

# History, spirits visit Rhinebeck for Halloween

By Morgan E. Maier

Want to hear a ghost story? Rhinebeck is crawling with history this Halloween, courtesy of augmented reality spirit encounters.

The Montrose4 Studio and Dutchess County Historical Society have partnered for this pilot augmented reality (AR) program entitled “A Gathering of Spirits.” It is the flagship project for engaging with history through creativity and technology.

Augmented reality – the digital overlay of active, moving multi-media onto the immediate world around you – is experienced through a smartphone or tablet.

From Oct. 24-Nov. 2, 10 such spirit scenes will be spread across Rhinebeck. A website will provide details on how to get started in the scenes, plus an interactive map of where to catch all the scenes. Profiles and deeper background of the spirits can be found using various QR codes and online links; no Ouija board needed.

Participants will access the scenes using their smartphones, with an easy, accessible AR web application. And there are opportunities to capture some spirit selfies. Participants can take pictures and videos of each scene, posing with the spirits.

Featuring scenes of leisure activities to transportation and culture, today’s Rhinebeckers of all ages can learn some history of their town, from petticoats and period dress that used to walk the town’s very corners.

The images are of real, genuine local persons, inviting people of today to understand what life was like in Rhinebeck in prior generations. “They are the people who would have been our friends and neighbors, had we lived here in the earlier centuries,” said Bill Jeffway, executive director of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

Some scenes, based on archival photographs from the 1800s-1900s, will be responsive to the encounters. A few of these near-transparent figures will speak to their visitors and share Halloween messages when prompted. Happy ghost hunting!

# Incumbent Aymar-Blair, Truitt vie for County Comptroller role

By Curtis Schmidt

Incumbent Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair faces the challenge of Will Truitt in this year’s local election. Early voting begins on Oct. 25 and Nov. 4 is Election Day.

Aymar-Blair defeated Gregg Pulver in 2024 and served the final year of the four-year term of Robin Lois, a Democrat who resigned to become the state’s deputy comptroller for local government and school accountability.

Aymar-Blair, a Democrat, emphasizes 20 years of experience in government financial operations, including 15 years at New York City Public Schools where he served as Chief Operating Officer for Teaching and Learning, which he states had a budget as large as that of Dutchess County. He also served on the Beacon City Council from 2020-2024.

Truitt, a Republican and current chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature, highlights his management of the finances of a local, family-owned construction company for the past eight years, which makes millions of dollars in annual revenue. As Chairman of the Legislature’s Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, he led the adoption of a budget in excess of \$630 million.

In response to a question on the main



Dan Aymar-Blair



Will Truitt

issues in the race, Aymar-Blair said, “Just like Sheriff and District Attorney elections, voters are more often looking at competence, not party affiliation. So the main issue in the race is competence.”

He added, “As Comptroller, my job is to identify patterns of weakness in our policies and procedures and internal controls. The main patterns I have identified are a systemic lack of planning and reckless real estate deals. Dutchess County needs to do better in these areas.”

He identified two examples and said, “Better planning saves money and delivers better results for taxpayers.”

Truitt stressed the affordability issue and said, “In a state that makes it uniquely challenging to afford to stay here, we must do all that we can locally to blunt this trend. That is why in my 10 years of service in the legislature, we have reduced the county property tax rate every year. We have done all this while maintaining a healthy reserve account of approximately \$100 million and maintaining an S&P bond rating of AA+; the highest in the state of New York.”

He added that in his time in the legislature, “We have created and

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# American Legion Post 1302 to dedicate new flag poles and flags Oct. 25

By Jim Donick



A formal dedication of new flags and flag poles at the Arlington American Legion Post 1302 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25. Built before the American Revolution and home to County Court Judge and Colonel of Militia, Zephaniah Platt, from 1762 to 1798, Post 1302 is thought to be the only American Legion Post in the country that sits in a building that predates the Revolutionary War. *Photo by Jim Donick*

The Arlington American Legion Post 1302 will hold a formal dedication of new flags and flag poles in front of their building at 55 Overlook Road on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

The post has a total of nine flag poles. The tallest holds the American flag. It is flanked by two poles that hold the MIA/POW flag, and the other bears the flag of the American Legion. Fronting the three taller poles is a line of six slightly shorter poles that carry the flags of each of the armed services of the United States. It is the six shorter poles that have been replaced.

The poles are a donation to the post from the Concord American Flag Pole Company and they were erected with the assistance of an Adams Landscaping crew.

The ceremony will be emceed by WRWD personality “Uncle” Mike and will include comments from many local dignitaries and veterans, including County Executive Sue Serino, State Senator Rob Rollison, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett and several others.

The public is encouraged to attend to show their support for the Veterans.

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# Early voting starts Oct. 25

Information taken from  
<https://elections.dutchessny.gov/early-voting/>

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.

# ‘Skilled Trade Fair’ Oct. 23

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino is teaming up with NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey and the Red Hook Central School District to host a Skilled Trades Fair, designed to connect students and young adults with a wide range of career opportunities available in the Hudson Valley. Participating businesses will have a unique opportunity to engage

with motivated students and young adults eager to explore careers in their trades. This free event, open to the public and students from school districts across the region, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Red Hook High School, 103 W. Market Street. There is no fee to participate.

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strengthened many grant programs that put money back where it belongs, in our communities.”

The following is the full text of the responses from the two candidates, with the incumbent going first.

**DAN AYMAR-BLAIR**  
**Please give your background/ qualifications and why you are running for re-election to the position of County Comptroller.**

Before being elected Dutchess Comptroller, I had 20 years of experience in government financial operations. I worked at New York City Public Schools for 15 years, where I served as the Chief Operating Officer for Teaching and Learning, which had a budget as big as Dutchess County’s. I also served on Beacon City Council from 2020 to 2024, where I consistently lowered property tax rates and successfully advocated for infrastructure investments, park improvements, housing policy reforms, better public safety and emergency response capabilities for Beacon residents – including Beacon’s new firehouse.

Because of my experience, I was able to jump right in and start making good on my promises to increase financial report-

ing and to share information about the County budget directly with the people. In the nine months I’ve been in office, I’ve gotten the office on pace to produce a record number of reports in 2025. I’ve also done 11 town halls and started recording brief video summaries of our reports on social media. The result is that our reports are being read by the public 4-5 times more than before. I’m doing the job exactly as I promised and I want to see this vision through.

**What do you see as the main issues in this race and the role of County Comptroller?**

The question before voters this year is: Who is more capable and independent to do the job of Comptroller?

There is no Democratic or Republican way to check that two numbers match. But a Comptroller must know which two numbers “should” match. Just like Sheriff and District Attorney elections, voters are more often looking at competence, not party affiliation. So the main issue in the race is competence.

As Comptroller, my job is to identify patterns of weakness in our policies and procedures and internal controls. The main patterns I have identified are a sys-

# 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

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temic lack of planning and reckless real estate deals. Dutchess County needs to do better in these areas.

From Dutchess County’s COVID-19 funding to the stalled Youth Opportunity Union project in Poughkeepsie, I have seen well-intentioned projects fall apart due to a lack of planning. And, through our reporting, we’ve encouraged the County to make improvements. Better planning saves money and delivers better results for taxpayers.

I’ve also seen a pattern of large real estate deals that have gone sideways. For example, the County purchased a property for a homeless shelter but, not until after the purchase, did they learn that it needed \$15 million of work to get up to code. The County bought a campground for \$4.8 million even though it wasn’t in the market for a campground and didn’t shop around. This camp remains inaccessible to the public and has barely been used. What exactly is going on here? So we’re staying on top of this and will make recommendations on improving the processes for acquiring real estate.

Because I haven’t been in the legislature for the last ten years, I can look at these issues with clear eyes, pursue the truth, and make recommendations for our County government to work better.

**WILL TRUITT**  
**Please give your background/ qualifications and why you are running for re-election to the position of County Comptroller.**

I am a lifelong Dutchess County resident and earned my degree in accounting and finance from Marist University. I have the right blend of private and public sector financial experience that uniquely prepares me for the position of Dutchess County Comptroller. Professionally, for the past eight years, I have managed the finances of a local, family-owned construction company making millions of dollars in annual revenue. Simultaneously, I have served my community in the Dutchess County Legislature for the last decade, including as the Chairman of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, leading the adoption of a budget in excess of \$630 million. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Legislature, where I lead the entire body. My experience allows me to understand how to make government live with-

in its means, as well as what it means to make payroll in the private sector. Over the past decade, I have built working relationships with elected officials, community stakeholders and non-profit leaders that will allow me to be an effective comptroller, working to ensure that our tax dollars are spent efficiently and effectively.

**What do you see as the main issues in this race and the role of County Comptroller?**

One of the top issues I hear about all the time is affordability. In a state that makes it uniquely challenging to afford to stay here, we must do all that we can locally to blunt this trend. That is why in my 10 years of service in the legislature we have reduced the county property tax rate every year. We have done all this while maintaining a healthy reserve account of approximately \$100 million and maintaining an S&P bond rating of AA+; the highest in the state of New York. This is made possible by making smart investments, consolidating services where we can, and effectively managing the revenues that we receive. If elected comptroller, I will provide constant oversight to ensure our tax dollars are spent efficiently, allowing us to continue this trend.

In my time in the legislature, we have created and strengthened many grant programs that put money back where it belongs, in our communities. This is why we have allocated \$500,000 in grants to local senior programming, \$150,000 for veterans’ infrastructure grants and transportation needs, \$100,000 for local historical societies, as well as several rounds of grants for youth sports and youth programming, to name just a few. I believe we should continue to invest in our communities. As comptroller, I will work to ensure that these funds are being maximized and going towards the critical programming that they were intended to service.

Finally, Dutchess County over the next several years will come to consider several critical infrastructure projects. I believe that my background in the construction industry will allow me to provide deeply informed oversight over these types of projects, ensuring that money is spent most efficiently and that we are keeping our commitment to the taxpayers.







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**Rodney Wager – Committed to building a better Hyde Park**  
To the editor:  
Rodney Wager was born and raised in Hyde Park, where he and his wife of 37 years continue to live and contribute to the community. A proud father of three and grandfather of five, Rodney brings both personal dedication and professional experience to everything he does.  
Rodney began his career with the Dutchess County Department of Public Works before joining Peckham Industries as a Driver/Equipment Operator, Dispatch/Assistant Plant Manager, and eventually Sales Representative with Peckham Industries and later The Gorman Group. Over the course of his career, he gained first-hand experience in all aspects of road construction—oil and stone application, patching and resurfacing, paving, hauling aggregates, liquid asphalt application, and recycled pavement solutions. He built strong relationships with engineers, contractors, and highway departments throughout Dutchess, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Delaware, and Putnam Counties. This experience has provided Rodney with deep industry insight and a clear understanding of what it takes to run efficient, cost-effective public works operations. Rodney also holds a Class A CDL License.  
Rodney is committed to continuing the important work of the Highway Department while seeking to increase the number of miles paved each year. He believes in building on the progress that has already been made, while always looking for opportunities to do more for the residents of Hyde Park.  
Rodney understands that the challenges facing local residents go beyond road maintenance and that is why he is firmly committed to ensuring that every tax dollar is spent wisely and effectively. He believes government must be fiscally responsible and results-driven; always working to ease the burden on residents while improving essential services. Vote Rodney Wager – Proven Experience, Trusted Leadership.

John Lombardi  
Former Ward 3 Councilman  
Hyde Park

**‘Wholeheartedly’ supports McLoughlin re-election**  
To the editor:  
I had the honor of serving as one of the two County Court judges in Dutchess County from 2011 until 2020, when I retired. County Court is where felony prosecutions, such as murder, robbery, sexual assaults, and drug trafficking are litigated.  
One of those judges, Hon. Edward “Ned” McLoughlin has served in that position since his election in 2015. Since our terms overlapped for 5 years, I had the unique perspective of having worked with him on a daily basis handling the most severe crimes that occur in our county. Based on my personal and professional dealings with Judge McLoughlin, I wholeheartedly support his re-election in November.  
Before his election to the bench, Judge McLoughlin served as a prosecutor in the Dutchess County District Attorney’s office for more than 20 years. He was one of the best trial lawyers in that office. He never lost a felony trial in County Court during his tenure in the DA’s office.  
As a judge, he has brought that same work ethic and experience to the position of County Court judge. His trial decisions are routinely affirmed after defendants convicted after trial file their appeals to the Appellate Division. He is courteous and polite to all who serve on juries or appear as witnesses or as members of the various agencies and departments who have business before his court. Attorneys who practice before him are always treated with respect.  
Law enforcement has, in particular, lined up to support his re-election this year because they know he supports their efforts when proper cases are brought before him. He does not shy away from giving a guilty defendant a lengthy prison sentence, when appropriate.  
In addition, Judge McLoughlin has been a valuable member of the adjunct faculty at Marist University, teaching criminal law and procedure courses to the next generation of students for more than 20 years.  
In my opinion, there is no one more qualified to sit as a member of the County Court bench in Dutchess County than Judge Ned McLoughlin. Please join me in voting for him on November 4th.

Hon. Peter M. Forman (Retired)  
Beacon

**POLITICAL LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR**

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Hinchey, Rosenthal bill strengthens extreme risk protection orders by recognizing animal cruelty as a risk factor in domestic violence

New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey (SD 41) and Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal (AD 67) recently announced that legislation they sponsor to expand New York’s temporary extreme risk protection order (TERPO) law has been signed by Gov. Kathy Hochul. The legislation (S.5514/A.6556) allows courts to consider evidence of animal cruelty when deciding whether to temporarily remove firearms from someone deemed a danger to themselves or others.  
Previously, judges could issue a TERPO based on threats of violence, reckless use or brandishing of firearms, recent or ongoing substance abuse, and other factors at their discretion. Hinchey and Rosenthal’s bill explicitly adds animal cruelty to this list, which reflects well-documented research, including FBI findings, that animal abuse is a predictive crime often linked to violence against humans. The National Sheriffs’ Association similarly reports that 88% of families investigated for physical child abuse also reported instances of animal cruelty.  
Hinchey said, “Animal cruelty is often a warning sign of escalating violence, and a tactic used to control victims of domestic abuse. Allowing our courts to consider animal cruelty in extreme risk protection cases can help disrupt cycles of harm and save lives. This new law gives courts and law enforcement stronger tools to keep New Yorkers safe, and I thank Governor Hochul for signing our legislation.”  
Leah Feldman, CEO of Family Services, said, “As a provider of supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, Family Services sees first-hand how cruelty to animals can be both a form of abuse and a warning sign of escalating violence. Recognizing animal cruelty within extreme risk protection laws is a critical step toward preventing future harm and keeping our neighbors, families, and communities safe. We thank Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Rosenthal for their leadership and commitment to protecting victims and strengthening safety across our region and state, and Governor Hochul for signing this bill into law.”  
Help is available, and you are not alone. Contact the Center for Victim Safety and Support at Family Services:  
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informed and building a stronger connection between the legislature and our towns.

If elected, I'll provide regular updates through a newsletter, speak at town board meetings, and attend local events to hear directly from residents. I'll also work closely with town officials to align our priorities and make sure we're working together to get things done for Beekman and Union Vale.

HEIDI TUCCI - DEMOCRAT  
DISTRICT 22, BEEKMAN AND UNION VALE



**Please give your background and why you are running for election.**

I am a retired public school teacher. I taught for 33 years, beginning in Poughkeepsie and ending in Millbrook. Throughout my 37 years as a Dutchess County resident, I have volunteered with many organizations - The V.F.W., Dutchess Outreach, Sparrows Nest, The Parkinsons Foundation, Relay for Life, my church food pantry and more.

Although I have donated countless hours in service to my immediate community and the greater community of Dutchess, I really felt that it was time to get more involved in the decision making process that affects the lives in our county. We need more public servants in office who are interested in doing the work to improve our communities.

**What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?**

There are so many pressing issues in our communities right now. Three of my top priorities are affordability, mental health services, and our environment. Our adult children and senior family members are struggling to afford housing, utility costs, taxes, and groceries. This affordability crisis causes immense stress which can, and does, lead to mental health issues. We need to improve and expand access and outreach for vital mental health services.

Next, we need to ensure that our beautiful Hudson Valley environment remains a healthy place for future generations to enjoy. We must manage air, water, and soil pollution with progressive initiatives that not only maintain, but improve as time goes on. In my district, specifically, it is important that we continually work to maintain a balance between rural character and smart economic growth. As a Dutchess County Legislator, I will examine how we can rein in wasteful County spending on failed/delayed/unfinished/expensive projects. Then, find solutions to drive down the skyrocketing cost of living. I also plan to open lines of transparent and continuous communication with my constituents through newsletters and in-person reports at Town Board Meetings. I believe that if we

can work to make smarter decisions in the legislature, we can find a multitude of ways to help all of Dutchess County grow and thrive.

CHRIS ROLISON - REPUBLICAN  
DISTRICT 23, BEEKMAN, PAWLING  
AND EAST FISHKILL



**Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.**

I have been in law enforcement since 2012 and currently serve as a Sergeant in the Town of New Castle Police. I am running for re-election to continue working hard for the constituents of my district and for all of Dutchess County. I strive to remain accessible, accountable and responsive to the concerns of our residents. Just as trust is essential in my work as a police officer, it is equally vital in my service as a County Legislator.

**What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?**

Affordability remains a top priority for me and for our entire caucus. It's an issue that impacts every resident in Dutchess County. In speaking with constituents from District 23, I know that public safety is also a key concern. Over the past two years, we've made significant investments in the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Real Time Crime Center to enhance safety and response capabilities countywide.

(No opponent)

ANDREW HOUSE - REPUBLICAN  
DISTRICT 24, DOVER AND PAWLING



**Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.**

I am a lifelong resident, a second-generation business owner, and have served as the Dutchess County Legislator, District 24 for the last two years. As your legislator, I have worked effectively with fellow legislators and colleagues in county government to support critical grant funding that serve our fire departments, youth, veterans and seniors. I will continue to advocate for my fellow residents and business owners who deserve to have their concerns and interests addressed by County Government.

**What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?**

Key issues in Eastern Dutchess include helping local businesses succeed and recruiting new businesses to help fill gaps

in providing the types of services and products that residents want and need. Continuing to fight for grant funding to help improve aging infrastructure, senior and youth programming and emergency services. My wife and I have two children who are very active in local sports - keeping town recreation and facilities at our parks thriving are very important to our community. Preserving scenic vistas and open space are also critical to protecting our natural resources and I will help Pawling and Dover work with Dutchess County to create partnerships that bring opportunities for grants that can help with local land conservation projects.

(No opponent)

DEIRDRE HOUSTON - REPUBLICAN,  
MAJORITY LEADER  
DISTRICT 25, AMENIA, WASHINGTON,  
PLEASANT VALLEY AND  
VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK



**Please give your background and why you are running for re-election.**

I am completing my fourth two-year term as a Dutchess County Legislator. Over the years, I have had the honor of serving as Chair of the Government Services Committee, Assistant Majority Leader, and currently as Majority Leader. Prior to being elected as a County Legislator, I served seven years on the Millbrook Central School District Board of Education. In addition, I have volunteered as a trustee for both the Millbrook Educational Foundation and the Millbrook Arts Group. These experiences, both elected and volunteer, have given me a broad perspective on how government and community organizations can work together to support residents and strengthen our community. Affordability remains at the heart of my work. I am proud to have supported county budgets that reduced the tax rate every year I have served as a Legislator, and I will continue to review each budget closely to find ways to ease the burden on taxpayers while maintaining essential services.

Supporting veterans is also a key priority. As a member of the Dutchess County Veterans Affairs Committee, I am committed to ensuring our veterans and their families receive the services and respect they deserve. The County's "One Stop Shop" for veterans has expanded resources and improved access to support, and I will continue working to strengthen and build upon that success.

**What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?**

One of the most urgent challenges we face is the EMS crisis in Dutchess County and across New York State. This year, we made important progress by launching a pilot program with a county EMS contract for ambulance service, but this is just the first step in developing a more comprehensive and sustainable solution. When someone is experiencing a medical emergency, nothing is more important than having a qualified professional arrive quickly. I am committed to continuing the work to ensure that all our residents can rely on timely, life-saving service.

Another priority is affordable housing, particularly in the rural areas of Dutchess County that I proudly represent. I was honored to serve on the review committee for the County's Housing Trust Fund and to recommend funding for a small-scale affordable housing project in Amenia. While it is only a beginning, every affordable unit that comes online makes a real difference for families in need.

Finally, I continue to advocate for critical infrastructure, such as water and sewer projects in Amenia and Pleasant Valley. A thriving business district is not possible without this foundation, and I will keep working alongside Town Boards to pursue funding and grant opportunities that make these projects a reality.

ERIC ALEXANDER - DEMOCRAT  
DISTRICT 25 - AMENIA, WASHINGTON,  
PLEASANT VALLEY AND  
VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK



**Please give your background and why you are running for election.**

Public service has always been a key part of my life. From youth sports and local education to community boards, I've always recognized the importance of actively engaging in my community. Today, I serve on the Town of Washington Planning Board and until recently on the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights (I stepped down to run for county legislature). I am also the Chair of the Board of Trustees of my alma mater, Emerson College in Boston.

My professional career has combined finance and communication. I worked for more than a decade for leading advertising and public relations agencies and for 20 years on Wall Street. I have deep, hands on experience managing hundred-million-dollar budgets and, as board chair, now have direct fiduciary responsibility for a \$350 Million operating budget and a \$300 Million endowment. I know how to find and eliminate waste while funding priorities.

These professional, advocacy and governance positions provide me with a strong perspective into the issues of greatest concern to the people of Dutchess County and the insight and experience needed to solve complex problems. I know how to overcome inertia, build consensus around common ground and implement change.

**What do you see as the main issues facing the county and your area in particular?**

Dutchess County is making little if any progress on improving essential services, from EMS and public transportation to housing and mental health services. And it is painfully clear that my towns, Pleasant Valley, Washington/Millbrook and Amenia/Wassaic, are not receiving our fair share of attention, support and services from the County.

Private EMS service is costing the towns in my Election District more than \$1.5 million a year and will only go up from there. Yet, despite the unsustainable cost, response times are still too slow. We must implement a countywide solution that would allow us to negotiate far better terms and more evenly allocate services, and we must educate residents on when--and when not--to call for help.

We must restore public transportation and other basic services to Amenia. We must support responsible development that preserves the rural nature of our communities, while creating a range of new housing opportunities. To accomplish all this, we have to push back hard on the wasteful spending by our current county legislature. They have squandered \$25 million on luxury boxes for a minor league baseball stadium; and almost \$10 Million more on incomplete or abandoned projects, like the Youth Opportunity Union in Poughkeepsie and the Camp Noteeming Boy Scout Camp in Pleasant Valley. The millions of dollars wasted on these poorly thought-out projects could have gone a long way toward solving our EMS crisis, restoring public transportation and making housing more available. Dutchess County needs professional, transparent, bipartisan governance.



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# Poughkeepsie Farm Project sets Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 25

Poughkeepsie Farm Project will conduct its 3rd Annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 5 p.m. rain or shine, at 51 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie.

This fall celebration is a vibrant, family-friendly music festival that spotlights local food, music, makers, and community spirit — with proceeds from the event supporting the Poughkeepsie Farm Project’s work feeding families, educating youth, and training future farmers in the Hudson Valley.

This year’s lineup features live performances by Pulso de Barro, Mixed Roots, Soil & Soul, and the Rosendale Ukulele Group, weaving together a tapestry of musical styles to set a festive autumn mood. In addition to the tunes, attendees can explore a maker’s fair with over 30 artisan vendors, enjoy a fall-themed photo booth, take part in children’s activities like Crazy Over Art on Tour, the Poughkeepsie Library Rover Truck, story time in the education garden, and craft activities. Local food trucks will serve seasonal fare and delicious desserts, while craft beer and wine will be available from 1915 Wine Cellar for those 21+. Farm tours and a free community harvest will also offer a behind-the-scenes look at the growing work of

Poughkeepsie Farm Project and give people the chance to pick some food from the farm’s fields to take home. Hudson Valley Concierge Service will offer a free shuttle service from the parking lot down to the festival.

Tickets are offered on a “pay-what-you-can” basis (suggested donation \$30), ensuring open access while encouraging community support. Harvest Fest brings together neighbors, artists, families, and food lovers alike for an afternoon of celebration, connection, and fall magic on the farm. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [farmproject.org/harvestfest](http://farmproject.org/harvestfest).

Each ticket provides access to five hours of live music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from our partner vendors. Best of all, proceeds from the event support Poughkeepsie Farm Project’s vital food justice initiatives, ensuring that healthy, locally grown food is accessible to the community year-round.

PFP is grateful to Central Hudson Gas & Electric, NuVance Health, 1915 Wine Cellar, CDPHP, Hudson Valley Concierge Services, and the Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns for making this event possible.

SERINO TO DELIVER BUDGET ADDRESS OCT. 29

The public is invited to the 2026 Dutchess County Executive Budget Address on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 11 a.m., in the Dutchess County Legislature Chambers, 22 Market St., 6th Floor, Poughkeepsie.  
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 24, at [DutchessNY.gov/RSVP](http://DutchessNY.gov/RSVP) or call (845) 486-2000.

# Rhinebeck Sweaters for Good highlights region’s wool producers and processors

The Hudson Valley Textile Project (HVTP) launched its Rhinebeck Sweaters for Good campaign this past weekend at the New York Sheep and Wool Festival at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck.

Tens of thousands of attendees gather and wore their 2025 Rhinebeck sweaters, a long-time tradition involving group knit-a-longs that plan, knit and wear matching sweaters they’ve worked on all year. Many shop for yarn for their 2026 sweaters at the festival.

HVTP launched Rhinebeck Sweaters for Good with a simple idea - knit your 2026 Rhinebeck sweaters with wool grown and milled right here in the Northeast. The campaign continues through the year and culminates in a celebration of local Rhinebeck Sweaters for Good on the fairgrounds in 2026, a visible show of support for farmers, mills and makers in our region.

“Imagine what that could do for our region. Every sweater would directly support a farmer raising sheep, a shearer collecting the wool, and the scouring, carding, spinning, and dyeing operations that turn raw fleece into yarn. It would move through mills, local yarn shops, and dyers — keeping dollars circulating in our communities and ensuring that these skills and businesses remain strong for the next generation,” says Gail Parinello, president of Hudson Valley Textile



Project. The nonprofit represents all parts of that fiber supply chain.

“I began calculating the collective impact of more festival attendees using locally sourced wool for their annual sweater projects and thought, this could really make a difference. Beyond the economic and sustainability benefits, each skein represents an enormous set of skills and significant infrastructure investment. These also yield some of the most beautiful and unique yarns in the country,” says Abby Henderson, the group’s Education and Outreach Specialist.

Hudson Valley Textile Project is a member-supported 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to growing a thriving natural fiber economy in the Hudson Valley and beyond. It educates consumers, trains producers and addresses supply chain gaps. Visit [hvtextileproject.org](http://hvtextileproject.org) for more information.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rhinebeck Garden Club to meet Oct. 22  
Rhinebeck Garden Club Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, October 22, 10am, 76 East Market Street. Program: Flower Power: A Native Plant Nursery, presented by Amelia Legare of the O Zone in Red Hook. Learn about the significance of native plants that support pollinators. Refreshments served. Most meeting are open to the public, but guests are asked to join after attending two meetings. For information about this meeting, or to become a member call Sue at 845-797-3226.

Order for ‘Souper Sunday’ by Oct. 23  
Hyde Park Moose Lodge “Souper Sunday” Join us on November 2, 1-4 to enjoy 14 different soups, dancing and music to benefit Meals on Wheels and the Hyde Park Food Pantry. Cost is \$20 per person or if not able to attend you can preorder soup to go. Reservations can be made by calling 845-229-7287 by October 30th. Soup Orders must be made by October 23rd.

The Hudson Valley Job Fair set Oct. 23  
The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber Foundation Inc. present The Hudson Valley Job Fair, in partnership with Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board and DC Works, on Thursday, Oct. 23. The Job Fair is free and open to the public and will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. For more information about the Job Fair, visit dcrcc.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

Roast Beef Dinner in South Amenia  
On Saturday, Oct. 25, the South Amenia Church will hold its annual Roast Beef Dinner, this year providing takeout from 3 to 5 p.m. at the parish hall, 229 South Amenia Road, Wassaic. In addition to the charcoal-roasted beef, the menu includes mixed green salad, rolls, baked potatoes, gravy, green beans and home-made desserts. The cost is \$17 for full takeout meals. Reservations are requested; please call (845) 789-1206, or (845) 877-3939.

Grace Church in Millbrook to dedicate stained glass windows Oct. 25  
Grace Church on Franklin Avenue in Millbrook will host a dedication of its newly installed stained glass windows depicting “remarkable Christians” Charles “Buddy” Johnson, Julian of Norwich and Eleanor Roosevelt. The dedication service will be held 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 wel-

come to attend. Refreshments will be served. Visit www.gracemillbrook.org for more information.

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. Call Jeanne at 845-797-9621.

Historical scavenger hunt set Oct. 25 in Rhinebeck Village  
2025 marks the 250th Anniversary of the death of General Richard Montgomery, the first general killed in the American Revolution. Gen. Montgomery lived in Rhinebeck with his wife Janet Livingston Montgomery. To commemorate his death and his contribution of the American Cause, the Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is partnering with the Starr Library in sponsoring a Rhinebeck Village Scavenger Hunt. It is free and will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcomed. Pick up instructions as the DAR Chapter House at 77 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck.

The Hunt takes place in the Village of Rhinebeck and will end back at the Chapter House with ice cream and prizes. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent. Older participants are welcome to do the Hunt and enjoy ice cream afterwards but will not be eligible for the prizes. Bring your smart phone as you will be required to take a photo of the Montgomery (and DAR) mentions that you find. Come and join the fun and the opportunity to learn more about one of Rhinebeck’s important residents. For further information, contact Cindy Beahan at 845.616.9300

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

Stop 22 Challenge set Oct. 26  
Red Hook VFW Post 7765 invites the public to join them in walking to prevent veteran suicides on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Red Hook High School Track, 103 West Market St., from noon to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Register at the event; donations appreciated. Contact Bill Moore at (845) 758-8175 or wmoore@hvc.rr.com for more information.

Film screening in Kingston Oct. 26  
Sunday, October 26, 2 - 5 pm at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. Showing of the international, award winning film “From Ground Zero - Part 1.” Follow the lives of 22 Palestinian filmmakers living through war and annihilation in Gaza. See how art and the human spirit can survive in the darkest of times. Michael Moore is Executive Producer. Free admission with community discussion after the film. Cosponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org, Mid Hudson Valley DSA, Rally Middletown, JVP Hudson Valley, Peace Education Center, Veterans For Peace, and Women In Black - New Paltz. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845 876-7906

Children’s Halloween Party at Morton Library  
Morton Memorial Library (82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff) will host a Children’s Halloween Party on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. Attendees will be spookily entertained by reading Halloween stories, and will decorate Halloween cookies. Costumes encouraged. Call (845) 876-2903 to RSVP.

Penny Social at Stanford Grange set Nov. 1  
Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host a Penny Social on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny items, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Refreshments will be for sale; no outside food, please - it takes money away from the kids. Total proceeds benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange’s “Kids Helping Kids” Projects. For more information, contact Marilyn Brands at (845) 223-5717 or Melissa Traver at (845) 891-9779.

Pork Loin BBQ Fundraiser set Nov. 1 at Masonic Lodge  
Hendrick Hudson Masonic Lodge, at 9 Graves St. in Red Hook, will hold its Pork Loin BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 1, starting at 3 p.m. The menu will include pork loin, mashed potatoes, red cabbage, apple sauce and apple crisp. The cost is \$20. Visit RedHookMasons.org or call (845) 758-8185 for more information.

Museum of Rhinebeck History sets Fall Open House & Graveyard Talk  
The Museum of Rhinebeck History will hold its Fall Open House & Graveyard Talk on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Quitman House, 7015 Route 9, Rhinebeck. Free admission. Looking for vendors: If you’d like to reserve a table for the Museum’s tag sale during the Fall Open House, send an email to museumofrhinebeckhistory@gmail.com.

PV Repair Cafe moved to Nov. 1  
The Pleasant Valley Repair Cafe will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, Rt. 44, Pleasant Valley. The Repair Cafe was originally scheduled for Oct. 18. but had to be postponed until Nov. 1, due to unforeseen circumstances. Bring your moth-eaten sweaters, lamps, garden tools, fans, radios, vacuums and more to be repaired by our expert FIXERS. Hope to see you there as it is our LAST repair care for 2025. Watch this space for our 2026 Repair Cafe Dates.

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

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

Skyllkill Embroiderers to host monthly event in Lagrangeville  
Nov 5 - Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville - “From Basic to Beautiful: Hand Stitching Reimagined.” Lynn Kane of Puppy Girl Designs will present a lecture/trunk show where the history of Redwork is reviewed through antique pieces. Skylkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild of America presents this program beginning at 12:30pm. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10am or come for this program only beginning at 12:30pm. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

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

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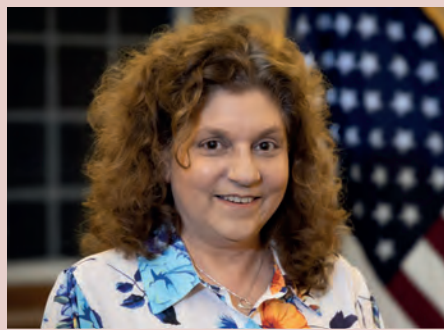
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## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER





# That’s Agritainment!

Dutchess County Farm Bureau is wrestling with a dilemma...

One hundred thousand people will visit Fishkill Farms this year, to pick apples, drink cider (including hard cider), buy pumpkins, ride the hay wagon, and post an Instagram photo. Melaine Rottkamp, president and C.E.O. of Dutchess Tourism, says that one busload of tourists, whether they’re checking out the Roosevelt home, dining at the Culinary Institute or visiting a farm, brings \$24,000 into the local economy.

But wait! Not everyone is thrilled with this scenario. In fact, all over the world, the “locals” are getting fed up with relentless tourism. In Barcelona, visitors are sprayed with strange substances. The French are mad at people who don’t speak French (which includes me and the other 99.999% of the world’s population).

Nothing like that is happening in our beautiful Hudson Valley, but neighbors are starting to, let’s say, express a bit of frustration over the crazy scene unfolding on local farms during a sunny fall weekend. Traffic backs up to the point where neighbors are festooning their front lawns with signs that read “Don’t block my driveway,” “No Parking,” and even “The dog is friendly, but beware of owner.” For

one neighbor, a pass for free admission would ease the pain.

Farmers will say that without welcoming visitors to their farms on weekends, or in some cases all the time, they wouldn’t be able to stay in business. The New York State Agricultural Districts law protects farms from intrusions by neighbors or local officials. For example, a farmer is allowed to operate a wind machine, or a helicopter, to protect his orchards from frost at 4 a.m., even if the neighbors complain about the noise. Dutchess County’s agricultural district covers 194,000 acres and includes almost all of our 625 farms. The Dutchess County Legislature, with input from the Farmland Protection Board, determines which farms qualify to be in the district, and thereby to receive protection from intrusions in their farming practices.

But when does a farm stop being a farm and become a circus, or a zoo, or a wedding venue? Dutchess County Farm Bureau is wrestling with this dilemma. After all, it was Farm Bureau that lobbied for the Safety in Agriculture Tourism Act that became law in 2017 and provides limited liability protection for the

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Mark Doyle, manager of Fishkill Farms, where 100,000 people will visit this year. Photo by Mark Adams



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# Scott Cookinham

## Pleasant Valley Councilman

“I have lived in Pleasant Valley my entire life and being a public educator and having a construction background I know what it takes to serve the public and how to get things done.”

### Background:

Lifelong Pleasant Valley Resident, Wife Becky, Children Scott Jr., Zack  
Daughter In Law Lexi, Granddaughter Raelyn

### Goals:

- \* We need to “Start what we finish, roll up our sleeves and do what it takes to accomplish town objectives.”
  - \* Create a Master Plan for town water inclusive of funding  
Address defective Property Tax rolls
  - \* Work to obtain grant funding for Town needs, Water, Records Management, Highway infrastructure & Town Parkland.
  - \* Update our Utility and Property Tax Assessments
- \* Address unenforced Zoning Laws, and staffing issues.
  - \* Improve Recreation for our Youth & Seniors.
  - \* Address Traffic issues and control growth.
  - \* Expand Needed Town Services at minimum cost.
  - \* Tighten fiscal controls and waste.





# A simple Halloween feast

Savor the season with seasonal dishes.

It always happens to me this time of year: I'm already mourning the passing of another October. Being my favorite month, it seems to be the most fleeting, and how I hate to see it go. There's nothing for it, then, but to make the most of it in all its lovely, wicked glory. So, no surprise, I'm planning a Halloween feast to do just that.

It has become my tradition to serve appetizers and cocktails on my front porch to enjoy while the constant stream of trick-or-treaters visits. This way of eating is not only my favorite, but also the most practical for a night full of stops and starts. Grazing on nibbles is infinitely easier than balancing a plate you then have to set down to hand out candy. This year I will uphold that tradition but will add a few things to make a more substantial meal for later in the evening. It falls on a Friday this year, after all, and how I do love staying up until midnight on All Hallows Eve!

It just wouldn't be Halloween without an eerily elegant charcuterie board, brimming with the rich colors and flavors of fall: assorted cheeses, cured meats, nuts, olives, cornichons, crackers, dates,

grapes and crusty bread will all be arranged into an edible centerpiece perfect for grazing, accompanied by a few homemade dips. Because it will be chilly, I've added soup and grilled ham, turkey and cheese sandwiches to this year's menu to serve up once the little beasts have gone for the night and we can enjoy the spooky ambiance of the front porch without interruption.

**PUMPKIN SOUP**

Yes, I've made the effort to roast the pumpkin (or butternut squash, which I have also used) in the past and yes it was deliciously worth it. But I have also seen firsthand how difficult and even dangerous it can be to puree hot ingredients in a blender, so this version eliminates that step by using canned pumpkin and finely minced onion and garlic, which all melt together beautifully as it cooks. If you want to make it smooth you can, of course, still blend it (a hand-held immersion blender works great for this), but it isn't necessary. I also wanted to use canned pumpkin because finding whole pumpkins after Halloween is nearly

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A harvest spread featuring Pumpkin Soup and Whipped Feta Dip with Hot Honey. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

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- Help local small businesses thrive and grow
- Honor veterans and seniors with meaningful services and opportunities to connect
- Advocate for responsible budgeting and fiscal planning to reduce taxes while ensuring essential services are fully supported

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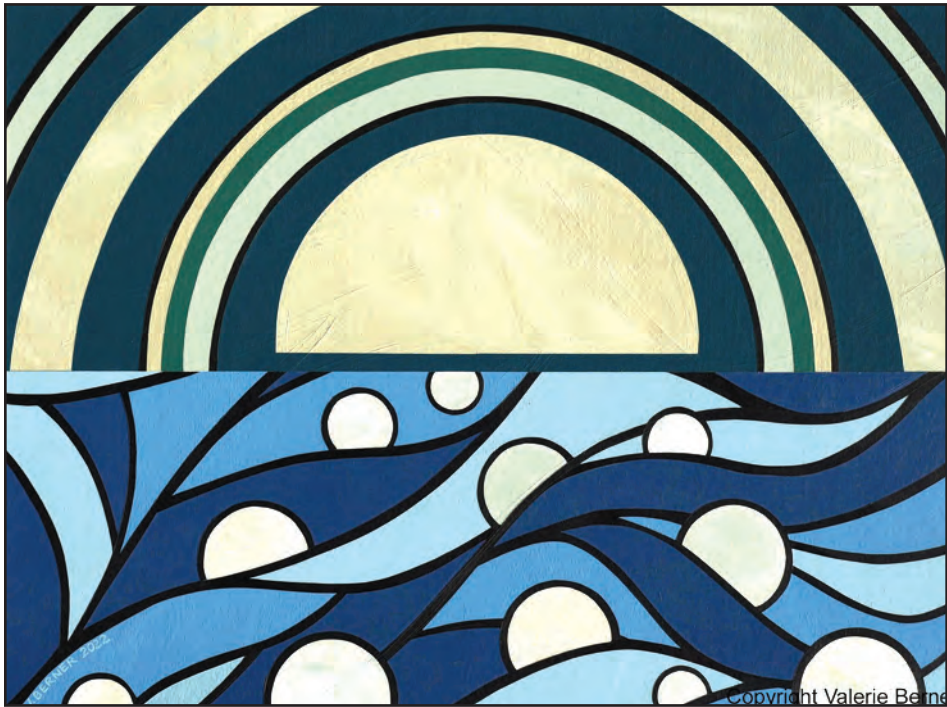


EXHIBITIONS

**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](http://artistscollectiveofhydepark.com)

**Available Items**, 64 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Nov. 16:** "Above Ground," sonic sculptures by ceramicist and musician Julia Elsas. [availableitems.com](http://availableitems.com)

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



**Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center**, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 1, 2026:** "Chronostasias: Select Acquisitions 2020–2025," an exhibition that brings together more than s60 works acquired over the past five years. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

**The Inn at Bellefield**, 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park. **Through January 2026:** Arts Mid-Hudson presents an exhibition of alcohol ink paintings by Linda Lavin. Her semi-

abstract images often echo impressionistic landscapes, alive with flow and movement. Working without brushes, she embraces the fluid, unpredictable techniques of alcohol ink on impervious surfaces such as tile, glass, and yupo paper, creating works that are both dynamic and distinctive. More info at [artsmidhudson.org/art-at-the-bellefield](http://artsmidhudson.org/art-at-the-bellefield).

**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](http://www.landgalleryonline.com)

**Mildred I. Washington Gallery**, Allyn J. Center for Science and Art, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 30:** DCC's annual Faculty Art Exhibit, "Power to the People," highlights the diverse creative voices of DCC faculty through drawings, sculptures, porcelain, fabric art, oil paintings, animation, collage and photography. (845) 431-8612

**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](http://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](http://www.thomascole.org)

**Tivoli Artists Gallery**, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through 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. (845) 757-2667 or [www.tivoliartistsgallery.com](http://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com)

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



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**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. 22: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston. Thurs., Oct. 23: Heritage Financial Park, HV Renegades, Fishkill. Fri., Oct. 24: The Kartrite Resort, Monticello. Sat., Oct. 25: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin. Sun., Oct. 26: Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. Visit [www.murdercafe.net](http://www.murdercafe.net) for reservations and more information.

**Through Oct. 26: Haunted Fortress of Stanford,** 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Since 1997, The Haunted Fortress of Stanford has been scaring guests who are brave enough to enter. If you make it through the swamp walk, you are escorted through the Fortress where you are introduced to eerie sets and spooky characters. Mystery and macabre await you. Fri. & Sat., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sun., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Children age 12 and under \$10. Cash only. No open-toed shoes. Check (845) 868-7782, [townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress](http://townofstanford.org/hauntedfortress), Instagram or Facebook for foul weather cancellations.

**Through Oct. 26: “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Bbarber 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. 25, 3 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets: \$29. [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org) or (845) 876-3080

**Through Nov. 13: Poughkeepsie Big Read.** The Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD) presents its 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. Complete list of events at [www.poklib.org](http://www.poklib.org)

**Oct. 23; Author Talk,** Stevenson Library at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. A talk between Steven J. Zipperstein, Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History at Stanford University, and Leon Botstein, president of Bard College, 4-6 p.m. They will discuss the life and ambition of the late writer Philip Roth, the subject of Zipperstein's landmark new biography, Philip Roth: Stung By Life, which traces Roth's journey from his childhood in Newark to literary stardom, capturing his obsessions, romances, and the extraordinary range of his work. Includes a reception. The event is free and open to the public. [www.bard.edu](http://www.bard.edu)

**Oct. 23-26: Live Entertainment at the Towne Crier Cafe,** 379 Main St., Beacon. Oct. 23: Latin Dance, 7 p.m. All seats \$15. Oct. 24: Robert Hill Band with Simone Ayers; also Dave Keyes w/Mike Merritt and James Wormworth, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. Oct. 25: Back To The Garden 1969: A Hippie Halloween, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 door. Oct. 26: Songcraft and Chat with Tom Chapin, John Forster and Tina Ross, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or [www.townecrier.com](http://www.townecrier.com)

**Oct. 24-25: Spellbound in the Valley,** MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Over 100 authors and vendors will gather to celebrate dark romance, dark fantasy, paranormal, horror, and thriller genres, 3 p.m. Meet your favorite authors, discover new books, and shop unique bookish goodies from a wide variety of vendors. Tickets at [www.MJNCenter.org](http://www.MJNCenter.org) or (845) 454-5800

**Oct. 25: Fall Garden Talk: “What I Did in The Garden This Summer,”** Amenia Free Library, 3309 NY-343, Amenia. Come share your gardening stories and photos, 2 p.m. Whether you planted natives, tried something new, or faced unexpected challenges, we want to hear about it. To participate, please send up to 4 photos to [ameniagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ameniagardenclub@gmail.com) and we will include them in a group slideshow at the event. [www.ameniagardens.org](http://www.ameniagardens.org)

**Oct. 25: Live Concert,** Hyde Park Library Annex, 2 Main St., Hyde Park. Jim Pospisil and Mitch Katz, 1-3 p.m. (845) 229-7791

**Oct. 25: Revolutionary War Day,** Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. Mount Gulian kicks off its America 250 events with re-enactors from the 5th New York Regiment of the Continental Army, The British 15th Regiment of Foot and Mott's Artillery, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Boys

and girls, as well as interested adults, can enlist in the militia, swear a loyalty oath to the patriot cause and drill with non-firing wooden muskets. A skirmish between the Patriots and the British troops will be re-enacted; fife and drummers will be heard, and much more. Admission \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$12 children (ages 3 to 16). There is no charge for children under 3 and Mount Gulian members. [www.mountgulian.org](http://www.mountgulian.org)

**Oct. 25: Poet Gold, “Be the Poem,”** Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Join multi-disciplinary artist Poet Gold for an evening filled with poetry, music, and conversation, 4-6 p.m. Poet Gold's recent book, “Be The Poem: Living Beyond Our Fears,” encourages individuals to live life as if they are a living poem, with intention, purpose, and gratitude. Copies will be available for purchase and a book signing. The event features musical accompaniment by Gwen Laster, Damon Banks, Angel Lau, and Ralph M'Vore and The MVORE Family on vocals. Light refreshments will be served. Free. [www.millbrooklibrary.org](http://www.millbrooklibrary.org)

**Oct. 25-26: ArtEast Open Studio Tours.** Visit the studios of artists living and working east of the Taconic. Features a diverse range of media and styles. 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. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. A map with studio locations is available at the website. More info at Visit [www.arteastdutchess.com](http://www.arteastdutchess.com).

**Oct. 25-26: “Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain,”** Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Baerhands Theater will present its latest version of the one-man show written and performed by Joe Baer, 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 perform-

ance vividly portrays Twain's humor and wit as well as his irreverence for politics and politicians. Performances: Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Admission \$20 (\$15 for students, seniors, Grange members and library card holders). The shows benefit Morton Memorial Library and Rhinebeck Grange #896. (845) 876-2903 or <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/calendar/>

**Oct. 26: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, “Broadway Gala,”** Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park. Conducted by Kathleen Beckmann, will launch its 20th anniversary season with a concert that celebrates American and British musical theater, featuring works by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Gilbert & Sullivan and more, 4 p.m. Featuring guest vocalists Lindsay O'Neil, Colton Cook and Madelin Morales. Tickets \$38 per person, with special discounts available for seniors and students. Family ticket packages are \$40 for one adult and two students. [www.ndsorchestra.org](http://www.ndsorchestra.org) or (845) 445-9606.

**Oct. 27-28: Lecture Series,** Olin Auditorium, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Renowned tenor and musical scholar Ian Bostridge delivers the Anthony Hecht Lectures in the Humanities in honor of preeminent poet, alumnus, and former Bard faculty member Anthony Hecht '44. In his lecture series, “Ancestral Voices Prophesying: Notes on Britten's War Requiem,” Bostridge—who has performed “War Requiem” nearly 100 times since 1994—will examine the layers of meaning and context in the piece, one of the most important works of classical music written after 1945. The first lecture in the series, “Requiem,” will take place on Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.; the second, “Anthem,” is set Tues., Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. A reception precedes both lectures. The lectures are free and open to the public. More info: (845) 758-7405

**Oct. 29: GA-20, Daryl's House Club,** 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. Three-time Billboard Blues Chart Topping Band shares the bill with Black Joe Lewis, 7 p.m. Tickets & more info at [www.darylshouseclub.com](http://www.darylshouseclub.com)

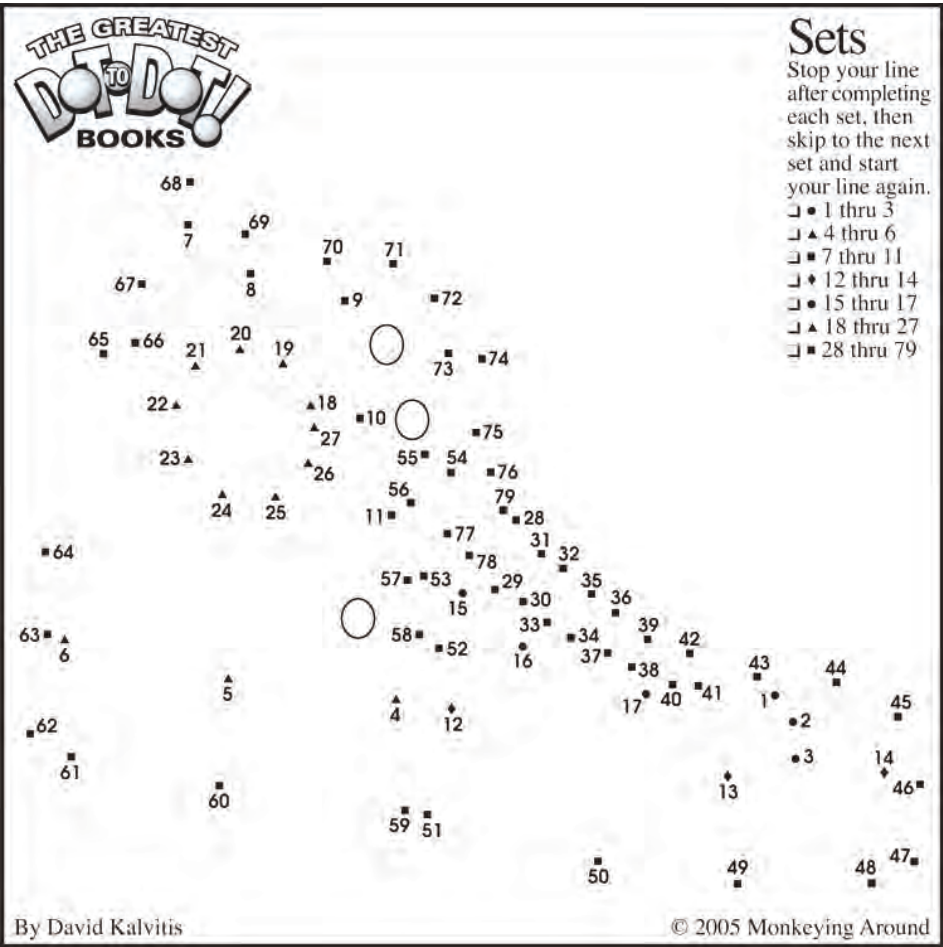
## Town of Pok sets Halloween-themed events

The annual kids' Trunk or Treat will take place Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Stanley Still Park on Jackson Road. Volunteers will offer an array of decorated car trunks, costumes, music, candy, and fun. NOTE: If your child or grandchild has sensory issues, the Town will host quiet time in advance from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Please, no early birds except for these special guests.

With Oct. 31 landing on a Friday this year, families with kids are invited to Trick or Treat at Town Hall from 3 to 4 p.m. on Halloween. Town Hall is at 1 Overocker Road (both lower and upper levels). Participating offices will have their doors open for trick or treaters, and you might find a Town employee or two in costume for the occasion.

## DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 18 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

THEME: WORLD SERIES

ACROSS

1. Treble, bass and alto

6. OB-GYN test

9. Hoodlum

13. \*In 1921, the World Series was first broadcast on it

14. Tribute poem

15. Cursor mover

16. Same as Amir

17. Neither here \_\_\_\_\_ there

18. \*Any member of the 2002 World Series champs

19. \*World Series trophy presenter, Rob \_\_\_\_\_

21. \*2024 World Series winners

23. "\_\_\_\_\_ and the City"

24. German industrial valley

25. Gift topper

28. Kids' building block

30. \*Player with most career World Series home runs

35. Good vs \_\_\_\_\_

37. Ball of yarn

39. Offspring

40. Thespian's part

41. Shasta and Tab, e.g.

43. Singer Tori \_\_\_\_\_

44. Potato masher alternative

46. Fox coat, e.g.

47. Hokkaido native

48. Put on a pedestal

50. Just manages, with "out"

52. \*2005 World Series MVP, Jermaine \_\_\_\_\_

53. Time unit

55. Polar toy-maker

57. \*Team with most World Series wins

61. \*2024 World Series MVP Freddie \_\_\_\_\_

65. Met's offering

66. Legal grp.

68. Give the slip

69. Send, as payment

70. Toothy fish

71. Sells

72. Cupid, to the Greeks

73. Freudian topic

74. Surrealist Max

DOWN

1. Pull an all-nighter

2. Holy man

3. "Yellowstone" actress and Josh Brolin's daughter

4. Feudal estates

5. Sour salad green

6. Atlantic Ocean, in a popular idiom

7. "Much \_\_\_\_\_ About Nothing"

8. Lost, in Provence

9. Chinatown gang

10. Massive

11. Addict

12. Hair styling goops

15. \_\_\_\_\_ shirts, in "The Outsiders"

20. \*#19 Across and such

22. Unit of electrical resistance

24. Mule deer's European cousin (2 words)

25. \*Player with most career World Series hits, Yogi \_\_\_\_\_

26. Egg-shaped

27. "Will comply" in radio communication

29. Lump of stuff

31. \*Org. that regulates the College World Series

32. Shy

33. Eccentric like a bird?

34. Follow

36. Sinister look

38. \*Only one W.S. Game 7 ended by \_\_\_\_\_-off home run

42. Ranch grazer

45. Fix leftovers

49. Anonymous John

51. Ace hiding place

54. Consumption

56. "Saturday Night \_\_\_\_\_" movie

57. Yesteryear

58. Impersonator

59. Captain of Nautilus

60. \*\_\_\_\_\_ Bryant, of 2016 World Series winning Cubs

61. Wild West card game

62. "Buddenbrooks" author

63. Contributes

64. Home to eggs

67. Tote, e.g.

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## DECODING DUTCHESS PAST



# Physical signs remain important in marking history

By Bill Jeffway

A blue-and-yellow Pomeroy Foundation historic marker will be installed in front of the home and studio of the nationally recognized female artist of the 19th century, Caroline Morgan Clowes. The public is invited to a formal unveiling that will take place on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 3 p.m. at 114 Overlook Road, LaGrange, 12603.

It is a wonderful example of how physical places remain important in telling historical stories. This is best reflected by comments from Lewis Mumford at a 1926 DCHS membership meeting at Troutbeck when, in support of understanding local history, he said, "The things that we can see and touch awaken the imagination. Local history touches off these things that have happened on the spot; and the facts of local history become parts of a person's own life to an extent which is rare with [those] taken solely out of books..."

Our recent column on the potential for digital technologies and "AI" to aid (or inadvertently hinder) both the researching and sharing our local history prompts us to expand on the point of the importance of physical places and experiences.

The Pomeroy sign is installed at the home known as "Heartsease," which remains in the same family as its original 1838 builder and occupants.

The marker is one of eight being installed this year through the work of Arlington High School teacher Robert McHugh's 11th grade United States History class. For a third consecutive year McHugh let students identify and propose historic sites that can meet the Pomeroy Foundation's strict criteria for demonstrable accuracy of claims. The

addition of these signs will make a total of sixteen erected through the work of his students.

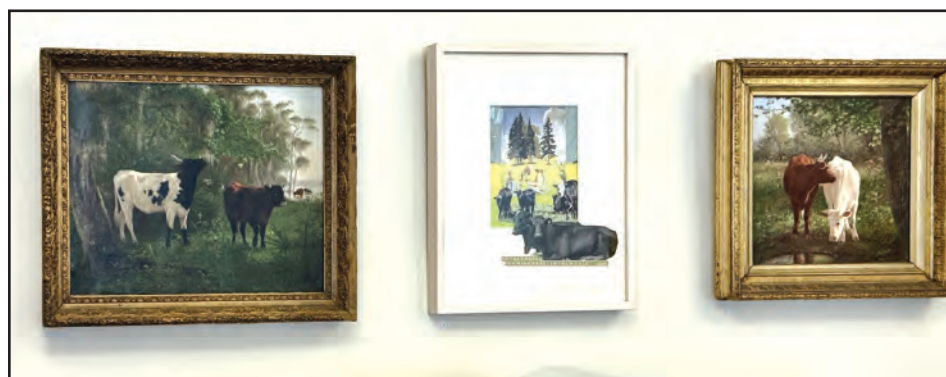
DCHS started working with Linda Hubbard over a decade ago as she organized countless generations of important family documents, photographs and, perhaps most strikingly, the paintings and sketches of Caroline Morgan Clowes (1838–1904) to entrust to DCHS Collections.

A large exhibition took place in December 2022 at Locust Grove, Poughkeepsie that had over one thousand visitors. Since then, continued collaboration with the collections donor, Linda Hubbard, keep the work and legacy of Clowes alive in physical spaces in a variety of ways in addition to the Pomeroy sign.

DCHS has four Clowes paintings on long-term loan to the Francis Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. As well as being exhibited, outline reproductions allow the paintings to serve as children's educational tools in the form of paper and coloring they can hold in their hands and imagine themselves as the artist, and create.

The exhibition printed catalogue available through online Amazon Books. The digital version of the catalogue, and background on the artist are at: [www.dchsn.org/clowes](http://www.dchsn.org/clowes)

The classic, older blue and yellow historic markers you see were officially launched a century ago by New York State as part of the recognition of the 150th anniversary of the 1776 American Revolution. From about 1926 through the late 1930s, New York erected 2,000 to 3,000 of these blue and yellow historical markers across the state. Few signs of this type were erected after that period.



Above: The exhibition For the Love of Cows features contemporary collages by Suzanne Ashley and photographs by Linda T Hubbard. Paintings by Caroline Clowes add context at the Sherman Library, Sherman, CT through November 19. A Pomeroy historic marker is being unveiled to the public at Clowes' home, at 114 Overlook Rd, LaGrange On Friday October 24, 2025 at 3 pm.. *Courtesy images*

## UNITED WAY SUPPORTS EARLY LITERACY WITH IMAGINATION LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange County (UWDOR) recently partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which promotes early literacy. This initiative delivers free, high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes every month from birth until they start kindergarten.

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

At the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's 2025 Campaign Kick-off, Imagination Breakfast on Sept. 18, United Way announced the expansion of the program into additional towns. The program is being offered by United Way in Orange County in Pine Bush, Crawford, Circleville, Montgomery and in Dutchess County in Amenia, Wassaic and Millerton. Children in these areas can register to start receiving books. Go to [www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary](http://www.uwdor.org/imaginationlibrary) to register your child in the program.

United Way is seeking community support for this critical initiative. To donate or for more information, go to [uwdor.org/imaginationLibrary](http://uwdor.org/imaginationLibrary).



Above: Top left then clockwise: "Lafayette's Tour" has a total of 170 signs marking the 1824 to 1825 national tour of the French American Patriot of the Revolutionary War. Shown is a sign at Beacon. The City of Poughkeepsie recently formally named two streets on College Hill to reflect the site's important Black history on both a national and local level. The Pomeroy foundation has a series of signs, like the one shown in the Town of Clinton, that distinguish fact-based history from "Legends and Lore." Shown is an original blue and yellow historic marker dating back nearly a century as NY State prepared for the 150th anniversary of the American Revolution. These signs can be identified at the bottom, such as this one, reading "State Education Department, 1932." *Courtesy photos*

The Pomeroy Foundation picked up where NYS dropped off. There are some important distinctions with Pomeroy Markers. For example, they are very rigorous about requiring proof of claims, which was not the case a century ago.

They created a "Legends and Lore" marker which is a brilliant way to help us understand the difference between fact-based historical sites, and just-as-interesting and valid but very different "legends and lore." Why do human beings gravitate to certain stories? Often they have a grain of truth but can expand in our mind's imagination and over generations of telling.

One such example is the Legends and Lore sign in the Town of Clinton. The street name, "Fiddler's Bridge Road," indicates how fixed the legend is in local minds. Erected through the efforts of the Clinton Historical Society, the Pomeroy website explains, "On September 7, 1808, an old fiddler who played at local dances and other hootenannies was robbed and murdered while walking home from a dance. His body was abandoned on a bridge that connected the winding, narrow road. Ever since, according to tradition, his ghost can be heard playing the fiddle on moonlit nights at the witching hour."

There is a long tradition of naming contemporary roads for historic persons or events related to the site. This continues to happen. A very recent example is the City of Poughkeepsie formally naming two unnamed streets on College Hill with the support of the Revive College Hill Park Coalition and Celebrating the African Spirit. The long drive connecting the south and north entrances to the park on North Clinton Street has been named Frederick Douglass Way, recognizing the great Black abolitionist's historic speech at College Hill Grove to four thousand people in 1858, on the brink of Civil War.

The historic oval at the top has been formally named Bolin Oval. This recognizes three generations of the Bolin family whose history is tied to College Hill. In the late 19th and early 20th century Abram Bolin (1826–1910) was the superintendent of the park and important city reservoir. His son, Gaius Bolin (1865–1946), whose house is at the south entrance on North Clinton Street, became the first Black graduate of Williams College, and the first Black attorney in the county. In the spring, McHugh's class will be involved in the unveiling of a Pomeroy historic marker there to recognize this fact. Gaius Bolin's daughter, Jane Bolin (1909–2007), was born in that house. She went on to be the first Black female graduate of Yale Law School, and the first Black female judge in the United States.

In a growing number of instances, "QR" codes are being included in signage that allow us to be easily taken to more information online. However, in keeping with our focus on the physical, we close with an invitation to see the continued evolving story of Caroline Morgan Clowes. Through November 19, 2025 there is a special exhibit "For the Love of Cows" at the Sherman Library in Sherman, Connecticut where you can see four of Clowes' cow paintings in the context of contemporary work. Visit [www.ShermanLibrary.org](http://www.ShermanLibrary.org) for more information. On Friday, October 24, 2025 at 3 p.m. at 114 Overlook Road, LaGrange (Poughkeepsie Post Office for gps 12603) you are invited to witness the unveiling of the Clowes marker.

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impossible, so being able to make it any-time with something I can keep on hand in the pantry is a plus.

I prefer my pumpkin soup savory. To that end, I use warm spices, salt and pep-per. I did end up adding a few table-spoons of pure maple syrup, though, after tasting it because it was lacking some-thing, and syrup’s earthy, subtly sweet notes helped balance and enhance the savory elements.

Because we need to make up for any savory flavor lost by not roasting the pumpkin, I recommend using the best and freshest ingredients you can. Fresh garlic grated on a microplane (or other fine grater) directly over the cooking pot is a good idea. Alternatively, you can roast a whole head of garlic, top chopped off to reveal the cloves, and squeeze the sweet, nutty results into the mix. I’ll definitely do that next time.

INGREDIENTS

- Vegetable oil for the skillet (2-3 table-spoons)
- 1 medium onion, very finely minced
- 4 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 1 (15oz) can pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie filling!)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Nutmeg, fresh thyme, cumin, cayenne and smoked paprika, to taste
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth (you can always add more if it’s too thick)
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

Heavy cream for drizzling  
Chopped fresh parsley or thyme, pumpkin seeds and/or sunflower seeds (optional garnishes)

METHOD

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medi-um heat. Add onion. Using a microplane or other fine grater, grate the garlic cloves directly into the pot. Stir and cook until fragrant and onions are starting to brown, 5-6 minutes.

Add the pumpkin and seasonings, stir and reduce the heat to medium low. Cook to warm through, about 5 minutes. Add broth and continue cooking until bubbly, stirring occasionally, 5-10 minutes more.

Remove from heat. Whisk to smooth it out. It will still have a slightly chunky texture. (This is the point where you would use your immersion blender). Add more seasoning as needed.

Ladle into bowls. Drizzle each with a swirl of heavy cream, add freshly ground pepper and a sprinkling of fresh thyme leaves or chopped parsley, and/or sun-flower seeds and serve.

Makes about 6 servings.

WHIPPED FETA DIP with HOT HONEY

You can use a hand-held mixer for this, but I highly recommend breaking out the blender to break down the cottage cheese for a velvety texture. This healthy dip is a versatile one to keep in your repertoire that can be finished according to the sea-

son: garnish with pomegranate arils and rosemary for winter, crushed pistachios or pecans, lemon zest and finely chopped chives or dill for spring, chopped toma-toes and basil for summer or pine nuts or sunflower seeds for fall. Serve with pita wedges, crackers or vegetables and watch it disappear! The hot honey, which is pretty easy to find these days, is non-negotiable. It’s the perfect foil for the mild, tangy, creamy base, adding the per-fect touch of sweet heat. I like to serve extra on the side.

INGREDIENTS

- 8oz feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ cup cottage cheese
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1-2 tablespoons heavy cream or milk (add more as needed)
- Hot honey, for drizzling
- Freshly ground pepper and sea salt
- Toppings: crushed pistachios or pecans, sunflower seeds, pine nuts, chopped fresh herbs, black sesame seeds, olive oil, red pepper flakes, lemon zest, pomegranate arils

METHOD

In a blender or food processor, com-bine feta, cottage cheese and olive oil. Blend until smooth and well combined.

Add salt, pepper and cream or milk and blend until smooth. Add more cream if it’s too thick.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Just before serving, garnish with generous swirls of olive oil and hot honey and sprinkle with salt, pepper and other toppings. Serve with pita wedges or crackers.

And so another beloved October is almost over. Celebrating it until the very last moment is a ritual I savor every year, and what better way than with autumnal food on my eerily elegant front porch with friends! Long after the trick-or-treaters are tucked in their beds, I will be doing just that with candlelight, spirits and good company, reveling in the cool night air, the rustle of leaves and the mag-ical, mystical wicked-goodness that is Halloween. Enjoy!

*Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.*

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inherent risks associated with agritourism activities, similar to the protections that ski slopes receive. That law paved the way for farms to become entertainment centers. Should this protection, and the protection that Agricultural Districts pro-vides, extend to farms that hardly grow crops anymore but host dozens of wed-dings, or even motorcycle rallies?

One farmer tells me that neighbors were complaining that he was violating zoning laws with his water slide, which had nothing to do with agriculture. (He is in the town of Plattekill). After numerous complaints, the town, even though the farm was a legitimate and well respected agricultural operation, felt they needed to address the situation. Ultimately, the farmer was required to submit a site plan, resulting in 7 of his 150 acres being rezoned for entertainment. During the hearings, various agritainment scenarios

were discussed. A cannon that shoots pumpkins or ears of corn is agriculture, but not one that shoots tennis balls. A wedding can be farm related if the farm grows the food served at the wedding (do they have to mine the salt as well?)

One possible definition of a “farm” is the same one that qualifies a farm to receive agricultural assessment – 7 acres with at least \$10,000 of gross income from products produced on the farm. Another is that 50% of revenue must come from farm products. Okay, I’m hosting a wedding. The venue is free, except I’m charging \$20,000 for the kale salad.

That’s agritainment!

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

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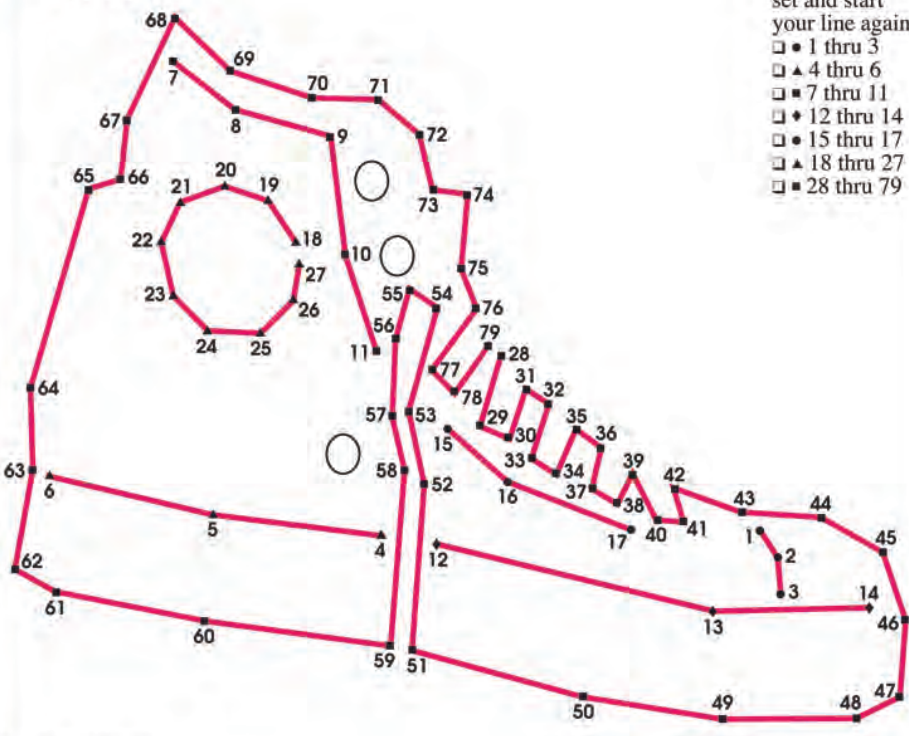


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# OBITUARIES

## Kim Marie Conklin

Kim Marie Conklin, 61, a lifelong local resident, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Born on December 25, 1963, in Poughkeepsie, Kim was the daughter of the late John L. Lane and Patricia A. DeVaux Lane. Her mother survives in Hyde Park.

A 1981 graduate of F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, Kim worked for many years as a self-employed hairdresser, building lasting relationships with her clients.

Family was very important to Kim. She was a playground monitor at North Park Elementary while her children attended school there, and she delighted in taking care of her grandchildren—Anastasia and Aiden—who lovingly called her “Yaya.”

An animal lover at heart, Kim’s constant companion was her beloved cat, Kal-El.

On February 28, 1988, Kim married her high school sweetheart, Peter S. Conklin, in Hyde Park. Their partnership of nearly four decades was a testament to enduring love.

In addition to her husband, mother and grandchildren, survivors include her daughter, Adrianna Marie Hodgdon, and husband, Frank, of Rhinebeck; son, Patrick J. Conklin, and wife, Cara, of La Joya, Texas; sister, Patricia VanDuser of Alabama; niece, Heather Cosenza, and husband, Michael, of Pleasant Valley; and great-niece and nephew, Addison and Logan Cosenza.

She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews on her husband’s side of the family.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her sister, Noreen Lane.

Kim was buried at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery on Monday September 29, 2025.

## Janet Daley

Janet Boyce Daley, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, great aunt and friend to many, passed away peacefully on October 12th at the age of 101. She is survived by her son Martin Daley (Judi), daughter Ann Spitzer, grandchildren Johanna Banks (Cale), Christopher Daley (Erin), Sarah Daley, Brett Daley (Laura), and six beautiful great-grandchildren, all of whom were a constant source of joy in her life. An extended family from Judi’s son, Marc Chodaba (Amanda), and grandson brought her additional delight. Janet is also survived by nieces Rebecca Peach (Phil) and Elizabeth Linder (Allen), nephew David Boyce (Candace) and grandniece Loretta Ryan (John). She is also survived by cousins James Nolan and Dawn Allyn (Lou) and several second cousins including Matt Nolan (Sherri) and Dan Nolan (Kim). Janet was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, Martin (“Dale”) Stanton Daley, a career typesetter at the Poughkeepsie Journal, who passed 1989. She was also predeceased by her loving son-in-law Michael Spitzer who passed in July of this year.

Born August 10,1924 to Margaret Nolan Boyce and Edward Boyce of Poughkeepsie, NY, Janet attended elementary and high school in Poughkeepsie where she remained until the early 1950’s when she and Dale moved to Hyde Park. Over the years Janet was employed in Poughkeepsie by the telephone company, the Department of Social Services and Central Hudson. But it was her decades of giving back to the community of Hyde Park that Janet enjoyed and was known for the most. She volunteered at local food banks. She also volunteered for more than 30 years at Meals on Wheels and at the Mark-It Place consignment shop. She was active in Hyde Park’s Reformed Dutch Church and later at the United Methodist Church.

Janet preferred the simpler things in life. She was an avid reader and loved to browse antique bookstores and libraries for old English mysteries. She enjoyed spending time outdoors with her friends and neighbors, playing a competitive game of cards, doing crossword puzzles in ink, and visiting flea markets

and garage sales for treasures.

Janet was often referred to as the “mayor” of Hyde Park. Everywhere she went people recognized her and stopped to talk. Last year in the weeks leading to Janet’s 100th birthday, the Hyde Park Fire Department approached the family to ask if they could contribute to any festivities planned for her special occasion. Contribute they did, by picking her up in a vintage fire truck and driving her around the neighborhood along with other fire trucks, sirens on, with neighbors waving curbside and holding signs and balloons. The parade culminated at a local restaurant where a large gathering of excited family members and friends awaited her grand arrival to continue in the celebration.

Janet will be sincerely missed by everyone. Her memory will endure through the countless lives she touched with her love, her generosity and her candid wit. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the caregivers who, with compassion and kindness, helped Janet remain comfortably in her home in recent years. They are also most thankful for the professional and tender care she received during her last few weeks at The Meadows at Brookmeade in Rhinebeck.

A service will be held for Janet at 10:00am on Saturday, October 25th at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park on 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538. A reception of comfort and remembrance will follow in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Meals on Wheels of Greater Hyde Park. 1 Church St. Hyde Park, NY 12538

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

## John Horvath

With love and cherished memories, the family of John Horvath announces his peaceful passing on October 7, 2025, at the age of 85.

John was born on August 23, 1940 in Hudson, NY, to John and Elizabeth Horvath. He spent most of his years in Pleasant Valley, NY before moving to Vero Beach, FL later in life.

John lived a full and active life centered around the things he loved most — Harley-Davidson motorcycles, skiing, golf, and, above all, his family. He found great joy in the simple moments spent with those he loved.

John is lovingly remembered by his children, Deborahjean Murray and her husband Richard, and Darren Horvath and his wife Barbara. His grandchildren, Paige Hyney (Daniel Hyney,) Sara Zabroske (Zach Zabroske,) Garrett Murray, and Carter Horvath brought an immense amount of joy and pride to his life. He was especially delighted by the arrival of his great-granddaughters, Maisie Hyney and Eliza Zabroske, who brought endless smiles and warmth to his later years.

John is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth Phillips, and was preceded in death by his sister Barbara Simmons and brother Joseph Horvath. He held a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews, with whom he shared many fond memories.

John’s presence will be deeply missed but forever remembered with love.

No services are scheduled at this time.

## Ernest A. Menze

Ernest A. Menze, 98 , passed away on October 15, 2025 surrounded by his loving family at his home in Rhinebeck, NY.

Ernest was born on June 2,1927 in Bremen Germany to the late Kaufmann August and Emma Catharine (Meyer) Menze. He married Katharine Connolly on June 1, 1963, she survives at their home. Together the pair shared over 62 years, they enjoyed camping together and sports, especially the New York Yankees.

Ernest graduated as salutorian from Columbia University with his Master's degree in 1959. He went on to achieve his PhD in

Philosophy from Columbia University in 1966. He had a lifelong passion for history and education and that was passed to the many students he had the honor of working with throughout his tremendous career.

He was a history professor at Iona University, and it was there that he went on to become Dean of the School of Arts & Science. He was a trusted mentor and a great inspiration to countless individuals from all walks of life.

Ernest was working as a X-ray technician at New Rochelle Hospital on the night shift to pay for his education. It was there he met the love of his life, Kathy, who was a nurse at New Rochelle Hospital at the time. Ernie’s favorite interests include books of any kind, modern European history, golf, baseball, swimming, hiking, music (His Squeezebox) and most of all, his family and faith. Additionally, Ernest was a member of the American Turners in Throgs Neck, NY.

In addition to his loving wife, Kathy, Ernest is survived by his children, Paul Menze of Saugerties, NY, Lawrence (Gretta) Menze of Pine Plains, NY, and Christine (Anthony) Addonizio of Mahopac, NY; his grandchildren, Jake, Dillon and Jillian; in addition to extended family and friends.

He is predeceased by his brothers, Arnold and Christian, in addition to his parents.

Friends and family called on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Burnett & White, Rhinebeck.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Good Shepherd Church. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ernest’s memory to Iona University. Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes – Rhinebeck NY.

## Linda Marion Rothmann

It is with profound sadness that we announce the pass of our beloved mother, Linda Marion Rothmann. She passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025, at the age of 81 in Rhinebeck, NY.

Linda was born in New York City, on December 2, 1943. She graduated from Oteora High School, went on to complete the nursing program at Dutchess Community College and eventually earned her BSN at Mount Saint Mary’s while raising her family.

Linda took great pride in her career. She was an OB/GYN nightshift nurse at Vassar Brother’s Hospital for most of her career, where she worked on various units including the NICU. She was known by her patients and staff for her compassion and dedication.

Linda balanced not just her career, but a family. Her home was a place of comfort, safety and a home cooked meal. She was a Den Mother, Girl Scout leader and a church youth leader. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, roller skating and much later in life, traveling and Bingo! In those years, she would head social networks in her retirement community and hold various positions on multiple church boards/

Linda’s greatest loves of all were her family and church. Linda is survived by her brother George and his wife Tonya Rothmann, her son, Robert Durland Jr. and his wife Sarah, her daughter Linda Hixson and her husband Todd, daughter, Nancy Surico and her husband David, and her daughter Cindy Sims. Her grandchildren, Adrienne Durland, Evan Paulin, Brianna Durland, Heather Adams, Rachael Hixson, Christopher Adams and Cory Hixson and, her great grandchildren, Izaiah, Evangelina, Ariana and Garrett.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, George and Adele Rothmann, her former husband, Robert Durland Sr. and her granddaughter, Cassandra Durland.

A celebration of Linda’s life was held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 808 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley, NY, on Friday, October 17, 2025.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating

to St. Jude’s, St Paul’s Pleasant Valley or Hudson Valley Hospice.

## Allen P. Schembri

Allen Paul Schembri was born on May 11, 1949 in Brooklyn, NY. He spent his early childhood in Brooklyn and then Babylon, NY. He moved to Hyde Park, NY with his family as a sophomore in high school and became a lifelong Hudson Valley resident.

Allen was a loving husband to his wife, Elizabeth (“Liz”), for 52 years. They were married at St. James’ Church in Hyde Park and settled in Rhinebeck, NY where they raised their children, Cara and Christopher. In retirement, they moved nearby to Staatsburg where Allen loved tending to his thriving gardens and living closer to the nature and wildlife of the Hudson Valley. He and Liz were members of the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck and actively supported the ESL program.

Allen was a lifelong learner with a voracious appetite for books, with 2-3 in circulation at all times. He was known for his way with words and wrote poems for his wife and children on birthdays and special occasions. Allen had a notebook where he wrote down new vocabulary words everyday. He and his family played The New York Times Spelling Bee game together and achieved Queen Bee(!) on the morning of his passing. Recently, Allen was studying French. He was obsessed with sports and fitness. He was a high school wrestler and soccer player, and, as an adult, was an avid runner and marathoner, tennis player, biker, kayaker, and hiker. Allen felt great joy in cheering on the Rhinebeck High School soccer team at their games. He was also competitive and spared no one; he loved to beat his grandchildren (who called him “Bepa”) in ping pong and air hockey. Allen is the reigning Scrabble champion of the family. He was proud of his Italian heritage and especially loved an Italian feast. Allen loved to travel and was excited about an upcoming trip to Dublin and London, but his favorite trips were to Asheville, NC and Brooklyn, NY to spend time with his children and grandchildren.

Allen earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bard College, a masters in clinical psychology from The New School for Social Research, and multiple advanced degrees. He worked as a clinical psychologist for 35 years, devoting his entire career to providing compassionate care to people with developmental disabilities and special needs. Allen had a deep connection with his clients and maintained these bonds long into his retirement.

Allen is predeceased by his parents, Charles and Lena Schembri, and his brothers, Glenn and Charles Schembri. He is survived by his devoted wife Liz Schembri, his loving children and their spouses, Cara Schembri (John-Ryan Hevron) and Chris Schembri (Brooke), and five adoring grandchildren.

Allen died suddenly of natural causes on the morning of October 13, 2025. His family thanks the Hyde Park EMTs and police officers who arrived quickly and provided compassionate and professional services.

A service was held on Saturday, October 18 at the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck, with a reception to celebrate Allen’s love-filled life immediately following at the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Allen’s memory can be made to Breakthrough Type 1 (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) <https://tinyurl.com/2rpnvdvs> and to the Church of the Messiah by mailing a check to Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Attn: Outreach Emergency Fund.

Arrangements under direction of the Dapson Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. To send an online condolence please visit [www.dapsonchestney.com](http://www.dapsonchestney.com)



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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

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

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options.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on October 14, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, October 17, 2025.

Clerk, County Legislature  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025141  
BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2025.  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,020,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF SIDEWALK, CURB RAMPS AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS ALONG JACKSON STREET (COUNTY ROUTE 34), NORTH ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 72), AND/OR WEST ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 71), IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Specific object or purpose: Sidewalk, curb ramps and access improvements along Jackson Street (Rte 34), North Road (County Route 72), and/or West Road (County Route 71)  
Period of probable usefulness: 10 years  
Maximum estimated cost: \$2,020,000  
Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$2,020,000 bonds  
SEQRA status: Type II Action

LEGAL NOTICE DUTCHESS COUNTY EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ELECTION POLLS ARE OPEN FOR EARLY VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

- Saturday, October 25: 9AM – 5PM
- Sunday, October 26: 9AM – 5PM
- Monday, October 27: Noon – 8PM
- Tuesday, October 28: 9AM – 5PM
- Wednesday, October 29: Noon – 8PM
- Thursday, October 30: 9AM – 5PM
- Friday, October 31: 8AM – 4PM
- Saturday, November 1:

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9AM – 5PM  
Sunday, November 2: 9AM – 5PM  
At any of the following locations:  
Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck  
Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill  
Boardman Road Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie  
Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 US-44, Millbrook  
Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie  
Board of Election's Training Facility, 4280 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park  
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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-34-25

Compact Articulated Wheel Loader for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of November 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.

DUTCHESS COUNTY 2025 GENERAL ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE ALL POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in Dutchess County. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. We, Erik J. Haight and Lisa Jessup, Commissioners of Elections for the County of Dutchess, State of New York, do hereby certify the following offices and propositions that may be lawfully voted for in the said election.

The offices and propositions to be voted on are listed below:

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE- 9th DISTRICT  
(4) JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
DUTCHESS COUNTY  
(1) COUNTY COMPTROLLER  
(1) FAMILY COURT JUSTICE

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(1) COUNTY COURT JUSTICE  
(25) MEMBER OF DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
TOWN OF AMENIA  
(1) TOWN SUPERVISOR  
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AMENDMENT TO ALLOW OLYMPIC SPORTS COMPLEX IN ESSEX COUNTY ON STATE FOREST PRESERVE LAND. ALLOW SSKIING AND RELATED TRAIL FACILITIES ON STATE FOREST PRESERVE LAND. THE SITE IS 1,039 ACRES. REQUIRES STATE TO ADD 2,500 ACRES OF NEW FOREST LAND IN ADIRONDACK PARK. A YES VOTE AUTHORIZES NEW SKI TRAILS AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THE ADIRONDACK FOREST PRESERVE. A NO VOTE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THIS USE.  
AMENIA  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE AMENIA FREE LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS TO THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$265,000) DOLLARS ANNUALLY?  
SHALL THE TOWN OF AMENIA DULY APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2025, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2025, REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2022 AND OPTING IN TO ALLOW CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF AMENIA?  
SHALL THERE BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN THE TOWN OF AMENIA, NEW YORK, A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR", WHICH

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EXTENDS THE ELECTIVE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, AS ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ON MARCH 6, 2025.  
BEEKMAN  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF BEEKMAN FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY BEAT SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE (\$636,663) DOLLARS ANNUALLY?  
CLINTON  
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?  
DOVER  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF DOVER FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DOVER PLAINS LIBRARY BE AT THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$395,000.000) ANNUALLY.  
NORTHEAST  
"SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE NORTH EAST-MILLERTON LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TO THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$225,000) ANNUALLY?"  
PAWLING  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PAWLING FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PAWLING FREE LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY \$100,000 ANNUALLY TO THE SUM OF \$550,000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY.  
PINE PLAINS  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PINE PLAINS FREE LIBRARY BE INCREASED TO THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$220,000.00) ANNUALLY?  
PLEASANT VALLEY  
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?  
POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SHALL THE 2026 LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET, AS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF THE POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, BE APPROVED AND SHALL THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF \$12,296,928 FOR LIBRARY DISTRICT OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 2026, WHICH INCLUDES \$1,345,138 OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED COMBINED DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR OF JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND, FURTHER, SHALL THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO INSTRUCT THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE AND THE TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE TO COLLECT TAXES ON ITS BEHALF FOR THE FINANCING OF LIBRARY DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND DEBT SERVICE AS PRESCRIBED IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT'S SPECIAL LEGISLATION AS AMENDED IN 1994, 1997, 2006 AND 2016?  
RHINEBECK  
SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF RHINEBECK FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE STARR LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$82,000) TO THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$546,800) ANNUALLY?  
STANFORD  
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) ANNUALLY?  
TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
SHALL THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE BE INCREASED FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, WITH THE FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026?  
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# Red Hook, Spackenkill, Lourdes contend for MHAL tennis championships

By Morgan E. Maier

The Spackenkill Spartans were well-represented at the Mid-Hudson Athletic League tennis Championships hosted at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. Qadira Scheidelman and Vivian Zanca won the doubles championship after dominant final round victories over Marlboro and Lourdes. Zanca was dominant on the back line, and Scheidelman's net presence was incalculable for opponents.

Fellow Spartans Vivienne Kurz and Alison Lee made the singles quarterfinals. After a hard-fought match against Lourdes' Elia Bonavoglia, Kurz faced Red Hook's Isabel Luzzi in the semifinals. Lee and Luzzi faced off in the quarterfinals, won by the Red Hook ace 7-6, 6-1. Before falling to Kurz in the semis, Luzzi beat out Raider teammate Aliyah Almada-Makebish for rights to the quarterfinal round. Lourdes' Tiffany Ren was the singles champion, outlasting Kurz 6-0, 6-0.

## Rhinebeck foursome qualifies for Section 9 spring tournament

The MHAL golf title was settled on Oct. 15, with extra stakes for making the cut. The top 20 golfers – plus ties – earned qualification for the spring season's Section IX Golf Championships.

Rhinebeck's Nico Dentico, Damian Haag and James Jacox all qualified with rounds of 82, six strokes back of the winner, Rondout Valley's Hokai Liu. Red Hook's Mack Boyd also shot an 82. Along with Chase Kabat (83) and Caiden Heeney (84), Boyd will represent the Raiders in the spring season. Rhinebeck's Drew Culyer joined the rest of his teammates with the final qualifying score of 86.

## Red Hook XC sweeps Onteora races

Raiders, Dukes, and Eagles meet up in Onteora for a cross-country meet. Red

Hook leads the pack from start to finish. The lady Raiders beat Marlboro 15-50 and edged out Onteora 27-29. The boys had a more decisive victory over the hosts, beating the Eagles 25-43. Marlboro's Dukes also fell to the Raiders 15-46, as Red Hook beat opponents to the finish in every race.

## Arlington field hockey's Gwinn nabs 100th save

Arlington field hockey had quite a memorable night on Oct. 15 in a 1-0 win over Pawling. It marked the Admirals' senior night and seventh straight win, plus another shutout for Jane Gwinn. She notched her 100th save of the season in this victory, plus eight more. Pawling's defense committed a costly foul in the shooting zone, and junior Sofia Sachs scored off the penalty corner. Gwinn made 11 saves, and Pawling goalie Eden Pitt had 13 saves. Flash back to Arlington's sixth win in a row, where Charlotte Reina started it all. First, a dazzling assist to Khloe Gallo to open the scoring. Reina quickly scored next, unassisted. Audrey Grippo saw a similar performance. First, handing an assist to Maggie Licardi, then closing out Arlington's 7-0 with one last goal. Reina added a second fast break goal, and Lyla DeGregorio scored on a corner, assisted by Lila Zaug. Sachs connected with Gianna LaFata, Arlington's sixth different goal scorer.

## Giorgi's triple-double powers Arlington volleyball over Ketcham

Arlington came to Ketcham's gym, and left with a win. The Admirals took it in straight sets, 25-22, 25-17, 25-16. Amelia Georgi had 10 kills, 10 digs and 11 assists in the win. The freshmen showed out, too. Jessica Cioffro had nine digs, Sadie Murphy had 15 assists and four digs. Caroline Urso had six kills, six digs, and five aces. Corrine Jarc matched with six kills and five digs of her own.



Spackenkill's Vivian Zanca (left) returns a volley during the MHAL Quarterfinal match against Marlboro. *Courtesy photo.* Below: Arlington Field Hockey celebrates Jane Gwinn's 100th save of the season. *Photo courtesy of Coach Elyssa DeWitt*



# County seeks community input on final draft of Schatz study

Two public presentations planned in Poughkeepsie; feedback can be submitted online through Oct. 31

The Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development has released the final draft of the Schatz Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study Report. This report evaluates existing conditions at the former Schatz Federal Bearings Company site, a 20-acre abandoned industrial site within the Town and City of Poughkeepsie, and establishes a vision for its future redevelopment.

The recommendations in the Schatz BOA Plan include transforming the long-abandoned site into a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood that creates up to 250 units of affordable and market-rate housing while preserving historic buildings and adding public green spaces, walkable paths and local businesses – including retail, restaurants, co-working and maker

spaces – that support economic growth, creating a connected, welcoming place where people can live, work, shop, and enjoy easy access to the Marcus J. Molinaro Northside line and other trails and the community.

The public is encouraged to review the draft report on the project website, [www.revitalizeschatz.com/project-documents](http://www.revitalizeschatz.com/project-documents), and provide comments through Oct. 31, 2025. Comments may be submitted via the website's "Share Your Comments" page: [www.revitalizeschatz.com/comments](http://www.revitalizeschatz.com/comments).

Additionally, County staff and consultants will present key findings and recommendations at the following upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.  
Town of Poughkeepsie Town Board  
1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie

Thursday, Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.  
Dutchess County Legislature  
22 Market Street, 6th Floor,  
Poughkeepsie

The nomination study will be submit-

ted to the New York State Department of State as part of the process to seek formal BOA designation. Designation can open the door to additional funding, technical assistance, and redevelopment opportunities. The New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area Program, administered by the Department of State, provides communities with resources to plan for the revitalization of areas affected by actual or perceived environmental contamination. Through the program, municipalities and community-based organizations can complete in-depth studies of brownfield sites, develop a comprehensive redevelopment strategy, and position properties for investment.

Designation as a BOA by the Department of State signals that a community-driven vision is in place and makes projects within the area more competitive for public and private funding.

For more information about the Schatz BOA Nomination Study and the public comment process, please visit [www.revitalizeschatz.com](http://www.revitalizeschatz.com).

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Answers to this  
week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)



*Note: the Office for the Aging and OFA Friendship Centers are closed in observance of Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 4.*

**USING A ‘TACTICAL PAUSE’ TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS**  
Your phone rings.  
You don’t know who it is, and Caller ID doesn’t give you much to go on.

What do you do?  
Nothing. Not yet at least.  
Security experts call this practice a “tactical pause.” Simply explained, you learn to stop, look, listen, think, and come up with a plan for what’s next - before acting.

Your plan doesn’t have to be perfect. Just through your process of planning, you’re more prepared than you were before you made the plan. With a plan, a scammer is less likely to catch you flat-footed.

The phone’s still ringing. Voicemail picks up, and there’s a message being left on the other end:

“Grammy, it’s your grandson and I’m in jail and-”

What do you do? Nothing, still. You’re taking a tactical pause to think things over. Would that really be your grandson calling, or a scammer?

**Your plan for ‘grandparent’ scammers**  
If you have a mobile device, ask your grandkids to share their location with you. It’s not because you want to spy on them. You just want to know their whereabouts if a scammer impersonates them. If a caller says they’re in jail and your grandchild’s phone says they’re at school, you can rest easy and ignore whoever that is on the other end of the line.

**Why can’t phone scammers be stopped?**  
Scams are big business. Worldwide scam activity has nearly doubled in the past five years, according to information technology experts at the University of

Wisconsin-Madison. Scammers using artificial intelligence to expand their reach will have stolen an estimated \$10.5 trillion by year’s end, according to Cybercrime magazine. That’s bigger than every economy in the world aside from the U.S. and China. Scamming, according to Cybercrime, is more profitable than the global trade of all major illegal drugs combined. Even security experts have been victimized by scammers, and more often than you’d think.

**So we’re doomed?**  
Hardly, but it helps to know what we’re up against. For all their technical know-how, scammers have an essential hurdle to clear: They need to trick you into giving up personal information. Technical proficiency is only one key to success for scammers. The most successful scammers are diligent students of human nature. They know we can get tired and miss clues, so they call at dinner or late at night. They gain our trust by impersonating authority figures and celebrities, even family members.

Still, scammers won’t succeed if we can learn some new lessons and unlearn some old ones.

**Unlearning our phone etiquette**  
“Good afternoon, Smith residence, this is Peter..”

We were taught to answer the phone this way for decades. Unfortunately, traditional good phone manners equals vulnerability when it comes to scams. Just answering the phone as above already hands a scammer three key pieces of information: Peter Smith is associated with a specific phone number, he does not screen his calls, and he’ll engage with a scam caller. It’s the polite thing to do, so Peter thinks, even if he feels uncertain about what the caller is up to.

If there’s a “Peter” in your life, let them know that it’s not rude to keep themselves safe by hanging up on a scammer.

The phone rings again - what to do?  
This time the caller leaves a message: it’s Medicare, supposedly. They need to confirm your Medicare ID number, and you need to call them back.

How can you tell if that’s real or fake? Again, the tactical pause is helpful. Slowing down lets you ask yourself: Is that really Medicare calling, and is that really their phone number? And why would they need my ID number when they’re the ones who issued it?

This is a classic scam-call scenario. Medicare does not “cold call” its beneficiaries, and will only call in cases where a beneficiary previously requested that their own call be returned.

**Stopping loneliness = Stopping scams**  
For older adults who find themselves isolated from family and friends, feelings of loneliness may cause them to engage with a scam caller whose voice can feel like a life-line - but isn’t. Scammers are skilled at recognizing emotional needs. They know exactly how to fill the loneliness void, and how to use that connection to gain control of their victim’s money.

But you can recognize emotional needs, too. It’s one reason why OFA began its “Friendly Calls” program: to bring more engagement to the lives of the older adults who need it most, with the added benefit of helping prevent exploitation by scammers.

Visit [dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls](http://dutchessny.gov/friendlycalls) to find out more, or call OFA at 845-486-2555 to learn what it takes to become a “Friendly Calls” volunteer caller.

**OFA HOMEBOUND FLU/COVID VACCINATIONS, NOW THROUGH EARLY DECEMBER**

For the homebound older population of Dutchess County, doing the day-to-day tasks that most of us take for granted can be an insurmountable challenge. Using essen-

tial services like healthcare comes with the difficulty of getting to a medical office and back. It’s no easy task for homebound individuals to get the periodic vaccinations they need. That’s why the Office for the Aging is bringing back its annual Homebound Vaccination program for homebound Dutchess County residents over age 60, available now through Friday, Dec. 5.

Influenza is generally seasonal, but COVID-19 is year-round. Homebound individuals can contact OFA at [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov) or 845-486-2555, and our staff will arrange for in-home vaccinations for COVID-19 and/or influenza.

**NEW MATERIAL ON THE OFA WEBSITE**  
When it comes to key contact information, sometimes you just want a sheet of easily-recognized material hanging on your fridge. Our Printable Aging Resources page ([www.dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable](http://www.dutchessny.gov/ofaprintable)) has you covered.

We’ve added additional Scam Prevention material specific to Medicare; a Winter Checklist to help you prepare yourselves and your homes for colder weather; and the latest OFA Directory of Services. It’s all up-to-date, easy-to-read, and in simple, printable PDF format.

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