditions necessary to further the purposes of protection [specify conditions]:

ORDERED that this order shall expire on 02/22/2025

Dated: 6/27/25

TAKE NOTICE:

The respondent may submit one written request during the effective period of this order for a hearing setting aside any portion of the order.

Upon expiration of this extreme risk protection order:

- All records of these proceedings shall be sealed pursuant to CPLR § 6346(1) and made unavailable to any person or public or private entity, except that the records shall be made available to (a) the respondent or the respondent's designated agent, (b) courts in the unified court system, (c) police agencies responsible for enforcing general criminal laws of the state, (d) any state or local officer responsible for issuing licenses to possess firearms, rifles or shotguns when the respondent makes an application for such license, or (e) any prospective employer of a police or peace officer in relation to an application by the respondent for employment as a police or peace officer.
- Any prohibitors to purchasing or possessing firearms, rifles or shotguns imposed by this order shall be lifted unless the extreme risk protection order is renewed pursuant to CPLR § 6345.

Check Applicable Box(es):
Party against whom order was issued was advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order
Order personally served in Court, upon party against whom order was issued
Service directed by other means (specify): a n y l a w e n f o r c e m e n t a g e n c y
Additional service information (specify):
The Court, having notice of the fact that the respondent is a patient in a certified Office of Mental Health (OMH) facility on the date of this order, hereby authorizes service upon the respondent at such facility pursuant to 14 NYCRR 22.2.

CC: D u t c h e s s C o u n t y S h e r i f f ' s O f f i c e

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
NYSPP

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025, ENTITLED "TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW" FOR PURPOSES OF COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town

Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on September 15, 2025 at 7:05 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law L of 2025, Entitled "Town of Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance Law" for Purposes of Commencing the Local Law Adoption Process.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk

of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to

be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.
Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York August 28, 2025
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025
BE IT ENACTED by

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the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:
PART 1. TITLE.
This local law shall be known as the "Town of Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance Law".
PART 2. AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE
Part II of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code is hereby amended to add a new Part II, Chapter 97 entitled: "Property Maintenance".
§97-1 AUTHORITY; FINDINGS; PURPOSE AND INTENT.
A. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law to provide for the health, safety, appearance and general welfare of the public, the residents of the Town of Pleasant Valley, and the owners of real property located within the Town of Pleasant Valley.
B. The Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby finds that properties which are not properly maintained and repaired constitute a public nuisance since they may serve as an attractive nuisance, may result in injuries therein, may be a point of congregation by vagrants and transients, may attract rodents or insects and may also attract illegal drug activity. The Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley further finds that properties which are not adequately maintained and repaired tend to diminish or lessen the appearance thereof or detract from the appearance of adjoining properties, which may lead to the progressive deterioration of a neighborhood. It is further found and declared that if the same are not curtailed and removed, the aforesaid conditions will grow and spread and will necessitate in time the expenditure of large amounts of public funds to correct and eliminate the same, and that by reason of the regulations and restrictions as herein contained, the growth of blight may be prevented, the desirability and amenities of neighborhoods enhanced and the public health, safety and welfare protected and fostered.
C. The purpose and intent of this Local Law is to provide a method whereby properties within the Town are properly maintained and landscaped, properly repaired, kept clean, and kept free from vermin, nuisances, hazards, debris and litter which negatively impact their appearance.
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APPLICABILITY.
A. This Local Law applies to the following properties:
(1) All lots, plots or parcels of land on which residential, nonresidential or mixed-use buildings are located, regardless of whether they are vacant, unoccupied or abandoned.
(2) Principal and accessory buildings and structures used for or intended to be used for residential, nonresidential or mixed uses or occupancies, regardless of whether they are vacant, unoccupied or abandoned.
B. Every building, structure or use, and the premises on which it is situated located in the Town of Pleasant Valley, which is used or developed for intended use for residential, nonresidential or mixed-use occupancy shall be maintained in compliance with the provisions of this Local Law. Whether or not it shall have been established, constructed, altered or repaired before or after the enactment of this Local Law, and irrespective of any permits or licenses which shall have been issued for the use or occupancy of the buildings structures or premises, or for the installation or equipment or facilities, or for the installation or repair of accessory structures and improvements, prior to the effective date of this Local Law.
C. This Local Law establishes minimum standards for the initial and continued occupancy and use and for the maintenance of all such buildings, structures or uses, and the premises on which they are situated, and does not replace or modify standards otherwise established for their construction, repair, alteration or use for the equipment or facilities contained therein.
D. The provisions of this Local Law shall supplement the Zoning Law, the local laws, codes and regulations of the Town of Pleasant Valley and the Property and Maintenance Code of New York State. When a provision of this Local Law is found to be inconsistent with any provision of any other local law, code or regulation of the Town or State, the provision or requirement which is the more restrictive or which establishes the higher standard shall prevail. A greater penalty shall not be considered as more restrictive or a higher standard.
E. After the date of enactment hereof, all licenses, permits, and approvals of any

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agency or board of the Town shall be issued conditionally upon compliance with this Local Law as well as compliance with the local law, code or regulation under which such license, permit or approval is granted.
F. No license, permit, approval, or other certification of compliance with this local law shall constitute a defense against any violation of any other local law, code or regulation of the Town of Pleasant Valley applicable to any structure or premises, nor shall any provision herein relieve any owner or operator from complying with any such other provision or with the order of any official of the Town.
§97-3. DEFINITIONS
As used in this local law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: DEBRIS—All materials resulting from the construction, excavation, renovation, equipping, remodeling, repair or demolition of structures, property or roads, or resulting from the preparation thereof (including unenclosed storage on a residential property of construction materials for which no building permit has been issued), as well as materials consisting of vegetation resulting from land clearing and grubbing, utility line maintenance and seasonal and storm related cleanup, except when such materials are organized in piles or structures for purposes of composting. Such materials include, but are not limited to, bricks, concrete, and other masonry material, soil, rock, wood, wall coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, nonasbestos insulation, roofing shingles, asphaltic pavement, glass, window frames, electrical wiring and components, plastics, carpeting, foam padding, linoleum, metals, or any combination thereof which are incidental to construction, excavation, renovation, equipping, remodeling, repair, or demolition.
GARBAGE—All putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from growing, processing, marketing, and preparation of food items, including the containers in which they are packaged, except when such wastes are organized in piles or structures for purposes of composting.
JUNKED VEHICLE—Any motor vehicle which is either unreg-

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istered, uninspected, dismantled (in whole or in part), in a wrecked condition, or in such condition or state of disrepair that such vehicle cannot be registered immediately without extensive repair or for which the cost of repair exceeds the book value of the motor vehicle. Lack of a license plate or the incorrect license plate affixed to a motor vehicle shall be presumptive evidence that the vehicle is unregistered.

PROPERTY OWNER — Any person, individual, business, partnership, firm, corporation whose name is listed as grantee on the last deed of record for the property recorded with the Dutchess County Clerk.

RUBBISH — All discarded or worthless nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, including but not limited to paper and paper products, rags, wrappings, cardboard, tin cans, wood, glass, metals, plastics, tires, bedding, cloth, crockery, furniture, appliances, and similar items.

TENANT — An individual who leases, uses or occupies a rental property.

§ 97-4. STANDARDS. No property owner, tenant, or agent thereof, shall cause, permit, or allow any of the following standards to be violated:

A. All landscaping shall be maintained so that lawns, hedges, bushes and trees are not overgrown, constituting an unsafe condition or blight.

B. All properties shall be maintained free and clear of all garbage, rubbish, and debris. Such refuse shall be kept inside the building or buildings on the property, inside a structure screening the refuse from neighbors and the public, or in a container complying with Chapter 57-6 of this Code, and shall be regularly collected and removed from the property.

C. A junked vehicle shall not be parked or stored in the open, but shall only be parked or stored inside a building or inside a structure screening the vehicle from neighbors and the public, unless the vehicle is permitted to be in an unenclosed area pursuant to a special use permit and site plan approval issued by the Planning Board.

§ 97-5. EXCEPTIONS. Section 97-4(c) of this chapter shall not apply

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to a property licensed as a auto salvage yard, junkyard or motor vehicle repair shop pursuant to Articles 62, 98-34 or 98-38 of the Code.

§ 97-6. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES. A violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a violation punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not to exceed 15 days, or both. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

§ 97-7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY

A. Authority to remove. In the event that the property owner, tenant, or the person in control of a property shall fail to comply with the standards enumerated in § 97-4, the Town shall have the authority to enter upon such property to bring the property into conformance with those standards, to assess the cost and expense of such action against the property and to establish a lien pursuant to § 97-7(H) herein.

B. Inspection and report. The Building Inspector, or such other official of the Town as may be designated by the Town Board, upon notification by any official or employee of the Town that a property appears to be in violation of any standard enumerated in § 97-4, shall make an inspection thereof and report his or her findings to the Town Board.

C. Notice. If the report required under § 97-7(B) substantiates that a standard has in fact been violated, the Town Board may adopt a resolution requiring that notice be served on the property owner and also requiring that the notice be conspicuously posted on the property.

D. Contents of notice. The notice shall contain the address and Dutchess County Tax Map number of the property, a statement of the condition of the property and the standard(s) which have been violated, and an order requiring that the property be brought into full compliance with the standards enumerated in § 97-4. The notice shall specify that the owner has 30 days after service thereof within which the owner served with such notice shall bring the property into full compliance with the standards enumerated in § 97-4. The notice shall further state the time and place of a public hearing to be held to determine whether the property is in compliance with the stan-

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dards enumerated in § 97-4. The notice shall further state that, after the public hearing, if the property is determined by the Town Board not to be in compliance with the standards enumerated in § 97-4 the Town Board may undertake to enter upon the property, bring the property into compliance with standards enunciated in § 97-4, and assess the cost of such remediation against the property.

E. Service of notice. The notice shall be served on the property owner by certified mail to the address as appears on the most recent Town of Pleasant Valley tax rolls and by posting of the notice on the property.

F. Public hearing. The public hearing shall be scheduled for a regularly scheduled or special Town Board meeting after the thirty-day period stated in the notice is set to expire.

G. Failure to comply. After the public hearing is closed and the property owner fails to bring the property into compliance with the standards enumerated in § 97-4, the Town Board may adopt a resolution authorizing entrance upon the property in order to bring the property into compliance with the standards of this chapter and provide for the costs incurred.

H. Assessment of costs and expenses. All costs and expenses incurred by the Town in connection with bringing a property into compliance with the standards enumerated in § 97-4 shall be assessed against the property. The total costs and expenses shall be determined by the Town Board and shall be reported to the Assessor of the Town as an amount to be levied and assessed against the property, and the expense so assessed shall constitute a lien and charge on the property on which it is levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges.

PART 3. EMERGENCIES

Whenever the Building Inspector or Zoning Enforcement Officer, at any state of the proceedings instituted under the provisions of this local law, finds that a violation exists which, in his or her opinion, requires immediate action to abate a direct hazard or immediate danger to the health, safety or welfare of the occu-

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pants of a building or the public, he or she may, without prior notice or hearing, issue an order citing the violation and directing that such action be taken as necessary to immediately remove or abate the hazard or danger. Such order may include an order to vacate. Notwithstanding any other provision of this local law, such an order shall be effective immediately upon service and shall be complied with immediately or as otherwise provided.

PART 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

PART 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall become effective immediately upon its filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 2025-51502 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAFACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs JAMIE ALFARO, CHRISTIE ALFARO, STATE FARM BANK, F.S.B., FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, DUTCHESS COUNTY CLERK, UNIFUND CCR, LLC JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s).

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 27 Gretna Woods Road Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after

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the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Fremont Investment & Loan Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of June, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro dated the November 3, 2006, to secure the sum of \$340,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 01 2006 18383 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk on November 8, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 14, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01 2010 2331A. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by Jamie Alfaro and Christie Alfaro on August 26, 2017 and recorded September 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 01-2017-6459 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 4, 2025 and recorded on February 7, 2025, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2025-50123A. The property in question is described as follows: 27 Gretna Woods Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure

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proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 29, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86819

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-37-25

Event Equipment for Veterans Affairs

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of September 2025 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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bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-41-25

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Scanning of Annual Tax Rolls and Other Document Imaging Projects

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-38-25

Overnight Respite Services

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We’ve all been there: There’s things that need doing, but your favorite animal companion is curled up with you. You’ve got your coffee and it’s just right. And you’re watching every single episode of Star Trek. And besides, it’s raining. How could you possibly find time to volunteer? At the Office for the Aging, we have volunteering options for everyone. For prospective volunteers who are pressed for time, our “Friendly Calls” program requires only an hour of initial orientation for volunteer callers, at our Poughkeepsie headquarters. The rest can be done from home, or anywhere else your phone gets a signal. It’s an eight-week series of once-a-week calls to an older Dutchess resident at risk of loneliness. The calls typically last 20-30 minutes. And if you’d prefer to receive a “Friendly Call” from a volunteer, OFA can arrange that as well.

See more at dutchessny.gov/friendly-calls or call 845-486-2555.

When your get-up-and-go got-up-and-went

The “social battery” can run low even for people who seem to be overflowing with energy. We know volunteers give their time for free, and we want them to find the most fulfilling volunteering options at OFA. To make choosing an option easier, ask yourself this: What are my strengths? How do I like to use my time? What do I do well? This will help you narrow down your choices to the ones that play to your strengths.

Visit dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer for a more detailed look at the options. If you want to spend only Tuesday mornings volunteering with us, for instance, that’s fine.

MEDICARE SEASON IS (ANOTHER) SCAM SEASON

You may already know that skillful scammers tailor their attempts to steal your money to what’s in the news; and what’ll be in the news for older adults this fall is the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period from October 15th to December 7th. Sure as night follows day, the scammers will start churning out their fraud.

Here are seven ways they’ll try to trick us:

1. “You need a new Medicare card”

Scam callers pretend to be representatives of Medicare. They’re trying to trick you into giving them personal details like your Medicare ID or Social Security number, which they can use to steal your identity and file fraudulent insurance claims in your name. Medicare does NOT call you, unless you’ve already asked them to.

If you can’t find your Medicare card, call 800-633-4227 to get a new one mailed to you, or use your medicare.gov account to print one for yourself.

One more thing about your Medicare card: you don’t need it in your wallet every day. Bring it with you to medical appointments; otherwise, keep it at home

in a safe place.

2. “Your benefits are cancelled”

No, they’re not. The scammer is trying to scare you and trick you into giving up personal information. Stay calm and do not give them any information. You can call Medicare directly to check your coverage status.

3. “We need your Social Security number”

No, they don’t, because they’re scammers.

4. “You can get money for medical expenses”

If somebody you don’t know contacts you out of the blue with a claim that you’ve overpaid for services and qualify for a rebate ... that’s a scam.

5. “Free” equipment or medical tests

If it sounds too good to be true, it’s a scam. Legitimate insurance agents are forbidden by federal law from even using the word “free” in their sales.

6. What’s this on my porch?

If an unexpected delivery of medical equipment arrived at your home, especially if it doesn’t look like anything you’ve been prescribed, report it as an attempted scam. Do not sign for the delivery.

7. Read every medicare summary notice

Check the claims listed on every Medicare Summary Notice you receive, and check that it matches up with the medications and services you have received. If somebody billed Medicare under your ID for equipment you don’t use, your doctor didn’t prescribe, at a facility thousands of miles away? That’s a scam. Report it.

A real-life example of a Medicare scam

This year, a gentleman in Pawling asked us about a curious pattern of Medicare claims. Somebody had been filing claims using his Medicare ID for large quantities of catheters. He did not need these, nor did his doctor prescribe them, so he reported the claims to Medicare as a likely scam. Which it was.

Earlier this year, the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) reported the arrest of 324 suspects from as far away as Estonia in catheter-claims fraud totaling \$10.6 billion. DOJ added that Medicare had been able to stop payment on most of the fraudulent claims.

OFA PROM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The annual OFA “Masquerade Ball” Senior Prom takes place on Monday, October 20th, from noon to 4 pm, at Villa Borghese, 70 Widmer Rd. in Wappinger.

The prom begins with a sit-down lunch, then the full Bob Martinson Band will keep the dance floor packed for the rest of the afternoon. The prom is presented with vital support from The Pines at Poughkeepsie.

Prom reservations are now open and are \$20 per person. The registration deadline is Friday, October 10th, or until the event reaches capacity, whichever comes first. The prom sells out every year!

Need the sign-up form? It’s at www.dutchessny.gov/prom. For those of

you who organize group trips, there’s a page where you can list everybody in your group. Those who are planning to attend the prom as part of a group should send their payment in together.

Not online? Paper forms will be available in the upcoming Fall 2025 issue of our THRIVE60+ newsletter, due out later this month. They’re also available at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie (location in next paragraph).

Payment (cash, check or money order only) can be mailed, or hand-delivered during business hours, to Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

GOLDEN GATHERING RETURNS SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

The scenario: you’ve got one day to gather as much information as you can about aging services in Dutchess County. That one day is coming up on Saturday, September 27th, from 10 am to 1 pm. It’s the annual Golden Gathering for older adults, and it’s happening at Arlington High School at 1157 NY 55 in LaGrangeville. No RSVP is required.

It’s presented by County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, along with New York State Senators Michelle Hinchey and Rob Rolison, with support from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust.

The Golden Gathering is the single largest annual event of its kind in Dutchess County, and it’s continuing to grow. More than 70 exhibitors from various organizations and service providers will offer information on topics ranging from health care and financial services to housing options, legal advice and more.

Representatives from OFA and other Dutchess County Government and New York State departments and divisions will also be on hand to inform residents about how they serve the community every day.

The Golden Gathering includes health screenings, entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and dozens of informational tables geared toward the interests and needs of area older adults, their families and caregivers.

Flu shots will be available at the Golden Gathering while supplies last. If you plan on getting a flu shot, bring your insurance card.

Contact OFA if you are available to volunteer at the Golden Gathering.

OFA HONORS VOLUNTEERS

Forgive us if you’ve heard us say this before, but we really could not accomplish all we do at OFA without hundreds of volunteers. We took some time this week to honor our volunteers this past week in Hyde Park, from our health insurance counseling, clerical, OFA Picnic, exercise programs and more.

We also honor our volunteer Home Delivered Meals drivers and Friendship Center helpers at events year-round throughout the County.

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The Rebuilding Day program takes a whole-house approach. Typical repairs can include replacing a roof or windows, addressing electrical or plumbing issues, fixing a porch, installing a ramp, bathroom accessibility modifications, and much more. “We know there are residents out there silently struggling with critical home repairs for their safety and this is our chance to reach them,” said Darcy McCourt, Executive Director of RTHV. “But time is limited – we urge anyone who might qualify, or who knows someone in need, to apply before the September 30 deadline. In performing these types of repairs, RTHV helps ensure that homeowners can live in a safe and healthy home for as long as they choose to stay there.”

To request an application or inquire about RTHV programs, call (845) 454-7310. The application and further details can also be found at RTHudsonvalley.org.