

# NDH invites all to ‘Light Village Pink’

Rhinebeck, Red Hook and beyond will glow pink this October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as Northern Dutchess Hospital hosts the fifth annual “Light the Village Pink” campaign to raise awareness and vital funds for its breast program.

Northern Dutchess Hospital invites businesses, schools and the community to turn on their pink lights in October to remember and support those affected by breast cancer and raise funds for local care. This year, funds will go toward the Breast Health Program at Northern Dutchess Hospital. The month-long campaign will kicked off with “PinkFest” on October 8 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center.

“Our breast health program provides holistic support for patients, not just during their treatment but long after,” said Dr. Lisa D. Curcio, board-certified, fellowship-trained breast surgeon and director of the breast health program at Northern Dutchess Hospital. “We want to ensure our patients receive personalized care plans that address their emotional, physical and psychological needs.”

“This October marks the fifth year of Light the Village Pink, a milestone that reflects the strength and compassion of our community coming together to honor and support those affected by breast cancer,” said Dr. Andy Wilson, president of Northern Dutchess Hospital. “This event continues to grow year after year thanks to the support of our community partners and generosity of our donors. We are grateful for our nurses, doctors and healthcare teams whose dedication makes it possible to provide cancer care close to home. Together, we shine a light of hope, unity and support that grows ever brighter in the fight against breast cancer.”

**How to participate in ‘Light the Village Pink’**

Visit [nuvancehealth.org/light-thevillagepink](http://nuvancehealth.org/light-thevillagepink) to make a donation or sponsor “Light the Village Pink.” Gifts are tax deductible.

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# Opening of Bennett Park in Millbrook: From ‘nightmare’ to a grand public space

By Curtis Schmidt

Countless numbers of individuals walked up to Oakleigh Thorne this past Sunday afternoon saying the same heartfelt words – “Thank you so much for doing this.”

They were all talking about all of the efforts that have resulted in the establishment of the new Bennett Park at the gateway to the Village of Millbrook – similar, yet much different to the way that Bennett College served as the gateway to Millbrook in a bygone era.

The ribbon-cutting ceremonies that attracted hundreds of individuals to the site heralded the beginning of a new era of community cooperation. The expansive open space with grassy meadows and walking trails is an ideal family park. And this is just the beginning.

In his remarks, Thorne outlined plans for a trail from the Village to the park and another trail which loops through the woods to a cool ravine, planting another 50 trees, maintenance facility and a Bennett Museum and Visitors Center.

But, all of that is in the future. Sunday was all about how Thorne and the members of the Millbrook Community Partnership worked to bring the park to fruition.

The Bennett College buildings, which sat in a neglected state for many years after the institution had thrived, were considered an “aesthetic nightmare” in the area. Thorne noted that in 2014, it was discovered that the former owners of the property had not paid their taxes and were foreclosed upon by the county.

“George Whalen (Bank of Millbrook president) spotted the opportunity and



Taking part in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the new Bennett Park in Millbrook on Sunday, Oct. 5, were, from left, Ryan Manning, Charlie Pierce, Larry Shapiro, George Whalen III, Oakleigh Thorne (cutting the ribbon), Suzie Kovner, Kira Wizner, David Stack and Rob Dyson. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

formed a group to pay the back taxes, buy the property and prevent it from being broken up into tiny pieces and sold at a county auction, said Thorne. “The vision at that time was two-fold (1) create a park for people to sit, relax and enjoy nature and (2) to create a public space for outdoor performance events, like the firemen’s fair and the home show.”

That was the vision, but he noted in reality they realized “We’d bought ourselves a nightmare – nine collapsing buildings loaded with asbestos. We also had no clue how to build a park, and didn’t have enough money to fund one, even if we did know how to build one. It was clear we were going to need a lot of help from our friends.”

At this point, Thorne named off a long list of individual donors, organizations

and businesses that contributed with funds and donations of work and time.

“Next, we faced the challenges of demolition, design and construction,” said Thorne. “Demolition was very dramatic. We had to make sure we removed all of that asbestos and demolished the buildings in a way that did not harm anybody living in the community.”

“Think of lots of people running around in hazmat suits, air-locked tents on all of the buildings, massive cranes, huge trucks, and water spray in the air to prevent asbestos dust from escaping.”

In the design phase, Thorne noted “we were fortunate to have Lynden Miller, famous for her work in Central Park and many other iconic parks, volunteer to help us with design and plant species selection.”

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# ‘Best Little Ag Fair’ set Saturday in Pine Plains



It’s known as “The best little Ag Fair in Dutchess County” and this year’s event promises “something for everyone.”

The Pine Plains FFA annual Agricultural Fair will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains, beginning at 9 a.m.

“There is so much more to agriculture,” said FFA president Hope Miller. “The Ag Fair shows cases this and helps connect the community to it with its amazing activities and opportunities. It highlights local farms and agriculture in our community.”

The event is free and open to the public. The day kicks off with the Antique Tractor Pull at 9 a.m. and is followed by a parade from Seymour Smith Elementary School to Stissing Mountain High School at 9:30.

During the Car Meet, community members with classic or cool cars can meet up in the school parking lot in a reserved section marked by cones. The FFA food booth will open at 10 a.m., offering sausage and peppers, hotdogs and hamburgers.

Classes and clubs will be selling lots of great fair foods, including lemonade, milk shakes and loaded

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Pine Plains FFA officers invite everyone to this year’s Agricultural Fair. From left are Tatum Osofsky, Coghlan Mullen, Lia Zampko, Hope Miller and Addison Stapf. Courtesy photo

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Miller teamed up with Ryan Manning, an accomplished landscape architect, to come up with a design that is functional, easy to maintain, pulls in the elements of the old college and was consistent with the original vision of the park.

In the construction phase, Thorne listed several individuals and businesses that he said “went beyond the call of duty.”

He then pulled out a map of the park (distributed to all at the event) showing three parking lots, trails with benches street lights, garbage cans and even six doggie poop bag dispensers, Halcyon Terrace reconstructed to be a play area for kids, the Bennett Outdoor Greek theatre to be used for musical performances, reading and like events and Red Maple trees planted along the entrance path from Bennett Common Way.

Thorne noted that the park is under a permanent easement held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy banning development and ensuring public access in perpetuity, thanks to a \$544,000 grant from Dutchess County. On that point, he thanked Deidra Houston, majority leader of the Dutchess county Legislature.

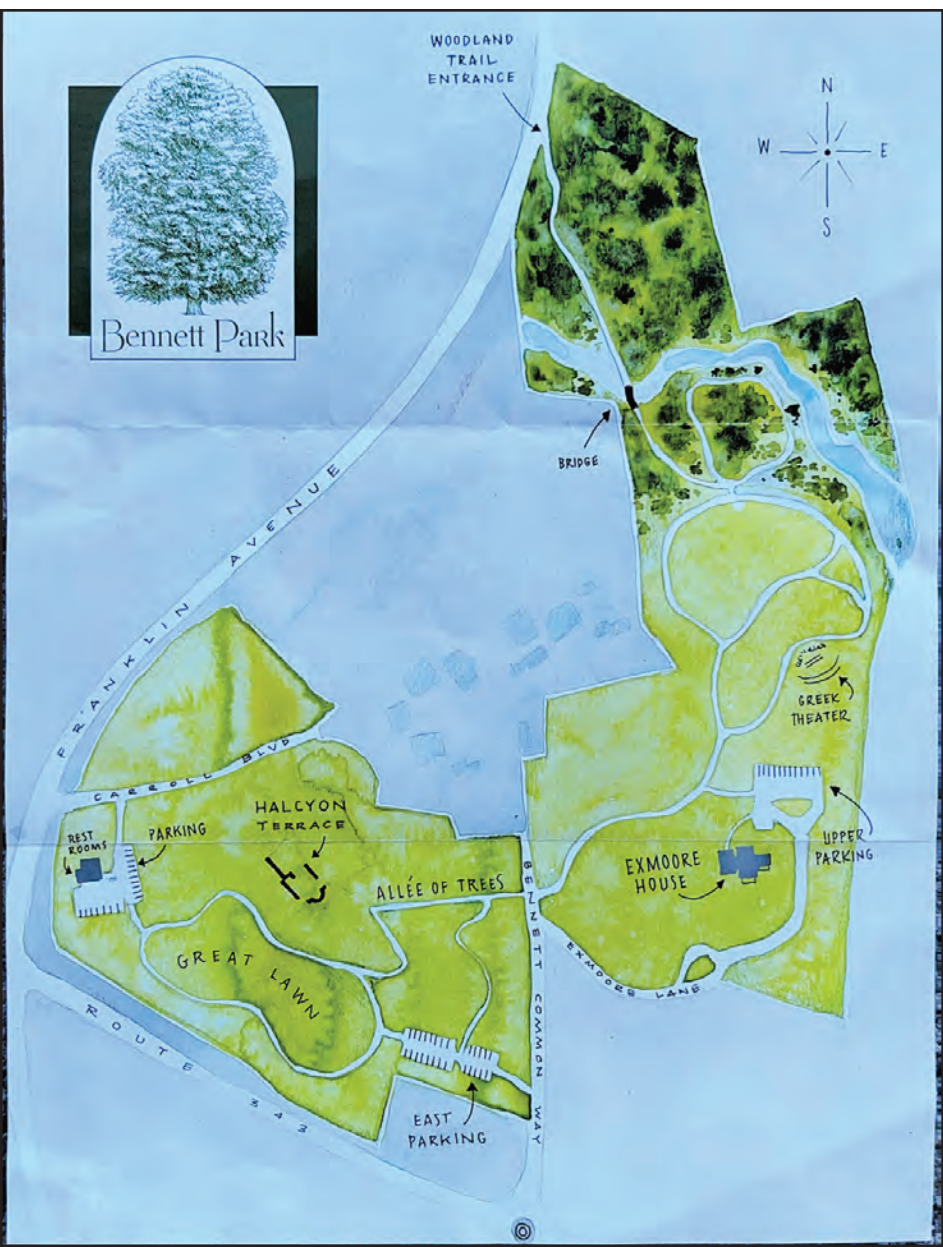
He said the “biggest neighborly thank you has to go to our friends at Bennett

Commons. When we first bought this property, the land we’re standing on right now belonged to the Commons and it housed their tennis courts and swimming pool ... at the same time, we really wanted that land so we could reunite the Great Lawn.”

After a few years of talking, in 2020 they struck as deal where by they would swap this land for land they owned, plus a pool up next to the condos. Thorne thanked president Ed Evans and former president Cindy Young, “for all that we’ve done to make this a great place to live and play.”

He also outlined plans for the Thorne Building in the Village of Millbrook. Progress has been made in regards to design and construction and he listed significant gifts and pledges. He said the design still includes a Digital Arts Lab, Culinary Arts Lab, community work space, art gallery-exhibit space, dance studio, fine arts studio and more. The current estimate is that construction will finish in late 2028.

Thorne’s journey concluded with a traditional ribbon-cutting with members of the Millbrook Community Partnership and rousing cheers with everyone looking to the future.



Above left: Bennett Park supporters include - back row, from left, Charlie Pierce, Rob Dyson, Larry Shapiro and George Whalen III. In front are Russ Carson, Oakleigh Thorne and Judith Carson. Above, the map of the new Bennett Park shows new and familiar areas and walking trails. Below: The walking trails proved popular during Sunday's grand opening. The Millbrook Fire Department provided both current and historic fire engines and a huge tent served as a gathering spot for the hundreds of individuals in attendance. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



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## NDH invites all to ‘Light Village Pink’

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Turn your lights on! Pink lights and decorations will symbolize hope throughout Rhinebeck, Red Hook and beyond, reminding everyone of the importance of breast health and local medical resources.

Local organizations and residents can pick up free pink light bulbs at these local businesses during their hours of operation.

**Rhinebeck**

- The Bottle Shop
- The Breast Health Offices of Dr. Curcio

- John G. Ullman & Associates
- Rhinebeck Mercantile
- Rhinebeck Savings Bank
- Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Rhinebeck

- Town of Clinton
- Village of Rhinebeck

### Red Hook

- Ulster Savings Bank
- Rhinebeck Savings Bank
- Town of Red Hook
- Village of Red Hook
- Red Hook Library

Get social: Northern Dutchess Hospital wants to sparkle with you! Please tag @NorthernDutchessHospital and @NuvanceHealth on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn showing your support. Stay tuned and visit [nuvance-health.org/lightthevillagepink](http://nuvance-health.org/lightthevillagepink) to stay tuned for event updates throughout October.

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# After-school program inventory effort to identify gaps, strengthen opportunities

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced the county is conducting a comprehensive assessment and inventory of after-school opportunities as part of the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU) initiative. The YOU connects young people throughout Dutchess County to safe, supportive places where they can play, learn and grow, through recreational, educational, and wellness programs.

“After-school programs aren’t just activities – they’re places where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to grow,” said Serino. “They help kids discover their strengths, build confidence, and from friendship that last a lifetime, while also giving families the support they need. This assessment is an important step to ensure our county’s programs are strong, accessible and well-supported.”

Modeled after the Poughkeepsie Children’s Cabinet’s effort to map after-school programs in the City of Poughkeepsie, this county-wide assessment

will provide a clearer picture of programs available across Dutchess. Surveys have been sent to school superintendents, municipal leaders, and after-school program providers to help identify current opportunities and highlight where additional support may be needed.

Organizations that offer youth programming outside of school – including before- and after-school care, weekend or holiday activities, or summer camps – are encouraged to complete the survey by Oct. 17, 2025, online at [DutchessNY.gov/after-school-inventory](https://DutchessNY.gov/after-school-inventory). The survey asks providers to share information on availability, curriculum, seasonal offerings, staffing, capacity, age groups served and costs, as well as possible program needs and priorities. Responses will help the County identify gaps and guide future investments in youth activities, including funding opportunities such as the County Executive Serino’s YOU Drop-In Center Grant program.

All youth programs are encouraged to participate. For more information about the after-school programs inventory, call the County Executive’s Office at (845) 486-2000 or email [CountyExec@dutchessny.gov](mailto:CountyExec@dutchessny.gov).

## Hackett Farm Supply Vendor Market: Let’s do it again!

## ‘Best Little Ag Fair’ set Saturday in Pine Plains

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The September Vendor Market at Hackett Farm Supply in Clinton Corners was such a huge success – so they are conducting a second Vendor Market on Saturday, Oct. 11. The store and adjoining lot are located at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, just off the Taconic Parkway.

The market runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Food trucks will be included with a wide variety of vendors featuring everything from baked goods, arts and crafts, jewelry, woodworking, Henna tattoos, recycle items and much more. It’s a rain or shine event. Call the store at 845-266-3494 for more information.

baked potatoes. The Pine Plains Hose Company will also offer its famous chicken BBQ.

There will be livestock to see, including chickens, rabbits, goats, sheep and dairy cows. The Dairy Show begins at 11 a.m. with conformation and showmanship classes and a Horse Pull.

The Pine Plains Garden Club will present a Flower Show, located in the high school gym. In the gym, spectators will also find “Crazy Creatures” made from vegetables and other exhibits from our local elementary classes and the Stanford Grange #808.

The day wouldn’t be complete without the Pet Show at 2 p.m. and Cow Pie Bingo. The Pine Plains FFA will also be hosting its traditional Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Crazy vegetable designs will be on exhibit in the Stissing Mountain High School Gym and draft horses will be competing in the Pine Plains FFA Agricultural Fair on Saturday. *Courtesy photos*

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Civilization vs. animalism

To the editor:  
Charles Darwin in 1869 published “on the Origin of Species” and suggested that organisms [which] best adjust to their environment are the most successful in surviving. Darwin regarded it as “survival of the fittest” because “struggle for existence” is relative and thus not absolute. With civilization, you find innovations that improve daily life and productivity, but with animalism like Trump practices, the driving force is being to use the government to destroy his perceived enemies (anyone who disagrees with him), to enrich his wealthy class at the expense of the poor, and destroy democracy.

When you look at Trump’s actions, there seems to appear a picture of his wealthy class being considered the “Fitter for survival” and the sick and weak something to discard.

1. His nephew Fred C. Trump III tells us that Donald Trump, his uncle, told him that Fred’s disabled son, William “should just die.” (All in the Family: The Trumps and How we got this Way).

2. He orders “attack dog” Pam Bondi and the FBI and Justice Department to investigate those he dislikes or critics like James Comey, Adam Schiff, Jack Smith and George Soros, etc. on and on with selective prosecution and destruction of confidence in judicial system.

3. He just ordered 100% tariffs on drugs coming into this country. They come in because they are cheaper and the poorer people have a chance. He and Kennedy, playing doctor, are out to do away with vaccinations and destroying confidence in the Health Department by replacing professional health advisers with political cronies and indiscriminate firings. People die from their advice and rules. In 1900, the average age for white Men was 46.6, for black men 32.5, for white women 48.7 and black women 33.5. The average life expectancy for 2025 is 75.8 for men and 81.1 for women. This approximate 65 percent increase in life expectancy was due to government working to get better medicine and food to citizens, not taking it away like the Trump administration. It is like a covert operation to kill off those they considerate “not the fittest.”

David F. Queen  
Red Hook

Addressing challenges in Hyde Park

To the editor  
Has national politics gotten you down? Perhaps it’s time to look closer to home. Local government plays a major role in our daily lives — managing public safety, infrastructure, sanitation, parks, and more — yet only about one-third of eligible voters participate in local elections.

I have been a US History and Government teacher in the area

for over 20 years, and I know the importance of having a positive impact on people’s lives. In recent years, I have also served on Hyde Park’s Zoning Board, where I’ve worked with residents and business owners on projects that balance community needs with local law. That experience has shown me how collaboration between local, county, and state governments can make real progress possible.

If elected to the Town Board, I will bring that same perspective: listening to diverse voices, weighing all impacts, and staying grounded in what’s best for Hyde Park. Our community faces challenges — housing affordability, flooding in the Fallkill Watershed, and the need for a sewer system along the Route 9 corridor. These are practical issues that require practical solutions.

As the candidate that stands for independence, I will work with all sides to guide Hyde Park toward responsible growth and a brighter future. I hope to earn your support this November. Together, we can Put Hyde Park First!

I’m running for Ward 3 on the Independent Line.

Paul Donnelly  
Hyde Park

Rifenburgh brings people together in Pleasant Valley

To Pleasant Valley Residents:

It is rare to find a true public servant in government — someone motivated not by politics, but by principle. You are fortunate to have JetBlue Captain Michael Rifenburgh serving as your representative on the Pleasant Valley Town Board.

Michael has proven himself to be a dedicated steward of the people, committed to improving his community. During his first four years on the board, he consistently came to meetings well-prepared, asking thoughtful, logical questions that too often go unspoken in government at every level — local, county, state, and federal.

What sets Michael apart is his reliance on common sense, not party politics. He is willing to confront both truth and falsehood, justice and injustice, always with respect. He knows how to be objective in a subjective environment and disagree without being disagreeable—an essential quality in today’s divided climate.

At a time when our country struggles with polarization, we need leaders like Michael who can bridge divides and bring people together. He represents the majority of citizens who do not live at the political extremes but instead seek fairness, accountability, and progress.

I encourage you to re-elect Michael Rifenburgh for Town Council. He has already shown he will serve with integrity, independence, and dedication to the people.

Joseph Patrick Paoloni  
Town Clerk, Wappinger

POLITICAL LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR

Deadlines for ads and letters are always the Friday prior to the Wednesday on which you want ther letter to run. All papers are published on Wednesdays.

Please note - We will NOT accept negative letters (criticizing opponents) on the final publication date prior to the election.

Letters must be 300 words or less and must include the phone number of the writer for verification purposes (we will not publish phone numbers).

CORRECTION



In last week's papers, we provided incorrect identification of students taking part in the Milan Community Day events. Students dressed in historic gear included Gabe and Cody Hedges. Courtesy photo

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# Marist University and DCC forge seamless transition for transfer students seeking Bachelor’s Degree in Crime and Justice Studies

Marist University and Dutchess Community College (DCC) have signed a new agreement that simplifies the transfer process for students pursuing careers in crime and justice studies and seeking a 4-year degree.

Under the agreement, students who complete an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Criminal Justice at DCC that meet the grade point average course requirement will be able to transfer all earned credits to Marist University and complete a Bachelor’s degree in Crime & Justice Studies in just two years as full-time students. This partnership reflects both institutions’ commitment to supporting student success and expanding access to higher education.

The agreement removes uncertainty for students and allows them to plan their academic journey with confidence that allows them to seamlessly pursue four-year degrees. A Crime and Justice Studies major prepares students for careers across various sectors of the justice system, including federal, state, and local law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Additional career paths may include the law, social work, social justice advocacy, public policy, and government.

“We are delighted to offer another opportunity for DCC students to transfer seamlessly into a major in our School,”

said Dr. Deborah Gatins, Dean of Marist’s School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. “Creating pathways for bachelor’s degrees at lower costs supports our mission to engage with our local community and provide meaningful programs that may lead to personal fulfillment and career success.”

Dr. Raymond M. Houston, Vice President for Instruction and Learning at Dutchess Community College, added: “We are thrilled to partner with Marist University to create a seamless pathway in Crime and Justice Studies for our students, ensuring they can continue their education and build successful careers.”

This agreement enables Dutchess Community College students to track their progress toward a Marist degree while completing their studies at DCC. By participating, students can plan their academic pathways more confidently and transfer up to 70 credits directly toward their Marist degree. This new pathway agreement builds upon existing transfer agreements between Marist and DCC in Business, Social Work, and the Visual Arts, which open up pathways to degrees that lead to careers in fields such as accounting, marketing, counseling, community outreach, graphic design, animation and digital art.

# HV Depression Glass Club sets Fall Show Oct. 11 in Beacon



The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club will present a wide variety of clear and colored glass at its Fall Show on Oct. 11 in Beacon. *Courtesy photo*

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club is hosting its 53rd Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale of Glass, Pottery, China, and Vintage Accessories on Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building at 413 Main Street, Beacon.

Admission is \$5 per person (children under 10 are free) and includes a raffle entry for a \$10 gift certificate good towards a purchase from any of the vendors or for a 1-year membership in the club. Refreshments will be available. For show information, please contact Debbie Siller at (845) 702-4770. The club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., except July and August, and guests are encouraged to come by and see what we are all about.

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club began in 1972 in Walden by founding members Elinor Eignor, Bill & Ada

Metzing, and Gene & Mickey Meier. The purpose of the club was to bring community members and collectors together to gain knowledge and promote any glass manufactured in America from 1920 through the 1940’s known as Depression Era Glass. Some 20 different companies produced clear and colored glass during this period such as Hazel Atlas, Hocking, Indiana, Fenton, Federal, and Westmoreland.

While the club has continued this tradition for the last 53 years, it has grown to now include all 20th-century American glass companies and items such as American pottery companies, some well-known ones are Roseville, McCoy, Hall, Shawnee, Spaulding and Haegar, American China companies such as Blue Ridge, Franciscan, Lenox, Lotus ware, Pickard, Homer Laughlin and Bauer, and vintage kitchen items and accessories.

## CLINTON TOWN CLERK’S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE UNDER WAY

Clinton Town Clerk Carol Mackin is collecting coats through the end of October for distribution in time for the winter weather. This annual effort has helped many men, women and children in need.

Donate new or gently used coats for men, women and children. Drop off at the Town Clerk’s office, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any questions, call Mackin at (845) 266-5853, option 1 or email [townclerk@clintondcnyc.gov](mailto:townclerk@clintondcnyc.gov).

## The Hudson Valley Job Fair set Oct. 23

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation Inc. present The Hudson Valley Job Fair, in partnership with Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board and DC Works, on Thursday, Oct. 23. The Job Fair is free and open to the public and will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. For more information about the Job Fair, visit [dcrccoc.org/job-fair](http://dcrccoc.org/job-fair) or call (845) 454-1700, ext. 1000.

Whether you’re unemployed, underemployed, a veteran, a teenager, or a senior citizen looking for work, make sure to stop by and connect with some of the top employers in the region. There will be more than 50 employers in attendance, with hundreds of jobs to fill.

New this year is the First Look - Early Entry. From 2 to 3 p.m., the Job Fair will open exclusively for veterans, senior citizens, and individuals living with disabilities, giving early access to connect directly with employers before the general public.

Founded in 1907, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce champions business growth, economic development, and community connection. Learn more at [dcrccoc.org](http://dcrccoc.org).

# Burn Ban in effect through Oct. 15

Gov. Kathy Hochul and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a statewide burn ban on Oct. 2, due to increased fire risk and continued dry conditions. The ban is in effect through Oct. 15 and will be re-evaluated prior to expiration.

The statewide burn ban now in effect prohibits the starting of outdoor fires for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as all uncontained fires, including campfires, and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained

campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires. Burning garbage or leaves is already prohibited year-round in New York State and several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect.

The current fire danger map is available at <https://dec.ny.gov/>

The high fire danger is due in part to gusty winds and lower relative humidity forecast during an existing prolonged dry spell.

## When it comes to finances, it matters who has your back.

Meet Beth Coon, branch manager of our Pine Plains branch. If you ask her what she likes most about her job, she will say it’s all about the customers – from helping high school grads open their first bank accounts, to assisting older customers maneuver new banking services like Online Banking. With over 30 years of local banking experience, Beth says “it’s great to be part of a bank where family and community are so important.”

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Dutchess Outreach coat drive under way**  
Dutchess Outreach's 2025 Susan DeKeukelaere Memorial Coat Drive is running through October. 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).

A full, regularly updated list of drop-off locations is available at <https://bit.ly/DOCatDrive>.

**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](http://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 through Oct. 26**  
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.historicred-hook.org](http://www.historicred-hook.org). Visit the website for more information.

**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](https://www.ulstersavings.com/why-us/seminars/#section_HomebuyerSeminars)  
\*Certain conditions apply.

**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).

The Brad Cole Trio will perform. A Silent Auction table will be packed with amazing items from local retailers, restaurants and other local businesses. Tickets available at <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:JoBaer2@gmail.com) to get the soup choices for each month and pre-order on-line.

**Amenia Harvest Festival set Oct. 18**  
The Amenia Harvest festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Main Street, Amenia between Route 22/44 through 343/Mechanic Street. Parking: Follow signage.

Events include food trucks, a costume parade for all ages (with prizes awarded), Bouncy Castles, face painting, vendors, Dutchess County Mobile Health Unit (screening, vaccines, etc.), Congressman Pat Ryan's constituents assistant staff and van, bands, pumpkin bowling and painting, a Repair Cafe and more.

The road will be closed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the light at Route 22/44 to the corner of Mechanic Street. Visit [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov) (check News & Notices) for updates.

**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](http://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](http://www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org) or email Craig Marshall at [craigmarshall266@aol.com](mailto:craigmarshall266@aol.com).

**Free Veterans Picnic**  
The office of Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and office of Veterans Affairs invite all veterans to the "Red, White and You" Veterans Appreciation Picnic from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at James Baird State Park. The rain or shine event is open to veterans and one guest. It will include free BBQ from Tavern 23 and live music by "The String Masters."

**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](http://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 Homespun 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](mailto:darrhinebeck@gmail.com).

**German Dinner set Oct. 25 at St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie**  
St. Paul's Church, 161 North Hamilton St. in Poughkeepsie is sponsoring its annual German Dinner prepared by JJ & his students from the Culinary Institute of America. The dinner is set for Saturday, Oct. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner

served at 5:30. Enjoy organ music in the church while waiting.

The menu includes pretzel rolls, Chicken Schnitzel, Mac N Cheese Spetzel, Bacon/Green Beans, Black Forest Cake, coffee, tea. Cost is \$20, cash or check; pay at the door. Reservations encouraged. [bobbiegordon@hvc.rr.com](mailto:bobbiegordon@hvc.rr.com)

**Ham Dinner in Salt Point**  
A Ham dinner is being held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, on Saturday October 25 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.. Featured will be spiral ham, homemade scalloped potatoes, applesauce, glazed carrots, dinner roll and dessert for \$15 for all. Reservation and pick up time required. Please call Jeanne at 845-797-9621.

**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](http://andersoncenterforautism.org/gala) or call (845) 889-9208.

**Trout Unlimited Stewardship Dinner**  
Dutchess County-based Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited (MHTU), a not-for-profit 501-c3 chapter of the national conservation organization Trout Unlimited will hold its annual Stewardship Dinner and Auction fundraiser on November 7 from 6 – 10 p.m. at the Beekman Golf Club, 11 Country Club Road in Hopewell Junction. This event is open to the public. Tickets, \$65 per person, are available online at <https://tu.myeventcenter.com/event/Mid-Hudson-Tu-Stewardship-Dinner-114487?redir=1> or \$60 by check payable to MHTU. Send your check to Pat Crisci, 115 Beaver Rd., Lagrangeville, NY 12540. For more info please contact [patcrisci@aol.com](mailto:patcrisci@aol.com) Proceeds from the dinner and auction will help fund MHTU conservation projects such as stream cleanups, tree plantings, stream and habitat improvement, community outreach, youth summer camp and scholarship programs and outings for military veterans.

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## Empress Ambulance Service expands its commitment to HV with acquisition of Northern Dutchess Paramedics

Empress Ambulance Service, LLC ("Empress") has announced the acquisition of Northern Dutchess Paramedics Emergency Medical Services (NDP), further strengthening its role as the leading EMS provider in the Hudson Valley and reaffirming its commitment to investing in local EMS systems, supporting providers and enhancing patient care.

Empress, with headquarters in Yonkers and Poughkeepsie, will work with the NDP team to ensure seamless continuity of care for the patients and communities they serve.

"We are excited to have the opportuni-

ty to invest in the people, resources, and systems that keep our communities safe," said Michael Minerva, Sr., president of Empress EMS. "This step underscores our belief that strong EMS systems are built by supporting the professionals who deliver care every day and reflects our long-standing commitment to the region. By working together, we will expand capabilities, improve systems, and continue delivering the high-quality care residents and healthcare partners deserve."

NDP EMS has more than 30 years of experience delivering emergency and non-emergency medical transportation in

the region and has built a respected legacy of service operating from its Rhinebeck headquarters.

"After many years of operating independently, we felt it was the right moment to partner with an organization that shares our values," said Edward Murray, founder and CEO of NDP. "Empress's commitment to its employees, patients, and communities made them the clear choice. We are excited about what this partnership means for strengthening EMS in our region."

As part of the PatientCare EMS Solutions family, Empress brings nearly

four decades of experience in providing state-of-the-art emergency services, non-emergency transportation, and compassionate patient care across Westchester and Dutchess counties, as well as the greater Hudson Valley. "With this acquisition, Empress demonstrates its growing investment in and commitment to the communities served in the region and aligns with the company's overall strategic goal of expansion and providing exceptional service for these communities" said Herman Schwarz, CEO of PatientCare EMS.

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# Red Hook boys' soccer finds long-sought success

By Morgan E. Maier

What a relief for the Raiders. The Red Hook Raiders entered the third annual Jimmy Ranieri Memorial Tournament with 10 losses and left as weekend runners-up. As the full-time whistle blew on the tournament's opening game, Red Hook and Chester Academy were deadlocked, two zeroes on the score sheet. Marcello Reppucci was key in keeping Red Hook's tourney hopes alive. Those sweeping runs and swift moves kept Chester's defense doubling back.

On Red Hook's own defensive third, Levi Ixcoy was remarkable on Red Hook's own defensive third. From key throw-ins to quality hustles to the 1-on-1, Ixcoy kept transition pressure off his goalkeeper, and left Chester searching for a score.

When tournament rules called for automatic penalty kicks after regulation, Ali Ahmadi, Jackson Huber, Leonardo Asankaryev, Luca Friedman, and Johann Bartges were tabbed for the Red Hook PKs. Three straight misses by Chester clinched the victory for the Raiders, as

Ahmadi and Bartges led with makes. Bartges' was a top corner looping shot that was untouchable for Chester's keeper. Gehrig Moore batted away one, two, three Chester offerings to stay perfect, boosting his Raiders to the tournament title game.

Though Red Hook fell in the championship to the hosting Raiders of James I. O'Neill, 2-1, the title game energy was set by the favorable first-round outcome. Said head coach Rich Saulino, "We've struggled a little bit this year. This is our first non-loss of this season, and it's really exciting to see the guys and their reaction to it. I think it's important for us to feel that, and experience that."

**Arlington defeats Ketcham in volleyball thriller** - Arlington's Amelia Giorgi, fresh off her 500th career assist game, followed with a key performance against Ketcham. The Admirals split the first four sets, their wins in the second and third sets bookended by Ketcham victories. The Storm were able to stay alive for one more set, as Arlington won the final game 15-9. Corrine Jarc had 11 kills, 16 digs



Jack O'Sullivan (17) of the Red Hook soccer team charges against a Chester defender. Courtesy photo

and three aces. Caroline Urso had 12 kills, 8 digs, and 4 aces. Alyssa Reilly had three aces and 13 digs. Giorgi had three aces. She also contributed 13 kills, 19 assists, and 13 digs for a triple-double.

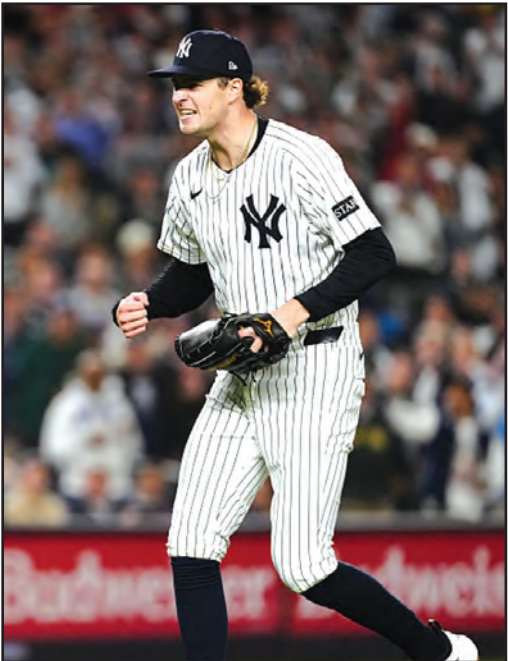
**Spackenkill girls' volleyball, soccer dominate Marlboro, Dover** - Spackenkill sent Marlboro away quietly in three sets, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19. Gaby Murphy led the way with seven kills and three aces. Marlboro's Olivia Besteiro had five kills and two digs. Sadie Casella had 19 digs and 11 assists.

On October 3, the Spartan soccer

squad blanked Dover 8-0 Olivia Stout was stellar, assisting three different teammates' goals and scoring two in the rout. The first came as Amalia Parsons opened the scoring. The next, a dazzling feed to Cadence Koehler to make it 3-0 Spartans. Juliana Fernandes netted a pair of first half goals, assisted by Grace Krakowski and Stout. Stout scored Spack's eighth goal of the game, assisted by Gabby Krakower. Spackenkill wouldn't let Dover's Talia Rodriguez rest, forcing 21 saves on 29 attempts. Lex Thompson and Lilly Lindell combined for two saves in Spackenkill's 11th straight win.

## EX-RENEGADES HURLER SCHLITTLER SHINES IN PLAYOFF GAME WITH YANKS

Former Hudson Valley Renegades pitcher Cam Schlittler became the first pitcher in postseason Major League Baseball history to fire at least eight scoreless innings with at least 12 strikeouts without permitting a walk in the New York Yankees playoff victory over the Cleveland Guardians last week. He also set a new franchise record for strikeouts by a Yankee in his postseason debut, outdoing 10-K performances by Red Ruffing (1932 World Series Game 1 vs. Cubs) and Dave Righetti (1981 ALDS Game 2 at Brewers). "You feel dominant out there," Schlittler said. "I didn't really know how many strikeouts I was at, but it's a good feeling, being able to put those guys away." Courtesy photo



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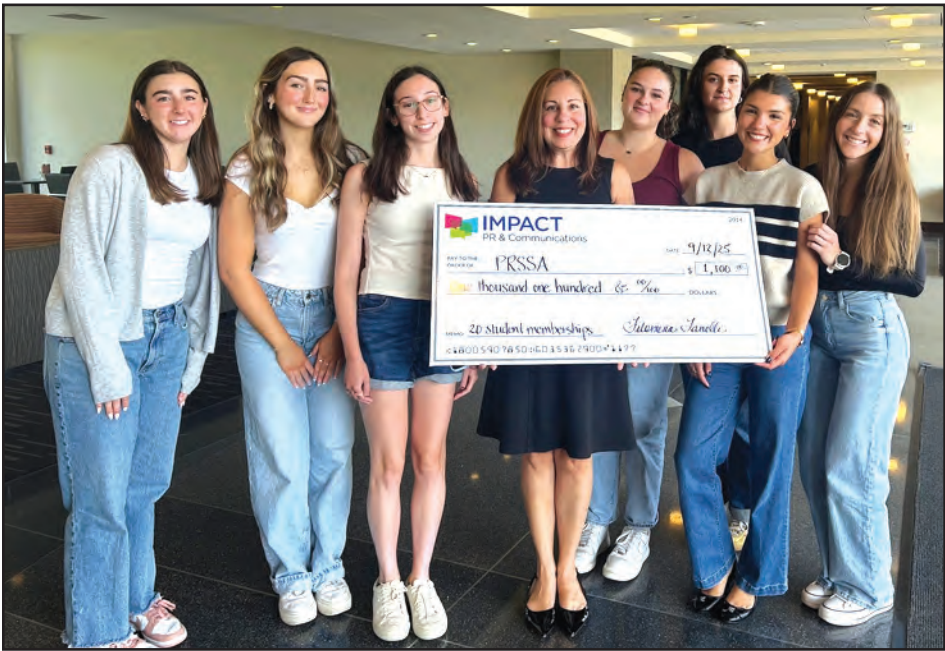
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# Impact PR doubles commitment to future PR leaders



Marist University public relations and communications students are pictured with Filomena Fanelli, CEO & founder of Impact PR & Communications. From left are Julia Tartaglia, PRSSA chapter president for the fall 2025 semester; Julia Vultaggio, Katie Tummino, Filomena Fanelli, Sam Rafferty, Nadia Schoenauer, Lena Sinatra and Nicole DeFinis. *Courtesy photo*

Impact PR & Communications, a leading public relations agency based in New York’s Hudson Valley with a roster of clients across the country, is doubling its impact on the next generation of public relations professionals.

For the second year in a row, the agency made a donation to the Marist University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), doubling its support to cover the membership fees for 20 students this school year. This investment gives aspiring communicators the tools and opportunities to sharpen

their skills, expand their network and gain hands-on, real-world experience.

PRSSA is more than a student organization – it’s a gateway to the industry. Through membership, mentorship, internships, professional networking and more, the chapter equips students with the knowledge and experience they need to thrive. By supporting Marist’s PRSSA chapter, Impact PR & Communications is helping students make meaningful connections and prepare them to make an impact of their own.

# Emery & Webb donates \$10,000 to Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley

Emery & Webb, Inc. has officially awarded a \$10,000 donation to Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley, a nonprofit committed to raising awareness, supporting caregivers, and funding research to end Alzheimer’s disease. The donation will be used to expand caregiver support groups, host educational events, and accelerate scientific research toward a cure.

Initially, Emery & Webb, Inc. received a \$5,000 donation through the Liberty Mutual® and Safeco Insurance® 2025 Make More Happen™ Awards program for its partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley. After their story was featured on the Make More Happen microsite at [www.agent-giving.com/emery-webb/](http://www.agent-giving.com/emery-webb/), the community rallied with over 500 votes and comments—triggering a matching donation and bringing the total to \$10,000.

Alzheimer’s disease touches countless lives across New York, often quietly affecting families and workplaces alike. Emery & Webb knows this struggle firsthand, as many in their agency have lost loved ones or cared for relatives battling the disease.

Agency executive Ed Gentile helped form and now leads an executive leadership committee for the Alzheimer’s Association, responsible for corporate fundraising for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s each October. Emery & Webb is more than a sponsor—they are active participants, organizing a dedicated agency team for the walk and

raising funds year-round through personal donations and family support. They also take part in the Sub-Zero Hero Polar Plunge every February, braving icy waters momentarily in exchange for funding long-term caregiver assistance. Last year, Emery & Webb was the #3 corporate team fundraiser for the Association, with dozens walking to honor loved ones and caregivers affected by this devastating disease.

“We hope to foster a workplace culture that supports employees dealing with Alzheimer’s personally or as caregivers,” said Gentile. “Raising awareness is just the start—we want to be part of the solution.”

“Recognizing independent agents’ dedication to their communities and non-profit partners is what the Make More Happen Awards are all about,” said Matthew Brisk, Senior Territory Manager, Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance. “Emery & Webb’s commitment to the Alzheimer’s Association is a powerful example of how local businesses can help drive meaningful change.”

Throughout 2025, Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance will select up to 36 independent agencies nationwide for a Make More Happen Award, donating up to \$360,000 to nonprofits they support. Agencies become eligible for the award by submitting applications showcasing their commitment to a specific cause.

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Emery & Webb recently presented a donation of \$10,000 to Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley. *Courtesy photo*

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## ‘Here Comes the Beef’ steals show at The Big E

The Eastern States Exposition, better known as “The Big E,” is the largest agricultural event in the Northeast, often described as the New York State Fair for all six New England states. For farms and exhibitors across the region, it’s a chance to showcase their best animals, test their skills, and connect with the wider agricultural community.

Dutchess County 4-H youth are no strangers to the Big E. Many attend, some compete, and a few even make it to the top of their classes. But there’s one unique honor that belongs solely to Dutchess County: “Here Comes the Beef” is the only 4-H club outside of New England permitted to participate in the official 4-H Beef Show. This distinction highlights the club’s long-standing commitment to youth livestock programs and its reputation across state lines.

This year, two of our members, Riley Mahaffey and Henry Skuza, represented their club and county at the Big E, and their results were nothing short of outstanding. Riley earned Reserve Champion Steer, Reserve Overall Showman, and the Sportsmanship Award, while also placing 1st in both individual judging and senior sweepstakes. She added 2nd place in Bred & Owned, senior record book, and senior advertisement to her impressive tally. Henry had a standout show as well, capturing Overall Heifer, Overall Simmental Heifer, and placing 3rd Overall in Showmanship.

Together, Riley and Henry not only brought home top honors but also demonstrated the spirit of dedication, teamwork, and excellence that defines Dutchess County 4-H. Their achievements are a testa-

ment to months of preparation and care, as well as the support of their club, families, and leaders.

For Dutchess County, it was another proud moment on a regional stage, and a reminder that agriculture truly is our culture.



Riley Mahaffey and Henry Skuza are shown with animals at ‘The Big E’ last month.  
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## Sondheim’s ‘Sweeney Todd’ comes to Rhinebeck Oct. 10

To spice up the Halloween season, Up In One Productions will present Stephen Sondheim’s and Hugh Wheeler’s “Sweeney Todd; The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” live, onstage at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. The show opens Friday, Oct. 10, and runs weekends through Oct. 26.

Considered Sondheim’s masterpiece, “Sweeney Todd” is an eight-time Tony Award-winning musical that transports audiences onto the foggy streets of Victorian London where vengeance, betrayal, and razor-sharp suspense are on the menu.

An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads him to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which

he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett’s business sharply picks up when Todd’s thirst for blood inspires the addition of a tasty, mysterious ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up.

Hilarious and shocking, “Sweeney Todd” is a music lover’s musical and a unique theatrical experience, with intriguing characters, haunting melodies, and spine-tingling twists at every turn.

“Sweeney Todd” is produced by Diana di Grandi (“Guys & Dolls”) and directed by Peter Risafi (“Cabaret”). It boasts of a popular veteran cast including Duane Olson as Sweeney, Emily Woolever as Mrs. Lovett, Michael Risio as Anthony, and Brittany Baltayn as Johanna.

Tickets are \$29 and can be purchased at [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org) or (845) 876-3080.



Emily Woolever (Mrs. Lovett) serving Sweeney (Duane Olson) in “Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” playing in Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photo*

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## The Smithfield Church to host Rio JAZZ concert Oct. 11

The Smithfield Church will present Rio JAZZ - Intimate Brazilian Jazz hosted by the Bang Family Concert Series. The concert will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m., at the church (656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia). Refreshments to follow. Suggested donation is \$20.

In the Bang Family Concert Series tradition of hosting eclectic performances by gifted musicians from the region, the Oct. 11 program will feature the music of Brazil as interpreted by top regional North American jazz players in the intimate atmosphere of the historic Smithfield Church.

Rio JAZZ leader, composer, arranger and multi-instrumentalist Matt Finley will lead a combo of world-class performers for an hour of live music including his original compositions. A pioneer of Brazilian jazz, Finley began playing gigs in 1963 just as the Bossa Nova sound hit the airwaves in the US, and he has continued to specialize in this genre and extend its boundaries with Rio JAZZ.

The sounds will be anchored by international touring pianist Larry Ham. Lou Pappas returns on acoustic bass, and Jeff Siegel brings his light touch on drums to the beautiful acoustics of the church.

Noted guitarist Jeff Ciampa plays for the Smithfield audience for the first time, and Denise Jordan Finley has a cameo appearance as vocalist on a song co-written with Matt.

The program includes “Nao Me Diga Adeus” (Paquito, Sovereign, and Luiz Correa, “Aula de Matematica” (Antonio Carlos Jobim), “Haven’t We Met” (Kenny Rankin), “Inversions” (Jeff Ciampa), “Threads” (Jeff Siegel), “On a Misty Night” (Tadd Dameron), “Brazilian Coffee” (Larry Ham), “Sonic Tonic” (Jeff Ciampa), “When She’s Gone” (Matt & Denise Finley), and “Blue Salsa” (Matt Finley).

Rio JAZZ was formed in 1988 to bring the gorgeous sound of Brazilian jazz to the public in a series of educational concerts. Four members of the quintet for this concert – Matt Finley, Larry Ham, Jeff Siegel and Lou Pappas – are well known to Smithfield Church audiences, having performed in the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra as well as for other special events and services. Jeff Ciampa, phenomenal jazz guitarist from Orange County, joins the group as a special guest soloist.

For more information, visit <https://TheSmithfieldChurch.org/concerts>

### PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP TO MEET OCT. 8

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m., the Dutchess Regional Photography (DRP) group will be holding a dinner meeting at Perkins restaurant in Wappingers Falls. The speaker will be master photographer Sherrie Fryxl. Her topic will be “Seven steps to a merit print.” There is no charge for attending the meeting but dinner is on you. It should be a great learning experience as well as an enjoyable way to spend time with like mind people. Please join us for the entertaining and enlightening event. Contact DRP President Les Muldorf at [lesm1974@mac.com](mailto:lesm1974@mac.com) for more information.

### DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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By David Kalvitis

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# Quakers in Dutchess County

Touring local history, a disappointing ‘leaf peeping’ season, and more...

Last chance! November 2 is the last day to tour four Dutchess County Quaker meeting houses, noon to 4 p.m. So far, 800 visitors have taken advantage of this unique opportunity to explore an essential chapter of our local heritage, courtesy of some support from the Dutchess County Legislature and a cadre of volunteer docents.

Sue and I stopped in at the Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners this past Sunday. I had been planning to explore some prime fall foliage sites, but after a trip upstate I realized that we are in for one of the most disappointing “leaf peeping” seasons in recent memory, thanks to the hot, dry weather. The Quaker meeting house tours are part of Dutchess County’s celebration of our nation’s sesquicentennial.

Craig Marshall, vice president of the Clinton Historical Society, says that at one time Dutchess County was home to the largest population of Quakers outside of Pennsylvania. Of course, the Quaker faith remains vibrant in our community. Quakers meet every Sunday at Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie and all are welcome to join. According to their website, Quakers emphasize the inner light, personal experience of God, and peaceful living. They also embrace social change, environmental activism and community outreach as part of their continuing spiritual journey.

Docents Craig Marshall and Bronwyn Bevan (who is the sister-in-law of 1970s punk rocker Richard Hell) showed us around the Creek Meeting House in Clinton Corners. 250 years ago, almost everyone in central Dutchess County was a Quaker. They were farmers, raising wheat and milling flour until the Erie Canal, completed in 1825, brought a flood of grain from western New York. Then they became dairy farmers, shipping milk and butter on the newly constructed railroad.

Quakers refused to take sides during the American Revolution, raising suspicion that they were British sympathizers.

A prominent local Quaker, Paul Upton (of Upton Lake fame) was imprisoned for a few months, accused of carrying secret messages to the British.

With their emphasis on non-violence, equal rights for all, including women, temperance, and abolition of slavery, the Quakers helped to shape Dutchess County society, a legacy that continues to this day.

- **Autumn leaves** – Mike Bouton, former executive director at the Clark Foundation in Cooperstown, N.Y., calls the fall foliage “muted.” Foliage bus tours are still running, but the tourists are underwhelmed, as the autumn leaves are drying and falling before they color up.
- **Vassar College trees** – there used to be a map identifying 230 trees, all labeled, on the Vassar College campus. I still have a copy of the map, but the labels are gone, along with some of the trees. Recently a few labels have been replaced, for example, on the Pin Oak in front of the Main Building, which, planted in 1869, is the oldest tree on campus. The famous gigantic London Plane Tree between Main and the Library was planted in 1906.
- **Garden Large** – Julia and Duncan Brine’s six acres of intuitive naturalistic landscape in Pawling will be open for a tour sponsored by the Garden Conservatory on October 18, 1-5 p.m. Brine will be providing classical piano music for the event. Don’t miss it.
- **Spotted Lantern Fly** – So far, they haven’t caused any significant damage, unless you parked your car under a tree of Heaven. Check out my live recording of “Spotted Lantern fly Blues” on TikTok.
- **Amenia Day** – I’m making a “rare small club appearance” at Amenia Day, 12:30 p.m. on October 18, playing mostly folk music with a couple of DEVO tunes thrown in.

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



Bronwyn Bevan and Craig Marshall at Creek Meeting House. Below: Vassar’s famous sycamore has seen a lot of protests over the years. Photos by Mark Adams

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# Making magic

On finding enchantment in the harvest kitchen

“There’s a little witch in all of us.”

That’s a line from Alice Hoffman’s novel “Practical Magic” and the 1998 movie of the same name. I couldn’t agree more. From a young age, I understood that there was magic in the world, things we may not understand but are no less so: things happening after being intensely thought (or prayed) about, people being drawn to each other, the beauty of a sunset, the miracle of birth – surely these things are proof of that. But the older I get, the more I understand and appreciate the true magic in everyday things and ordinary tasks.

Maybe you’re familiar with the tradition of a kitchen witch. And no, I’m not talking about my self-proclaimed nickname, but rather the Scandinavian or Germanic tradition of placing a witch doll in the kitchen so that goodness and protection would be ever-present. While the representation of said witch was often a stereotypical one – long, crooked nose, pointy hat and broom – she was a good witch whose magic would prevent any mischief wrought by bad witches: pots wouldn’t boil over, bread would rise, milk wouldn’t curdle and cakes wouldn’t burn. She would also counteract any ill-will or bad intention to the home she graced and the people within, infusing not just the kitchen, but the entire house with warmth, welcome and happiness.



It’s a well-intended tradition that no doubt began in a more superstitious time, but there’s something about it that resonates today. I’ve come to view the kitchen as a rather sacred place where practical magic happens. It’s the heart of the home, where nourishment for body and soul is prepared, ingredients put together in ways that enhance, heal and delight. Every time we stir a pot, make a pie, add seasoning or set a table, we’re creating a little magic of our own. The love and care we put into everything we cook up in our kitchens is its own form of magic, a timeless and time-honored way to nurture and show our love. The kitchen in that way is a mystical realm where everyday tasks take on a more sacred meaning.

Have you ever gotten lost in the rhythms of kneading dough or been soothed by the repetition of whisking a sauce into smooth perfection? Have you noticed that when you pour yourself passionately into the very act of preparing a meal, as opposed to just throwing something together, that the result elicits pleasure from those you serve it to? Do you frequent farmers markets and get a little carried away selecting fresh, seasonal produce or delight in using herbs picked from your garden? Or maybe you’ve lost track of time while creating a new recipe, polishing silver or arranging a centerpiece. You might just be a kitchen witch yourself!

A favorite scene from ‘Practical Magic’ (the movie) sees the sisters (two aunts and two nieces) dancing around the kitchen island where a blender whirs up a late-night concoction. If you’ve seen it, you know Midnight Margaritas are iconic. The scene starts with the aunts reciting a spell as they add ingredients to an as-yet unseen vessel before flipping the switch on the blender, which wakes and summons their sleeping nieces, after which a lovely debauchery ensues. While not in the book version, it’s an effective, albeit campy, way to show how coming together in the kitchen has its own power. (I have to confess that if I had nieces I would TOTALLY have done this myself.) That’s really the over-arching theme of both versions in a way, and speaks to my point.

My hope, and one of the main reasons I write these articles in the first place, is that anyone can find enchantment in the



A harvest table. Below: An edible fall centerpiece. Photos by Vicki Frank Day

kitchen, the heart of the home, and discover something special and spiritual in ordinary tasks made extraordinary. The process of creating, serving and eating wonderful food is no small thing and as such, the kitchen should be regarded as a sanctuary, a place of peace where love is added to every dish just as you sprinkle in spices and herbs. I learned this from my mother and my grandmothers, whose magical gifts inspire me every time I cook.

But along with that hope comes another: that those who are fortunate enough to take in the nourishment we provide appreciate it and the effort it takes. We should all be thankful for the choices we have, the food on our tables and those who prepare it. Even for those of us who do not view cooking as a chore, it takes a lot of thought, work, planning and time; and when we know that’s acknowledged it goes a long way and feeds us right back. If you don’t cook, that may be something you don’t think of or just take for granted, but it’s hard to deny that cooking is, indeed, a mystical art even if we don’t consciously intend it to be.

So, yes, there is magic in the world, in our daily lives, in our kitchens. The things we create and the love we put into everything we do holds power and puts it out to

the wider world. Anything done with love and good intention comes back to us ten-fold; and maybe through the miracle of putting ingredients together in creative ways we prove there is a little witch in all of us, that we all have the ability to do good and cast spells through our efforts and with love.

To paraphrase a character from “Practical Magic,” there’s a few things I’ve learned in life: “Always throw spilled salt over your left shoulder. Keep rosemary by your garden gate. Add pepper to your mashed potatoes. Plant roses and lavender, for luck. Fall in love whenever you can.”

Put love into everything you do, honor the harvest and live a delicious life. These are magical gifts best shared.

Happy October!

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# A & E CALENDAR

**Through Oct. 26: “A Wedding in Transylvania,”** various locations. Murder Cafe gets in the Halloween spirit with a seasonal dinner theater murder-mystery. 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: Wed., Oct. 8: The Ridge, Highland. Wed., Oct. 15: The Best Western, Kingston. Fri., Oct. 17: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel Woods. Sat., Oct. 18: Hudson House Distillery, West Park. Wed., Oct. 22: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston. Thurs., Oct. 23: Heritage Financial Park, HV Renegades, Fishkill. Fri., Oct. 24: The Kartrite Resort, Monticello. Sat., Oct. 25: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin. Sun., Oct. 26: Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. Visit [www.murdercafe.net](http://www.murdercafe.net) for reservations and more information.

**Through Oct. 26: Haunted Fortress of Stanford,** 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Since 1997, The Haunted Fortress of Stanford has been scaring guests who are brave enough to enter. If you make it through the swamp walk, you are escorted through the Fortress where you are introduced to eerie sets and spooky characters. Mystery and macabre await you. Fri. & Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sensory Friendly Walk: Thurs., Oct. 19, 2-4 p.m. Come see the unique artistry that makes up the Haunted Fortress in the daylight without the lights, sounds and actors. Admission: Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Children age 12 and under \$10. Cash only. No open-toed shoes. Check (845) 868-7782, [townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress](http://townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress), Instagram or Facebook for foul weather cancellations. *Courtesy photo*



**Oct. 10-26: “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street,”** The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Stephen Sondheim’s heart-pounding thriller and diabolical musical comedy will be presented by Up In One Productions, live onstage. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 11 & 18, 8 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 25, 3 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets: \$29. [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org) or (845) 876-3080

**Oct. 11: Bags for Badges,** MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Second Annual Bags for Badges Cornhole Tournament, 10 a.m. 50/50’s, raffles, air mail competition, music entertainment, food, drinks, cash prize and more. All proceeds go to the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff’s PBA. [www.mid-hudsonciviccenter.org](http://www.mid-hudsonciviccenter.org)

**Oct. 11: The Grapes of Laughs,** The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. A comedy-and-wine pairing show hosted by Ophira Eisenberg (NPR, The Moth), and featuring Michael Ian Black (Wet Hot American Summer, The State, Stella), hometown favorite Rachel Lenihan, and Jenny J Rubin (NYC, Egremont Barn), 8 p.m. Each comic’s set is matched with the perfect

wine, blending bold reds, crisp whites, and big laughs for a night that’s part stand-up, part sommelier, all fun. [www.thestissingcenter.org](http://www.thestissingcenter.org)

**Oct. 11-12: Celtic Harp Programs.** Presented by Highland harper Candace L. Coates. Oct. 11: Highland Public Library, 14 Elting Place, Highland, 2-3 p.m. Free. Register at <https://highlandlibrary.org/>. Oct. 12: Newburgh Free Library, 14 Grand St., Newburgh. 3-4 p.m. Free. Register at <https://newburghlibrary.org/>.

**Oct. 11-12: The Orchestra Now,** Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. “Creative Resistance to Empire,” program spotlights Eastern European works from the late-19th and early-20th centuries that confront cultural struggles resulting from the oppressiveness of the Russian Empire. More familiar pieces like Rimsky-Korsakov’s charming Overture on Russian Themes and Tchaikovsky’s grand Festival Coronation March, written to celebrate the coronation of Alexander III, are performed alongside lesser-known works. Performances: Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. Streaming option: Pay what you wish. (845) 758-7900 or [fisher-center.bard.edu](http://fisher-center.bard.edu)

**Oct. 12: “Cheech & Chong’s Last Movie” Benefit Screening,** The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton. First-ever fully authorized documentary about the legendary comedy duo, 5 p.m. Tickets are \$42, with proceeds directly supporting The Stissing Center’s effort to upgrade its film screening equipment. Following the screening, the film’s director, David Bushell, will join the audience for an in-depth Q&A led by his cousin, Kate Osofsky of Ronnybrook Farm. [thestissingcenter.org](http://thestissingcenter.org)

**Oct. 12: “Federico García Lorca: Poet, Playwright, Revolutionary,”** Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Dance/theater piece invites the audience into the world of Spanish poet, playwright and musician Federico Garcia Lorca, 2 p.m. Through music, flamenco dance and his poetic and dramatic texts, the work celebrates Lorca’s artistry and courage in the face of rising fascism, an artistic defiance that ultimately cost him his life. Suggested donation \$7. (845) 876-2903

**Oct. 12: Walking Tour of Millbrook.** Led by the Millbrook Historical Society, the tour will focus on the Village’s history and evolution, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Topics covered will include early settlers; the impact of the railroad; prominent businesses; Italian immigration; and Timothy Leary. The tours will begin at the top on the stairs in the Tribute Garden and end by the firehouse on Front St. and cover a little more than 1 mile. Limited to 20 participants. Cost for non-members of the Historical Society is \$20 a person. For more info, go to [millbrookhistoricalsociety.org](http://millbrookhistoricalsociety.org). To reserve a spot, email [millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) with all relevant information.

**Oct. 15: “America250 Film Series: Drums Along the Mohawk,”** Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A screening of the 1939 film, which was nominated for an Academy Award, based on the 1936 novel of the same name by American author Walter D. Edmonds, who based his story on several historic figures who lived on the New York frontier, 2 p.m. In the years before the Revolutionary War, the East was as wild as the West would be 100 years later. Henry Fonda delivers one of his most memorable performances as a young frontier leader protecting his family in the backwoods of New York state. Claudette Colbert co-stars as his spirited wife. The film was John Ford’s first Technicolor feature and was well received. The Roosevelt Library’s “America250 Film Series” is part of its ongoing special programming to commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. Films in the series explore the American Revolution and broader themes relating to American civics. Free public event, but registration is required via [fdrlibrary.org](http://fdrlibrary.org). More info: Cliff Laube, (845) 486-7745.

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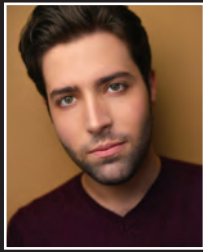
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# Sheep-raising in Dutchess County: from early days to today's festival

### Introduction by Melody Moore

When the gates of the Dutchess County Fairgrounds open on October 18th for the annual New York State Sheep and Wool Festival, thousands of fiber-loving individuals from across America and abroad will pour onto the grounds in search of all things woolly.

What started out in 1980 as a bred ewe sale by local shepherds has grown through the years to become one of, if not the, largest such festival in the country. The website of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, organizers of the event, state that in 2024 approximately 30,000 visitors and more than 300 vendors were in attendance.

The shepherds who were motivated to create the first sale are the direct descendants of previous sheep farmers who made Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley fertile ground for these beloved animals.

While sheep-raising was common and widespread on the average farm in the Hudson Valley in the 18th century, it was Chancellor Robert Livingston of Clermont who launched a new era of fine wool production in American when in 1802 he imported two Merino sheep from France. In 1809 he published an "Essay on Sheep" which promoted the high quality of the breed. A mania for the breed ensued and while common sheep sold for \$2 each some Merino rams were being sold for as much as \$1,500. The mania was unsustainable and by the early 1830s sheep farming had returned to a more realistic model. In Dutchess County the heyday of sheep farming was in the 1820s and 1830s.

The below reprinted article written by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds and published in the 1941 edition of the Dutchess

County Historical Society's annual Yearbook paints a vivid picture of the times.

By Helen Wilkinson Reynolds,  
1941, DCHS Yearbook

"On the first farms of Dutchess the raising of sheep was an important part of the work of the owner. This was because each farm of the period of the pioneers was an economic unit, which produced almost everything that the family living on it ate or wore, and the wool from the sheep was one of the principal materials used for clothing. As the population increased and the county became prosperous flocks of sheep became larger until in the early nineteenth century sheep-raising in Dutchess advanced beyond the point of merely meeting the needs of home-consumption and came to be an important export-business. The export of wool from Dutchess continued on a large scale until the middle 1840's when, sad to relate, the amount of wool produced began to dwindle and the export business finally died out.

"Today, when enquiry is made among older residents of the county, asking the reason why the sheep-raising industry disappeared from Dutchess, men like Isaac Smith Wheaton of Lithgow and George S. Van Vliet of Pleasant Plains tell of the local tradition that the decline was due to losses suffered by the attacks made on the flocks by roving dogs; it used to be said that so many sheep were killed that profits were wiped out and owners discouraged. The losses from this cause were certainly large and testimony to them is borne not only by tradition but by such contemporary items in the newspaper as the one which may be read in the Dutchess Intelligencer for November 18, 1829, column 6, which says:



Down but not out. George S. Van Vliet is shown with his sheep at his Pleasant Plains farm in 1916. Then, as now, the local sheep population was dramatically down, but not gone. DCHS Van Vliet Collection

'Dogs among Sheep. - We understand that much injury has been done in the east part of the town of Poughkeepsie during the last week by dogs attacking several flocks of sheep. One farmer alone lost about thirty. Some time last winter a cow, belonging to the Methodist clergyman in this village was attacked by dogs and nearly killed. We think some efficient measures should be taken if practicable to protect our farmers from injury from the great number of vicious dogs which are kept in this village and about the country by persons who have no use for them and who are unable to pay for the injury they may do.'

"Great as was the loss of sheep from the depredations of vicious dogs, the dogs were not however the sole cause of the decline of sheep-raising in Dutchess. Originally a home-industry, sheep-raising assumed a commercial character when, as stated above, the export of wool to outside markets began. Export was induced by the fact that many mills were established early in the nineteenth century in the states along the Atlantic seaboard for the manufacture of woollen cloth. Statistics show that the mills drew their stocks of wool very largely from an area of which Dutchess County was an important portion and the business thus created prospered over a period of years. In 1837 about twenty-five per cent of all the sheep in the United States were in the state of New York. In 1840 thirty-five per cent were in New York and Vermont. But the commercial sheep-raising in the East began to feel the competition of sheep-raising in the West in the middle 1840's and ultimately the West eclipsed the East in the industry and eastern sheep pastures began to be utilized for dairy-farming. Thus, dogs locally, and economic conditions in the country as a whole, combined to put an end to the wool business in Dutchess.

"Some idea of the size and value of a good flock in Dutchess in the prosperous 1820's is obtainable from items in the inventory of the estate of Judge Isaac

Smith of Lithgow, furnished the writer by Judge Smith's great-grandson, Isaac Smith Wheaton. Under date: January 5, 1826, the inventory lists -

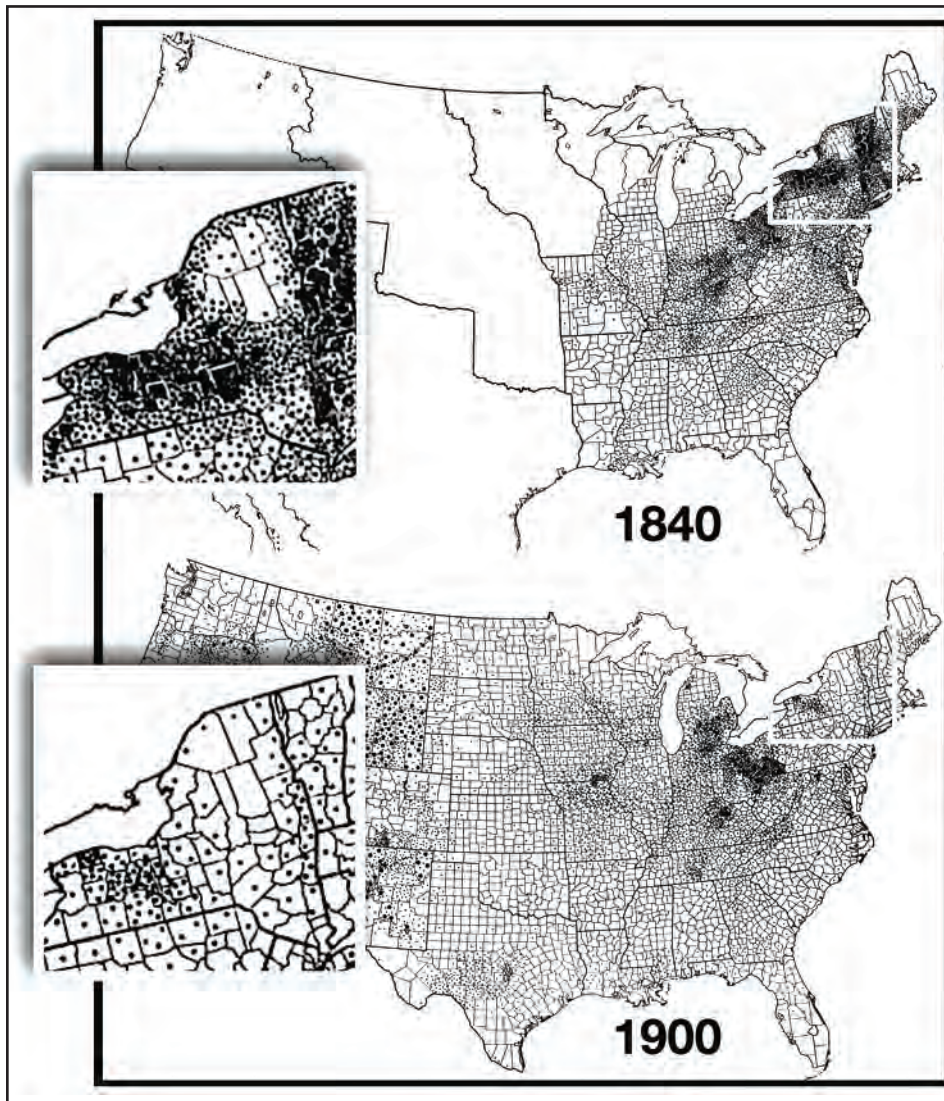
- 6,195 sheep; bucks, ewes, wethers, lambs \$22,574.25
- 2 Saxony bucks and one ewe at cost 770.00
- 250 lbs. pulled wool at 30c 75.00
- 100 lbs. sacks of wool at 18c 18.00
- 488 lbs of wool with the manufacturers at 30c 146.40
- 84 wool sacks at Boston 31.50

"That Dutchess County was one of the chief centers of the production of wool at the peak of the prosperity of the industry in the East in 1840 is shown by a map of the areas in the United States in which in 1840 wool was being raised. The map may be consulted at page 181 of a Brief History of the Sheep Industry in the United States, written by L.G. Connor and printed in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1918 (vol. I, pp. 89 - 197). Mr. Connor's monograph is an exhaustive treatment of his subject, filled with detail, and is recommended to those interested in the economic history of Dutchess County as a good background for that history."

#### Summary

After 1840, the dominance of sheep-raising in America moved westerly and in Dutchess County dairy farming became more prominent. The 2022 USDA Agricultural Census for Dutchess County enumerated 1049 sheep and lambs - a far cry from the 6195 sheep roaming the Lithgow fields. But, when driving the back roads of Dutchess County today one can still find a hill dotted with sheep and the shepherds will be at the Sheep and Wool Festival showing off their animals and peddling their products.

Melody Moore is a long-standing Board member of DCHS, Chair of its Collections Committee, regular contributor to the DCHS Yearbook, and develops a wide range of programs. More information at [www.DCHSNY.org](http://www.DCHSNY.org).



Maps from "A Brief History of the Sheep Industry" published in 1921 show the density of the sheep population across the country in 1840 and 1900. During this period, Dutchess County moved from being at the center of activity, to being peripheral. The inset shows New York State.



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# ‘The Great Swamp’ celebration, art show set Oct. 18, 19

Friends, supporters, members, and all residents in the surrounding communities are invited to join FrOGS for a weekend celebrating the awesome beauty, incalculable value, and prominent benefits of The Great Swamp. Each year this premier event is full of fun, educational, and inspirational activities for the whole family. The “29th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show” will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, at Christ Church on Quaker Hill (17 Church Road, Pawling). The Celebration will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Dog House food truck will be on site both days. Admission is free to all.

The event will feature educational exhibits as well as many hands-on activities for children, who will receive a Game Pack booklet and a “Passport to Fun” to document their travels through the event. Activities will include Master Falconer Jim Eyring’s popular “Birds of Prey” demonstration (both days). Exhibits include a hands-on watershed demonstration table, live swamp animals, a macro-invertebrate display, insects by Great Hollow Nature Preserve, birds by Deer Pond Farm Audubon, and a clay animal sculpting table. The drawing for a Kayak Raffle and other prizes will occur Sunday afternoon.

A highlight of the Celebration is a juried Art Show and sale. Last year, the Art Show featured more than 50 artists with over 140 works of painting, drawing, collage, and photography competing for cash prizes. It has been considered to

be the finest autumn show of painting, plein air work, collage, textile art and photography in the Lower Hudson Valley. Colorful and inventive interpretations of the plants and animals of The Great Swamp created by students from local schools will greatly enliven the show. There will also be a vendor section with local arts and crafts for sale, including pottery, silk and woven scarves, and jewelry.

This annual event celebrates the Great Swamp, a 6,000-acre wetland stretching 20 miles through a valley at the eastern edge of the Hudson Highlands, from Dover in Dutchess County to Brewster in Putnam County. Although one of the largest freshwater wetlands in the state and called one of New York’s “last great places”, it remains mostly unknown to people who live beyond the watershed’s borders. FrOGS hosts the Celebration to bring attention to the value of The Great Swamp and to encourage its conservation as a source of clean water, a site for recreation, and a home for diverse and rare wildlife.

The Celebration is FrOGS’s major fund-raising event of the year. The money raised will be used to further educational efforts, support research, fund habitat restoration, and promote and protect The Great Swamp. For more information on the schedule of events for the “29th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show,” The Great Swamp, FrOGS, and other upcoming events such as hikes and paddles, visit [www.frogs-ny.org](http://www.frogs-ny.org).



A screech owl. “Hidden Gem of the Swamp” by artist Joann Zwolski. Below: Ben and Lee with insects. *Courtesy photos*



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## EXHIBITIONS

**Artists’ Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP)**, 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Oct. 11-31:** “In Between Layers: What the Spirit Knows,” exhibition by painter Raimondo Gaby featuring works inspired by the artist’s time spent with his mother on her journey with terminal cancer and afterward. **Opening reception:** Sat., Oct. 11, 2-5 p.m., with an artist talk at 2:30 p.m. RSVP requested for opening reception. (845) 366-6856, [artistscollectiveofhydepark.com](http://artistscollectiveofhydepark.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](http://www.artsmidhudson.org) or (845) 454-3222

**Available Items**, 64 Broadway, Tivoli. **Oct. 10-Nov. 16:** “Above Ground,” sonic sculptures by ceramicist and musician Julia Elsas. **Opening:** Fri., Oct. 10, featuring live performance by Elsas’ band, Sonic Mud, at 6:30 p.m. [availableitems.com](http://availableitems.com)

**Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center**, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through October:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar Street in Poughkeepsie, will be painter Valerie Berner with her solo show *Scenes and Scenery* from *Untold Stories*. At 12 Vassar Street in the Reception Gallery, Inna Ivanovskya and Tatiana Rhinevault will present their diverse and vibrant works of art, and Lisa Weinblatt brings her renowned School Lunch painting series to the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: [cunneen-hackett.org](http://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 560 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. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. [www.fdrlibrary.org](http://www.fdrlibrary.org)

**Millbrook Arts Project**, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through 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. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

**Morton Memorial Library**, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Oct. 10-Nov. 1:** Morton’s Celebration of Fiber Arts, created by local artists. **Opening reception:** Fri., Oct. 10, 5-7 p.m. (845) 876-2903

**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](http://www.olana.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](http://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](mailto:info@womenswork.art)

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THEME: PERIODIC TABLE ELEMENTS

ACROSS

1. “\_\_\_\_\_ of New York,” 2002 movie

6. That guy

9. Extinguish birthday candles

13. Impolite dinner sound

14. Division of time

15. Forgo

16. On the move

17. Lake, in France

18. Alaska native

19. \*The heaviest metal

21. \*Inert gas of balloon fame

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28. Z, NATO phonetic alphabet

30. “A ship without \_\_\_\_\_,” or one without purpose

35. Paella pot

37. Nessie’s turf

39. Sweating room

40. Cyberspace soliloquy

41. \*Gold

43. Foul substance

44. Ruled

46. Dish out

47. Belgium’s currency

48. Lands (2 words)

50. Indira Gandhi’s dress

52. \_\_\_\_\_ Without Hats, band

53. Sheltered nook

55. Gross National Product

57. \*Majority of elements on periodic table

60. \*Iron

63. Fortune teller’s card

64. Anger

66. Saharan rest stop, e.g.

68. Venerated paintings

69. Acquired

70. Beside, archaic

71. Curious

72. Professional basketball league, acr.

73. Paterfamilias, tenderly

DOWN

1. General Services Administration

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3. Common allergens

4. Tale-spinning brother

5. Prosecco cocktail

6. Position of leadership

7. George Gershwin’s brother

8. Village People’s “\_\_\_\_\_ Man”

9. Island near Java

10. Stead

11. Reproductive cell

12. Kind of nurse

15. The Beatles’ “I Am the \_\_\_\_\_”

20. Throat lobe

22. “Lend me your \_\_\_\_\_”

24. Glucose+fructose

25. \*Like Ar, Xe and Ne

26. Completely dedicated (2 words)

27. Hair color

29. High in decibels

31. Small European freshwater fish

32. Pasta wheat

33. Accustom

34. \*Rn, known for seeping into homes

36. Forever and a day

38. Dance with leis

42. Join companies

45. Old European coins

49. D.C. mover and shaker, for short

51. Encroachment

54. Victory hand gesture

56. Life force, in Sanskrit

57. Type of shark

58. Aphrodite’s son

59. Broadway recognition

60. Greek salad ingredient

61. Not mint

62. This over matter?

63. \*Sn, element in bronze

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## Fall Events at Clinton Community Library

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### ONGOING PROGRAMS:

- Qi Gong with Vince (online)  
Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
- Stretch & Strengthen Exercise (Senior Exercise)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 AM
- Story time on the Dot (in-person)  
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Mah Jongg (in-person)  
(Optimistic Aging)  
Tuesdays & Fridays 2:00-4:00 PM
- All Level Yoga (in person & online)  
Wednesdays (online)  
Sundays 10:00 AM (in person or online)
- Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)  
(Optimistic Aging)  
Fridays at 11:00 AM
- Zumba, (in-person)  
Saturdays at 9:00 AM
- Free Tech Help (in-person)  
Check online for weekly schedule

### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS & MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

- Bold & Glorious Book Group (in person) First Thursday of the month  
Our book group has lifted off and we are now "Readers who are part of a Book Group Book Group." Our founding readers have selected meaningful and mostly short novels to discuss. From our recent selections of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn followed by James, we peruse intriguing and worthy books.
- Tea Time Book Club (in person)  
Second Thursday of the month  
Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

- Global Literature Book Club (on Zoom)  
Third Monday of the month  
The Global Literature Book Club focuses on exploring the world through literature. We discuss novels from around the globe, selected by members of the club. These works provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

- Crafts & Coffee  
Second Monday of the month  
(crafts vary)  
Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the second

Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more. Audience: Adults & Seniors

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- The Great Give Back  
Donations accepted through October 31  
Clinton Community Library is happy to once again be partnering with our very own local food pantry for this year's Great Give Back program! Donations can be dropped off inside Clinton Community Library, in front of the programming desk.
- The following items are needed: pasta, pasta sauce in jars, white tuna, canned chicken, mayo, ketchup, coffee - small canisters, soup, cereal, chili, cat food, dog food, toiletries.
- Donations other than what is listed are welcome & appreciated. We kindly request ALL donations to be unopened and not expired.

- Haunted History: Paranormal Tourism and Historic Preservation  
Thursday October 16th, 7:00 PM  
Step into the past through the lens of the paranormal. Learn how ghost hunting brings new attention to local landmarks and supports preservation efforts. We explore historic locations we've investigated, sharing what we've learned about their stories through paranormal research. Includes highlights of past investigation locations, equipment demos to showcase how paranormal can bring history to life, and Q&A. Ideal for history enthusiasts and community members.
- Presented by Full Moon Paranormal

- Wicked Wreath Workshop  
Saturday October 18th, 10:30 AM  
Wicked Wreath Workshop- Add a touch of wild whimsy to your Halloween decorations using earth friendly materials! Join our Wicked Wreath Workshop where you will craft a hauntingly beautiful wreath using locally foraged foliage, grasses and flowers. Start with a 10 inch handmade wild vine base to adorn with a variety of delightfully dead treasures. Your creation will capture the eerie essence of the season while celebrating senescence!

- Lunch & Learn: Passages Madame Anna Bishop & Martin Shultz  
Thursday October 23rd at 12:30 PM  
The story of Madame Anna Bishop's life is one for the cinema. Scandal erupted in 1839 when her interests in Italian opera heightened. She leapt into the sinister clutches or romantic arms of harpist and conductor Nicholas Bochsa, who was twenty-one years her senior. Bochsa, a bigamist, was convicted of forgery in France and escaped to London before serving his time in jail. At the time, Anna was married to composer Henry Bishop, who was twenty-four years her senior. She had married her

former teacher Bishop, who had taught at the Royal Academy of Music, shortly after her musical debut at age 21 in 1831. From scandal to performing for royalty and the pope across six continents to escaping bandits and surviving shipwreck, how did Anna Bishop end up buried at St. Paul's Cemetery in Red Hook? Come to hear the story of internationally acclaimed Anna Bishop's adventurous life and her local connections.

Lunch typically consists of a sandwich, chips, and a cookie. CCL cannot accommodate specific dietary requirements or allergies. If this is a concern, you are welcome to bring your own bagged lunch.

- The Importance of Functional Fitness  
Saturday November 1st, 10:30 AM  
Let's learn "The Importance of Functional Fitness"! Functional fitness can help improve quality and length of life, address aches and pains, increase strength and so much more! Join Certified Personal Trainer Kyle of "Kyles Functional Fitness" to hear the concepts of functional fitness and how he has put them into practice.

### STANFORD FREE LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Registration required for events unless noted otherwise. Please register via the online calendar at [www.stanfordlibrary.org](http://www.stanfordlibrary.org) or call 845-868-1341
- Chess Club  
Wednesdays, October 1st- October 29th, 4pm-5pm. Open to students in grades 3-6
- October Book Club  
Monday, October 13th, 1:00 pm-2:00pm  
This month's selection is Time Of The Child by Niall Williams.
- Read to Therapy Dog Jambo  
Tuesday, October 14th, 4:00 - 5:00pm  
He's a gentle giant who loves to make new friends. People of all ages are welcome to come and visit with him. Sign up for a 15 minute slot with Jambo.
- Stanford Historical Society Presents.....The American Revolution in the Hudson Valley  
Friday, October 17th, 7pm  
The Stanford Historical Society continues its REV 250 series with guest speaker Anthony Musso. Learn the history of the Hudson Valley's many historical settings in the American Revolution.
- Citizen Preparedness Training  
Tuesday, October 21, 6pm-730pm  
How can you be prepared for emergencies? Make a plan, build a kit and practice. Each family that participates will receive a free citizens preparedness kit.

- Yo-yo club  
Saturday, October 25th, 1pm-2pm  
Open to students grades 4+  
Join us at yo-yo club with Marc Smith. Have hands-on fun while learning about different types of yo-yo's including fixed axle, responsive, and unresponsive. Yo-yos will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Space is limited so register early.

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Qigong  
Thursdays, 530pm-630pm
- Home School Stories and STEAM  
Students in Grade K-3: Thursdays, 1245pm -145pm  
Students Grade 4-6 (STEAM only)  
Thursdays, 2pm-3pm
- Case Management Services  
Tuesday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Yoga with Mia  
Saturdays, 10am-11am
- Water Color Workshop  
First, Third and Fifth Tuesday of each month 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Using the Basic Watercolor Techniques: A Flat Wash, Graded Wash, Wet-In-Wet or Drybrush
- Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners  
Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
All levels welcome.
- Knitting  
First, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

- Brain Games  
Thursdays 10:30 – 12:00 pm  
Calling all seniors! Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games! Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation and laughter!
- Mahjong for Intermediate Players  
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# Two Rhinebeck High students chosen National Merit Scholarship semifinalists



Beatrice Macdonald and Alan Raitt of Rhinebeck scored 1,510 and 1,500, respectively in PSAT exams. *Courtesy photo*

Rhinebeck High School seniors Beatrice Macdonald and Alan Raitt are among the more than 16,000 high school students from across the nation who have been selected as semifinalists for the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students are chosen as semifinalists based on their PSAT scores in their junior year. Macdonald and Raitt scored a 1,510 and 1,500, respectively. The highest score that can be attained on the PSAT is a 1,520.

Less than 1% of the nation's high school seniors are chosen to be semifinalists.

"It's a really great feeling," said Macdonald. "It reflects a lot of the work I put in to try and do well in school. It's nice to be recognized on a level outside of just your school district. It reflects what a great environment Rhinebeck is to excel beyond Rhinebeck."

Raitt added, "It means a lot to me. Without the help I've gotten from my friends, my parents, I wouldn't have been able to do this. To see the culmination of those efforts come to fruition is really nice."

The National Merit Scholarship will require semifinalists to fulfill additional requirements to become one of the estimated 15,000 finalists. About half of the

finalists will receive a National Merit Scholarship.

"This is a fitting accomplishment for these dedicated and hard-working students," said Ed Davenport, high school principal. "My colleagues and I wish them continued success in this competition and in all of their school endeavors!"

Macdonald and Raitt are still deciding on a college. Macdonald, president of the science club and one of the founding members of the robotics club, is planning to study biochemistry, Italian and French in college.

"I've always been really fascinated by it," Macdonald said of biochemistry. "Biochemistry is the best way to set myself up for lots of different types of science research and just follow what I find the most interesting. I think it's a good way to make an impact on people."

Raitt, a member of the robotics club and crew program, is looking to study robotics and said he had fun participating in a program for high school students at Columbia University.

"I know I want to go into robotics mainly because it combines a lot of my hobbies," he said. "You're solving problems. You're creating things. You're programming. That was great. It was the perfect combination."

# Ruge's Automotive marks 90th anniversary with community-wide party in Rhinebeck



Founder Lewis Ruge is pictured with Kristin Ruge Hutchins, President and CEO of Ruge's Automotive. A variety vehicles that represented various decades of the Ruge's Automotive history (along with current models) were on display at the anniversary party. *Courtesy photos*



In honor of its 90th anniversary, Ruge's Automotive hosted a community-wide event at its location at 6447 Montgomery Street in Rhinebeck on Saturday, Sept. 27 attracting over 100 guests during the course of the event.

The celebration featured prizes and giveaways, food, music, a photo booth, and a chance to explore vehicles that represented various decades of the company's history (along with current models).

Kristin Ruge Hutchins, President and CEO of Ruge's Automotive, said, "This event was exactly what we envisioned... a celebration of our past, present, and future - not just as a business, but as a community. Guests got to explore both a lineup of old cars from bygone days, which felt nostalgic - and they also got to tour our brand new Subaru showroom, which represents the investment we're making into the future of this community. It was so interesting - and fun - to hear everyone reflecting on the evolution of this business and our region over the years since Ruge's first opened."

Added Lewis Ruge, Founder, "We are so grateful to everyone who has made this 90th anniversary possible - our clients, customers, and community have all been so supportive over the years. We also want to thank everyone who took the time to stop by and celebrate with us on Saturday. Some of the families who came by have been working with us for decades, and now their kids and grandchildren are also customers. We also welcomed those who became residents

of the Hudson Valley more recently, who've quickly become customers and friends as well. It's very gratifying to work in a business that allows us to build relationships with people from all walks of life - and to see so many of them in one room at the same time was really meaningful. We really appreciate the outpouring of support."

First established in 1935, Ruge's Automotive now represents industry brands at each of four stores: Ruge's Subaru in Rhinebeck, Ruge's Chevrolet in Millbrook, Ruge's Ford in Rhinebeck, and Ruge's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Rhinebeck. In addition, the company recently opened a service center in Rhinebeck.

"At the heart of that legacy," noted Hutchins, is the "important act of paying it forward. Our company continues to sustain and expand upon our longtime philanthropic efforts, having sponsored many community-based initiatives year after year, decade after decade. Beneficiaries of our charitable giving program have included impactful groups like Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation, American Legion Post 429, Rhinebeck Rotary, and Taconic Little League, among many others. We are also proud to award scholarships on an annual basis to students from area school districts. Many of our employees - and all of us on the leadership team - are longtime volunteers for area nonprofits and organizations. I think it's important for our customers to know that we will always make giving back a top priority."

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# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth V. Bruschini

On September 21, 2025, surrounded by her loving family, Elizabeth “Betty” Bruschini crossed over to join God and her many loved one who have gone before. Elizabeth was born on April 2, 1938, to Charles and Hazel (Krum) Lamoree. She was the youngest of 5 children, including her brother Vincent who passed before she was born. Elizabeth adored her 3 sisters, Marie Conger, Patricia Conger and Eleanor Lozier who were also her lifelong best friends. Elizabeth graduated from Roosevelt High School and SUNY New Paltz where she earned her teaching degree. She taught first grade at Fishkill Plains Elementary. She would often talk of her students even after the passage of many years.

On February 3rd, 1962, Elizabeth married the love of her life, Robert A. Bruschini. They had the kind of marriage envied by others – always supporting each other, laughing and always holding hands. Elizabeth loved to point out the little yellow cottage in Misquamicut, Rhode Island, the place where Robert first told her he loved her and a place that remained precious to her until the end. Elizabeth and Robert went on to have 3 children, Beth Bruschini, Robert Bruschini and Jill Bruschini. Elizabeth left teaching because she wanted nothing more than to love and nurture her children. She often said that she wanted to be the one to “plant the seeds” in the minds, hearts and souls of her babies. Each was blessed and lucky that she did.

Elizabeth’s life was not without challenges. She suffered the devastating loss of Robert when he was only 47 years old and she, herself, endured more than her share of health crises, many of which might certainly have ended her life. All that knew her marveled at how she courageously forged on with dignity and strength, still finding beauty and happiness in life’s little things and moments. She was so often referred to as “our little Energizer Bunny.”

Elizabeth was blessed with 6 beautiful grandchildren – Samantha (Stuewer) Armentano, Lexi Stuewer, Christian Stuewer, Theodore Bruschini, Brennan Bruschini and Robert Bruschini. Her grandchildren - and seemingly the rest of the world – called her “Nanny” and she adored each of one them. She loved being a grandmother and felt it a privilege to be involved in raising her grandchildren and being a central, important part of their lives. On October 24, 2024, she was blessed with her first great-grandchild, Easton Armentano with whom she shared a special bond. She was always able to rock Easton to sleep in her safe and loving arms, as she had for all of the family’s babies that came before.

It is now Nanny’s time to sleep. All who knew you know how much you deserve the rest. Your family is who they are because of the undying unconditional love you shared. All pray that you know the beautiful imprint you left on the lives of your family and on the lives of so many of those who had the privilege to know you. It will never fade.

Visitation for Elizabeth took place on Friday, October 3rd at Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley, NY. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 4th at St. Peter’s Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY.

## Debbie L. Dalbo

Debbie L. Dalbo, age 73, of Hyde Park, N.Y., beloved daughter of George and Doris Fauver entered Heaven on September 24, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She leaves behind her loyal husband of 53 years, Michael A. Dalbo, her daughter Marni and husband Addam Rakow, and her daughter Mindy Shultis. She is also survived by her treasured grandchildren Morgan, Samuel, Camdyn, Joshua and Trey. Her sisters, Donna, Di (Diane), Dori, Denise, and cherished extended family remain.

Debbie enjoyed being surrounded by her immediate and extended family as often as possible, always putting others before herself. She dedicated her life to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and shared her faith with everyone she met. Debbie had a passion for gourmet cooking and loved to share her food. She had a talent for baking that was second to none. At every event, you could find her behind the lens of her camera, capturing precious memories, great achievements and quiet moments.

Her generosity extended into sharing those images with everyone. Debbie’s life song was her faith, and she was a mentor to many, impacting those she taught and future generations. She will be fondly remembered by those who loved her for her faith, sincerity, humility and grace.

A private Christian burial will be held in

her honor. A celebration of life will be announced at a future date.

Per Debbie’s wishes, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude’s, specifically for childhood cancer research, or Ronald McDonald House.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Hudson Valley Hospice for their unwavering support and care, and for their compassionate guidance.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

## Earl L. DeGroodt

Earl L. DeGroodt, 89, of Pleasant Valley, NY, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025. Born on, July 27, 1936, in Poughkeepsie, NY, he was the son of Earl DeGroodt and Dorothy Blauvelt DeGroodt.

After graduating from F.D.R. High School he went on to work for many years as a fabricator with Local 38 Sheet Metal Workers Union until his retirement.

Earl was a devoted member of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church for 45 years. He volunteered with Hyde Park Meals on Wheels, the food pantry, and often gave rides to those in need of transportation to medical appointments. He was also known as the “fix-it guy,” always willing to help anyone in need.

On December 5, 1959, he married Virginia DeGroodt at the former Washington Street Methodist Church in Poughkeepsie. They shared 61 wonderful years of marriage before Virginia’s passing on May 25, 2021.

Earl and Virginia loved to travel together, and he enjoyed skiing and playing golf whenever he had the chance.

Earl was a member of the Poughkeepsie Elks Club Lodge #275, and the Italian Center. He was known for his warm and gentle spirit, and he cherished the time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a loving husband, devoted father, and a kind friend, truly the best father his children could have asked for.

He is survived by his two daughters, Colleen Welch (Christopher) and Bonnie Germano; four grandchildren, Shannon DiValentino, Crystal Kasten, Michael Germano, and Nicole Welch; and four great-grandchildren, Audrey, Ben, Vienna, and Giuliana. He is also survived by his brothers Kenny DeGroodt and wife Nancy Butler DeGroodt, and Phillip Walton.

Along with his parents he was predeceased by his granddaughter Jessica Germano and sister Michele DeGroodt.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, October 2nd, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Hyde Park, NY.

A memorial service for Earl and his late wife Virginia took place on Friday, October 3rd, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Hyde Park, NY. Burial of their remains followed at Union Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Route 9, Hyde Park.

To send an online condolence, please visit: [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com)

## Karen M. Flaherty

Karen M. Flaherty, 67, born June 26th, 1958 to Thomas and Gladys (Hues) Flaherty, died peacefully on October 1st, 2025, at her sister’s home with family by her side.

A lifelong resident of Poughkeepsie, she was employed as a social worker before teaching special education students at Arlington Middle School for nineteen years. A seasoned musician, Karen played the organ at local churches, most recently the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salt Point, in which she attended.

Karen will be remembered for her quick wit, kind nature, and wonderful sense of humor. She made a lasting impact on all who knew her with an indomitable spirit and zest for life.

Karen was always ready for a new adventure. She loved kayaking and hiking but her real passion was bike riding. Her enthusiasm for everything she did was palpable. Karen enjoyed entertaining at “Lillihaven”, the name she affectionately called her home that she shared with her beloved cats.

Karen is survived by her brother, Kevin Flaherty of Poughkeepsie, sister Mary Hafford, (Mark) , nieces Holly and Cassidy Hafford, (Eric), and nephew Christian Hafford, all of Staatsburg.

Her family would like to thank Hudson Valley Hospice for their support during this time.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1872 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point, NY, on October 11th at 10 am. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son F.H., Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com)

## Thomas Kirchhoff

Thomas J. Kirchhoff found peace on Wednesday September 17th 2025 at 89 years old. Tom was born on January 26th 1936 in Great Neck Long Island to George and Margaret Kirchhoff. Tom was predeceased by his brother George (Jo Anne) Kirchhoff as well as his partner of 30 plus years Jeanne Horvath and his Great Granddaughter Margaret Mae Kirchhoff. Tom is survived by the mother of his children Elizabeth Kirchhoff and his three Children Mary (Jim), Susan (Alain), and Joseph (Andrea), his 6 Grandchildren Benjamin (Lauren), Brian, Kyle (Kelly), Troy (Jessica), Samantha (Paul) and Layla and his 4 Great Grandchildren Elle, Emma, William, and Anna.

Tom was 13 years of age when his family moved to Clinton Corners NY in the Hudson Valley. He was a graduate of Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School and attended Rider College in New Jersey where he obtained an associates degree. Upon graduation he began work as a linesman with the New York Telephone Company. A few years later Tom decided to join the family insurance brokerage business which sparked his desire to create a real estate brokerage and a residential construction company.

Tom got his start in construction in the 60s by building single family homes in Pleasant Valley NY and soon after began developing subdivisions, many of which are recognizable to those who live in the area today. A few worth mentioning are Fox Run, and Hibernia Heights in Salt Point NY, as well as several others throughout Dutchess County. He built an apartment complex called Village Park in Pleasant Valley, which at that time was a difficult and not overly common endeavor but he took the risk and invested in the area he called home. Tom greatly contributed to the development of Pleasant Valley and its surrounding areas. His community involvement included being a member of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club the Chamber of Commerce and he was a former Councilman, and Deputy Supervisor of Pleasant Valley.

Tom spent 40 seasons in his beloved Vero Beach, Florida when he was not in the Hudson Valley. He had a love for horses, horse racing, football, golf, and baseball, particularly the Yankees- although sometimes the way he spoke about them made it difficult to tell if he was actually a fan! Tom was viciously funny in a dry and sarcastic way and if you were the subject of his humor it was hard to decide whether to laugh or cry.. His family always chose to laugh. He lived his life the way he wanted to and rarely deviated from that path. Tom was a straight shooter and more times than not you knew exactly what was on his mind. He wasn’t one to curb speaking his opinion regardless of the repercussions of doing so. Though some might see these things as short comings, his family and friends knew these were the things that made the man so loveable and fun to be around! There was rarely a dull moment with him as he had a knee slapping comment for just about every situation you put him in.

When Tom took the time to show just how kindhearted, loving, and deeply caring he was for his family and friends you would most certainly recognize just how amazing a human being he was. He was a wonderful friend to many and a beloved Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Tom was extremely proud of his family and worked hard in life to ensure they would all have good lives. He was always present for family events and celebrations right up to his final days. Big T will be greatly missed by all those that knew him.

Tom spent his last days at Hudson Valley Hospice House in Hyde Park, NY. He was surrounded by those he loved, and those who loved him deeply. The Family would like to thank his aides Verna, Norma, Big Mike and several others for their care and compassion over the last months. The staff at Hudson Valley Hospice House should be commended

for making his final days comfortable.

In Lieu of Flowers the Family would ask that a donation be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice House in Memory of Thomas at [www.hvhospice.org/donate](http://www.hvhospice.org/donate).

For condolences, please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley.

## Betty Elsie Patten

Betty Elsie Patten passed away peacefully at Lutheran Care Center on September 21, 2025. She was born July 31, 1933 in Brooklyn, lived most of her adult life in Queens until 1994 when she came to live in Clinton Corners, NY. She was the life of any party and just loved to sing and dance including being a member of the Sweet Adelines for more than a dozen years. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salt Point where she made many good friends and especially loved Reverend Ted!

She was the daughter of the late John and Berta Seagren and the wife of Allen Patten who died in 2018. She is survived by her 3 children, Lorraine (Frank), Diane (Steve) and John (Carmela) and her granddaughter Sara (Jose), grandsons Christian and Darren, great-granddaughter Cecelia and great-step grandson Marlo.

We would like to thank Lutheran Care Center, specifically the staff of One South for their wonderful, consistent care. One South has a truly amazing team of caring professionals!

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley, NY. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com)

## Leonard Spinelli

LAGRANGEVILLE – Leonard Spinelli, 88, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on September 26, 2025.

Born on February 27, 1937, in Sammichele di Bari, Italy, he was one of three children of Domenico and Maria Spinelli. Leonard was a great American success story. In 1963 he came to the United States with his wife and children at the age of 25. The day after his arrival he had three jobs to provide for his family as he aspired towards greater endeavors. Ten years later, he opened his own rental equipment business, Taylor Rental Center and then All Rents of Poughkeepsie. Soon he had three locations operating for over 30 years. His positive entrepreneurial spirit inspired many.

Leonard was a member of the Italian Center, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce where he contributed his time and support to the community. Leonard’s passions were swimming and opera. He swam for hours in the warm Caribbean Sea of Aruba and the Adriatic Sea of his beloved country, Italy. He was an Opera aficionado and could sing the entire Il Trovatore by Giuseppe Verdi.

In 1958 in Bari, Italy, he married Nella Gasparro. They were married for 55 years while making a new life together as proud US citizens, raising three children, and building a business together.

Nella predeceased him in 2013. He was also predeceased by his son, Domenic Spinelli in 2015.

He is survived by his daughter, Maria A. Spinelli; his son, Daniel Spinelli; his daughter-in-law, Mirela Spinelli; his grandchildren, Leonardo Spinelli and Bianca Carmela Spinelli. His two grandchildren were the joy and purpose of his life until the end.

Leonard married his second love of his life, Carmela Moreno, who survives him. Carmela was devoted to her beloved husband Leonard and cared for him at home for many years with her love, tenderness, and kindness. Through Carmela, he had two stepchildren, Jairo Garay and Maria Victoria Garay, along with five step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Leonard was adored by everyone, from his longtime friends to his acquaintances with his grace, humor, and kind heart.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., Hopewell Junction, NY. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church, Lagrangeville, NY, followed by entombment at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice.

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# In Flight, Inc. to host inaugural “Ghostly Game Night” fundraiser

In Flight, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will host its inaugural “Ghostly Game Night” on Friday, October 17 at Rose Hill Farm in Red Hook presented by Mill Road Design of Rhinebeck. This community-focused event promises a night of spooky fun, games, and camaraderie for the entire Northern Dutchess community.

Attendees can enjoy a night of

Halloween-themed bingo as well as trivia competitions for teams of up to six players. Bingo will be played from 5–7 p.m., followed by trivia from 7–9 p.m. Throughout the evening, guests can participate in exciting auctions and prize giveaways, featuring donations from Flatiron Steakhouse, Sequoia Massage, Woodstock Spa, Northern Dutchess Orchestra, Taste Budd’s and more.

A complimentary photo booth, cour-

tesy of Test Tone AV, will capture all the spooky fun and memories of the night.

“Ghostly Game Night is a unique opportunity for the community to come together, have fun, and support our mission,” said Jill Rodriquez, Director of External Affairs at In Flight. “We’re excited to offer a festive, inclusive environment while raising funds that directly support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the counties we

serve.”

Businesses interested in joining as a sponsor are invited to contact Skyler Liegeot at [Sliegeot@inflightinc.org](mailto:Sliegeot@inflightinc.org) or 845-835-6060 ext. 189.

For more details, including registration and event highlights, please visit <https://inflightinc.org/ghostly-game-night/> or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1319612902859462/>

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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 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Clinton, County of Dutchess and State of New York. Premises known as 26 West Cookingham, Staatsburg, (Town of Clinton) NY 12580. (SBL#: 6267-00-450621) Approximate amount of lien \$167,840.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 2023-50971. Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., 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 | <b>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.</b><br><br><b>TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2026 BUDGET MEETING DATES</b><br>The Pleasant Valley Town Board will hold their 2026 budget meetings at Town Hall 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on the following dates:<br><b>SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING</b><br>-Monday, September 29, 2025 at 5:00 PM.<br><b>PURPOSE:</b> Department heads will present their proposed 2026 budgets to the Town Board for review.<br><b>SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING</b><br>-Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM<br><b>PURPOSE:</b> Town Board will go through the 2026 budget in detail, reviewing each line item individually. Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk<br>Town of Pleasant Valley<br><br><b>NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>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:<br><b>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?</b><br>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<br><br><b>REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE</b><br>The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-44-25 New Automotive, Truck, Off-Road, Agricultural & Utility Tires, Tubes, and O-Rings<br>Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of October 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <a href="http://www.dutchessny.gov">http://www.dutchessny.gov</a> , selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.<br><br><b>REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE</b><br>The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-39-25 On-Call Moving Services<br>Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of October 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <a href="http://www.dutchessny.gov">http://www.dutchessny.gov</a> , selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613. | <b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b><br>RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “030” IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK<br>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025133, shall conduct a public hearing on the 14 day of October 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chambers of the Dutchess County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on a proposal to establish Zone of Assessment “030” in the Dutchess County Water District located in the Town of Hyde Park as described in Attachment A, annexed hereto.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to its Quaker Hill Water System in order to provide water service to that Public Water Supply in the Town of Hyde Park.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to interconnect the South Cross Water System as well as other water systems in the area as part of that interconnection project.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that capital costs will be allocated among properties by means of a benefit unit assessment. Operation and maintenance costs will be allocated among properties based on metered water usage.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the first-year average annual cost to the typical one-family home in Zone of Assessment “030” is estimated to be \$892.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the estimated one-time hook-up fee for the typical single family residential property will be \$1,150 per property.<br>FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copy of the Map, Plan and Report for Zone of Assessment “030” is available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined or procured by interested parties during regular business hours.<br>DATED: Poughkeepsie, NY September 2025<br><br>BY ORDER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE<br>LEIGH WAGER<br>Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature<br>ATTACHMENT A<br>COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “030”<br>TAX PARCEL LIST | 6166-02-717703-0000<br>6166-02-773660-0000<br>6166-02-768769-0000<br>6166-02-698790-0000<br>6166-02-819749-0000<br>6166-02-852740-0000<br>6166-02-683732-0000<br>6166-02-873733-0000<br>6166-02-688708-0000<br>6166-02-702729-0000<br>6166-02-687661-0000<br>6166-02-837739-0000<br>6166-02-876774-0000<br>6166-02-852664-0000<br>6166-02-816668-0000<br>6166-02-850780-0000<br>6166-02-835685-0000<br>6166-02-749721-0000<br>6166-02-815657-0000<br>6166-02-871723-0000<br>6166-02-836721-0000<br>6166-02-722681-0000<br>6166-02-737700-0000<br>6166-02-813806-0000<br>6166-02-837615-0000<br>6166-02-795769-0000<br>6166-02-840813-0000<br>6166-02-772699-0000<br>6166-02-733760-0000<br>6166-02-733750-0000<br>6166-02-778680-0000<br>6166-02-748745-0000<br>6166-02-846790-0000<br>6166-02-862704-0000<br>6166-02-869795-0000<br>6166-02-786765-0000<br>6166-02-803775-0000<br>6166-02-830779-0000<br>6166-02-742662-0000<br>6166-02-681721-0000<br>6166-02-682769-0000<br>6166-02-854674-0000<br>6166-02-733740-0000<br>6166-02-752662-0000<br>6166-02-712752-0000<br>6166-02-757685-0000<br>6166-02-752784-0000<br>6166-02-813729-0000<br>6166-02-763663-0000<br>6166-02-853812-0000<br>6166-02-841705-0000 | 6166-02-793732-0000<br>6166-02-795653-0000<br>6166-02-782695-0000<br>6166-02-688695-0000<br>6166-02-769747-0000<br>6166-02-734730-0000<br>6166-02-685782-0000<br>6166-02-767683-0000<br>6166-02-692686-0000<br>6166-02-701764-0000<br>6166-02-744650-0000<br>6166-02-712775-0000<br>6166-02-748760-0000<br>6166-02-835790-0000<br>6166-02-723795-0000<br>6166-02-847641-0000<br>6166-02-838695-0000<br>6166-02-710680-0000<br>6166-02-775719-0000<br>6166-02-714741-0000<br>6166-02-875742-0000<br>6166-02-846612-0000<br>6166-02-855684-0000<br>6166-02-794712-0000<br>6166-02-767736-0000<br>6166-02-734720-0000<br>6166-02-705702-0000<br>6166-02-749799-0000<br>6166-02-833675-0000<br>6166-02-801732-0000<br>6166-02-798672-0000<br>6166-02-769721-0000<br>6166-02-739786-0000<br>6166-02-810639-0000<br>6166-02-710794-0000<br>6166-02-716717-0000<br>6166-02-831664-0000<br>6166-02-787677-0000<br>6166-02-828770-0000<br>6166-02-680755-0000<br>6166-02-877753-0000<br>6166-02-733770-0000<br>6166-02-867714-0000<br>6166-02-839750-0000<br>6166-02-848721-0000<br>6166-02-741690-0000<br>6166-02-860694-0000<br>6166-02-836761-0000<br>6166-02-800686-0000<br>6166-02-877785-0000 | 6166-02-820692-0000<br>6166-02-680743-0000<br>6166-02-803749-0000<br>6166-02-735710-0000<br>6166-02-784657-0000<br>6166-02-781745-0000<br>6166-02-837633-0000<br>6166-02-714730-0000<br>6166-02-777765-0000<br>6166-02-686675-0000<br>6166-02-854751-0000<br>6166-02-807625-0000<br>6166-02-713763-0000<br>6166-02-705715-0000<br>6166-02-697752-0000<br>6166-02-828811-0000<br>6166-02-863806-0000<br>6166-02-793642-0000<br>6166-02-827618-0000<br>6166-02-829654-0000<br>6166-02-823636-0000<br>6166-02-762703-0000<br>6166-02-813759-0000<br>6166-02-877763-0000<br>6166-02-753711-0000<br>6166-02-808783-0000<br>6166-02-850654-0000<br>6166-02-791632-0000<br>6166-02-855760-0000<br>6166-02-850730-0000<br>6166-02-791691-0000<br>6166-02-819678-0000<br>6166-02-816738-0000<br>6166-02-813701-0000<br>6166-02-817622-0000<br>6166-02-853771-0000<br>6166-02-743680-0000<br>6166-02-820713-0000<br>6166-02-747733-0000<br>6166-02-785716-0000<br>6166-02-699740-0000<br>6166-02-803707-0000<br>6166-02-830707-0000<br>6166-02-760775-0000<br>6166-02-810793-0000<br>6166-02-773643-0000<br>6166-02-725655-0000<br>6166-02-756647-0000<br>6166-02-717646-0000<br>6166-02-782795-0000 |
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “029A” AND ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “029B” IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025134, shall conduct a public hearing on the 14 day of October 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chambers of the Dutchess County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, on a proposal to establish Zone of Assessment “029A” and “029B” in the Dutchess County Water District located in the Town of Hyde Park as described in Attachment A, annexed hereto.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to construct a water main extension to connect the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System to its Quaker Hill Water System in order to provide water service to that Public Water Supply in the Town of Hyde Park.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to interconnect the Dutchess Estates Water System as well as other water systems in the area as part of that interconnection project.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that capital costs will be allocated among properties by means of a benefit unit assessment. Operation and maintenance costs will be allocated among properties based on an unmetered interim water rate.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the first-year average annual cost to the typical one-family home in Zone of Assessment “029A” is estimated to be between \$1,312 and \$1,322 if connected prior to full completion of the Interconnection project, or estimated to be between \$1,735 and \$2,723 if connected after full completion of the Interconnection project. The annual cost to the single parcel in Zone of Assessment “029B” is estimated to be between \$136 to \$147.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the estimated one-time hook-up fee for the typical single family residential property will be \$1,150 per property.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copy of the Map, Plan and Report for Zones of Assessment “029A” and “029B” are available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined or procured by interested parties during regular business hours.

DATED: Poughkeepsie, NY  
September 2025

BY ORDER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
LEIGH WAGER  
Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature  
ATTACHMENT A  
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “029A”  
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COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT “029B”  
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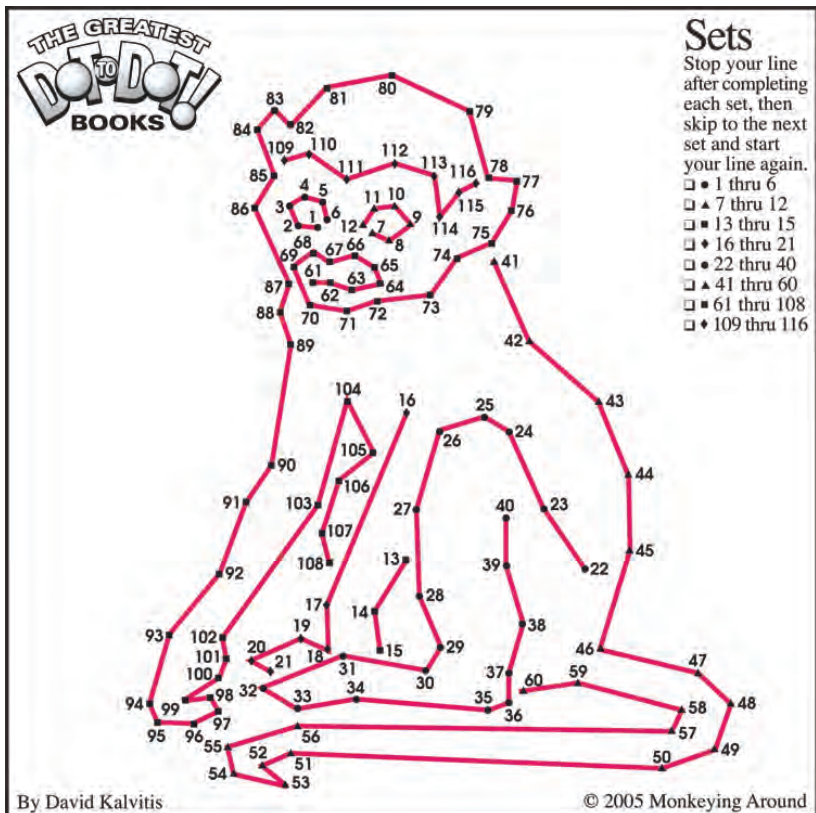
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Answers to this week’s diversions  
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## Dutchess County Conservative Party elects officers

The Dutchess County Conservative Party held its biennial re-organization meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fishkill. According to New York State law, this meeting must take place in order to establish a legal bonafide county committee

with a slate of officers and by-laws approved.

Out of 161 legally elected county committee members, over 75% participated in person or by proxy vote. Re-elected chairman Don Minichino “That’s a great turnout and it shows the interest in our party and the conservative movement overall, is getting stronger.” Minichino was challenged by Emanuele Marinaro.

The 2025 County Conservative Party’s officers elected:

Don Minichino chairman (East Fishkill)

Rex Bridges Vice Chairman (Rhinebeck)

Phil Polizotto Vice Chairman (Poughkeepsie)

Linda Cebrian Secretary (Rhinebeck)

Terri Sheehan Treasurer (Poughkeepsie).

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*Note: The Office for the Aging and all OFA Friendship Centers are closed on Monday, Oct. 13, in observance of Columbus Day.*

## What NOT to keep in your wallet

As we prepare for the Oct. 15 beginning of the annual Medicare Open Enrollment season, during which Medicare enrollees can make changes as needed to their health insurance coverage for 2026, you may be wondering just where your Medicare card is. In your wallet? If so, consider not carrying it with you, except for the days when you have a medical appointment and might need it. In fact, there's a lot of things in your wallet that don't need to be there.

## Avoiding the 'George Costanza Wallet'

Regular "Seinfeld" viewers may remember the episode that centered on the fate of George Costanza's unnaturally overstuffed wallet. We'll let Jerry pick up the story:

Jerry Seinfeld: Your back hurts because of your wallet. It's huge.

George Costanza: This isn't just my wallet. It's an organizer, a memory, and an old friend.

Inside George's "old friend" were important items like ... Irish money and a Sweet-n-Low packet? No wonder his wallet eventually exploded. Let's avoid that scenario, spare you some backaches, and keep your personal information safe.

## Other things you don't need to carry

If it's convenient for you to have in your wallet, it's also convenient for a thief - not just cash, but anything else a

thief could use to steal your personal information.

Besides the Medicare card we mentioned at the start of this week's issue, here's what else doesn't need to be in your wallet or handbag, except on the specific day you need it:

**Social Security card and birth certificate.** These two are big ones for identity thieves, who can use this information to create fraudulent "synthetic identities."

**A personal check, checkbook, or deposit slip.** It's all there for a thief: your name, address, account number, and bank routing number. If you still use checks, take one check with you on the day you need it.

**Too many credit/debit cards.** If that store credit card isn't in your wallet, you're less likely to use it for impulse purchases you'll later regret. Keep store credit cards in your wallet on the day you'll use them. If you have a smartphone, explore using a merchant's app instead of a physical card.

**Unredeemed gift cards.** It's essentially free, untraceable cash for a thief. Smartphone users, remember that many merchants are able to store your gift card information on an app.

**House key.** Keys belong on your key ring. At least if you lose a key ring, a thief will be unlikely to know much about you based on keys alone.

**PIN numbers and passwords.** It's bad enough losing a credit or EBT/SNAP card, but if you keep the card's PIN number in your wallet - or worse still, on the

card itself - you've just handed a thief a jackpot. For EBT/SNAP users, there's a guide to protecting your card, available in English and Spanish at [dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable](http://dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable).

**Old receipts.** While it's true that your full credit card number doesn't appear on receipts, an identity thief can still use the available digits to impersonate your credit card company in all sorts of underhanded ways.

## OFA HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM RETURNS

(Available through Friday, Dec. 5)

Are you a homebound older Dutchess County resident, or the caregiver for one?

If the homebound individual in question is unable to get a COVID booster and/or influenza vaccine due to their condition, OFA can help. Our staff can arrange for in-home vaccinations, while supplies last, through Friday, Dec. 5, 2025.

Contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov) to find out more.

## 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, Nov. 6, at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park (4079 Albany Post Rd. / Route 9)).

RSVP by Saturday, Nov. 1; call 845-240-7605, or email [johnsonr@hvhospice.org](mailto:johnsonr@hvhospice.org).

## NYS 'INFLATION REFUND' CHECKS ... AND SCAMS

Wondering about those New York State "inflation refund" checks coming to millions of New York households this fall? Here's what you need to know, directly from the state tax/finance department, including how to report scam attempts related to the refund program.

Authorities report that scammers are trying to impersonate state tax department officials in phone calls, trying to trick people into giving up money and personal information. Experts' advice remains the same: government agencies WILL NOT "cold-call" you.

Checks sent through the mail to homes are vulnerable to theft, and inflation refund checks are no different. Signing up for the U.S. Postal Service's "informed delivery" program allows recipients to be emailed visual descriptions of each day's incoming mail.

## FREE PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE (P.A.D.) CLINIC AT MARIST (Sat 10/11)

If you experience pain or cramping in the legs when walking or exercising, it's a possible sign of peripheral artery disease (PAD). Those with diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, a history of smoking are among the more susceptible.

The Marist University Department of Physical Therapy and its physical therapy students are hosting a free PAD clinic on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until noon at the university's Allied Health Building (23 Beck Place, Poughkeepsie), room 210. For more information, call 845-575-3489 or email [maristdptcommunityclinic@gmail.com](mailto:maristdptcommunityclinic@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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.

## Medicare Open Enrollment season classes

Medicare's annual open enrollment season begins on Oct. 15 and continues through Dec. 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). Oct. 15, Nov. 19

**Fourth Monday of every month, 4 p.m.** at Starr Library (68 West Market St., Rhinebeck). Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22. Also on Monday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. (new time)

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

- Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. Adriance Library, 93 Market St., Poughkeepsie (parking lot entrance on Noxon St.)
- Friday, Oct. 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 ext. 3380.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. Fishkill Recreation Center, 793 NY 52, Fishkill. To register: 845-831-3371

We are planning additional "Navigating Medicare" classes for Open Enrollment season. Visit [dutchessny.gov/hiicap](http://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 (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 Forum. The forum is a unique opportunity to speak directly, in person, to OFA leadership and members of the OFA Advisory Board, on Thursday 10/9, 10:30 a.m., at OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie.

The forum lasts about one hour. If you are unable to attend, 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](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov)

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