

COMMUNITY DAY ACTIVITIES ABOUND IN COUNTY



Fire engines, like this antique from the Millbrook Fire Department, will take special spots in the annual Pleasant Valley Weekend parade on Sunday, Sept 21. Photo by Jim Donick

Musical performances top
Hardscrabble Day in Red Hook



Dirty Mae is an indie folk music band that bills itself as “New York City’s hottest neo-vaudeville cabaret band.” Dirty Mae will lead the Hardscrabble musical performances at 5 p.m. Saturday in Red Hook. Courtesy photo

PV promises ‘amazing’
set of activities

By Jim Donick

The annual celebration of life and community in Pleasant Valley, the Pleasant Valley Weekend, will take place beginning on Friday, Sept. 19, running through Sunday the 21st. The committee promises the “PV Weekend is going to be AMAZING this year!”

The plan offers “something for everyone” at some point during the weekend. The organizers note “We’ve got a packed schedule full of family fun, live entertainment, and community spirit.”

Absent from the event this year is the ever popular Rotary Club beer tent and their ever popular and hotly-contested Duck Race on the Wappingers Creek. Rotary President Kathy Kruger notes that “We would love to have been back, but the planning horizon this year made participation impracticable.”

The weekend kicks off Friday evening with a car show and a movie night. The film being shown is “Cars” and the showing will be accompanied by free popcorn and free cotton candy.

Saturday will be the biggest day of the weekend in terms of activities. The plans

include a rock wall for climbing, a fast growing sport. There will be jousting and axe throwing for excitement. Children will be treated to Bounce Houses and a magician to feed their imaginations. For everyone, there will be a line dancing session complete with coaching for those new to the activity.

Country star singer and songwriter Jessica Lynn will provide a special performance including a number of her own songs. The day’s excitement will be capped off with fireworks.

Sunday brings the traditional Pleasant

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By Alexander Tsahalís

The word Hardscrabble can be defined as a barren place. Red Hook’s annual Hardscrabble Day, however, is anything but barren.

Hardscrabble Day will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 20, with the main celebrations happening in the center of the village. For more information and to see the entire schedule, go to <https://hardscrableday.org>.

Hardscrabble Day is part music festi-

val and part community day and has events for every age range. Hardscrabble officially starts at 10 a.m. in the municipal lot with KidScrabble, which has activities for younger kids and features a Touch-A-Truck display. If you’ve got a kid that loves books, there will also be a reading circle with story time every 20 minutes starting at 10:20. The stories will be read by librarians and the Mayor of Red Hook, Karen Smythe.

KidScrabble comes to an end at noon

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Pumpkins, desserts and ex-NFL
player highlight Millbrook events



A fall-themed Dessert Contest will be one of the highlights of Millbrook Community Day, set Saturday, Sept. 20 in the village. Courtesy photo

By Alexander Tsahalís

Have you ever wanted to meet an ex-NFL player that sacked Tom Brady, paint a pumpkin and visit a farmers market all in one day? If so, Millbrook’s 2025 Community Day is the place for you.

Millbrook Community Day is Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is organized by the Millbrook Business Association.

Community Day starts off at 9 a.m. with the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market. The farmers market will feature local farms with fresh produce, local eateries and other culinary experiences, and items made by local craftsmen. The farmers market will run until 1 p.m., although some vendors may be there until

3 p.m.

There are several competitions happening around town as well. If you want to get in the Halloween spirit, check out the scarecrow competition. If you’re an up-and-coming food critic, there’s also a Dessert Contest. The competition has a fall theme and contestants are encouraged to use spices such as cinnamon to make their dishes feel warm and cozy. All entries will be made from scratch as per the rules.

At the other end of the road is the Millbrook Library.

“The library and the farmers market really anchor Community Day on both ends of Franklin Avenue,” says Michelle Del Valle, a member of the Community

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Where we were NOT and what we must do to honor the fallen



Clockwise from top left, flags are lowered during the ceremony. Officers and speakers gather after the ceremony. County Executive Sue Serino and Dutchess County Family Court Judge Tracy MacKenzie address those in attendance. Oliver Mackson of Bugles Across America plays Taps. Desiree S. King - CASA/MHA Dutchess County sings the Stars Spangled Banner. Rev. Dr. Edward Hunt of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church offers a prayer for the community. Family Court Judge Jeffrey Martin offers remarks. Photos by Curtis Schmidt and courtesy photo



By Curtis Schmidt

Jeffrey C. Martin, Family Court Judge/Acting Supreme Court Justice Dutchess County concentrated on several poignant points during his remarks at the county's 24th 9-11 Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11.

In response to the "Where were you? What were you doing?" thoughts of many, Martin offered "Where we were NOT (on Sept. 11)." To honor, and to gather and to cherish are noble gestures, but Martin said, "We can do more, we must do more." And in regard to different cultures, different races, different ideas, different opinions, or different politics that, together, represent the best of who we once were as a country, he said "We need to find that spirit again."

Where we were not

- "We were not on that plane that passed above the Hudson River, not far from here as it traveled to its doom when it collided into the tower.
- "We did not experience the terror of the passengers after they learned that their plane was hijacked.
- "We did not see the faces of the parents who were left to clutch their children for dear life as the plane sailed to annihilation.
- "We could not help the frightened passenger who sat alone in the plane with no one to comfort them, no one to talk with, no one to call, and no one to hold onto when they took their last breath.
- "We were not a passenger on flight 93 in Pennsylvania, whose passengers fought bravely and unselfishly to prevent

collateral death and damage far greater than the self-sacrifice they made when they must have known that their actions guaranteed a swifter and frightening death.

- "We were not at the Pentagon looking out the window when a plane was flying directly at them, knowing that there was nowhere to go, no place to run, and no place to hide.
- "We were not in the tallest sections of the twin towers, trapped in an area of increasing smoke, fire, heat, and despair.
- "We were not forced to determine our choice of death - by smoke, fire, or by jumping.
- "We were not wearing the heavy fire-fighters gear as they bravely raced up the stairs and into eternity.
- "We were not with the court officers who rushed into the buildings to assist without thinking for a second that their time was very limited.
- "We were not confronted with the agonizing decision to place one final call to a loved one, sensing that this would be the last time, the very last time, that any earthly communication would be possible before the inevitable end would occur."

We can do more; We must do more

- "We must use our voices to speak out against chaos, inequality, prejudice, and evil.
- "We must organize and mobilize to fight against evil.
- "We must educate to prevent ignorance.
- "We must learn to accept each other, to be nonjudgmental, to embrace our mutual desire to live happily and with

longevity without fear of reprisal, judgment, or rejection.

- "We must understand that the differences between us are far outweighed by our similarities.
- "We must be worthy to carry the legacy of the lives lost on 9-11 to future generations in a manner that does not cause a repeat of this tragedy.
- "We must learn, to relearn, how to love each other. There is no greater energy than love.
- "We must learn to harness this energy to improve the greater good.

"Each precious soul who died on 9-11, or in its aftermath, and who are still dying from illnesses related to 9-11, has a story to tell. Each story is different, each story is unique, and yet, when combined, they form a mosaic of different cultures, different races, different ideas, different opinions, or different politics that, together, represent the best of who we once were as a country.

We need to find that spirit again

"To honor the memories of the fallen, may we - as a society - work with each other, instead of against each other, to help each other be the best we can be. We owe that to the victims. We owe that to their survivors and we owe that to their families.

"We owe that to each other. Choose forgiveness. Choose patience. Choose kindness. Choose love.

"Within the trials and tribulations of life, find joy, choose joy, live our lives as the victims wished they could have lived theirs.

"We owe that to them. We owe that to ourselves and we owe that to our nation."

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A variety of school and non-profit organizations and businesses will have booths at Millbrook Community Day. *Courtesy photos*



Day Committee.

The library starts its events at 10 a.m. with a bounce house and a sensory lab on the library lawn. At noon, the library will start its pumpkin painting. While supplies last, anyone can get in the fall spirit by decorating a pumpkin. Also starting at noon is Hudson Hatchet. If you've ever wanted to throw axes, this is your chance.

They'll be there until 2 p.m.

If you're a sports fan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9008 will have a meet-and-greet with Super Bowl winner Jay Alford in front of the Millbrook Deli. He will be signing autographs and taking photos for \$10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Vendor Market set Saturday at Hackett Farm Supply

Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners will be hosting its first annual Vendor Market on Saturday, Sept. 20 and again on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

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.

The Vendor Markets are free and open to the public. Hackett Farm Supply is located at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, just off the Taconic Parkway. Call 845-266-3494 for more information.

Hinchey introduces Vaccine Integrity Act

ALBANY, NY – Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D, 41st District) has introduced the Vaccine Integrity Act (VIA), new legislation that would authorize New York to follow state-level vaccine guidance, to protect residents from infectious diseases. She announced the bill, which is currently in the Senate Rules committee, in the following press release.

"The Vaccine Integrity Act will give New York the power to act immediately in establishing a state-level process for reliable public health guidance, so that we can protect our people as the federal administration deals in falsehoods and conspiracies over science," said Hinchey. "The Trump administration has decimated one of our nation's most trusted sources of public health policy, firing the experts whose work on vaccines has prevented deadly outbreaks, kept children safe in their classrooms, and eased the burden on local hospitals. Our legislation will be among the first we prioritize this session in the NYS Senate, so that all New Yorkers have the resources to protect themselves and their families from federal disinformation that will undoubtedly cause preventable disease across our country."

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has guided the nation's vaccine policies for decades. Formed in the 1960s as vaccines for polio and measles became available, the committee was made up of medical and public health experts, including specialists in children's health. Its role is to review vaccines and make recommendations to keep the public safe. ACIP's guidance helps set the national vaccine schedule, drive state and local public health policy, and influence

which vaccines insurers and the federal government will cover, including for children from low-income backgrounds.

Recently, ACIP has undergone an unprecedented political purge. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an anti-vaccine activist, removed all 17 members and replaced them with eight new appointees with varying professional backgrounds, some of whom have promoted vaccine misinformation and health conspiracies.

In New York, the Vaccine Integrity Act (S8496A-Hinchey) would allow the New York State Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to authorize immunizations based on guidance from two existing expert bodies in New York, or an interstate advisory council on vaccines in the event New York joins one, in addition to the federal ACIP.

State-level guidance would come from the Immunization Advisory Council (IAC), which includes pediatric, epidemiology, and public health professionals, and the 21st Century Disease Elimination Workgroup, which combines IAC members with staff from the state Department of Health's immunization division.

Health plans would also be required to cover any vaccines recommended by these state or interstate organizations, as they are currently required by law to cover any ACIP recommendations. This approach expands New York's ability to respond to outbreaks like Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Mpox, and other emerging public health threats without relying solely on a federal panel that may be unable to perform its historical role.



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Trump's toxic leadership

To the editor:
Near our neighborhood is a yard sign with the message “Common Sense, an American Flag picture, and Vote Republican.” My yard sign: “An Old man (95) still lives here who believes in DEMOCRACY” includes our American flag. Is this democracy at work on the local level, but on the national level dictatorship in action? I lived through the great 1930s depression and the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf wars with relatives serving in all.
Trump is a mentally impaired leader with Toxic Leadership that is infecting and causing the destruction of American democracy. Sheila Robinson-Kiss Psychology Today article (9/19/20) calls toxic leadership “slow, stifling and painful – extremely destructive.” “A Healthy leader creates cultures where teams flourish and energies are freed up to help growth.” Leaders don’t inflict pain - they share pain.
The article pointed out that mentally compromised leaders (like Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler) shared a dangerous characteristic: support from followers (refer MAGA) who empowered their cruel, dysfunctional and often sadistic leadership.
From these years I remember two quotes: Franklin Roosevelt’s “The only thing we have to Fear is Fear itself” and Ronald Reagan’s “Trust but verify.” How do we reconcile:
1. Trust in a man that told 30,753 false or misleading statements during his first presidency (Washington Post) and started his second 100 days with 100 more (CNN).
2. A draft-dodging, narcissist who said “I run the country and the World (4/28/25). Talks territorial expansion over the Panama Canal, Greenland and Canada. Renames Dept. of Defense to “Dept of War.”
3. Trump uses false pretext “alleged High Crime” to use Martial law for a power grab to take over local police function (Washington D.C.) and threatens other cities. His “war on crime” is more a “war” on Democratic locations not high on lists of violent crime.
4. A convicted sexual abuser protecting other abusers by refusing turnover of sex abuser Epstein files.
5. A self-proclaimed “peace maker” solution who blames Ukraine for starting the war that Putin started by taking Crimea, and offers Putin part of remaining Ukraine. His Palestine solution - America take over the Gaza strip to develop a “Riviera of the Middle East,” and send all the Palestinians to Jordan and Egypt – no mention of a two state solution.
6. Trump’s tax bill gives 60% of tax cuts to wealthiest 20% of households; bottom 20% who make about \$35,000 get less than 1% or about \$160 (Tax Policy Center). Trump’s tariff wars between 6/20 to 6/27 caused a \$6 Trillion loss that enriched the wealthy with cheaper stock purchases.

David F. Queen
Red Hook

Disagrees with appointment process in Hyde Park

To the editor:
The recent actions by the Hyde Park Town Board in response to Councilman John Lombardi’s resignation should concern all Town residents. At its August 11 meeting, the Republican majority passed Resolution 8:11-3 of 2025 that stated “Whereas the Town Board has reviewed applicants to fill the position of Town Board member for Ward 3.....and determined that Gregory Campus is the best qualified person to fill the position.....until December 31, 2025.”
In fact, the Town Board never interviewed applicants or conducted an open process with public notice of the vacancy.

Instead, in a partisan power play, the Republican majority appointed Campus to create the appearance of incumbency for the upcoming election. The lone Democratic Board member had no advance notice or participation in the appointment process. After this political maneuver was accomplished, the Republican majority appointed Lombardi as a Legislative Aide to the Supervisor at a salary of \$21,840 — over twice the salary of a Town Board member.
The town board admitted during the meeting that Campus was endorsed at the Republican caucus. However, this is not the same as a formal interview process, so the board is deceiving the public. I did speak to Marc Prine, the councilman for Ward 1 before the meeting and he said that he had no prior knowledge of Campus being appointed. Additionally, other municipalities such as the City of Poughkeepsie handled a similar situation much differently. When the City of Poughkeepsie had a resignation, they informed the public and interviewed interested candidates.
The Republican majority’s blatantly political move was carried out at the expense of a transparent selection process for the Ward 3 replacement. This is why so many people are turned off by politics at all levels.

Paul Donnelly
Hyde Park

The damage of federal education budget cuts

To the editor:
As your readers perhaps know, the Trump Administration has proposed not only the elimination of the federal Department of Education, but also some seriously Draconian cuts to the education budgets which fund vital programs for our neediest students, Title I (Educational Opportunities for Disadvantaged Students), Title II (Teacher Recruitment and Professional Development), Title IV (Support services such as 21st Century Community Learning Centers), English Language Acquisition programs, and Arts Education Funding.
Readers would be well advised to familiarize themselves with the potential damage these cuts will inflict on public education precisely at this time, when we need to invest in outcomes - such as the Regents’ “Portrait of a Graduate” - which prepare all students for post-secondary career and civic success.
Fortunately, as New Yorkers, at least here in the 18th congressional district, we are represented in Washington by public servants both aware of and dedicated to the needs of public education. Over the past month I have joined fellow members of the New York State School Boards Association in conversation with Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Pat Ryan, both of whom are working diligently to persuade the Senate and House to reject the President’s efforts to gut public education (sadly endorsed by indifferent majorities in both houses).
Certainly there are shortcomings in the equitable delivery of public education across the state and nation. Nevertheless, over the years, from “A Nation at Risk” to “Every Student Succeeds,” federal policies and subsidies have helped level the playing field, address inequities, and provide pathways to post-secondary and workforce readiness for all.
I encourage readers to share with Senator Schumer and Rep. Ryan your own stories of the need for, and impact of, federal education funding on our children's health, welfare, and learning, as they in turn seek to persuade their Beltway colleagues to maintain this crucial investment in future generations.

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Red Hook's Rifenburg scores 1,000th career assist in sweep of Marlboro

By Morgan E. Maier

Not only did the Red Hook High Raiders sweep their match against Marlboro on Sept. 9, but Sandhya Rifenburg also notched a milestone.

Rifenburg's 1,000th career assist came during a dominant team performance against Marlboro, as the Red Hook volleyball team earned their first season win on the Dukes' hardwood.

Rifenburg is a dual threat, producing as a libero and setter for the Red Hook program over her varsity career. Against the Dukes, the reigning section champs won three straight sets, 25-22, 25-18, 25-22.

Arlington tops Hendrick Hudson - The Sept. 11 matchup marked the beginning of an exciting four-set matchup between Arlington and Hendrick Hudson volleyball teams. In a decisive win-by-two first set, Arlington prevailed 30-28. The Admirals then won the second set, 25-18. Hendrick Hudson captured the third set 25-20, before Arlington secured a match victory with the same score.

For the home Admirals, junior Amelia Giorgio had nine digs, 13 assists, and 12 kills. Aubrie Bendarski had seven assists and six kills. The sophomore class was dominant, with Avery Cunningham and Stella Mahon tallying six and seven kills respectively. Caroline Urso was a top server, with four aces to go along with eight kills and seven digs. Arlington will close out the upcoming three-match week with a home contest against Suffern on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Football

FDR turns back Valley Central - In high school football, Valley Central's Vikings came to Hyde Park looking to pillage the Presidents' home. Roosevelt answered the attack, and Coach Addison Barger's crew came away with the 21-9 win in Week 2.

In the Presidents' home debut, they eclipsed their season opener yardage, coming away with 329 all-purpose yards. A chunk of them came on the rush, as the Vikings couldn't keep up with the Presidents' push. Though VC came away with two fumble recoveries, Roosevelt's pair of rushing touchdowns proved the difference. Said Kakish threw for 220 yards and a touchdown, connecting with Hudson Stehle for the score. Trace Simmons scored both rushing touchdowns, ending his night with 71 yards.

Roosevelt opens league play at home on Saturday, Sept. 20, kicking off against the Washingtonville Wizards at 1 p.m.

Soccer

Rhinebeck girls, boys outscore Millbrook 10-2 - In hardly 24 hours, both Rhinebeck Hawks soccer programs captured statement wins. Millbrook was twice on the receiving end. The girls' team secured a one-goal victory over the Blazers on Sept. 10.

A day later, the boys' team handed the Blazers a second 7-0 loss on the season. Four second half goals turned a dominant performance into a no-doubt victory. With a 1-1 tie with Onteora to follow on September 12, the Hawks extended their unbeaten streak to three games. Of the four games on Rhinebeck's slate this week, the September 19 rematch at Millbrook marks the lone league contest. Rhinebeck girls top Millbrook - Lilly Kozera scored twice for the Blazers, with Abby McEnroe feeding two assists. Millbrook's Sophia Gonzalez had 4 saves in the 3-2 win.

Varsity Golf

Rhinebeck takes three league wins - The reigning Mid-Hudson Atlantic League Division IV golf champions are enjoying an iron-hot start to the 2025 campaign after an opening round loss to Onteora early in September.

Rhinebeck faced off against three opponents this week. Twice the Hawks were visitors in the nests, and they hunted down a win in all three matches. Led by senior Mason Decker, an experienced lineup made easy work of Pine Plains, Millbrook, and Webutuck last week. On Sept. 8, Rhinebeck had its' lowest round of the week, 157 to best Webutuck's 206. The following day, another win, with a 30-stroke victory over Millbrook, 183 - 213, on the teams' shared course. Rounding out the week on Sept. 12, Rhinebeck earned a 168-211 victory at Red Hook Golf Course.

Millbrook makes key stand against Webutuck - On Sept. 11, the Millbrook Blazers golf squad needed a bounce-back round on their home course. The match against Webutuck marked its second host match of the week, having previously lost 183 - 213 to the Rhinebeck Hawks.

Against Webutuck, the Blazers captured their third win on the season. Led by Jacob Zmudosky's 42 and Lachlan Kelly's 43, Millbrook downed the rival Wildcats 187 - 253. Gionna Amodeo and Noah Kinsley each carded 54 for their rounds. Millbrook improved to 3-1 and eyes the next home matchup against Rhinebeck (9/17). A September 19 visit to Apple Greens Golf Course will follow this two-match homestand. The Blazers face the Highland Huskies to close the week.



Members of the Red Hook High School volleyball team gather around Sandhya Rifenburg, who had her 1,000 career assist last week. *Courtesy photo*

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Valley Weekend Parade. It will begin lining up at Traver Road School at 11 a.m. and proceed west on Main Street to Cady Field, the site of the weekend's festivities.

Other activities on Sunday will include a Corn Hole Contest, a performance by Cherilyn's School of Dance and a demonstration by Traditional Okinawan Karate of Pleasant Valley.

For latest information and scheduling details one may contact: Nikki Santos, Pleasant Valley Recreation Director, at 845-635-1111, ext. 203 or nsantos@pleasantvalley-ny.gov.

Pleasant Valley Weekend Official Schedule

Friday
Car Show
Movie Night: CARS with free popcorn and cotton candy

Saturday - Entertainment Galore!
Rock Wall

Jousting
Axe Throwing
Bounce Houses
Magician
Birds of Prey
The Hey Nows!
Line Dancing
Special performance by country superstar Jessica Lynn
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Parade - line up is at 11 am at Traver Rd School
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and is followed at 1 p.m. by TeenScrabble, which provides the opportunity for local teen bands to take the stage and show what they've got. Teen bands from the Rhinebeck School of Music and the Red Hook Community Music Space will be performing. TeenScrabble festivities will end at 4 p.m. with a performance by Chocolate Jam.

From noon to 3 p.m., classic cars will be on display at Memorial Park followed by parade to the main stage at 3 p.m. The Old Dutch Village Gardening Club will also be doing their part with festive decorations placed all throughout town. Local farmers donated hay bales, cornstalks, and pumpkins to help celebrate the agricultural heritage of Red Hook. Club members have also made a fall harvest tree, and filled sever watering troughs with flowers.

The main Hardscrabble music starts at 5 p.m. with a performance by the Dirty Mae band. Dirty Mae is an indie folk

music band that bills itself as "New York City's hottest neo-vaudeville cabaret band."

At 6 p.m., Grupo Proyecto Musical M7 takes the stage. They play Cumbia, Oaxacan, and Mexican music. 7 p.m. brings the Hudson Valley Flyers and their classic country and honky-tonk music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

At 8 p.m., the main event begins. Lez Zeppelin, the all female Led Zeppelin tribute band. To kickoff the 50-year anniversary of Hardscrabble next year, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Led Zeppelin album "Physical Graffiti," Lez Zeppelin will play the entirety of the album. According to their website, Jimmy Page, the founder and guitarist of Led Zeppelin said, "They played the Led Zeppelin music with an extraordinary sensuality and an energy and passion that highlighted their superb musicianship."



The Old Dutch Village Gardening Club will present festive decorations placed all throughout town. Local farmers are donating hay bales, cornstalks, and pumpkins to help celebrate the agricultural heritage of Red Hook. *Courtesy photo*

Scenic Hudson's Northside Hub opens for first look at sustainable innovation in action

After five years of transformation, Scenic Hudson officially opened the doors of its new Northside Hub in what can be a model for bringing new life to forgotten industrial sites in the cities of the Hudson Valley and across the country. With the correct vision and committed partners, contaminated and discarded properties can be restored and welcoming again.

Just steps from the popular Walkway Over the Hudson, the Northside Hub at 58 Parker Avenue in Poughkeepsie is a place to bring people together. Scenic Hudson combined a historic renovation of the abandoned Standard Gage factory — once a center of innovation and jobs in Poughkeepsie that counted President Franklin D. Roosevelt among its visitors — with a brownfield cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater. The restored buildings and landscape produce more energy than they consume and are powered entirely by the sun.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Northside Hub is home to Scenic Hudson staff offices and light-filled spaces for the local community and visitors to learn, grow, play, create, and celebrate. The factory floors that

turned out precision measurement tools during World War II are once again buzzing with innovation: Every detail is grounded in sustainable design, aligned with Scenic Hudson's mission of protecting the health and beauty of the Hudson Valley for future generations. This includes:

- A state-of-the-art fresh air system that — for the first time in the United States — uniquely integrates "trickle vents" to heat and cool the building, providing up to double the amount of fresh air than a traditional system;
- A three-story atrium that works as an "air chimney" to help pull fresh air through the building and unifies the two main factory structures;
- features that keep all rainwater on site to reduce the downstream impacts of storms, including trenches with vegetation called bioswales, underground retention, and a green roof; and
- Versatile community resources including an auditorium, an open-air pavilion, open green spaces, and exhibition space that will be available for events beginning in January 2026, as well as office space for local organizations and businesses to grow.

To provide parking for the new Northside Hub, Scenic Hudson acquired the unimproved dirt parking area that had been available parking for the majority of cars carrying visitors to the Poughkeepsie entrance of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park. They landscaped the property, adding angled solar panel and timber canopies that provide shaded parking and, together with rooftop solar, produce more than enough energy to power the entire site. The new parking area is now limited to less than half of the capacity that had existed for daily park goers previously. Signage indicates that the parking area will be open to the public on evenings and weekends.

Scenic Hudson's Northside Hub is a collaboration between the environmental organization and dozens of dedicated partners, led by the nonprofit architectural firm MASS Design Group and Consigli Construction Co., Inc. It was made possible by New York state agencies that provided vital funding, including New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Empire State Development (ESD), as well as Foss & Company's investment with state and federal historic tax credit programs.

For Poughkeepsie, the Northside Hub is the latest in a series of projects to harness the potential of underused areas for the local community. Scenic Hudson was a major supporter of turning the city's out-of-service 1889 railroad bridge into the Walkway Over the Hudson, now the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge. Just down the road, the organization protected a former rail corridor that now, as Dutchess County's Northside Line, offers a safe path to bike and walk across the city. And since 2022, the non-profit has harvested 5,000 pounds of fresh produce at the new Pershing Community Farm next to Pershing Avenue Park, which were supplied free of charge to the local community.

Running behind the Northside Hub, the Fall Kill Creek holds immense potential to connect people with nature and make the area more resilient to flooding

and heat. Scenic Hudson is working with partners to increase public access to the urban waterway, including around the Hub, and has already helped make much-needed improvements to the creekside Malcolm X and Pershing Avenue parks.

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, "When Scenic Hudson was first introduced to this property, its shattered windows and polluted grounds were the picture of neglect, but we also saw a special place with a promising future. On the factory floors where the Standard Gage Company once manufactured cutting-edge instruments during much of the 20th century, we've started a new chapter of innovation. The Northside Hub is not only a stunning, sustainable home for Scenic Hudson, but also a vibrant community resource for our home city of Poughkeepsie and its visitors. Thank you to everyone who joined us on this journey — I couldn't be more excited to see what lies ahead."

Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers said, "Today is not just an exciting day for Scenic Hudson, but it's also an extremely exciting day for the City of Poughkeepsie. It means so much to the local community to have this vibrant building and safe space open for anyone to gather, network, and dream up inventive ways to create that thriving city that we're all longing for. I would like to thank Scenic Hudson for their investment in the City of Poughkeepsie and for their commitment to helping us along with many other communities throughout the Hudson Valley."

Consigli Construction Co., Inc. Project Executive Scott Cruikshank said, "The Northside Hub presented a unique challenge: honoring the historical significance of the Standard Gage factory while integrating innovative, cutting-edge sustainable design. As Hudson Valley residents and neighbors who benefit daily from Scenic Hudson's important work, our team is honored to have played a key role in the historic restoration and cleanup of this site, creating a space that respects the past while building a greener, more resilient future."



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County honors its veterans with special events



Even before I became the Director of the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, I was thankful that I lived in a community that truly cares about its veterans. American Legion and VFW posts are always supportive of those of us who served, and organizations like Mental Health America (MHA) of Dutchess County and others provide amazing services, such as MHA's Vet2Vet peer support program.

From a statewide perspective, though, Dutchess County is an example for other counties in New York and the nation to follow how we lift up our veterans and their families. In addition to the various services and programs our office administers every day, the County honors its veterans with special events throughout the year. We're hosting several of them in the coming weeks, and I want to make sure you have time to plan so you can join us.

We will again welcome hundreds of veterans to Dutchess County's popular "The Red, White and You!" Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at James Baird State Park, 14 Maintenance Lane in Pleasant Valley. In just four short years, this event has quickly become an annual

tradition for the local veteran community, and one of my favorite events of the year.

The picnic is a chance for veterans to relax outdoors, share a meal and connect with other veterans and their families. On-site transportation is available when you arrive at Baird Park, and smiling volunteers greet you when you get to the picnic, offering a welcoming sense of belonging. No matter the era in which you served, you're treated with the dignity and respect you deserve.

Sure, there's amazing, complimentary food, thanks to Tavern 23; live music from the Stringmasters and iHeartRadio's Uncle Mike leading a patriotic and respectful atmosphere; but there's so much more to the "Red, White and You!" day.

What makes the picnic so special is the sense of connection. Veterans who may not know each other end up swapping stories, sharing laughs or just enjoying the day together — a return to the sense of fellowship you felt when you served. You may meet someone who served in the same branch as you, perhaps even the same unit, just years apart. You might find a sympathetic ear sitting right next to you and chat about your service or your life here at home: family,

hobbies, pets or jobs.

I promise you this: You will never feel alone at Dutchess County's "Red, White and You!" Veterans Appreciation Picnic.

Just as importantly, you can connect with my office at the picnic to ensure you receive the benefits you've earned through your service. You might learn about services you didn't know are available to you — from healthcare and transportation, to employment and housing assistance.

We invite you to bring a guest and register to attend the picnic by emailing countyexec@dutchessny.gov or calling (845) 486-2000, and we'll see you there!

Our celebrations of Dutchess County's heroes continue in late October and early November, as County Executive Sue Serino and MHA will again co-host their annual Veterans Appreciation Pasta Dinners. These informal, sit-down dinners will take place at the Lions Community Pavilion, Stissing Lake Road in Pine Plains, on Sunday, Oct. 26, with one seating at 4 p.m., and at American Legion Post 1302, 55 Overlook Road in Poughkeepsie, on Sunday, Nov. 2, with seatings at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

These Pasta Dinners are small tokens

of our gratitude for your service, and we'd be honored to share a meal with you and a guest. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, these dinners promise a welcoming atmosphere filled with camaraderie and community spirit.

Like our picnic, these events are about more than food; they are about community. You never know who you'll meet: It might be somebody you haven't seen in years, or maybe you'll make a new friend. Conversations often range from lighthearted to serious; but no matter who you sit with or what you discuss, you leave feeling like you belong.

Both pasta dinners are free, but seating is limited, so please register by emailing CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2000. We can't wait to welcome you and celebrate the incredible contributions you've made to our nation.

What I love about these events is how genuine they are. It's just people coming together to say "thank you" in the simplest way possible: by sharing a meal. That kind of honesty means more than any words ever could, and I'm proud we live in a county that honors its veterans in such a heartfelt way.

Dutchess County visitors spent a record \$811 million in 2024

Visitors to Dutchess County spent a record \$811 million in 2024, according to the newly released Hudson Valley Tourism Economic Impact Report prepared by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics company. That spending, an increase of 7.3% over 2023, translated to more than \$2.2 million infused into the local economy every day.

As the official destination marketing organization (DMO) for the county, Destination Dutchess, formerly known as Dutchess Tourism, Inc., has played a central role in achieving this record-breaking growth. Through award-winning and innovative marketing campaigns, national and international media outreach, group tour development, and strong part-

nerships with local businesses, Destination Dutchess has built global awareness of the region. This work not only drives visitor attraction but also enhances the quality of life for residents by fueling the economic benefits of tourism across the county.

Tourism remains a vital driver of Dutchess County's economy, supporting 10,213 jobs, more than 9% of the local workforce, across sectors such as hotels, restaurants, museums and historic sites, performance venues, farms and craft beverage producers, as well as sports, festivals, parks, gardens, and trails. In 2024, those jobs generated \$412.1 million in wages, much of which was reinvested locally on everyday essentials like hous-

ing, groceries, transportation, and clothing — further extending tourism's economic ripple effect. Visitor spending also produced \$98.1 million in combined state and local tax revenues. Without this contribution, the average county household would have paid an additional \$851 in taxes.

"While we know that 2025 has brought new challenges for the travel industry, it is important to recognize the progress we made in 2024 and the resilience of our tourism community," said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess. "Visitor spending in Dutchess has not only surpassed pre-pandemic levels but has helped sustain thousands of jobs and small businesses across the county. That momentum is what gives us confidence as we look ahead. Together, these figures highlight not only the scale of tourism's economic impact but also the diversity of audiences driving it."

According to 2025 year-to-date credit card data from Zartico, more than half of all spending at restaurants and retail in Dutchess County comes from non-residents. Of that total, 25% of restaurant spending and 34% of retail spending is generated by visitors traveling from more than 50 miles away. This reinforces Dutchess' role as a draw for longer-distance travelers in the drive-able markets

of Philadelphia, Boston among others, as well as a gateway for international travelers flying into Manhattan looking to explore the rest of the state.

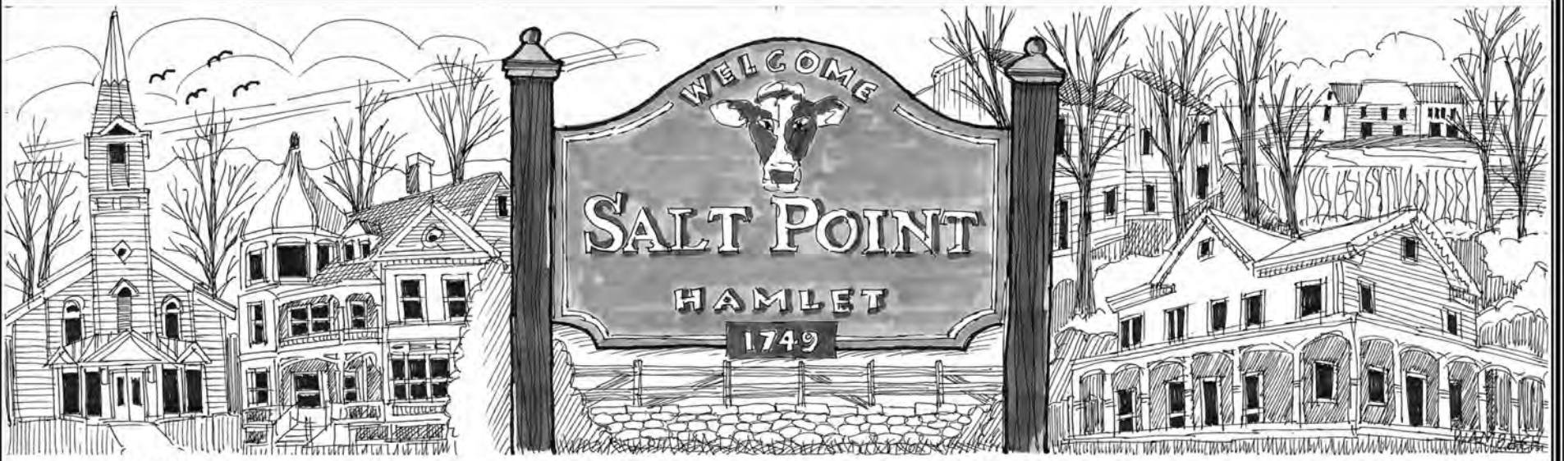
Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino emphasized the broader impact of tourism, "Tourism is a key part of our local economy, and its impact is felt by families and small businesses across Dutchess County. The growth we're seeing means more jobs, more support for local businesses, and more opportunities for our neighbors. I'm grateful to Destination Dutchess and all our partners for the work they do to keep our county on the map and bring visitors back year after year."

The Hudson Valley was recently named the No. 1 Fall Foliage Destination in the U.S. for 2025 by Priceline, recognition expected to draw increased interest from travelers nationwide. In addition, the highly anticipated premiere of Netflix's "Next Gen Chef" at The Culinary Institute of America on Sept. 17 will shine a spotlight on the region's world-class culinary scene, fueling tourism well beyond the fall season. To help plan a visit, travelers can follow Destination Dutchess' Facebook and Instagram (@DestinatofilmnDutchess) accounts for the latest status of peak foliage, upcoming events and more, or visit DestinationDutchess.com.

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Banksy ‘sly documentary’ to open 20th season of Movies with Spirit

The sly documentary “Exit Through the Gift Shop,” by mysterious street artist Banksy, screens at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Unison Arts, 9 Paradies Lane in New Paltz. The showing kicks off the 20th annual season of the Movies With Spirit community film series.

Premiering at the Sundance Film Festival, the Banksy film became the first street art documentary ever nominated for an Academy Award, sweeping critics’ awards nationwide.

The brutal and revealing account of what happens when fame, money and vandalism collide tells the story of Thierry Guetta, an eccentric French immigrant in Los Angeles who obsessively films street artists with his camcorder. Among them is Banksy and his notorious 2006 Disneyland stunt, in which he placed a lifesize inflatable Guantanamo Bay detainee — hooded and

dressed in orange prison coveralls — inside the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad area.

The inflatable detainee remained in place for 90 minutes before Disneyland security removed it.

Guetta was arrested but destroyed evidence that could reveal Banksy’s identity.

Banksy used the material to create a documentary about his stunt and turned the camcorder back on its owner to show Guetta’s transformation into a street artist himself, going by the name “Mr. Brainwash.”

Narrated with dry wit, with Banksy’s face obscured and voice altered, the film offers an engrossing look at underground art — and a sharp reflection on artistic rebellion, myth-making and the spectacle of fame.

The 2010 film runs 87 minutes and is rated R. The screening will be followed



A scene from “Exit Through the Gift Shop,” a sly documentary by mysterious street artist Banksy. The film screens on Sept. 20 at Unison Arts in New Paltz, as the opening night of the 20th season of the Movies With Spirit community film series. *Photo credit: Paranoid Pictures*

by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

The monthly film series, organized by Gerry Harrington of Kingston, seeks to stimulate joy and wonder, inspire love and compassion, and help people understand their connection with others and with life itself. It supports all cultures, faiths and beliefs while transcending them.

Screenings take place in diverse places of worship and culture in Ulster County at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month. Movies With Spirit has no religious affiliation.

For more information, call Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or email gerryharrington@mindspring.com. Learn more on the Movies With Spirit Facebook page, tinyurl.com/MoviesWithSpiritFacebookPage.

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Upcoming events at Beatrix Farrand Garden

The Beatrix Farrand Garden is at 4097 Albany Post Road, is on the grounds of the FDR Home & Library in Hyde Park. For reservations, visit www.BeatrixFarrandGardenHydePark.org.

Arkinetics – Jazz/Global Fusion

Sunday, Sept. 21, 5-6:30 p.m.

Arkinetics is a New York-based quintet blending jazz, West African rhythms, and Indian classical influences. Led by drummer and composer Dan Kurfirst, Arkinetics features an all-star lineup of performers: Anders Nilsson (Guitar), Alexis Marcelo (Piano), Gervis Myles (Bass), Roshni Samlal (Tabla), Dan Kurfirst (Drumset, compositions).

Picnicking, families, beach chairs all welcome.

Free. Reservations recommended.

Brazilian Bossa Nova Concert: Mariana Barcellos

Sunday, Oct. 19, 5-6:30 p.m.

Bossa Nova, which means “new wave,” is a style of samba music that was developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro. Through the advent of Bossa Nova, Brazil was able to produce one of the most unique and enduring sounds in the history of Latin music. Bossa Nova is distinct from other Samba subgenres, as it consists of a mixture of soft samba based on traditional Brazilian music and rhythms, American jazz, and a new style of Portuguese lyrics.

Please feel free to bring food & drink to enjoy during the show.

Free. Reservations recommended.

BELLEFIELD GARDEN TALK SERIES

“Top Flower Picks for 2026,” Sue Adams presenting. Saturday, Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sue Adams will share her favorite new flower introductions for 2026. Each year,

Sue visits trial gardens across the Northeast—including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Hampshire—to evaluate upcoming varieties. Her presentation will highlight the most exciting blooms that will soon make their way into gardens and greenhouses. Expect vibrant photos, expert insights, and plenty of inspiration for your own plantings.

Sue Adams is vice president of Adams Greenhouses, a five-acre operation in Poughkeepsie. She is an award-winning container designer, a graduate of Cornell University, and president of New York State Flower Industries. She also serves on the New England Floriculture Board (president emeritis) and is the author of *What Do Your Flowers Say Today?* Sue conducts trials with samples from breeding companies and is working with SUNY Cobleskill to establish a trial garden at the college.

Member Mingle: Before the talk, current BFGA members are invited to a casual morning gathering at 10:45 a.m. with coffee and cider donuts. This is a chance to connect with fellow members, meet the speaker, and enjoy a warm and welcoming start to the day in the Garden. Free. Reservations recommended.

Rethinking the Fall Garden Cleanup,

Saturday, Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join ecological landscape designer Ashley Gamell for a garden walk exploring the fall season and how we can best utilize it to boost garden beauty and extend the bloom season even into the winter, all while supporting a bounty of life in our gardens. Ashley will highlight spectacular fall bloomers in the walled garden and the wild garden, and share her approach to thoughtful garden cleanup



The Beatrix Farrand Garden in Hyde Park is the site for two upcoming outdoor concerts: (above) jazz and global fusion group Arkinetics on Sept. 21 and (below) Brazilian Bossa Nova Concert featuring Mariana Barcellos on Oct. 19. *Courtesy photos*

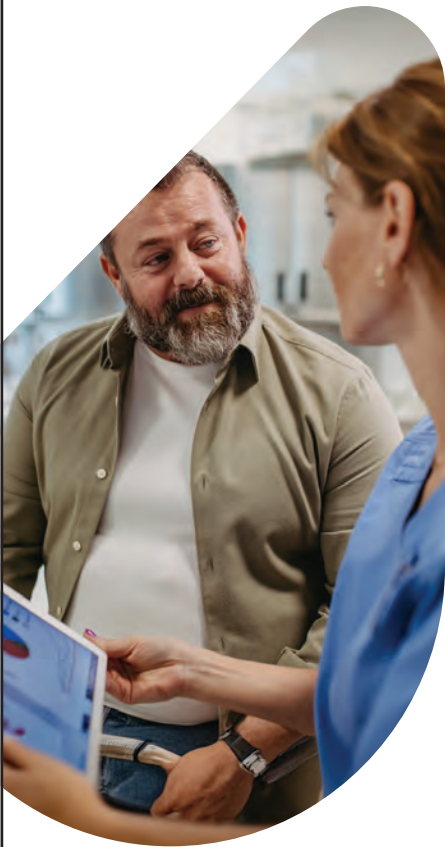


that ensures a lush garden buzzing with gorgeous biodiversity throughout the year.

Ashley Gamell has spent her career interpreting the world of gardening and nature to the public. During her ten years on staff at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Ashley developed and ran children’s gardens, curated greenhouses, ran educational programming, developed exhibits, and led the creation of the groundbreaking new Discovery Garden, a garden developed with Michael Van Valkenberg Landscape Architects that celebrates native plants and habitats. Ashley is a co-author of the award-winning *The Kids’ Guide to Exploring Nature*, as well as a contributor to several other nature and garden books and blogs. She teaches

gardening and nature courses on a range of subjects, from indoor gardening and Gardening 101 to fragrant botanicals and native plants.

Ashley holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Non-Fiction Writing, a Certificate in Horticulture, and is completing her Diploma in Garden Design at the Oxford College of Garden Design. Ashley owns an ecological landscape design business and recently worked with Partners for Climate Action to co-write an action guide for pollinator conservation gardening. She lives in the Hudson Valley of New York with her husband and two children, a small flock of chickens, and an ever-expanding wild garden. Free. Reservations recommended.



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Weigela grows tons of tiny trumpets

If a cylinder and a bell got married, they would make a trumpet.

Found most often in bands and musical ensembles, trumpets have a powerful sound. Their music is often used to honor important events or individuals. They have a historical association with royalty and ceremony.

The shape of the trumpet contributes to its bright, piercing tone. The inside diameter of its tube is relatively consistent for most of its length. That distinguishes it from instruments like the cornet, which has a more conical bore (gradually widening tube) and a mellower sound.

In essence, the trumpet's shape can be described as a long pipe, with a mouthpiece at one end, a flared curve at the other, and a set of valves in the middle to manipulate the airflow and produce a variety of notes. To me, it's like a baby produced from the pairing of a cylinder and a bell.

Trumpets in unexpected places

In nature, the trumpet shape can be found in some unusual places. Chanterelles are flared-funnel-shaped mushrooms often used in savory dishes. The stentor, a protist, commonly found in freshwater throughout the world, has a characteristic trumpet shape that is partic-

ularly important in capturing its food. The Giant Triton and Queen Conch are marine snails which grow very large shells that have been used as horns due to their ability to resonate sound in their spiral shapes. Our outer ears act like the bell of a trumpet, gathering sound waves from the environment; Our ear canal acts as the lead pipe, further channeling and modifying the sound waves as they travel to the eardrum.

Flowers

Trumpet-shaped flowers abound because they have evolved to attract pollinators with long beaks or proboscises (tongues). Small Carpenter Bees and Bumblebees are both long-tongued pollinators that forage from flowers with deep floral tubes, such as the Wild Morning Glory (Genus Calystegia), a climbing plant with white or pink trumpet-shaped flowers. Likewise, Hummingbirds are major pollinators of Trumpet Creeper (Campsis radicans), an aptly named vine with vibrant flowers of red, orange, or yellow.

The flowers of Calystegia are about 3 inches in length and width. Typically, one flower blooms at the points where leaves connect to the stem. The flowers of



Calystegia Genus, Wild Morning Glory. Below: Weigela. Below, left: Trumpet Creeper. Photos by Francine Wizner



Campsis radicans are longer than those of the Wild Morning Glory, but the mouth of their trumpet is narrower. Trumpet Vines flower in clusters of two to eight per stem. Both grow along Rombout Road in LaGrange, as well as many other places in Dutchess County.

Vines vs Shrubs

Morning glories and trumpet creepers both grow on supporting structures. Sporadic pinkish-white blooms appear in a thicket of greenery when Calystegia takes over. Contrast that to the bevy of bright, beautiful flowers which are produced by Campsis radicans. But, keep your distance, because the trumpet vine is known to cause skin irritation.

Neither of those vines produce as many trumpet-like blossoms as the genus Weigela. Some species of the deciduous shrubs bloom more than once during a season. Flowers that appear are plentiful in white, pink, and red.

You can't choose your family

The Weigela genus is a member of the Honeysuckle Family. Like Calystegia and Campsis radicans, Asian Honeysuckles are invasive in Dutchess County. But, flowers on both native and

non-domestic honeysuckles have tubular, albeit smaller trumpet-like blooms. So, it's not surprising that Weigela shares some DNA with them.

Say Wy-JEE-la or Vy-JEE-la

Some may even say WAY-guh-luh when referring to the Weigela Genus. The eponym was bestowed to commemorate the German scientist Christian Ehrenfried Weigel, who made contributions to the field of botany. So, when pronouncing the name for the genus, its acceptable to emphasize the first or second syllable, use a hard or soft "g,, and start with a phonetic /w/ or /v/. But, do not end with the "ia" sound. The plant is not called a Weigelia.

Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com and www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com

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‘Scenic Vistas: Landscape as Culture in Early New York’ at Boscobel

Boscobel House and Gardens announces “Scenic Vistas: Landscape as Culture in Early New York,” a sweeping new exhibition that brings together historic 19th-century decorative arts and contemporary works to demonstrate the longstanding significance of landscape depictions in the Hudson Valley. Their most expansive exhibition to date, Scenic Vistas will also mark the reopening of Boscobel’s Historic House Museum for Preservation in Progress tours after a 17-month emergency restoration.

On view across the Historic House Museum, Visitor Center Gallery, and Great Lawn, Scenic Vistas highlights how depictions of landscapes were central to domestic life, design, and identity in New York, long before the rise of the Hudson River School. The exhibition showcases the range of landscape imagery abundant in ceramics, furniture, and other decorative arts created or known in New York before 1825, alongside contemporary works in conversation with the past.

“Our complex relationship to landscapes is at the heart of Hudson Valley life and culture,” says Boscobel’s Executive Director and Curator Jennifer Carlquist. “Early New Yorkers populated their homes with scenic views both real and imagined, and by the early 1800s created a thriving industry for decorative painters and artistic representations of landscapes.”

A centerpiece of the exhibition is a rare set of six maple side chairs, made in New

York circa 1815, each distinguished by a scenic painted tablet back. Though crushed in the April 2024 ceiling collapse, the chairs are now undergoing meticulous restoration, embodying both resilience and artistry. Representing nearly a decade of thoughtful acquisitions, these works reflect Boscobel’s curatorial vision and core mission, while resonating with the evolving relationship between the house, its grounds, and the surrounding landscape.

In dialogue with these historic objects, the exhibition features contemporary works by artists living and working in the Hudson Valley, including Kat Howard, Betsy Jacks, Kieran Kinsella, and James McElhinney, alongside new site-specific commissions by Alison McNulty and Jean-Marc Sovak. Sovak’s installation, Cruel Necessity/Unnecessary Cruelty, takes the form of a wallpaper print designed for Boscobel’s entryhall. Drawing upon historical British and American archival prints and illustrations from 19th-century abolitionist publications, the work interlaces familiar narratives of national history with lesser-known, yet equally consequential, episodes tied to Boscobel’s foundation. The resulting motif layers beauty with disquiet, prompting reflection on the intertwined legacies of landscape, labor, and cultural memory.

Another contemporary intervention is Hudson Valley Ghost Column 11, a site-specific installation by Alison McNulty, situated on the footprint of one of two Osborn Maples that framed Boscobel’s



A painting from Boscobel's current exhibition, “Scenic Vistas: Landscape as Culture in Early New York.” *Courtesy image*

Great Lawn since the site’s opening as a museum in 1961. The latest in McNulty’s ongoing series, this site-responsive work comprises a cylindrical form constructed of vintage bricks, sourced from brickyards once active near Boscobel’s original estate in Montrose, and unprocessed Corno sheep wool sourced from a historic Hudson Valley fiber farm. As material traces of the region’s geological, industrial, and social history as well as the components of a new and unfamiliar construction, the Hudson Valley Ghost Columns allow the materials to act as agents, recalling multiple interwoven histories while becoming something other, a form evoking architecture, animal, and body simultaneously with absence.

“In a moment between collapse and progress, Jennifer Calquist has curated a pause that invites us to look backwards in time at what was lost as well as what was left out, and to address the present condition of things at Boscobel,” says McNulty. “Scenic Vistas poses existential questions about the site, offers a look behind the curtain, and reconsiders what stories matter in the preservation of history. I’m honored to be invited, along with an esteemed roster of artists, including makers, designers, craftspeople, architects, and workers in various trades, to look closely at what’s revealed when things break, to think critically about what’s possible and responsible to repair, and to respond to the site in this generative moment of transition.”

In the early 19th century, as New York was emerging as the nation’s leading industrial city, it was also a vibrant center

for the decorative arts, where landscape imagery played a pivotal role. Scenic Vistas underscores how these early expressions of landscape both predate and inform the celebrated work of the Hudson River School, reminding us that the artistic impulse to frame, idealize, and interpret the Hudson Valley has deep roots. The exhibition also coincides with the 200th anniversary of Thomas Cole’s formative journey up the Hudson River, launching the movement often described as America’s first painting tradition.

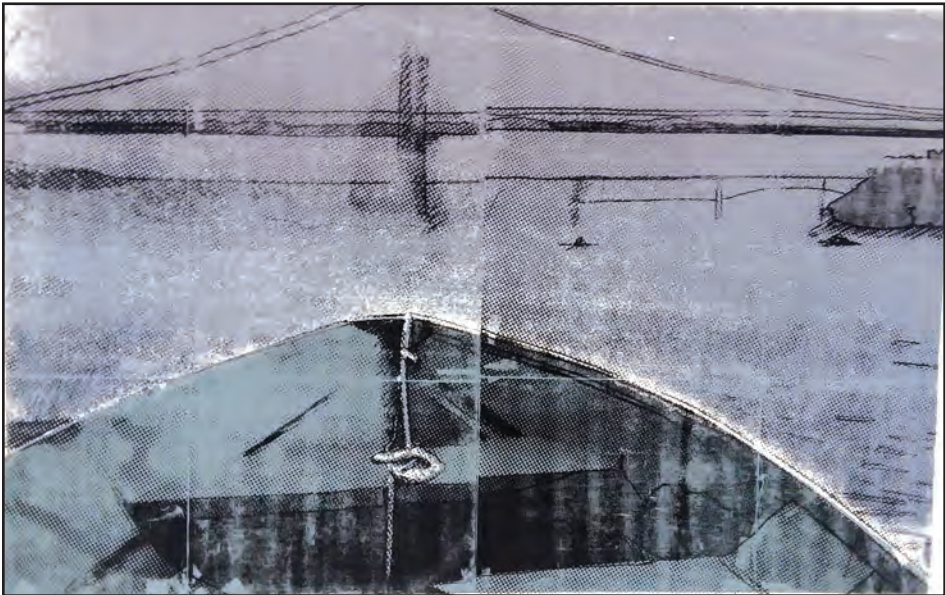
“I love that Boscobel’s collection, site, and programming celebrate Hudson Valley landscapes beyond the frame. It’s no coincidence that our iconic viewshed has inspired both artistic brilliance and some of the nation’s most important environmental movements, where conservation is not just valued, but essential to our shared future,” says Carlquist.

Exhibition Programming

- Oct. 5: Panel Discussion: Legacies of the Hudson Valley’s Landscape Culture with Evan Pritchard, Jean-Marc Sovak, Frederic C. Rich, and Betsy Jacks
- Oct. 23: The Distinctive Wappingers: Getting to Know “The Men of the East” Through Ceremonial Art with Professor Evan Pritchard
- Oct. 24 & November 17: Plein-air Drawing Workshops with James McElhinney
- Oct. 30: Virtual Scenic Landscapes Ceramics Lecture with Assistant Curator Riley Richards

Program details can be found at boscobel.org Additional programming to be announced.

International printmaking show opens Thursday at Tivoli Artists Gallery



“From Coach’s Launch I,” resized, by Anita Fina Kiewra. *Courtesy image*

The Tivoli Artists Gallery will present the Anita Fina Kiewra International Printmaking Show from Sept. 18 to Oct. 11, with an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

“The Hudson River School” gets new meaning in Anita Fina Kiewra’s artwork – you are in the middle of the Hudson and you are rowing. Whereas the Hudson River School looked at the river from the shore, Anita finds her images in the middle of the river.

Anita’s practice of rowing serves as the lynchpin to her images and she has observed the atmospherics of the river over many years. This comes through in the action of many of her works which include her fellow rowers.

Anita’s printmaking practice includes intaglio, relief and screen prints.

Additionally she oversees the Community Printmaking Studio (PUF Studios) at the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory for Hudson River Housing, Inc., where she works as a project manager in Community Development.

While a cluster of her photoscreen-prints and etchings centers the exhibition Anita has also invited fellow printmakers from far and near to join her including several of the printmakers from PUF Studios.

A free printmaking workshop will be held at the gallery on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration not required. Participants under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit www.tivoliartistsgallery.com to learn more.

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The Playground

Remembering adventures in Dodgeball

As the days start to shorten and the leaves on the trees start to turn golden, I am brought back to my school days at St. Peter's.

At St. Peters School, we didn't have a playground as much as we had a gravel parking lot. There were no swings, slides, jungle gyms or monkey bars. What we did have was a big red inflated rubber ball from hell and we had ... Dodgeball!

Every day, Sister Cecelia would line us up after lunch, give one of us the big red inflated rubber ball from hell, and turn us loose to our gravel parking lot/playground.

The choosing of the teams was as important as the game itself, with as many tears being shed for the pain of being chosen last as being hit with the red inflated rubber ball from hell.

Once the team-choosing ritual was completed, the games would begin. The lunch mothers would huddle together watching us as we would pound the living snot out of each other with the red inflated rubber ball from hell. To this day, I think they were laying bets on us. They

would act as referee, medic, and score-keeper.

The games were usually vicious and always ended with someone crying because they got hit the face with the red inflated rubber ball from hell.

Sister Cecelia would come to the door and ring the bell for us to come inside. As we lined up, we looked like prisoners of war. Torn pants, shirts, jackets, bloody noses, scraped knees and black eyes. The winner, or rather the last man standing, would get the honor of bringing the red inflated rubber ball from hell back inside to hand it over to Sister Cecelia. Triumphant.

When I got home, I had to explain to Mom how I had torn the knees to my school pants again and why the elbows to my coat were ripped. Mom always would bite the palm of her hand, shake her head and give me a snack.

Life was very simple back then. No cell phone, no computers, no social media. Just kids and a red inflated rubber ball from hell. Enjoy!

RICE CROQUETTES

Ingredients

- 1 cup diced pancetta
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups salted water
- 2 cups long grain white rice, uncooked
- 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup Coppola's marinara sauce
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs for coating
- vegetable oil for frying

Method

- Bring rice and water to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the rice is tender, and the liquid has been absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes.
- Spread cooked rice onto a baking sheet to cool, about 5 minutes. Transfer rice to a large bowl.
- Mix in pancetta, grated Parmesan

cheese, Coppola's marinara sauce, 1/4 cup bread crumbs, eggs, parsley, salt, and ground pepper. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

- Remove rice mixture from refrigerator and form 2-inch, football shaped croquettes. Roll croquettes in bread crumbs and place on a baking sheet.
- Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook breaded croquettes until browned on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels to absorb excess oil.
- Serve with Coppola's Marinara Sauce for dipping.

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

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: Sass & Brass, next wave, horn-energized ensemble delivers a blend of jazz, R&B, Motown, disco, classic rock, pop country, or today's contemporary favorites. More info on the Facebook event page.

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. 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

Sept. 18: Third Thursdays, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Free monthly community day, featuring free tours, nature, art, music, and history while participating in engaging experiences for the whole family, 1-7 p.m. The Hudson Sloop Club will host fall fishing at Olana's lake, followed by a musical performance by Andes Manta and an outdoor theatrical experience by the Camphill Hudson Players. Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy guided landscape tours and self-guided historic house access, 1-6 p.m. No

tickets required. More info at (518) 751-0344, email tickets@olana.org, or visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays.

Sept. 18 & 24: Author Events, Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Sept. 18: Joan Silber ("Mercy: A Novel") in conversation with Fenton Johnson, 6 p.m. RSVP to (845) 876-0500 or events@oblongbooks.com. Sept. 24: Join master storyteller Ken Follett in conversation with WAMC's Joe Donahue to explore Follett's new sweeping epic novel, "Circle of Days," and one of the greatest mysteries of our age, Stonehenge. Event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Tickets at (845) 473-2072 or www.bardavon.org. Presented by Oblong Books in partnership with Bardavon & WAMC On The Road.

Sept. 19: Music on Market, Rhinebeck Bank Plaza, E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Dylan Doyle, 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 19: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly

St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Sean Crimmins, Paul Clarke, Frank Migliorelli, Matt Kabalkin, 8-10 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Sept. 19-28: Teens on Stage presents "Footloose," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, they are prepared for an adjustment period, but not for the town's strict ban on dancing, imposed by a local preacher determined to control the youth. As Ren challenges the status quo, he faces small-town prejudice, navigates new relationships, and inspires the community to find joy again. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$19. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Sept. 19-20: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Sept. 19: BTMOG & Associates, with special guest Darren Rahn, 8:30 p.m. Tickets

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A & E CALENDAR

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\$40 advance, \$45 door. Sept. 20: Slam Allen Band, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Sept. 19-21: 2025 Annual Festival, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, Black Box Theater, Studio Complex, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Lineup for Week Four: Sept. 19-20: Ayodele Casel: Freedom ... In Progress (V.2), tap dancer and choreographer Ayodele Casel returns to the electrifying 1979 improvisation of jazz legends Max Roach and Cecil Taylor—meeting their fearless exchange with her own blend of rhythmic love, precision, and liberation. During her residency at Kaatsbaan, Casel has deepened this exploration, shaping it into a first draft of an evening-length work. Performances: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 4 p.m. 60 minutes, includes intermission. Friday's performance will include a post-show artists talk led by fellow festival artist Kayla Farrish. Sept. 21-21: Kayla Farrish: Docile And A Beast, two brand-new works from the insatiable dancemaker Kayla Farrish (2024 Annual Festival, Limón Dance Company-commissioned choreographer) that draw on Black histories, jazz's reimagination, and magical realism. Saturday's performance will include a post-show artist talk led by fellow festival artist Ayodele Casel. Tickets \$25 GA, \$15 students w/ID, \$40 for both Ayodele Casel and Kayla Farrish. www.kaatsbaan.org

Sept. 19-28: "Penelope," Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Cabaret-style musical retelling of Homer's "The Odyssey" told from the point of view of Penelope, Odysseus's long-suffering wife. Music & lyrics by Alex Bechtel, book by Bechtel, Grace McLean and Eva Steinmetz, who also directs. Performances: Thurs.-Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. www.ancramcenter.org

Sept. 20: The Darius Jones Trio, VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Modern jazz ensemble led by one of the most acclaimed alto saxophonists of his generation, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door — advance tickets are on

sale at https://darius.eventbrite.com (Advance ticket sales end at midnight the evening before the concert).

Sept. 20: Movies with Spirit, "Exit Through the Gift Shop," Unison Arts, 9 Paradies Lane, New Paltz. Sly documentary by mysterious street artist Banksy, 7 p.m. The 2010 film runs 87 minutes and is rated R. The screening will be followed by a discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. More info at (845) 389-9201, gerryharrington@mindspring.com or on the Movies With Spirit Facebook page.

Sept. 20: Harvesting Hudson Valley: 18th Century Foodways at the Historic Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway (Rte. 9), Red Hook. Ongoing cooking demonstration by Sarah Evenson during Historic Red Hook's Hardscrabble Day Open House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. No registration required, but a zoom link will be available for hybrid viewing. Reservations at https://www.historicredhook.org/rev250

Sept. 20: Vendor Market, Hackett Farm Supply, 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. A range of goods, from crochet critters and cozies to thrifted items and a tarot card reading, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jams and jellies, jewelry, and a food truck. (845) 266-3494

Sept. 20-21: The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society's 56th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show and Sale, 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. More than 30 vendors. Hours: Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More info: http://mhvgms.org/

Sept. 21: Jammin' at the Grange, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Everyone's welcome to join in for an afternoon of creative music making - just for fun, join the jam, 4-5:30 p.m. Bring an instrument, bring a song, bring your singing voice, and join with others in our music jam. For more info, contact Lenny Barham at lennybarham@gmail.com This event is free; donations are welcome.

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Through Oct. 5: "Shattered Realities," featured artist Heather Schwegler presents a series of photographs on canvas. A wide range of work by 22 other local artists is also on display. Wine reception: Sat., Sept. 20, 4-6 p.m. www.artgallery71.com

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. Sept. 20-Oct. 11: The Anita Fina Kiewra International Printmaking Show. "The Hudson River School" gets new meaning in Anita Fina Kiewra's artwork – you are in the middle of the Hudson and you are rowing. Whereas the Hudson River School looked at the river from the shore, Anita finds her images in the middle of the river. Opening reception: Sat., Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com



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



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ACROSS

1. *"Call of the Wild" dog
5. Lightning McQueen, e.g.
8. Island near Java
12. Popular hairdo in the 1960s and '70s
13. Governmental space agency, acr.
14. Meat in a casing
15. Larry Bird's target
16. Narrative poem
17. Richard Bachman to Stephen King
18. *Sherman's Mr. _____
20. Fence plank
21. Small jar
22. FedEx competitor
23. *Tabaqui of "The Jungle Book"
26. Most vital part
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34. Y'all
35. Phonograph media
37. Williams sister's return
38. "Two mints in one" classic mints
39. Celt
40. Red carpet suit
42. Pirate's turf
43. Flag on a ship, pl.
45. Solar system model
47. Like a fiddle
48. Sweating room
50. Chesterfield, e.g.
52. *National Crime Prevention Council's mascot
54. "The Martian" (2015) actor Matt

55. Verbal exam
56. Half-man, half-goat
59. Deflect
60. Charge a tax
61. Division word
62. Darn a sock, e.g.
63. Bo Peep follower
64. Long, long time

DOWN

1. Scrooge's exclamation
2. E.T. transporter, e.g.
3. Photo editing option
4. 1/100th of a ruble
5. Mafia's top dogs
6. "All joking ____"
7. Risk
8. *Target's mascot
9. "Si, mi chiamo Mimi" in La Boheme, e.g.
10. Law school test acronym
11. "____ a Wonderful Life"
12. Interstellar cloud
13. Flying stingers
14. Omani and Yemeni
15. Consume
16. TV Judy's title
17. Of the Orient
18. Lawyers' loads
19. Major European river
20. Relating to Scandinavia
21. Like a button, but more so
22. English homework
23. Swine and avian diseases
24. *Maid Marian of Disney's "Robin Hood" movie (1973)
25. *The Big Red Dog
26. ____ copia
27. Blast maker, acr.
28. Sullenly
29. James Dean's last movie (1956)
30. Basket-making fiber
31. Nut holder
32. Tequila source
33. "____ me a seat"
34. Damien's prediction
35. Lawn pest
36. *Rubeus Hagrid's faithful boarhound
37. Beaver's edifice
38. Beehive State native
39. Us, in Mexico

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REV 250 program in Stanford
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 call the Library at 845-868-1341. 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.

Unity is alive & well at Community Day in Town of Stanford



From top, At the Stanford Business Association Antique Car Show, Michael Innello of Salt Point looks under the hood of his 1954 Pontiac Star Chief. Stanford Lions Club members include, from left, David Wright, Jan Tremper, Mike Ruzich, Val Ruzich and Carlene Russell. Lions Club efforts include celebrating the gift of sight and identifying those in the community who need rides to vision specialists and those needing help to pay for prescription glasses. Playing at the Stanford Library booth are Evan Knickerbocker and Jude Alviani-Hess.

From top, pictured in the Stanford Fire Department truck cab are, in back, Zackery Stramm 13 years of service and past captain, Great Grandfather Robert Stramm, past chief and 53 years of service and great grandsons Connor and Trenton Stramm. Jim Myers, left, receives the Community Citizen of the Year Award from Ryan Orton of the Stanford Grange. He has served as Town Highway Supervisor for 25 years. Members of the Forever Young Club include, from left, Roberta Kemp, Clorinda Brewster, Chris Richards, Barb Mauer, Polly Evans and Gloria Heuer. Members of the Stissing Mountain High School History class raise the American flag during the singing of the Stars Spangled Banner by the Stissing Mountain High School chorus. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*

CCEDC training session held on invasive species identification



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Sept. 10 at Bowdoin Park to celebrate the installation of the first of four boot brush stations during a training session on invasive species identification. Dutchess County Executive Serino, along with County Legislators Chris Drago and Lynne Versaci were on hand for the event with officials and educators with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. *Courtesy photo*

Officials and educators with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) hosted a training session on invasive species identification for our county parks on Sept. 10 at Bowdoin Park.

The training was held with funding from the NY/NJ Trail Conference and the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (LHPRISM).

The training was followed by a short walk and talk session and ribbon-cutting and focused on scouting, identifying and reporting invasive species and their host plants. The presentation focused on six invasive species of particular concern: beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid, spotted lanternfly, tree of heaven, and spongy moth.

Also, as a part of this year's initiative, CCEDC provided boot brush stations, along with accompanying invasive species awareness brochures. These are

the first boot brush stations installed in Dutchess County Parks, with a total of four stations, two at Bowdoin Park and two at Wilcox Park. Each station features a sign explaining its purpose and a kiosk to hold an Invasive Species Awareness brochure created by the Horticulture staff at CCEDC. The brochures will be updated each season to reflect the current stage in the invasive species life cycle, helping park patrons quickly identify and report new or currently affecting invasive species, as well as explore management options.

These stations aim to prevent the spread of invasive plants by encouraging hikers to brush off seeds, plant material, or insect eggs from their boots before and after hitting the trails. They also provide an opportunity to raise awareness about how easily invasive species can spread unknowingly and how park patrons can contribute to mitigating this issue.

Library whips up baking competition in Staatsburg



Previous year's entries in the Great Staatsburg Baking Contest included (from top) Chocolate Garden Cake and Strawberry Cake. *Courtesy photos*

Calling all bakers! Enter your best homemade baked treats in the Great Staatsburg Baking Competition. Showcase your culinary talents at this fundraiser for Staatsburg Library, on Saturday, Oct. 4, in the NYS Taconic Parks Auditorium, 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg.

Come to compete or just bring your appetite, watch the expert judging, and taste the sweet masterpieces. The Friends of the Staatsburg Library is excited to bring back this fun-for-all-ages celebration of baking and books.

Adults (contestants 17 and older) may enter one or more categories:

- Pies/Tarts
- Cakes/Cupcakes
- Cookies
- Gluten Free Treats
- Unique Desserts
- Breads

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Registration is at 1 p.m., followed by judging at 2 p.m. and a bake sale at 3 p.m. Treats are \$1 each.

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Walkway event on Oct. 4 to raise awareness for breast cancer

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, in partnership with the Walkway Over the Hudson, invites residents to attend a free "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" event on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 1-3 p.m. on the Poughkeepsie side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. This event is part of an ongoing effort to provide residents with the opportunity to connect with local organizations and health services.

Serino, who has been in remission from a breast cancer diagnosis in 2020, said, "When I was going through my own breast cancer journey, what meant the most was knowing that I wasn't alone. That's why I'm so grateful we can bring our community together at the Walkway Over the Hudson this October – to connect with organizations who not only support those facing a diagnosis but also provide preventative care and screenings that can make all the difference. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a reminder to care for ourselves and one another, to make the appointment, and to put our health first."

Among the organizations that will be in attendance, with information and

resources, include:

- Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation
- Dutchess County Department of Health
- Dyson Breast Center at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, part of the Nuvance Health Cancer Institute
- Sparrows Nest
- MidHudson Regional Hospital, a member of WMC Health

In addition to resources, there will be family-friendly craft activities to highlight breast cancer awareness and show support for survivors and those currently dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis.

This event is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. For more information, email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov or call the Dutchess County Executive's Office at 845-486-2000.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a reminder to "Make the Appointment" – whether it's for a mammogram, an annual exam, or another preventive checkup that helps protect your health. Residents can take the pledge and learn more by visiting DutchessNY.gov/MakeTheAppointment.

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Law enforcement runs for Special Olympics



A group of law enforcement officials gathered for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New York on Sept. 3. *Courtesy photo*

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics New York made its way through Dutchess and Ulster County on Wednesday, Sept. 3, with nearly eighty-five law enforcement officers taking part in the awareness run.

For more 35 years, LETR has been more than just a run—it's a movement led by the "Guardians of the Flame," a title proudly held by more than 6,200 law enforcement officers from over 470 agencies across New York State. These dedicated individuals carry the Flame of Hope to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics NY, alongside athletes, families, and supporters. The route began at the home of Franklin D Roosevelt National Historic Site and traveled through Marist University, MJM Northside Trail, Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, The Mid-Hudson Bridge and concluded at Mahoney's Irish Pub and Steakhouse in Poughkeepsie.

Thanks was offered to the following individuals, route partners and financial supporters: Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Sgt. Alonzo Montanya, Chair of Dutchess/Ulster LETR, State Senator, Rolison, County Executive, Sue Serino, County Legislators, Robert Faust and

Tony D'Aquanni, Walkway State Park, New York State Bridge Authority, FDR National Historic Site, Marist University, City of Poughkeepsie Police, New York State Police, Town of Poughkeepsie Police, Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Town of Lloyd Police, Pine Plains Police Department, Beacon Police PBA, Dutchess County Office of Probations, CSEA, Dutchess County Police Chiefs Association, Vinny Miller Funeral Home, Grace Hargraves Photography, Texas Roadhouse-Poughkeepsie, NYSID, State of New York Corrections and Community Supervision, Gallagher, Dutchess County Track Officials, Mid-Hudson Road Runners Club, Hyde Park Marina, Beacon PBA, PuroClean, Dutchess County Deputy Sheriffs PBA, Empress Medial Services, Let Me Run Organization-Netherwood Elementary, ThinkDifferently, and Girls on the Run-Hudson Valley.

To learn more about LETR or how to get involved with Special Olympics NY, visit <http://www.specialolympics-ny.org> or email Susanne O'Neil, Director of Development at soneil@nyso.org.

Golden Gathering to attract hundreds of Dutchess seniors

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, in partnership with New York State Senators Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinchey and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), invites residents to attend the Golden Gathering on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arlington High School, 1157 Route 55 in LaGrange.

From nutrition counseling to senior safety – and new this year, employment opportunities – this event is a one-stop event for older adults, their families, and caregivers. Thanks to the generosity of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, this event is free of charge for all who attend, and there is no RSVP required.

This annual event is the largest of its kind in Dutchess County, drawing hundreds of attendees each year. With more than 90 exhibitors expected, attendees can explore services and information on healthcare, financial planning, legal assistance and more. Representatives from various Dutchess County Government departments, as well as local and state government agencies that serve seniors, will also be on hand.

Serino has made senior employment a priority at the 2025 Golden Gathering, which, for the first time, will feature more than a half-dozen local businesses offering part-time job opportunities for older adults looking to re-enter the workforce and put their skills and experience to use.

Highlights of the 2025 Golden Gathering include health screenings, including diabetes, blood pressure, and dementia. on-site flu shots administered by local healthcare providers, live entertainment and interactive demonstrations and activities, the opportunity to safely discard unwanted, unnecessary, or unused medication, complimentary

breakfast and water throughout the morning; and door prize giveaways for attendees.

Rolison said, "From health screenings and flu shots to live entertainment and helpful resources, the Golden Gathering truly offers something for everyone. I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new ones, and sharing a day that connects us with each other and with the services that support healthier, happier lives."

Hinchey said, "The Golden Gathering is a special event dedicated to celebrating our senior community, while connecting folks to over 90 vendors offering a wide range of services and support. From health screenings and flu shots to live entertainment and giveaways, it's a day designed to honor and make life a little easier for the people who have given so much to our communities. We encourage all of our seniors to join!"

Nearly 1,000 residents attended last year's Golden Gathering, with more than 200 receiving their complimentary influenza immunizations.

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging empowers older adults by helping them stay active, independent, and connected to their community. Through a variety of programs and services – from nutrition and transportation, to caregiver support and wellness initiatives – the OFA ensures seniors have the tools and resources they need to thrive, while also linking them, their families, and caregivers with information and assistance to address their evolving needs as they age. Residents can learn more about the County's OFA at dutchessny.gov/aging, its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/dutchesscountyofa), by calling 845-486-2555 or emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington Farmers Market, Vassar College Alumnae Lawn, Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 30. <https://arlingtonhasit.org/farmers-market/>

Eastdale Farmers Market, Eastdale Village, 10 Otto Way, Poughkeepsie. First & third Sundays through October, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop farm-fresh produce, handmade goodies, and local treats while soaking up the community spirit. Located in front of Sims Podiatry & Jolie Medi Spa on Eastdale Avenue South. www.eastdalevillage.com/farmers-market

Millbrook Farmers & Makers Market, Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 25. Locally harvested foods, artisanal items and ready-to-eat goodies. Children's activities, special events and more. See Facebook page for more info.

NECC Farmers Market, Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Offers a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, fruit, cheeses, baked goods and prepared foods. All vendors are local and use sustainable and ethical growing practices. <https://www.neccmillerton.org/farmers-market-millerton>

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park (across from Town Hall). Runs Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through Oct. 25. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads

& bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and more. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. More info on Facebook, or email oakgreen@optonline.net.

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, The Pavilion at Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie. Open Tuesdays through Oct. 21, 2-6 p.m. Features farm fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, poultry, baked goods, maple products and more. (845) 471-0589

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 28. Rain or shine. More info at www.rhinebeck-farmersmarket.com

Roosters' Roadside Farmers Market, 669 County Rte. 2, Elizaville. Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Produce, meat, soap and other local items. roostersroadsidegrill

Todd Hill Outdoor Market, 4640 Taconic State Parkway North, Poughkeepsie. Run by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to bring its stakeholders together throughout the summer and fall seasons. The market includes seasonal produce, craft beverages, textiles, and value-added products that result from farming efforts or small businesses with a link to sustainable agriculture and horticulture in the Hudson Valley. (845) 849-0247 or <https://tastenyoddhill.com>

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Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 17th day of October, 2025 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Clinton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 26 West Cookingham, Staatsburg, (Town of Clinton) NY 12580. (SBL#: 6267-00-450621) Approximate amount of lien \$167,840.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2023-50971. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Ref-

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-32-25 Scanning of Annual Tax Rolls and Other Document Imaging Projects Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of September 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Pough-

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keepsie, 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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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-40-25 Electrical Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 30th 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 ob-

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: **181 Tinkertown Road, Salt Point Appeal #1087 Grid# 6564-01-295747**

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Area Variance Requests: The applicant was previously given a variance for a 16'x36' inground pool being in the front of the residence. The proposed size of the inground pool has changed to 20'x32' inground pool, who and will additionally need a 9' variance from the left property line due to it being 6' from the property line. **SAID Meeting** will take place on September 24, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

OBITUARIES



Krystle L. Eginger

Krystle L. Eginger, of Kingston, NY passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on September 9, 2025, at the age of 37. She was born on September 28, 1987 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Krystle was a fur mama and loved her two dogs, Willow and Skeeter and her cat, Stewie. Krystle enjoyed volunteering her time, game nights, going on trips, and spending time with her loved ones.

Krystle is survived by her fiancé, Kristopher Andersen, her parents, Frank & JoAnn Eginger, her sister and brother-in-law, Marie & Eric Roe and her bonus family, Sue Andersen, Nicole & Chris Vilardi, Stephen Andersen & Kelly Grimes, and her two nephews that she loved dearly, Nathaniel & Chase.

A very special heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful nurses and staff at Kingston Dialysis for always taking such great care of Krystle.

Krystle was a light in everyone's life. She spent a lifetime fighting and overcoming difficult challenges which made her a fighter. She'll be in our hearts, always.

A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date.

Patricia K. Frederick

Patricia K. Frederick, passed away on September 8, 2025, at The Landing at Laurel Lake in Lee, Massachusetts. Born on July 26, 1941, in the Bronx, New York, Patricia lit up the lives of those around her with her outgoing personality and remarkable sense of humor. She had an unparalleled gift for storytelling that captivated friends and family alike.

Patricia began her career as a banker for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. After she and her husband, Richard, moved to Pine Plains, she continued to work there until the long commute became too arduous. Her dedication to her work was evident in her

transition to Support Systems, where she served as a secretary and bookkeeper until her retirement.

Well known around Pine Plains for her warm spirit, Patricia could often be seen walking through town. Her love for doo-wop music brought life to every gathering, and her passion for her cats was evident in the tender care she provided them. Patricia also enjoyed adventure, cherishing memories from trips to Las Vegas and Hawaii.

She is survived by her nieces, Janet (Ronald) Doyle, and Deborah Kiernan, along with her great nieces and nephews, Michelle and Mike McCarthy, Steven Haire, Courtney Haire, and Nicole Doyle.

Patricia is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard "Uncle Fred" Frederick, her nephew Ryan Doyle, her sister Maureen Shaw, and her brother Leo Kiernan.

Family and friends celebrated the legacy of a remarkable woman who touched many lives with her kindness. A graveside service to honor Patricia's life took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bangall, on September 13, 2025. To share a favorite memory or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Ann Parisi



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ann Parisi on September 12, 2025 after a valiant battle with cancer. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and the cherished matriarch of her family, she left this world surrounded by her loved ones, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, and compassion.

Born on February 26, 1940 in Niagara Falls, NY, she was the daughter of Philip and Mary LaRose. Ann grew up in a close-knit Italian Catholic family that instilled in her the values of service, kindness, and perseverance. She graduated from the University of Plattsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and began her career

teaching elementary school in Lockport, NY, and North Syracuse, NY.

During that time, she met and married the love of her life, her devoted husband of 58 years, John Parisi. Together they built a beautiful life, raising their family in Millbrook, NY. There she continued her passion for education as a nursery school teacher while dedicating herself to raising her four children. A woman of faith and deep community ties, Ann taught religious education at St. Joseph's Parish, was an active member of St. Joseph's Ladies Guild, served on the PTA, and was a dedicated 4-H leader. She also volunteered countless hours at Uncle Al's Thrift Shop, giving selflessly to her community.

Her love of nature blossomed in her gardens, where she was an avid gardener and proud member of the Nine Partners Garden Club. At home, she shared her love through cooking and baking—always ready with a warm meal, and forever remembered for her love of celebrating every holiday with food, family and traditions.

Above all, Ann's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her loving husband, John Parisi, and their four children: Dr. Susan Parisi and her children Isabella, Annaeliese, and Alexander; the Hon. Anthony Parisi and his wife Sinead and their daughters Seraphina and Giuliana; Dr. Marybeth Parisi and her children Giovanna, Annabella, Marco, and Giulian; and Ann Marie Ozolins and her husband Christopher and their daughter Vivian. She is also survived by her brothers Stephen LaRose, Philip LaRose, Jr., and Anthony LaRose. She was predeceased by her parents, Philip and Mary Larose.

Ann will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her generosity, her strength, and most of all, her love for her family. Though she is gone from this earth, her spirit will live on in the lives she touched and in the hearts of all who loved her.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Ann's life with calling hours on Tuesday, September 16, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545, followed by burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences and directions.

Charles T. Popoli

Charles T Popoli, 90, passed away peacefully at home under the care of Hudson Valley Hospice on Monday September 8, 2025. He was born on December 13, 1934 in Yonkers, New York to parents Adam and Philomena Popoli (both deceased). He graduated from Commerce High School Class of 1952. He served with the US Army in Korea from 1954-1955 and then in the Reserves from 1955-1962. In 1966 he began workin at the

New York State Police in Hawthorne NY as a Communications Specialist and moved to the new headquarters at SP Poughkeepsie in Millbrook NY until his retirement in 1990. He met is wife Pamela at work and they were married on September 12, 1976 at the Reformed Church in Livingston NY and made their home in Millbrook.

He is survived by his wife Pamela after 49 years of marriage, his step-daughter Lori Knowles (Mark) of Brewster, NY and brother Adam of Pennsylvania, nieces Rosemary Leone (Dan), of Princeton NJ, Suzanne Hofbauer of Flanders NJ, Michelle Friedel of Ossining, NY, sister-in-law Grace Popoli of Ossining NY, nephew Marc Cruder of Edgewater MD, and niece Noelle (Nick) of Maryland. His sister Viola Cruder and brother William Popoli, predeceased him.

Calling hours were held on Friday September 12, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home, Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY with funeral services on the same day at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, Rhinebeck with reception following the service. Interment will be at the convenience of the immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, or Rhinebeck Reformed Church.

Patricia M. Sozzi

Patricia M. Sozzi, 86, of Poughkeepsie, NY, passed away on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at the Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, NY with family at her side. She was born on May, 29, 1939 in the Bronx, NY, the daughter of William and Stella (Oczenasz) Berczan.

On February 14, 1959, Patricia married the love of her life, Leo P. Sozzi. He survives at home. She worked as a School Bus Driver for the Wappingers Falls Central School District until her retirement in 1997.

Pat and Leo enjoyed 22 years of retirement in the Lecanto, FL area. She was an avid bridge player and joined several leagues. Together they enjoyed fishing, cruises and occasional trips to the casino. She loved local theater and would go to every show with her friend PJ. Pat and Leo returned to the area in 2019 to be close to their family. Pat loved animals and in 2021 she rescued a dog named Rumi who was her constant companion.

Patricia is survived by her daughter Erica L. (Matthew) Tyler, her son Michael L. (Bridgid) Sozzi and her beloved grandson Brian. Also surviving are her brother William "Butch" (Antionette) Berczan and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Community Mausoleum at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Inurnment followed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Patricia's name to Hudson Valley Hospice, hv Hospice.org or Care of DC, careofdc.org

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Answers to this
week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

GETTING YOUR NEEDS MET
– IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

Like you, we at the Office for the Aging sometimes need to rub our eyes as we read and re-read the legalese and jargon in correspondence we receive from federal and state agencies. Complex language comes with the territory with programs as massive as Medicare, which is estimated to spend over \$1.8 trillion on benefits this year.

We don't think any agency sets out to deliberately confuse and frustrate older adults and taxpayers; still, a tiny part of that massive Medicare budget is supposed to cover you, and you shouldn't have to be an expert on health policy to get what's yours by law.

OFA can help you learn and act on your rights, especially during the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment season from October 15th to December 7th. We're ready to answer your questions, without spin or sales pitches. We dug through the jargon, so you don't have to.

'This may be a stupid question but...'

No such thing! If you've asked the question, it's a step on the path to knowing your rights and acting on them.

This is where OFA's trained HIICAP health insurance counselors really come in handy. HIICAP stands for Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program. Reach out to us to arrange an in-person HIICAP counseling session at OFA, or a phone session from home. Sessions are available by appointment, by emailing ofa@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2555.

LAST CALL FOR 2025 SENIOR
FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION
APPLICATIONS

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a program headed by the New York State Department of

Agriculture and Markets and provides a free booklet of five \$5 coupons to all Dutchess County older adults who meet age and income requirements.

The coupons can be used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmer's markets throughout New York State. As of this month there are nine participating markets in Dutchess County.

Eligibility Criteria

To get your SFMNP coupon book, you must be:

- 60 years of age or older, live in Dutchess County AND
- Monthly income is at or below: \$2413 for a one person household, \$3261 for a two-person household AND
- Have not received SFMNP coupons from any other location this year.

If you meet the age requirement, AND are living in subsidized housing, you are eligible with no income guidelines.

Apply while supplies last

Applicants can stop by OFA from 2:30-4 p.m. on the remaining Thursdays and Fridays of September, or until coupon supplies are exhausted. We expect to have an extremely limited supply of SFMNP coupon booklets available at the Golden Gathering on Saturday, September 27th from 10am to 1pm, at Arlington High School (1157 NY 55, LaGrangeville).

- Each person in the household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the above age and income requirements.
- Only one coupon booklet per eligible senior in each household, while supplies last.
- An eligible older adult must sign in person. A Power of Attorney with proper paperwork can sign for the eligible older adult.

Contact OFA with additional questions.
BEACON-AREA HOME DELIVERED

MEALS DRIVERS WANTED

The OFA Friendship Center in Beacon at 1 Forrestal Heights needs volunteer drivers for our Home Delivered Meals Program (HDM) clients in Beacon and southwestern Dutchess County.

Typical HDM driving hours are 9:30am-12:30pm weekdays. Mileage can be reimbursed for drivers who use their own vehicles for deliveries.

For more information and a printable volunteering form, see dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer.

CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS EVENTS IN
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER (AND A
PET FIRST AID TRAINING EVENT)

Are you and your caregivers prepared for emergencies? It's okay if you think...maybe, maybe not. There are opportunities coming up to build on your knowledge, thanks to Dutchess County Emergency Response and Medical Reserve Corps as well as the Office for the Aging, plus the county's Animal Response Team.

Participants will learn how to prepare for a disaster or emergency of any kind and recover as quickly as possible. Each family attending will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Response Starter Kit, while supplies last.

- Monday, September 29: Pine Plains Library, 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains. With Dutchess County OFA. Class begins at 1pm in the community room upstairs from the library. Registration required; visit dutchessny.gov/citizenpreparedness or call 845-486-2555. View the event flyer (.pdf).

- Tuesday, October 14: Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Rd, Wappinger. Doors open at 6:30pm, class begins at 7pm. Registration required, visit dutchessny.gov/citizenpreparedness. View the event flyer (.pdf).

- Tuesday, October 21: Stanford Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanford. With Dutchess County OFA. Class begins at 6pm. Registration required, visit the Stanford Library calendar or call 845-868-1341. View the event flyer (.pdf).

Pet First Aid Training

The County's Animal Response Team (DCART) will teach participants life-saving skills for pets, including CPR; recognizing signs of heat stroke and hypothermia; identifying gastrointestinal issues, allergies, and poisoning; and treating injuries such as burns and eye issues.

- Wednesday, October 22: John Jay High School, 1212 State Route 52, Hopewell Junction. Class starts at 7pm. Registration required, visit dutchessny.gov/PetFirstAid. View the event flyer (.pdf).

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 are available at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie (location in next paragraph), and are included in the Fall 2025 THRIVE60+ newsletter that's being sent to our postal mailing list this month.

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.

'YOUR SMARTPHONE AND YOU'

CLASS RETURNS TO OFA (Tue 10/7)

More older adults are learning to make the jump into the world of mobile devices, but even tech-savvy older adults can be challenged to keep up with new developments. Find out about the new developments, along with the basics of smartphone ownership, at the upcoming "You and Your Smartphone" event co-hosted by OFA and AARP, on Tuesday, October 7th at 3:00pm at the OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. Open to Dutchess County residents over age 60. Space is limited; register in advance by calling OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

DUTCHESS DCFS OPERATING

HOURS CHANGE (Thursday 9/18)

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) will conduct staff training on Thursday, Sept. 18. The department's main Poughkeepsie office at 60 Market Street will be closed from 9 a.m. to noon; its offices in Millbrook and Beacon will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many services are available online, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or public assistance, which are always available at mybenefits.ny.gov; those looking to recertify for SNAP or public assistance, to report changes or to view case details can use the same site.

Additionally, DCFS applicants and recipients can access the NYDocSubmit mobile application, available for free through their preferred app store, to take pictures of their documents and submit them to DCFS.

DCFS clients looking to make child support, Medicaid spend-down, assistance repayments or temporary housing share payments can do so through a secure link on the department's webpage: dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/DCFS-Make-a-Payment.htm

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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.