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American Legion
in Rhinebeck seeks
funding after fire

By Kate Goldsmith

Commander John Imperato of American Legion Post 429 in Rhinebeck recently sent out a call for support following what he called a “devastating fire” in the post’s building. A GoFundMe campaign is under way, with a goal of \$25,000.

In an open letter to the community, Imperato said, “The fire began upstairs, causing extensive damage, including to our canteen and banquet hall. Unfortunately, when we submitted our insurance claim, it was denied. We now have attorneys working on this matter, and we remain hopeful for a positive outcome.”

American Legion Post 429 supports veterans in Rhinebeck and the surrounding areas.

“We are also deeply committed to our community – supporting organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, auxiliaries, fishing clubs, and many others who turn to us for assistance,” Imperato wrote. “In addition, our banquet hall has long been available to the public, helping us cover expenses while serving as a gathering place for the community.”

He added: “Now the tables have turned, and we are the ones in need.”

The immediate goal is to reopen the canteen and ballroom so the post can begin generating revenue and covering ongoing expenses, Imperato said. Phase 2 involves completing the repairs that would allow the post to fully restore the building.

To donate, visit GoFundMe.com and search for “Join Us In Rebuilding Rhinebeck American Legion After Fire.”

Creative sheep community connects
with ever-growing ‘herd’ of followers

By Morgan E. Maier

Anne Juerss never expected to get into sheep. Always a horse person, she was drawn to the equine species that require passion, much like the woolen flocks that reside at Bield Farm.

It all began with their children in 4-H. Juerss and her husband, Peter, became absorbed, as one easily might from the first time they laid their hands on a sheep. Clinton Corners has been home to Bield Farm’s flock, horn to hoof, for the last 14 years.

**NYS Sheep and Wool Festival
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“Bield” comes from an old English word meaning shelter. It refers to the stone walls in fields that don’t lead or connect to anything, but are ideal for sheep to seek cover. In the years since Bield Farms first came up, they’ve sought shelter in their community.

They found it in droves. Fellow flock leaders, fleece mills, veterinarians, and shearers, among others, have in their own way helped Bield Farm navigate this world of sheep.

With that community, grew a passion of Anne’s: creating felted rugs made of the fleece on sheep that roam Bield

Farm’s rolling hills.

Juerss is admittedly unsavvy in knitting or crocheting. Needle felting brings a happy medium, especially for the animals.

“We don’t do pelts. The sheep would prefer to keep their skin,” Juerss said.

After felting by hand for years, the needling machine has taken Anne’s rugs up a notch. It’s no less a labor of love. A rug can take a month from start to finish, and no two are the same. They are much like sheep, the predictably unpredictable animal.

When dealing with the bouncy-wooled Cheviot or rough Herdwick, as with crafting, one must get creative in their promotion. Thousands flock yearly to the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. The majority are farms with larger, more established flocks than Bield’s Shetlands, Cheviots, and the

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Anne Juerss holds two Herdwick lambs on her family's Bield Farm in Clinton Corners. The lambs were born in May and their fleece will change color as they mature. Sheep farmers, wool and yarn enthusiasts and many more will gather at this weekend's NYS Sheep and Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Grace Church to dedicate new
stained glass windows Oct. 25

Submitted by
Pamela Freeman



The stories of three remarkable Christians – Charles “Buddy” Johnson, Julian of Norwich and Eleanor Roosevelt – are portrayed in radiant colored light in newly installed windows at Grace Church in Millbrook. A dedication service will take place Oct. 25. *Courtesy photo*

The windows of a church serve more than to let in light. They also very often tell inspiring stories of courage, faith and righteousness. Three such stories of remarkable Christians – Charles “Buddy” Johnson, Julian of Norwich and Eleanor Roosevelt – are portrayed in radiant colored light in newly installed windows at Grace Church in Millbrook. These beautiful works of art and faith will be dedicated by Episcopal Bishops Douglas Fisher and Alan Shin in a service on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.

Members and representatives of the Johnson and Roosevelt families will be present, as well as local veterans and members of the community. The service will be led by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector of Grace Church.

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.gracemillbrook.org for more information.

On the left of the triptych is Charles R. Johnson, carrying on his shoulder another local man, Don Dingee. The scene is the night of June 11-12, 1953,

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Northern Dutchess Hospital in spotlight as 'Pinkfest' kicks off Breast Cancer Awareness



Clockwise from top left, Breast surgeon Dr. Lisa Curcio of Northern Dutchess Hospital raises her arms to cheer the crowd, telling breast cancer survivors "You are our reason for fighting. You are our reason for celebrating." Members of the Infusion Team include, from left, Jennifer Coutant, Dariela Tavarez and Kim Fortunato. The Welcome Center at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds was decorated with pink ribbons. The "Tom Prettys" band provided the music. Adele Corvin is adorned in a pink necklace. NDH president Dr. Andy Wilson speaks. James Rusk and daughter Amelia have fun at the event. Clarence Cary provides pink cotton candy. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



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Creative sheep community connects with every-growing ‘herd’ of followers

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Left: Anne Jueress feels the fleece of Plonk, a Border Cheviot ewe. Cheviots are considered a "dual purpose" breed, meaning they are used for their meat and fleece. Above: Jueress illustrates a bag of fleece. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

newest crop of Herdwicks.

This year, the festival comes to town October 18-19. Jueress will be spinning up another theme; visitors will just have to wait and see.

Most people are pleasantly surprised by the soothing softness of a sheep. Others find themselves equally charmed by the annual displays within Bield’s stalls.

“Many people haven’t touched a sheep in their lives, so for them it’s literally a hands-on experience. And actually, the sheep do appreciate it!” added Jueress.

Last year’s ‘Woolympics’ theme featured spandex-clad stuffed sheep, woolen rings up above. People ate it up. The extra time spent soaking in the displays means more eyes on the smaller farms, for longer.

“People stopped and looked, and they

continued looking at the other sheep, not just our sheep. It caught their attention and it kept them in the barn,” said Jueress.

Marketing for the sheep-crazy masses is something Jueress enjoys putting on every year. Her sheep have graced commercials and live television — and they’ve not gone Hollywood, her flock is just as happy to graze in Clinton Corners.

Fourteen years into its ovine odyssey, Bield Farm is still relatively new to the game. Anne and Peter are developing new and different uses for the fleece every day. Anne credits Peter with his ingenuity, patience, and support for the growth—including the years she pleaded her case for a needle felting machine (and got it!). Every season, they are pushing the limits of what fleece can do, and showing the world how tough sheep can be.

From workshops & demos to parades & sales, Sheep & Wool Festival is a hub of activity

By Morgan E. Maier

A sheep can store memories of faces and places its rectangular pupils have seen for two years. Hundreds will soon scan the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, as the New York State Sheep & Wool Festival celebrates its 45th annual ovine extravaganza.

During the October 18-19 festivities, Rhinebeck can expect people and sheep alike from all over the world. For one weekend a year, wool spinning demos and sheep-inspired dance theater are the norm at 6550 Spring Brook Avenue.

Want to spin a cozy sweater fit for Northeast winter? The Sheep & Wool Festival has a full schedule for all ages, from basket-weaving workshops to shearing exhibitions, llama parades, there will be fiber art demos and much more. They’ll be pulling out all the stops, and the spools. The festival annually features an assortment of vendors with yarn, sweaters, rugs, and more handmade beauties straight from the woolen source. There will be plenty of food options and vendors available, plus lamb and livestock sales for the winter stockpiles.

The Sheep and Wool Festival casts a cozy spotlight for prospective buyers and wool enthusiasts alike. It acts as a hub for information, similar to early editions of the festival. In the 1980s, it was born as Dutchess County’s resident ewe sale. It’s since become a global gathering of the savviest sheep shoppers. The Sheep and Wool Festival calls to all from Hudson Valley farms to Vermont, Japan and all

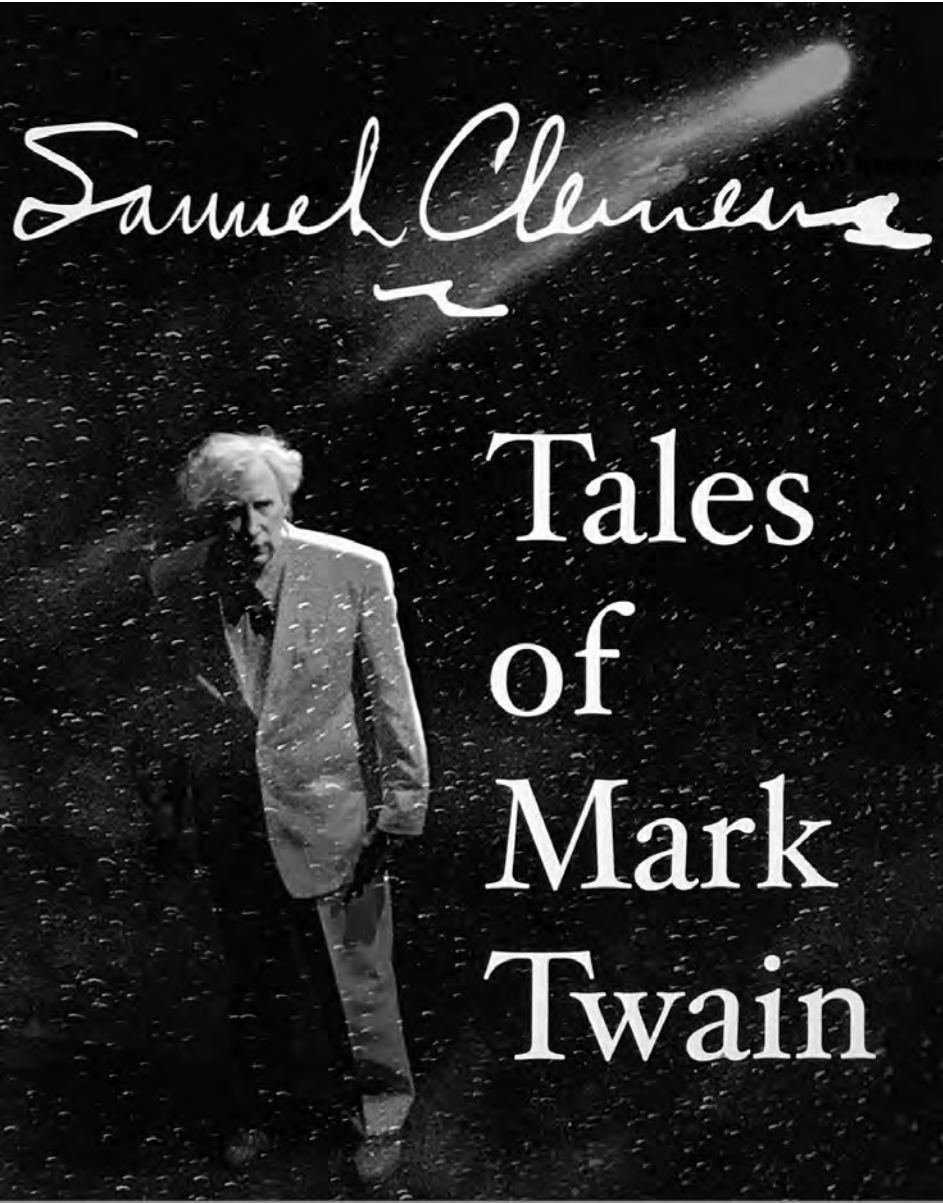
the lands in between.

For some folks, it is a yearly means of showcasing woolen works of art. Others are enrolling their flock in sheep shows, attending breed talks, or prepping for fleece sales and equipment auctions. Prospective buyers and fledgling farm owners can see firsthand the breeds they’ve heard of, while they get a hand on lesser-known breeds. Committed buyers can get a look at the popular breeds that have come up in their herding research. Sheep and farmers alike welcome the opportunity to get hands and eyes on smaller-sized flocks.

Each hoof and foot roaming the fairgrounds is assembling this community built on hard work. Growing a flock from individuals with their own flocks is no small task. The festival is a grand success because it beckons to people from all corners of life, for one October weekend. For the festival committee, a volunteer brigade dedicated to promoting such livestock events in the county, the weekend is a culmination of an entire year of planning.

“Without their work, I’d have all these sheep and nowhere to bring them,” said Bield Farm’s Anne Jueress, who represents Clinton Corners with Cheviot and Shetland displays that make a yearly festival highlight.

Go on, meet the sheep. Touch them, but be warned. The coats are softer and more soothing than they appear. The sheep will enjoy the scratches and massages and they’ll remember you came.



Saturday, October 25 7:30pm
Sunday, October 26 2:00pm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News. Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

Judge McLoughlin shows steady leadership

To the editor:
I'm proud to support Judge Ned McLoughlin for Dutchess County Court. Judge McLoughlin has shown the kind of fairness, integrity and professionalism that our community deserves on the bench. He treats every person who enters his courtroom with respect, follows the law and makes decisions that reflect both justice and common sense.
His record shows a deep commitment to public service and to keeping Dutchess County a safe and fair place for all. Judge McLoughlin's experience and steady leadership make him the right choice to continue serving on the County Court.
I encourage everyone to vote to re-elect Judge Ned McLoughlin this November.

Christine Selback
Hopewell Junction

Why assisting American Legion Post 429 matters

To the editor:
On Sept. 8, the American Legion Post 429 in Rhinebeck suffered significant fire damage to its historic building. As the Post works to repair and restore its operations, let's rally around them and provide support.
For years, Post 429 has been a cornerstone of the community, fostering patriotism, respect for service, and support for local organizations. It's also been a beloved venue for countless celebrations and events. As we approach Veterans Appreciation Month in November, let's seize this opportunity to give back to

the veterans who have given so much to our country and community. By actively supporting Post 429, we can turn this setback into a chance for growth and renewal. Let's lead by an example the children follow! Donations can be made via [gofundme](https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-rhinebeckveterans-legion-post-from-fire) at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-rhinebeckveterans-legion-post-from-fire>.
Virgil Capollari
Town of Fishkill

Judge McLoughlin makes Dutchess County safe for all

To the editor:
I'm supporting Judge Ned McLoughlin for Dutchess County Court because he's dedicated to keeping our communities safe. Judge McLoughlin has a strong record of holding criminals accountable, ensuring that those who break the law face real consequences.
At the same time, he understands that lasting public safety also means addressing the root causes of crime. Judge McLoughlin supports treatment and recovery programs for those battling addiction, helping people get back on track and reducing repeat offenses.
His balanced approach — firm on crime, fair in judgment — makes Dutchess County a safer, stronger place for all of us. Please join me in voting to re-elect Judge Ned McLoughlin this November.
Marko Peratikos
Town of Wappinger

POLITICAL LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Deadlines for ads and letters are always the Friday prior to the Wednesday on which you want their letter to run. All papers are published on Wednesdays.
Please note - We will NOT accept negative letters (criticizing opponents) on the final publication date prior to the election.
Letters must be 300 words or less and must include the phone number of the writer for verification purposes (we will not publish phone numbers).

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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News.

Grace Church to dedicate new stained glass windows Oct. 25

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during the ferocious battle for Outpost Harry in the Korean War. Johnson not only brought Dingee to safety but saved at least eight others as well. As his Medal of Honor citation reads: “with disregard for his personal safety, he exited the bunker, placing himself between the enemy and his injured comrades, and told them he would hold off the enemy forces as best as he could.”
His body was found the next day and he was laid to rest in Nine Partners Cemetery after a service at Grace Church on August 13, 1953. The headstone reads “greater love hath no man that to give up

his life for another.” The stained glass window in his memory will have the same subscription. But at the top of the window will be a picture of the Medal of Honor, which President Biden awarded Johnson posthumously, after a long campaign for recognition of his valor on January 6, 2025.

On the right is Eleanor Roosevelt, formidable First Lady, renowned writer and speaker, advocate of civil rights and racial justice. She was raised – a difficult childhood – mostly in Tivoli but lived her adult life with FDR in Hyde Park and in later years in her own home, ValKill. The Roosevelts were members of St James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park – FDR served for many years there as warden.
Eleanor is honored particularly in this portrait for her great work of chairing the UN Commission that drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ratified on December 10, 1948. This is a foundational text of the struggle for universal human and civil rights, and is built on the great biblical cornerstone of the equality of all people as made in the image of God. the inscription at the base of her window reads, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
The figure in the middle is Dame Julian of Norwich, whose account of her mystical visions, “Revelations of Divine Love,” are the earliest surviving English language works by a woman. One short account was written shortly after her near death illness in May 1373 when she was

thirty years old. Later on, while living as an anchoress in a small room attached to a church, she composed her longer version.
She was considered a spiritual authority within her community and her works reveal a profound faith in the goodness of God and the world despite the extraordinary travails of her time and place. Her images of the maternal love of God and Christ resonant today, and her faith in the triumph of God's love and mercy over sin and evil is summed up in the words she hears Jesus saying to her, “All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well” – words inscribed at the base of her window.

Chris Duke, an award-winning fine artist and illustrator, did the drawings, working with the rector of Grace Church, the Rev. Matthew Calkins. Chris, now living in Virginia, was previously a member of Grace Church and is passionate about this project of bringing new windows into conversation with the other treasured windows there, including the celebrated Resurrection window by Maitland Armstrong that was recently restored. A person of deep faith, Chris writes in her artist's statement, “Holy is the sacred mystery of life that is somehow, sometimes captured in an image.”
Beyer Studio of Philadelphia has translated the drawings into colored glass. They have well deserved reputation for both new work and restorations. Brianne Van Vorst, principal of Liberty Stained Glass Conservation is providing expert technical and artistic advice.

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Early voting starts Oct. 25

Rhinebeck Rotary Club to host listening workshop

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Early voting for the Nov. 4 General Election begins on Saturday, Oct. 25, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 2. (In-person early voting is not available on Nov. 3, the day before the Election Day.) Dutchess County voters may visit any early voting site in the county. Please be aware that your typical poll site is likely closed for early voting.

- 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

- Schedule**
- Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Monday, Oct. 27, noon-8 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 29, noon-8 p.m.
 - Thursday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Friday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Sunday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Poll inspectors wanted

The Dutchess County Board of Elections is seeking civic-minded individuals to serve as poll inspectors for Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. “Poll inspectors are essential to running smooth elections and helping voters have a positive experience—it’s very rewarding work,” said Democratic Commissioner Lisa Jessup.

Poll inspectors work a full day from 5 a.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. and receive \$300 compensation for their service. Duties include signing in voters, issuing ballots, overseeing voting machines, and assisting voters throughout the day. Each polling site is staffed by bipartisan teams to ensure a fair and transparent process.

To be eligible, individuals must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter in

Dutchess County, and must complete a paid training session in advance of the election.

“Election Day workers are the front line of our democratic process, ensuring a free and fair election,” said Republican Commissioner Erik Haight. “I implore anyone willing and able to do their civic duty to reach out to us for training and an assignment at a polling location near their home.”

Interested residents are encouraged to contact:

- Araina Hutchings, Democratic Inspector Coordinator: 845-486-2721
- Gino Coppola, Republican Inspector Coordinator: 845-486-2724

Join the effort to protect democracy – become a poll inspector this Election Day.

Dutchess County awards \$100K to local organizations for food assistance

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino has announced that \$100,000 has been awarded through the 2025 Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure program for four organizations providing food assistance to those struggling to afford food or experiencing homelessness. These projects complement Dutchess County’s ongoing efforts to combat food insecurity.

Serino said, “Every day, local groups are helping to make sure that our neighbors in need have enough to eat. This is a critical need in our community and Dutchess County is proud to offer these recipients the funding that helps them keep doing their great work and reach even more people who need assistance.”

The \$100,000 APG: Infrastructure program funding was dedicated for food assistance programs through a Dutchess County Legislature amendment to the 2025 County Budget. Eligible applicants were non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation whose primary mission is to serve food to those experiencing homelessness or provide food to those in need of food assistance, i.e., food pantries, throughout Dutchess County.

Assistant Minority Leader Barrington Atkins said, “I was proud to introduce this crucial amendment to the County budget, ensuring support for the local organizations that work tirelessly every day to feed our neighbors. This grant program will provide them with the tools and

resources needed to expand their impact and continue showing up for the people who rely on them, and I’m grateful to have had the full support of my fellow legislators in making it happen.”

Projects funded through the 2025 Agency Partner Grant: Infrastructure Grant Program include:

- Dutchess Outreach, Inc.; City of Poughkeepsie, \$42,000 – Purchase of commercial-grade kitchen equipment to support meal preparation, storage, and service for the agency’s Lunch Box community meal program and food pantry.
- Mental Health America of Dutchess County; City of Poughkeepsie, \$25,000 – Purchase of kitchen equipment to upgrade and expand the agency’s veterans’ food pantry, including a commercial freezer and refrigerator; grab-and-go coolers; shelving units and cabinetry.
- North East Community Center, Inc.; Millerton, \$15,000 – Purchase of equipment to enhance food storage and organization at the agency’s food pantry, including upright freezers; mobile display freezers; grab-and-go coolers; shelving units and mobile basket stands.
- Pawling Resource Center; Pawling, \$18,000 – Purchase of a convertible refrigerator/freezer and shelving systems for the agency’s food pantry.

Learn more about the Agency Partner Grant program, visit the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development’s webpage.

The Rhinebeck Rotary Club will be host a public workshop called “Connecting IRL (In Real Life): Deep Listening Skills for Our Digital Age” on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Starr Library, 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck.

The event, say organizers Mimi Joh-Carnella, John Carnella and Marybeth Cale, is designed to address loneliness in the digital age.

Marketing materials for the workshop include the following: “Most of us feel it. Most of us worry about it. We hunger for ways to build connection with others, but somehow have fallen out of practice. Our Rhinebeck Rotary-sponsored workshop, Connecting IRL, will help attendees learn practical, easy methods to connect with neighbors, family members, and even romantic partners. The workshop will teach some simple methods that can help forge more meaningful connections - through the power of deep listening and pro-active questioning.”

Leading the workshop will be facilitator Martha Little, who previously ran a similar workshop for members of Rhinebeck Rotary. Little is an award-winning journalist and executive audio producer whose career has spanned more than 35 years at organizations such as NPR and Amazon’s Audible. Today, she leads LittleMedia, a creative consultancy that helps companies and individuals elevate their storytelling across multiple formats. Little’s latest passion project explores the transformative power of empathic listening, unlocking deeper human connection and communication in both personal and professional spaces.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. Advance registration is required at <https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3635&EventID=565686&PK=>.

Learn more about other Rhinebeck Rotary initiatives by visiting rhinebeckrotary.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clinton Town Clerk's annual Coat Drive under way

Clinton Town Clerk Carol Mackin is collecting coats through the end of October for distribution in time for the winter weather. This annual effort has helped many men, women and children in need. Donate new or gently used coats for men, women and children. Drop of at the Town Clerk's office, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Dutchess Outreach coat drive runs through October

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

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

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

Historic Red Hook's Cemetery Crawl ongoing through Oct. 26

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

Millbrook Historical Society program explores local stonework history

On Thursday, Oct. 16, the Millbrook Historical Society will present "Millbrook's Stonework: The Millbrook Muratore," at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook.

Stones for fencing, stones for housing, and stones for worship will be the subjects presented by Skip Ciferri, whose family has been in the construction business for four generations; by Dirk-Jan Rosse, tutored by the late James P. Ciferri, who has created many modern walls about our township; and by Peter Devers, who worked for Jim Ciferri one summer when in college. The Ciferri's, their workers, and assorted others are the Millbrook "Muratore," Italian for masons.

Register to attend at www.millbrooklibrary.org.

Rhinecliff Grange Soup Sales heating up

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

Coat Sale and More to benefit St. Joseph Church, Millbrook

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop in Millbrook will have its annual Coat Sale and More! on Friday & Saturday (October 17 & 18) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive. The event will feature coats & jackets, sweaters, boots, handbags and other cold weather accessories. The Coat Sale is a popular annual event that benefits St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception

Church in Millbrook. For more information, call Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 845-677-5002.

Freedom Plains Fall Flea Market set Oct. 18

The Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Fall Rummage Sale and Flea Market will take place on October 18, 9am-3pm. We are located at 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville, NY. The Flea Market will be on the front lawn with over 45 vendors. Inside there will be a huge Rummage Sale. Breakfast, lunch and a bake sale, will also be inside. The Rummage Sale items will be gently used clothes, furniture, toys, books, household items, garage and attic finds. We accept cash or Venmo. There will be a \$5 Bag Sale at 1:30 for all Rummage items. The "Church Boutique" will feature New Items, jewelry and treasured antiques. At 1:30, the Boutique will have a Buy One/Get One Free sale. This is a rain or shine event.

For more information, visit the Church Website www.fupchurch.org.

Amenia Harvest Festival set Oct. 18

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

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

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

Clinton Historical Society celebrates golden anniversary on Oct. 18

Clinton Historical Society will hold a gala History Hoedown evening on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Primrose Hill Farm in Clinton. The event will include a barbecue, live music, country dancing, silent auction and more. The fundraiser will cap off Primrose Hill Farm's premier Heritage Harvest Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., hosted by farm owner and Historical Society trustee Bob Schoch, whose farm at 203 Fiddlers Bridge Road has been in Bob's family for eight generations.

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

For more information, visit www.clintonhistoricalsociety.org or email Craig Marshall at craig_marshall266@aol.com.

Free Veterans Picnic

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

Historic Red Hook continues Rev250 Fall Speaker Series on Oct. 18

"Lenape Perspectives on the American

ANDERSON CENTER SEEKS CANDY DONATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN

Anderson Center for Autism is getting ready for a fun and festive time, and they're accepting candy donations to make trick-or-treating extra special for the individuals they support.

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If you're interested in donating, send an email to events@AndersonCares.org.

Donations are due by Friday, Oct. 25.

Revolution" is the next program in Historic Red Hook's Rev250 Fall Speaker Series, taking place Saturday, Oct. 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Elmendorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook. The event will also be held virtually on Zoom.

Speaker Hadrien Coumans is the co-founder and executive director of the Lenape Center and a traditionally adopted member of the WhiteTurkey-Fugate family. He is also a faculty associate at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

The event is free, but registration is required via www.historicredhook.org.

Special dinner to raise funds for Hyde Park Library

The Friends of the Hyde Park Library are hosting a CIA-prepared dinner on Oct. 18, to raise money for the library's building project. The theme of the event is Rev 250, in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Dutchess County Historian William P. Tatum III will give a presentation following the dinner, which will begin at 6:15 p.m. and feature dishes prepared by Dr. JJ Manley, CIA senior associate dean of campus life and student development, and students. The dinner will take place at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, at 1 Church Street.

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

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

Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee to host compost training Oct. 19

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

DAR meeting set Oct. 19 in Rhinebeck

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

Cynthia Baer to speak at DAR meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2pm. DAR Chancellor Livingston Chapter meeting, 77 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck. Speaker Cynthia Baer, from Art-A-Go-Go, will be speaking on "The Homespun Movement and Crafts of the Revolutionary War Era." A hands-on craft-making session to create a punched metal ornament will follow her talk. Free. The public is invited.

Biochar presentation at Morton Library Oct. 21

Dirty Gaia and Darren McAvoy present "All About Biochar" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Whether you have a working farm or a backyard garden, you can turn organic waste into a gold standard of soil enhancement. Admission by donation. Call (845) 876-2903 or visit <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/> to register

The Hudson Valley Job Fair set Oct. 23

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

Stanford Grange to host 'Meet the Candidates' Oct. 23

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Meet the Candidates Night (a community tradition for over 20 years) on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 7 p.m. Candidates for Local and

County 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.

PV Rec to host Halloween-themed event Oct. 24

Pleasant Valley Rec (PV Rec) will host Family Fright Night at Helen Aldrich Park on Friday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but registration is required. The event will include Trunk or Treat, Capture the Flag, soccer, costume contest and dance party. Register at pvrec.com or RSVP to (845) 635-1111, ext. 203. Note: Trunks are needed for the "Trunk or Treat"; contact PV Rec.

Clinton Historical Society to hold Tag Sale Oct. 24-26

The Clinton Historical Society will hold their annual Fall Tag Sale on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Society will have all kinds of great items PLUS, their famous homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale go to support their mission to preserve, educate and encourage an appreciation for the history of the Town of Clinton (founded in 1788) and its historic sites and structures with a focus on preserving and restoring the 1777 Creek Meeting House. The purpose of this effort is to benefit our town residents, visitors, and all future generations. For more information, contact Cathy McMahon at (845) 266-0071 or cmcmahon137@optimum.net

Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treating set Oct. 25 in Red Hook

The Red Hook Chamber of Commerce will present a Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treating event on Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Village Of Red Hook. Line-up for the parade starts at 1 p.m. in the Municipal Lot at Prince Street. The Parade will start promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Following the Parade, there will be trick-or-treating with participating businesses in the village. Email info@redhookchamber.org for more information. Ulster Savings sponsors the event.

Harvest Turkey Dinner at Stanford Grange Oct. 25

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Harvest Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 25, 2025, 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.

German Dinner set Oct. 25 at St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie

St. Paul's Church, 161 North Hamilton St. in Poughkeepsie is sponsoring its annual German Dinner prepared by JJ & his students from the Culinary Institute of America. The dinner is set for Saturday, Oct. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner served at 5:30. Enjoy organ music in the church while waiting.

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

Ham Dinner in Salt Point

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

Trunk or Treat in Clinton Corners on Oct. 26

There will be a Trunk or Treat at Fran Mark Park in Clinton Corners on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. To decorate a trunk and give out candy, please arrive by 2:30. For more information, call (845) 380-8515

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Arlington field hockey team wins 5th straight

By Morgan E. Maier

Arlington had an offensive masterpiece on October 4, with five goals against Hendrick Hudson. Khloe Gallo had a pair, along with Sofia Sachs, Gianna LaFata and Audrey Grippo getting on the board. The following match against Ossining saw another performance of four different goal scorers. Grippo and Gallo scored. Charlotte Reina gave and received in this win; she assisted on Maggie Licardi's goal and scored off an assist by Lila Zuag. The Admirals' fifth straight win saw another 1-0 nail-biter as they staved off Somers for the victory. Reina was the lone scorer. Jane Gwinn stretched her season save total to 97, fending off three shots in the shutout.

Millbrook/Webutuck prevails in merged football matchup - In 2023, Millbrook and Webutuck high schools joined gridiron forces to create a merged football team. After a winless first season, the program has seen tremendous growth. It's a venture not unlike the one made by Rhinebeck and Pine Plains seasons ago. On October 9, the two programs faced off for the first and only time in 2025. Millbrook/Webutuck prevailed in its second consecutive 35+ point performance, besting Pine Plains/Rhinebeck 38-6. The score matches a season-low in points allowed for Millbrook/Webutuck, set in the season opener against Tri-Valley. Pine Plains/Rhinebeck drops to 1-



The Arlington High School field hockey team scored wins over Hendrick Hudson, Ossining and Somers in the past week. *Courtesy photo*

3. Millbrook/Webutuck improves to 4-1, and will next host Pawling on October 16. The following night, Pine Plains/Rhinebeck hosts Catkill/Cairo-Durham.

Arlington volleyball breaks slide with sweeps of Suffern, Mahopac - After a tightly-matched first set, Suffern didn't appear ready to go down quickly. On the heels of a two-match losing streak, the Admirals made a resounding rebound. They took the next two sets by 10 points,

then eight. The trifecta of 26-24, 25-15, and 25-17 final scores marked the latest in Arlington volleyball's dominant victories this season. Freshman Sadie Murphy finished with 13 assists. Caroline Urso landed eight kills. Gabriella Egger sent Suffern scrambling with four kills of her own. Freshman Sadie Murphy contributed 13 assists to the three-set sweep. Amelia Giorgi added 13 assists and seven kills to Arlington's three-set sweep.

October 10 brought a similar story for the Admirals, but Mahopac's extra-point

stand came three sets too late. Junior Lucy Barton was a force on the net with four block and two kills. Corinne Jarc kept Arlington's momentum with 10 digs and four kills. Murphy again hit double digits, with 10 assists to go along with four digs. Urso flirted with a double double, having 14 kills, nine digs and two aces in Arlington's second straight win. They'll host Ketcham on Wednesday, October 15, for the annual "Dig Pink" game in support of breast cancer awareness.

LaGrange Fire District to hold public hearing on 2026 budget Oct. 16

The proposed budget of the LaGrange Fire District of the Town of LaGrange, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the LaGrange Fire District for its consideration.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at Firehouse # 2, located at 504 Freedom Plains Road, LaGrange. The meeting will be available for remote attendance via the video conferencing platform MS Teams (LFD Public Hearing - 2026 Budget). A link to join the Public Budget Hearing will also be available on the Fire District's web-

site, <https://lagrangefireny.us>, on the day of the hearing.

Pursuant to Town Law §181.3(a), the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, and allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget as it is

submitted, or for, or against, any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the LaGrange Fire District Secretary at LaGrange

Firehouse #2, located at 504 Freedom Plains Road, where it may be reviewed by any interested person during office hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A copy may also be obtained by emailing a request to secretary@lagrangefireny.us.



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Reasons for enlisting are personal and varied



Each of us who have worn the uniform of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces had different reasons for joining. The decision to enlist is always a personal one, and each brave man and woman who holds up their right hand and swears to protect this nation and its citizens brings with them a particular reason for doing so.

For some, enlisting in the military symbolizes the patriotism they hold for this country, selflessly choosing to defend the freedoms we have held dear for nearly 250 years. Some join to be part of something greater than themselves, to become part of a team that has been respected around the globe for centuries. Still others enlist to further their personal development, knowing the U.S. military transforms raw potential into leadership and molds individuals into men and women of honor, capable of leading others, mastering technology and navigating the complexities of an ever-changing world.

I recently sat down with local recruiters with four branches of our Armed Forces – the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps – to discuss what they look for in men and women who are thinking about enlisting a mili-

tary life and the qualities that make a good recruit.

When asked about what he looks for in recruits, Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Max Montgomery said, “someone looking to change,” adding a good recruit does not want “to be just average, (and) wants to tap into potential that they don’t know they have.”

Air Force Senior Airman Terrell Jennings added he’s looking for “motivated men and women from the ages of 17-42 that are looking to make a difference in, not only their lives, but the lives of the people around them.”

Army Staff Sergeant Justin Wedekind said in addition to possessing “the desire and drive to become someone better,” an individual who find success in the military is “the ‘Be-All-You Can Be’ person – someone that knows it’s up to them to make a change and do something.”

A recruit who can self-motivate is often a good candidate to join and succeed in the military, Navy Petty Officer Sean VanWarner said. “Someone who is committed, that type of person who puts your mind to it and just do it.”

The local recruiters said every path to

a military career is unique, including their own – whether it was continuing a family tradition of service or seeking personal growth. Regardless of the journey they took, each said they’re happy with the decision they made.

“I needed a life change. I was sleeping on the floor of my brother’s apartment for years, going down a negative path,” Senior Airman Jennings said. “The Air Force provided me with the discipline and stability I needed to better, not only myself, but the lives of the family I created in the process.”

Staff Sergeant Montgomery said joining the military “was always a thought for me,” based on his loved ones’ legacy of service.

“I grew up around a military family,” he said. “I was the first Marine to join. I was 25 when I enlisted and never looked back. It was the best decision I ever made.”

Potential enlistees, though, might have apprehensions about joining the military and making such a life-altering decision. The recruiters I spoke with said that is completely understandable. They encourage those considering enlistment to discuss those feelings with a recruiter as they think about what’s best for them and their future.

“Just take the first step in contacting your local recruiter and discuss with him/her the concerns you have. Most of the time the concerns you have are just mental hurdles we create within ourselves,” Senior Airman Jennings said.

“Usually when you address those concerns with someone, it helps alleviate those concerns.”

In a world that seems to always place self-interest above all else, we should applaud those considering life of military service, putting their nation’s well-being above their own. If you know a friend or loved one who’s thinking about enlisting in the Armed Forces, I hope you’ll encourage them to consider how this decision will change their life and urge them to seek guidance to ensure they make the choice that’s best for them.

There’s still time to reserve your seat at our annual “Red, White and YOU!” Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 18 at James Baird State Park. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., you’ll be treated to free food, live entertainment and the chance to connect with local veterans of various eras in a relaxed atmosphere.

You can also reserve a seat at one of our upcoming Veterans Appreciation Pasta Dinners (Oct. 26 in Pine Plains and Nov. 2 in Poughkeepsie) for some warm, welcoming comfort food as our way of saying thanks for your service. You’re invited to come share good food, good company and great conversation with your fellow veterans.

You’re invited to bring one guest to each event, and we ask you please register by calling (845) 486-2000 or emailing countyexec@dutchessny.gov.

Presentation on Revolution set Oct. 18 at Union Vale Town Hall

“Living Through the American Revolution in the Mid-Hudson Valley,” a guest lecture with historian Dillon Streifeneder, PhD, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m., at Union Vale Town Hall, Tymor Park.

Revolution, broadly defined, refers to systemic political change through mass mobilization of people who did not previously hold the levers of government power. But is that how common people understood and experienced “revolution” when, or if, it swept through their neighborhoods?

This talk will examine the varied experiences of living through the American Revolution in the mid-Hudson Valley, with a focus on the changing nature of local government. It will examine

localized revolutionary activities as well as the many ways residents from this region contributed as “American Revolution” transitioned into “Revolutionary War.”

Dillon Streifeneder is a historian of colonial America, the American Revolution, and the early American republic. His current project focuses on state formation and governance in New York during the era of the American Revolution. Streifeneder received his PhD from the Ohio State University. He is currently an Assistant Professor of History at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

RSVPs appreciated: send an email to unionvalehistorical@gmail.com or a DM on Facebook.

HousingSearch.ny.gov ‘improved’ and ‘modernized’

New York State Homes and Community Renewal announced the New York Housing Search website has been improved and modernized to make it easier and more convenient for New Yorkers to search for available affordable housing. The new website is said to provide more robust functionality, including the capability to apply to open affordable housing lotteries online.

New York Housing Search consolidates listings for housing lotteries and waitlists for all HCR-financed projects into one website. New Yorkers have the opportunity to apply for affordable housing online.

The website features lotteries and waitlists that are open throughout the state. The listings are available to various communities including families, house-

holds in need of support services, seniors, individuals experiencing homelessness, and veterans. New Yorkers will be able to search for apartments that are accessible and equipped for people with mobility impairments, as well as hearing and visual impairments. There is also a “translate” button for New Yorkers who may need to translate the listings or applications into the top twelve most spoken languages in the state. Owners of HCR-financed properties can create listings, accept electronic applications, run lotteries, and use their project’s waitlist to fill vacancies.

Each affordable housing lottery listing has information about eligibility including income, household size, ability, and age. Some affordable developments may have additional eligibility requirements such as veteran or workforce status.



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Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra to launch 20th season with ‘Broadway Gala’

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO), conducted by Kathleen Beckmann, will launch its 20th anniversary season with “Broadway Gala” on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m., at the Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park. This landmark season will also commemorate our nation’s 250th anniversary, featuring programs that highlight American music and celebrate the colonial life and heritage of the Hudson Valley, while showcasing both beloved returning soloists and exciting new talent.

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

Guest vocalists include Lindsay

O’Neil, whose career spans Broadway, Off-Broadway, The Metropolitan Opera, and national tours with credits such as “The Phantom of the Opera,” “A Christmas Story: The Musical,” “Cats,” “Carousel,” and “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes”; Colton Cook, an American baritone and Bard Conservatory graduate who has appeared with the Bard Chamber Singers, in Gilbert & Sullivan’s “Iolanthe,” and Offenbach’s “Orphée aux enfers”; and Madelin Morales, a Cuban-American mezzo-soprano and winner of the 2025 Carolyn Bailey Argento Competition, currently completing her Master of Music at Bard Conservatory with recent appearances at the Tanglewood Music Festival and Music Academy of the West.

In addition to the performance, the program will include a pre-concert presentation, “Stories from the Golden Age of Broadway,” offered by BroadwayWorld Award-winning artist Jarrett Winters Morley. Beginning at 3:15 p.m. and included with concert admission, the talk



Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra’s Oct. 26 concert launches its 20th season and features guest vocalists including Lindsay O’Neil, whose career spans Broadway, Off-Broadway, The Metropolitan Opera, and national tours. *Courtesy photo*

will feature video clips and historical anecdotes about the performers and productions that defined Broadway’s Golden Age, highlighting both its triumphs and behind-the-scenes stories.

Tickets for this concert are priced at \$38 per person, with special discounts available for seniors and students. Family ticket packages are \$40 for one adult and two students. Season subscriptions are also available, offering patrons a ticket to each concert with a 15% discount. To learn more and purchase, please visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 445-9606.

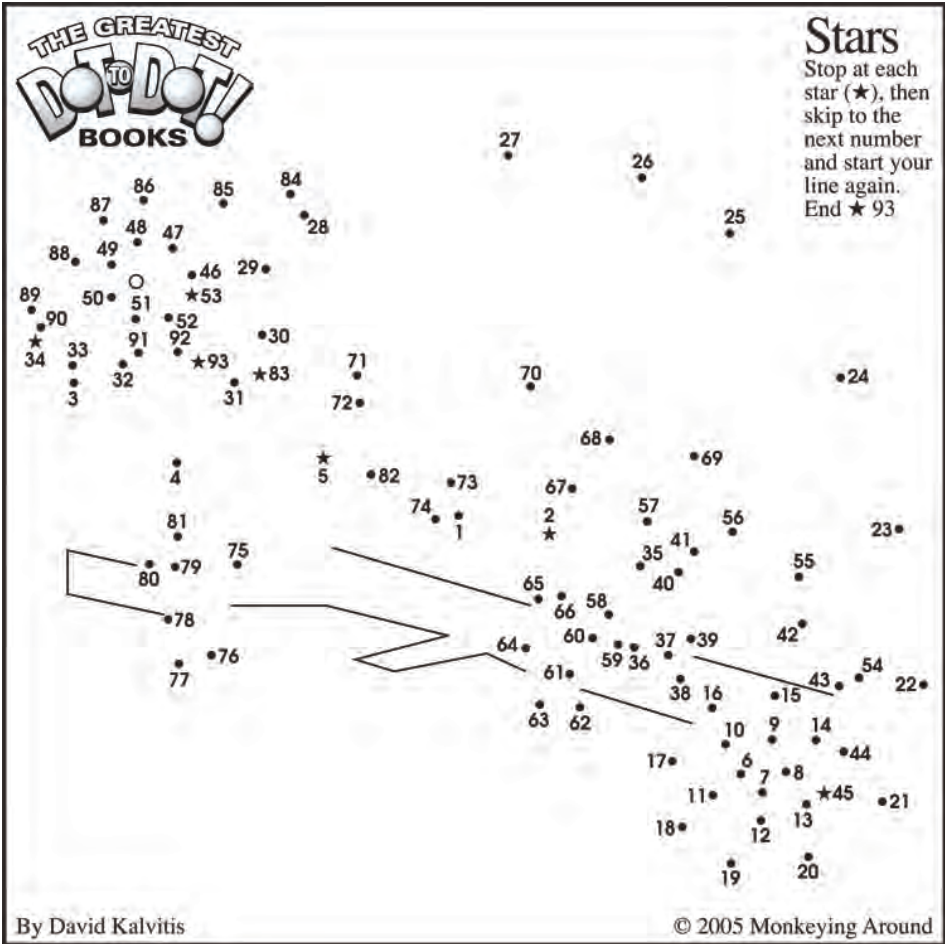
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Old Dutch Village Garden Club celebrates Fall, local farmers and the seasons

By Nancy Bendiner
and Felice Gelman

Old Dutch Village Garden Club entered Fall with a blaze of color to celebrate harvest time and our local farmers. A dedicated team of ODVGC volunteers collected hay bales, pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and other farm materials from a group of farmer donors: Ken Migliorelli of Migliorelli Farm, Rich Matthies of Cedar Hill Farm, Frank Vosburgh of Kesicke Farm, Norman Greig of Greig Farm, and Scott Blasdell of Mead Orchards. Led by ODVGC member Linda Lawson, the volunteers created displays with the materials, hauled them in wagons, and set them up at the 4 Corners in the heart of the Red Hook village for all to see and enjoy. Check out the clock wreath and planters and all the harvest beauty as you walk or drive by!

Concern with seasonal change continues with upcoming ODVGC presentations. With fewer fresh flowers to cut in local gardens, members on Oct. 9 learned from speaker Jay Bell how to make arrangements from store-bought bouquets. Then on Nov. 13, Triana Fritsch will teach us how to use natural materials from the garden that are often overlooked in winter. We will use these materials to create wreaths, garlands,

dried arrangements and Christmas trees during the holidays and beyond.

At our meeting Sept. 11, speaker Serena Starzyk, a Master Gardener from Dutchess Cornell Cooperative Extension, presented a wonderful purple-focused presentation on The Power of Purple in the Garden. Members learned that purple is a “pollinator magnet.” Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are likely to flock to purple flowers. She offered ideas for purple-centered flower gardens and much more. Serena referenced “The Gardener’s Palette,” by Sydney Eddison, pointing out that purple conveys calm, mystery and sophistication. Serena is also a co-editor of the quarterly online resource Dutchess Dirt Newsletter.

Throughout all seasons, ODVGC holds luncheons and special events. Members continue to care for our Memorial Garden (across Route 9 from CVS in Red Hook) where the community is encouraged to sit for a while and enjoy the beauty of seasonal change.

Join us at our meetings, usually the second Thursday of each month at St. John’s Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30 p.m. Meanwhile, our Facebook page will keep you posted about all that we do to enhance local gardening and the beauty of our neighborhood throughout the year.



Clockwise from top: Kesicke Farm 4 Corners Decoration, Mead Orchards 4 Corners Decoration, the Memorial Garden on Aug. 10, 2025. Photos by Nancy Bendiner

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The devil is in the details, boys & girls

Alstroemeria were my go-to flowers for teaching reproduction. They are affordable and, conveniently, are often sold at grocery stores. Although not as large as true lilies, their size still allows them to be easily dissected. Plus, the parts of the bloom are self-evident, unlike composite flowers, such as daisies. Alstroemerias are great examples of typical flowering plants.

They are able to convey a simplified, core idea, which is a hallmark instructional technique for delivering new concepts. In the beginning, its best not to go “into the weeds” with details. Alstroemeria is like most flowering plants: it has “perfect” flowers. Perfect flowers are those that contain both male and female reproductive structures; they could also be called hermaphroditic or bisexual. Perfect flowers may be able to reproduce either through self-pollination (with their own pollen) or cross-pollination (from another flower).

The living environment is a broad curriculum

In the context of the New York State high school curriculum, the Living Environment Regents exam is the final, summative assessment for the high school Biology course. The exam evaluates students on their knowledge of a

wide range of topics including cellular biology and processes, genetics and heredity, evolution, ecology and human impacts on the environment, biochemistry, lab skills and scientific inquiry, data analysis, homeostasis, disease, human body systems, reproduction and development. Given that breadth, instruction about the minority of angiosperms that produce imperfect flowers (possessing only male or only female reproductive structures), is a detail that would more likely be taught in a Botany course.

An exception to the rule

Plants that are unisexual, with “imperfect” flowers, require cross-pollination to reproduce successfully. Cross-pollination leads to increased genetic diversity within plant populations, which enhances a species’ ability to adapt to environmental changes. Plants with imperfect flowers may rely on pollinators or alternative strategies like wind dispersal.

More details

Lots of plants have separate male and female (imperfect) flowers on the same plant. Other plants may have entirely hermaphroditic flowers. Regardless, the term monoecious is used for individual plants that contain both male and female structures.

A fewer number of plants have male



Alstroemeria (above) and lilies are “perfect” flowers, meaning they contain both male and female reproductive structures. Below, right: Daisies are composite flowers. Photos by Francine Wizner. Below, left: Winterberry. Photo by Glen White



and female reproductive structures that are found on other plants among their species. The term dioecious is used for plants that are strictly unisexual. Unlike monoecious plants, dioecious plants cannot self-pollinate. Fruit production on a female dioecious plant requires pollen from a nearby male plant of the same species.

Boys and Girls

Although I was aware that some plants require two of the opposite gender to fruit, most of my adult life has been spent living on land parcels the size of a postage stamp, where I did minimal gardening. Also, I spent thirty-two years teaching a broad curriculum, where the focus was delivering core ideas. Exceptions to rules warranted brief mentions or invitations to consider elective courses or research to learn more.

Admittedly, when I went shopping for pretty shrubs for the much larger land area where I now live, I didn’t think about whether my new “babies” were boys or girls.

But, the devil is in the details. If you plant Ginkgos, be sure they are male. Otherwise, you may end up getting a whiff of the smelly fruit that results from cross-fertilization of a female tree. If you’re a regular cannabis user, and you prefer to legally grow your own, you’ll likely want to grow feminized seeds or cuttings from a female plant to get the buds. I am neither a Ginkgo Seed enthusiast nor a marijuana aficionado.

I simply wanted an interesting winter garden. That’s why I purchased two

Winterberries. They had pretty orange-red fruit. I bought them last year in the late summer. Then, a dear friend reminded me that I wouldn’t be seeing that fruit again unless I bought a boy, which I promptly did.

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) typically blooms in late spring, with flowers appearing in May and June. But, even though I have an Apollo Winterberry (cultivar) planted near my two “girls,” they didn’t flower this past spring.

It turns out that Winterberry shrubs typically need 2-3 years to establish before they flower and fruit reliably. Hopefully, I’ll see winter fruit by 2027. If not, perhaps they aren’t getting enough sunlight or water. Those factors, Boys and Girls, are also details.

Here is a downloadable activity which is helpful for learning vocabulary related to angiosperms (flowering plants): <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Plant-Reproduction-Rules-Exceptions-Enrichment-Ecology-14165407>

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

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Poughkeepsie Big Read has Rev250 theme

Join the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) for its 2025 Poughkeepsie Big Read program, scheduled to run from Oct. 18 to Nov. 13. The Big Read is an annual program intended to encourage the community to read, discuss and participate in thematic events.

In recognition of the 2026 celebration of Rev250, this year's Big Read theme is Eve of the Revolution, and the Big Read title is "Rise to Rebellion" by Jeff Shaara. The Teen Read title is "Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father" by Jonathan Hennessey and Justin Greenwood, and the Middle/Little Read titles are selections by Laurie Halse Anderson, including "Rebellion 1776," "Chains" (part of her "Seeds of America" trilogy) and "Independent Dames." Both Shaara and Anderson will be in Poughkeepsie as part of the Big Read programming.

Jeff Shaara is an American novelist and a New York Times bestselling author. Most of his work revolves around writing historical fiction and documenting American wars. Shaara has written 15 New York Times bestselling novels and has won several awards. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Battlefields Trust (formerly the Civil War Trust), the nation's most established and successful protector of Civil War battlefield lands. To learn more about "Rise to Rebellion," visit jeff-shaara.com.

Laurie Halse Anderson is an American writer, and a New York Times bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens and adults. Combined, her books have sold over 8 million copies. She has won several awards and medals, including for her book "Chains," which was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal in the United Kingdom. To learn more about the books, visit mad-womanintheforest.com.

Big Read events

The Big Read kicks off on **Saturday, Oct. 18**, at 1:30 p.m., with "An Afternoon with Jeff Shaara: 'Rise to Rebellion' and the Eve of the Revolution" at Lateef Islam Auditorium at the Family Partnership Center, home of the Sadie Peterson Delaney Branch Library.

On **Tuesday, Oct. 21**, at 6:30 p.m., "She-Merchants, Sachems, and Slaves: Women of Colonial New York" will be presented by Sarah Wassberg Johnson, the Education and Programs Manager for Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. She will discuss the confluence of racial and religious diversity and the resulting amalgam of ideas on how to treat women. Wassberg Johnson will discuss women's rights, or lack thereof, in Munsee, Iroquois, African, Dutch, and English culture, as well as the change in rights of enslaved women. She will also discuss

women merchants, leaders and soldiers, as well as their roles in everyday life.

The following day, **Wednesday, Oct. 22**, the library will host "Vicious and Immoral: Homosexuality, the American Revolution, and the Trials of Robert Newburgh," an author talk with John McCurdy. He will discuss the experience of Robert Newburgh, the chaplain to the 18th Regiment of Foot, accused of perjury, prevarication, falsehood and scandalous acts.

On **Thursday, Oct. 23**, at 7 p.m., the library will host, "Franklin and the Founders," a virtual program with Jeff Urbin, the Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library & Museum. Urbin will discuss the founding fathers from the perspective of Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression and World War II. He will discuss the way Franklin looked to them for inspiration and guidance as he faced many challenges during his time in office.

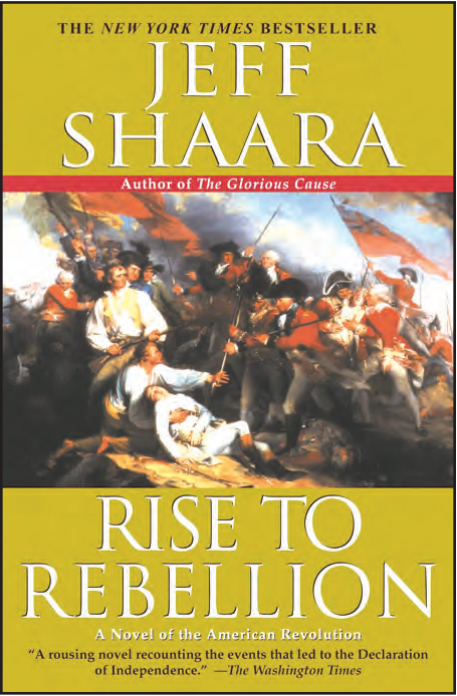
On **Saturday, Oct. 25**, at 2 p.m., Sadie Peterson Delaney Library will host, "Music with B.E. Farrow of Gangstagrass," with the musician and educator Farrow, whose work reflects America's musical history through stories, creative musical expression, and inclusive dialog. He has toured with Grammy Award winner Dom Flemons and Emmy-nominated Gangstagrass.

On **Monday, Oct. 27**, at 5:30 p.m., Sadie Peterson Delaney Library will host, "Colonial Period Silhouette Workshop," a workshop on cut paper portraits. Artists and examples from the period through present day will be discussed, and then attendees will create their own cut paper portraits using modern technology, including scissors.

On **Tuesday, Oct. 28**, Adriance Memorial Library will host, "The Schuyler Sisters and the Hamilton Musical," about the four daughters of wealthy General Philip Schuyler who ran off to marry well-to-do husbands, and Elizabeth, who gave her heart to the peniless orphan immigrant Alexander Hamilton. Presenter Rick Feingold will read the love letters Alexander Hamilton sent to Eliza, and feature songs from the Broadway musical.

On **Tuesday, Nov. 4**, at 6 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host, "The Losses and Services of the American Loyalist in Poughkeepsie," with Historian Shannon Butler. She will look at the experience of American loyalists during the American Revolution.

On **Wednesday, Nov. 5**, at 7 p.m., Adam Jortner will do a virtual talk on his book, "A Promised Land: Jewish Patriots, the American Revolution, and the Birth of Religious Freedom." Jortner will discuss the critical role of Jewish people in the revolution, and in defining the repub-



2025 Big Read author Jeff Shaara. Left: "Rise to Rebellion" book cover, this year's Big Read selection. *Courtesy photos*

lic that was created from it.

On **Thursday, Nov. 6**, at 6 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host, "Liberty and Justice for Whom?: Personal Stories of the Locally Enslaved in the American Revolution," which will look at the experiences of enslaved people in Dutchess County through the stories of five enslaved individuals, and the uncertainty of the American promise for the enslaved.

On **Monday, Nov. 10**, at 6 p.m., Boardman Road Branch Library will host, "American Revolution Historic Songs with Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle," where Gibson and Staudle will perform a variety of historic songs and provide a brief history of the songs.

On **Thursday, Nov. 13**, at 6:30 p.m.,

Sarah Wassberg Johnson will host the virtual discussion, "Spilling the Tea: A History of Tea Drinking in New York State," where she will lead a journey through the global and local history of tea and sugar, all the accoutrements necessary to consume it, and New York's unique role in American tea culture.

As part of the Poughkeepsie Big Read, PPLD partners each year with The Art Effect for professional development for schoolteachers who participate and want more background on the topic and expanded teaching resources. The 2025 workshop, held in August, was attended by 35 area teachers. Additionally, through the support of the Friends of the

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Baerhands Theater sets solo show ‘Tales of Mark Twain’ Oct. 25, 26

Baerhands Theater will present its latest version of the solo show, “Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain” for two days only, Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff. The shows benefit Morton Memorial Library and Rhinebeck Grange #896.

The show, written and performed by Joe Baer has been touring the Hudson Valley for the past five years, including performances Off-Broadway at the Actors Temple Theatre (NYC), The Linda (Albany), The Main Stage at Shadowlands (Ellenville) and the Stissing Center (Pine Plains) among others. Baer has been awarded five TANYs awards for his performance including the 2022 TANYs Festival Adjudicators’ Discretionary Award for Excellence in Overall Production and Festival People’s Choice Award for his portrayal as Samuel Clemens.

Baerhands Theater productions emphasize the focus on historical narratives and figures who have left a significant mark through their lives and work. “In researching the characters for my shows, I find inspiration derived from life experiences,” said Baer. “What makes a Baerhands production unique is its ability to combine historic context with the life

of a character, often incorporating direct quotes or literary excerpts. My goal is to provide a rich, immersive experience for the audience.”

He added, “The shows are designed for small, intimate audiences, making them ideal for fund-raising events like this one for the Morton Library and Rhinebeck Grange. I focus on high-quality experiences rather than large-scale commercial productions.”

Baer recently performed at the Great Camp Sagamore in the Adirondacks as part of a “Party Like A Vanderbilt Weekend.” He is currently working on a new production about the life of P.T. Barnum.

The Twain one-man show is an original script sprinkled with excerpts from the hand of Samuel Clemens otherwise known as Mark Twain. Baer portrays Samuel Clemens near the end of his career, in a narrative and thought-provoking performance. The show parallels events in Twain’s life with events happening during his lifetime in American history. Baer’s performance vividly portrays Twain’s humor and wit as well as his irreverence for politics and politicians. This latest version runs about 90 minutes. There is no intermission.



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Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



ArtEast to offer two weekends of studio tours

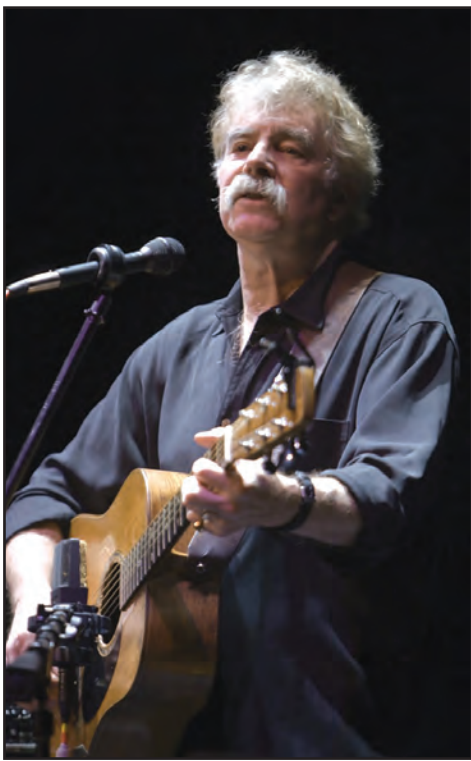
This year ArtEast is celebrating its 20th year of presenting the ArtEast Open Studio Tour. This annual art event happens over two weekends: Oct. 18-19 and Oct. 25-26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. This year’s participants include artists working across a diverse range of media and styles, with something to impress every visitor. You can see painters, sculptors, photographers, mixed-media, assemblage, woodwork-ing, fiber, pottery and more.

Visit www.arteastdutchess.com for more information.

Some artists will present live demonstrations of the techniques they use and apply to their creations. All of the artists will have original works of art for sale.

This is a family-friendly, self-guided tour that takes you through the country roads of the Hudson Valley. A map with studio locations is available at the website.

TOM RUSH TO PLAY TOWNE CRIER OCT. 17



Groundbreaking musician Tom Rush will perform at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon this Friday, Oct. 17. Rush’s distinctive guitar style, wry humor and warm, expressive voice have made him both a legend and a treasure to audiences around the world. His shows are filled with the laughter of terrific storytelling, the sweet melancholy of ballads and the passion of gritty blues.

Rush is credited by Rolling Stone magazine with ushering in the era of the singer-songwriter. His impact on the American music scene has been profound. He helped shape the folk revival in the ‘60s and the renaissance of the genre in the ‘80s and ‘90s, his music having left its stamp on generations of artists. In addition to performing his own compositions, Rush sang songs by Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne and James Taylor, among others, helping them to gain recognition early in their careers.

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Through Oct. 26: “A Wedding in Transylvania,” various locations. Murder Cafe gets in the Halloween spirit with a seasonal dinner theater murder-mystery. You are asked to witness the marriage of your distant cousin Frankie Alucard to Jane Dough, a mysterious girl from the mortal side of the tracks. You'll join Count Alucard, his monstrously medicated wife Elsa, and Frankie's brother Jeckyl (or is it Hyde?) as they celebrate this cursed event. Beware Renfield, the caterer to the undead, and Vampira, Jane's sister who spills the family's secrets. This match made in hell has three murders. Come in costume, dance and dine, and guess whodunit. The schedule includes: Wed., Oct. 15: The Best Western, Kingston. Fri., Oct. 17: Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel Woods. Sat., Oct. 18: Hudson House Distillery, West Park. Wed., Oct. 22: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston. Thurs., Oct. 23: Heritage Financial Park, HV Renegades, Fishkill. Fri., Oct. 24: The Kartrite Resort, Monticello. Sat., Oct. 25: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin. Sun., Oct. 26: Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. Visit www.murdercafe.net for reservations and more information.

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

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

Oct. 16: Jazz Duo, 1915 Wine Cellar, 40 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie. Bob Arthurs, trumpet & vocals; Billy Stein, guitar, 7-9 p.m. (845) 232-5311

Oct. 16: Screening, “The Hidden History of Slavery in New York,” Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Screening followed by Q&A with writer and producer Larry Epstein, 6:30 p.m. (845) 876-2903

Oct. 16: Third Thursday Events, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. The Olana Partnership will hold its monthly free Third Thursdays, noon-6 p.m. The Hudson Sloop Club will host fall fishing at Olana's lake, followed by a musical performance by Brasskill. Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy guided landscape tours and self-guided historic house access from

noon to 5:30 p.m. No tickets required. More info: (518) 751-0344, tickets@olana.org or OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays.

Oct. 17: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Todd Young, Deborah Martin, Princes Of Serendip, Dave Feroe, 8-10 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Oct. 17 & 19: Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, Cold Spring & Brewster. The ensemble continues its 40th season with works by Kuffner, Bloch, Chaminade and Spektor. Performances: Fri., Oct. 17, 7 p.m., at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St. (Rtes. 9D and 301) Cold Spring; Sun., Oct. 19, 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Rte. 6, Brewster. Tickets at the door: \$17 GA, \$14 seniors & students. <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org/>

Oct. 17-19: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Oct. 17: Tom Rush, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$50 advance / \$55 at the door. Oct. 18: Total Mass Retain YES Tribute Band, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance, \$40 door. Oct. 19: Jeff Daniels, 7 p.m. Tickets \$70 advance, \$75 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Oct. 18: ACW Mischief Night, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. A night professional wrestling fans will never forget, 6:30 p.m. www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

Oct. 18: Author Event, Hyde Park Library, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. Local author Jodé Millman presents “True Crimes of the Hudson Valley,” a discussion of the headline-making crimes that inspired her writing, 1 p.m. Millman is the multi-award-winning author of “The Empty Kayak,” “Hooker Avenue” and “The Midnight Call,” which are the first three installments in her true-crime inspired “Queen City Crimes” Series. Registration is required at hydeparklibrary.org/events.

Oct. 18: Bellefield Garden Talk Series, Beatrix Farrand Garden, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Rethinking the Fall Garden Cleanup, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join ecological landscape designer Ashley Gamell for a garden walk exploring the fall season and how we can best utilize it to boost garden beauty and extend the bloom season even into the winter, all while supporting a bounty of life in our gardens. Ashley will highlight spectacular fall bloomers in the walled garden and the wild garden, and share her approach to thoughtful garden cleanup that ensures a lush garden buzzing with gorgeous biodiversity throughout the year. Free. Reservations recommended via www.BeatrixFarrandGardenHydePark.org

Oct. 18: Bobby Previte's Second Arrow, VBI Theatre of Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. The illustrious drummer, composer, bandleader and Downtown NYC luminary Previte presents a new quintet featuring Angelica Sanchez on electric piano, Wendy Eisenberg returning to EFW on electric guitar, Matt Bauder on tenor saxophone, bass clarinet and flute, Jerome Harris on electric bass and leader Previte on drums, 8 p.m. Advance tickets via EventBrite. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Oct. 18: Milkweed Release Day, Drayton Grant Park at Burger Hill, Rte. 9G, Rhinebeck. A collaborative event with Morton Memorial Library, Staatsburg Library and Winnakee Land Trust for The Great Give Back, 10 a.m.-noon. (845) 876-2903

Oct. 18: Movies with Spirit, “The Chorus,” Rondout Valley United Methodist Church, 25 Schoonmaker Lane in Stone Ridge. Set in France shortly after World War II, this moving and beautifully scored drama centers on Clément Mathieu (Gérard Jugnot), a gentle, down-on-his-luck composer who had given up on music and takes a job as a supervisor at a strict boarding school for boys who are war orphans or have had legal problems. The boys initially resist his efforts, but Mathieu gradually earns their trust. As he discovers their potential, Mathieu forms a choir, using music to bring hope, healing and unity to their lives. The 2005 film, in French with English subtitles, runs 1 hour 37 minutes and is rated PG-13. Besides the Oscar and Golden Globe nominations, it earned 12 critic and festival awards. Screening at 7 p.m., followed by discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. More info: (845)389-9201 or gerry-harrington@mindspring.com.

Oct. 18: “Sip & Savor” Charcuterie Workshop, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Inspired by the tradition of lavish entertaining at the great estates along the Hudson, this hands-on workshop will guide you through the art of crafting a beautiful and delicious charcuterie board, 1 p.m. You'll learn the essentials of food selection, salami folding, cheese styling, wine pairing, plus plenty of expert tips to elevate your presentation. Everyone will receive an acacia wood charcuterie board, sample ingredients, and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while creating their own stunning display to take home. Advance registration required at www.wilderstein.org or (845) 876-4818.

Oct. 18: “Songs About Farming,” Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. An evening of song celebrates country life and farming, rural living and the harvest, 7-9 p.m. Mursey (Harry Hussey and Carolynn Murphy) kick off the evening with a few songs and then an all-star local bluegrass/country band will perform and back up local singers and songwriters. Jamie Purinton of Bash Bish Bluegrass will emcee. Hearty harvest snacks will be served and there is a 15 minute

intermission. All ages are invited to celebrate the area's agricultural heart and soul by drawing from a long tradition of songs about working the land. Tickets \$15 (or what you can afford), purchase at the door. Reservations not required. More info: hmbhuss1@yahoo.com or (617) 894-3538.

Oct. 18-19: Great Swamp Celebration and Art Show, Christ Church on Quaker Hill, 17 Church Rd., Pawling. Join FrOGS (Friends of the Great Swamp) for a week-end 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. Hours: Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. The Dog House food truck will be on site both days. Free admission. www.frogs-ny.org

Oct. 19: Brazilian Bossa Nova Concert: Mariana Barcellos, Beatrix Farrand Garden, 4097 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. 5-6:30 p.m. Bossa Nova, which means “new wave,” is a style of samba music that was developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s in Brazil. Bossa Nova is distinct from other Samba subgenres, as it consists of a mixture of soft samba based on traditional Brazilian music and rhythms, American jazz, and a new style of Portuguese lyrics. Feel free to bring food & drink to enjoy during the show. Free. Reservations recommended via www.BeatrixFarrandGardenHydePark.org.

Oct. 19: “Framed,” Ancram Center, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Play Lab Residency, 4 p.m. Book & Lyrics: Mary Murfitt. Music: Mary Murfitt and Pam Drews Phillips. www.ancramcenter.org

Oct. 19: Tangent Theatre Company: “Scenes & Celebration,” Village Hall, 86 Broadway, Tivoli. Tangent celebrates 25 years with select scenes, including past favorites and future ideas, 4 p.m. Cheer & talk at The Corner @ Hotel Tivoli, 53 Broadway with light snacks and cash bar, 5:30 p.m. Free to enter. RSVP required to info@tangent-arts.org; indicate whether you're attending the readings, gathering or both. You'll receive an email confirmation.

Oct. 20: Short Film Premiere, Upstate Films - Starr Cinema, 6415 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. “Architectural Archive by Spirit of Space” (2025), with a preview of “Hudson L-House” by Xavier Wang (2025), 5-6:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:30). Free admission at the door. No reservations required. www.upstatefilms.org

REV250-THEMED DISPLAY TO OPEN AT DOVER TOWN HALL OCT. 18

The Town of Dover Historical Society will launch a new six-banner traveling exhibit, “The Old Upper Road in Dover During the Revolution,” on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains. Mingle and enjoy refreshments at this free, family-friendly event. Registration is required. Visit <http://www.dovernhistorical society.org/> for more information.

Take a virtual walk along The Old Upper Road and travel back in time to hear the stories of French Officers Rochambeau & de Chastellux; Elder Waldo, the Elliott Family & George Washington's Army; Col. Andrew Morehouse & Patriot Spy Enoch Crosby; The Morehouse Tavern at the sign of the Black Horse; Alexander Hamilton's Two Letters from George Washington; and Mysterious Origins of the Schaghticoke Village.

Your guides will be Town Historian Valerie LaRobardier and Sachem Robert Yawanawa-Bergen of the Schaghticoke First Nations (Known locally also as Sachem HawkStorm).

Poughkeepsie Big Read has Rev250 theme

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Poughkeepsie Public Library District (FPPLD), the library provides schools within the district a curated selection of books for teen, middle and elementary students, free of charge.

FPPLD is an independent organization whose function is to support the programs and services of the Library District, to promote the library as an informational and cultural force in the community offering many free services and resources, and to encourage support of the library through gifts and volunteer services. To learn more, contact FPPLD Board President, Norma Vazquez at

friendspresident@poklib.org.

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.

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THEME: KIDS' BOOKS

ACROSS

1. *The Big Bad Wolf: "I'll _____ your house down"
5. Edgar Rice Burroughs' Kerchak or Kala
8. Cosine's buddy
12. Target of grand theft
13. Influencer's journal
14. Food-grinding tooth
15. Bear's hang-out
16. Like a maxi skirt
17. Get up
18. *Robert McCloskey's "Make Way for _____"
20. March Madness org.
21. Expenditure, in the olden days
22. *"Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a _____"
23. Turn pale
26. Lachrymatory agent (2 words)
30. Swimmer's distance
31. Rinse and _____
34. Consequently
35. Join forces
37. Bruin legend Bobby
38. Jury duty event
39. Per person
40. Hockey player, e.g.
42. Approximated landing time
43. What naughty children do
45. Fortification made of wagons
47. Preceding month
48. Unnecessary embellishment
50. Customs document
52. *He had a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day
56. Popular pie nut
57. Not final
58. Just a little
59. Choice dish
60. _____-do-well
61. Sudden and brilliant success
62. Doofus
63. Is, in France
64. Fail to mention

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1. Like a certain eagle
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4. Exert persuasive powers (2 words)
5. Jennifer Aniston's movie "____ Came Polly"
6. *Canine father in Dodie Smith's "The Hundred and One Dalmatians"
7. *Dr. Seuss: "I do not like green ____ and ham"
8. *Philosopher in American edition of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone"
9. Hipbone
10. U.S. space agency, acr.
11. *"I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas..."
13. Not serious
14. Bipolar disorder phase
19. Filthy cabbage
22. Favorite student
23. Protected steel from rust with coating
24. Hawaiian veranda
25. Long stories
26. *The Queen of Hearts baked more than one of these
27. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard ____
28. Popular gemstone
29. Type of renewable energy
32. *Janette Sebring Lowrey's "The ____ Little Puppy"
33. Pitcher's stat
36. *"One ____ and One Nights"
38. ____ - ____-la refrain
40. Group of exercise reps
41. a.k.a. philosopher's stone
44. Flavorless
46. Aluminum+nickel+cobalt, magnetic alloy
48. What time does
49. Button on electrical outlet
50. Bride's cover
51. International Civil Aviation Organization
52. *Green Gables resident ____ Shirley
53. Gloom's partner
54. Evening purse
55. Wholly engrossed
56. Pipe material, acr.

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‘Fuhgeddaboudit!’

A word valued for its versatility

There are many saying in various cultures that we have come to accept as facts. However, many of these sayings have no basis in reality. For instance, the Irish saying “top o’ the mornin’” is mainly fake. However, for every fake term there is a real one; for example, Australian “g’day,” is mostly real. Then there is the Italian-New York term, “fuhgeddaboudit.” Fuhgeddaboudit is a term that I use often. The beauty of the term is that it is versatile and can be used in any context. It can be a noun, verb or adjective.

For instance, it can be used when you are agreeing with someone. “Wow, did you taste this Cheesecake?. Its freaking beautiful!” Your answer would be “Fuhgeddaboudit!” Note, it is important that the word be used with a slightly forceful tone, otherwise the meaning is lost.

Now if you don’t agree with some one you could use it also. “Wow, I love the

extra taxes I get taken out of my paycheck every week!” and your answer would be, “Fuhgeddaboudit!”

You can also use it when you are making a statement: “If you’re telling me that your mother’s Lasagna is better than my Mother’s, fuhgeddaboudit!”

You can use it to curse someone out. Hey Luigi, your haircut looks like a cat chewed the hair off your head!” and I would say, “Fuhgeddaboudit!”

Another way to use it is when you want to tell someone to mind their own business. “How much money do you make a week anyway?” and your answer would be, “Fuhgeddaboudit!”

Sometimes it can be used with other Italian phrases. Such as “How YOU doin’?” “Fuhgeddaboudit!”

And sometimes you can use “nonja-youworry” (don’t you worry) instead of fuhgeddaboudit.

Finally, you can use the term as “forget about it.” For example: “Hey, Johnny,

thanks a lot for helping me move my deadbeat cousin out of my house.” Johnny would reply “Fuhgeddaboudit!”

Now, enjoy my recipe for Ricotta Cheesecake. If you think yours is better than mine, fuhgeddaboudit!

RICOTTA CHEESECAKE

Ingredients

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- 8 oz full-fat cream cheese
- 2 ¼ cups whole-milk ricotta cheese (drained overnight)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1½ tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 oz Amaretto (if desired)
- zest of 1 orange (or lemon for brightness)

Instructions

- Prep the crust: Mix crumbs and melted butter. Press into a 9-inch spring-form pan. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 8–10 minutes. Cool completely.

- Make the filling: Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add ricotta and sugar; beat until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, then cornstarch, amaretto, vanilla, and zest.
- Bake in a water bath: Wrap pan in foil. Pour batter over crust. Place in a roasting pan and add boiling water halfway up the sides. Bake for 60–70 minutes until set but slightly wobbly in the center.
- Chill: Cool on a rack, then refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.
- Serve: Dust with powdered sugar.

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.

Harvest fun set Oct. 19 at Carnwath Farms

By Morgan E. Maier

After an incredible community showing at last year’s Fall Festival, the Sports Museum of Dutchess County and Friends of Carnwath Historic Site & Park are back for the third year! The local nonprofits have partnered for even bigger family fun, with pumpkin painting, live music, a petting zoo, and much more.

The autumn extravaganza will be hosted at 72 Carnwath Farms Lane from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19. All are welcome to show their Halloween costumes and spooky design skills. The festival is free to attend, come rain, shine or snow. Food trucks will have delicious treats available for purchase, plus Cedar Hill Petting Zoo, raffles and games.

“The Sports Museum is happy to partner with the Friends of Carnwath on this yearly event. There is no charge for admission so that families in our community can enjoy pumpkin painting and other seasonal activities, including free tours of the Sports Museum,” said the sports museum president, Bill Ponte.

The cost for pumpkin painting is covered through donations from Meadowbrook Farm and other members

of the local community. The volunteers within Friends of Carnwath and the Sports Museum of Dutchess County work tirelessly to generate interest and attention to the local region’s deep history. This end-of-season initiative is a great way to connect with the community ahead of winter.

“It is only through the generosity of many businesses, organizations and volunteers in the Town of Wappinger that we are able to offer this event free of admission. The Friends of Carnwath Farms Historic Site and Park is excited to cohost this event for the third time with the Sports Museum of Dutchess County,” said Friends of Carnwath treasurer Jessica Sarrantonio.

Visitors will have the opportunity to engage with interactive museum exhibits and explore the historic grounds of Carnwath Farms. Rich with history and natural views at every season, Carnwath’s Fall Festival offers something for all ages to enjoy.

Sarrantonio added, “Our goal is to get more people experiencing the park and the museum and enjoying the beautiful public space that we have here in the Town of Wappinger. See you at the festival!”



All are welcome to show their Halloween costumes and spooky design skills at the Autumn Extravaganza. Food trucks will have delicious treats available for purchase, plus Cedar Hill Petting Zoo, raffles and games. Courtesy photo

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Class of 2025 welcomed into DC Sports Hall of Fame



The Sports Museum of Dutchess County held The Hall of Fame Ceremony 2025 on Sunday, Oct. 5, in Wappinger. Sports legends John Cottrill, Gary Montalto, Robert Rogan and Marisa Sutura Strange were honored at The Chapel at Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park. Pictured clockwise from left, “Long John” John Cottrill’s posthumous induction was accepted by his grandson, Pat Manning, third from left; Museum Curator and Town of Wappinger Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini and President Bill Ponte (from left) pose with inductees and representatives of the Class. Hall of Fame Class of 1988 Pat Zerbe, middle, pictured with museum volunteers Isaiah Abraham and Vinu Abraham, gave closing remarks and welcomed the newest hall of fame members. More than 60 people attended the museum’s 44th annual induction ceremony. Jeff Benke, Gary Montalto, and Bill Ponte smile during the event. *Courtesy photos by Reena Joseph*



EXHIBITIONS

Artists’ Collective Gallery of Hyde Park (ACHP), 4338 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. **Through October:** “In Between Layers: What the Spirit Knows,” exhibition by painter Raimondo Gaby featuring works inspired by the artist’s time spent with his mother on her journey with terminal cancer and afterward. (845) 366-6856, artistscollectiveofhydepark.com

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

Available Items, 64 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Nov. 16:** “Above Ground,” sonic sculptures by ceramicist and musician Julia Elsas. availableitems.com

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

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 1, 2026:** “Chronostasia: Select Acquisitions 2020–2025,” an exhibition that brings together more than 60 works acquired over the past five years. Related Programs: Thurs., Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m., “Rothko in Conversation,” in Taylor 102. Christopher Rothko in conversation with Loeb Director Bart Thurber, followed by a reception in the atrium. Closing Program: Thurs., Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m., in Taylor 102, artist talk with Cecilia Vicuña. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Nov. 23:** “Wild World,” photographs by Ann Shelbourne. **Opening Reception:** Sat., Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m. 845-490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Nov. 1:** “Women, Water and Work: Imagining Nicaragua Exhibit,” Millbrook Library and the Millbrook Arts Group partner with Artists for Soup, a non-profit organization based in Millbrook, to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month. Paintings and folk art created by Nicaraguan artists are on exhibit. <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Nov. 1:** Morton’s Celebration of Fiber Arts, created by local artists. (845) 876-2903

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

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

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Oct. 17-Nov. 16:** “FARM to TABLE: A Tribute to All Things Agricultural,” TAG members consider what about this great valley inspires them, be it the landscape, farming seasons, or the journey and the abundance of the harvest. The exhibition offers a range of styles and responses from printmakers, photographers, painters, sculptors and mixed media artists that continue to illuminate our relationship with nature. **Opening reception:** Sat., Oct. 18, 4-6 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

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

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OBITUARIES

Chauncey ‘Skip’ Dickson

Chauncey Perry Colwell “Skip” Dickson, Jr. 89 of Millbrook, NY passed on October 7, 2025 after a disastrous fall on August 12, 2025 that left him paralyzed.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY on May 9, 1936 to Chauncey Sr. and Mildred Dickson. He attended a two-room schoolhouse in Verbank, then Millbrook High School at the Thorne Building. He graduated from ATI Canton in Canton, NY in 1956. He served in the US Army from 1959 to 1961.

In 1961, he met his wife Alice and they enjoyed 63 years of marriage. They operated C. C. Dickson Jr. Electric – Plumbing – Heating for 38 years. Skip volunteered with the Union Vale Fire Co. for 63 years – 60 of that was active. He also had over 30 years with the Union Vale Ambulance Corp / Rescue Squad. He was a member of the Lions Club for 40 years and as a member avidly sold chocolate Easter bunnies for them. He served on the Board of Directors of the Millbrook Historical Society for many years.

Skip and Alice enjoyed cruising and other trips including Cape Cod and the southern coast of Maine as well as bus trips to NYC, Pennsylvania, Maryland and National Parks.

Skip only drank coffee at the Millbrook Diner for many years. You could often encounter him welcoming visitors to Millbrook. He enjoyed telling people how he was a sophomore in high school when the current Diner was relocated to Millbrook.

He is survived by his wife Alice, daughter Kelly Dickson, granddaughter Haley Dickson, daughter-in-law Tracy Dickson. He was predeceased by his son Perry Dickson III. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Union Vale Fire Co.

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 12 at Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook. A funeral service was held on Monday, October 13 from the funeral home followed by interment in Verbank Cemetery with military honors. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes for condolences and directions.

James V. Fulmer Jr.

James V. Fulmer Jr., “Jim,” 81, passed away with his loving wife Bonnie by his side on October 6, 2025 at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

James Victor Fulmer, Jr. was born on August 9th, 1944 in Paterson, NJ, to James Victor Fulmer, Sr. and Vivian DeNeane Fulmer.

Jim moved to Poughkeepsie, NY, at the age of 6, residing at the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. He graduated with the class of 1962 from F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, NY, where he was a standout athlete, playing several years of varsity football and basketball. After graduation, he started racing motorcycles, sponsored by Ed’s Service. He raced at tracks such as Laconia and Syracuse, and continued racing for a number of years.

Upon graduation with his associate’s degree from Dutchess Community College, Jim joined the US Navy in 1965 and rose to Petty Officer Second Class as an Aviation Ordnanceman. He served in that capacity with a Naval Air Squadron based in Virginia. Attack Squadron 35 was dispatched on two tours aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVA-65), operating for months at a time in the South China Sea during the Vietnam War, including the Tet Offensive. For his service, he received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

After leaving the Navy, Jim resumed his college education at Marist College, while working in the pressroom at Western Publishing. In 1974, he was accepted into the New York State Police Training Academy, undergoing a demanding 26-week program for new troopers, including rigorous physical fitness training and academic coursework. His Navy ordnance training prepared him for advanced bomb tech training at the FBI Bomb School in Huntsville, AL, qualifying him to provide protection for Presidents Bush and Clinton, as well as dignitaries such as Margaret Thatcher, Yitzhak Shamir, Mikhail Gorbachev, and many celebrities. He served as a Trooper until his retirement in 2001, having worked as a Patrol Officer and then a K9 handler and bomb tech. He worked with highly trained German Shepherds and Bloodhounds, including his beloved Baker, performing duties such as explosive and narcotics detection, tracking, and handler protection. His K9 partners became part of his family. Jim retired in March 2001, but after Sept 11th, 2001, he was called back by the

Governor’s Office and served another four years as a Special Trooper, guarding the Ashokan Reservoir and Stewart Airport, among other posts.

On August 2nd, 1981, Jim married the love of his life, Bonnie Odell, a bond that thrived for 44 years. Together, they built a home in Rhinebeck and a life full of friends and community connections. Jim could be found at Bread Alone with his buddies on Sunday mornings, out at Monday night dinner with friends, attending Provincial Night at the Italian Center, and meeting with the Association of Former New York State Troopers at Foster’s. He was a friend to the fire house in Rhinebeck, a member of the American Legion, and a regular sight on his Triumph motorcycle. More recently, he could be found providing comic relief and kitten cuddling to foster kittens he and Bonnie welcomed into their home on the way to finding their forever families.

Jim died just after midnight on October 6, 2025, following a hospital stay due to a COVID-19 infection complicated by underlying health conditions. The family gives our thanks to the care team, especially the dedicated nursing staff, of the medical/surgical unit and the ICU at the Northern Dutchess Hospital for their compassionate care in Jim’s final days.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, and his sister, Janice Helen Fulmer. He is survived by his loving wife Bonnie Odell Fulmer, brothers Jeff Fulmer (Margot Fulmer) and Pete Fulmer (Sue Fulmer), as well as his nieces Jess Holzer (Tom Goldenberg) and Casey Fulmer (Hannah Sistrunk) and their children, and numerous cousins in New Jersey.

Calling Hours were held at Dapson Chestney Funeral Home on Monday October 13. Funeral Services will be held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday October 14. Burial with Navy and American Legion Honors followed services at the Rhinebeck Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim’s memory can be made to the following organizations that shaped and brought meaning to his life:

Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie 10 Childrens Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; American Legion Post 429 - PO Box 429, Rhinebeck, NY 12572; Dutchess County SPCA - 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com

Charles F. Lauria

Charles F. Lauria, 78, of Clinton Corners, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on October 5, 2025. Born May 10, 1947 in Poughkeepsie, NY, to the late Charles C. and Carmela DeFelice Lauria. He was a 1965 graduate of Arlington High School and remained active in the AHS Alumni Association, always looking forward to the annual picnic. He attended Dutchess Community College until he was drafted into the US Army in 1967. He proudly served in the 1st Battalion 72nd Armor, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Rose, South Korea during the Vietnam War era, earning the rank of Sergeant.

On February 7, 1970, he married the love of his life, Mary McClellan. They spent 55 years together building a life of strong family values and unconditional love. Charlie was the proud “girl dad” of Michele Simonetty and Christina Lauria through whom he instilled fierce independence and a strong work ethic.

Charlie is survived by his wife Mary, daughter and son-in-law Michele and Michael Simonetty, daughter and son-in-law Christina Lauria and Scott Tucker, and beloved grandchildren: Samantha and Jesse Simonetty, Kieran and Shane Cranna, as well as bonus grandchildren: Michael and Kaitlyn Tucker, Paige Arent, and Maggie Greene. Charlie is also survived by his chosen family: Selena Long, and Jody, Craig, and Isabella Miller, multiple cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends.

The week of Charlie’s diagnosis, he was selected to be a participant in the next Hudson Valley Honor Flight. He declined the offer because of his health status, please consider making a donation in his memory to the following: Hudson Valley Honor Flight P.O. Box 375 Walden, NY 12586 or Hudson Valley Hospice, 80 Washington, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Calling hours were held at Parmele, Auchmoody & Schoonmaker Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY on Thursday, October 9, 2025. A graveside service took place on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Calvary Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Richard Dennis Lloyd

Richard “Richie” Dennis Lloyd, 77, of Red Hook, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2025, at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, NY.

Born on July 16, 1948, in Yonkers, NY, he was the son of the late Kenneth Lloyd and Josephine Casalbore Lloyd.

He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1968-1972.

Richie was a hardworking and determined man who took pride in everything he did. He especially enjoyed making people smile and laugh – whether it was while working at Hannaford’s in Red Hook or Del’s Roadside Creamery where he often rode his bicycle to work. Through the years, Richie ventured into many different jobs, including working in bowling alleys and managing a snack bar. He also owned several businesses, including an arcade and vending machine business, a slot car racing shop, and an airport shuttle service.

When he wasn’t working, Richie made occasional trips to visit friends in Florida and anywhere else where he could find sunshine and a swimming pool. He also enjoyed model train sets, watching movies and listening to country music.

He is survived by his children, Amy Molloy and her husband Rich, Rick Lloyd and partner Jose, Matt Lloyd and wife Rene.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Rachel, John, Ben, Joya, Pablo, Sophia, and Quinton; his brother Kenny Lloyd; and several nieces and nephews. Richie’s family is especially grateful to his longtime friend, Tom Bogue, who was loyal in his friendship and steadfast in his support.

Along with his parents, Richard was predeceased by his brother, Michael Lloyd.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 2pm to 5pm, at Sweet’s Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY. A service will take place at 4:30pm during the calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, Richard’s family respectfully requests that memorial donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or American Cancer Society.

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

To send an online condolence or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Anna Maria Platé

Anna Maria Platé, 87, peacefully departed this life on October 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at Mid Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. Born on November 5, 1937 in Pradovera , Piacenza, Italy. The daughter of the late Carlo and Teresa (Maschi) Boglioli. Anna Maria lived a life enriched by her unwavering dedication to her family.

On January 18, 1955, Anna Maria married her beloved husband, the late Carlo Platé. Together, they laid the foundation for a family that would blossom and thrive in their new homeland. In 1966, Anna Maria, along with her husband and children, embarked on a momentous journey, immigrating to the United States and settling in New York City and later Pine Plains, New York. It was here that Anna Maria continued to nurture and provide for her family, embracing various roles and responsibilities throughout her life.

A woman of remarkable talents, Anna Maria found joy in gardening. Her passion for knitting was particularly celebrated, as she crafted the warmest socks for her family, legendary for their comfort and durability—a testament to her warmth and care. One of her favorite pastimes was listening to and dancing to Val Taro / Val Trebia Italian accordion music with her husband Carlo. Sunday afternoons were dedicated to family dinners, with music and dancing. She always looked forward to celebrating her birthday with family and friends at Magnanini Winery, dancing the

afternoon away.

Anna Maria’s greatest pride was in her children and grandchildren, whom she adored fiercely. She is survived by her cherished children, Paul (Gladys Christina) Platé, Elsa (Frank) Patti, Bruno (Laura) Platé, and Nando Platé. Her ten adoring grandchildren: Christina (Sal) Frasca, Gina (Michael) Luterzo, John (Kayleigh) Plate', Anthony Plate', Michael (Samantha) Plate', MaryAnna Plate', Carli Plate', Anthony (Camille) Pepe, Thomas (Cheryl) Pepe and Joseph (Jenn) Hunt. Her great-grandchildren, Antonio Carlo Pepe, Isabella Violet Pepe, Victor Paolo Pepe, Salvatore Carlo Frasca, Max Hunt and Elena Hunt . She is also survived by her two brothers, Aldo (Ines) Boglioli, Valentino (Gianna) Boglioli, plus many nieces and nephews in Italy.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Carlo, in 1997, and her brother, Giovanni Boglioli.

Family and friends shared memories and offered condolences on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 14, 2025 from St. Anthony’s Roman Catholic Church, Pine Plains. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Pine Plains. In lieu of flowers, donations in Anna Maria’s name may be made to either the Dutchess County SPCA or to St. Anthony’s Roman Catholic Church. For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the Platé family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Ligija Simanavicius

Ligija Simanavicius, 85, of Poughkeepsie, NY, died on October 1, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1940, Ligija and her family fled Soviet Occupation in 1944. After spending five years in a Displaced Persons Camp in Augsburg, Germany, her family was sponsored to emigrate to the United States. Ligija lived in New York City until 1972.

Ligija received a BS in Psychology from CCNY, an MSSW from Fordham School of Social Service, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Family Therapy from The Center for Family Learning. Ligija was a Supervisor at Astor Child Guidance Clinic in Poughkeepsie, NY in the 1970s. She then served as Director of Social Services at Craig House in Beacon, NY, before returning to Astor Clinic and finally to Astor’s Family Court Service from which she retired in 2013. Ligija was an active volunteer with the Poughkeepsie Library System.

Social Work was Ligija’s vocation and true calling. She felt grateful to have built a career that allowed her to form relationships, gain trust and reach people in very rare, vulnerable and tender ways. She engaged with others through the lens of empathy. While Ligija was strong-willed and stubborn, she had an enormous heart and a wonderful sense of humor.

Ligija had many passions. She adored pickleball, line dancing, and considered Bridge to be one of life’s greatest pleasures. Ligija always loved Manhattan and often jumped on the train to see plays, museum exhibits, The Met Opera, and to simply take in the food, life and culture of it all. She made frequent pilgrimages to the beach and had a flare for international travel, most recently visiting Antarctica at age 83!

In addition to her parents, Ligija was preceded in death by her husband, Kestutis Simanavicius, who died of colon cancer in 1974.

Ligija is survived by her daughter Sanda and her husband Rick, her sister, Renata Alinskas of Ridgewood, Queens, brother-in-law Rev. Augustinas Simanavicius, sister-in-law Ruta Simanavicius, nephews Rimas and

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OBITUARIES

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Linas Alinskas, Algis Rajeckas, Anthony and Johnny Simanavicius, Antanas Ragazinskas, nieces Audrey Trachtenberg, Zita Melvin, Rasa Chomyc, Dale, Laima, Lina, Daiva, Irmina and Jolanta Simanavicius, Aldona Jaksevicius, Violeta Laurin, Margarita Kybartas, Nijole Clarke, Algie Powers, and their families. Ligija is also survived by many wonderful friends. Throughout her life, family and friends were most dear to her.

As Ligija prioritized finding joy in life and sharing it with others, the family asks that you do the same - go out and do something that brings you real joy and share it with those around you.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Martin de Porres in Poughkeepsie on October 13th. Ligija was buried with her husband in St. John's Cemetery in Queens, NY on October 14th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Neringa.org, a Lithuanian summer camp in Vermont that Ligija strongly supported and helped shape Sanda to be the person she is today.

James Torreggiani

James Torreggiani, 62, a longtime Hyde Park resident, formerly of Wappingers Falls, NY died Tuesday September 30, 2025, at Hudson Valley Hospice with his brother Al by his side.

He was born in 1962 in Yonkers, NY. He was the son of Alfred Torreggiani Sr. and Mary Aiello Torreggiani.

He was formerly married to Tammy Messina and has two children, Angela Marie and JJ (James) Torreggiani.

James received his sacraments at Mt. Carmel and St Anthony Parish in Yonkers, NY.

James was a brilliant organist/pianist. He taught himself to play many instruments and would listen to songs and be able to recite them just by hearing them. He would often play Bach just by listening.

In his younger years James was involved in various bands and even helped the band secure a record label.

He also had a beautiful sense of humor. He was so funny and enjoyed sharing his sense of humor with all those he met.

James is survived by his five siblings Frances Woodruff and husband Allen of Modena; Susan Rinaldi and husband Steve of Greentown PA; Alfred Torreggiani and wife Jennifer of Hyde Park; Kenneth Torreggiani and wife Kathy of Saratoga; and Billy Torreggiani and wife Kathy from Modena.

He is also survived by his two beautiful children, Angela Marie and JJ, and many grandchildren.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, October 9th at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park, NY.

A funeral service took place on Friday, October 10th at the Funeral Home.

Burial followed at Union Cemetery of Hyde Park.

In lieu of Flowers memorial donations may be made to Mental Health of America, 253 Mansion St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (www.mhadutchess.org)

To send a online condolence please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com .

Faith Vasti

Faith Vasti was born on March 3, 1935, to Elizabeth Ruzeck and Peter Farley in Wausaukee, Wisconsin. Faith was raised in Chicago, Illinois where she graduated from Mundelein College with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Education. Here she met her beloved husband Thomas F. Vasti Jr. and the two were married on July 20, 1957. He predeceased her on October 21, 2008 after 51+ years of marriage.

She is survived by her son Peter, wife Bailey and their children Lindsey Moody (husband Teddy), Peter, Emily, Mikayla, James, and great granddaughter Isabella. Her daughter Valerie and partner James. Her son Thomas and daughter-in-law Suzanne (Hammond) and grandchildren Annelise and Matthew. Other survivors are Faith's sister, Kathleen Miller, along with several nieces and nephews who reside in Illinois.

Faith was also predeceased by dear sister Patricia Maietta, brother-in-law Joseph Maietta, beloved daughter-in-law Elizabeth and granddaughter Mary Anna.

Faith loved working with children. She taught in Chicago, Manhattan and the Arlington Central School District in Poughkeepsie, NY. She also served on the Arlington Central School Board, as did her late husband.

Faith was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka in Pleasant Valley, where she taught religious education for many years. In addition, she served on the Parish Council and as a trustee. Her many years of community involvement also included local politics, boy scout den mother and P.T.A.

Faith chaired fundraising events for the Good Counsel Home for unwed mothers and their children which was founded by Chris Bell and located in Poughkeepsie. This was done in memory of her granddaughter, Mary Anna (6/14/94) whose brief life benefited many through the efforts of Good Counsel.

There will be no calling hours, Masses preferred. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on October 31st at 10am. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley.

Donate blood, platelets

The American Red Cross asks donors to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets to support patients counting on a consistent blood supply to survive and heal. While emergencies often grab headlines, the need for blood is constant. Especially in October, as donation appointments can often drop quickly when people settle into busy fall routines and make plans around upcoming school breaks.

Additionally, the threat of hurricanes persists this month. Because blood has a short shelf life and can only come from volunteer blood donors, any disruptions in the ability to collect lifesaving blood can have serious consequences for those seeking medical care.

Prepare now. Help patients this fall and make an appointment to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, see RedCrossBlood.org/Fall. Those who give Oct. 20-Nov. 16, 2025, will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/Harvest for details.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIA

Craryville: 10/30, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Taconic Hills High School, 73 Route 11A
Germantown: 10/25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Germantown Schools, Main St and Route 9G

DUTCHESS

Poughkeepsie: 10/23, 1-5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road
Poughkeepsie: 10/27, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Elks Lodge 275, 29 Overocker Rd
Poughkeepsie: 10/30, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., The Atrium at MidHudson Regional Hospital, 1 Webster Ave,
Poughkeepsie: 10/31, noon -5 p.m., Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road
Tivoli: 10/23, 9 a.m. 2 p.m., The Masonic Lodge in Tivoli, 7 N Rd
Wappingers Falls: 10/21, 1-6 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376
Wappingers Falls: 10/30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 158 Myers Corners Rd

GREENE

Catskill: 10/18, 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Catskill United Methodist Church, 40 Woodland Avenue

Coxsackie: 10/17, noon-5 p.m., Gospel Community Church, 121 Mansion Street

ORANGE

Goshen: 10/16, 1-6 p.m., Minisink Fire House, Minisink Fire House, 99 North Church St.

Middletown: 10/16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., SUNY Orange, 115 South Street

Montgomery: 10/30, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road

New Windsor: 10/18, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., New Windsor Fire Department, 275 Walsh Ave.

Port Jervis: 10/28, 1-6 p.m., Port Jervis Elks Lodge 645, 35 US-6

SULLIVAN

Hankins: 10/25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hankins-Fremont Center Fire Dept., 20 Newman Hill Road

Jeffersonville: 10/23, 1-5:30 p.m., Saint George's Church, 97 Schoolhouse Rd

Monticello: 10/16, 1-6 p.m., Monticello Firehouse, 23 Richardson Avenue

ULSTER

Highland: 10/24, noon-5 p.m., Highland Hose Company 1, 25 Milton Ave

Kingston: 10/20, noon-5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 708 E Chester St

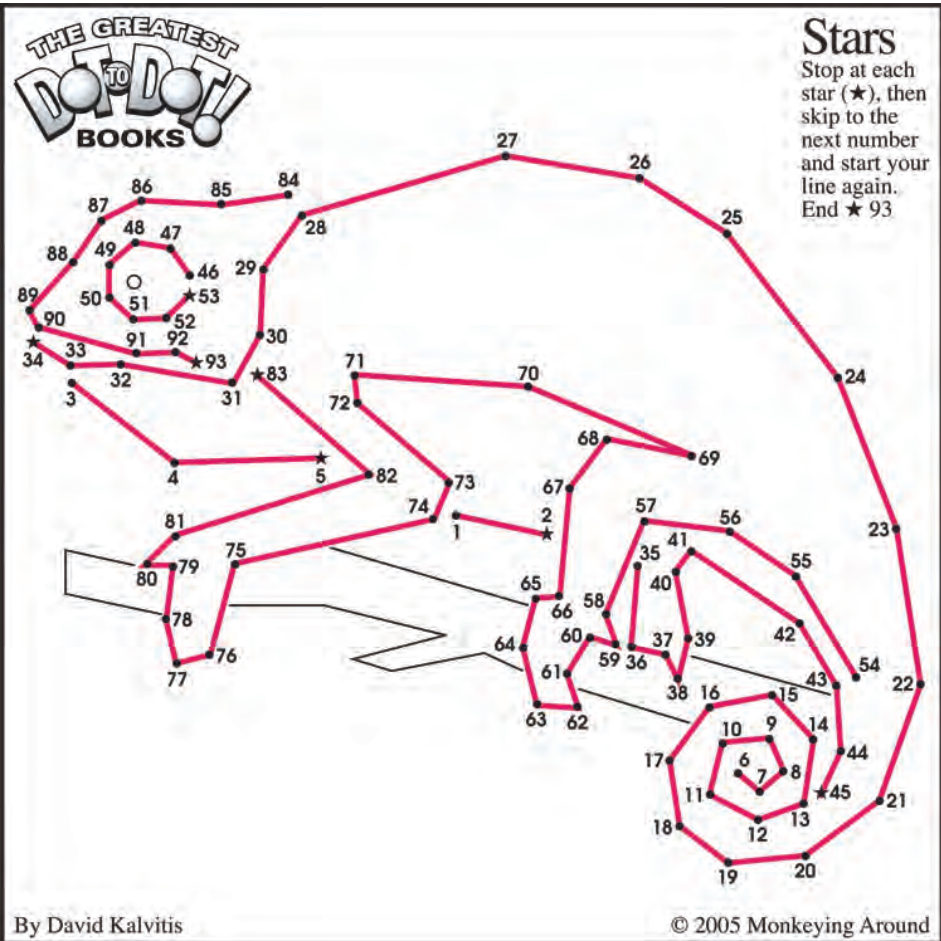
Kingston: 10/31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 104 Wurts St

New Paltz: 10/24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Woodland Pond at New Paltz, 100 Woodland Pond Circle

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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



SUDOKU

This week's answer

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Suguru solution

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2	1	3	1	3	2

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

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Legal Notices

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1000/2025
RE: ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE
TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 PURSUANT TO
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE
LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it may be necessary for the Town of Pleasant Valley to exceed the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Pleasant Valley pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has prepared a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2026 pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and the same has been reviewed and approved by the Town Board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the Proposed Local Law M of 2025 entitled “Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c” for commencement of the local law adoption process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on said local law to be held on October 20, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, at 7:05PM and that the public hearing be duly noticed by the Town Clerk as required by law. Date: October 6, 2025

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECONDED: Councilwoman Chapman

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Chapman	X	
Councilman Cookinham	X	
Councilman Degan		
Councilman Rifenburgh	X	
Supervisor Albrecht	X	
Carried.		

This Resolution was declared duly adopted on October 6, 2025

Dated: October 6, 2025

Pleasant Valley, New York

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
Town of Pleasant Valley

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
2026 BUDGET
MEETING DATES

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

on the following dates:

SPECIAL TOWN
BOARD MEETING

-Monday, September 29, 2025 at 5:00PM.

PURPOSE: Department heads will present their proposed 2026 budgets to the Town Board for review.

SPECIAL TOWN
BOARD MEETING

-Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:00PM

PURPOSE: Town Board will go through the 2026 budget in detail, reviewing each line item individually. Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
Town of Pleasant Valley

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

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

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY FOR

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

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

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

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

Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk, Town of Pleasant Valley

NOTICE OF
SUBMISSION OF
QUESTION
TO VOTERS OF
THE TOWN OF
CLINTON
AT NEXT GENERAL
ELECTION

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

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BE INCREASED FROM ONE HUNDRED

FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$154,800) ANNUALLY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$161,800) ANNUALLY?

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held in the Town of Clinton, on the 4th day of November, 2025, 6 AM – 9 PM. Early voting is October 25, 2025 to November 2, 2025; see the Dutchess County Board of Elections website for times and locations to early vote.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
PROPOSED LOCAL
LAW M OF THE
YEAR 2025

OVERRIDE OF THE
TAX LEVY LIMIT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2026

PURSUANT TO
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

Section I:
Title.

This Local Law shall be known and cited as “A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c.”

Section II:
Legislative Intent.

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The Town Board acknowledges that it is vitally important to use the taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley in a fiscally responsible manner and it is necessary to keep the tax levy of the property taxpayers to a minimum amount, especially in economically hard times. The Town Board has reviewed the proposed budget, the appropriation requests of the Town Department Heads and the financial position of the Town. The Town Board has determined that the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget will require a tax levy increase that is greater than that allowed by General Municipal Law §3-c.

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess, to adopt a Town budget for Town purposes and any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section III:
Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section IV:
Tax Levy Limit
Override

The Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section V:
Severability.

If any part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Legal Notices

sons or circumstance, and the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section VI:
Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING FOR
PROPOSED LOCAL
LAW M OF
THE YEAR 2025
TITLED: “OVERRIDE OF THE TAX
LEVY LIMIT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026
PURSUANT TO
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on October 20, 2025 at 7:05 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law M of 2025, “Override of the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c”.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York
October 6, 2025

Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-47-25

Heavy-Duty Transit Buses for Dutchess

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County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of December 2025 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This serves as official notice that TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL is soliciting and will receive bids for the ROOF REPLACEMENT of the Community Center, located at 890 Main Street. Requirements are outlined in the following specifications. Please review them carefully. Full bid specifications and requirements are available at the Town Clerk’s office Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. (845) 221-9191.

Alternately the Contract Documents may be viewed on BIDNETDIRECT.COM. If BIDNETDIRECT.COM is used to obtain Contract Documents, the bid must still be submitted as a hard copy in the manner described below.

All bids must be submitted by noon of NOVEMBER 6, 2025. The Town Clerk and such other officials of the Town will open bids on NOVEMBER 6, 2025 at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with “TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT ED2025.012”

Anyone interested in bidding is requested to obtain a bid package, review the same and submit it in accordance with the directions contained therein.

The Town of East Fishkill reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF EAST

Legal Notices

FISHKILL
PETER CASSIDY
TOWN CLERK
10/15/2025

Please take notice pursuant to Town Law Sect. 105, the Hillside Fire District will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget for 2026. The public hearing will be held at the Hillside Fire Department located at 11 Fox Hollow Road, Rhinebeck, NY at 7:00 pm on October 21st, 2025. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the offices of the Town Clerk of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Dated: October 9, 2025
Hillside Fire District Board of Commissioners

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Stanford Free Library in the Town of Stanford, New York hereby gives notice that, pursuant to N.Y.S. Election Law 259(1)(b), and in accordance with the provisions of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Stanford at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025.

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF STANFORD FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STANFORD FREE LIBRARY BE AT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200,400.00) ANNUALLY.

Further notice is hereby given that said election shall be held at the Stanford Town Hall in the Town of Stanford, on the 4th day of November, 2025, and that the polls will be open on that day between the hours of 6am to 9pm in addition to Early Voting Locations and options.

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Oct. 24 Declared ‘Miles of Hope Day’

Local organizations invited to host events in support of local breast cancer patients

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation today recently announced that Friday, Oct. 24, has officially been declared Miles of Hope Day throughout the Hudson Valley.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Foundation is encouraging businesses, schools, community groups and sports teams to wear pink, raise funds and show support for those impacted by breast cancer in their local communities.

“This day is about honoring the strength of those who have faced breast cancer and reminding them they’re not alone,” said Pari Forood, Executive Director of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. “When our community shows up with purpose and compassion, it sends a powerful message of solidarity.”

Miles of Hope funds critical support services, outreach and education in nine local counties. All donations remain in the region, helping neighbors, coworkers, friends and families in need.

Ways to support Miles of Hope Day

To help participants plan their involvement, the Foundation has released a

Miles of Hope Fundraising Toolkit, which includes event ideas, promotional materials, social media resources and more.

Opportunities to participate include:

- Hosting a fundraiser at your workplace, school or organization;
- Organizing a sporting event, such as a walk-a-thon, tennis match or team competition;
- Launching a retail point-of-sale program;

The toolkit is available at: www.milessofhope.org/donate/host-your-own-fundraiser/

Miles of Hope will support efforts by promoting events on social media,

providing brochures and merchandise, and offering public recognition and photo opportunities.

Turn the Hudson Valley Pink

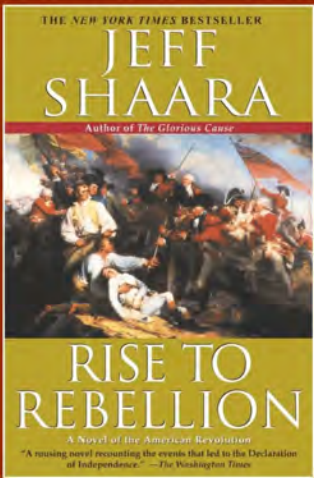
On Friday, Oct. 24, all residents are encouraged to wear pink, donate and tag their photos on social media to show their support.

Send photos to info@milessofhope.org and tag the Foundation on social media using @MilesOfHopeBCF.

Community support drives the work Miles of Hope undertakes year-round, and the Foundation is inviting everyone to come together this October to help sustain its mission.

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JEFF SHAARA

Saturday, October 18, 1:30 pm

Lateef Islam Auditorium, FPC

She-Merchants, Sachems, & Slaves:

Women of Colonial New York

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-8 pm, Boardman

Vicious and Immoral: Author Talk with John McCurdy

Wednesday, October 22, 6 pm, Virtual

FDR Library: Franklin and the Founders

Thursday, October 23, 7 pm, Virtual

Music with B.E. Farrow of Gangstagrass

Saturday, October 25, 2-3 pm, SPD

Colonial Period Silhouette Workshop

Monday, October 27, 5:30 pm, SPD

The Schuyler Sisters and the Hamilton Musical

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30-8 pm, Adirance

Teen Book Discussion: Hamilton Graphic Novel

Wednesday, October 29, 5-6 pm, Adirance

The American Loyalist in Poughkeepsie

Tuesday, November 4, 6 pm, Boardman

A Promised Land: Jewish Patriots:

Author Talk with Adam Jortner

Wednesday, November 5, 7-8:30 pm, Virtual

Liberty and Justice for Whom?:

Stories of the Locally Enslaved in the Revolution

Thursday, November 6, 6 pm, Boardman

Historic Songs with Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle

Monday, November 10, 6 pm, Boardman

Spilling the Tea: A History of Tea Drinking in NYS

Thursday, November 13, 6:30-8 pm, Virtual

18th Century Family Games Day

Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, Boardman

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