

‘Super-express’ trains added to Hudson Line

Cuts travel time between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central Terminal

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced the launch of faster “super-express” trains on the Hudson Line between Poughkeepsie and New York City with the upcoming MTA Metro-North Railroad schedule effective Sunday, Oct. 5. The first “super-express” trains will run on Monday, Oct. 6. These new trips were announced in the Governor’s 2025 State of the State address and will cut travel times between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central Terminal to less than 90 minutes each way. Initially projected to launch in 2026, work was completed ahead of schedule, allowing for faster service to begin in October.

“Delivering better, faster Metro-North service to Hudson Valley commuters will propel economic growth across our state and improve quality of life,” Hochul said. “These new super-express trains will save commuters nearly 15 minutes of travel time every day, giving riders back over an hour a week of their precious time. This is just the start - work remains underway to deliver even more service improvements along the line, improving reliability and making trips up and down the Hudson Valley even faster.”

Faster Metro-North Hudson Line trips

Metro-North is shortening five trips between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central to less than 90 minutes and one trip down to 95 minutes, delivering the fastest trips ever between the two cities.

The travel time for a non-express trip between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central can be up to 115 minutes, depending on the number of stops. The run time improvements cut travel times by as much as 7

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Art, entertainment and food top lineup for Handcrafted Octoberfest

By Alexander Tsahalidis

There’s something about handmade goods that provides a great amount of appeal. Maybe it’s the slight imperfections that mark them as being painstakingly crafted. Maybe it’s the chance to meet the person behind the goods and understand all that went into the work. Whatever the reason you love them, the Quail Hollow Handcrafted Octoberfest is the place to find them all.

The event will be happening on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. Tickets are available online or at the gate with a discount for adults and seniors when purchased online. For a full entertainment schedule, food and beverage menu, list of artists, and to buy tickets visit quailhollow.com

Handcrafted Octoberfest first started in 2019. “When we formed the idea for this show we wanted to bring together and meld the harvest and fall traditions of Octoberfest with the idea of homemade goods and re-imagine them,” says Ola Rubinstein, the director of Quail Hollow events. “We wanted to show them through an artistic lens since that’s our specialty.” The event has become a popular show for artists and has been named a top national craft show by Sunshine Artist magazine.

There will be 125 exhibitors this year that will be showing off a wide variety of crafts and specialty goods, including



Tony Scott, a longtime pumpkin grower from Wappingers Falls, will be showing off this monster pumpkin at the Handcrafted Octoberfest on Saturday and Sunday at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. The event will also feature a wide variety of crafts and specialty goods, including handmade jewelry, wood and leather working, and various health and wellness products. *Courtesy photo*

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There will also be live demonstrations including metalworking and hand weaving. “Being able to have my loom with

me helps people to understand the work and thought that goes into a piece,” says Kathleen Fitzpatrick, a weaver from Delaware. “I also have a lot of people coming up to me telling me about

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Sinterklaas canceled for 2025, and possibly forever

By Kate Goldsmith



The Sinterklaas festival, which drew thousands annually to Rhinebeck the first Saturday in December, has been canceled for 2025 due to lack of funding. Its future is uncertain. *Courtesy photo*

For many years, the first Saturday in December meant that Sinterklaas – the Dutch saint who inspired our own Santa Claus – graced the Village of Rhinebeck, presiding over the Sinterklaas festival, a day filled with legend and lore, pageantry and performances, music, art, dance and more. The grand festival, created and coordinated by Jeanne Fleming, was made possible through many donations, grants and an army of volunteers.

The 2024 festival was canceled due to a budget deficit

from the previous year and the death of two crucial volunteers, Lindy Wright (who died in May 2024), who managed many components of Sinterklaas; and Harlan Matthews (who died in April 2024), Fleming’s husband. This year, financial difficulties continued, with grants being cut back or completely eliminated; and tariffs nearly tripling the cost of components in the Sinterklaas Stars that were sold to help raise funds for the festival.

Last week, Fleming sent out an email explaining the

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The Town of Milan held its Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 27. The annual event, held at Milan Recreation Park, featured a variety of activities and organizations. In the photos, clockwise from top left: Kurt Mitzgier with the Milan Volunteer Fire Department mans the grill. The fire company served hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage-and-pepper sandwiches all day. Chris and Cody Hedges from Stissing Mountain High School military history class taught by Neil Murray dress in Revolutionary War-era uniforms. David Nordstrom provided musical entertainment. Rocky Mancini, a.k.a. The Candy Man, relaxes with daughter Eileen (left) and wife Ann. Dutchess County deputy sheriffs present a K9 demonstration. Community Day attendees check out various booths and activities. Students from Stissing Mountain High School volunteered to assist with setup and greeting people. *Photos by Richard Wambach and courtesy photos*



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Art, entertainment and food top lineup for Handcrafted Octoberfest

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Horse drawn wagon rides and the art of metal-working are just two of the many activities on tap at this year's Handcrafted Octoberfest, which will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photos*



someone they knew that was a weaver or had a loom. It's a great way to make community connections over what seems like a diminishing craft."

Make sure to check out the entertainment as well! There will be a children's center that will have pumpkin painting and other seasonal activities, a petting zoo, horse drawn carriage rides around the fairgrounds, a theatrical dance troupe called "Witches Along the Hudson," and a master pumpkin carver, among others.

One of the highlights of the entertainment will be the weighing of a giant pumpkin! "I've got a good feeling about

this year's pumpkin," says Tony Scott, a longtime pumpkin grower from Wappingers Falls. "Last year's pumpkin was the best I've ever grown, weighing in at 2,032 pounds and this one is going to be very, very close."

If you're a big fan of anything Octoberfest, there will be over a dozen distilleries at the site along with a beer menu that has several local beers, including Kaaterskill Krush IPA from the Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company, Octoberfest from the Mill House Brewing Company, and Harvest Ale from Frog Alley Brewing.

Village of Rhinebeck earns silver Climate Smart certification



The Village of Rhinebeck recently earned Silver certification in New York's Climate Smart Communities Program. On the left: Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett and Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi are pictured at a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation press event with other Silver-certified municipalities. *Courtesy photo*

The Village of Rhinebeck recently earned Silver certification in New York State's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program. Currently, there are only 25 municipalities in New York State with Silver, and only two other municipalities in Dutchess County: the City of Beacon and the County of Dutchess.

The program provides a framework for municipalities to work on climate change, with over 100 actions ranging from reducing emissions to adapting to severe storms and other climate impacts. Each action is assigned points, and municipalities must provide documentation of completed actions. The Village's Silver certification was earned through

43 actions, including its municipal composting program, Climate Adaptation Plan, and Climate Action Plan, totaling 311 points.

The public can review the Village's public certification filing at <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>.

Silver is the highest CSC level. This achievement will garner the Village higher scoring on grant applications.

Trustee Bertozzi thanked the Climate Smart Task Force volunteers, community partners, Mayor Bassett, and Village officials and staff who have helped the Village of Rhinebeck get to this point. "We've been chipping away at it for 6 years. I'm so proud!" said Bertozzi.

Sing with the Rhinecliff Folk Choir

The Rhinecliff Folk Choir meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. (for 1 hour) at the Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Ten Sessions: Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28; Nov. 4, 11 and 18; Dec. 2, 9 and 16. Come check out this new, daytime community music offering.

Rhinecliff Folk Choir will explore traditional harmonies from the Americas, the Balkans, the British Isles, Caucasus Georgia, Corsica, Sardinia, Ukraine and always some more surprises. All are welcome regardless of prior experience.

Songs will be taught by ear mostly, with occasional sheet music.

Participation is by donation (suggested \$10-15 per class meeting, but all are welcome).

Led by Eua Salina, founder and director of Driftwood Chorus, and a lifelong singer of traditional music. She is a mother, singer, gardener, and community music educator who believes sometimes the simplest ideas (community, harmony, traditional music) are the medicine we need to build a better world.

To read more about Eua, visit www.euasalina.com; and for any questions about the folk choir, email her uiachorus@euasalina.com

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Says Trump has 'passion for peacemaking'

To the editor:
The writer of the letter "Trump's Toxic Leadership" (September 17-23) does not like Donald Trump. He compares him to Adolf Hitler. Let's compare the two.
Hitler, the leader of Germany from 1933 to 1945, hated the Jews. His henchmen supervised the murder of six million of them. The Nazi goal, as described in the Wannsee Conference of 1942, was to kill all twelve million Jews in Europe. Only the defeat of Germany stopped the Nazis in their demonic assault which the world has named The Holocaust.
Donald Trump, on the other hand, has a Jewish son-in-law who married Trump's daughter Ivanka in a Jewish ceremony. She converted to the Jewish faith in 2009. They live as observant Jews.
In addition, Trump has been described by Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu as the greatest friend of Israel ever to occupy the White House, nominating the President for the Nobel Peace Prize this past July. At the ceremony, Mr. Netanyahu said that President Trump is "forging peace as we speak, in one country and one region after the other." In two of those countries, their leaders nominated the President for the Nobel Peace Prize...Pakistan's leader in June of this year, then Cambodia's leader in August.
Hitler, rather than forging peace, waged war on country after country, invading them and brutally slaughtering their inhabitants as he plunged the world into war. In the book "A Question of Honor," by Lynne Olson and Stanley Cloud, the authors describe Hitler's assault on Poland in September of 1939. Several quotes include one by Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler (page 200), "All Poles will disappear from the earth". War correspondent William L. Shirer, reporting from Berlin, wrote in his diary "My information here is that there will be no Polish race left when Dr. Frank and his Nazi thugs get through with them." (page 201). Dr. Frank was the Nazi head of Poland's General Government. Hitler invaded Russia two years later. Twenty-six million Soviets died, including eight million soldiers, as a result of that invasion.
Donald Trump was in the hospitality industry, building hotels, casinos, golf courses, and skyscrapers. His passion for peacemaking is a natural extension of his former career.

Robert Crolius
Hyde Park

**Charcuterie workshop set
Oct. 18 at Wilderstein**

Wilderstein Historic Site, at 330 Morton Road in Rhinebeck, will host a "Sip & Savor" Charcuterie Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m.

Inspired by the tradition of lavish entertaining at the great estates along the Hudson, this hands-on workshop will guide participants through the art of crafting a beautiful and delicious charcuterie board.

Learn the essentials of food selection, salami folding, cheese styling, wine pairing, plus plenty of expert tips to elevate presentation.

Everyone will receive an acacia wood charcuterie board, sample ingredients, and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while creating their own stunning display to take home.

Limited space still available. Visit www.wilderstein.org to register. For more information, call Wilderstein at (845) 876-4818.

**Funeral service held for
Troop K Station Commander
killed in motorcycle crash**



A funeral service for New York State Police Sergeant and Station Commander Nigel K. Barnett Jr. was held on Thursday, Sept. 25, at The Gathering at Faith Assembly, Golf Club Lane, in Poughkeepsie. The 49-year-old, who was on his way to work on Sept. 16, died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of East Fishkill. Gov. Kathy Hochul, who attended the Poughkeepsie resident's funeral service, said in a social media post, "Sergeant Nigel K. Barnett led with strength, served with heart, and protected with pride. In his honor, flags are at half-staff on state buildings today (Sept. 25). His service and sacrifice will always be remembered." Barnett, who was a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, was a 19-year veteran of the New York State Police. *Courtesy photos NYS Police*

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DC Fair vendors donated 1,800+ pounds of food through FeedHV

In its fourth year of rescuing food at the conclusion of the Dutchess County Fair, the FeedHV community food network gathered 1,810 pounds of donations from 38 fair food vendors as they closed on August 24. Since 2022, the initiative has been a joint effort between Red Hook Responds and FeedHV to collect viable food products which are then directed to area food assistance programs.

Administered by Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), FeedHV is a regional food rescue and harvesting network operating throughout Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties. It links donors of prepared, but unserved, food and fresh produce with nonprofits and food assistance programs. Through an app-assisted network of food donors, volunteers and feeding agencies, FeedHV facilitates the harvesting, processing and distribution of locally grown or produced agricultural products, shelf-stable food donations and prepared nutritious foods. Among the donors are restaurants, farms, food makers, summer camps, stores, hotels, schools and universities – and unique opportunities such as the Dutchess County Fair and Ulster County Fair. The food assistance programs include food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

At the conclusion of the fair on Sunday, August 24, 16 volunteers from the combined Red Hook Responds and FeedHV volunteer teams, joined by the Beck family of Kevin W. Beck Contracting fanned out across the fairgrounds to collect excess viable food from vendors. Moving through the fair with a golf cart (courtesy of the Beck family), trays and bags, they visited vendors who had been canvassed earlier in the evening and indicated that they may have donations.

To help streamline the gathering process this year, volunteers were divided into teams, each with a leader who could escort the group to the pre-determined vendor locations. Leaders were in communication with each other to coordinate inventory and vehicle resources. Red Hook Responds contributed a cooler trailer so the donations could be stored on-site while collections continued.

According to Isabella Kemp, FeedHV Coordinator who worked to organize the volunteers and line up feeding agency recipients, the new system “was a very efficient process, having five different groups assigned to each section of the fair, so we were able to make sure we didn’t miss any food vendors. This was thanks to Michael Ferrante and the team at Red Hook Responds who helped lead the volunteer effort, directing the food from vendor to trailer.”

“It’s truly a moving experience to see so many concessioners, volunteers, and

fair employees work so hard to ensure that food doesn’t go to waste. The generosity of everyone involved is a clear indicator of the strength of community in Dutchess County,” said Michael Ferrante, Executive Director, Red Hook Responds.

Red Hook Responds held the food overnight in cold storage and was able to use some of the donations for its distributions. The next morning receiving agencies Darmstadt Shelter, Hyde Park Food Pantry, El Camino Al Exito and Willow Roots picked up the remainder for their food assistance programs.

In all, 38 Dutchess County Fair vendors made donations this year, which included various produce (lettuce, potatoes, lemons, limes, tomatoes, onions, Jalapenos, cucumbers, and celery), prepared foods such as shredded empanadas, funnel caked, chicken, sausages and pizza, as well as bread, hamburger and hot dog buns.

“We’ve been building this rescue initiative with the Dutchess County Fair for four years, and it has grown every year from 20 vendors and 710 pounds to the impressive numbers that we hit this year. Since we began in 2022, the collection at the fair has now topped 5,200 pounds,” said Mary Ann Johnson, Deputy Director, HVADC.

“This is a concerted, team effort, that couldn’t have been accomplished successfully without the volunteers from Red Hook Responds, individual volunteers, and FeedHV. Ultimately, I believe we need to put the praise on the concessionaires for going the extra mile to donate food to feed those in need, in our community. Many of these vendors do not live in the Hudson Valley or even have ties to it, other than participating in our beloved fair every year. For them to take the time, at the end of an exhausting week, to put together a donation, speaks to the fair community and fair industry,” said Jenny Lang, Vendor, Concessions and Sponsorships Manager at the Dutchess County Fair.

“In addition to our volunteer efforts, the success of the event is reliant upon the commitment the Dutchess County Fair staff and vendors who have all always been very supportive. This type of food rescue event with a short time window at the time the fair closing requires coordination and a real dedication to save food for those in need. We cannot thank all who participated enough for the work they did as the fair ended, and made this a success once again,” said Johnson.

To learn more about FeedHV, its donor and volunteer programs, visit www.feedhv.org. To become a food donor, receiving agency or volunteer, contact info@feedhv.org. To make a monetary donation to FeedHV, visit <https://www.feedhv.org/donate-today>.

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decision to cancel. It is reprinted below.

“Before we say goodbye, I want to take this moment to give a shout out to the astonishing core group of folks who, for 25 years, dedicated themselves and their creativity, camaraderie, hard work and talent to make Sinterklaas happen for so long. To the hundreds of incredible artists and thousands of volunteers - thank you! I bid sad adieu to the all the creative time spent collaborating together in endless meetings and working dinners that went into making this one thing happen for everyone. The storytelling, the laughter, the music, the drama, the silliness and fun. It has been the greatest joy of my life to have lived and worked with this extraordinary group of generous souls in this wonderful community to truly allow magic to happen.

“It is hard to believe that something as unique and beloved as Sinterklaas could fall casualty to lack of money – but that is the case.

“As of Friday [Sept. 19] afternoon, our last hope of saving the event fell through ... and so, we have to cancel. We tried many different avenues all year long, but were not able to get the final amount of money to make it happen.

“We are also the casualty of another

situation – the new tariffs! Our Sinterklaas Stars that are made in India (to benefit an orphanage) and the lights that are made in China – have nearly tripled in price, making them unaffordable for most families – and the funds raised by the stars accounted for 1/5 of the budget. It is also possible that the Stars, once shipped, could be caught up in the customs backlog and may not make it here in time anyway.

“And, arts grants have been cut back or eliminated.

“So, it is our sad duty to tell you that my favorite event and that of many (all the artists to be sure!) is canceled.

“And thank you to all those who did support us all these many, many years. We love you all and thank you for the privilege of having been able to do the work!

“Thank you.”

Jeanne Fleming

Creator/Coordinator

For the entire Sinterklaas Crew
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Fleming added, “Rest assured that we will refund any donations for this year that have come in so far in the next two weeks.”

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minutes one way compared to the current super-express train schedules, and by as much as 20 minutes one way compared to non-express trains, providing commuters and visitors with a quicker and reliable ride into and out of Manhattan. Details of the "super-express" Hudson Line trains are outlined further below.

As part of her 2025 State of the State, Governor Hochul proposed investments in Hudson Valley rail service that would increase capacity, reduce delays, improve safety and cut travel times. This proposal included shortening "super-express" Metro-North Hudson Line trips to less than 90 minutes.

NYS Senator Rob Rolison stated on social media, "Faster, high-speed trains along the Metro-North line from Poughkeepsie to Grand Central are a huge win for the Hudson Valley.

Shorter commute times will mean more time at home with family and more opportunities for our businesses, strengthening our local economy and making mass transit more efficient.

It's efforts like this that improve the quality of life for residents across our region and ensure the Hudson Valley continues to thrive. See you on the train!"

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou remarked on social media, "A huge thank you to Governor Hochul and the MTA for delivering on their commitment to improve our lives and communities in the Hudson Valley, through these investments to shorten travel times on the Hudson Line. Metro-North is the economic backbone of Hudson Valley communities like Beacon, allowing working families to earn a living, raise children and contribute to their communities."

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, "Part of being a good transit operator is knowing what your customers want

— whether it's even more LIRR service to the Ryder Cup or faster Metro-North trains between Poughkeepsie and the City. With Governor Hochul's support and investments in transit, we're able to do both."

Metro-North Railroad President Justin Vonashek said, "These enhancements build on the railroad's record-setting reliability with a systemwide on-time performance of 98% — and with more improvement work underway, this is only the beginning."

Representative Pat Ryan remarked, "We're making it easier and faster than ever for Hudson Valley residents to get to NYC. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for completing this project ahead of schedule, and investing in Metro North service — because every Hudson Valley family deserves transit options that are constantly innovating to better serve our community."

Super-Express Hudson Line service improvements

Adjustments to dozens of other trains, along with schedule optimization, resulted in clear paths for these Hudson Line Super Express trains to operate more efficiently.

- The 6:08 a.m. train from Poughkeepsie to Grand Central will now be an 89-minute run, five minutes faster than the current run time. This train makes stops at New Hamburg, Beacon and Harlem-125th St.
- The 6:42 a.m. train from Poughkeepsie will depart two minutes later at 6:44 a.m. and will now be an 89-minute run, seven minutes faster than the current run time. This train makes stops at New Hamburg, Beacon, and Harlem-125th St.
- The 7:03 a.m. train from Poughkeepsie will depart two minutes



PIC: City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou shakes hands with Gov. Kathy Hochul at Grand Central Terminal in New York City after it was recently announced that "super-express" trains have been added to the Hudson Line. Courtesy photo

later at 7:05 a.m. and will now be a 95-minute run, five minutes faster than the current run time. This train makes stops at New Hamburg, New Beacon, and Croton-Harmon.

- The 5:08 p.m. train from Grand Central will depart one minute later at 5:09 p.m. and will now be an 88-minute run, seven minutes faster than the current run time. This train stops at Harlem-125th St, Beacon, and New Hamburg.
- The 5:30 p.m. train from Grand Central to Poughkeepsie will now be an 88-minute run, six minutes faster than the current run time. This train stops at Beacon and New Hamburg.
- The 6:11 p.m. train from Grand Central will depart one minute later at 6:12 p.m. and will now be an 88-minute run, seven minutes faster than the current run time. This train stops at Harlem-

125th St, Beacon and New Hamburg.

The Metro-North team used specialized train-simulation software and in-depth analyses of GPS and signal data to create new timetables that shave up to seven minutes from some Hudson Line trains both into and out of New York. Improvements to Metro-North's signaling infrastructure have allowed the railroad to increase train speeds and reduce the effect of speed restrictions along the Hudson Line, resulting in improved run times for some trains.

Minor adjustments to departure times have been made across the entire network to accommodate ongoing capital projects and routine track work. Customers can check the new schedules online or use the TrainTime app for trip information. This schedule change will be in effect from Oct. 5, 2025, until the spring of next year.

Jury convicts 24-year-old Philadelphia man of 2022 murder in Beacon

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office announced that on Sept. 22, following five days of testimony and less than an hour of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 24-year-old Khyree Pratt, of Philadelphia, of the crimes of Murder in the First Degree, a Class 'A-I' Violent Felony, Murder in the Second Degree, a Class 'A-I' Violent Felony, Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a Class 'B' Felony and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class 'C' Armed Violent Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "This verdict sends a clear message, those who plot violence and those who carry it out will be held fully accountable. This defendant and shooter, along with every conspirator who played a role in this cal-

culated and cold-blooded murder, will face the consequences of their actions. Justice does not stop with the trigger — it reaches everyone behind the plan."

The jury concluded that on May 14, 2022, at approximately 7 p.m., in the City of Beacon, in the area of West Center Street and Forrestal Heights apartment complex, the defendant aided, abetted and acting in concert with others, knowingly possessed a loaded firearm and pointed the gun at the victim, Lionell Pittman, and fired a shot striking him in the head causing his death. The defendant committed the killing pursuant to an agreement with others and collected money as compensation for his participation in the murder, according to the DA's office.

The City of Beacon Police Department posted on social media on Sept. 24, "On Monday (Sept. 22), a jury convicted Khyree Pratt of murdering Lionel Pittman in May of 2022. The speed in which they were able to reach that conclusion is a testament to the great work and long hours put in by many members of the Beacon PD and the Dutchess

County District Attorney's Office."

The City of Beacon Police Department handled the investigation. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chiefs Andrea Long and David Kunca. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Edward T. McLoughlin, who has scheduled sentencing for Nov. 24, according to the D.A.'s office.

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Arlington's Giorgi earns 500th assist

Arlington volleyball won a thriller against John Jay, and it came with some milestones, too. After a neck-and-neck fourth set came to extra points, the Admirals took it 28-26 to force the fifth. Powered by Amelia Giorgi's 500th career assist, Arlington found their rhythm, going on to double up John Jay in the final set to take the match, 3-2. Set scores were 18-25, 25-20, 12-25, 28-26, 15-7. Caroline Urso had 11 digs, 8 kills, 4 aces. Giorgi did it all for the win, with 11 assists, 8 digs, 7 kills and 4 aces. Alyssa Reilly with 10 digs, 3 aces, and Caroline Jarc led with 13 digs.

Millbrook soccer routs Ellenville 10-0

The Blazers were on fire against Ellenville, powered by Abby McEnroe's hat trick, including an unassisted goal. Millbrook's 10 goals scored by eight different players, with Emma Bunga, Lilly Kozera, Elizabeth Osio, Anna Rubio, Avrianna O'Brian, Haley Freer, and Sophia. McEnroe, Osio, and Kozera also had assists. Maryellen Meyer, Mia Sullivan, Keilyn Batres Cuellar, and Kristel Pacay Tec also dished to their teammates.

Spackenkill improves to 8-0

Spackenkill girls soccer took a pair of wins last week. One was an especially dominant victory, as they blanked Highland 8-0. Six goals came from Morgan Agosta, Cadence Koehler, and Olivia Stout, each with a pair of goals. Koehler had a huge first half, with two goals and an assist on Agosta's first goal. Her first was assisted by Mia Ortegas, the second was unassisted. Ortegas had two

more assists in the second half, one for Stout and another for Agosta. Kaitlin Straley and Juliana Fernandes closed out the scoring. Shae Viggiano assisted both. Lily Lindell and Lex Thompson each made two saves, while Highland's Bella Giangrasso had 18.

Arlington Field Hockey on a win streak

On September 25, Arlington looked primed for a draw with Carmel during its senior celebration game. Who else but Audrey Grippo? Grippo, a senior, took to the fourth quarter with winning on her mind. And with 3 minutes left in her final home game as an Admiral, scored on Carmel's goalie for the 1-0 edge. The following game, another win over Ketcham, was more decisive. A 4-0 victory saw a pair of goals by Charlotte Reina. Lyla DeGregorio scored a goal, assisted by Lila Zaug. Reina passed a beauty to Rachel Whitesell for the sophomore's first goal of the season. Zaug was lauded as player of the game for the opportunities she created for her teammates.

Sassatelli, Bliss finish in Top 3 of Bowdoin Classic

'Tis the season for Bowdoin Park's annual cross country extravaganza, which took place on September 27. The Millbrook School's Andrea Sassatelli and Pine Plains' Violet Bliss were at the front of the girls' varsity 5K at the 2025 Bowdoin Classic. Sassatelli crossed the finish in 19:22.7. Bliss was close behind at 19:28.6. Sassatelli and Bliss finished second and third behind Horace Greeley's Malina Santee. Pine Plains' Daniel McPherson took 7th in the boys' varsity race, with a time of 16:34.3.



Arlington volleyball celebrated Amelia Giorgi's 500th assist for Arlington in a winning game against John Jay. Below: Pine Plains' Violet Bliss took third overall in the girls' 5K at the 2025 Bowdoin Classic. Courtesy photos



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Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank awarded \$1.07 million to launch redevelopment projects

With a focus on promoting equitable development and revitalization in Dutchess County, the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Corporation (DCPLB) has announced that it has been awarded \$1,070,000 through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal's (HCR) Land Bank Initiative. This competitive grant was awarded to DCPLB's first phase of redevelopment in Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie, and is part of a broader effort by HCR to support land banks statewide in their missions to combat blight and revitalize communities.

DCPLB will use this funding to acquire and stabilize distressed, tax-abandoned properties, demolish derelict structures to eliminate blight, and support the rehabilitation of affordable housing units in partnership with Hudson River Housing. This initiative is also expected to leverage an additional \$1 million in private investment, contributing to the creation of stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods and helping to break barriers to homeownership as the region faces a housing and affordability crisis.

"Fairness, equity and transparency are at the heart of our mission," said Amy Gigliuto, executive director of the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank. "We're not just renovating buildings, we're taking potential and creating opportunity. This is about opening doors to homeownership for people who give so much to our community – and ensuring every neighborhood has a chance to thrive."

As part of its redevelopment efforts, DCPLB will work directly with community-based contractors and businesses, ensuring the benefits of this investment ripple outward across the local economy.

Housing has long been identified as one of the most pressing issues facing residents in Dutchess County. A recent report released by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Voices of the Hudson Valley, found that access to affordable housing is among the top concerns of residents of Dutchess County. The report found that to afford rent in the county, single renters would need to work 60 hours per week, as rent has continued to increase at a greater rate than wages over the past decade. DCPLB's work directly responds to this need by transforming blighted properties into affordable homes, creating more pathways to homeownership for individuals and families.

New York State has appropriated more than \$160 million to support the services and expenses of 31 Land Banks, addressing housing needs throughout the State. This Land Bank Initiative funding has returned nearly 300 housing units to occupancy through rehabilitation and development, saved 180 properties for reuse through stabilization interventions, improved community safety by demolishing 180 blighted properties, and invested in predevelopment studies to prepare nearly 300 properties for redevelopment.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas said, "Thank you to the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank for their continued partnership in addressing the housing crisis that is impacting so many residents across New York. HCR's support of Land Banks is in keeping with Governor Hochul's \$25 billion, five-year housing plan that is creating and preserving 100,000 affordable homes, with almost 1,000 already



brought to life in Dutchess County. We are excited to see the Land Bank put this \$1 million to work alongside operating funds it received previously to remove blight and help families build wealth through homeownership."

"This \$1.07 million award to the Dutchess County Poughkeepsie Land Bank represents an essential investment in our community's future," said New York State Senator Rob Rolison, who was mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie at the time of the creation of the land bank. "By turning long-neglected properties into safe, affordable homes, especially for those who are giving back to our community, DCPLB is providing more than just housing – they're providing opportunities for our residents to take root and grow here in Dutchess County. I'm proud to support its initiatives that prioritize fairness, empower neighborhoods and put local residents at the heart of revitalization."

"We are committed to ensuring that our redevelopment projects reflect the needs of the people who live in these neighborhoods," said Gigliuto. "We're looking forward to hosting public information sessions in the months ahead, to give neighbors the opportunity to learn about the properties DCPLB has acquired, share input on what they would like to see in their backyard and explore ways to be directly involved in the process. We want our projects to be collaborative efforts that uplift the entire county."

To learn more about the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank, follow along with its work or offer input to revitalization projects in your community, visit the website: www.dcpoklandbank.org or follow the organization on Facebook (Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank Corporation) and Instagram (@dcpoklandbank).

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Drug Task Force arrests 41-year-old Queens man for intent to sell

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force has announced the successful execution of a search warrant at a residence off North Bridge Street in the City of Poughkeepsie following a narcotics investigation.

Agents began the investigation after developing intelligence about a suspected dealer operating in the area. Numerous community complaints about suspected drug activity at the same location further supported the investigation.

Through their efforts, Agents identified Derrick Ensley, 41, of Queens, New York, as the individual allegedly distributing narcotics from the residence. Over the course of the investigation, Agents conducted multiple purchases of fentanyl and cocaine allegedly from Ensley, which ultimately led to the securing of a search warrant.

On Sept. 11, Agents of the Drug Task Force, assisted by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit (SWAT) and the Poughkeepsie Police SWAT Team executed the warrant. During the operation, Ensley allegedly attempted to flee through a window but was apprehended without incident by tactical officers.

The search resulted in the seizure of large quantities of cocaine, fentanyl, drug packaging materials, U.S. currency, digi-

tal scales, and other items associated with the sale and distribution of narcotics, according to the Drug Task Force.

Ensley was charged with Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd degree with intent to sell, a class B Felony, and was later remanded to DCJ with no bail.

This investigation and enforcement action were made possible through close collaboration between the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Detective Bureaus, the City and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Departments, City of Beacon Police Department, Town of Hyde Park Police Department, Town of East Fishkill Police Department, Town of Fishkill Police Department, and the New York State Police Community Stabilization Unit.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by emailing your tips to Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com. As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Fall Flea Market seeks vendors

Vendors wanted for the Freedom Plains Fall Flea Market, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For \$25, you can reserve a generous space on our front lawn. To fill out an application and pay the \$25 fee online, go to our website www.fpupchurch.org or call the church office weekdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (845-452-0864).

Historic Red Hook's Cemetery Crawl under way

Part scavenger hunt, part self-guided tour, Historic Red Hook's Cemetery Crawl takes you through six Red Hook cemeteries to uncover the stories of fascinating local residents and their memorials. With just your smartphone in hand, you can enjoy a crisp fall day exploring history in an engaging, family-friendly way, or you can read the biographies from home at www.historicredhook.org. Visit the website for more information.

Congregation Shir Chadash Yom Kippur schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

Penny Social set Oct. 4 at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Fall Penny Social on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced) and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving items will be featured. Refreshments will be for sale. Please, no outside food. Total proceeds benefit Stanford Grange's ongoing Community Service Projects and continual Grange Hall maintenance. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Rev 250 program set Oct. 4 at Elmendorph Inn

Historic Red Hook will present "Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and the Revolution," a lecture by Dillon Streifeneder, on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at Elmendorph Inn, North Broadway, Red Hook. Reservations required at www.historicredhook.org

Yard & Bake Sale to benefit Hyde Park Food Pantry

The Hyde Park Food Pantry will hold a Benefit Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Chapel, 10 East Market St., Hyde Park (across from Hyde Park Post Office). Proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

Harvest Festival at Big Rock Market Oct. 4

Big Rock Community Farms Market, at 6031 Route 82, Stanfordville, will hold a Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be a pumpkin maze, corn pit and kids games all day, plus a Pet Parade (Costume Contest; all leashed and polite animals welcome) and Dessert Fest from 1 to 3 p.m., with winners announced at 2:30 p.m.

Friends Cemetery Association to meet Oct. 4

A special meeting will be held for lot owners and members of the Friends Cemetery Association for the purpose of electing directors and preventing abandonment. Without directors to manage the cemetery, the cemetery may become abandoned.

The meeting date is Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. Contact Arthur Weiland, secretary, with questions at (845) 797-8822.

Music Festival benefit for Clinton Corners equine rescue

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

St. Paul's in PV to host

Blessing of the Animals Oct. 5

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pleasant Valley, will hold a Blessing of the Animals, on Sunday Oct. 5, at noon on the lawn. Bring your pets and learn about other local environmental organizations in honor of St. Francis Day. And join us Nov. 1, "Día de los Muertos" All Souls/All Saints Day, at 5:30 p.m. for a candlelit service, prayers and music by Novus Cantus: A fusion of Latin and Renaissance vibes. Novuscantus.com. Bring photos of loved ones to memorialize. The

church is at the corner of Route 44 and Traver Road. Call (845) 635-2854 for more information.

Events to benefit Hudson Valley chapter of Special Olympics

Special Olympics Super Regional Fall Sports Festival: Volunteers needed. Date: Sunday, Oct. 5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Beacon Memorial Park, 97 Robert Cahill Drive, Beacon. To inquire about volunteering, email Mercedes Vincent at: mvincent@nyso.org

Law and Order Night at Texas Roadhouse, 2323 South Road Poughkeepsie. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 5-8 p.m. Order out or dine in. Special Olympics NY – Hudson Valley will receive 10% of the proceeds during the 5-8 p.m. time frame for all who show event flyer. Flyer can be found on Special Olympics event calendar under the date. <https://www.specialolympics-ny.org/hudson-valley-region-calendar/>

Clinton Historical Society sets memorial gathering

The Clinton Historical Society will hold a Memorial Remembrance for Dick and Norene Coller on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., There will be a light brunch at 140 Deer Ridge Drive, Staatsburg. All are welcome; RSVP appreciated. (415) 260-1132 or bfetler@gmail.com.

Bennett Park grand opening set Oct. 5

The Millbrook Community Partnership invites the public to the grand opening of Bennett Park on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. Enjoy music, food, drinks, games and more. There will be remarks by Oakleigh Thorne and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets encouraged. Bennett Park is at 7-9 Bennett Common Way, Millbrook. Visit <https://www.millbrookbennettpark.org/> for more information.

Miles of Hope sets Community Walk

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

Funds raised through the Miles of Hope Community Walk directly benefit breast cancer patients and families by offering education, services, and financial relief. Over the past two decades, Miles of Hope has donated more than \$4 million to those in the Hudson Valley. Advance registration is required at <https://milesofhope.org/>.

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

Ulster Savings Bank Homebuyer Seminar

Ulster Savings Bank will present a free Homebuyer Seminar on 10/9/25, at 5:30 p.m. Learn about the many critical steps to owning your own home. You may be eligible for a \$750 Home Buyer Credit* just for attending.

Sign up at: https://www.ulstersavings.com/why-us/seminars/#section_HomebuyerSeminars

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Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee to host events

Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee Beautification Awards: Thursday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m., Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. The HPVEC invites you to celebrate the bi-annual Beautification Awards honoring individuals and businesses who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing the visual appeal of our community. Free and open to the public.

HPVEC Education Series: Sunday, Oct. 19, 3 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 4526 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. Compost training and home compost unit give away made possible thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. Hyde Park/Staatsburg residents are eligible to receive one free home compost unit per household at the training. Attendance is free and registration is encouraged. Email to hpvecboard@gmail.com to register.

Eleanor Roosevelt Birthday Celebration set Oct. 11

To honor the anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth, the National Park Service will hold a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., in the Rose Garden at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park.

Following the ceremony, the FDR Presidential Library will invite attendees to return to the Wallace Center, adjacent to the Rose Garden, for birthday cake and refreshments. This is a free public event and registration is not required.

Rhinecliff Grange Soup Sales heating up

Rhinebeck Grange #896 will sponsor Rhinecliff Soup Sales on the third Thursday of the month: Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Soup is \$10, sold by the quart. Take-out only. Pick-up location at Morton Library between 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Email: JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices for each month and pre-order on-line.

Clinton Historical Society celebrates golden anniversary on Oct. 18

Clinton Historical Society will hold a gala History Hoedown evening on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Primrose Hill Farm in Clinton. The event

will include a barbecue, live music, country dancing, silent auction and more. The fundraiser will cap off Primrose Hill Farm's premier Heritage Harvest Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., hosted by farm owner and Historical Society trustee Bob Schoch, whose farm at 203 Fiddlers Bridge Road has been in Bob's family for eight generations.

The public is invited to both events. Reservations are required by Oct. 14 and can be made via www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org. Tickets for the daytime Heritage Harvest Festival are \$40 for adults, \$20 for ages 11-22, and free for ages 10 and under. Tickets to the History Hoedown dinner and dancing are \$100 (\$90 for Historical Society members), \$50 for ages 11-22, and free for ages 10 and under. A combination ticket to both events for adults is \$115. All profits from the Heritage Harvest Festival and the History Hoedown are being donated to the Society to benefit the Creek Meeting House restoration.

For more information, visit www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org or email Craig Marshall at craigmarshall266@aol.com.

Special dinner to raise funds for Hyde Park Library

The Friends of the Hyde Park Library are hosting a CIA-prepared dinner on Oct. 18, to raise money for the library's building project. The theme of the event is Rev 250, in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III will give a presentation following the dinner, which will begin at 6:15 p.m. and feature dishes prepared by Dr. JJ Manley, CIA senior associate dean of campus life and student development, and students. The dinner will take place at the United

Methodist Church of Hyde Park, at 1 Church Street.

There will be a wine bar at the Hyde Park Library annex starting at 5 p.m. Attendees are invited to come and participate in the raffle drawings and silent auction that will take place during this time, before heading across the street for the dinner.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased at the circulation desk of the library during business hours. They're also available online, via hydeparklibrary.org/events, for \$49.87.

DAR meeting set Oct. 19 in Rhinebeck

Sunday, October 19, 2pm. DAR Chancellor Livingston Chapter meeting, 77 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck. Speaker Cynthia Baer will speak on "The Hometown Movement and Crafts of the Revolutionary War Era." The public is invited. For information about this meeting or how to become a member, email darrhinebeck@gmail.com.

Anderson Foundation for Autism Gala set Nov. 1

Join the Anderson Foundation for Autism for a festive evening of dinner, dancing, and inspiration on Saturday, Nov. 1, at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. There will be a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7:30 p.m.

The black-tie optional gala will honor Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Katy Kollar, recipients of the 2025 VV Anderson Community Service Award. In addition, two yet-to-be-named Anderson Center team members will also be recognized with the 2025 Above and Beyond Awards (one from the children's program, and one who works in our adult programs). Tickets must be reserved in advance; visit andersoncenterforautism.org/gala or call (845) 889-9208.

BARTENDER WARS SET OCT. 9

The 8th Annual Bartender Wars will take place on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., on the Delamater Inn lawn at The Beekman Arms.

Enjoy delicious bites and cocktail samples crafted by local bartenders (The Tavern at Beekman Arms, Le Petit Bistro, Terrapin, The Grove and more).

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Millbrook Library celebrates new Native Garden Oct. 4

The Friends of Millbrook Library will hold a wine & cheese reception to celebrate the library's new Native Garden on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

The library's Native Garden has been underwritten by the Friends with funds raised through their annual Holiday Silent Auction and ongoing Book Sale, as well as the support and grant from Millbrook Garden Club.

RSVP at <https://millbrooklibrary.org/> (select Calendar from the menu) to attend the reception.

The garden has been designed in consultation with local landscape designer Andrew J. Durbridge and planted by Perfect Nature Landscaping, Inc. on the front lawn of Millbrook Library facing Franklin Avenue. Coincidentally, this is the same footprint of a memorial garden planted in the spring of 1953 by Millbrook Garden Club in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harkness Flagler, who for many years were beloved residents and benefactors of the Millbrook community.

The new Native Garden complements the library's participation in the Sustainable Libraries Certification Program, reflecting its commitment to environmental stewardship as well as economic feasibility and social equity. The Millbrook Library Garden is registered on the Pollinator Pathway, public and private pesticide-free corridors of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds.

Library launches garden bench project

On July 1, the Friends of Millbrook Library kicked off participation in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge Program, intending to earn a bench for the garden.

The NexTrex Challenge is a nationwide program that supports local recycling efforts. The challenge set is to collect 1,000 pounds of soft plastic film and packaging by July 1, 2026. If Millbrook Library reaches this goal, Trex will donate a bench made from recycled materials, which will be placed in the new native garden as a lasting symbol of the community's commitment to sustainability.

"We are grateful to the Friends of the Millbrook Library for their financial support of the new native garden and excited about this community challenge," said Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tsahalis. "This initiative highlights our community's shared commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship."

A collection bin has been placed in the Library's main lobby. Accepted items include grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and more. Community members are encouraged to contribute regularly to help the Library reach its recycling goal.

The Millbrook Library has been serving the community since 1902. Today, the library provides a wide range of physical and digital materials, along with educational and engaging programming for patrons of all ages. More information can be found at millbrooklibrary.org.

Dutchess Outreach coat drive begins Oct. 1

Dutchess Outreach announces the start of the 2025 Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial Coat Drive, running October 1 through October 31, and invites residents, businesses, and schools. This year, the Coat Drive especially welcomes donations of boys', men's, and adult plus sizes, which remain in high demand. Coats will be distributed countywide from November through January to help families stay warm throughout the winter.

What to donate: Please donate clean, good-condition winter coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and snow pants (no lightweight jackets or other clothing). Kindly ensure zippers work and items are free of heavy stains or tears. If possible, bag and label by type (boys, girls, women, men).

Where to donate: Public drop-off partners include: Adriance Memorial Library, Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Boardman Road Branch Library, Chase Bank (285 Main Street, Poughkeepsie), Dover Plains Library, East Fishkill Town Hall, Grinnell Public Library, Hyde Park Library, Millbrook Library, Pleasant Valley Library, Raymour & Flanigan (Showroom and Outlet), Red Cap Cleaners (all locations), Rhinebeck Bank (all branches), Rhinebeck Fire Department, Rhinebeck Town Hall, Roosevelt Fire Department Engine Company 1, TEG Federal Credit Union (all branches)

Community members can also sign up to host a public drop-off site or a private coat drive throughout October. Coat donations are not accepted at our Dutchess Outreach office or building.

Coat giveaway dates: Giveaways begin in November and continue through January across Dutchess County, including events at:

Dover Plains Library: 1797 NY-22, Wingdale, Date and Time TBD

Dutchess Outreach: 272 Main St., Poughkeepsie, November 15, Time TBD

Dutchess Outreach Farm Stand: ? 272 Main St., Poughkeepsie, November 21 and December 19, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

New To You: ? 29 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie, November 14 and December 12, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

North East Community Center, 51 S Center St., Millerton, Date and Time TBD

Our Savior Lutheran Church: 1400 Route 52, Fishkill, November 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church: ? 92 Martin Rd. Pleasant Valley November 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Hyde Park: 1 Church St., Hyde Park, November 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

A full, regularly updated list with addresses and phone numbers is available online. <https://bit.ly/DOCoatDrive>.

Local organizations, schools, agencies, and religious institutions may also submit a coat order form identifying specific sizes needed by their clients, students, or constituents. The order form will be available shortly. Call or email Robin Tanenbaum, Volunteer Coat Drive Manager at 914-848-1042 or sdmcoatdrive@dutchessoutreach.org.

2025 Hearts and Hammers Dinner & Auction set Oct. 9

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County announces its annual Hearts and Hammers Dinner & Auction, a night dedicated to celebrating community, contributions, and building hope. This year's event will take place on Oct. 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Roundhouse in Beacon.

Hearts and Hammers has quickly become a signature tradition, bringing together neighbors, partners, and supporters for an unforgettable evening. Guests will enjoy delectable food, an open bar, lively music, and an exciting silent auction. All proceeds directly support Habitat's mission to build safe, affordable homes and strengthen communities in Dutchess County.

Continuing the beloved tradition, attendees are encouraged to embrace the

evening's signature "construction culture" theme—blending business wear with construction flair—to represent the heart and hammer of Habitat's mission.

This year, Habitat is honored to present the Golden Hammer Award to Arnoff Moving & Storage for their extraordinary support of Habitat's mission, and the Heart of Habitat Award to architect David Freeman, whose unwavering dedication has left a lasting impact on countless families.

Sponsorship opportunities, Journal Ads, and Tickets are available now. For more information, please contact Jessica at jessica.miuccio@habitatdutchess.org or 845-297-0806 option 5, or visit our website at <https://habitatdutchess.org/hearts-hammers-event/>.

'The Pink Punch-Out' at Gold's Gym to promote breast cancer awareness

Poughkeepsie boxer returns to ring after 10 years to headline event

APJ Boxing Club Inc. will present "The Pink Punch-Out," a USA Boxing sanctioned amateur event dedicated to fighting for a cause. The event, held in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Road, Lagrangeville.

The main event will feature the comeback of Poughkeepsie's own Kariym Patterson II. The 23-year-old boxer is making his highly anticipated return to the ring after a 10-year layoff, bringing a powerful story of perseverance and dedication to his hometown crowd.

In a partnership to support the commu-

nity, a portion of the proceeds from "The Pink Punch-Out" will be donated to the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, a local organization dedicated to funding support services and programs for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley.

The action-packed undercard will showcase a range of talent, including current Ring Masters Champion Frank Flora and the inspiring debut of Jasslyn Salva, an 11-year-old female boxer stepping through the ropes for her very first bout.

Doors open at 1 p.m., with the first bell scheduled for 2 p.m. As a special offer, every ticket purchased for "The Pink Punch-Out" will include a complimentary three-day membership to Gold's Gym in LaGrange.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at apjboxing.com.



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Heritage Harvest Festival and History Hoedown set Oct. 18 in Clinton

By Craig Marshall

A barbecue, live music, country dancing, silent auction and more are part of the Clinton Historical Society's 50th anniversary celebration. The gala History Hoedown evening will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Primrose Hill Farm in Clinton.

The fundraiser will cap off Primrose Hill Farm's premier Heritage Harvest Festival, also on Oct. 18, held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will be hosted by farm owner and Historical Society trustee Bob Schoch, whose farm at 203 Fiddlers Bridge Road has been in Bob's family for eight generations.

The festival will feature programs focused on managing an historic rural property, with presentations on agricultural, environmental, forestry management, and preservation methods for houses and barns. Bob noted, "History enthusiasts will enjoy talks by history writers and demonstrations of long ago games and hobbies for children and adults. The farm's Dutch bank barn, built in the late

1700s, will be open to display antique agricultural equipment. Hayrides around the fields, forests, and large wetland will occur throughout the day. A hayride will re-enact the legend of the Fiddlers Ghost."

The Society's History Hoedown dinner-dance will begin at 6 p.m. under a large tent on the farm, including dinner catered by Fireside BBQ and Grill of Salt Point. The Bog Hollow Band with dance caller Eric Hollman will then lead group square- and line-dancing to country music. Country costumes are encouraged.

The public is invited to both events. Reservations are required by Oct. 14 and can be made at www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org. Tickets for the daytime Heritage Harvest Festival are \$40 for adults, \$20 for ages 11-22, and free for ages 10 and under. Tickets to the History Hoedown dinner and dancing are \$100 (\$90 for Historical Society members), \$50 for ages 11-22, and free for ages 10 and under. A combination ticket to both events for adults is \$115.

All profits from the Heritage Harvest Festival and the History Hoedown will be



Dutch bank barn, c. 1700. Courtesy photo

donated to the Society to benefit the Creek Meeting House restoration. Built by Quakers during the American Revolution, the Creek Meeting House is in the midst of a transformation that will modernize the building to better serve as a community center and restore it to its original 18th-century austere beauty.

For more information, check the website at www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org or email Craig Marshall at craigmarshall266@aol.com.

Craig Marshall is Vice-President of the Town of Clinton Historical Society and Town of Clinton Historian.

'Fall' into donating blood, platelets

The American Red Cross urges people to mark the new season with a lifesaving blood or platelet donation to help keep the blood supply strong. Donors of all blood types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are needed now.

For many, daily routines shift as the seasons change, but blood and platelet donations must remain top of mind. Every single donation is key to making sure all patients relying on critical transfusions, including car accident victims, those living with sickle cell disease and those facing cancer, get the care they need.

Fall into donating blood or platelets. Make an appointment to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross

Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma Sept. 22-Oct. 19, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Fall.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Clinton Corners
Oct. 4: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., East Clinton Fire District, 9 Firehouse Lane

Hyde Park
Oct. 2: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Regina Coeli, 2 Harvey St

Poughkeepsie
Oct. 9: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., LaGrange Fire Co No 3, 21 Red Oaks Mill Rd.

AAUW POUGHKEEPSIE RECEIVES COMMENDATION FROM LEGISLATURE



The Poughkeepsie Branch of the American Association of University Women received a commendation from the Dutchess County Legislature at the Legislative Board meeting last month. This commendation recognizes the branch for its 100 years as an organization and its service to the Dutchess County community.

Dr. Lisa R. Kaul, Dutchess County Legislator, Town of

Poughkeepsie; Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith, Fishkill & Beacon; and Brennan Kearney, Dutchess County Legislator, Clinton, Pleasant Valley & Rhinebeck, offered this commendation.

The commendation notes that the AAUW has been instrumental in creating several impactful community programs including Leading to Reading (literacy program), Days for Girls (making feminine hygiene kits), Extending Girls' Horizons (leadership and STEAM programs), and the Court Watch initiative.

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Nuvance Health has joined Northwell



Nature enthusiasts wanted!

Note: This week's Hudson Valley Naturalist column relied on contributions of Brent Boscarino, Chris Petty, and others affiliated with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

Fall in the Hudson Valley provides stunning views as the leaves change color. You can enjoy an immersive experience among the beautiful foliage at our area's parks, preserves and trails. Everyone in our readership area can surely access a nearby town, county, state, federal or even privately maintained greenspace that is open to the public. They are maintained for all of us, as well as future generations to enjoy.

Nearby places to walk, hike or go for a run include The Empire State Trail System, The Hudson Valley Greenway Trail System, Walkway-Over-The-Hudson, The Appalachian Trail (90 miles of it is in New York), Harriman Park, and Hudson Highlands State Park. Countless people use public trail systems yearly. Most who do may not think about what goes into planning, building, marking, maintaining and repairing those trails.

Committed individuals, mainly volunteers, devote their "labor of love" to keep

the trail systems clear and usable. Volunteers complete tasks such as identifying and clearing invasive species, clearing litter and repairing damage from erosion and use. One such volunteer, Annalise Jarski, "[has] surveyed for the past several years and I love that this program allows me to explore new and familiar parks to a greater extent. It's nice to have an excuse to spend time outside and clear my mind while helping the Trail Conference monitor invasive species growth. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about regional invasive species and I look forward to surveying next year!"

Cathy Elko, who has participated for the past three years shared that, "Being a Surveyor Volunteer for the Trail Conference is truly an incredible, ongoing journey. For me, exploring new trails is exciting, and it's nice to have good company. We maintain a lighthearted atmosphere; we stop, we survey, we laugh, and then we move on to the next location, and then do it again. A healthy blend of work and fun makes this role so fulfilling. Every survey feels like an adventure, and every laugh is good for the soul."



Peter Dlugos (right) is a Surveyor Volunteer with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Below: Other volunteers with the Conference are Annalise Jarski, and Cathy Elko and Stefanie Brown. Photos by Krysti Sabins and courtesy photo

Why not follow your passion for the outdoors and take to the trails? Look online for private hiking clubs and outdoor social media meet-ups. For organized camaraderie and volunteering similar to what Jarski and Elko described, try these:

- **Appalachian Trail Conservancy:** It manages the Appalachian Trail. They do this in coordination with multiple Federal, State, Municipal, and private stakeholders, as the trail crosses both public and private lands. <https://appalachiantrail.org/>

- **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation:** The NYDEC partners with many groups (Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Cornell University and others) to manage plants, wildlife, land and people. <https://dec.ny.gov/about/employment/volunteers>

- **Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (LH PRISM):** LH PRISM is a collaboration of environmental organizations, engaged community members and other stakeholders that are dedicated to invasive species education detection, prevention and habitat restoration in the Lower Hudson region of New York State. <https://www.lhprism.org/action-steps-resources/#volunteer>

- **Student Conservation Association:** Their mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities. Their programs provide hands-on service programs for youth and young adults. <https://thesca.org>

- **Dutchess Land Conservancy:** The DLC is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the scenic, agricultural, and environmental resources of Dutchess

County. <https://www.dutchessland.org/>

Brent Boscarino, Director of Land Stewardship for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, says that, "One of the greatest parts of volunteering is the rewarding feeling that comes from connecting with nature and the building of community in ways that go beyond just your 'standard hike.' Many of the environmental issues we face in protecting our trails can seem overwhelming at first. But when you start linking up with other engaged community members and partner organizations, you begin to realize you are not alone and that there are some incredible achievements happening on the ground through collective community action. That sense of empowerment -that your individual efforts are part of a greater whole that are leading to tangible accomplishments - is inspiring and breathes new life into that nature experience and giving back to the lands we love."

- **New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (NY/NJTC):** The Conference builds and maintains a network of over 2,150 miles of public trails. To perform their mission, they partner with thousands of volunteers across multiple organizations to maintain an incredible network of trails. <https://www.nynjtc.org/volunteer/> Check 'em out!

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 <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>



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Ephemeral artworks showcased at Tivoli Street Painting Festival



The 24th Tivoli Street Painting Festival took place on Saturday, Sept. 27, along Broadway in the Village of Tivoli. The popular event, which draws people of all ages and skill levels from Northern Dutchess and outlying regions, promotes community and artistic expression. Local arts enthusiast and longtime Tivoli resident Felicia Keesing spearheaded the efforts. Pictured are just some of the colorful works created with chalk provide to participants at no charge. Photos courtesy of Team Street Painting

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. www.artgallery71.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 19:** "Sound and Vision," this exhibition aims to highlight how sound shapes what one sees, and how visuals inform the way one hears or feels music. Through abstract imagery, bold design, and storytelling, the pieces highlight unique artistic voices and reflect on how these two forms influence, echo, or inspire one another. **Closing Reception, Artist Talk & Performance:** Sun., Oct. 19, 1-3 p.m. www.artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222

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 600 works acquired over the past five years. (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. **Oct. 3-Nov. 1:** "Women, Water and Work: Imagining Nicaragua Exhibit," Millbrook Library and the Millbrook Arts Group partner with Artists for Soup, a non-profit organization based in Millbrook, to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month. Paintings and folk art created by Nicaraguan artists are on exhibit. **Opening reception:** Fri., Oct. 3, 6 p.m. Sangria and bocadillos, snacks from across the border, will be served. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

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

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

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Nov. 2:** "EMILY

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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through 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. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 25:** "Under the Three-Faced Moon," group exhibition centering on the sacred triad of the Maiden, the Mother, and the Crone. Artists' Talk/Closing: Sun., Oct 26, 3-5 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art



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A & E CALENDAR

Oct. 2: Jazz Thursday, 1915 Wine Cellar, 40 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie. Bob Arthurs (trumpet & vocals) with special guest Billy Stein (guitar) will perform standards from the American song book, 7-9 p.m. bobarthursmusic.com

Oct. 3: Music on Market, Rhinebeck Bank Plaza, E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Brad Cole, 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 3-5: CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #1, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. **Reading #1:** "Misery" by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King, directed by Jeffrey Battersby. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m. **Reading #2:** "Dracula" by Stephen Dietz, based on the novel by Bram Stoker, directed by David J. Ringwood. Performances: Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 GA per reading/\$25 for both readings on the same weekend. www.countyplayers.org

Oct. 3-5: "Howl in the Black Box," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Three bold evenings of staged readings on themes of resistance. Nine new plays – ranging from detention center nightmares to TikTok apocalypses and subversive fairy tales – offer surprising visions of survival, defiance, and connection. **Fri., Oct. 3**, 8 p.m. "A Short(er) View," by Dwight Watson; "Amsterdam," by Margie Castleman; "Mariana," by Danielle Frimer; "Bear," by Molly Parker Myers. **Sat., Oct. 4**, 8 p.m. "Collecto-Mania Caravan," by Paul Allma; "No Warning," by Martina Deignan; "Fifth Horsemanperson," by Dean Temple; "Gretel and Hansel," by David Simpatico. **Sun., Oct. 5**, 8 p.m. "Apocalypse," by Dean Temple. www.centerforperformingarts.org/black-box

Oct. 3-5: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. **Oct. 3:** Tannahill Weavers from Scotland, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. **Oct. 4:** Kelli Baker Band; also The Traveling Riverside Blues Band, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. **Oct. 5:** Adam Ezra Group, 7 p.m. Tickets \$35

advance, \$40 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Oct. 4: Bored Teachers, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Bored Teachers are back with all new material on their "The Struggle is Real!" Comedy Tour, 7:30 p.m. The Bored Teachers Show is a comedy powerhouse that anyone who's ever been in a classroom can relate to. www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

Oct. 4-5: Handcrafted Octoberfest - A Family Harvest Celebration, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. One-of-a-kind festival blends the best of Oktoberfest traditions with the charm of a juried craft show. Perfect for art lovers, families, and everyone in between. Hours: Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission Adults \$13, Seniors \$11, Children 6-16 \$6, Children 5 & under free. All tickets are weekend/2-day passes; can be used both Saturday & Sunday. <https://www.quailhollow.com/about/oktoberfest-handcrafted-at-rhinebeck/>

Oct. 4-5: Play Reading, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. "The Good John Proctor" by Talene Monahan. Directed by Tracy Carney. Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. A benefit for the library. Donations welcome. Contains adult language and themes. (845) 876-2903

Oct. 5: Celtic Harp Program, Julia Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring. Highland harper Candace L. Coates will perform, 1-2 p.m. Free. Register at <https://www.butterfieldlibrary.org/>

Oct. 5: Quaker Meeting House Tours, noon-4 p.m., at Nine Partners, Creek, Crum Elbow, Oblong (Clinton, Hyde Park, Millbrook, and Pawling HS). Visit <https://www.meetinghousetour.com/> for details.

Oct. 6: Author Event, Weis Cinema, Bertelsmann Campus Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Maya Binyam, Bard Fiction Prize winner and writer in residence, at will read from recent work, 6 p.m. Free. (845) 758-7087

Events at Kimlin Cider Mill this weekend

Cider Mill Friends invites all to attend two exciting autumn cider events. The 13th Annual Old-fashioned Cider Tasting on Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., features Hudson Valley sweet and hard ciders (including Kimlin Cider Mill small batch cider), cider pressing demonstrations, and Mill tours. Also, enjoy live music, meadow maze, children's activities, live farm goats, food truck, apple fritters, raffle baskets galore, and a free-cycle table of goods. Rain or shine. Free entry; tickets for tastings at tinyurl.com/cidermillfriends or at the door.

New this year, is "Cider in the

Meadow," set for Friday Oct. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., a 21+ event featuring pairings of Hudson Valley hard and sweet ciders and curated foods from Culinary Institute of America Outdoors Club and Twisted Soul restaurant. This casual outdoor event under the tent also features live music, Open Mill, and a silent auction. Advance tickets only at tinyurl.com/cidermillfriends.

For more information on both events, please see cidermillfriends.org. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the Kimlin Cider Mill. The big red mill is located at 140 Cedar Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra announces new season

The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) recently announced its 20th-anniversary season, a milestone year filled with innovative programs designed to inspire, entertain and celebrate music. The concerts span a rich spectrum of genres, from timeless classical works to beloved popular hits.

Broadway Gala
Sunday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m.
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

This concert celebrates American and British musical theater, featuring works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Gilbert & Sullivan, and more. Vocalists Lindsay O'Neil, Madelin Morales, and Colton Cook perform selections from HMS Pinafore, Carousel, Oklahoma!, and South Pacific. Other favorites include Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, and The King and I.

Sounds of the Season: "A Christmas Carol"
Saturday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m.

Rhinebeck High School, Rhinebeck
Join Mr. Scrooge and NDSO as we tell the timeless tale of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Local voice-over actor Jason Dempsey will narrate the tale, accompanied by familiar carols and original music. American and English holiday favorites round out the program to put you in the festive spirit. Guest conductor William Stevens.

Epic Movie Scores
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

Enjoy a fun evening of blockbuster movie scores including "Back to the Future," "Mission Impossible," "Forrest Gump," "The Godfather," "Doctor Zhivago," "La La Land," and more. The concert concludes with a medley of all your favorite James Bond movies. Featured performers are harmonicist Jiayi He and violinist Marka Young.

Americana 250
Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

Celebrate our nation's 250th with a multimedia tribute to colonial Hudson Valley life. Programming will include Colonial Dances by Florence Price and Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Appalachian Spring." Featured performers include Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk and Native American Flutist Premik Tubbs.

The Beatles, Elvis and Beyond
Saturday, June 20, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

The American music scene experienced an explosion of musical styles from the 1950s to 1970s. The program celebrates those years with music from the Beatles, Elvis, Burt Bacharach, Simon and Garfunkel, Herb Alpert, Brazilian Jazz, and more! The featured soloist is Elvis impersonator Gene DiNapoli.

Visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 445-9606 to purchase tickets and for more information.

Murder Cafe to present seasonal murder-mystery dinner theater

Murder Cafe gets in the Halloween spirit this month with "A Wedding in Transylvania," a dinner theater murder-mystery playing at several venues throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

You are asked to witness the marriage of your distant cousin Frankie Alucard to Jane Dough, a mysterious girl from the mortal side of the tracks. You'll join Count Alucard, his monstrously medicated wife Elsa, and Frankie's brother Jeckyl (or is it Hyde?) as they celebrate this cursed event. Beware Renfield, the caterer to the undead, and Vampira, Jane's sister who spills the family's secrets.

This match made in hell has three murders. Come in costume, dance and dine, and guess whodunit.

The schedule includes:

Wednesday, Oct. 8: The Ridge, Highland

Wednesday, Oct. 15: The Best Western, Kingston

Friday, Oct. 17: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel Woods

Saturday, Oct. 18: Hudson House Distillery, West Park

Wednesday, Oct. 22: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston

Thursday, Oct. 23: Heritage Financial Park, HV Renegades, Fishkill

Friday, Oct. 24: The Kartrite Resort, Monticello

Saturday, Oct. 25: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin

Sunday, Oct. 26: Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction

Visit www.murdercafe.net for reservations and more information.

Millbrook Library seeks submissions for inaugural community art show & fundraiser

The Millbrook Library Board has put out a call for entries for the library's first "Salon Hang." Community members are invited to submit work to the Millbrook Arts Project and have their work displayed on the walls of the library's newly-renovated exhibition space from Nov. 7 to 29. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

There will be an Opening Reception Party on Nov. 7.

To get assistance with creating art for this show, workshops will be held on

Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m.; and Thursday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. Register at www.millbrooklibrary.org.

Artwork needs to be no larger than 24" x 24"* and ready to hang. Framing encouraged but not required. Name and phone number should be on the back. If you have a larger piece that you'd like to show, contact the library.

Email jmccreery@millbrooklibrary.org or visit the library's website for more information.



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How to make wine

Grapes in the fall make vino at Christmas

As the leaves begin to turn, and the mornings get crisp, I begin to reminisce about making wine.

I remember coming home from school on a Monday to see the cars parked in the driveway and the garage doors open. Stacked up in the garage were rows and rows of wooden crates filled with red grapes. The bees already were starting to buzz around the cases, excited about what was to come.

In the days leading up to the delivery, Pop would have us bring the wooden barrels up from the basement and fill them with water. The water would leak out over the course of a few days and we would be diligent in refilling them. As the oaken barrels would soak in the water, the leaks would eventually stop. Once the barrels were done being soaked, we would bring them back downstairs into the basement and put on their cradles to be prepared for the juice. Once on their cradles, Pop would get a small strip of cloth and soak it in a mixture of water and powdered sulfur. He would then light the end of the cloth, put it in the barrel and seal it in order to disinfect the barrel from unwanted bacteria. The barrel would remain sealed until it was time to put the grape juice in the barrels.

Back in the garage, we would set up the grape grinder on top of another barrel. The grape grinder looks like a giant manual coffee grinder. We would take turns loading the hopper with grapes while the other would grind. Case after case of grapes would be loaded and ground. Once one barrel would be filled we would move the grinder to another and begin the process until all the grapes were done.

The smell of grapes hung in the garage. Bees flying all over happy to have found the world's largest sugar buf-

fet. The garage door would close, space heaters would be brought in, and the barrels would sit for 5-7 days. We would not be allowed in the garage at all for those days, otherwise the air would escape and possibly cause fermentation to stop.

After five days, with the grape mixture bubbling, we then would start to scoop out the grapes and squeeze them in a special grape press, with the juice running into a wash basin that we rigged with a hose in the bottom. The hose would run down the outside stairs into the basement and into the barrel. On and on we would press the grapes until all were done and the barrels were filled. The pressed grapes would then be wheel-barrowed into the garden, and in the spring they would be tilled into the soil.

Once complete, the wine barrel would sit open for three more days, until the fermentation slowed down. We would then place an air lock on the opening to allow air to escape but not let any air into the barrel. Then the waiting would begin.

The hope was always to crack open the barrel for Christmas.

We had a wooden spigot that we would put in a small hole about 3 inches from the bottom of the barrel. That would allow us to get the wine out of the barrel without getting all the solids, which we called "fetch." The wine would be put into gallon jugs. After a week, we would then transfer the wine into another gallon jug, careful to leave the solids on the bottom. After a few days, the process was repeated till there was no "fetch" in the gallon jug.

I remember on Christmas Day, Pop and his brothers comparing wine to see whose tasted better as we played with our Christmas presents. During dinner, the wine was passed around even to us kids. I remember us kids mixing 7UP with the

red wine. Dinner always began with risotto, and my favorite was butternut squash risotto.

Dinner was awesome, but then again dinner always tastes better with wine.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH RISOTTO

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. butternut squash, peeled and cut into bite-size chunks
- 3 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 10-12 leaves fresh sage
- 1qt. chicken stock
- 1 stick salted butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 cup arborio rice
- 1 cup white wine
- ¼ cup Reggiano Parmagiana

Method

• Before you make the risotto, heat oven to 220C (approx. 425F)/fan 200C (approx 395F)/gas 7. Toss the squash in 1 tbsp oil together with the chopped sage. Scatter into a shallow roasting tin and roast for 30 minutes until it is brown and soft.

• While the squash is roasting, prepare the risotto. Bring the stock to the boil and keep on a low simmer. In a separate pan, melt half the butter over a medium heat. Stir in the onions and sweat gently for 8-10 minutes until soft but not colored, stirring occasionally. Stir the rice into the

onions until completely coated in the butter, then stir continuously until the rice is shiny and the edges of the grain start to look transparent.

• Pour in the wine and simmer until totally evaporated. Add the stock, a ladleful at a time, and stirring the rice over a low heat for 25-30 minutes, until the rice is cooked al dente (with a slightly firm, starchy bite in the middle). The risotto should be creamy and slightly soupy. When you draw a wooden spoon through it, there should be a wake that holds for a few moments but not longer.

• When the squash is cooked, mash to a rough purée and leave half whole. When the risotto is just done, stir though the purée, then add the cheese and butter and leave to rest for a few minutes. Serve the risotto scattered with the whole chunks of squash.

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.

County Players launches new season of play readings Oct. 3-5

County Players, one of the longest-running community theater companies in the area, will present the CP2 Series Readers Theatre Mini-Festival #1 Oct. 3-5 at County Players Falls Theatre, located at 2681 West Main St., Wappingers Falls.

Reading #1: "Misery" by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King, will be presented Friday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Directed by Jeffrey Battersby. What happens when a successful romance novelist is rescued from a car crash by his number one fan? He finds himself captive in her secluded home with a life-threatening request to rewrite his new novel. This nail-biting cat-and-mouse game will have you at the edge of your seat. The cast features the local talents of Erich Ryan, Erin Hebert, Glen Macken, and Bruce Pileggi.

Reading #2: "Dracula" by Stephen Dietz, based on the novel by Bram Stoker, will be presented Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. Directed by David J. Ringwood. As Count Dracula begins to exert his will upon the residents of London, they try to piece together the clues of his appearances – in a valiant attempt to save themselves from a hideous fate. Rich with hor-

ror. Local actors appearing include: Kevin Barnes, Craig Patrick Browne, George Burns, Thomas Byrne, Matthew DeHond, Ana Hein, Aaron Heisler, Jessica Rose Markman, Rebecca Nagle, and Juno Delaney VanWeelden.

CP2 Readers Theatre is a series at County Players which offers an opportunity for actors, directors, and audience members to experience theater in a fresh way: selected plays with full dramatic readings, no costumes, no sets, no props, and the actors perform with scripts in hand. These shows are an incredible opportunity to experience great theater stripped to its essence: the playwright's words.

Tickets: for CP2 Reader's Theatre are \$15 general admission per reading/\$25 for both readings on the same weekend, and are available online at countyplayers.org (at the top of the main page select BUY TICKETS). Tickets are also available at the Box Office one hour before any performance.

The remaining season of CP2 Series Readers Theatre, and all Main Stage Productions for 2025-2026 are found online at countyplayers.org/season/68/

Dutchess arts awards ceremony set Oct. 8

The 39th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards are set Wednesday, Oct. 8, at The Curry Estate, 2737 Route 52, Hopewell Junction. Festive food and drinks served at 5:30 p.m., with awards presentation starting at 7 p.m. Featuring Balloon Pop auction and Wine Drawing events.

This year's awardees include:
Arts Organization: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra
Individual Artist: Jessica Licciardello

ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts: Lonely Worm Farm

Artist: Nikki Hung
Business: Splash Art Murals
Patron in the Arts: Sue Hartshorn
Arts in Education: Carrie Decker
Special Citation, Posthumously: Lou Trapani

Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts: Madelun McCormack

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THEME: AUTUMN VIBES

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- *Maze plant
- Wharton degree, acr.
- Special effects in "Avatar," acr.
- Dwarf buffalo
- "On Golden Pond" bird
- Isolated
- Atomizer output
- Enthusiasm
- Pueblo people, pl.
- *Pre-game party (2 words)
- Doomsayer's sign
- Perfume bottles
- Tombstone acronym
- Construction binder
- "____: The Movie," 2002 slapstick comedy
- Genetic info carrier, acr.
- Dorsa, sing.
- "He's Just Not That ____ You"
- *Like some sweaters
- Earth Day mo.
- Opposite of cation
- "Que Sera ____"
- Approved
- Denotes middle
- Assess pro rata
- Lorraine's neighbor
- Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- Temporary stay
- Chicago's Navy ____, tourist destination
- *Popular fall spectator sport
- Hutu's opponents, 1994
- Quinceanera or bat mitzvah
- Biblical captain
- Rocky ridge
- Having wings
- Russian parliament
- Diamond or ruby
- An affirmative
- Dog command

DOWN

- Cameron, to friends
- The Fonz: "Sit ____!"
- Civil rights icon Parks
- Richard Wright's "____ Son"
- Relating to mole
- Whatever rocks them!
- "Green Gables" protagonist
- Walking helper
- Smiley face
- "____ Now or Never"
- Smooth, in music
- Before appearance of life, geology
- *Patch purchase
- ____ Hop dance
- Ewe's mate
- *Like air in fall
- Keyboard key
- Introduction to economics
- Twelve angry men, e.g.
- Carl Jung's inner self
- Indifferent to emotions
- Type of probe
- *Leaf collector
- R&R stop
- *Bushels of apples, e.g.
- Impromptu
- Over the top, in text
- Time for an egg hunt
- Falcon's home
- Uses two feet
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- Tibetan priest
- Chasing game
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GOLDEN LIVING

You've made the jump into the world of smartphones and mobile devices, when a question occurs to you:

How does this thing work, anyway?

There's no need to go it alone on the smartphone learning curve. OFA is hosting a "You and Your Smartphone" seminar at the OFA Friendship Center in Poughkeepsie (114 Delafield St.) at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Seating is limited, so registration is required. Call 845-486-2555 to get on board.

Citizens Preparedness Events

Are you and your caregivers prepared for emergencies? It's okay if you're unsure, because 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.

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.

- 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.

- Tuesday, October 21: Stanford Library, 6035 NY Route 82, Stanfordville. With Dutchess County OFA. Class begins at 6pm. Registration required, call the library at 845-868-1341.

Pet First Aid Training

You can prepare your animal companions for emergencies, too! 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, 2012 NY Route 52, Hopewell Junction

Class starts at 7pm. Registration required; visit dutchessny.gov/PetFirstAid.

Medicare Open Enrollment season classes

Medicare's annual open enrollment season begins on October 15 and continues through December 7. It's your chance to prepare your coverage for 2026 and maybe save yourself some money too.

OFA offers year-round "Navigating Medicare" classes on the following schedule. Dates within Open Enrollment season are noted below:

Third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. at the Community Room at the Poughkeepsie Galleria (2001 South Road (Route 9), Poughkeepsie) October 15, November 19

Fourth Monday of every month, 4 p.m. at Starr Library (68 West Market St., Rhinebeck)

October 27, November 24, December 22. Also on Monday, October 20, 4 p.m.

We've also added more classes to the calendar for Open Enrollment season:

Thursday, November 6 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 2 - 9:30 a.m.

Adriance Library

93 Market St., Poughkeepsie

(parking lot entrance on Noxon St.)

Friday, October 10, 3 p.m.

Boardman Road Branch Library

141 Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie

To register for all classes at Adriance Library or Boardman Road Branch Library, call 845-485-3445 extension 3380.

We are planning additional "Navigating Medicare" classes for Open Enrollment season. Visit dutchessny.gov/hiicap for the latest information on classes as well as individual insurance counseling, or call the OFA HIICAP hotline at 845-486-2566. Both in-person and phone counseling sessions can be arranged, while space is available.

OFA PUBLIC COMMENT FORUMS (Tue 10/7, Thu 10/9)

You can contact the Office for the Aging at any time with questions and concerns, and in October there's an additional opportunity to advocate for your needs, at the annual OFA Public Comment Forums. The forums are unique opportunities to speak directly, in person, to OFA leadership and members of the OFA Advisory Board, at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday 10/7, 10:30 a.m.

Wappinger Town Hall

20 Middlebush Rd., Wappinger

Thursday 10/9, 10:30 a.m.

OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center

114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie

Each forum lasts about one hour. If you are unable to attend a Public Comment Forum, you can mail written comments to the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. You can also email comments to ofa@dutchessny.gov

All Public Comment Forum locations are handicapped accessible.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON SENIOR CENTER REOPENING (Tue 10/7)

OFA will be on hand for the reopening week of the Town of Washington Adult Program for individuals age 60+. It's at the Turletes Building in the Town of Washington Park, 3744 US 44 in Millbrook (Mabettville hamlet), on Tuesday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There'll be light refreshments and door prizes.

Additionally, OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones will be talking to attendees about scam prevention at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 9. Also, OFA Ambassador Mary Reedy will be at the center for mobile office hours on Tuesday, October 14 - save the date, details are coming soon!

Call the center at 845-677-9545 for more information.

OFA AT HOSPICE VETERANS BREAKFAST (Thu 11/6)

Dutchess and Ulster County veterans are invited, along with one guest, to the 2025 annual Hudson Valley Hospice Veterans Breakfast, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park (4079 Albany Post Road/Route 9).

RSVP by Saturday, Nov. 1; call 845-240-7605 or email rjohnson@hvospice.org.

County awards \$2.45M from 2nd Round of Housing Trust Fund

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced \$2.45 million in funding from the Dutchess County's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) which will help to develop and/or preserve more than 100 affordable housing rental units as part of four housing projects in Amenia and Poughkeepsie.

Serino said, "Everyone deserves safe, stable housing that they can afford. Dutchess County is proud to partner with local builders and developers interested in creating not just buildings, but strong communities that support individuals and families. I'm excited to see these projects come to life, offering housing options that genuinely connect with people's needs and offer real opportunities for safe, secure homes they can truly call their own."

Serino met with local housing professionals at a HTF Applicant Workshop earlier this year to encourage new projects, both large and small, in all areas of Dutchess County. Smaller housing projects were encouraged, particularly in more rural communities where small unit projects can have a meaningful impact on rental availability.

Four affordable rental housing projects were funded through the Housing Creation & Preservation (HCP) component of the HTF, totaling \$2.45 million:

The Clinton Crest, 15 N Clinton Street, City of Poughkeepsie - \$550,000

Rehabilitation that expands an existing 4-unit multifamily building by adding 4 new 2-bedroom units. Three units will be reserved for households earning up to 60% of area median income (AMI) and one unit for households earning up to 80% AMI. This project has received all land use approvals.

8 Powder House Road, Amenia - \$200,000

New construction of a duplex with two 2-bedroom units for households earning up to 60% AMI. This project responds to a housing gap in northeastern Dutchess County and could serve as a model for similar small-scale development in rural northeast Dutchess County.

Morgan Avenue Apartments, Morgan Avenue, City of Poughkeepsie - \$1,000,000

New construction of 2 buildings with a total of 9 units, 8 2-bedroom and 1 1-bedroom units. Seven units will be supported by this award, one 1-bedroom and six 2-bedroom units. Five units will be for households earning up to 60% AMI, and two units will be for households earning up to 80% AMI.

Windows on Main, 488 Main Street, Poughkeepsie - \$700,000

New construction of an 81-unit building on the site of an existing laundromat. This project will have 20 studio units, 42 1-bedroom units and 19 2-bedroom units. Units for households earning up to 50% AMI include 4 studio units, 16 1-bedroom units and 4 2-bedroom units. Units for households earning up to 60% AMI include, 11 studio units, 21 1-bedroom units and 10 2-bedroom units. Units for households earning up to 100% AMI include 5 studio units, 5 1-bedroom units and 5 2-bedroom units. The laundromat has signed a lease to rent the first floor of the building, post-construction.

The HTF-supported units will be available to households with incomes between 30-80% of the Dutchess County Average Median Income (AMI). Based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development data, Dutchess County's current AMI, per household size, is as follows:

For example, using current AMI, the new affordable rental units to be created could be available to single renters with annual income between \$25,830 (30% of \$86,100) and \$68,880 (80% of \$86,100). A household with 3 people could qualify for these affordable housing units if its household income ranged between \$33,210 (30% of the \$110,700 AMI) and \$88,560 (80% of \$110,700 AMI). *AMI is updated annually, so eligible income ranges would adjust accordingly.

The County's HTF was established to provide a flexible and nimble funding source to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts, as recommended in the 2022 Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment, targeting affordability for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the County. The HCP program component of the HTF seeks to create and preserve affordable rental units, as the Housing Needs Assessment identified renters earning less than \$50,000 as those facing the greatest housing challenges.

Earlier this year, the first project supported by the HTF, a three-unit affordable housing development in the City of Poughkeepsie, welcomed three families; several other projects supported by the first round of HTF funding are in various stages of development.

More detailed information on program priorities, requirements, regulations and guidance is available online: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department/s/Planning/Docs/HCP-Policies-and-Procedures-for-2nd-Funding-Round.pdf>.



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- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

County honors City of Poughkeepsie Navy veteran at Sept. 18 ceremony

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County's Office of Veterans Affairs on Sept. 18 recognized the military service and life of U.S. Navy Airman Apprentice Donald Herring, Sr., a former City of Poughkeepsie resident, at the County's September "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony. The event was held at VFW Post 170 in Poughkeepsie. The monthly ceremonies celebrate the lives and selfless service of deceased local veterans.

Serino said, "Donny Herring was so much more than a decorated veteran. He was a devoted father, a gifted mechanic and a quiet force of kindness in his community. From the flight decks of Vietnam to the heart of Poughkeepsie, Donny lived a life of service and love. Dutchess County is privileged to celebrate the life and legacy of Donny and American heroes like him through our 'Honor-A-Veteran' ceremonies, and we will never forget all he meant to our community."

Donald Herring, Sr. was born on March 21, 1955, in Poughkeepsie, a place he proudly called home. At just 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in April 1972, serving as a 632 Ordnance Mechanic and E2 Airman Apprentice with the VF-31 "Tomcatters" Fighter Squadron at Naval Air Station Oceana during the Vietnam War. For his distinguished service, Airman Apprentice Herring received the Vietnam Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Honorably discharged in June 1973, Airman Apprentice Herring returned to Poughkeepsie carrying the unseen wounds of war, but he was determined to rebuild his life and give back to those around him.

Back home in Poughkeepsie, Airman Apprentice Herring became a pillar of his community, always ready to help, especially with anything mechanical. Married with four children and 17 grandchildren, he was deeply devoted to his family, as well as his five siblings, two of whom also served in the military. He found joy in music, especially the oldies of the 1950-60s, which often played in his

garage while he worked.

Airman Apprentice Herring passed away on Nov. 23, 2019.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, "Airman Apprentice Herring's legacy endures not only in the medals he earned, but in the lives he touched, the family he cherished and the city he never stopped giving back to. Remembered as more than a veteran, Airman Apprentice Herring was a hometown hero whose memory continues to live on in the lives he touched. May his contributions to Poughkeepsie endure, and may we all strive to live a life of purpose as he did."

During today's ceremony, County Executive Serino and Director Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented Airman Apprentice Herring's family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- a memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee;
- New York State Senate Liberty Medal from Sen. Rob Rolison; and
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County's Veterans Programs' Quilts2Honor.

Sen. Rob Rolison said, "Airman Apprentice Herring embodied the highest ideals of service, sacrifice and community. Though he returned from war with invisible wounds, he lived with heart and generosity. It was with profound respect that I posthumously awarded him the New York State Senate Liberty Medal, our highest civilian honor, for a life defined by courage and compassion."

Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies are held April through November, dedicated to honoring deceased veterans for their service to their nation. Ceremonies take place at 9 a.m. on or about the third Thursday of each month.



Family members and friends of Airman Apprentice Donald Herring Sr. are pictured with Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche and County Executive Sue Serino during the "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony on Sept. 18 in Poughkeepsie. Below: Serino thanked Airman Herring's family for his service to the nation and his commitment to the City of Poughkeepsie. Courtesy photos



See the County's website for upcoming ceremonies and locations; October's event will take place on Oct. 16 in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized through the "Honor-A-Veteran" initiative. The deceased veterans must meet the following criteria:

- be deceased for at least 30 days;
- have served in the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge, listed as missing in action, or died while serving in the military; and
- wartime and peacetime service is eligible, with no specific service dates or length-of-service requirements.

Applications are available online at

dutchessny.gov/honoraveteran or in person at the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs, 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. All submitted applications must be accompanied by a copy of the veteran's military separation papers (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55, NRG-22 or report of casualty), obituary and death certificate.

Completed applications can be submitted via email to veterans@dutchessny.gov or returned to the Office of Veterans Affairs in person; members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee will review each application for consideration. More information is available by calling the County's Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060.

Pleasant Valley National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, NY - Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Joelianice Felicianorivera from Pleasant Valley, assigned to the 1569th Transportation Company, received a promotion August 15, 2025 to the rank of specialist.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities,

professionalism and future development potential. These promotions recognize the best qualified soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

Army National Guard citizen soldiers who serve our state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k). For more information, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800goguard.com.

Pleasant Valley National Guard Airman receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, NY - Air Force Major General Michael Bank, the commander of the New York Air National Guard, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Adrian Desantiago from Pleasant Valley, assigned to the 105th Airlift Wing, received a promotion July 1, 2025 to the rank of master sergeant.

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

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

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who serve our state and nation are eligible for monthly pay, educational benefits (from the state and federal government), travel across the globe, technical and leadership training, health and dental insurance and contributions towards retirement programs similar to a 401(k).

For more information about the New York Air National Guard or contact a recruiter, visit <https://dmna.ny.gov/ang/>.

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

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Sheriff's Office warns of Grand Jury scam

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to warn the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

In the latest scam the perpetrators pose as Deputies from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, they contact the victim and tell them that they or a family member failed to appear for Grand Jury and as a result are wanted on a warrant. The perpetrators then tell the victim that they can satisfy the warrant by paying a sum of money.

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following general tips to help people avoid these scams:

- NEVER meet up with someone that you don't know after they've contacted for money; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant by either soliciting money or making promises to avoid prosecution.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, it's very likely a scam.

- If you receive correspondence from someone that you don't know and they instruct you to keep the matter confidential and not tell anyone about it, it's most likely a scam.

- Emails or text messages that contain misspelled words, grammatical errors, don't make sense, or are sent at odd hours – for example the middle of the night – are most likely scams.

- If you receive an email or text about an order you didn't place or that asks you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT fol-

low the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone you don't know asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, provide remote computer access, enter a code, or click on a link given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.

- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone

passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call/email/letter you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, so be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

Dutchess County partners with Helpsy

Municipalities must sign up to take part in program

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced on Wednesday, Sept. 24, the County is expanding its successful environmental initiatives by partnering with Helpsy, a leading textile collection company, to launch a pilot textile recycling program aimed at promoting sustainability and reducing landfill waste. The partnership will bring free, convenient, environmentally friendly textile drop-off and collection options – including curbside pickup service in participating communities – to residents, helping Dutchess County continue its State-recognized climate action and diversion

goals while bolstering its effective textile reuse and recycling efforts.

Serino said, "Our neighbors have told us they want more ways to live sustainably, and this pilot program delivers. By working with Helpsy, residents in participating communities will be able to clear out their closets, give life to unwanted textiles and know they're making a difference for our environment – all without costing a dime. It's a simple step in our ongoing work to protect our environment and build a greener future for Dutchess County."

Residents who live in participating municipalities will be able to schedule free pick-up appointments on designated service days and Helpsy representatives will come directly to them to collect clothes, shoes, linens and other textile materials to be responsibly recycled.

There is no cost to municipalities or the County for this program. Local municipalities must sign up to take part in this pilot program, which is expected to begin at the end of 2025, for residents to take advantage of curbside pickup. The Department of Solid Waste Management has contacted local municipal supervisors and mayors, inviting them to take part in this beneficial program as it gets started later this year.

Helpsy works with more than 400 municipalities across 10 states with the mission of extending the life of clothing and reducing environmental harm by keeping textiles out of landfills. Helpsy collects, sorts and trades secondhand clothes and shoes. Clothing is sold primarily for reuse, with higher grade textiles resold to thrift stores in North America and other secondhand markets around the world. Lower grade textiles can be turned into rags for industrial use or stuffing and insulation. In 2024, Helpsy collected more than 32 million pounds of clothes, shoes and other items.

Dutchess County currently hosts Helpsy collection bins at the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency, 96 Sand Dock Road in Poughkeepsie, where residents are invited to drop off textiles. Additional Helpsy collection bins are located in Red Hook, Pawling and the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management reminds residents they should never place textiles in the garbage or in a recycling bin. Rather, the division encourages donating them to a variety of local organizations, including shelters, thrift stores, coat drives, Dutchess Outreach's Children's Clothing

Closet or organizations such as Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, Dutchess Welcoming, The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Hudson River Housing or Dress for Success, among others.

Kerry Russell, Deputy Commissioner of the County's Division of Solid Waste Management, said, "We are thrilled to partner with Helpsy to augment our thriving textile recycling and reuse initiatives. This collaboration represents Dutchess County's latest significant step forward in our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Together, we can make a meaningful impact by continuing to reduce waste and promote a circular economy in our community."

According to Helpsy, the average person throws away 100 pounds of textiles per year, yet 95 percent of these items can be reused or recycled. The organization has helped communities divert millions of pounds of textiles from landfills, reselling, reusing or recycling the materials through their established network of partners.

Dutchess County remains committed to environmental sustainability and community well-being. In 2024, Dutchess County earned New York's top Climate Smart Communities Silver Certification, highlighting the County's strong commitment to environmental sustainability and resilience.

Additional details about Dutchess County's continued environmental initiatives and sustainability efforts, recycling education, home composting and more are available on the Division of Solid Waste Management's webpage via www.dutchessny.gov.

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Tivoli National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, N.Y. – Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Abigail Rhaye Alfaro from Tivoli, assigned to the 4th Finance Detachment, received a promotion July 19, 2025 to the rank of specialist.

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potential.

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Portfolio Day set Oct. 3 at MJN Convention Center

The Art Effect will present Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day on Friday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Majed J. Nesheiwat (MJN) Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie.

Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day gives over 400 local youth the opportunity to speak with college representatives, get their portfolio critiqued, and receive a true advantage as they contend for merit-based scholarships in the arts. For more than 20 years, Portfolio Day has been able to provide a unique opportunity for high school, undergraduate, and Art Institute students to meet with more than 30 art schools and colleges free of charge thanks to a generous grant from a local foundation.

The event is free and open to the public. Walk-ins welcome.

Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day hosts students from throughout the region, coming from as far as 200 miles away, who speak with art school and college representatives and have their portfolios evaluated, giving them a true advantage in the college admission process. Students obtain catalogs, admission policies, and information on scholarship opportunities directly from their preferred schools. The college representatives have remarked on the high quality of art projects they have reviewed from our students.

What to bring: A student's portfolio should consist of 10-20 of their best and most recent visual artwork. They may also want to include works in progress or sketchbooks in order to share their process when necessary.

For additional information, contact

The Art Effect office at (845) 471-7477.

The following colleges are scheduled to attend this year's event: Adelphi University; Alfred University School of Art & Design; Art Academy of Cincinnati; California College of the Arts; The Cooper Union School of Art; Dutchess Community College; SUNY; Fashion Institute of Technology; Hartford Art School, University of Hartford; Maine College of Art & Design; Marist University; Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA); Massachusetts College of Art and Design; Moore College of Art & Design; Montserrat College of Art; Mount Saint Mary College; New England College; Parsons School of Design and Parsons Paris at The New School; Purchase College; Pratt Institute - Associate Degree Department; Rhode Island School of Design (RISD); Ringling College of Art and Design; Rochester Institute of Technology College of Art and Design; Russell Sage College; School of the Art Institute of Chicago; School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University; School of Visual Arts; SUNY Fredonia; SUNY Ulster; Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts; College of Visual & Performing Arts, UMass Dartmouth; Vassar College, and others.

Portfolio Day is hosted by The Art Institute; a year-round, intensive, pre-college portfolio development program for motivated teens ages 14-19. The Art Institute has been preparing students for acquiring merit-based scholarships to the nation's best schools in the visual and media arts since 1996.

New HS building takes shape at Upton Lake Christian School



When completed, it is estimated the new building at Upton Lake Christian School will accommodate approximately 90 7th-12th grade students and will provide music and art rooms for the elementary students. *Courtesy photo*

Construction of the Upton Lake Christian School high school building in Clinton Corners "is flowing along nicely" as described by Brian Bovee, CEO of Bovee Construction Co. The interior of the building is taking shape inside the attractive exterior.

Utilities have been installed, including heating and cooling, plumbing and electric throughout the building. Drywall and interior finishes are on their way. The insulation system uses the latest technology of open and closed cell spray foam as well as fiberglass batts, creating a highly efficient energy use system.

New security measures have been implemented using state of the art cameras, electronic key pads, and fire and heat alarm systems, making safety a top

priority. Another safety measure, and weather consideration, is the addition of an enclosed connector between the new building and the church/elementary building classrooms.

The parking lot has been surveyed and staked out and will soon be excavated for installation of new underground drainage. Preparations for installation of the new septic system are in their final stages.

Principal Elisa DeWitt is enthused about the progress she and the staff and students are seeing as the site is transformed into an exciting new educational establishment. When completed, it is estimated the facility will accommodate approximately 90 7th-12th grade students and will provide music and art rooms for the elementary students.

Imagination Breakfast focuses on childhood literacy, honors the 2025 Kindness Champion winner

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) launched its 2025 Workplace Campaigns with its annual Imagination Breakfast on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Poughkeepsie. This year's event highlighted the critical role of literacy and community kindness in building a stronger future for the region.

The 2024 Workplace Campaign Chair, John Stroligo, was honored and Nicole Gilmartin, at CPA, Client Advisor Partner at RBT CPAs, LLP, was introduced as the new Campaign Chair for the 2025 Workplace Campaigns. Gilmartin is a dedicated United Way volunteer with a long history of leadership and service with the organization.

A central feature of the breakfast was the recognition of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program partner, that provides free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five. At the breakfast the United Way announced its expansion of the program into additional towns. The program is being offered by United Way in Orange County in Pine Bush, Crawford, Circleville, Montgomery and in Dutchess County in the towns of Amenia, Wassauville, Millerton.

"Imagine the excitement on a child's

face when their very own book arrives in the mail, addressed just to them!" said Jeannie Montano, President and CEO of UWDOR. "These books aren't just entertainment; they are gateways to new worlds, tools for cognitive development, and building blocks for a lifelong love of reading."

As community Literacy Champions, two speakers were featured from the school districts from the towns where the Imagination Library programs have launched: Joseph Lenz, Superintendent of Pine Bush Central School District, and Ray Castellani, Superintendent of Webutuck Central School District. Attendees heard from local author and retired Fire Lieutenant Mark Bendel, Jr., a Marist University graduate. He shared the story behind his book, "Scout, the Firehouse Mascot: A True Story," and explained his writing process and why he chose it as a children's book. Bendel's keynote offered an excellent opportunity to hear from a community member who served locally.

United Way also announced the top three winners of the Kindness Champion competition. Twelve nominees were recognized for their extraordinary acts of kindness following a community-wide



Local author and retired Fire Lieutenant Mark Bendel, Jr., shares about the story behind his book, "Scout, the Firehouse Mascot: A True Story," during the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's annual Imagination Breakfast on Sept. 18 in Poughkeepsie. *Courtesy photo*

peer-to-peer vote. The finalists received prize packages, including donations to a charity of their choice serving Dutchess or Orange Counties. The nominees were: Faith Cass, Nivanni Felix, LaShawne Granger, Dr. Ebony Green, Stephen Haff, Inginia Jackson, Debbie Major, Nyla Pichardo, Rebecca Snyder, Lori Rivenburgh, Shaniya Warren and Shawn White. Nyla Pichardo took first place, LaShawne Granger in second place, and Inginia Jackson in third.

The event was hosted by local radio personalities Anne Marie Leamy and Ryan Dutcher. Guests enjoyed a perform-

ance by the 2025 Talent United winner, local high school student Caroline Sottile. Thank you to the community dignitaries in attendance: Senator Rob Rolison, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, Bella Cometti, a representative from the Office of Congressman Pat Ryan, Lisa Kaul, Dutchess County Legislature, and Pastor Patrick Guarracino of Immanuel Church in Wappingers Falls, who delivered the invocation.

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region would like to thank all of its generous 2025 Imagination Breakfast Sponsors.

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff - against - VOLKER RUESSELER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 1, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the rear lobby of the Dutchess County Courthouse, 10 Market Street, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York on the 17th day of October, 2025 at 2:30PM. 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.

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Index No. 2023-50971. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200 Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: August 12, 2025 **During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.**

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2026 BUDGET MEETING DATES

The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2026 budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY

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on the following dates: **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** -Monday, September 29, 2025 at 5:00PM. **PURPOSE:** Department heads will present their proposed 2026 budgets to the Town Board for review. **SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING** -Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:00PM **PURPOSE:** Town Board will go through the 2026 budget in detail, reviewing each line item individually. Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk Town of Pleasant Valley

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**

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 in-

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ground pool has changed to 20'x32' inground pool, who and will additionally need a 13' variance from the left property line due to it being 2' from the property line. **SAID Meeting** will take place on October 6, 2025 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and begins at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE

that tentative benefit assessment rolls for Dutchess County Water District Zones of Assessment A, B, C, D, I, J, K, L, R and X in the Towns of Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Beekman, Pawling, Red Hook, and Village of Red Hook, Part-County Sewer District #1 in the Town of Beekman, Part County Sewer District #2 in the Town of Pleasant Valley, Part County Sewer District #7 and #8 in the Town of Hyde Park and Part County Sewer District #10 in the Towns of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, have been filed with the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature and are available for inspection at her office at 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mon-

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day through Friday starting September 16, 2025. Zones A, B, C, D, I, L and R cover the Hyde Park Regional Water System along Route 9, Route 9G, Harbour Hills and Staatsburg in Hyde Park and Mill Road in Rhinebeck. Zone J covers the Shore Haven Water System in the Town of Pawling. Zone K covers the Birch Hill Water System in the Town of Beekman. Zone X covers the Tivoli Water System in the Town and Village of Red Hook. Part-County Sewer District #1 covers the Chelsea Cove Sewer System in the Town of Beekman. Part-County Sewer District #2 covers the Valley Dale Sewer System in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Part-County Sewer District #7 covers the Pinebrook Sewer System in the Town of Hyde Park. Part-County Sewer District #8 covers the Greenfields Sewer System in the Town of Hyde Park. Part-County Sewer District #10 covers the Vanderburgh Cove Sewer System in the Towns of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE

that the Dutchess County Board of Benefit Assessment Review will meet to hear objec-

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tions to each such roll at the Legislative Chambers of the Dutchess County Legislature, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601, on the 9th day of October 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE

that anyone wishing to be heard must file a grievance application with the Clerk of the Legislature on or before the date and time above set forth for hearing objections by mailing to the Dutchess County Legislature, 22 Market Street, 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, by emailing countylegislature@dutchessny.gov, or by hand delivering a complete application to the Dutchess County Legislature during regular office hours. Grievance applications may be obtained during regular office hours or sent via email by calling 845-486-2100. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT REVIEW Dated: September 23, 2025 Poughkeepsie, New York Leigh Wager, Clerk of the Legislature

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION**Legal Notices**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provisions of the NYS Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Pleasant Valley at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY FREE LIBRARY BE AT FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$537,000) ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that the said election shall be held at the following locations in the Town of Pleasant Valley:

Town Hall
Traver Road School
West Road School
Pleasant Valley Fire House

Salt Point Fire House on the 4th day of November 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley

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.

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OBITUARIES**Merwin Kirk**

Merwin Kirk, Jr., or Sonny, as most everyone called him, died at home on September 18, overlooking the lake he lived on, his favorite place, surrounded by the people who love him most. He wasn't far from Uncle Sonny's, the restaurant he was so proud to own with Sherry for 17 years. He spent most of his life working hard, as a farmer's son would, and enjoyed every moment of it. He grew up with 4 siblings in Delaware County, NY, a place he prioritized returning to every year for the county fair. His time on the Delaware Academy wrestling team there gave him some of his fondest memories.

Sonny never saw a lawn he didn't want to mow and every pizza he made was delicious. He always tried to teach his son-in-law, Lewie, all his tips and tricks. What he did best, though, was take care of his love, Sherry, and his daughter, Lisa. Everything he did in his life was to make their lives easier and better. Sherry and Sonny shared a loving and supportive life together for 38 years. His constant support, guidance and presence made

Lisa feel like she had a safety net to be mostly fearless in life. She's proud and grateful to be daddy's little girl.

If you're sad when you hear this news, Sonny would tell you that all the pigs on the farm eventually die, so don't cry for too long. Instead, next time you're working hard, or next time you eat a sausage, egg and cheese, drink a Tia Maria or fresh-squeezed orange juice, snack on a Cheeto or homemade bread - like his mom used to make - see a pontoon boat, or pass a Corvette or classic Mustang with its top down, think of him and smile.

Instead of flowers, please send a donation to lymphoma research.

Jacqueline Morrison

Jacqueline A. Morrison, 89, of Millbrook, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025, in Sharon, CT.

Born June 13, 1936, in London, England, she immigrated to the United States with her family at age 16. On August 31, 1957, she married Mack Andrew Tirante Jr.

Jacqueline worked for many years as a Registered Nurse with New York State. A

devoted member of St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook, she taught CCD for many years and later served as Director. She enjoyed traveling with friends, especially her trips to Italy and the Amalfi Coast.

She is survived by her children, Susan Tirante of Millbrook, Robert Tirante, and Annette Mazzella and her husband, Anthony, of Verbank; and by two grandchildren, Michael and Leah Mazzella. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, North Ave., Millbrook. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Millbrook. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or the Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

Winifred Naughton

Winifred T. Naughton, 85 of The Bronx and previously of Pleasant Valley, passed away on September 19, 2025 in Bronxville,

NY. She was born on September 26, 1939, in Lack, Co. Mayo, Ireland and immigrated to NY on November 13, 1956. She worked as a secretary for a large insurance company before marrying the love of her life, Christopher J. Naughton on July 8, 1967. They shared many happy years together in Pleasant Valley, NY before his passing on November 10, 2016.

Winifred's brother Martin Devaney resides in Mayo, Ireland and she is predeceased by her siblings, Mary Anne Mannion, NJ, Bridget Gorman, NY, Margaret McDonald, John Devaney and Juila Reilly, Mayo, Ireland. Winifred was beloved by her 21 nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, September 24 from St. Stanislaus Church, Pleasant Valley. Interment followed at St. Peter's Cemetery, Poughkeepsie. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley.

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This week's answer

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5	6	9	2	1	3	7	8	4
1	4	3	9	7	8	6	5	2
9	5	4	3	6	2	1	7	8
8	7	2	1	4	9	5	3	6
3	1	6	7	8	5	2	4	9

Answers to this week's diversions

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