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Growers Farm Tour
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The Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Farm Tour is a self-guided tour inviting everyone to visit all five farms or as many as you'd like to from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22.

These local farms and wool businesses will their open doors to the public to show off their animals, products and educate visitors on how they care for the animals. You can also try your hand at spinning, rug hooking or another fiber art at the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers office in Red Hook.

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CIA, partners developing
new resort in Hyde Park

By Alexander Tsahalis

The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) is taking its hospitality to an all-new level through their new resort set to open in the Town of Hyde Park in the next few years.

The resort is a partnership between three groups - the CIA, Nolan Reynolds International, and Kerzner International/One & Only. The CIA has trained many famous chefs, including Anthony Bourdain and Scott Conant. Nolan Reynolds International (NRI) is a real estate company that develops, builds, and manages a range of hotels, with a particular focus on culinary experiences. Kerzner International is a Dubai-based operator of luxury hotels, resorts, and private homes under several brands.

The resort also offers several benefits to residents of Hyde Park, including the redevelopment of what was formerly Coco's restaurant, following encouragement from the town. The other significant benefit comes from the taxes on the resort.

"These projects will help to double our tax revenue, which could help us have a better equalization rate, and things like that," said Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani. "The town is really behind this."

According to a report filed with the Town of Hyde Park dated Sept. 29, the resort will be on 21.5 acres of land owned by the CIA. The property has been leased



The site plan for the new CIA resort in the Town of Hyde Park illustrates a variety of features for the property extending from Rt. 9 down to the Hudson River. *Courtesy image*

to NRI by the CIA. The current plan for the property includes a boutique hotel with 64 units, a wellness spa and 52 leasehold villas, as well as various other amenities, general buildings, and restaurants.

One of the resort's selling points is "longevity tourism." Longevity tourism is a growing trend, driven by advances in science and ongoing research on the subject.

"The property's proximity to the CIA will add to the already incredible suite of offerings available to its guests and resi-

dents alike. From the CIA's student-run fine-dining restaurants to the opportunity to enroll in our recreational classes and culinary boot camps and learn from the chefs who have trained some of the top chefs in the industry, this truly will be a one-of-a-kind collaboration, creating unforgettable experiences," said CIA President Michiel Bakker, in a press release from Kerzner International. The CIA is also involved in other wellness-focused areas, including the development of plant-based meal plans and micronutrient testing.

Functional fitness, mindful nutrition
at heart of NDH Diabetes Prevention

By Morgan E. Maier

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and for 10 years, the nationally recognized Diabetes Prevention Program at Northern Dutchess Hospital (NDH) in Rhinebeck has led the charge in community education.

This is not a class designed for homework and short-term impact. It is an opportunity for individuals to join a community with accountability for themselves and others. Lifestyle coach Marie Monroe and nutritionist Roufia Payman have built a community where health and support come tandem with care.

The Diabetes Prevention Program is designed as preventive care for pre-diabetics. The evidence-based approach to decreasing the risk of type 2 diabetes

combines exercise, healthy eating and overall lifestyle changes for results. A member's A1C (average three-month blood sugar) levels must be 5.7%-6.4% to be in the program. Over the course of a year, Roufia and Monroe foster an inter-active environment that is not only informational, but also actionable. Food labels are brought in to show what one should look for in their food.

They display accurate serving sizes, effective exercises for movement and an absolute avoidance of the term "diet." Here, the Diabetes Prevention Program offers a real-life application over take-home pamphlets and self-teaching. The key is "motivating people to want to change," according to Monroe.

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is a nationwide campaign. Of

New York's 500+ offerings, none is quite like the one spent with Roufia and Monroe. Group members come from New York City, Newburgh and between to take their class with Northern Dutchess Hospital. The first class is the only in-person commitment. All others take place virtually. The hybrid format is a characteristic grown from COVID-19 distancing, which has only grown the program's reach.

Through every session, the program promotes honest conversation about habits and the impact of lifestyle choices. It holds the jargon and intimidating terms, and brings visual representation to real-life instances, for the entire class.

"People come into class, they're frightened, and we see maybe two raised

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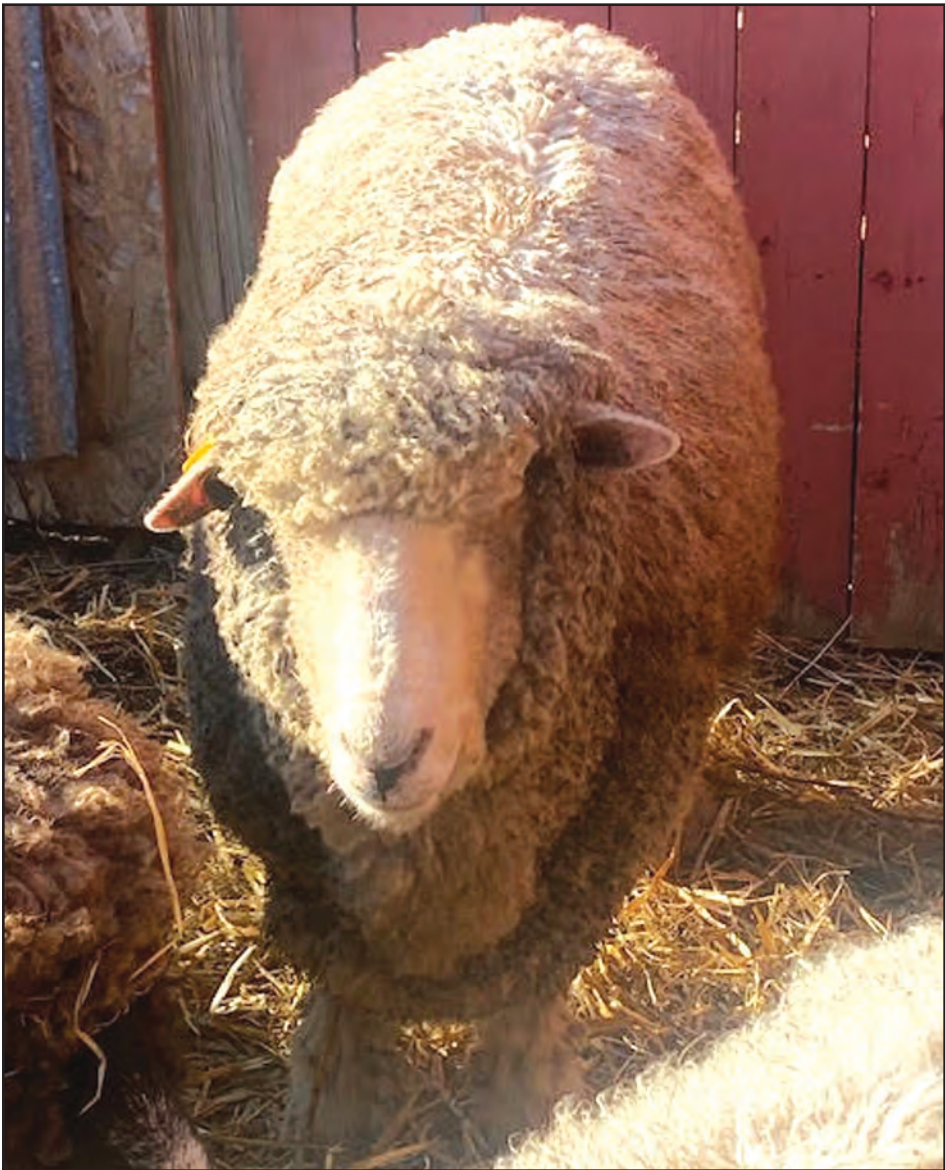
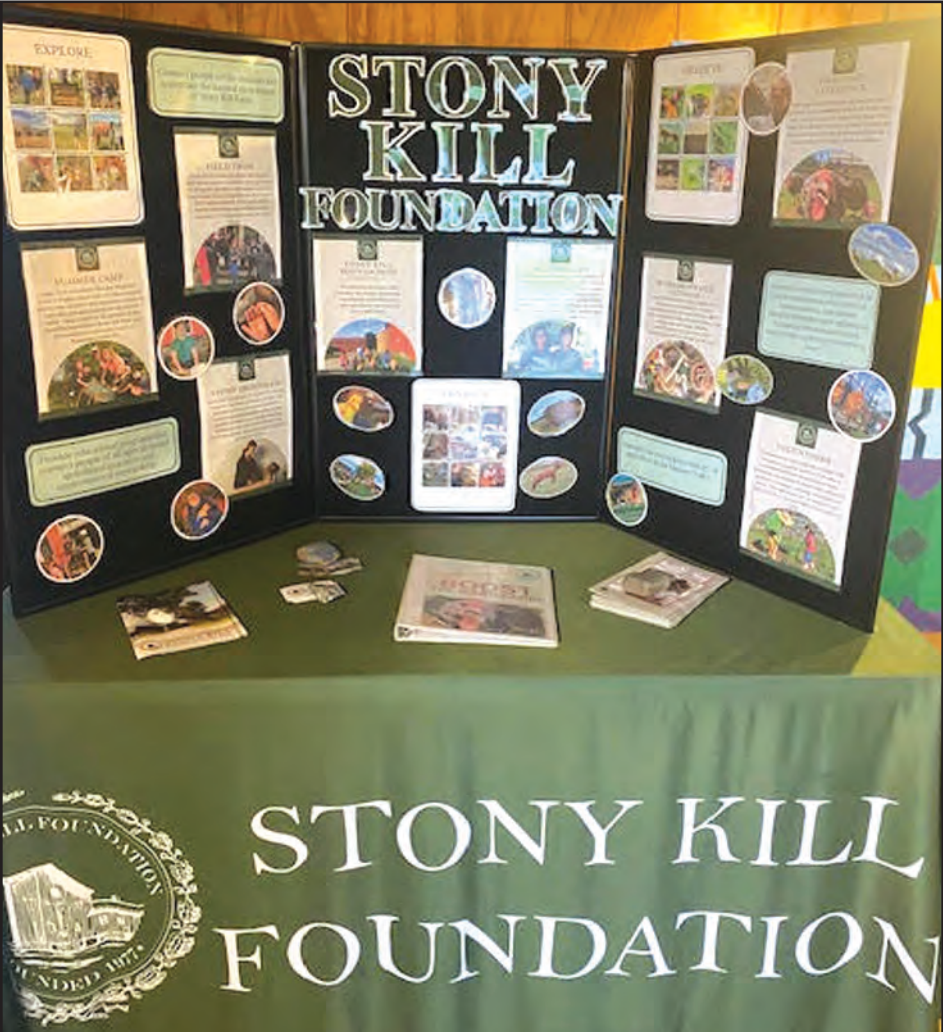


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Clockwise from top left, sheep graze in pastures at the Black Sheep Hill Farm in Pine Plains. Alpacas are pictured at Clover Brooke Farm, located in the Towns of Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park. A Corriedale Sheep is pictured at Patchwork Pastures Farm in Hyde Park. The display of yarn is at Nobletown Fiber Works in Hillsdale. The Stonykill Farm in the Town of Wappinger concentrates on education and sustainability. Courtesy photos



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F.W. Battenfeld & Son honored with Overall Tourism Distinction during annual awards breakfast

Destination Dutchess celebrated the outstanding achievements of the local tourism industry at the 12th Annual Tourism Awards of Distinction breakfast, held Thursday, Nov. 13, at Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie. The annual event recognized tourism-related businesses and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to Dutchess County's vibrant visitor economy and enriched its reputation as a premier destination in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

Awards were presented in seven categories — Hospitality Service, Storytelling, Collaboration, Events, Accessible Hospitality, Newcomer, and the Dutchess County Executive's Award for Overall Tourism Distinction, which was won by F.W. Battenfeld & Son of Red Hook. For almost 70 years, this family farm in northern Dutchess has continued to grow into an exceptional agri-tourism attraction, helping draw visitors from far beyond the community who not only want to enjoy cutting their own Christmas tree but to also have a unique and memorable holiday experience that often turns into a family travel tradition.

The special Mary Kay Vrba Spirit Award of Distinction was presented to Indira Naidu, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Poughkeepsie. Naidu, a hospitality professional with more than 20 years of experience, was recognized for her leadership, creativity, and passion for promoting Dutchess County as a must-visit destination. Since joining the Hampton Inn & Suites team in 2024, it was noted, she has inspired her colleagues, strengthened community partnerships, and gone above and beyond to welcome guests with warmth and genuine enthusiasm.

"Our Tourism Awards of Distinction allow us to pause and celebrate the people and businesses that make Dutchess County shine," said Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess. "For more than a decade, these

awards have showcased the best of our tourism community — the innovation, collaboration, and heart that fuel our collective success. These, and all the past honorees, are the foundation of our destination." She added, "Our team is extremely proud to help travelers discover Dutchess, inspiring them to visit and spend their travel dollars in our communities, which then benefits all our residents."

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino joined Rottkamp in congratulating the winners and finalists. "Our County is proud to be home to an exceptional community of tourism and hospitality professionals," said Serino. "But tourism isn't just about the places people visit, it's an economic engine that supports local business, drives investment, supports jobs at all income and education levels, and enriches our residents' quality of life. We're grateful for the continued hard work and of these outstanding tourism businesses and all the work Destination Dutchess does to support them."

The 2025 Destination Dutchess Tourism Awards of Distinction winners, finalists

Dutchess County Executive's Award for Overall Tourism Distinction winner: F.W. Battenfeld & Son (Battenfeld's Christmas Tree and Anemone Farm), Red Hook

Finalists included: Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre, Amenia; Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, Poughkeepsie

Newcomer Tourism Award of Distinction winner: Curio Cabinet of the Hudson Valley, Poughkeepsie

Finalists included: The Heartwood at Vassar, Poughkeepsie; La Sorella, Fishkill

Events Tourism Award of Distinction winner: Wassaic Project, Wassaic

Finalists included: Beatrix Farrand Garden Association (Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield), Hyde Park;



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, left, and Melaine Rottkamp, President & CEO of Destination Dutchess, present F.W. Battenfeld & Son with the Dutchess County Executive's Award for Overall Tourism Distinction on Nov. 13. *Courtesy photo*

Innisfree Garden, Millbrook

Collaboration Tourism Award of Distinction winner: Quaker Meeting House Tour REV250 Project, Oblong Meeting House, Pawling; Nine Partners Meeting House; Millbrook; Creek Meeting House, Clinton Corners; Crum Elbow Meeting House, Hyde Park

Finalists included: Peaceful Provisions, Beacon; Poughkeepsie PorchFest, Poughkeepsie

Storytelling Tourism Award of Distinction winner: Dutchess County Department of History, Poughkeepsie

Finalists included: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Beacon; Tangent Theatre Company, Tivoli

Accessible Hospitality Tourism Award of Distinction winner: Fisher Center at Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson

Finalists included: Fishkill Farms, Hopewell Junction; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Staatsburg

Hospitality Service Tourism Award of Distinction winner: John Mousseau,

First Mate, Tour Guide, RV Estuary Steward Tour Boat, Bannerman Castle Trust, Beacon

Finalists included: Joe Fakhoury, Vice President of Operations, River Link Hotels, Fishkill; Annemarie O'Brien-Camusso, Server, Simply Gourmet, Poughkeepsie/Uncle Sam's Canteen at The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, Hyde Park

The Tourism Awards of Distinction were supported by diamond sponsors Hilton Garden Inn Poughkeepsie/ Fishkill and Marist University, and platinum sponsors Adams Fairacre Farms, Central Hudson, Changing Our World, Residence Inn and Courtyard by Marriott Poughkeepsie, Hampton Inn Fishkill, Homewood Suites Poughkeepsie, Mirbeau Inn & Spa, and Today Media. Guests at the breakfast enjoyed a locally inspired menu catered by Simply Gourmet featuring ingredients donated by area producers including Soukup Farms, Harney & Sons Tea, and J.B. Peel Coffee.

Firefighter's Museum of Dutchess County holds 4th annual Bowling Fundraiser

The Firefighter's Museum of Dutchess County held their Fourth annual Bowling Fundraiser tournament on Sunday, Nov. 16. A total of 21 teams participated in the event. They included the following teams: DCVFA, Hillside Lake Fire Company 2 teams, Hughsonville FD 2 teams, Millbrook FD 4 Teams, PCVFA, Pleasant Valley FD, Rombout FD 2 teams, Slater Chemical FD 4 teams, Stanford FD Team Fisher, Team Russell, and the Wicoppee Fire Company. The event was successful, and funds were secured to support the Museum. Winners were Selena Virtuoso from Slater Chemical Fire Department for top female score, Mike Doherty from Carmel Fire Department for top male score, and Team Russell (pictured above) for highest team score. A big Thank you to the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County for supplying the pizza and soda and Spins Bowling for their great support, especially Bob and Breanna Sample. Thanks also to all, along with the Officers of the Firefighters Museum of Dutchess County, who came out to support the Museum.



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Functional fitness, mindful nutrition at heart of NDH Diabetes Prevention

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hands (on knowing the definition of diabetes). We make it about how people feel," said Monroe.

The program operates on a people-first methodology, with a constant opportunity to make bonds with one another. This program has built decades-long (and counting) friendships. People continue to trade recipes – and pickleball tips – inside this community built on evidence-based training, multidisciplinary care, and a willingness to work from all parties.

Functional fitness and mindful nutrition are at the center of the community. Not just knowing how to pick nourishing ingredients, but finding dishes that can make a whole family smile with ease.

"We teach people to learn to love the food that loves them back," said Roufia. "Life is hard, why should eating healthy be hard?"

This is not about finding the right pill to fix the problem. Roufia and Monroe prove, in part, how using the nice dinnerware for a weeknight meal, or simple balance exercises in one's living room, can make a world of difference in everyday life. And for many members, the work isn't done after a year. Many have continued in the group long after, to continue building the relationships, breaking bread (and baking it, too!) and bringing new ideas to every meeting.

"People have formed alliances because we close the door, and we form the alliances," said Monroe.

The next class begins in February 2026, but the Diabetes Prevention Program phone lines are open: (845) 871-



Roufia Payman of Northern Dutchess Hospital, right, is pictured with class participants Valerie Griffen and Gus Van Hagen. *Courtesy photo*

3318. For those with a history of gestational diabetes, an A1C in the 5.7-6.4 range, a BMI over 25, or family history of type 2 diabetes, the prediabetes risk assessment is available at the Northern

Dutchess Hospital website. Interested individuals can take the questionnaire, take action, and take control of their health today.

Barrett, Gonzalez introduce AC/DC Act to protect ratepayers from data centers

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) and Sen. Kristen Gonzalez (D-Brooklyn/Queens/Manhattan) recently introduced the Accountability of Costs for Data Centers (AC/DC) Act (A.9039-A/S.8540). This legislation will create a new utility rate classification for large energy use facilities to ensure that the costs associated with building and operating data centers, AI and cryptocurrency mining facilities are not borne by residential ratepayers.

"We all know New York is experiencing an alarming energy affordability crisis. Almost daily, my office hears from constituents, small businesses, even local libraries, saddled with fast-rising energy

costs and struggling to pay their bills," said Barrett, who chairs the Assembly's Energy Committee. "At the same time, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) estimates that an additional 1,600 MW of power could be needed by 2030, driven primarily by data centers, AI and cryptocurrency mining. This common-sense legislation makes these large energy-use customers pay their fair share, enabling innovation without saddling residential ratepayers with all the costs."

"The development of data centers disproportionately impacts working class families and small businesses. As the demand for energy rises with the adop-

tion of AI and new technologies, everyday consumers are the ones burdened with the cost of data centers' energy needs," said Gonzalez. "I'm proud to sponsor the Accountability of Costs for Data Centers Act, and I'm committed to fighting for affordability for all New Yorkers."

On Oct. 23, The Assembly Energy Committee held a hearing to examine protecting residential ratepayers from the increased energy needs of data centers. At the hearing, several speakers pointed out the need for a new utility rate classification for large energy use facilities to ensure that these costs aren't passed onto other customers.



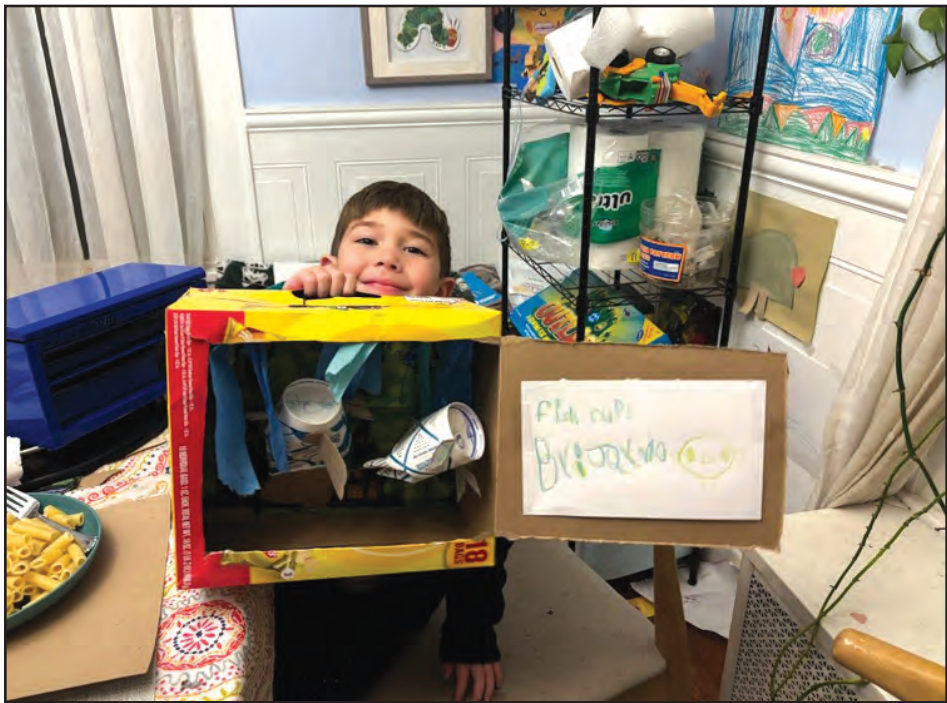
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Serino announces ‘America Recycles Day Art Challenge’ winners



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino applauds the winners and runners-up of the County’s second annual “America Recycles Day Art Challenge,” a creative initiative led by the Division of Solid Waste Management to educate students about recycling and inspire them to find new uses for everyday items that might otherwise end up in the trash.

Serino said, “Dutchess County is incredibly proud of the imagination and dedication shown by every student who took part in this year’s ‘America Recycles Day Art Challenge.’ By turning everyday items into meaningful artwork, our young creators are not only promoting environmental responsibility but also showcasing their amazing talent. Their creativity should be an example, reminding us all about the importance of caring for our environment.”

The art contest highlighted creative works crafted from recyclable and reusable materials, inspiring participants of all ages to think critically about sustainability and the value of recycling. Open to all school-aged students across Dutchess County, the contest drew entries from more than 40 young artists. The Division of Solid Waste Management has selected winners and runners-up in each

of the following age categories:

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
Winner: Jameson Armstrong, 1st Grade, Overlook Primary School, “Fish Cups,” a sculpture focused on marine life made using cardboard, paper cups and paper.

3rd Grade to 5th Grade
Winner: Cynaii Fils, Sa’Mai McClinton and Jasim Lewis of Ms. Kathleen Orza’s 5th Grade class, Warring Elementary School, “Protect Our Oceans to Protect Our Future,” an underwater scene depicting ocean life, made using water bottles, tissue paper and other recyclable materials.

Runner-up: Ryan Brown, 4th Grade, Homeschooled, “Giraffe Head,” made from paper bags, cardboard boxes and more to construct a wearable giraffe head.

6th Grade to 8th Grade
Winner: Emma Tsang, 8th Grade, Van Wyck Junior High School, “Our Beautiful Marine Life,” a 3-D sculpture of a marine creature made entirely out of recyclable materials including tin foil, aluminum cans, paper and more. Emma

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Winners of Dutchess County’s second annual “America Recycles Day Art Challenge” included (above, left) Jameson Armstrong, 1st Grade, Overlook Primary School, “Fish Cups”; (above, right) Cynaii Fils, Sa’Mai McClinton and Jasim Lewis of Ms. Kathleen Orza’s 5th Grade class, Warring Elementary School “Protect Our Oceans to Protect Our Future”; Emma Tsang, 8th Grade, Van Wyck Junior High School, “Our Beautiful Marine Life.” (See page 6 for additional winner.) *Courtesy photos*

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 26 issue of Northern Dutchess News is Thursday, Nov. 20. E-mail cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.





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Germania’s annual Christkindlmarkt will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featuring over 40 vendors inside a large, heated tent, you can browse through a variety of unique handcrafted gift items made by local artisans. Enjoy traditional German food like Rindergulasch (beef goulash), Pilzrahmsuppe (German cream of mushroom soup), Bratwurst, Smoked Bratwurst, Weisswurst, German Potato Salad, Herring Salad, and more. Germania’s members bake a variety of German Holiday cookies, treats and baked goods like Zimtsterne (cinnamon stars), Vanillekipferl (vanilla crescent-shaped shortbread cookies), honiglebkuchen (honey gingerbread cookies), springerle (anise flavored cookies), plain or marzipan stollen (fruit bread), apple strudel, gingerbread cake, and cream horns. Also popular at Germania’s festivals are bienenstich (cake filled with vanilla custard and topped with caramelized almonds) and Bavarian Pretzels. This year, the market will also offer Heisse Maronen (roasted chestnuts).

Make sure you stay to hear the Germania Singers and students of the German Language Class sing Christmas

Carols in German and English. Stille Nacht (Silent Night), O Tannenbaum (O Christmas Tree), Ihr Kinderlein, kommet (O Come, Little Children) are among the popular German Christmas songs they will be singing.

It is a wonderful experience that will warm your heart this holiday season. Admission and parking are free.

Germania of Poughkeepsie, founded 1850, celebrates its 175th year this year. It is a benevolent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit and 509(a)(2) charitable organization committed to the promotion and education of German American heritage and culture. It is an All-Volunteer organization. Germania hosts numerous authentic cultural events throughout the year that are open to the public including an annual Maifest, Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt, German Bake Sales, Biergartens, authentic German Friday Night dinners, Wednesday Stammtisch, along with other events. Over the past 175 years, Germania has hosted educational programs in music, sport, dance, and citizenship. Germania sponsors numerous "Sister Clubs" who also promote many educational and authentic cultural events. These include the Germania Singers, Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein, Steuben Society of America Dr.



Germania of Poughkeepsie bakers prepare German treats for the upcoming Christkindlmarkt on Nov. 21-22. *Courtesy photo*

Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, and the Germania Blue & White Soccer Club. Germania also sponsors German Language Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, and a Volkssport Club. Germania supports the community by procuring goods and services through locally owned Hudson Valley businesses. The

organization remains a 100% volunteer, and is actively looking to increase membership, along with Club Sponsorship and Event Vendors. Membership is open to individuals of all faiths and backgrounds. Contact Germania directly for further information, president@germaniaPok.com or call 845-471-0609.

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was inspired to make this after seeing how much waste accumulated at her birthday party, and she wanted to spread awareness about how fish can mistake garbage for food.

Runner-up: Loyette Henry, Sierra Sand and Zoey Sweeney of Ms. Shanon O’Hearn’s 7th Grade class, Tabernacle Christian Academy, “Recycling Saves Lives,” a depiction of the deep sea and how objects like plastic can harm ocean life, made from plastic water bottles, cardboard, newspaper and other recyclable materials.

9th Grade to 12th Grade

Winner: Lexie Stephens, of Mr. Roberto Romani’s 10th Grade class, Spackenkill High School, “Untitled,” a 3-D sculpture of a life-sized electric guitar, amplifier and foot pedal made entirely out of cardboard, newspaper and more.

Runner-up: Sophia Beeman, of Mr.

Roberto Romani’s 11th Grade class, Spackenkill High School, Simon, a portrait of the artist’s aunt’s dog, Simon, whom she loves very much, made using newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes and other recyclables.

The Division of Solid Waste Management develops programs that help reduce waste and ensure the proper and safe disposal of discarded materials throughout Dutchess County. For more information on the County’s continuing recycling and sustainability efforts, residents can visit the Division of Solid Waste Management webpage via www.dutchessny.gov

“America Recycles Day” is a national observance on Nov. 15 that promotes recycling awareness and encourages communities across the United States to adopt more sustainable practices.



Winner of the 9th Grade to 12th Grade category was Lexie Stephens, of Mr. Roberto Romani’s 10th Grade class, Spackenkill High School. Stephens’ work is untitled. *Courtesy photo*



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Legacy of late Beekman Marine recalled during ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ ceremony

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and the County’s Office of Veterans Affairs honored the service and legacy of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Nicholas Gasparre, a former Town of Beekman resident, during the final “Honor-A-Veteran” ceremony of the year on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The tribute, held at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center in Poughkeepsie, was part of a monthly program honoring the lives and sacrifices of Dutchess County veterans who have passed away, celebrating the lasting impact they made on our nation and community.

Serino said, “In a life tragically cut all too short, Nick exemplified the word ‘service’ on several levels: first volunteering as a teenaged firefighter, then defending our nation in the Marines and finally protecting his neighbors as a Deputy Sheriff. Nick brought pride to his family, his local community and Dutchess County. We are privileged to recognize his enduring legacy of duty through our ‘Honor-A-Veteran’ program.”

Born on Aug. 22, 1988, Nicholas Gasparre began his life of service at the age of 14, becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Beekman Fire District. Driven by a deep sense of duty and a family tradition of military service, and inspired by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010, serving as an Air Support Operations Operator with MASS 1 at Cherry Point, NC. His role was vital, coordinating air support for ground troops, much like a battlefield 911 operator. Though a shoulder injury prevented him from deploying, he earned several commendations, including the

National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal (LCpl.). His steadfast commitment to safeguarding was a defining characteristic of his military service and persisted throughout his civilian life.

In 2017, LCpl. Gasparre fulfilled his dream of becoming a deputy with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, where he was honored with the Meritorious Service and Patriot Awards. In 2021, LCpl. Gasparre married the love of his life, Kellie-Ann; the couple welcomed their daughter, Adelaide, in early 2024, and son Nicholas was born in 2025. Known for his humor and ability to connect with anyone, LCpl. Gasparre co-founded The League Hudson Valley, a local golf league for first responders. He was a devoted dog parent, a “Jurassic Park” enthusiast and a lover of acoustic guitar; and his playful spirit, kindness and loyalty continue to inspire through the lives he touched.

LCpl. Gasparre passed away on Nov. 15, 2024; read his obituary at the McHoul’s Funeral Home website.

Office of Veterans Affairs Director Adam Roche said, “Nick wasn’t just someone you knew; he was someone you felt. His presence filled a room with warmth, laughter and an unshakable sense that everything was going to be OK. He lived with purpose, served with pride and loved without hesitation. Whether Nick was in uniform, on the golf course or just hanging out with his beloved dogs, Gus and Rigatoni, he brought people together. Many of us



County Executive Sue Serino (left), County Sheriff Kirk Imperati (third from right) and members of the Honor-A-Veteran Committee joined Kellie Gasparre (right) at the recent ceremony honoring her late husband, LCpl. Nicholas Gasparre. *Courtesy photo*

throughout Dutchess County have coped with living without Nick over the past year, but knowing he lives on in the memories of Kellie-Ann, Adelaide, little Nick and the many people whose lives he touched makes each day a little easier.”

During the ceremony, County Executive Serino and Director Roche and members of the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee presented LCpl. Gasparre’s family with several honors, including a:

- U.S. flag flown in Dutchess County for 30 days in his memory;
- proclamation from County Executive Serino;
- memory box from Mental Health America of Dutchess County Vet2Vet;
- Veterans Challenge Coin from the Dutchess County Honor-A-Veteran Committee; and
- handmade quilt from Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Programs’ Quilts2Honor.

While the Nov. 12 event was the final “Honor-A-Veteran” event of the year, ceremonies will continue in 2026, from April to November. Family, friends and community members are encouraged to nominate a veteran to be recognized

through the initiative. The deceased veterans must meet the following criteria:

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

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

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

Dover Historical Society honors Veterans with Appreciation Day



The Town of Dover Historical Society hosted a Veterans Appreciation Day on Nov. 8. The event was held at the Dover firehouse with over 100 individuals in attendance. Displays, photos and tributes honored veterans going back to The Civil War. The program included speeches and stories from local politicians and veterans which were extraordinary and moving. Many veterans attended, including Helen Slocum Mostachetti, above, who at 102 years of age is one of the oldest living veterans in the area from World War II. J.H. Ketcham Hose Company donated use of their building for the event and the VFW Post 5444 provided their color guard. American Legion Post 1949 also provided flags and memorabilia. *Courtesy photo*

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Hudson Valley, NY law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) has earned recognition in the 2026 edition of Best Law Firms, receiving Metropolitan Tier 1 rankings in White Plains for both Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants.

Serving clients throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District for more than 39 years, FKC&S has been honored by Best Law Firms every year since its First Edition in 2010.

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Partner Jeffrey M. Feldman. “We take great pride in upholding the values that have defined our firm for nearly four decades.”

Earlier this year, partners Feldman, Robert R. Sappe and Kathryn C. Collins were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 32nd Edition of “The Best Lawyers in America®.” Each was recognized in the area of Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants in Fishkill, NY, and Feldman also received recognition for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants in Fishkill.

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Hinchey, Paulin legislation establishes country’s 1st state-level frontotemporal degeneration research registry

ALBANY – State Senator Michelle Hinchey (SD 41) and Assemblymember Amy Paulin (AD 88) recently announced that Gov. Kathy Hochul has signed legislation they sponsor to create a statewide research registry for Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD)—a first-of-its-kind tool in New York that will track diagnoses, raise awareness of the disease in the medical community and move society closer to finding a cure for this form of dementia. The bill (S.598B/A.1985C) was unanimously passed by both legislative houses in the 2025 session.

Hinchey is the daughter of the late and widely regarded Hudson Valley Congressman Maurice Hinchey, whose battle with FTD before his passing in 2017 drove the Senator to make FTD awareness an immediate priority when she was elected to the State Senate in 2020. Since then, Hinchey has become the Legislature’s leading voice on FTD, working to close gaps in care, sponsoring New York’s first resolution recognizing FTD Awareness Week, and inspiring similar action in other states, including a resolution championed in California by Emma Heming Willis. In total, 25 other states have adopted FTD Resolutions and Proclamations modeled after Senator Hinchey’s in New York—including four just this year in Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

raising awareness of the disease and working to strengthen support for families and caregivers, while advancing research toward a cure.

Emma Heming Willis said, “This registry makes New York the nation’s leader in fighting FTD. For the first time, doctors, researchers, and public health professionals will know how often FTD is diagnosed, information that’s essential in the race to find treatments and a cure. I hope we see laws like this across the country soon. Thank you, Governor Hochul, for making New York a light in the darkness for my family, and every family, fighting FTD.”

FTD is one of the least understood forms of dementia, often taking nearly four years to diagnose because its symptoms are commonly mistaken for psychiatric conditions, Alzheimer’s, or Parkinson’s. This lack of familiarity in the medical community not only delays care but can also create severe financial hardship for families, with the cost of FTD nearly double that of Alzheimer’s, as many patients and caregivers must leave the workforce during their prime earning years. With no focused data collection in place, awareness among doctors and the public remains low. Senator Hinchey’s bill will help change that by giving New York the tools to track FTD for the first time, improve care, and strengthen support for families.

“New York’s FTD Research Registry will help us understand the scale of the disease in New York and address the healthcare and knowledge gaps in our medical community that delay diagnosis and care,” Hinchey said. “This is progress for a disease that can often feel hopeless, and New York’s law is lighting the way for other states and a national effort that will one day lead to a cure. I am profoundly grateful to Governor Hochul for signing our bill, Assemblymember Amy Paulin for her partnership, and to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, Emma Heming Willis, and all of the families who fought to make this possible.”

FTD drew worldwide attention in 2023 when actor Bruce Willis was diagnosed—news that was shared courageously by his wife, Emma Heming Willis, and family. Since then, Heming Willis has become a leading advocate,

The FTD Research Registry will establish a statewide system to track FTD diagnoses in New York by directing hospitals and healthcare providers to report cases to the State Department of Health (DOH). The DOH will then create the New York State Frontotemporal Degeneration Registry, an online portal where the public can access data on the incidence and prevalence of FTD and related epidemiological information. To guide this work, the DOH will consult with doctors, caregivers, researchers, and public health experts to develop the registry.

For guidance regarding an FTD diagnosis and connections to social workers, contact the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) Helpline at 1-866-507-7222 or email info@theaftd.org.

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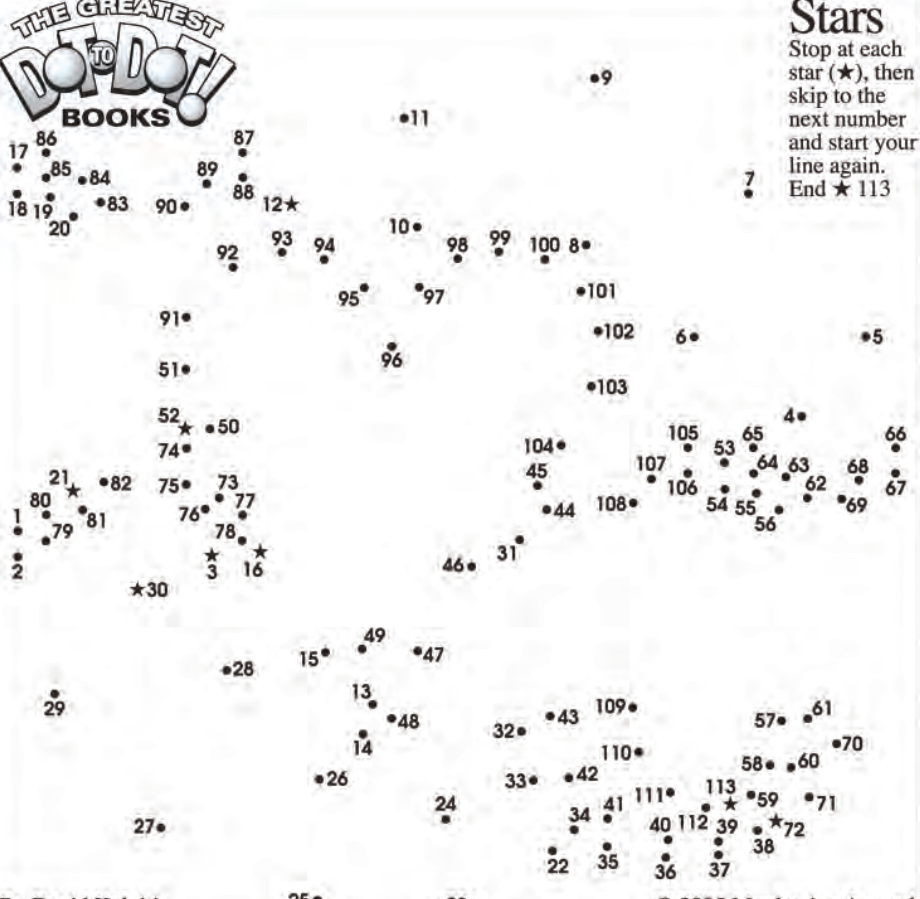
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Re-constructing a Thanksgiving classic

No-Churn Pumpkin Pie Ice Cream is a delicious alternative to the holiday staple.

To everything (churn, churn, churn) there is a season (churn, churn, churn). No, wait. I got that wrong. I mean, there IS a season for everything, (and, yes, I know the song says “turn”), but some things are good anytime. Like ice cream, for one. But you don’t need to churn it to make it!

A few years ago, I shared my recipe for Pumpkin Custard Mousse, which is essentially pumpkin pie without the crust or, more accurately I suppose, pumpkin pudding. I’ve also shared one for banana “ice cream,” which is literally just frozen pureed bananas. These are the inspiration for this, a simple, and simply delicious, way to turn pumpkin puree into a frozen dessert without an ice cream maker, which makes it perfectly acceptable to have ice cream in November.

So why use an ice cream churn at all? Churning adds air into the fat-heavy mixture to give you that creamy-smooth texture we all love ice cream for. But whipping the cream in no-churn versions accomplishes much the same thing. One possible drawback is that this method leaves a coating on the tongue due to the high butterfat content. But honestly, it dissipates quickly and is a small price to pay once you see how easy and scrumptious this is. It is also far quicker to make, coming together in 5-10 minutes before simply popping in the freezer – no need to make a custard or prep an ice cream maker.

So here’s how it works: Sweetened condensed milk is essentially milk that’s been cooked down to eliminate much of its water content and concentrate its sweetness before sugar is added to give it a thick, syrupy consistency. Less water also means it’s less likely to develop ice crystals as it freezes. So sweetened condensed milk adds rich sweetness and gives the ice cream a creamy, velvety texture. (Evaporated milk also has reduced water content but no sugar is added, so it’s thinner, resulting in an icier cream, more like gelato.) A festive note: adding

1-2 tablespoons of alcohol (like bourbon) further reduces the chance of ice crystals. Fresh whipped cream is a must because, as aforementioned, it brings air into the mix and adds volume for a light, ice cream-like texture.

NO-CHURN PUMPKIN PIE ICE CREAM

The appeal of this, other than that it’s delicious, is you don’t need any special equipment, there are few ingredients and it comes together in just 10 minutes. You can keep it plain and simple or add candied ginger, crumbled graham crackers or ginger snaps, or nuts, like candied pecans. Adding a tablespoon or two of bourbon or spiced rum would be great too. You will need a standard (9x5) loaf pan for this.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 (15oz) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon each cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

METHOD

In a large bowl, beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form, 4-5 minutes.

In a separate large bowl, combine pumpkin, condensed milk, vanilla, spices and salt and beat or whisk to combine.

Gently fold whipped cream into pumpkin mixture just to combine (it’s fine if there are a few white streaks).

Pour into a loaf pan (it will just fit), cover tightly with plastic wrap and freeze until set, at least 6 hours (overnight is ideal).

Makes about 1 quart of heavenly pumpkin ice cream.

I’m not saying this should replace pumpkin pie on your holiday table – at our house that might just cause a riot – but it’s a lovely spin on a classic you can serve up any time, in really any season (as long as you have pureed pumpkin). It’s especially appropriate for November, the time when we reflect on all we’re



No-Churn Pumpkin Pie Ice Cream. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

thankful for and I think this sweet, creamy treat should be counted among our many blessings. 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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Nov. 20: Jim Gaffigan, “Everything is Wonderful” Tour, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Known for his humor about everyday life, Jim Gaffigan is a seven-time Grammy-nominated comedian, actor, writer, producer, and two-time New York Times best-selling author. Showtime 7 p.m.

Tickets & more info at www.MJNCenter.org

Nov. 20: Third Thursdays Event, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. The Olana Partnership will hold its monthly free Third Thursdays event, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Enjoy free tours, nature, art, and history while participating in engaging experiences for the whole family. Celebrate Indigenous Creativity Across the World, 2-5 p.m. Stop by the Wagon House Education Center for a chance to celebrate Indigenous History Month and learn more about the history, culture, and craft of native peoples throughout the world. Explore art activities focused on indigenous creative practices like beadmaking and weaving with The Olana Partnership educators all afternoon. At 3:30 p.m., join bestselling author Carole Lindstrom at the Frederic Church Center for Art & Landscape for a live reading of her children's book, “The Gift of the Great Buffalo.” Additionally, visitors are invited to

enjoy guided landscape and historic house tours, 11 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Tickets are available on-site, day-of, on a first-come, first-served basis. More info at (518) 751-0344, tickets@olana.org, or OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays

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13. Luffa, alt. sp.
14. The day before
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16. Surveyor's maps
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18. Run off, as in couple
19. *Mount ____, Earth's southernmost active volcano
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23. A Bobbsey twin
24. Not to be broken?
25. Eyeball shape
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35. Goldfish or koi
37. Memorial Day solo
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43. Hipbones
44. Letter H, phonetically speaking
46. Biblical twin
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48. Intellectual
50. Novice or beginner
52. Café alternative
53. You, in bygone era
55. Ciao, in the U.S.
57. *____ Nast, imagined Santa at North Pole
60. *The largest lake near South Pole
63. Hotel room option
64. *Barents or Laptev
66. Blackfin and bluefin
68. Remove location from digital map
69. Paul Simon's former partner
70. Swelling
71. Monster's loch
72. An affirmative
73. Button on electrical outlet

DOWN

1. Mountain peak
2. Pineapple producer
3. Gray-haired
4. As a rule
5. The Clash: "Rock the _____"
6. Answer to "Shall we?"
7. Female gametes
8. Lost, in Marseille
9. Opposite of sun-kissed
10. Deodorant's target
11. Native Egyptian, in Roman times
12. *How many sunsets in a year on either pole?
15. Close again, as in envelope
20. Yards and miles, e.g.
22. "Slippery" tree
24. Quick and clever reply
25. *North Pole "base"
26. Fraction, e.g.
27. Beastly person
29. Front of the head
31. Not top-shelf
32. Part of archipelago
33. Sound like Secretariat
34. Clear the whiteboard
36. Ancient Briton
38. Dog command
42. Supercharger
45. Glen Powell's 2023 role, pl. (2 words)
49. Cuban dance step
51. Half-shell delicacy
54. English homework
56. Chopin's composition
57. Ad jingle, e.g.
58. Shakira's don't lie
59. Milo's adventurous canine friend
60. Giant kettles
61. Change for a five
62. Glacier's deposit
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Home Brew

Mark takes a beer-brewing class at Clover Brooke Farm.

Budweiser is the King of Beers. I know, because it's printed right on the label. Like most everything else, the price of beer is going up, so I decided to start brewing my own. I signed up for a three hour class at Clover Brooke Farm, taught by Dr. (he has a pH D in genetics) Mike Tibbetts.

Clover Brooke Farm in Salt Point is owned by Mike and Andrea Parent-Tibbetts. Andrea raises all kinds of sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas, shearing and selling the fleece. The farm offers tours, weaving workshops, llama yoga, soap making, a bed and breakfast apartment, and lots more. Mike teaches the Home Brew Beer Class when he's not lecturing at Bard College. He's been brewing since 1985, a couple of years before he and Andrea moved to the Hudson Valley. Mike grows his own barley, hops, and even his own yeast, all used to make beer.

Mike explained that beer can be made from anything that's not fruit (which is

used to make wine). The idea is to ferment the barley, wheat, or even rice, turning the starch into alcohol. Growing up on the farm, I used to make a horrible concoction we called pumpkin jack by putting Fleischmann's yeast in a pumpkin and letting it rot. In Peru, I drank chicha, an obnoxious liquid made from fermented corn and human spit. But I digress.

In our class, we set out to make Clover Brooke Farm Maple Porter, a dark, heavy beer with a fairly high (7.5%) alcohol content:

- Start with 10 pounds of barley grain. Soak the grain in water for a couple of days and then spread it out to germinate, converting the starch to sugar. Right after germination, the grain is dried in a kiln (or oven) to stop the germination. Mike had already created this "malted barley" beforehand. He baked some of the malt at high temperatures to create a black malt that gives the porter its dark color and roasted flavor.



- Grind the malted barley in a grain mill. This allows more surface area for the malt to ferment. This "mash" is poured into a brew kettle with about 5 gallons of water, and steeped at 150 degrees for an hour. Then the spent mash is removed and eventually fed to the alpacas. The remaining liquid is cooled so sediment settles out.
- Now the liquid "wort" is transferred to a fermenting tank. This is when hops are added, for flavor and to act as a preservative. The wort is boiled for an hour, cooled to room temperature, and sprinkled with yeast, which will start the fermentation process.
- After about 10 days, fermentation will cease, when the wort stops bubbling. Now we can bottle it,



Mike Tibbetts, co-owner of Clover Brooke Farm and home-brewing instructor, stirs the mash. Left: Milling the malted barley with class participant Wolfgang Menzel. Photos by Mark Adams

adding a bit of maple sugar and yeast to create in-bottle carbonation.

- All the class participants got a bottle of Clover Brooke Farm Maple Porter to take home. As a confirmed Budweiser enthusiast, I had a hard time drinking it, but hey! As they say, any porter in a storm.

The next home brewing class at Clover Brooke Farm is January 18.

After class, I decided to round out the afternoon with a stop at Plan Bee Farm Brewery in Poughkeepsie. I met with co-owner Emily Watson to learn about her specialty, sour beer, a brew characterized by its lemony, acidic tang. Her yeast is cultivated from the farm's own honey, and contains lacto-bacillus, creating a unique flavor that's becoming more and more popular among aficionados of fermented foods. It's almost a wine, with notes of pine and oak. Not quite as tasty as an ice cold Budweiser, the King of Beers.

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The Sargent Industrial School pioneered study of home economics

by Aidan Chisamore

From its collegiate institutions to its grade schools, educational institutions have played an important role in defining Dutchess County’s rich history. Although often overlooked in the study of county history, understanding historical education provides a window into the daily life of Dutchess residents. In this, we see how our communities and towns have been at the forefront of learning, influencing statewide and national programs.

This was certainly true for the Beacon-based Sargent Industrial School, a technical school that taught thousands of young women between 1878 and 1918. During its operation, the institution helped pioneer the study of what would later be called “home economics.”

Originally organized in 1878, the Sargent Industrial School began as a sewing class held at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Fishkill (now Beacon). By 1888, however, the founder Aimee Rotch Sargent moved the classes to her home at Wodenethe, the notable Hudson River Estate originally belonging to her father-in-law Henry Winthrop Sargent. In the following years, the academy grew rapidly. The campus expanded to several buildings along the border between the villages of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan (present-day Beacon). This included classrooms for the various departments, residence halls for teachers, and a gymnasium.

The school specialized in vocational education for women. Professional, or “industrial,” education was not uncommon at the time. Throughout the county, significant examples can be seen in Poughkeepsie and Tivoli. These institutions sought to provide practical skills that would either prepare students for employment or further their education, contrasting more traditional public schools or “common schools” which emphasized classical learning. At Sargent’s school, the focus remained on the “domestic sciences.”

As the campus expanded so, too, did the courses students could enroll in, subjects like dressmaking, cooking, sewing, housekeeping, drawing, painting, dancing, and singing. Pupils, ranging from ages 7 to 20, opted into various programs of study. Some courses, like housekeeping and embroidery, were short, only lasting a year or two. Other more involved modules like sewing or physical training

took four or five years to complete. Progress and attendance was tracked through awards, given out at the annual Prize Day. These awards helped determine graduation from the courses.

Attendance at the school represented a significant economic step forward for many pupils. During the school’s operation, thousands of students attended classes. One estimate published in 1917 suggested that between 1894 and 1915 the Sargent Industrial School taught 9,820 women. However, only a fraction made it to graduation; in the same period, 681 of the almost 10,000 students completed a full course of study. Of graduates, 70% would continue on to further schooling. The other 30% found employment most often as teachers, factory workers, and domestic servants. Nearly half of the graduates—and presumably many of the non-graduating students—were immigrants. These figures help illuminate the scope of the school’s work. As many alumni would come to share anecdotally, their time studying “domestic sciences” at the Industrial School, directly improved their ability to be hired in better jobs.

Graduates from the industrial programs maintained close ties to the school, supporting students and alumni. Held in Dutchess County Historical Society Collections and Archives, the executive minute book of the Sargent Industrial School’s Alumnae Association directly demonstrates how the school supported the continued employment of its students. Beginning in March of 1900, the text reveals the purposes of the organization creation, for “keeping the graduates in touch with the school, and not only enlarge its influence, but afford opportunities for the development of individual work among the members.” Here, the organization outlines a network between students, school, and community, deepening our understanding of the influence the school maintained in students’ lives.

The scale and importance of the Sargent Industrial School was identified outside of Southern Dutchess. Indeed, the educational facility and curriculum became the center of a long-term study conducted by Sarah Louise Arnold, a prominent author and a leader of the national suffragist movement. The first Dean of Simmons College (now Simmons University), spent much of her academic career developing and advocating for home economics as an

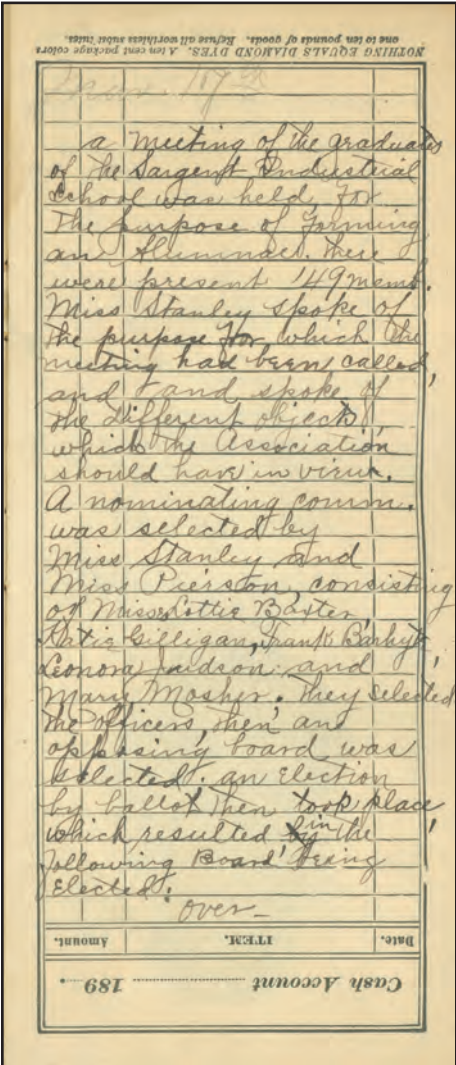


Aimee Sargent, founder of Sargent Industrial School. “Portrait of Mrs. Winthrop Sargent,” in The Story of the Sargent Industrial School at Beacon, New York 1891-1916. Right: Executive minute book of the Sargent Industrial School’s Alumnae Association. Fred Haida Collection, DCHS Collections and Archives

educational system for young women.

Arnold’s 1910 study, originally published as an extended article in the New York-based social and political magazine the Survey, argued that “Mrs. Sargent was putting into practice instruction which clearly expressed the principles now accepted in the teaching of home economic programs.” The author illustrated how the school and its curriculum are shining examples of the positive influence of domestic science on individuals and communities. Arnold claimed Sargent’s work directly shaped and bettered thousands of families and in turn whole villages and towns, as knowledge and skills were diffused into homes. Her study eventually evolved into a book. “The Story of the Sargent Industrial School at Beacon, New York 1891-1916” was published seven years later, and remains the most comprehensive work on the subject.

Shortly following the publication of Arnold’s book, Sargent died suddenly. According to newspaper coverage, the funeral service, held in early May of 1918, was well attended with nearly 800 students and alumni and nearly 2,000 residents of Beacon and Fishkill. It was certainly a testament to the influence the



educator had on the local community. Sargent’s death signaled the end for the Industrial School, with the founder’s will stating that upon her death the school was to be discontinued and the school buildings sold off. Despite these tragic events, Sargent’s legacy continued long after 1918 as local schools quickly adopted domestic science programs. The study of the Sargent Industrial School goes far beyond an interesting historical narrative. It actively reminds of the deep personal and social value of all types of education and the empowerment it can bring to individuals.

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A & E CALENDAR

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Lava Baby) shares the spotlight with singer-songwriter Ginger Winn, 7:30 p.m. Reservations: <http://parktheaterhudson.com/>

Nov. 21: Richard’s Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring: Sharon Klein, Bill Buttner, Echo of the Archives, 8 p.m. Donations to benefit Morton are suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Nov. 22: Miss Lindy’s Dance Hall, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Partner Dance, also known as Social Dancing, with origins in swing dance, these steps and moves can be used with many musical genres, 2 p.m. Beginning lesson and practice space for all. 6-count single step and 6-count triple step. Learn leader and follower roles. No partner needed for class. Beginners and all levels of experience welcome. (845) 876-2903

Nov. 22: “Real People Real Stories,”

Ancram Center, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Residents share stories with the community, 3 p.m. Featured storytellers of the fall edition are Alexandra Angeloch (Woodstock), Jeffrey Dreiblatt (Copake) and Diane Mattes (Sharon). Tickets \$25 GA, \$20 students. www.ancramcenter.org

Nov. 22: Saturday Morning Family Series, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. “Rip Van Winkle,” based on the short story by Washington Irving, an interactive production where the audience becomes part of the show, 11 a.m. Rip lives in a village by the Catskill Mountains. One day he wanders into the mountains and meets with English explorer Henry Hudson’s legendary crew, and falls into a deep sleep. He awakens 20 years later and returns to his village to discover that everything has changed. Will Rip be able to rejoin his family in the village? Presented by CENTER Players on Tour. Great for ages 5 thru

adult. All seats \$10. www.centerforperformingarts.org

Nov. 23: Jammin’ at the Grange, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd., Copake. Everyone’s welcome to join in for an afternoon of creative music making , 4-5:30 p.m. Bring an instrument, bring a song, bring your singing voice, and join with others in our music jam. For more info, contact Lenny Barham at lennybarham@gmail.com. Free; donations welcome. www.copakegrange.org

Nov. 23: Putnam Symphony Orchestra Santa’s Workshop, Brewster High School

Performing Arts Center, 50 Foggintown Rd., Brewster. Annual holiday extravaganza brings your favorites to life under the direction of Christine Smith, 3 p.m. Meet Santa and Frosty, join in a snowball fight, trim the “tree,” countdown to the shimmering lights, and join in caroling with the orchestra as they usher in the holiday season. This year’s performance will feature music inspired by Santa and his magical workshop, as well as some fan favorites. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Bring the whole family for just \$40. Tickets & more info at www.putnamsymphonyorchestra.org

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Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 &12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through December:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be accomplished landscape painter Arianne Wack. At 12 Vassar St., internationally known artist Elise Pittelman will present her collection of paintings in the Hancock Gallery, and in the Reception Gallery two artists share the space - award-winning documentary photographer Alfons Rodriguez presenting his exhibit "The Melting Age" and painter Maria Krasnopolsky whose plein air series, "Renditions," will be showcased. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 1, 2026:** "Chronostasia: Select Acquisitions 2020–2025," an exhibition that brings together more than 60 works acquired over the past five years. Closing Program: Thurs., Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m., in Taylor 102, artist talk with Cecilia Vicuña. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/theloeb>

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through July 7, 2026:** Special exhibition, "Signature Moments: Letters from the Famous, the Infamous, and Everyday Americans," During their extraordinary public careers, the Roosevelts interacted with a "who's who" of the 20th century. "Signature Moments" opens the FDR Library's archives and museum for an insider's view of the remarkable – and sometimes surprising – variety of personal exchanges with an amazing array of famous (and a few infamous) people, including golden age movie stars, queens and kings, scientists, and legendary military heroes. Visitors will see signatures of literary giants, celebrated artists, world leaders, and, of course, prominent politicians and political activists – including seven American presidents. Regular Library and Museum admission applies to view the exhibit. www.fdrlibrary.org

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 alco-

hol 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.

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Nov. 23:** "Wild World," photographs by Ann Shelbourne. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Mildred I. Washington Gallery, Allyn J. Center for Science and Art, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 12:** "Looking Through: 1997–2025 New York Series," a solo exhibition of photographs by Jason Torres, that captures nearly three decades of street and documentary photography reflecting the vibrant character and cultural rhythm of New York. (845) 431-8612

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **Through Nov. 20:** Salon Hang Exhibit & Fundraiser, a joyful celebration of Millbrook and the surrounding communities. Community members of all ages, from professional to beginning artists, have been invited to share their artwork in this exhibit. www.millbrooklibrary.org

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through Dec. 30:** Floral Fantasy & Junk Art: Collage Art for Holiday Gifts. (845) 876-2903

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through Dec. 14:** "ON TREES: Georgia O'Keeffe and Thomas Cole," exhibition brings together two iconic American artists in the COLE 200 anniversary year (1825-2025). The presentation explores how Thomas Cole depicted trees in the year of his transformational first visit to Catskill, NY in 1825, and how Georgia O'Keeffe did so in her pivotal first visit to New Mexico a century later in 1929. www.thomascole.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Nov. 21-Dec. 21:** Annual Holiday Gift Show, featuring work by gallery members and other local artisans, featuring a wide variety of affordable products, suitable for gift-giving and holiday decorating. **Opening reception:** Sat., Nov 22, 5-7 p.m. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through November:** "Bridging Cultures," works by Vicki Arthur, Taylor Bielecki, and Corinne Hardy (Ritter). (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

Cynthia Baer recognized with a DAR Community Service award

On Sunday, Oct. 20, at the monthly Chancellor Livingston Chapter NSDAR meeting, Cynthia Baer was presented with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service award. The room was overflowing with members and guests who came to share her honor.

This award is given to recognize individuals or groups for their outstanding volunteer work and contributions to their community over the last five years. This is a local award given by individual chapters, not a single national award.

The nomination process involved submitting a form to our local state chair, and requesting three letters of recommendation. It was quickly approved since Baer's impact on Rhinecliff is significant. It was noted that it would be hard to find someone who has given so much time to her community as she has.

Current examples include:

1. President of the Rhinebeck Grange #896
2. Treasurer of the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad
3. Coordinates the pancake breakfasts for the Rhinecliff Vol. Fire Co.,
4. Chair of the Annual Chili Cook-off and Field Day held at Firemen's Field for 12+ years
5. Spearheaded the drive to construct a Picnic Shelter at Firemen's Field
6. Created and maintains pollinator garden at Firemen's Field with the Rhinebeck Grange
7. Coordinates Fire Co. scholarships for area graduating high school students

- Past contributions include:
1. Former EMT for the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company
 2. Chair of Rhinecliff Waterfront Committee



On Oct. 20, the Chancellor Livingston Chapter (CLC) of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) presented the NSDAR Community Service award to Cynthia Baer for her outstanding service to Rhinecliff. Pictured, from left, are Brenda Klaproth, CLC Public Relations and Media; Cynthia Baer; and Dorris Harrington, CLC Regent. *Courtesy photo*

3. Founder of Rhinecliff Day and Rhinecliff Waterfront Day in the late 90s/early 2000s
 4. Former Girl Scout Leader
 5. Chair of the Rhinecliff Ladies Auxiliary Halloween Party for nearly 20 yrs.
- After the certificate and pin presentation, Cynthia gave a slide presentation on "The Homespun Movement and Crafts of the Revolutionary War Era." A hands-on craft-making session to create a punched tin ornament followed her talk.
- Cynthia recently retired from a 15-

year career teaching art at Rhinebeck High School. She plans to launch her latest idea, Art-A-Go-Go Creation Station, offering art programs to homeschool pods, assisted living facilities, the home-bound and as fund-raisers in the coming year. Programs are designed to stimulate people of all ages to think about art and themselves in new ways.

Beginning in January 2026, Cynthia will also be guiding the Makerspace Program at Morton Memorial Library. For more information, contact Morton Memorial Library at (854) 876-2903.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 8)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All invited to free Community Thanksgiving Buffet in Red Hook

The 16th Annual Community Thanksgiving Buffet is set Thursday, Nov. 27, at the Red Hook Firehouse on Firehouse Lane. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving buffet with friends and family without a fee. There is one seating at noon. Drive-through take-out also available starting at 2 p.m. Sit wherever, eat whatever, but come! All are welcome. Reservations for both are required by Tuesday, Nov. 25. Please call Holy Cow at (845) 758-5959.

Volunteer for Wreaths across America events Dec. 13

Wreaths across America is set Saturday, Dec. 13, at Stanford Cemetery and St. Mary's Bangall. Help place wreaths on the graves of Veterans starting 10:30 a.m. at both locations. Ceremonies will take place at both locations at noon. Call (845) 868-7320 to volunteer.

Register for Pleasant Valley's Festival of Lights Parade

The Town of Pleasant Valley will hold its annual Festival of Lights Parade, Hot Cocoa, and a Visit from Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:45 p.m., along Main Street in Pleasant Valley.

Want to join the Christmas parade? Decorate your car, truck, or even golf cart and register at www.pvrec.com. Call (845) 635-1111, ext. 203 or email pvrecreation@pleasantvalley-ny.gov for more information.

Holiday Toy Drive

The Town of Clinton is accepting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, through Dec. 12, as part of the U.S. Marine Corps' Reserve Toys for Tots drive. Drop off your donation of new, unwrapped toys to the Supervisor's Office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Toys for older youth are greatly needed.

Railroad Bingo Night set Nov. 20

The non-profit Hudson Valley Railroad Society (HVRRS) will hold Railroad Bingo Night on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Hyde Park Railroad Station Museum, 34 River Road, Hyde Park. Enjoy railroad history and games in the historic Hyde Park Train Station. To register, call (845) 229-2338 or visit www.hydeparkstation.org.

Rhinecliff Grange Soup Sales heating up

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

Rhinebeck Historical Society program set Nov. 21 at Starr Library

On Friday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., Dr. Shelby Landmark will present "Equestrian History of the Roosevelts and Delanos" at the Starr Library Local History Room (68 Market St., Rhinebeck). The entrance is in the rear of the building.

In this talk Dr. Landmark will discuss her research on the Roosevelt and Delano families' equestrian history in the Hudson Valley, covering: FDR's father's important role in harness racing, the Delano family's horse-centered daily life, and FDR's connection with horses before and after his disability.

The event is part of the Rhinebeck Historical Society's programming. Visit www.starrlibrary.org to register and for more information.

Author to discuss Erie Canal bicentennial Nov. 21 at Stanford Library

On Friday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., the Stanford Free Library and the Stanford Historical Society will present an event featuring guest speaker, historian Jack Kelly. Kelly will talk about his latest book, "The Wild and Crazy Erie Canal: Bicentennial Celebration."

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal. This stupendous feat of

imagination changed America forever. It opened the West, with all its land and resources to rapid settlement. It made New York the Empire State and New York City the greatest port on the continent. Historian Jack Kelly will talk about the construction of this awesome project and about the wild, unpredictable political and spiritual movements that erupted along the canal corridor.

Register at <https://stanfordlibrary.org/> via the calendar. The library is at 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville. Call (845) 868-7320 for more information.

Christmas Sale in Millbrook

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual Christmas Sale on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, at St. Joseph School gym (lots of room to shop; ample parking), 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook. The event will feature numerous Christmas and holiday items: decorations for your home (inside and outside), gift items, new and like-new toys and games, and more. Hours for the sale are Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds from the Christmas Sale and from Uncle Al's Thrift Shop benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook.

Defensive Driving Course at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Dinner Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Historic Red Hook upcoming events

As Historic Red Hook commemorates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the organization is hosting programs on the Revolution's impact in Dutchess County and the evolving cultural landscape of the Hudson Valley. The Rev250 Speaker Series will take place on Saturdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Elmendorph Inn and on Zoom. The events are free to attend, but registration is required. Refreshments will be provided.

The next event is set Saturday, Nov. 22. Kirsten E. Wood will present "Accommodating the Republic: How Taverns Encouraged Travel, Innovation, and Civic Engagement in the New United States."

On Sunday, Dec. 7, there will be a Holiday Open House at the Elmendorph Inn. Registration is not required. Visit www.historicredhook.org to learn more about these programs and to register.

Christmas Craft Fair set Nov. 22 at Regina Coeli

Regina Coeli Parish will host its 51st Annual Christmas Craft Fair - Santa's Express - on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This craft fair features about 60 artisans from throughout the Hudson Valley. In addition, the parish will sponsor a Craft Boutique with handmade items, Bake Booth, a Basket Raffle, Promise Tree featuring gift certificates at discounted prices, Vendor item raffle and Santa's Closet featuring new/gently used merchandise.

Santa plans to make a guest appearance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for your Christmas photos. Food/refreshments will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$2 for adults.

Parking is in the front and the rear of the building. Regina Coeli is located on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

PV church to host Holiday Auction Nov. 22

The First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley will have its Annual Holiday Auction on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. with Jeff Traver calling.

Silent Auction bidding and Live Auction viewing will be from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Items include gifts from local businesses, homemade baked goods, children's toys and books, and themed baskets (Hudson Valley Fresh, homemade jams and jellies & more). Bargains galore in our Silent Auction. Free refreshments.

Group Holiday Sale set Nov. 22-23 in Rhinebeck

The 48th Annual Group Holiday Sale returns to Rhinebeck on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23. The show, held at the Delamater Conference Center, 27 Garden St., Rhinebeck, features 20 fine craft artisans presenting blown glass, textiles, pottery, jewelry, woodwork, baskets, lamps, and more — displayed in a gallery-style setting. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free and open to the public.

Christmas Market Nov. 29 in Pine Plains

Christmas Market — Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pine Plains Community Center, 7775 South Main Street, 2nd Floor, Pine Plains. Join us in the heart of Pine Plains for a magical Christmas Market filled with festive cheer and one-of-a-kind treasures! Stroll through a wonderland of local vendors offering homemade baked goods, artisan jams, cosy clothing, sparkling jewelry, stylish handbags, home decor and hand crafted gifts. Hosted by Just A Cook 845 justacook845@gmail.com 845-801-3482

Advent Organ Recital in Red Hook

Terry B. Earles, a renowned, accomplished organist will be performing a carefully selected program of music at an Advent organ recital on Sunday, November 30, @ 1 p.m. @ the Red Hook United Methodist Church — 4 Church St. There will be a free will offering. Refreshments will be served following the recital. The public is invited. Email: redhookumc@umccchurches.org with questions.

PV Rec to host first Turkey Bowl Nov. 30

Pleasant Valley Rec's first-ever Turkey Bowl is set at Bower Park (142 North Avenue, Pleasant Valley) on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m. Bring the whole family for coffee, donuts, and two hours of epic flag football fun. It's the perfect way to run off the stuffing and make some hilarious family memories. All ages welcome. Registration is free but required. Register at www.pvrec.com.

Conversation about Red Hook Town

Comprehensive Plan Dec. 4 at Elmendorph Inn

Kitchen Table Conversation — Red Hook Town Comprehensive Plan Update will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N. Broadway, Red Hook. RSVP encouraged: www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/kitchentable-conversation. Survey available for those unable to attend.

What do we want our town to look and feel like now and in the future? Historic Red Hook invites town residents to a Kitchen Table Conversation on the Town of Red Hook's comprehensive plan update. Share your ideas about quality of life, the built environment, economic resiliency, and natural resource protection. Discussion facilitated by a member of the Community Engagement Subcommittee with findings submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Stanford's Holiday of Lights

Parade & Part set Dec. 6

The Town of Stanford will hold its Holiday of Lights Parade & Party on Saturday, Dec. 6 (snow date: Sunday, Dec. 7). Line-up at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Garage on Creamery Road. The parade steps off at 6 p.m., goes up Route 82 and ends at Duffy Layton Contracting driveway, 12 Hunns Lake Road.

Following the parade, enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and cookies with Santa at the Stanford Town Hall, courtesy of the Stanford Lions Club, Stanford Fire Company, Stanford Grange and Duffy Layton Contracting. Santa will bring gifts for children.

Please bring nonperishable or canned food items for the Stanford Grange's Little Food Pantry.

Call (845) 489-7886 for any other information.

Salt Point church to hold holiday sale

Westminster Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons will be holding their 27th annual homemade cookie, craft and Christmas gift bazaar on Saturday December 6th from 10AM-3PM. We are located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point. Featured will be rows and rows of homemade cookies and fudge purchased by the pound. There will be lots of homemade gifts such as scarfs, hats, mittens, kitchen items, dog coats and treats, ornaments, Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, reasonably priced gifts for family and friends as well as decorations to make your home extra special this holiday season.

For information or directions, please call Diana at 8454-635-3635.

Winter Craft Fair set Dec. 6

at MJN Convention Center

Get into the holiday spirit and support local Hudson Valley artisans at the annual Winter Craft Fair at the MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Explore a variety of handmade items, unique gifts, holiday decor, yummy treats and more. With over 100 local, talented vendors, this is a great way to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list — even a little something for yourself. Free admission. www.MJNCenter.org

St. Nicholas Bazaar set Dec. 13

at Grace Church in Millbrook

St. Nicholas Bazaar Fine Craft and Holiday Cookie Sale will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grace Church Millbrook, 3328 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook. Shop from a variety of handmade crafts, confections, and decorated homemade cookies. Two floors filled with gifts for your four-legged friends, your fashion-conscious family members and co-workers, and people with a sweet tooth. The cookies will be pre-boxed and will contain an assortment of festive cookies from the traditional to the decadent. The cost is \$15 per pound. To order cookies in advance (not required) call 914-456-1097 or email lboissey@aol.com. Handicap accessible. Free entry. www.gracemillbrook.org/st-nicholas-bazaar.html or (845) 677-3064

FOOD DRIVES

Food Drive to support Willow Roots: Bring non-perishable goods to Stanford Free Library in the months of November and December. Collected items will benefit families in the Pine Plains Central School District. Stanford Free Library is at 6035 Route 82 Stanfordville. Visit www.stanfordlibrary.org or call (845) 868-1341. Direct donations to Willow Roots (www.willowroots.org) can be left anytime on the porch at 23 North Main St., Pine Plains.

Autumn Food Drive for Clinton Food Pantry:

The Town of Clinton is holding an Autumn Food Drive to benefit Clinton's Food Pantry. Suggested items include: condiments, spices, cooking oil, shelf-stable milk or powdered milk, boxed cake and cookie mixes, sugar, flour, coffee, tea bags, hygiene products, kitchen utensils, plastic containers for food storage, can openers, cleaning supplies, sponges, paper towels, and liquid soap. Other donations welcome. Drop items off at the Clinton Town Clerk's Office Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations of pet food & supplies requested:

Through Dec. 19, donations of pet food, supplies, treats, etc., are requested for the Stanford Grange Pet Pantry & the Dutchess County SPCA. Please drop off donations of food, toys, collars & leashes, clean blankets and towels at the Bangall Post Office (105 Hunns Lake Road, Bangall) Stanford Town Hall (26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville), and Stanford Library (6035 Route 82 Stanfordville).

Renegades hosting ‘Winter Glow’ holiday lights Nov. 21- Jan. 3

This holiday season the residents of the Hudson Valley can experience a touch of holiday magic at Heritage Financial Park, as the Hudson Valley Renegades host “Winter Glow,” a mile-long drive-thru journey of dazzling holiday light displays perfectly synced to festive music.

Enjoy the magic of “Winter Glow” from the warmth of your car snacks, hot drinks and loved ones by your side. With holiday cheer around every turn, “Winter Glow” is the perfect way to celebrate the season with joy for all ages.

“We are thrilled to be hosting ‘Winter Glow’ as another marquee event to bring

the community together at Heritage Financial Park this off-season,” said Tom Denlinger, General Manager of the Renegades. “We are looking forward to everybody finding their fun throughout the holiday season with this spectacular display.”

The “Winter Glow” experience begins on Friday, Nov. 21 and runs through Saturday, Jan. 3. The experience will be open seven days a week, but will be closed on Christmas Day. For more information on Winter Glow and to purchase tickets, visit <https://winterglowexperience.com/wappinger/>.

Planning Committee to meet Nov. 25

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) will hold its monthly virtual Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 25, at 10 a.m.

They will discuss membership updates, the long-range plan - Moving Dutchess Forward, and other planning

efforts.

Please visit the calendar for meeting materials, accessible via www.dutchess-ny.gov. See the agenda for the meeting link and call-in number and/or save this event to one’s calendar.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 26 issue of Northern Dutchess News is Thursday, Nov. 20. E-mail cschmidt@sducthessnews.com for more information.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2025-52977 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

M o r t g a g e d Premises: 3200 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MILLBROOK, NY 12545 Section: 6764, Block: 1, Lot: 352946 FAREVERSE LLC I/L/T/N FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. EMILY DAMELIO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS DAMELIO; DANA LIMITONE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS DAMELIO, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or whom may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE, "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

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creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE, "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

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actionist to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$637,500.00 and interest, recorded on August 10, 2017, in Document Number 01-2017-5330, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 3200 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MILLBROOK, NY 12545.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: October 15th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

S U M M O N S Supreme Court of New York, Dutchess County. MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff - against- UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF NELSON C. BOWNE A/K/A NELSON CHRISTIAN BOWNE; SHERRY BOWNE A/K/A SHERRY LYNN BOWNE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF NELSON C. BOWNE

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A/K/A NELSON CHRISTIAN BOWNE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); COUNTY OF DUTCHESS; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 2025-54221. Mortgaged Premises: 28 Meusel Road Pine Plains, NY 12567 Section: 6872 Block: 10 Lot: 342554 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage to secure \$203,245.00 and interest, recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on January 4, 2010, in Document Number 01201014, covering the premises known as 28 Meusel Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the reverse mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the

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court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Mary Beth Muir, of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York for Highway Materials and Supplies for the year 2026.

1) Stone, Gravel
2) Sand
3) Latex Bituminous Mix Hot
4) Bituminous Mix Hot
5) Plow Blades
6) Guide Rails
7) Street Sweeping

All Bid packets are available at the Town Clerk's office. Bids will be received until Friday, December 12, 2025 by 12 Noon at the Town Clerk's office, 1554 Main Street Pleasant Valley, New York at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. If there are any questions please call the Town Clerk's office at (845) 635-1111 Ext. 201.

The Pleasant Valley Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Pleasant Valley Town Board will consider bids as soon as possible thereafter.

ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE AN ON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE.

By order of the Pleasant Valley Town Board

Mary Beth Muir
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT

November 12, 2025

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Clinton Fire District held on November 12, 2025, the following Resolution was adopted, which referendum is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to 6-g of the General Municipal Law:

A RESOLUTION

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RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF THE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO TRANSFER EIGHTY (\$80,000.00) OF FY25 UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE TO BUILDING AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS. Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the East Clinton Fire District, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the East Clinton Fire District has requested funds to pay for various expenses related to building a new firehouse, which building was approved by majority of the votes cast in the public referendum held on June 3, 2025; and

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the East Clinton Fire District does hereby authorize the transfer of a sum not to exceed \$80,000 from its Unencumbered Funds to the Building and Capital Reserve Fund for continued Fire District operations including payment for new and continued work and progress on the new firehouse building and grounds. No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law.

This resolution was approved by a majority of the Commissioners, on the 12th day of November, 2025

By: Commissioner Forschler, seconded by Commissioner Shapiro.

Commissioner Fierro
Absent
Commissioner Tompkins
Yes
Commissioner Shapiro
Yes
Commissioner Bonnano
Yes
Commissioner Forschler
Yes

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-58-25

Lead in Dust Wipe Analytical Services for Dutchess County Department of Health Lead Programs

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., De-

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cember 10, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions 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.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY Request for Proposals: AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN HALL

Dated: November 13, 2025

SECTION I - INTRODUCTION AND INTENT OF RFP:

The Town of Pleasant Valley is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to supply and install audio-visual equipment for the new Town Hall, 1903 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, NY.

Copies of the RFP are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 and on the town's website at: www.pleasantvalley-ny.gov.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until **December 1, 2025** at 12:00 noon at the Town Clerk's Office, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.

Proposals shall be submitted on the attached forms furnished by the Town and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor's name, the RFP title, and the RFP due date on the face of the envelope.

Submission of a proposal signifies the Contractor's agreement that its proposal and the content thereof are valid, and all pricing submitted with the proposal shall remain in effect for the contract period.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-49-25

Air Compressor Preventive Maintenance and Repairs

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

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This week's answer

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*Answers to this
week's diversions*

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Rolison hosts roundtable with senior-service leaders

NYS Senator Rob Rolison recently hosted Senator Cordell Cleare (D-30th Senate District), chair of the Senate Committee on Aging, for a bipartisan stakeholder roundtable bringing together 14 senior-service leaders from across Dutchess, Putnam and Orange counties. The discussion focused on affordability and other challenges facing New Yorkers and Hudson Valley residents, including rising costs of living, caregiver shortages, access to in-home care for seniors and the growing need for community support services.

This roundtable marks the second installment in Rolison’s ongoing community listening series, launched in October when he convened 12 local leaders to discuss the region’s needs related to the cost of housing, childcare, business viability, and food accessibility. Insights gathered through both sessions will shape Rolison’s approach and legislative efforts as the State Senate prepares for the upcoming session.

“Today’s conversation underscored what we are hearing from seniors and those who care for them every day,” said Rolison. “Affordability pressures — especially rent and the cost of care — are affecting the ability of seniors to stay in their homes and age safely in their communities. It’s a pleasure to work with Senator Cleare in Albany, and I am grateful to her and to every stakeholder at the

table for their commitment to working together to find solutions that put people first.”

Cleare stated, "As Chair of the Senate Aging Committee, I welcome opportunities to visit different areas of the state and learn the needs and nuances of local aging networks. I am very grateful to Senator Rolison, who is a dedicated member of our Committee, for the tour and hospitality. I know that we will receive valuable insight and feedback today, which we can take right back to Albany and implement.”

Participants included Putnam County, Orange County and Dutchess County offices for the aging, directors of senior centers, home-care providers, nonprofit leaders, and advocates working directly with seniors across the district.

The Senators will also hear from residents of senior-living facilities, participate in the Regional Food Bank of the Hudson Valley’s food distribution, meet with City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and multiple faith-based leaders and discuss ways they can collaborate to make the Hudson Valley more affordable for seniors.

These discussions will offer overburdened caregivers in New York the opportunity to discuss a path to make New York more affordable with a variety of local stakeholders.

GOLDEN LIVING

OFA ADDRESSES HOLIDAY LONELINESS

End-of-year holidays are upon us, bringing with them an expectation of thankfulness and togetherness; but for many of us, the expectation and the reality don’t match up. OFA understands this through experience, and can offer an antidote to “the blahs” that works all year round: our “Friendly Calls” program.

“Friendly Calls” addresses social isolation and loneliness among older adults in Dutchess County with regularly scheduled calls from a caring, screened OFA volunteer. Our volunteers check in with participants for engaging conversations, once a week for eight weeks, with each call lasting between 20 and 30 minutes. If you’ve been thinking about volunteering but don’t want to over-commit yourself, “Friendly Calls” is an excellent option. Volunteers can connect with participants from home, on vacation, and anywhere their phone gets a good signal.

For volunteers and participants alike, it’s a great way to speak to new people and get to know others. “Friendly Calls,” since its inception, has paired hundreds of participants and volunteer callers, with feedback being overwhelmingly positive. Whether you’d like to join as a participant or a volunteer, get involved today by contacting “Friendly Calls” program manager Linda Edgar at 845-486-2548 or ledgar@dutchessny.gov to get started.

AN AGING-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY RECIPE COMPILATION

OFA’s monthly Nutrition News has included plenty of aging-friendly, healthy, large print recipes over the years. If you’re a client of our Home Delivered Meals or Friendship Center programs, or a Dutchess Delivery email subscriber, you already receive Nutrition News. Now that we’re getting into the time of year where our kitchens get the most use, wouldn’t it be great to have those recipes handy?

You don’t have to look through any back issues or old emails for the recipes, though. We did that for you, and have compiled the best of our healthy cold-weather and holiday season recipes. One is in this newsletter; the others are at dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition.

Naturally Sweet Cranberry Sauce
Makes about 2 1/4 cups

Ingredients

- 1 12-oz bag cranberries (approx. 4 cups)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/3 cup agave syrup
- 1 cinnamon stick (or 1/2 teaspoon ground)
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions

1. Add cranberries, applesauce, orange juice and agave to a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat.
2. Reduce to simmer and add cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.
3. Let simmer for approximately 10-12 minutes or until most of the cranberries have burst.
4. Remove from heat and allow to cool completely.

OFA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Making plans for end-of-year holidays? Here's the OFA holiday schedule:

Thursday, November 27th (Thanksgiving Day); OFA office and Friendship Centers closed

Friday, November 28th; OFA office open; Friendship Centers closed

Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day); OFA office and Friendship Centers closed

Friday, December 26th; OFA office open; Friendship Centers closed

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 (New Year’s Day); OFA office and Friendship Centers closed

Friday, January 2nd; Return to regular operating schedules

OFA HOMEBOUND FLU/COVID VACCINATIONS, STILL AVAILABLE

The Office for the Aging’s annual Homebound Vaccination program for homebound Dutchess County residents over age 60 is now under way, but only available until mid-December, while supplies last.

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

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