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Board of Elections
staff, county partners
prepare for election

The Dutchess County Board of Elections met on Oct. 5 with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Emergency Response as part of its ongoing coordination with county partners in preparation for the 2026 General Election.

"These planning conversations are a standard part of election administration – ensuring that all county agencies are aligned, communication channels are established, and that everything is in place for a smooth Election Day experience for Dutchess County voters," said Democratic Elections Commissioner Lisa Jessup.

The Board distributed a recent advisory from the Attorney General's office regarding voting rights and the 2026 election, information on all polling locations as well as the different types of observers allowed in polling locations.

Sheriff Kirk Imperati said, "As Sheriff I take my public safety responsibilities very seriously, and that includes helping to ensure that every voter in Dutchess County is able to exercise their right to vote in a safe and peaceful manner. I am proud to partner with the Board of Elections and Department of Emergency Response in this effort, and as a result a well-coordinated plan is in place to protect the safety and security of Dutchess County voters as they head to the polls this fall."

"Dutchess County voters should feel confident that their elections are well-organized, well-supported, and in good hands," said Republican Commissioner Erik Haight. "We are proud to work alongside outstanding county partners who share our commitment to making sure every voter has a safe, accessible, and positive experience at the polls."

The meeting also addressed early

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'It's contagious'- love of fiber arts, animals
powers thriving Sheep & Wool Festival

46th annual event
set Oct. 17-18 at
DC Fairgrounds

By Matthew Fetzer

For many, the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival is more than just an annual event. It's a celebration of agriculture and community that brings people together each fall at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. As this year's festival approaches on Oct. 17-18, local farmers and longtime attendees are looking forward to celebrating the traditions that have made this event a staple of the Hudson Valley.

What once started as a livestock auction and market in 1980 has evolved into one of the biggest fiber arts and agricultural events in the Northeast over the last 46 years.

According to the official NYS Sheep and Wool Festival website, "What began as a gathering of shepherds and wool producers has grown into a vibrant tradition that brings together artisans, educators, farmers, vendors, and curious newcomers to share a passion for fiber arts, livestock, and rural heritage. Whether you're shopping for handcrafted goods, attending a workshop, watching sheep competitions, or meeting fellow makers, the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival offers some-



thing for everyone."

More than 100 vendors will be in attendance at the festival, selling textiles, farm products, and other goods. Workshops will be offered throughout the weekend. From spinning to wreath-making, to crocheting and embroidery work,



Clockwise from top left, Katie Drum will be showing her sheep in the Breed Barn at this weekend's NYS Sheep & Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Jackson and Jimmy Crisp of Old Beach Farm will be showing Romney sheep. Corriedale lambs Cherry and Melba are from Patchwork Pastures Farm in Hyde Park. *Courtesy photos*

dozens of workshops are available to the general public (fees vary by workshop).

Events such as the sheep show, livestock displays, seminars, used-equipment auctions, and children's activities are all very popular at the festival.

One of the festival's featured competitions is "Make It With Wool," a fashion

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Marist to honor 4 athletes, plus Giorgis,
Gartland in inaugural Hall of Fame event



Longtime Marist trustee Jack Gartland is among six individuals who will be enshrined at the inaugural Marist University Athletics Hall of Fame class on Oct. 23. *Courtesy photo*

By Morgan E. Maier

Four accomplished student-athletes, a record-setting basketball coach and a longtime trustee will be enshrined as the inaugural Marist Athletics Hall of Fame class as Marist is set to celebrate decades of Red Fox achievements during its Homecoming and Reunion weekend on Oct. 23-24.

The festivities at McCann Center will celebrate Terence Fede (Class of 2013), Rachele Fitz (Class of 2010), Chris Tracz (Class of 2005), Rik Smits (Class of 1988), Brian Giorgis, and Jack Gartland.

Fede, the first Marist alum drafted to the NFL, played three seasons with the Miami Dolphins. Fitz was a standout women's basketball player, holding the records still in all-time points and rebounds.

Tracz stands as the winningest pitcher in Marist baseball history, reaching three NCAA tournaments during his career (2001-2005). The current head coach at Army West Point, Tracz holds records in innings pitched, strikeouts, starts, and complete games. Smits led the men's basketball team to its

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Anderson Foundation for Autism to honor Vanessa & Patrick Ryan at Gala on Oct. 24

Anderson Foundation for Autism has announced that registration is now open for its 2026 Gala, sponsored by Pamal Broadcasting, NFP, and CDPHP. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., and dinner, dancing, and the program starting at 7:30 p.m. Honorees this year are Anderson parents, philanthropists, and advocates Vanessa and Patrick Ryan, residents of Mahopac.

Executives from Anderson estimate that 300 guests will attend the gala, and that the organization expects to meet or exceed its event fundraising goal of \$200,000. Proceeds from the annual gala are used to advance the organizational mission by directly supporting the educational, vocational, residential and clinical services that help “optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.”

Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, said, “It will be our great privilege to honor Patrick and Vanessa Ryan this year, who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our agency and to our broader cause. We fully anticipate that this will be a sell-out event, and encourage anyone interested in attending to reserve their tickets as soon as possible.”

A longtime accountant with a career spanning nearly 40 years, Patrick Ryan is currently the CFO of an asset management firm in Greenwich, Connecticut called AQR Capital Management. His wife of 30 years, Vanessa, is employed by the Putnam County Office of Senior Services, where she manages a program that provides medical transportation to senior citizens. Their family also includes three children: Peter, Ciara, and Sean.

In a joint statement, the couple responded to the news that they were being honored as follows: “We were initially surprised, and of course happy as we are proud of our association with Anderson Center - but most of all humbled. We feel honored to be chosen, but want to share that the group of Direct Support Professionals who live, work with, and take care of our son are the ones doing God’s work – we are just lucky to be part of this program.”

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson (who will step in as



Vanessa & Patrick Ryan of Mahopac are Anderson Center for Autism parents and philanthropists. They will be honored at the Anderson Foundation for Autism Gala at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie on Saturday, Oct. 24. *Courtesy photo*

CEO/Executive Director following Paul’s retirement later this year), said “In addition to honoring the Ryans with the well-deserved VV Anderson Community Service Award, we will also present two of our very own team members (yet to be named) with ‘Above and Beyond Awards.’ Having a chance to publicly applaud people we truly cherish and admire is always a moving experience; we very much look forward to an uplifting program again this year.”

Eliza Bozenski, Chief Program Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, said “We are incredibly grateful to the many people who make our gala so successful, year after year - from our sponsors and volunteers to the attendees themselves. Like our other fundraisers, this tradition brings together people from all walks of life who share a passion for our mission. Not only do we get to recognize the inspiring honorees and award winners during the gala program, but we all have a chance to celebrate Anderson’s far-reaching impact and our vision for the future.”

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Red Hook gets new school speed zone

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) recently approved the Village of Red Hook's requested School Speed Zone past the middle school and the high school. From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days, the speed limit is now 20 mph on West Market Street from Linden Avenue past the Red Hook High School exit.

Mayor Karen Smythe thanked former Trustees Kym Bradley-Rickard and Amy Smith who started the process and finalized the application, and Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, who kept in touch with the DOT throughout the application process.

A ribbon cutting was held on Sept. 18 with the School, Village Board, Red Hook Police Department officers, NYSDOT, and the Red Hook Chamber, who supplied the ribbon and a new pair of scissors.

The County has also approved the School Speed Zone along Linden Avenue in front of the Middle School from Linden Avenue to the Southern entrance to Maizeland Rd. Signs will be installed by the County in the near future.

"The goal is to ensure the safety of our children as they go to and from



A ribbon cutting was held on Sept. 18 to celebrate the new school speed zone in the Village of Red Hook, which is in effect past the middle school and high school from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days. Mayor Karen Smythe (cutting the ribbon) was joined by School, Village Board, Red Hook Police Department officers, NYSDOT, and the Red Hook Chamber, who supplied the ribbon and a new pair of scissors. *Courtesy photo*

school," said Smythe. "We appreciate your cooperation."

Resolution to cover Flock cameras passes in Legislature's Public Safety Committee

From Legislature reports

Legislator Chris Drago (D-Stanford) has introduced a resolution directing that any Flock Safety license plate reader camera still installed in Dutchess County after Oct. 25 be covered with opaque, non-damaging material within seven days, and stay covered until it comes down. The measure successfully passed out of last Thursday's Public Safety Committee of the Dutchess County Legislature unanimously, and went to a full board vote Tuesday, Oct. 13.

On Sept. 25, District Attorney Anthony Parisi and Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced that Dutchess County would stop using Flock's automatic license plate readers. The DA stated that it would take no longer than 30 days to remove the devices.

Until then, dozens of cameras remain mounted on poles across the county, looking exactly as they did when they were recording every passing vehicle.

The resolution directs the County Executive and County departments to carry out the covering safely and without damaging the equipment, which remains

Flock's property until removed.

"Since Dutchess County deactivated its Flock cameras on September 25, I have called for the cameras to be covered pending their removal, giving residents visible assurance that they are no longer operating. With no action taken, I introduced a resolution requiring that any County Flock cameras still standing after the October 25 removal deadline be covered. Covering the Flock cameras is a small act, but an important step toward restoring public trust by demonstrating respect for residents' privacy and freedom. I urge the County Executive to act now to cover all Flock cameras immediately because privacy is foundational to American democracy," said Drago.

Legislator Eric Alexander (D-Town of Washington) added, "At the Flock forum, citizens expressed great urgency about eliminating surveillance cameras in Dutchess County. Now they are demanding certainty about when they will be physically removed. This resolution will address their concerns by establishing a date certain for the cameras to be covered before they are removed."

'It's contagious' – love of fiber arts, animals powers thriving Sheep & Wool Festival

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contest run by Meegan Veeder-Shave, the director of the program at Patchwork Pastures in Hyde Park. There are five divisions in the contest: Pre-teens (age 12 and under), Juniors (ages 13-16), Seniors (ages 17-24), Adults (age 25 and older), and Made for others (any age).

Pre-teens can make a sweater, jumper, skirt, vest, or shirt, while the other divisions must make a complete outfit, according to their website. Made for others must be worn by the person for whom the garment is intended. Judging is based on appropriateness to the contestant's lifestyle, coordination of fabric with garment style/design, contestant's presentation, construction quality, and creativity.

"This is such a fascinating community," said Veeder-Shave. "I love the outreach and different interactions that we have with people. Some people get into sheep because of discussions that they've had with us. There are lots of places where people can be more than just a shopper here."

That sense of community is part of what makes the festival so special for many other Hudson Valley-based farmers and fiber artists. One longtime participant is Lauren Drum, who has been showcasing for over 30 years. As sheep owners, she and her 14-year-old daughter Katie display them at the breed barn on the fair-

grounds. Drum regularly serves as the ring steward for the sheep show demonstration, while her Katie was the wool ambassador for the past two years.

"There's a lot more people interested in sheep and wool than you generally think," said Drum. "The number of people that you see at the festival is astronomical, and just to know that there's that many people that are interested in the different aspects of wool is really cool."

"I love sharing things with the people that love sheep wool," said Drum's daughter, Katie. "I love showing them where their wool comes from and how many different types of sheep there can be. I love to make the connection in their brains and watch their minds being blown."

Visitors to the festival will have the chance to pet the sheep and feed them treats in the breed barn, according to Drum.

The Crisp family, owners of Old Beach Farm in Poughquag, will also be in the breed barn. Alicia Crisp, along with her husband, will display their Romney sheep. As a member of the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, the organization responsible for the festival, Crisp hopes that more people can be introduced to the world of fiber arts.



"Make It With Wool" fashion show participants pose on stage at a previous Sheep & Wool Festival. *Courtesy photo*

"I always make it a point to tell people who have never been to the festival to come out," said Crisp. "Sometimes people will tell me, 'Why would I want to go? I'm not interested in fiber arts,' but you will be. It's contagious. You will fall

in love with the fiber animals, and you will fall in love with the fiber arts."

Additional information on tickets, vendors, and workshops can be found on the official NYS Sheep and Wool Festival website sheepandwool.com.

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Working together needed after incident at Hyde Park School Board meeting

To the editor:
Must every crisis ignite community rage?
Last Thursday at the Hyde Park School Board meeting, I was saddened to observe how (justifiable) enquiry and criticism boiled over into uncorroborated speculation, ugly personal attacks, scapegoating, and spite.
I'm not competent to comment on the facts surrounding the Haviland School incident, which provoked this confrontation, nor the adequacy of the District and Police Force response. That will all come out in the course of investigation.
But I cannot condone the outright venom with which a handful of residents addressed the Board and Superintendent. It was a stunning rush to judgment. No doubt there will be identified failures and shortcomings in school and police policies and practices, which can and should be addressed in due course.
But now is the time for the community, schools, and law enforcement to come together collaboratively to take immediate steps to prevent the possibility of harm. Indeed, school board president Mike Zagorski and Superintendent Roman, in their response to public comment, shared some improvements that are already in the works. There will surely be more.
I was on the Colorado State Board of Education when the Columbine tragedy occurred. On that occasion, the community response was to rally round the school and Principal DeAngelis to improve security and restore community trust. While there was plenty of blame to share, the initial response was about reassurance, not culpability.
Perhaps it would have been better to have had this conversation at a Town Hall Meeting rather than the confined structure of Public Comment (at which there is no back and forth - the public speaks and the Board and Staff respond, which can be frustrating for those seeking answers).
Surely it would have been better to have had the Police Chief on hand, as the handling of such crises is complicated.
It was reassuring that at least one voice in the crowd asked for a courteous hearing. But the overall atmosphere was cynical and combative, including reckless calls to disrupt the meeting and fire the staff. That is not how government should act - the voters elect the board, the board supervises the Superintendent - there are established processes for handling complaints.
Nor is this who we are - it's ironic that such clashes take place in Hyde Park, home to those paragons of practical idealism, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. As the scripture puts it,

"blessed are the peacemakers ... blessed are the merciful" - which doesn't mean indifference or apathy ... it means working together to solve our problems.

These are indeed the times that "try men's souls" and fury seems to be the default response. But we are better than that - rather than further poisoning the well with toxic soundbytes, let's honor our youth by addressing such issues as we encourage them to do, by coming together to find just, lasting, and reliable solutions.

They deserve nothing less.

Gully Stanford
Salt Point

Reasons Americans should be worried

To the editor:
As repulsive, self centered, and delusional as our current president is, there are probably other worries that deserve more of our attention. One such issue is the end of our democracy as the billionaire class buys up almost all of our national media. Our elections are now inundated with their dark money, with over a billion dollars spent last year to buy off Congress. Elon (Musk) is the personification of what our post democracy will look like. His Department of Government Efficiency worked hard to transfer over a trillion from the working class to the maniacal super rich.

Another cause for our anxiety should be our emerging military empire. Since World War II, our country has waged wars of aggression all over the globe, leaving a trail of tens of millions dead. We have bombed and sent missiles into over 30 countries since 1945. The cost of such war crimes has been staggering, both in terms of U.S. soldiers dead and national treasure squandered. Our empire now has 800 military bases in over 80 countries or territories.

Israel, our dependable partner in these war crimes, is engaged in the horrendous genocide of the Palestinian people. We arm Israel when it runs out of bombs and missiles. We try to hide the worst holocaust of the twenty-first century. We own the hospitals that have been obliterated, the schools that have been showered with white phosphorus, and the prisoners who have been raped and tortured. This slaughter of the Palestinian people will forever be named the American Genocide.

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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

Marist Hall of Fame event

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Record-setting women's basketball coach Brian Giorgis, above left, will be enshrined at the naugural Marist University Athletics Hall of Fame class on Oct. 23. Courtesy photos

first NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987, then spent his entire 12-year career in the NBA with the Indiana Pacers.

At the helm of Marist women's basketball, Giorgis won 11 conference titles and led his team to a program-best Sweet Sixteen finish in 2007. As president of the James J. McCann Charitable Foundation, the late Jack Gartland secured millions of grant dollars to drive facility renovations and expansions on campus, building the success of Marist programs that persists today. In 1999, Marist President Dr. Dennis Murray declared, "No volunteer has done more for students, faculty, and alumni of our college than Jack Gartland."

The Hall of Fame event on Oct 23 begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., and

the plaque installation and ceremony will follow at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online via the Marist Athletics website (goredfoxes.com). Register at the "2026 Hall of Fame Celebration" page under the Tickets tab.

"The establishment of our Hall of Fame is the perfect way to showcase the long, celebrated history of outstanding athletics programs that have brought great distinction to Marist. We are fortunate to have an extensive number of impressive individuals and teams that have made Red Fox Nation proud during their time at Marist and beyond, and I'm excited to have this new way to honor the tradition of excellence they helped establish," said Director of Athletics Tim Murray.

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voting and election day security as well as contingency plans for any interruption at a polling site.

“The Department of Emergency Response proudly partners with the Board of Elections and the Sheriff’s Office ahead of each general election to ensure that all aspects of public safety are well coordinated,” said Commissioner William H. Beale.

“We are proud to be the only county in the state with vote centers, meaning voters can vote at any polling location within their city or town on Election Day,” said Jessup, “This is not only a

convenience for voters, but a built-in back-up plan in case of any emergency where a poll site experiences a disruption for any reason.”

Early voting in Dutchess County begins Oct. 24 at seven sites around the county (see sidebar on this page for locations and times). The 2026 General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Voters are encouraged to visit <https://elections.dutchessny.gov/> for more information.

The last day to register to vote in the 2026 election is Oct. 24.

DC Board of Elections offers guidance to absentee and vote-by-mail voters

The Dutchess County Board of Elections is emphasizing, for absentee or vote-by-mail voters, alternative methods for delivering completed ballots, beyond the United States Postal Service, such as using drop boxes at early voting sites and poll sites on Election Day and over-the-counter absentee voting at the Board of Elections.

“Nothing has changed in New York State election law or at the post office with respect to voting by mail in New York State, but we do want to encourage those who can, to use other methods of returning their ballots,” said Lisa Jessup, Democratic Commissioner. “Postal delays have been an ongoing concern and we want to make sure that voters understand the alternatives. Voters who must mail back their ballot should do as soon as possible and do so at a post office where they can obtain a postmark.”

Republican Elections Commissioner Erik Haight added, “I’ve always encouraged voters to show up in person either during Early Voting or on Election Day. Once the voter’s ballot is inside the voting machine it is 100 percent secure.”

On Sept. 18, the Board of Elections issued ballots to military and overseas voters as well as any voter who has already requested an absentee ballot for 2026.

Voters may also request an absentee ballot over the counter at the Board of Elections during business hours, fill out the ballot, and return it over the counter. The Dutchess County Board of Elections is located at 112 Delafield Street, Poughkeepsie and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Absentee ballots may also be dropped at the Board of Elections or at any Dutchess County poll site during early voting or on election day and may be dropped by anyone.

Said Jessup, “There are no restrictions on who can drop off your sealed ballot, so if you are unable to get to a ballot drop location, it is fine for you to give your ballot to someone you trust to drop it for you.”

The list of candidates on the ballot in Dutchess County in 2026 and poll locations are on the Board of Elections website at elections.dutchessny.gov.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Dates & Times:

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

Locations:

Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck

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

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Award-winning executive Kristen Huss returns to Renegades as new GM

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, and their ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), the club’s owner and operator, have announced that Kristen Huss will become the ninth General Manager of the Renegades.

Huss will be the first female General Manager in the team’s 32-year history. She rejoins the Renegades front office where she worked first as a game day employee selling programs in 2001, eventually rising to become Assistant General Manager in 2013. After departing to serve for three seasons as the General Manager of the Pittsfield Suns of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, she returned to the Renegades as Vice President of Community Partnerships after the 2018 season before departing in April 2021.

“I am incredibly grateful to return to the Renegades as General Manager. The Renegades have always held a special place in my heart, and I am proud to see all that the organization has accomplished over the years,” Huss said. “To come back to the organization where my professional career began is a truly special and meaningful full-circle moment. I have so many great memories here and have formed many long-lasting relationships that have helped shape my career. I look forward to working with this talented staff and seeing our amazing fans, and I’m excited to have the opportunity to lead the organization into its next chapter.”

While with the Renegades, Huss was named the New York-Penn League Female Executive of the Year in both 2013 and 2015, and was named one of Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce’s “40 Under 40” in 2015. In her time with the Suns, she was named the 2017 Futures League Executive of the Year and was inducted into the New

England Baseball Hall of Fame as part of its Class of 2017.

“Kristen’s return to the Renegades is an exciting moment for the organization and we’re thrilled to welcome her back,” said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, Executive Chairman and CEO of Diamond Baseball Holdings, respectively. “Having grown through many roles with the club, she brings a deep understanding of the team, its fans and the Hudson Valley community, along with a proven track record as a leader and we’re

confident she’ll make an impact as General Manager.”

Since leaving the Renegades, Huss has been the Senior Resort Operations Manager at LEGOLAND® New York Resort in Goshen, where she oversaw aspects of the park focusing on parking, admissions, guest services, guest communications, VIP experiences, retail, park presentation, and attractions.

Huss graduated from Fairfield University with a bachelor’s degree in marketing in 2006 and was a Ticket Office

Intern with the Renegades that summer before joining the front office full time after the season as a Ticket Sales Account Manager. She was promoted to Director of Ticket Sales and Customer Service in 2007, and was promoted again to Assistant GM following the 2012 season.

Huss replaces Tom Denlinger at Renegades General Manager, who will be departing the club to become the new President of the Charlotte Knights, the Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

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Screening of volunteer firefighter documentary set Oct. 15 at Morton Library
Morton Memorial Library and The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company present "Odd Hours, No Pay, Cool Hat," a movie screening and Q&A with local firefighters, on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m., at Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. This documentary explores the lives of volunteer firefighters and emergency service workers.

The event is part of the library's Great Give Back. Call Morton at (845) 876-2903 for more information.

Rhinecliff Soup Sales return

It's harvest time and soup's up in Rhinecliff! Sponsored by Rhinebeck Grange #896, Rhinecliff Soup Sales are on the third Thursday of the month: Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. Soups are sold by the quart at \$10/quart. Take-out only. Pick-up location at Morton Library Community Room between 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email: JoBaer2@gmail.com to get the soup choices for each month and pre-order online. Soup is limited.

Cary Institute program set Oct. 16

On Friday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., join Cary Institute for "When Giants Die: The Ecological Afterlife of Elephants," a public event exploring how Earth's largest land animals contribute to ecosystems not only in life, but in death. The event will feature an early screening of a 22-minute documentary shot on location and a Q&A with Cary ecologist Jane Lucas and Princeton Postdoctoral Scholar Courtney Reed. Lucas and Reed will share their field experiences and research results.

This event will be offered in-person at Cary's Lovejoy Auditorium in Millbrook and via live stream. It is free and open to all; registration is required at www.caryinstitute.org. During registration, you are welcome to add questions for Lucas and Reed to inform the Q&A.

Cary Institute Auditorium is at 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook.

LaGrange Library to host adoption event for Great Give Back

The Great Give Back 2026 Adoption Day with the ASPCA Recovery and Rehabilitation Center will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at LaGrange Library, 1110 Route 55, Lagrangeville. Patrons can learn about the work done at the center and meet dogs available for adoption. For all ages. No registration required. Call (845) 452-3141 for more information.

Grace Church to host Fall Festival and Pop-Up Winter Wear Sale on Oct. 17
Grace Church in Millbrook will celebrate the arrival of autumn with two community events on Saturday, Oct. 17, offering families an afternoon of food, fun, music, and an opportunity to find gently used winter clothing at affordable prices. The Grace Fall Festival will take place from noon to 3 p.m. and is a free event for the whole family. Festivities will include food, games, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and DJ music. The festival will be held rain or shine, with activities moving inside the Parish Hall in case of rain.

Earlier that day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace Church will host a Pop-Up Winter Wear Sale, featuring gently used coats, jackets, hoodies and sweat-shirts, scarves, mittens, and more. Items will be priced affordably, wit long coats \$20, short coats \$10, and sweatshirts and hoodies \$5.

The Winter Wear Sale and Fall Festival provide an opportunity for members of the community to prepare for the colder months while enjoying a festive fall gathering at Grace Church.

Both events will take place at Grace Church, 3330 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook. For more information, call (845) 677-3064.

Brookmeade gala set Oct. 17

Brookmeade Community Foundation presents its 14th Annual 'Under the Sea' GALA. Event takes place on Oct. 17 at the Pavilion at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck. Cocktail hour is from 5 to 6 pm. Dinner and dancing from 6 to 10pm, with awards presented to Kate Neils and Renee Albrecht for their outstanding contributions to Brookmeade. Raffles and Lucky 250 tickets available. Event tickets are \$195. This supports the programs for seniors at the Brookmeade Community. For more information, email us at info@brookmeadecommunity.org. For donations or tickets, go to www.brookmeadecommunity.org/donate.

Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited events

Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited is conducting these upcoming events:

Free Fly Tying Event at Plan Bee Farm Brewery, 115 Underhill Road, Poughkeepsie, on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Mid-Hudson Trout Unlimited 45th Annual Stewardship Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Anthony's Catering, 799 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Live auctions. Silent auc-

tions. Raffle prizes! Tickets are \$70 online or \$80 at the door, if available. Visit www.midhudsontroutunlimited.org to purchase tickets for the dinner and for more information about these events.

NAMI Mid-Hudson Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition set Oct. 21

NAMI Mid-Hudson invites the community to its 2026 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Event on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. Join us as we celebrate a year of impact, recognize our dedicated volunteers and community partners, and look ahead to the future. Sign-in and light refreshments begin at 6 p.m. Registration is requested. For more information or to reserve your seat, visit the Eventbrite Link or call (845) 206-9892.

Death Café set Oct. 21 at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Library will hold a Death Café on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Death Café is part of a worldwide movement (over 24,000 death cafés have been held worldwide since the idea's inception in 2011) to promote open discussion of death, dying, and mourning in a welcoming, communal environment. This is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session, meant to "increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives". In keeping with Death Café tradition, light refreshments will be served. Millbrook Library is at 3 Friendly Lane in Millbrook.

Hyde Park Chamber to hold Meet the Candidates Oct. 22

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will host a Meet the Candidates event on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Coppola's Italian American Bistro on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

Join the Chamber for an opportunity to hear from the Town Supervisor candidates Al Torreggiani and Russell Urban-Mead, and learn more about their vision for the community. All are welcome.

Breast Cancer Awareness program set Oct. 22 at Morton Library

"Digging into Longevity," Breast Cancer Awareness with Dr. Deborah Axelrod on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Deborah Axelrod, M.D. is Director of Clinical Breast Programs and Services and Medical Director of Community Cancer Education and Outreach at NYU Clinical Cancer Center in New York City and a board certified surgeon who specializes in breast diseases and breast cancer. Her talk will highlight how environment and daily choices can lower breast cancer risk.

The event is free and open to the public. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

Stanford Grange upcoming events

Stanford Grange #808 will host its 25th Annual Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Candidates for local and regional office have been invited to attend. Candidates will introduce themselves, state their qualifications for office and goals if elected, and give closing statements. The audience will be able to ask questions to the candidates, but this is not a debate between candidates. The community is invited to attend. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take-out only with pick up at 5 p.m. The menu will include roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, home grown mashed butternut squash, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie for dessert. The donation for each dinner is \$17. Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for and get your food through your car window, and take your dinners home to enjoy! For reservations,

contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Trunk or Treat set Oct. 23 in Stanfordville

Stanford Recreation will hold a Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Stanford Rec, 40 Creamery Road, Stanfordville. Visit www.stanfordrecreation.com or email recreation@stanfordny.gov for more information.

Salt Point church to host ham dinner Oct. 24

The Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, is hosting its annual ham dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., for \$15 a person. Menu is spiral ham, homemade scalloped potatoes and applesauce, glazed carrots and a dessert. Please call Jeanne at 845-797-9621 for required reservations with a pick up time.

PV Historical Society sets special presentation on Oct. 27

Join the Pleasant Valley Historical Society for a fascinating evening with Alexander F. Contini presenting "Behind Every Sculptor ... An Italian Immigrant Family's Contribution to America's Public Monuments" on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Pleasant Valley Mill Site, 1624 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley. The Regular Business Meeting is at 7 p.m., and the special program with Contini follows at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a film from The Metropolitan Museum of Art revealing how sculpture is created - from the sculptor's vision to the finished masterpiece. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

Low-cost spay/neuter clinic for cats set Oct. 29

P.A.N.T. is hosting a Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for cats and kittens on Thursday, Oct. 29, located at 2534 South Road in Poughkeepsie. Veterinary services will be provided by T.A.R.A. (The Animal Rights Alliance). For \$80, each appointment covers spay/neuter surgery, a rabies vaccine, ear cleaning, and a nail trim. Microchipping, FVRCP vaccines, and flea/tick treatments are also available for an additional fee. Space is limited and appointments are required, so please call (845) 489-5211 to book your spot. We are prioritizing Dutchess County residents.

Trunk or Treat in Salt Point

Everyone is invited to take part in a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church parking lot. The church is located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point. Looking forward to seeing plenty of great costumes.

Clothing Drive set Nov. 7 at HR Rowing Boathouse

The Arlington Crew team is holding a clothing drive on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Hudson River Rowing Boathouse 270 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. The team is collecting used clothing, shoes, towels, bedsheets etc and will receive a monetary donation based on the weight of the items collected. This monetary donation will help cover race fees and nourishment for our athletes. If anyone would like to arrange for a different drop off time before the event, they can email presidentarlingtonrowing@gmail.com.

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During National Breast Cancer Month, female veterans urged to prioritize health



It takes bravery and determination to serve in the military; no one will dispute that. Whether it's the immense commitment of one's time; the weeks, months or even years spent away from home and loved ones; the trials on both the mind and body or the challenges of putting one's country above self, life in the Armed Forces takes a certain type of person.

For our female veterans, it's important that the same resolve remains with them when they return to civilian life.

As we recognize National Breast Cancer Month in October, it's a good reminder for the women in our lives, including our female veterans – whether they're our mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, aunts – that it's critical to prioritize their own health. As County Executive Sue Serino says, it's important to "make the appointment" and keep up to date with all your medical screenings. It's critical for both yourself and the loved ones who count on you.

Our female servicemembers deal with many of the same health concerns as their civilian counterparts, though their time in the military is often also accompanied by challenges distinct to their service. That could mean being deployed overseas, unpredictable schedules, demanding tasks or unfamiliar environments; these can all add to the stress of military life. That's why it's so important that, if our

female servicemembers and veterans don't feel just right, they voice their concerns and seek the medical care they need.

As many breast-cancer survivors, including County Executive Serino, will tell you, being vigilant can make all the difference. They know just how important regular screenings are, as they can often detect cancer early, when treatment can save lives. And while there is no hard-and-fast guidance about when and how often every woman should start getting mammograms – each woman has her own unique risk factors, including family history – any time is the right time to start a conversation with her doctor.

Putting off that discussion, though, shouldn't be an option. Your health is too important to your loved ones, your friends and, of course, you!

Be mindful of any changes in your body – things like pain, swelling, lumps or something else that just doesn't seem right – and don't just assume they'll go away; please discuss them with your doctor.

Cancer screenings, though, are just part of the broader conversation about our own health as veterans, including our female heroes, in particular.

Do you know your numbers? How's your cholesterol? What about your blood pressure? Are you getting enough sleep? Eating a healthy diet? Are you getting

enough physical activity? It might seem like a lot, but these are things to be mindful of.

Just as important as our physical health is our mental health. It's a sign of strength and self-awareness to talk to someone if we feel anxious, alone, depressed or overwhelmed. If something is on your mind, please know that help is available.

Dutchess County is unmatched in the services we provide for our neighbors dealing with mental health concerns. You're never alone in Dutchess County, so if ever need to speak to a trained professional who wants to listen and help, please call or text 988, our Dutchess County Suicide & Crisis HELPLINE, and then press 1 for veterans, any time of the day or night. As always, I also invite you to call me at our Office of Veterans Affairs at 845-486-2060 or visit us at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley.

Our veterans' health – both physical and mental health – is so important, and I want to make sure our female vets, especially, hear this message and don't neglect their own health while they might prioritize the well-being of someone they hold dear.

All too often these days, the women in our lives become caregivers, either by choice or circumstances, and that duty becomes their main focus, almost to the exclusion of all else. If you've cared, or continue to care, for your friends, your

family, your community or your fellow veterans, it's easy to forget to take care of yourself. If your life in uniform was defined by your selfless service, it's understandable that you might put off that checkup with your doctor or forgo that health screening to care for someone else.

Let me be clear: Your health deserves to be your top priority. You can't take proper care of others until you take care of yourself. Putting yourself first isn't selfish; it's the best way you can support those who rely on you.

Your military service has gained you countless benefits and services, both health-related and beyond. My Veterans Affairs staff and I are here to help you learn about all you're eligible for. Please know there is no shame in asking for help. These supports aren't hand-outs; you have earned them through your defense of our nation, and I want you to fully utilize whatever is available to help you.

I ask all our female veterans to let this month be a reminder about the importance of your own health. If you've been meaning to set up a doctor's appointment, please call and schedule it today. Enjoy a healthy meal. Make time for yourself, get outside, take a stroll and stay active.

We thank you all and appreciate your service. My hope is you never forget how much you mean to so many people in Dutchess County. Please take care of yourself – and your health.

Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee plans 'Tulips & Tea' event for Oct. 18

The members of the Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee are inviting everyone to join together for a "not so formal" plant and sip event at the Mill Site gardens on Main Street in Pleasant Valley from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Entitled "Tulips & Tea," the event is designed to help clean and plant bulbs for the spring and beautify the town's central garden space. Participants are encouraged to "bring your garden gloves and tea gloves, enjoy the park, light refresh-

ments, and good company while we get our hands in the dirt and help beautify our community."

The Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee is a volunteer-driven group dedicated to enhancing the charm, health, and visual appeal of the town's shared spaces. The mission is to create welcoming, well-maintained environments that reflect community pride and encourage residents to enjoy and care for the places they all share. Through seasonal plantings, clean-up efforts, and collaborative

projects, the group works to keep Pleasant Valley vibrant, inviting, and connected.

One of the ongoing initiatives is the Historic Mill Site Garden clean-up, where volunteers help restore and maintain the natural beauty of this important landmark. This project blends preservation with community engagement, ensuring the Mill Site remains a place residents can enjoy for years to come.

In addition, the committee will be hosting a seasonal plant sale, with all proceeds donated directly to the Pleasant

Valley Food Pantry. This effort supports both local beautification and local families, reinforcing our commitment to community care in every sense.

At the end of October 2026, they plan to begin work on the Route 44 Gateway Sign Garden Project, a new initiative designed to create a welcoming, thoughtfully landscaped entrance to the hamlet. This project will introduce a cohesive planting plan that highlights seasonal interest and reflects the character of Pleasant Valley.



Members of the Pleasant Valley Beautification Committee work to beautify the Mill Site Gardens. A "Tulips & Tea" event is set for Sunday, Oct. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. Courtesy photo

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Bridging more than the Hudson Valley, CFHV announces award to Walkway



From left are Lori Robertson, Executive Director of Friends of the Walkway; Laura Washington, President & CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley; and Carlos Santiago, CFA, First VP Commercial Credit Officer at Ulster Savings Bank. *Courtesy photo*

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHV) has awarded its first loan through its Local Impact Fund for Tomorrow (LIFT) program, providing Friends of the Walkway with bridge financing to complete the final phase of its New York State-supported lighting improvement project for the Walkway Over the Hudson.

The first of several LIFT loans already in the pipeline, this loan demonstrates how charitable capital can be put to work to help nonprofits across Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties.

The loan will allow Friends of the Walkway to move forward with replacement and supplemental lighting while it awaits reimbursement from a capital

grant awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Launched in March 2026, LIFT provides nonprofits with flexible bridge financing when they have committed grant funding but need capital before reimbursement arrives. LIFT offers loans of up to \$50,000 at 2% interest. CFHV provides the loans, while Ulster Savings Bank contributes 10% of each loan and originates and services the financing.

The model is designed to make each charitable dollar work again and again: when a loan is repaid, the funds return to LIFT and become available to another nonprofit in Dutchess, Ulster or Putnam County.

Marist drops back-and-forth battle with Columbia, 41-28

By Morgan E. Maier

Career highs for quarterback Sonny Mannino and receiver Reed Shumpert highlighted a milestone-filled Friday night for Marist University football last week. The back-and-forth matchup took three ties, five lead changes, and 20 unanswered fourth-quarter points for Columbia to seal a 41-28 win.

The third 300-yard passing game of Mannino’s career marked a career high (321). Mannino connected with Jayden Taylor to tie the game in the second quarter, and Jeremy DeCaro gave the Red Foxes a 14-7 lead with under three minutes to play in the half.

Columbia scored two touchdowns in 29 seconds to send them ahead before halftime. Marist knotted the game at 14 on the first second-half drive, thanks to a 55-yard touchdown pass from Mannino to Zach Garmont. Mannino ran in his third credited touchdown to put them ahead early in the first quarter.

The Lions responded with a score, but a missed extra point kept Marist ahead by one. Columbia jumped on Marist’s late miscues on both sides, and held the home

squad scoreless through the end of the game.

Isaiah Simmons led Marist with 76 rushing yards on 17 carries. Shumpert recorded 105 receiving yards for the first 100+ yard game for any Marist receiver this season. Wayne Adair recorded his first career interception. Chase Hatton had seven stops and a fumble recovery. Braylen Ricks had the first multi-sack game of his career, made all three of his tackles for loss, and blocked an extra point attempt.

“There is plenty of good in all three phases. Offensively, career-high for yards with Sonny, [I] thought he played extremely well. In general, there was a lot to be proud of; the yardage statistics were good. At the same time, today was ultimately a game where we lacked execution in critical moments, and it showed up in all three phases,” said Marist head coach Mike Willis

Marist’s record stands at 3-3. They will return to play league opponent Drake on the road in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, Oct. 17. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Eastern time.



Quarterback Sonny Mannino had a career high with 321 passing yards, but it wasn’t enough as Marist University fell to Columbia, 41-28. The Red Foxes own a 3-3 record on the season. *Courtesy photo*

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Guardian Revival’s One Mile Challenge raises \$78,658 to support military and first responders’ mental health

Guardian Revival, a nonprofit serving military members, veterans and first responders – collectively known as guardians – and their families, has concluded its fifth annual One Mile Challenge with \$78,658 in donations. More than 578 people across 35 states and Washington, D.C. walked, ran, rolled or rucked (walked with weight) one mile a day in September to raise awareness around guardians’ challenges with mental illness and suicide.

“Our guardians carry the weight of trauma, loss, responsibility and so much more,” said Kim Haight, CEO of Guardian Revival. “Too often, that weight goes unseen and unsupported. The One Mile Challenge is our way of show-

ing up for our guardians and helping carry that weight.”

Recognizing that mental health challenges, depression and suicide are disproportionately high for those who serve, Guardian Revival created the One Mile Challenge to support the programs that encourage connection, resilience and healing. These initiatives include Another Summit, which offers outdoor adventure activities such as hiking; Boots & Paws, which provides free companion puppies; and RISE, which delivers wellness workshops, retreats and resources to help guardians recharge.

To learn more about Guardian Revival and its offerings or to get involved, visit guardianrevival.org.

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4-H youth are Beyond Ready: DC joins national celebration

From fairgrounds to classrooms, community gardens to robotics labs, 4-H youth in Dutchess County are proving they're not just ready for the future – they're Beyond Ready. During National 4-H Week, celebrated Oct. 4–10, local clubs shared how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence and resilience to lead in a world full of opportunity and change.

As America's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers six million young people nationwide with hands-on learning experiences through clubs, camps, school programs, and community events. Through the Beyond Ready initiative, 4-H helps prepare 10 million youth for work and life by 2030. In Dutchess County, 4-H provides opportunities for youth to develop public speaking skills, lead community service projects, practice financial literacy and civic engagement, raise livestock, foster new technical skills and form lifelong friendships.

"With support and mentorship from 4-H volunteers, youth in Dutchess County 4-H are better prepared for the real world after high school. Many older 4-H members serve as volunteers and role models for younger members. We're very proud of all our 4-H members who give back to their communities and represent our county 4-H program so well," said Carolyn McGraw, 4-H Program Leader, Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and its team of educators, volunteers, and mentors deliver 4-H programs that help youth learn by doing. From Public Presentation events to Officer Training, 4-H youth are learning skills such as responsibility, teamwork, resilience, and communication—skills that will serve them in their career and for life.

"National 4-H Week is a powerful reminder that young people are already leading in extraordinary ways," said Jill Bramble, President & CEO of National 4-H Council. "Through 4-H, youth discover their strengths, build lifelong career and life skills, and create opportunities for real change in their communities. They aren't waiting for tomorrow — they are stepping up today and are Beyond Ready."

In preparation for National 4-H Week, three 4-H members spoke at a Dutchess County legislative session on Sept. 14. Coghlan Mullen, Tabitha Canning and Armen Platyan all shared speeches about their experiences in Dutchess County 4-H, impressing the full house and receiving a standing ovation.

To learn more about local 4-H programs or get involved, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County at 845-677-8223, or email dutchess@cornell.edu.



Pictured from left are CCEDC Executive Director Sam Storey, Coghlan Mullen, Tabitha Canning, Armen Platyan, 4-H Program Leader Carolyn McGraw, and Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago. Courtesy photo

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Gathering of Old Cars set at Staatsburgh Oct. 18

The 39th annual Gathering of Old Cars will take place in Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park on the great lawn at Staatsburgh State Historic Site on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the car show is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

Note: Registration for individual show cars not affiliated with a car club is required. To register your car, visit www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS. Car clubs will register directly with Staatsburgh State Historic Site by contacting the site at StaatsburghSHS@parks.ny.gov. All show cars must arrive between 8 and 11 a.m. to be admitted onto the field.

Co-sponsored by the Red Hook Car Club, the show features cars of every class and era. New this year is an individual show car cut-off year of 2001. Antique autos will parade before the 1895 Beaux Arts mansion with peak autumn foliage and the Hudson River in the background. Car clubs from throughout the Hudson Valley will attend the event, which will take place rain or shine.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event.

The mansion will be open to attendees for self-guided tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person; \$8 for seniors and students; children ages 12 and younger are free. The mansion's museum gift shop, with a wide selection



The Gathering of Old Cars at Staatsburgh State Historic Site is set Sunday, Oct. 18. Pictured is a view from the 2025 event. *Courtesy photo*

of gifts and books, will also be available to attendees for shopping during the event.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills

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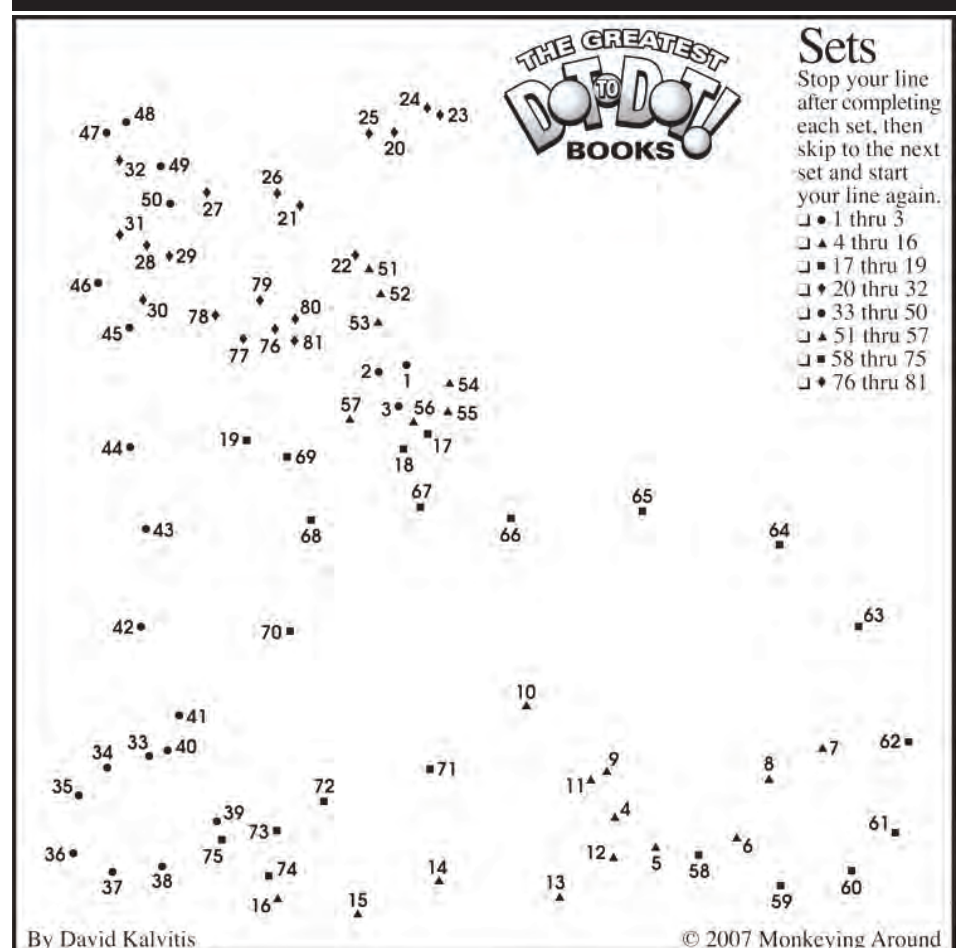


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Celebrate ‘The Great Swamp’ with artwork and vendors on Oct. 17-18

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 “30th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show” will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, 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 I’guana Tacos 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 James Eyring’s popular “Birds of Prey” demonstration (both days). Exhibits include a hands-on watershed demonstration table, live 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 40 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, jewelry, and wooden bird houses.

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 “30th 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.



The 30th Annual Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show showcases the beauty and value of the Great Swamp, a 6,000-acre wetland stretching from Dover to Brewster. Clockwise from top left: Artwork on display and for sale will include “Sunrise, East Branch Croton River” by Alice Lynn and Lynn Slonaker’s “Softly Fall.” James Eyring with an owl during a previous event. Attendees and vendors gather in the lobby during a previous year’s event. *Courtesy photos*

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You can see natural recycling on the trails at Tymor Park in Lagrangeville, the shoreline along 9D in Beacon, and in your backyard. Fallen leaves nourish mushrooms, squirrels occupy abandoned woodpecker cavities, and lichens dissolve stones to extract minerals. Everything builds upon what came before.

It's not just tangible items. If you listen closely to the hedgerows and thickets, you can hear an avian version of musical sampling. The Northern Mockingbird borrows "audio snippets" from its neighbors, stitching the calls of blue jays, robins, and cardinals into new tracks to defend territory. Similarly, the actions of beavers are mirrored by muskrats, who copy travel routes through dense vegetation to find shelter in their lodges.

Humans remix, as well. We are authors, artists, or composers of works built upon the efforts of others. Even if complete originality were possible, modifying what already exists often yields something spectacular.

The copy may be preferred

In 2015, singer-songwriter Mike Posner wrote an acoustic ballad about the dark side of fame. It was largely ignored. Realizing it lacked the energy for mainstream radio, his record label sent it to SeeB, an electronic duo. They added a bright synth melody, transforming "I Took a Pill in Ibiza" into a global dance hit that has racked up over 2.4 billion streams. While a tiny niche prefers the acoustic original, the tune only gained traction after the remix exploded, benefiting both artists.

The Staple Singers' 1954 gospel recording of "This May Be the Last Time" sold only a few thousand copies. A decade later, The Rolling Stones injected rock energy into the chorus, driving sales of 1965's "The Last Time" past 2 million copies. The ultimate commercial peak arrived in 1997 when The Verve sampled an orchestral loop of the Stones' track for "Bitter Sweet Symphony," which accumulated over 1.6 billion Spotify streams.

Some cinematic adaptations succeed by editing out unnecessary storylines. The source material for "The Godfather" indulged in lengthy subplots that would have distracted from the film's operatic tragedy. Meanwhile, the satirical novel on which "Forrest Gump" was based featured a foul-mouthed giant who blasted into outer space and was held hostage by cannibals. By removing these cartoonish capers, the silver screen grounded the story into an endearing, historically based tale.

Inventors know they're not original

As Apple founder Steve Jobs once observed, "Creativity is just connecting ... experiences [to] ... synthesize new things." Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí noted, "Those who do not want to imitate anything, produce nothing." Mark Twain even claimed that human utterance is largely built on a foundation of unavoidable plagiarism.

Unlike mockingbirds, whose vocal piracy is governed by natural selection, human creators operate under a legal

framework known as the doctrine of Fair Use. By law, brief, copyrighted excerpts may be used without permission or payment for purposes like criticism, news reporting, teaching, or research. There is greater leeway if the source material is factual rather than fictionalized, provided it does not hurt the original creator's ability to profit.

It's national. It's local.

Famous legal battles highlight these boundaries. One clash, settled out of court, involved the Associated Press and the iconic Barack Obama "Hope" poster, which was based on an AP photograph. Another occurred when luxury fashion house Louis Vuitton sued the makers of "My Other Bag" totes. Because the totes were deemed a parody, they can still be legally sold.

Fair Use shapes our interactions right here where we live. Every day, copyright law is navigated inside classrooms—from neighborhood schools to institutions like Marist and Vassar—where educators exercise their legal right to stream a documentary for face-to-face instruction without paying licensing fees.

Makers at marketplaces and fairs must also cope with the interplay of ownership versus shared expression. For example, artisans at Rhinebeck's Sheep and Wool Festival share the universal building blocks of the craft—such as stitches and heritage techniques—yet a designer's pattern is protected.

Meanwhile, on the related landscape of trademark law, pop icon Daryl Hall, owner of Pawling's Daryl's House, and former musical partner John Oates used their legal weight to stop a small-batch food maker from using the pun-based moniker "Haulin' Oats" for their granola blend. The product is now marketed as "Kiss My Oats," demonstrating that businesses must remain mindful of intellectual property.

Whether it is an educator utilizing a video stream, an artisan spinning communal traditions, or a business owner branding a product, Fair Use boundaries limit and protect. True originality might be a myth, but authenticity is attainable. Like the mockingbirds filling the Hudson Valley air with remixed melodies, our culture thrives when we connect, adapt, and responsibly transform the old into something beautifully new.

This activity is great for anyone looking to enrich knowledge of rights and responsibilities in creating new work: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FAIR-USE-ENRICHMENT-CROSS-CURRICULAR-ACTIVITY-7542394>

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Everything builds upon what came before. Some examples of natural recycling are pictured here (from top): Lichens dissolve stones to extract minerals; fallen leaves nourish mushrooms; and wooden debris at Long Dock Park in Beacon will provide a food source for insects, crabs, and shorebirds, acts as a natural fertilizer, and protects against erosion. Photos by Francine Wizner

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Students encouraged to turn recyclable materials into creative works of art for ‘America Recycles Day Art’ Challenge



Pictured is one of the winning pieces of art in Dutchess County's 2025 “America Recycles Day” Art Challenge. The piece of art is made from recycled materials. Photo courtesy Dutchess County Gov’t

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is happy to announce the County’s 3rd annual “America Recycles Day” Art Challenge, inviting school-aged children across Dutchess County to turn recyclable materials into original works of art while learning more about the importance of recycling and reuse.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Recycling starts with small choices, and those choices can make a big difference. This challenge gives our young neighbors a fun and creative way to learn about recycling while seeing everyday materials in a whole new way. We encourage students, teachers, schools and homeschool groups throughout Dutchess County to take part and show us what they can create.”

The art contest gives students an opportunity to think creatively about materials that might otherwise be thrown away. By transforming everyday recyclables into artwork, students can have fun while discovering simple ways they can help reduce waste and protect the environment.

Students may create two- or three-dimensional artwork using recyclable

materials such as paper, plastic, aluminum and glass. Non-recyclable materials, including glue and tape, may be used to assemble artwork; but the primary materials should be items that can be recycled or reused.

Entries must be registered and submitted by Nov. 5, 2026. Artwork will be evaluated based on the clarity of the concept and description, as well as creativity. Winners will be selected in four age groups:

- Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
- 3rd to 5th Grade
- 6th to 8th Grade
- 9th to 12th Grade

Winners will be announced on Nov. 6, in recognition of America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, and winning artwork will be displayed at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park from Nov. 9 through Nov. 17.

Contest guidelines, registration information and additional details are available at dutchessny.gov/solidwaste. Questions can be directed to Recycling Educator Dani White at solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or 845-486-2841.

Tivoli Artists Gallery presents ‘Marie Cole: Escape Route’

The Tivoli Artists Gallery presents “Marie Cole: Escape Route.” The show runs from Oct. 16 to Nov. 15. The opening reception is on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Cole has been a member of the Tivoli Artists Gallery since 1993. Known for her large-scale oil paintings of the Hudson Valley, Jersey Shore, and Cape Cod, Cole works from her studio overlooking the Hudson River in Germantown, capturing the light and changing weather of the Catskills. Her work also encompasses the farmland, fields, and barns of the Hudson Valley.

Working from direct observation, she transforms familiar places into paintings that explore light, weather, atmosphere, and a sense of place. Her paintings also draw on memory and imagination, letting observed landscapes become starting points for more personal, evocative interpretations.

The Tivoli Artists Gallery is at 60 Broadway in Tivoli. Gallery Hours are Friday, 5-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon-8 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Email tivoliartistsgallery@gmail.com for more information. Pictured: “Before the Storm,” Oil, 30” x 40”



Royal School of Needlework’s collection & history topic of talk at Vassar College

A talk titled “A Millennium of Textiles: Digging into the Royal School of Needlework’s Collection and History” will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 5:30 p.m., in the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center Galleries at Vassar College. Dr. Isabella Rosner, Curator of Textiles at the Royal School of Needlework (RSN) will discuss the history of the RSN’s history, current work, and extensive collection, which ranges from a seventh-century Coptic weaving to a 21st-century Chinese silk painting.

The RSN has been the international centre of excellence for the art of hand embroidery since 1872. Based at the magnificent Hampton Court Palace, south-west London, it offers a thriving education program for everyone from beginner to degree level and teaches onsite and online across the globe. The RSN Collection includes intricate hand embroidered works, as well as a range of non-embroidered costume and textiles spanning more than ten centuries. The RSN’s renowned Embroidery Studio creates stunning bespoke embroidery for fashion, art and royalty, as well as expertly restoring and conserving valuable and historical embroidered pieces.

This event is free and open to the public.

Cosponsored by the Loeb and the Vassar College Art Department. Vassar College (www.vassar.edu) is at 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

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Oct. 16: An Evening with Grace Smith House, The Grace Note, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. The evening will feature music by Melissa Ferrick, food by Stissing House, and the moving Clothesline Project, a powerful exhibit of survivor-created t-shirts sharing personal experiences of domestic violence, 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$100 & up. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

Through Oct. 24: Historic Graveyard Tours, St. James' Episcopal Church, 4526 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. A tour guide leads you by lantern light through St. James' historic 200-year-old graveyard, where you will meet some of the more interesting "residents" who, from time to time, make an appearance. Now in its 16th season, the Graveyard Tours change every year with new characters and new features, but always in the same spirit of learning and fun. Tours Fri. & Sat., 6:30, 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Tours last 1 hour. Tickets \$25 per person (\$15 for children ages 12 7 younger) and are non-refundable. Visit <https://stjameshydepark.org/graveyard-tours/> to purchase. All ages are welcome, but the tours are most suitable for ages 5 and over. Reservations are recommended, but walk-ins (payable by cash or check at the door) will be accommodated if there is room on the tour. Visit the parish website at www.stjameshydepark.org or email stjamesoffice@stjameshydepark.org for more information; or call the Parish Office at (845) 229-2820 (open Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.).

Through Oct. 25: "The Crucible," Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Set in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692, Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" captures a horrific chapter of New England history in its dramatization of the Salem Witch Trials. The plot focuses on the hysteria that develops in the intersection of rumors, fear, and religion. A group of girls are thought to practice witchcraft, alongside Tituba, an enslaved Indigenous-American, as they dance in the woods. In order to save themselves, they turn the accusations towards an ever-widening circle of adults in the community. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. Content Warning: This production contains themes of religion, death, grief and guilt. It also contains references to and depictions of murder, manslaughter and witchcraft. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Through Oct. 30: Haunted Fortress of Stanford, 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Since 1997, the Haunted Fortress of Stanford has been scaring guests who are brave enough to walk the swamp walk. Come and join us for an evening of fun and creepiness. Fri. & Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. CLOSED on Halloween so our young actors can trick or treat. Sensory Friendly Show: Sun., Oct.

18, 2-4 p.m. This Sensory Friendly event allows guests to walk through the entire Haunted Fortress during the daytime. NO scary sounds, NO creepy actors, NO strobe lights. Admission: Adults \$15, children age 12 & younger \$10, seniors \$10. Cash only No open toed shoes. For foul weather cancellations: Call (845) 868-7782 or see the Facebook group.

Through Oct. 30: "Death Valley Beauty Pageant," various locations. Murder Cafe's spooktacular Halloween mystery dinner offers a fresh twist with eerie charm. Step out in your finest ghostly glamour and be part of the fun as a number of contestants fight to be crowned King or Queen of the Crypt, while another one will die trying. Whodunit? Grab your tickets if you dare, and prepare for a night of killer entertainment. All shows include a three-course dinner, cash bar, music, comedy and prizes. Shows: Sat., Sun., Oct. 18: Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. Wed., Oct. 21: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Sun., Oct. 25, Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin. Wed., Oct. 28: The Phoenician Steakhouse, Phoenicia (a fundraiser for Safe Haven). Fri., Oct. 30: Hudson House Distillery, West Park. www.murdercafe.net

Through Nov. 24: 2026 Poughkeepsie Big Read. Annual program intended to encourage the community to read, discuss, and participate in thematic events. This year's Big Read theme is Revolutionary New York. PPLD notes that the Big Read title is "Fire and Freedom" by Thomas Wermuth. There are additional Little and Middle Read titles with a focus on heroes, including Sybil Ludington and forgotten founders. A full list is available on the library website, www.poklib.org

Oct. 15: Third Thursday Outdoor Evening, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. Enjoy a fall evening at Olana during this Third Thursday closing concert with Larry Chernicoff, an award-winning composer and multi-instrumentalist. Larry and accompanying musicians will put on a contemporary jazz performance inspired by Olana's scenic landscape, 6-7 p.m. www.olana.org

Oct. 16: Tavern Exhibit, Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway, Red Hook. Step inside the historic Inn and explore its history as a tavern, gathering place, workplace, and center of community life, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Hear an immersive soundscape, explore hands-on activities and reproduction objects, discover stories of the people who gathered here, and make a take-home tea and punch blend inspired by historic recipes. Admission is free; no registration required. www.historicredhook.org

Oct. 16: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring: Tim Kapeluck, Dave Feroe, Hudson Crossing, 8 p.m. Donations to benefit Morton are suggest-

ed. (845) 876-7007

Oct. 17: Brazilian Rhythms, Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Massaranduba brings the irresistible sound of Brazilian Forró to Stissing Center, 7:30 p.m. Forró is music, dance, and all-night celebration in one. Tickets \$35 advance, \$45 door. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

Oct. 17: "From Alvin Ailey to La Verdad: Dance Works by Vernard J. Gilmore," Black Box Theater, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Vernard J. Gilmore returns to Kaatsbaan with an evening of mixed-repertoire performances. Leading with work he choreographed and danced during his three-decade career at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Gilmore will also feature new works by his company, La Verdad, 6 p.m. Tickets \$40 GA, \$20 Student Admission (with student ID). www.kaatsbaan.org

Oct. 17: Mischief Night, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Get ready for a night of tricks, treats, and hard-hitting action with Awesome Championship Wrestling. See Killer Kross, Matt Riddle, Zack Clayton, Indi Hartwell, Shotzi Blackheart, Steph De Lander, and all your favorite ACW stars live for a night of electrifying matches, shocking moments, and nonstop excitement. Tickets & more info at www.MJNCenter.org

Oct. 17: Movies with Spirit, "Sing Sing," New Progressive Baptist Church, 8 Hone St., Kingston. An acclaimed drama about hardened inmates reshaping their lives through theater, 4 p.m. Based on true stories, "Sing Sing" follows John "Divine G" Whitfield (Colman Domingo), imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit, as he finds direction through Rehabilitation Through the Arts, a creative collective inside Sing Sing Correctional Facility. The group's work deepens when a wary newcomer – Clarence "Divine Eye" Maclin, portraying himself – joins their ranks. What emerges is a deeply moving and surprisingly funny story of resilience, brotherhood and dignity, told with candor by an ensemble that includes real-life Rehabilitation Through the Arts alumni who demonstrate the transformative power of creativity. 2023, run time 1 hour 34 minutes, rated R. Screening followed by discussion. Refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is \$10 for ages 13 and up. facebook.com/MoviesWithSpirit, 845-389-9201, gerryharrington@mindspring.com

Oct. 17: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, "From Stage to Screen," Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Dr., Hyde Park. The concert marks the beginning of a new chapter for the orchestra under the leadership of new Music Director William Stevens, who succeeds founding Music Director Kathleen Beckmann following her 20-year tenure with NDSO, 4 p.m. "From Stage to Screen" celebrates more than 70 years of Broadway and movie musical favorites, from iconic classics such as "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music" to modern favorites including "Wicked" and "Hamilton." The program also features music from beloved productions

such as "Chicago," "A Chorus Line," "Les Misérables" and "Beauty and the Beast," offering audiences a musical journey through some of the most memorable music written for the stage and screen. Tickets \$42 adults, \$35 seniors, \$10 students. www.ndsorchestra.org or (845) 445-9606

Oct. 17-18, 24-25: ArtEast Open Studios October Tour, eastern Dutchess County. This year, ArtEast proudly celebrates the 20th anniversary of the ArtEast Open Studio Tour. This year's tour features 19 participating artists at 11 studio locations (with several artists sharing studio or gallery spaces). Visitors will discover an exciting variety of artwork spanning a wide range of media and styles, including painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, assemblage, woodworking, fiber arts, and pottery. Tours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Brochure and more info at www.arteastdutchess.com.

Oct. 18: Bywater Call, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. The band's latest album, "Broken Souvenirs, blends southern soul with Americana and Roots influences," 7 p.m. www.darylshouseclub.com

Oct. 18: The 39th annual Gathering of Old Cars, Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Co-sponsored by the Red Hook Car Club, the show features cars of every class and era, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. New this year is an individual show car cut-off year of 2001. Antique autos will parade before the 1895 Beaux Arts mansion with peak autumn foliage and the Hudson River in the background. Car clubs from throughout the Hudson Valley will attend the event, which will take place rain or shine. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event. Free admission; donations welcomed. More info at <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Oct. 18: Howland Chamber Music Circle, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The trailblazing Poiesis Quartet appears in the Founders Concert, presented in memory of Gwen and Bill Stevens. Its program places new and recent works by Daniel Lasagna, Calvin Ray Shawler, Jeff Scott, and Leilehua Lanzilotti alongside Beethoven's final completed string quartet, Op. 135. 4 p.m. Tickets \$40 adults, \$10 students. Tickets and complete concert information at www.howlandmusic.org.

Oct. 18: Selected Shorts: A Touch of Magic, Banning Hall, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. An afternoon of stories where the ordinary brushes up against the extraordinary, 3 p.m. Acclaimed actors including Griffin Dunne (This Is Us), Denis O'Hare (American Horror Story), Colby Minifie (The Boys), and Bhavesh Patel (Not Suitable for Work) bring to life funny, poignant, and surprising fiction in which a touch of magic transforms the everyday, revealing wonder in the most unexpected places. Hosted by WAMC's Joe Donohue. Recorded live for public radio. Tickets \$45-\$55 advance. www.thestissingcenter.org or (518) 771-3339

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

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THEME: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

ACROSS

1. Trampled

5. Dashboard unit, acr.

8. "Be quiet," onomatopoeically speaking

11. Clean the whiteboard, e.g.

12. Morally wicked

13. Former anesthetic

15. Bad luck precursor

16. Banned apple spray

17. *Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.

18. *Home of the bagpipes

20. Big one, at 7-Eleven

21. Contemplate

22. Jewelry stone

23. Hindu queens

26. Something earned

30. Tokyo, formerly

31. *Riddim pair music genre

34. Spock's famous body parts

35. *Animal, source of violin bow strings

37. Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf"

38. Away from port (2 words)

39. Not much (2 words)

40. Post-graduate journey?

42. Always, to a poet

43. Baby bear (2 words)

45. Beach-comber's collection

47. Choler

48. Popular pie nut

50. Glazier's unit

52. *Flute player

55. Pointy teeth

56. 36 inches

57. Sticky stuff

59. Hot ____ buns

60. Code word for K

61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor

62. Soda pop container

63. Ems follower

64. Highest point

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1. *Piano has at least ____ pedals

2. Part of a glass, pl.

3. Leading oil-producers' grp.

4. Indicate

5. Home to Teatro alla Scala

6. Popular core exercise

7. Deer social group

8. Synagogue

9. Cannabis plant

10. Store posting, abbr.

12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag

13. Straight ones in drafter's tool-box

14. *Louis Armstrong's instrument

19. "And Then ____ Were None"

22. "Wow!"

23. User's "getaway"

24. Sun-dried brick

25. Water wheel

26. Intense anger

27. Painter's prop

28. Angler's basket

29. Former Russian leaders

32. Snatch

33. Toothy fish

36. *Lute family instruments

38. "Perfect" Buddhist

40. Theatrical prompt

41. Former Portuguese money

44. Edible herb

46. Brain teaser

48. Like average Jane

49. British peers

50. Prefix for "beyond"

51. Any minute, arch.

52. Type of fish net

53. Daytime TV program

54. Enameled metalware

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58. *Standard number of strings on guitar

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Mom’s advice

Why mess with a winning formula?

When my wife Lisa and I were getting married, we were given advice from many people on the secret to a happy marriage. We got advice from our priest, advice from the people we bought our furniture from, advice from our wedding photographer, advice from the caterer, advice from the jeweler where we bought our wedding rings, from central Hudson when we got the power turned on in our first apartment. Friends, relatives, strangers. All had advice.

However, the advice that I remember the most was the advice that my mother gave to Lisa.

Mom: Leeza, Ima gonna tell you howa to maka sure Luigi, he’s a happy with you.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Listen. Hesa a very simpla man. He noa wanta a lot.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Hesa nota, how you say, a luxu-ry person.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Thisa is you first lesson ... Maka sure youa usa the Clorox bleach when you washa hisa clothes.

Lisa: Yes ma- ... What?

Mom: Yesa the Clorox. Donta usa the cheap bleach. Cloroxa isa the best. Thisa way when he sweats ina the kitchen ata the restaurant, he always gonna smella nice.

Lisa: OK?

Mom: Number two ... Always usa the Tide soap for the laundry.

Lisa: Yes, Mom?

Mom: I usa the Tide for a longa time. Ita works very nice. Pop, hea lika it.

Lisa: Yes, Mom?

Mom: Finalmenta (Finally). Maka him the pizza de scarole (Escarole pie). Thisa way, his stomacha is a full, his closa are a clean and hesa gonna be happy.

Lisa: Yes, Mom.

Mom: Anda thatrsa it. OK?

Mom’s advice was always simple without a lot of fluff.

To this day, Lisa and I use Clorox Bleach, Tide laundry soap and eat Escarole pie. Thirty-four years of marriage and still happy with each other. Is it the Clorox, Tide and Escarole Pie? After 34 years, why take a chance now?

Please enjoy this recipe for escarole pie. Buon Appetito!

ESCAROLE PIE

Ingredients

For the escarole

2 large heads of escarole, washed.

Wash it right before you cook it.

20 raisins

15 black olives

15-20 pignoli nuts

pinch salt

pinch pepper

5 cloves garlic, diced fine

¼ cup olive oil

For the pie dough

1 ¾ lb. all purpose flour

1 ½ cup water

2 tbsp. olive oil

1 pinch baking powder

1 pinch salt

1 pinch sugar

Method

In a bowl, place all the dry ingredients for the pie crust. Add the water and mix by hand until the dough comes together. Make it into two balls and set aside.

In a large pot, add the olive oil and garlic. Cook on high heat until brown and reduce the heat to medium.

Add escarole and cover. After a few minutes, add remaining ingredients and let simmer on low heat for 20 minutes or until the escarole is tender.

Roll out a dough ball until it is round

and flat. Get a large frying pan (one that can be placed in the oven) and coat the bottom generously with olive oil. Place the dough into the pan, allowing the sides of the frying and hanging outside the pan.

Add the escarole.

Roll out the other dough ball and lay on top of the escarole.

Roll together the bottom dough and the top dough to form a ring around frying pan. Coat the top of the pie dough with olive oil.

Place the pan on Medium heat and “fry” the bottom for about 10 minutes.

Place the pan in the oven at 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes or until the top of the pie is golden brown.

Remove and let rest for 30 minutes. Can be served hot or cold. Cold is better.

Because of the rich flavors, this goes great with red wine.

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

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‘YidLife Crisis’ at the Bardavon Oct. 15

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) will present “YidLife Crisis” on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Get ready to laugh and kvell! Join “YidLife Crisis” comedy duo Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, creators and stars of the award-winning Yiddishish web series “YidLife Crisis” - in the fleisch!

The boychiks from Montreal present an evening of comedy, film, and music reflecting their unique take on the modern Jewish experience. The performance is in English. Appropriate for ages 18* - 118. (*OK, fine, anyone over Bar/Bat Mitzvah).

“YidLife Crisis” is a comedy and Jewish cultural brand created by two friends, Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, wanting to pay homage to the Yiddishkeit in their upbringing and to approach comedy through a Jewish lens.

The event is free. Tickets are available

at the Bardavon and at the Check-Out Desks at the three Library District locations (Adrianne Memorial, Boardman Road Branch, Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch).

This event is produced in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and funded by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

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



Comedy duo Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman from the web series “YidLife Crisis” will appear at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie on Thursday, Oct. 15. Courtesy photo

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE IS LIVE

The first nationwide three-digit mental health crisis hotline is up and running. It is designed to be as easy to remember as 911, but when you dial 988, a dispatcher will connect callers with trained mental health counselors.

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Arts Mid-Hudson, Serino celebrate 'Dutchess County Executive Arts Awards'

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino recently joined with Arts Mid-Hudson to celebrate four decades of recognizing the stars of Dutchess County's amazing arts community with the 40th Anniversary of the "Dutchess County Executive Arts Awards" at the Roundhouse in Beacon.

This year's honorees:

Art in Public Places: Art Day in the Village

Business: Hudson Valley Hospice Music Therapy Team

Artist: Stacey Burgay

Arts Organization: Mid Hudson Discovery Museum

Arts in Education: Nicole Asendorf

ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts: Andre West

Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts: Jonah Sebastian Espinosa

Individual Artist: Rachel Handler

To learn more about the honorees, visit <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/dc-arts-awards>

- Courtesy photo



EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 30:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be painter and illustrator Liliana Washburn. **Through Oct. 20:** At 12 Vassar St. there will be a group exhibition curated by artist Barbara Todd on sustainability entitled "What Comes Back: Renewal and Resilience" in the Reception and Hancock Galleries. The Hancock Gallery and Reception Gallery are open Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but visitors should stop by 9 Vassar St. first or call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. The 12 Vassar St. Galleries are also open during events at the VBI Theatre. More info about the artists at cunneen-hackett.org.

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through January 2027:** "Photo-Design: Persuasion, Critique, Fantasy," exhibition will show visitors how experimental photography techniques have helped envision new possibilities and picture new futures. While photography is often associated with truth and documenting the world as it is, it is arguably more powerful and ubiquitous as a medium of persuasion, critique, and imagination. This exhibition looks at the role of photography throughout the 20th and 21st centuries as a valuable tool for creating, and sometimes selling, a vision of tomorrow. (845) 437-5632 or vassar.edu/theloeb (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 Dec. 6:** Special exhibition, "Declaring the Revolution: America's Printed Path to Independence -- Historical Works from the David M. Rubenstein Americana Collection." Between 1765 and 1783, the 13 American colonies, once separate possessions of Great Britain, strove to become a self-governing, democratic alliance with a shared identity and destiny. This struggle is known as the American Revolution. In the process, 18th-century Americans defended their liberties as citizens, protested their second-class political status, organized economic boycotts, established fighting forces and shadow governments, and affirmed their legal bonds with one another. This was all done through "declarations" of various kinds, which were all expressed through the dominant medium of the time: print. The supreme example of printed democratic aspirations is the Declaration of Independence. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

Hessel Museum of Art, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard), Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through Nov. 29:** "Uman: In Between," a solo exhibition exploring over two decades of creative practice by the painter Uman, marking the pathbreaking artist's most comprehensive survey to date. Featuring more than 100 works, the exhibition will trace the evolution of Uman's prolific painting practice from the intimate portraits she made in the 2000s to the commanding images she creates today, including two new murals developed for the exhibition. <https://ccs.bard.edu/>

The Inn at Bellefield, 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park. **Through February 2027:** An exhibition of acrylic on canvas and framed giclée prints by Jim Bennett, an award-winning visual artist, author, and educator with BFA and MFA degrees and a long record of grants and honors, including the 2022 Millbrook Vineyards and Winery Art in the Loft Winner. More info at www.artsmidhudson.org

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Oct. 17:** "The State We're In," exhibition by Brian Cirimo, June Glasson, Jeff Wigman & Yu Yan. www.millbrooklibrary.org

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook. **Through Nov. 15:** Arts Mid-Hudson and Millbrook Vineyards & Winery Present 2026 Art in the Loft, a juried exhibition and sale of fine art featuring 16 AMH member artists. Wine Label Competition: Visitors are invited to vote for their favorite piece to be featured on an exclusive wine label. www.artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through October:** Morton's Homage to the Fiber Creators, join us to see the community's fiber arts creations. We will have quilts, knitted animals, rugs, handmade garments, knitting, spun wool, felted pieces, and much, much more. Admission is free; art purchases and donations for the library are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Library open hours for exhibition. (845) 876-2903

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through December:** "Circles of Influence: Thomas Cole and the American Landscape Movement," In Thomas Cole's Library Gallery. New exhibition explores the rapid influence that Thomas Cole and his work had on other 19th-century artists, including Susie M. Barstow, Albert Bierstadt, Ralph Albert Blakelock, Frederic Edwin Church, Mary B. Cole, Thomas Cole, Sarah Cole, Jasper Francis Cropsey, Asher B. Durand, John Frederick Kensett, Mary Josephine

Walters, and Worthington Whittredge. **Through December:** "Emily Cole & Valerie Hegarty: LIFE CYCLES" presents a visual dialogue of two craft-based women artists across three centuries: 19th-century artist Emily Cole, daughter of Thomas Cole, and 21st-century artist Valerie Hegarty. The spotlight exhibition juxtaposes more than 30 works of painted porcelain and works on paper by Emily Cole (1843-1913) with a mixed-media installation by Hegarty. The work by Valerie Hegarty was made specifically for the Thomas Cole Site in 2025 and explores the connection between Thomas Cole and Emily Cole and their fascination with cycles of life, while considering Hegarty's own relationship with her mother. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Oct. 16-Nov. 15:** "Marie Cole: Escape Route." Known for her large-scale oil paintings of the Hudson Valley, Jersey Shore, and Cape Cod, Marie Cole works from her studio overlooking the Hudson River in Germantown, capturing the light and changing weather of the Catskills. Her work also encompasses the farmland, fields, and barns of the Hudson Valley. **Opening reception:** Sat., Oct. 17, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave., 2nd floor, Millbrook. **Through Nov. 15:** "Julia Whitney Barnes: Cyanopaintings and the Botanical World," lush botanical paintings, inspired by the 19th-century cyanotype photographic process. Beginning with unique cyanotype prints on watercolor paper, the artist builds richly layered compositions using watercolor, gouache, acrylic, and ink, often incorporating plant species gathered from her Hudson Valley garden. (845) 677-6100 or www.tytegalleries.com

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 25:** "Arcane Bodies." www.womenswork.art

Regional Portfolio Day connects aspiring artists with 40 colleges and art schools

The Art Effect's Art Institute will host Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day on Friday, Oct. 16, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., at MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. This free event brings representatives from 40 colleges, universities, and art schools to Poughkeepsie to connect young artists with college and creative career opportunities.

Students can meet directly with college representatives, receive one-on-one portfolio feedback, and learn about admissions, programs, and college pathways. Participating institutions include Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Parsons School of Design, Pratt Institute, School of Visual Arts (SVA), Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Purchase College SUNY, SUNY New Paltz, Syracuse University,

Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), Cooper Union, and many more. View the full list [here](#).

Students do not need a finished portfolio to participate and are encouraged to attend at any stage of the college planning process.

High school students, families, art educators, guidance counselors, college admissions representatives, and community members from throughout the Hudson Valley and surrounding region are invited to attend.

The event is presented by The Art Effect, a Poughkeepsie-based nonprofit organization that empowers young people to develop their creative voice, shape their futures, and bring about positive social change. To see the full list of participating institutions and more information, visit thearteffect.org/tae-events/portfolio-day.

Cary to lead \$2.3M NSF-funded effort to build global lake ecosystem database

Global Lake Metabolism Repository (GLAMR) will help scientists track lake health, water quality, and climate impacts across more than 300 lakes around the world.

MILLBROOK – With \$2.3 million in funding from the National Science Foundation, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies is leading the creation of the first large-scale public collection of lake metabolism data. The open-access database, called the Global LAke Metabolism Repository (GLAMR), will help scientists better understand trends in lake health across the world. Cary is receiving \$1 million of the award, with the remaining funds supporting project partners at the University of Colorado Boulder, Grand Valley State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“We’re assembling a database of hundreds of millions of observations of water quality from lakes around the globe,” explained Cary aquatic ecologist Christopher Solomon, who leads the effort. “It is going to let us ask questions about lake ecosystems that we haven’t been able to ask before, and improve our understanding of how these systems work.”

Lake metabolism refers to the balance between how much carbon a lake takes up (via photosynthesis in plants and algae), versus how much carbon it releases when its inhabitants break down food into energy and carbon dioxide (known as respiration).

“The processes that we’re quantifying — primary production and respiration — play a huge role in determining the suitability of lakes for a wide variety of human uses, including drinking water, recreation, and fisheries,” said Solomon.

Why lake metabolism matters
The balance of energy into and out of ecosystems fuels food webs, shapes global carbon balances, and powers biogeochemical cycles.

Different ecosystems have different patterns of metabolism over the course of the year. For example, temperate deciduous forests like those in the US Northeast tend to have lots of photosynthesis during the summer, but photosynthesis plummets and respiration dominates during leafless, snowy winters. By contrast, in Mediterranean forests with very different seasonality, photosynthesis remains high-

er than respiration throughout the year and depends more on spring and autumn rains.

These metabolic patterns are well known for the majority of ecosystem types, including forests, grasslands, croplands, and the ocean. But scientists know surprisingly little about the metabolic patterns of lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

“This lack of understanding limits our ability to quantify the role of lakes in the carbon cycle and the earth system in general, or predict how lakes will respond to global change,” said Solomon.

Assembling the repository
GLAMR is bringing together daily metabolism data — including dissolved oxygen, temperature, wind speed, and other variables — from at least 300 lakes all around the planet. Some of the information exists already, but is scattered across hundreds of published and unpublished sources. GLAMR will organize and harmonize these datasets.

“The most challenging part of the project will be building the data infrastructure to pull together hundreds of millions of data points published by hundreds of different researchers,” said Solomon. “We have a great start on this already, thanks to our funding from Cary Institute’s Science Innovation Funds and Grand Valley State University, but it’s a big and ambitious undertaking.”

New data will be collected by collaborators around the world, including many who are affiliated with the Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON), an international grassroots network of scientists, students, educators, policy makers, and citizens who study and monitor lake ecosystems across the world.

“GLAMR is very much an outgrowth of GLEON,” said Cary Institute ecologist Kathleen Weathers, who co-created GLEON and is a GLAMR collaborator. “I’m excited to play a role in guiding and participating in GLAMR’s extension and expansion of networked lake science.”

Weathers will lead a training program for GLEON graduate fellows that guides budding scientists in conducting GLAMR-enabled research. Data in the repository will be published and available to other interested scientists as well.

Once the repository is assembled, Solomon and colleagues will begin analyzing the data to define the various lake metabolism archetypes, understand why they differ in time and space, and predict how they might change in the future.

Public comment period, public hearing on Dutchess County 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development invites public comments on its draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which outlines Dutchess County’s accomplishments for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs for the period July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026.

The draft CAPER is available for public review for a 15-day period that began on Saturday, Oct. 10, and will run to Sunday, Oct. 25. The draft CAPER is available on the County’s website, www.dutchessny.gov, and during normal business hours at DCDPD, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107, Poughkeepsie.

A public hearing will be held in-person and virtually on:

Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m.
Dutchess County Planning and Development

85 Civic Center Plaza; Suite 107; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Virtual Link: <https://bit.ly/4wK7gDk>

Written comments and questions may be directed to Gail Padalino, Community Development Administrator via mail (at the above address), email to community-grants@dutchessny.gov, or phone at 845-486-3600. All comments will be considered and included in the final Report as appropriate, which will be forwarded to HUD on or about Monday, Oct. 27.

Bardavon unveils plaques honoring three retired leaders



Mark V. Dennis (right), CPA, Trustee of The Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust, joins (from left) retired Bardavon Presents leaders Chris Silva, AnnMarie Faust, and Stephen LaMarca following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House on Sept. 30. *Courtesy photo*

Bardavon Presents unveiled commemorative plaques at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie and the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston on Sept. 30, honoring three longtime leaders whose careers helped shape the organization for more than three decades.

The plaques recognize Chris Silva, Executive Director (1994-2024); AnnMarie Faust, Managing Director of Administration and Finance (1995-2024); and Stephen LaMarca, Managing Director of Theatre Production (1983-2024), all of whom retired in 2024.

Together, Silva, Faust, and LaMarca guided a period of significant organizational growth that included the preserva-

tion of two historic theaters, major capital improvements, expanded arts education and community programs, and the development of Bardavon Presents into one of the Hudson Valley’s leading nonprofit cultural organizations.

The plaques were dedicated by Mark V. Dennis, CPA, Trustee of The Evelyn M. Davies Charitable Trust, which also established a matching grant in honor of the three retirees. The campaign generated \$126,000 through a dollar-for-dollar match of \$63,000 in contributions.

Dennis joined Silva, Faust, and LaMarca for the unveiling ceremony at the Bardavon on Sept. 30. Identical plaques are now permanently installed at both venues.

‘Man of La Mancha, The Musical’ to open Nov. 6 in Copake

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Copake, will present “Man of La Mancha,” the beloved Broadway classic musical being presented with a live 16-piece orchestra. “Man of La Mancha” runs for two weekends only, Nov. 6-8 and 13-15.

“Man of La Mancha” is one of the world’s most popular musicals. Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes’ 17th-century masterwork “Don Quixote” and set during the Spanish Inquisition, the original 1965 production won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Cervantes is in prison awaiting trial during the Spanish Inquisition. He and his fellow prisoners perform a play-within-a-play, telling the story of the elderly Alonso Quijana, who renames himself “Don Quixote” and goes on a quest to right all wrongs in the world. The rousing, Spanish-inflected score includes the classic numbers “The Impossible Dream,” “I, Don Quixote,” “Dulcinea,” “I Really Like Him” and “Little Bird.”

“Man of La Mancha” features Mark Leinung in the title role of Don Quixote, Keith Allerton as his manservant Sancho, Connie Lopez as Aldonza, Mason Lowe as the Inn Keeper, Karissa Payson as Antonia, Cyndi Miller as the Housekeeper, Zach Nayer as the Padre, Zach Wobensmith as Dr. Carrasco, Matt Leinung as Pedro and the Barber, Brandon Macey as Anselmo, Diane Barkstrom as the Gypsy Dancer, Fran Martino as a Muleteer and Knight Attendant, and John Peterson as the Captain.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. The comfortable and accessible Theater at the Copake Grange is located at the Copake Grange Hall, at 628 Empire Road in Copake, right around the corner from the clocktower in the center of town. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students & seniors. Call for Group Rates.

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Destination Dutchess earns three NYS tourism excellence awards

Destination Dutchess, the officially designated destination marketing and management organization (DMO) for Dutchess County, has been honored with three 2026 New York State Tourism Excellence Awards by the New York State Tourism Industry Association (NYSTIA). Presented Sept. 17 at the 2026 New York State Tourism Excellence Awards & Summit in Corning, they recognize the non-profit's innovative marketing initiatives that connect visitors with Dutchess County's history, agriculture and craft beverage experiences.

These three bring Destination Dutchess' total to 12 New York State Tourism Excellence Awards in four years across seven different categories, including recognition for Overall Tourism Marketing in 2023 and 2026. The wins reflect the organization's continued investment in strategic, forward-thinking marketing and program development designed to boost tourism, visitor spending and strengthen the county's economy.

FourthIdea, Destination Dutchess' advertising agency of record and a key creative partner, has been instrumental in developing the creative and marketing strategies behind these award-winning projects. They also solidify Destination Dutchess' role as an industry thought leader with staff annually invited to share best practices at Summit workshops and other state and international conferences.

"The Tourism Excellence Awards are about much more than this very well-deserved recognition for our team," said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess. "They demonstrate what's possible when tourism investment in development and promotion is paired with inspiration, impactful partnerships and a clear, data-driven understanding of what entices people to travel."

She added, "Our work delivers for Dutchess in a big way – not only for our hospitality and tourism-related attractions, but for all those small businesses who support them, the people they employ, and for our residents who benefit from increased amenities and a reduced tax burden to the tune of \$875 per household."

"The continued success of Dutchess County's tourism industry is an important part of maintaining the economic stability and quality of life for county residents," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. "The work done by Melaine and her team at Destination Dutchess plays an important role in bringing visitors and their travel dollars to our communities. We're so proud of the way they showcase Dutchess County as a great place to live, work, play and invest."

The winning projects include:

- **Destination Dutchess Rev250** - Excellence in Tourism Marketing Campaigns, Projects & Programs: Overall Tourism Marketing. Destination Dutchess Rev250 is a multiyear tourism initiative celebrating Dutchess County's significant role in the American Revolution and the nation's 250th anniversary. Funded by a special grant from county government, the program brings Revolutionary-era stories to life through immersive technology, craft beverages, events, itineraries, partnerships and other experiences, creating new ways for residents and visitors to connect with the county's history.

- **Commander in Cheers Beers** - Excellence in Tourism Marketing Campaigns, Projects & Programs: Digital Marketing Campaign. As a part of its Rev250 initiative, Destination Dutchess connected craft brewing with Revolutionary history through four limited-edition beers in collectible cans, digital storytelling and content collaborations. Program partners included the Culinary Institute of America, Mill House, King's Court and Zeus brewing companies. The campaign was also featured in a Best Practice Workshop presented by Manager of Digital Media Strategy & Content Raphael Beretta, who shared the project with tourism professionals from across New York State.

- **Destination Dutchess Farm Finder** - Excellence in Tourism Marketing Campaigns, Projects & Programs: The Great Outdoors of New York State. The Farm Finder transformed a traditional farm directory into an experience-first guide showcasing agritourism activities throughout Dutchess County. President & CEO Melaine Rottkamp and Senior Director of Marketing & Communications Kristina Mukherjee presented the approach, sharing lessons for destinations looking to rethink traditional print marketing.

The award-winning projects were made possible through strong collaboration with creative partners, local businesses and historical experts. FourthIdea, Destination Dutchess' advertising agency of record, was instrumental in the creative development of the Commander in Cheers brand and augmented reality component, as well as the Rev250 logo. Dutchess County Historian William helped ensure the stories and experiences accurately reflected the county's Revolutionary history in all Rev250 programming and promotion. Craft beverage producers, farms and other destination partners also played an important role in bringing these programs to life and creating experiences that visitors can enjoy throughout Dutchess County.

Top prizes awarded at PV Library chess tourney



Winners of the Second Annual Pleasant Valley Library Fall Classic Chess Tournament are, from left, Nathaniel Clizbe of Stanfordville (3rd place), Steve Diaz of Hyde Park (1st place), and Dean Tichy of Walden (2nd place). Photo by Raymond Wehrli

The Second Annual Pleasant Valley Library Fall Classic Chess Tournament was held on Saturday, Oct. 3. It was a Swiss System Event, meaning all participants played every round, whether they won or lost. There were 16 players who came from all over the Mid-Hudson Valley, from Walden to Kingston to Millerton and beyond. There were trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as well as chess-themed souvenirs. There were pens, key holders and stickers for all participants. Also coffee, donuts and water and other refreshments.

The winner with a perfect 4-0 score was Steve Diaz from Hyde Park. Second place was determined by tiebreaks and a blitz (G/5) game between Dean Tichy from Walden and Nathaniel Clizbe from Stanfordville. Both had 3-1 scores. Dean won the blitz game and took 2nd. Nathaniel took the 3rd place trophy.

Thanks to Linda Hanlon, the Library event coordinator, and to Daniela Pulice, the Library director, for helping make the event a success. Robert Wehrli and Dean Tichy were the tournament directors.

HYDE PARK CSD TO HOLD PLAYGROUND GROUNDBREAKING & RIBBON CUTTING ON OCT. 22

Hyde Park Central School District was awarded \$439,178.80 to fully replace the Fun Forest playground at Hyde Park Elementary School through a NY PLAYS grant.

The official groundbreaking will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 6 p.m. Open to the public, the district will also host a ribbon cutting for its Community Schools Family Resource Center, also located at Hyde Park Elementary.

The Community Schools Family Resource Center serves as a one-stop location for Hyde Park CSD families, providing student registration, food and clothing pantries, enriching educational and wellness services, and access to the Special Education Department.

Hyde Park Elementary welcomes a steady stream of community members daily, from Abilities First pre-K students to families visiting the district registration office and Family Resource Center. The incoming playground will remain accessible to Hyde Park children during non-school hours and weekends.

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Public invited to share ideas on future of new 'Brickyard BOA' in Town of Poughkeepsie

The Town of Poughkeepsie will host a public workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overocker Road, to seek public input about the future of the Brickyard Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA), located on and around the former Kmart site on Burnett Boulevard and Tucker Drive along Route 44 (Dutchess

Turnpike). There will be a brief presentation about the process and findings so far, followed by opportunities for discussion and public engagement. More information is available at the project website, www.brickyardboa.com. Members of the public can also complete an online survey at the site.

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This week, we’re learning a fun new word: Murmuration.

It applies specifically to the ever-changing patterns in the sky made by huge flocks of starlings. In smaller groups, starlings are a pest. They monopolize bird feeders, make messes on cars and porches, and behave like the invasive species they are.

But in flocks of thousands, starlings form murmurations. Around here, it happens most often when starlings migrate in the late summer and fall. A murmuration is how starlings dodge and confuse a nearby predator, usually a bird of prey. Ornithologists recently determined how so many starlings can move seemingly in unison but at random, without crashing into each other. They found that each starling communicates changes in movement instantaneously with seven nearby starlings, and from there with every other starling in the flock.

This is where we aging humans come in.

If you’ve ever played a game of “telephone,” you know that information passed along a line of people can become a mess after just a few pass-alongs. Starlings don’t seem to have this problem. Still, humans and starlings are both highly social species, both using the concept of strength in numbers to thrive.

Find your ‘nearby starlings’

As you read each OFA newsletter, note what you’re learning from it, and share it with friends, family, and caregivers. Pick seven, like the starlings do. If they each share your new knowledge with seven others, that’s 49 more people who now know something about OFA that they didn’t know before. Another round of sharing gets us to 343 people who are now more well-informed about OFA’s services. Theoretically, all 80,000 of

Dutchess County’s older adults could be covered in just three more rounds of sharing.

Even in an era with dizzying communication options, word-of-mouth remains a preferred option for older adults. And if the message gets muddled along the way, simply reaching out to OFA can help clarify things.

Since we’re on the topic of starlings and it’s getting close to bird-feeding season, here’s a tip from birding enthusiasts: If you’re trying to keep starlings away from your feeders, along with other “bully birds” like grackles, then safflower seed is a good choice.

OFA Senior Prom registration now closed

Over 420 Dutchess County older adults will join us at our annual Senior Prom on Monday, Oct. 19.

Couldn’t make it this year? Keep reading to find out about more great OFA events...

Fall 2026 THRIVE60+ now available

Read the latest issue at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department/s/Aging/Docs/ThriveFall26.pdf>. For our readers who prefer the print version of THRIVE60+, we’ll distribute those later this month to public libraries throughout Dutchess County, as well as to those on our postal mailing list.

If you’re a print subscriber who needs to change your mailing address, switch to the emailed version, or cancel your subscription, reach out to bjones@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2555.

The latest issue of our annual Medicare Spotlight is also available, at [dutchessny.gov/medicarehighlight](https://www.dutchessny.gov/medicarehighlight).

‘Mix and Mingle’ registration now open (thu 11/5)

OFA is partnering with County Executive Sue Serino to offer another

“Mix & Mingle” event, this time bringing the fun to northern Dutchess County! Since the first “Mix and Mingle” event in May was such a hit, we’re hosting a fall edition at the Pavilion at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck (34 Brookmeade Dr.).

Join us for autumnal mocktails, games, and - of course - mingling. This event is for Dutchess County residents 60+, so please register today by calling us at 845-486-2555 during business hours.

Citizens Preparedness Training (Mon 11/9)

Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County, Dutchess County Office for the Aging and the Town of Fishkill invite Dutchess County residents over age 60 (and their caregivers) to participate in Citizens Preparedness Training on Monday, Nov. 9. Doors Open at 1 p.m., and the program begins at 1:30 p.m., at Fishkill Town Recreation Department 793 NY 52, Fishkill.

- Acquire the tools and resources to better prepare for any type of disaster;
- Learn how to respond accordingly in a disaster, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions;

Each household will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Starter Kit. The event is FREE and open to the public, but space is limited. Preparedness kits are limited to one per household, while supplies last.

Please register in advance by calling the Office for the Aging during business hours: 845-486-2555

‘Friendly Calls’ orientations – new dates added

Interested in becoming an OFA “Friendly Calls” volunteer caller? We have a volunteer orientation opportunity available at the OFA main office at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie:

Monday, October 26th – 10am
(NEW) Monday, November 9th or 16th – 10am

To reserve your seat, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

More upcoming OFA events

To register for any of the events below, contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 unless a different contact method is indicated.

October:
(Thursday) 15th – Navigating Medicare, Boardman Road Library, 141

Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie (call 845-485-3440 x3380, 9:30am
(Thursday) 15th – at Affordability Fair, Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 244 Boardman Rd., 5-7pm (Registration not needed)
(Tuesday) 20th – OFA Mobile Office Hours, Admiral Halsey Senior Village, 135 Main St., Poughkeepsie, 1-3 pm
(Wednesday) 21st – Navigating Medicare, Poughkeepsie Galleria Community Room, 10 am
(Wednesday) 21st – Navigating Medicare, Stanford Free Library (6035 NY 82, Stanfordville), 2pm – call the library at 845-868-1341
(Thursday) 22nd – OFA Mobile Office Hours, Beacon OFA Friendship Center, 1 Forrester Heights, 9:30a-noon
(Thursday) 22nd – OFA Mobile Office Hours, Wappingers Town Hall, 1-4p
(Friday) 23rd – Navigating Medicare, Millbrook Library (3 Friendly Ln.), 3:00pm (845-677-3611)
(Monday) 26th – OFA Mobile Office Hours, East Fishkill OFA Friendship Center, 890 NY 82, Hopewell Junction, 9-11 am
(Thursday) 29th – OFA Mobile Office Hours, Amenia Library, 3309 NY 343, Amenia, 12-3 pm
November:
(Monday) 9th – Navigating Medicare, Adriance Library, 93 Market St., Poughkeepsie (parking on Noxon St.) – 845-485-3445 x3380
(Tuesday) 10th – OFA Mobile Office Hours, Clinton Library, 1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck, 10a – 2p
(Wednesday) 11th – Navigating Medicare, Starr Library, Rhinebeck, 4pm (NOTE: OFA is closed for Veterans Day on the 11th but the library is OPEN)
(Thursday) 12th – Caregiving Workshop, with AARP New York and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, East Fishkill OFA Friendship Center, 890 NY 82, Hopewell Junction, 10:30am. Use this link to sign up, or call AARP at 518-447-6711.
See www.dutchessny.gov/calendar for a full listing of all Dutchess County Government events.

And the Bad Joke:

Q: What do you call an international traveler that always stays in a corner?
A: A stamp.

2026 JEWEL GEISSINGER RATZLAFF KEYNOTE LECTURE

THOMAS WERMUTH

Author of *Fire and Freedom: The American Revolution in New York*

Saturday, October 17, 2:30-4:30 pm,
Boardman Road Branch Library
(141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie)



Dr. Thomas Wermuth’s *Fire and Freedom* presents lesser-known New York-centered Revolutionary War stories; it explores how state power reshaped loyalty, and how Indigenous and enslaved people influenced postwar New York. Dr. Wermuth is the Co-Founder & Director, Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist University.



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Hudson Valley researcher examines ‘Playing with Emotion’ for study

Hudson Valley researcher and Bradley University graduate student Victoria Alexeev is recruiting adults for “Playing with Emotion,” an online experimental study examining how specific elements of video games may affect short-term emotional responses.

Alexeev notes that video games have had a complicated history with mental health, and as games have become a larger part of everyday life, questions about their effects on mental health continue to generate public concern and scientific debate. Social scientists believe better research can help consumers, parents, gamers, and clinicians understand how gameplay may affect emotion, behavior, and mental health.

Existing research tends to treat video games as a broad category. Alexeev’s research takes a more specific approach by examining what happens when individual elements of game-play are studied separately. Different game systems ask players to make decisions, respond to challenges, interact with information, and engage with a game in different ways. Playing with Emotion tests whether those differences are associated with measurable changes in how players feel during play.

Participants complete three short game

levels containing different activities and answer brief questions about their emotional state throughout the experience. The study also records game-play data related to how participants interact with the game.

Participation takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes and can be completed online using a desktop computer, laptop, or mobile device. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have basic English proficiency. Individuals with photosensitive epilepsy, seizure disorders, or severe motion sickness are not eligible to participate.

Alexeev is a graduate researcher in Bradley University’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling program and founder of VGTx, or Video Game Therapy, a research initiative examining how video games, game mechanics, and interactive systems affect emotion, cognition, behavior, and mental health.

Playing with Emotion has been reviewed and approved by Bradley University’s Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research, Study #I-2026-031-BU.

Adults interested in participating can visit PlayingWithEmotion.com to learn more and begin the study.