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Get tickets for 'Food Justice Is Liberation' gala and fundraiser set for November 9

By Kristine Coulter

Get tickets now for "Food Justice Is Liberation" Gala/Fundraiser at The Yard on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 5-11:30 p.m. in Beacon. The fundraiser is being held to raise awareness and resources for the Beacon Community Kitchen and the Learning Farm of Ithaca. This event is supported by John Brown Lives!, a freedom and human rights organization.

The Beacon Community Kitchen, a local program in Beacon, is part of the non-profit community organization, In Care of Multi-Services (ICOMS). Tabernacle of Christ Church primarily provide services. The event will celebrate diversity, equity, inclusion and community.

There will be a cocktail hour and canapé (bread or toast topped with a savory spread). Local chefs will make a four-course meal.

Besides food, there will be visual art, poetry and a live performance.

One of the chefs for the event will be Chef Lewis Sheridan Hughes, who is a descendant of Lewis Sheridan Leary. Leary was a Black man at Harpers Ferry who fought alongside abolitionist John Brown. During the raid, Leary was killed.

The U.S. military arsenal Harpers Ferry, (now considered part of West Virginia, but in 1859 was part of Virginia) played a significant role in the nation's history from October 16-18, states history.com.

That is when, at Harpers Ferry, according to history.com, Brown and armed abolitionists targeted the arsenal and intended it to be the first stage in an elaborate plan to establish an independent stronghold of freed slaves in the mountains of Maryland and Virginia.

The site continues, that Brown was captured during the raid and later convicted of treason and hanged, but the raid inflamed white Southern fears of slave rebellions and increased the mounting tension between Northern and Southern states before the American Civil War (1861-65). Leary was also killed during the raid.

Lewis Sheridan Hughes said his family history has "made a huge impact" on his life.

The overriding message of the event, said Jason Hughes (no relation to Lewis Sheridan Hughes), of The Yard/LNJ Tech Services, is "food access and food equity."

Lewis Sheridan Hughes said, "I've always liked to cook simply." He said for the event, he will try to use food that would have been available to slaves for this fundraiser and a simplistic version of the dishes.

The food side of it is incredibly important to the both of us," said Jason Hughes.

The music will also be an important aspect of the event.

Magpie (Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino) will perform a concert from their album "John Brown: Sword of Spirit." There will be a promotional meet & greet with filmmakers Artzner, Leonino and Danny Glover.

Artzner recalled meeting Lewis Sheridan Hughes during the summer of 2022 at the John and Mary Brown Farm. It was there that Lewis Sheridan Hughes had created "The Long Table," said Artzner, "a feast-with-conversation" event that was sponsored by John Brown Lives! They were asked by the president of John Brown Lives! to play music.

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Hear 'Scary Stories in the Barn' at Mount Gulian on Oct. 27

By Kristine Coulter

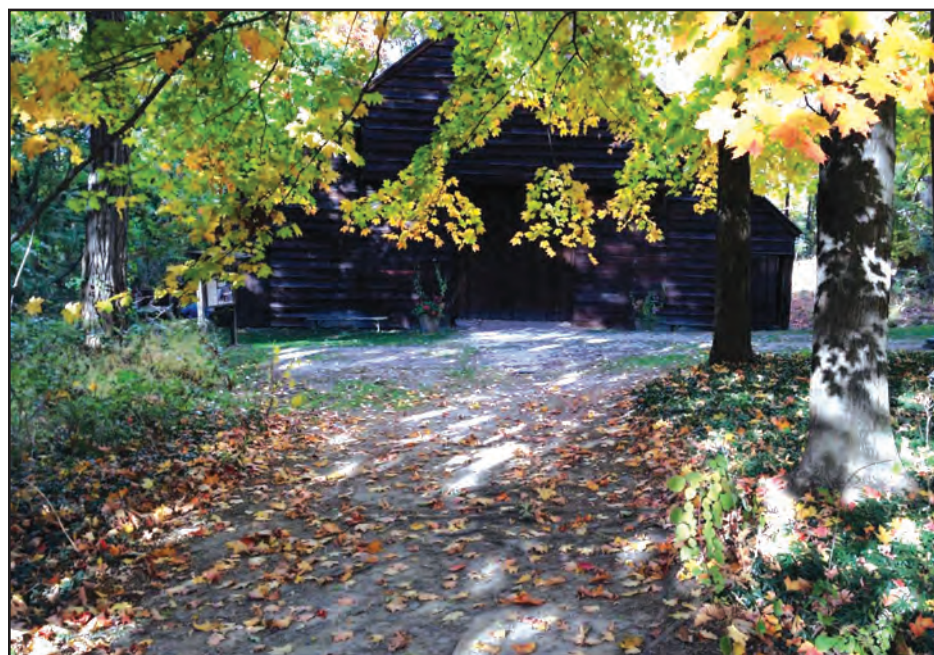
The barn door at the Mount Gulian Historic Site will "creak" open so visitors can hear scary stories with storyteller Lorraine Hartin Gelardi. The annual event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 27. The barn doors open at 3:15 p.m. The live storytelling performance will begin at 4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$8 for children (ages 5 through 15).

"Scary Stories is the annual Halloween event that Mount Gulian has held for many years, except for during the pandemic. We brought it back last year and we'll continue the tradition of delighting folks for years to come. Lorraine Hartin Gelardi is a local professional storyteller who mixes folktales, myths and tall tales to tell spooky stories to audiences of all ages," explained Executive Director of Mount Gulian Elaine Hayes.

Hayes, said "Because last year's event was attended primarily by adults, Ms. Hartin Gelardi has revised her repertoire this year so that her stories will be for adults, but there definitely will be kid-friendly ones too."

It is suggested that attendees dress warmly (the barn is not heated).

"The barn at Mt. Gulian is the perfect setting for Halloween stories. Over the years the audiences have included chil-



Listen to scary stories in the barn at Mount Gulian Historic Site on Oct. 27.

-Courtesy photo

dren, teens, adults and elders so, as a former Girl Scout, I come prepared with tales that tickle the funny bone, delight the imagination, and keep you up at night!" said Hartin Gelardi. "With an

audience of mixed ages, I start off with tales for the younger set but as the evening progresses the tales get more mysterious and spooky. So far, I'm

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HV businesses, municipalities assist Southeast devastated by hurricanes

By Kristine Coulter

Teamsters 294, with UPS and other partners, are collecting supplies for those who were recently affected by hurricanes. Stephen Farrell, who is a full-time package delivery driver for UPS, has been working with drop-off sites and businesses collecting donations.

The Town of Poughkeepsie resident, who said he is representing his own beliefs and not speaking on behalf of his employer, "This was my idea." He remarked, "It's heartbreaking. I'm a big community person. My neighbor and I throw a block party every year [for a sense of community.] These people's communities were destroyed."

One may go to hvhelps.com to check site locations and hours and community partners that are participating.

The Wappinger Town Hall is one of the drop-off sites for items that will go to communities in the Southeast that have been devastated by recent storms. A Hurricane Relief Drive began on Oct. 14 in Wappinger and runs until Oct. 18 (other sites run until Oct. 19). One may drop off non-perishable food items and toiletries at the Wappinger Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Lane, during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a collection box inside of the town hall. Otherwise, one can drop off donations in sealed bags, closed boxes outside of the front doors.

"It's crucial for our community to



Flooding from Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. Hurricane Helene struck the southeastern portion of the U.S. late last month.

-Courtesy photo Asheville Fire Department

come together in support of storm victims. Participating in the collection of items not only provides immediate relief to those in need but also fosters a sense of solidarity and compassion among our residents. It demonstrates that we stand united in times of crisis and are willing to help our neighbors rebuild their lives," said Wappinger Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini.

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Rebecca Edwards said in an email to res-

idents, "Hudson Valley residents are coming together to help hurricane-ravaged communities, thanks in part to Town of Poughkeepsie resident Stephen Farrell. Those who'd like to participate in this volunteer effort can help send supplies to North Carolina, and to other affected areas if donations are sufficient." Edwards noted to stick to items on a specific list by the organizers.

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HV businesses, municipalities assist Southeast devastated by hurricanes



Cleanup efforts from earlier this month in Asheville, N.C. after Hurricane Helene. The storm hit North Carolina, and other communities in the southeast, in late September.

-Courtesy photo by Asheville Fire Dept.

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Residents may drop off items at the Poughkeepsie Town Hall, 1 Overrocker Road (8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and any time (no-contact drop off) at the outdoor gazebo at the Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way.

For Clinton residents, other questions may be emailed to townclerk@townofclinton.com or cbancroft@clintoncommunitylibrary.org.

In an email to Fishkill residents sent by Town officials, it was stated: "The Town of Fishkill was more than happy to assist with this effort and has designated The Recreation Center as a drop off location. Items can be dropped off at the Town of Fishkill Recreation Center during business hours from October 14th through October 19th. Items such as ready-to-eat bars, trail mix, dried fruit. As there is no gas or electric services at this time."

"Our fellow Americans are suffering so if you can help with a small donation, it can make a big difference in their lives. While we are sending assistance to the victims of Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton has struck the state of Florida causing massive damage to many communities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone suffering after these storms," stated the email from Fishkill officials.

If one wants to donate, what should one bring?

Some of the suggested items are granola bars, protein bars, jerky, canned vegetables, trail mix, bottled water, formula and canned baby food, child and adult diapers, diaper cream, baby wipes, glucose tablets, feminine products, solar showers, water purification tablets, gas cans, 5-gallon buckets, flashlights and batteries. Items cannot be anything that need to be cooked. No clothes should be donated.

"To our generous residents who donate, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. Your kindness and willingness to contribute make a significant difference in

the lives of those affected by the storm. Together, we are showing that in our town, we care for one another, and no one has to face hardship alone. Thank you for your support and for embodying the spirit of community," Cavaccini said.

Farrell said UPS trucks and drivers for the items to be transported down to the affected areas.

Farrell said the collection for those in need has been from Albany to a woman in Westchester County who is storing items in her home until they are taken to the affected communities.

According to the hvhelps.com site, organizers are working with disaster relief groups operating with FEMA in North Carolina.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., donated aid from the collection will be brought to the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road (Route 9). All are welcome, said Farrell.

The following are collection sites. Please check the hours and dates of operation for each site.

- Poughkeepsie Town Hall
1 Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie
- Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center
14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie
- Mahoney's Irish Pub
35 Main Street, City of Poughkeepsie
- Town of Clinton Town Clerks Office
1215 Center Road, Rhinebeck
- Town of Fishkill Recreation Center
793 Route 52, Fishkill
- Hyde Park Town Hall
4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
- East Fishkill Town Hall
330 Route 376, East Fishkill
- Villa Borghese Caterers
70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls
- UPS Poughkeepsie
41 Firemens Way, Poughkeepsie
- Millbrook Village Hall
35 Merritt Ave., Millbrook

"The community partners have really stepped up," said Farrell.

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"Happy to oblige, we went so far as to write a new song that told some of the story of Lewis' namesake," said Artzner. He added, "We have composed numerous songs that tell various stories from the overarching story of Brown and his men, friends and family, and we also have a large repertoire of songs that depict the ongoing struggle for liberation and equality through all the years."

An "almost instant connection" was made with Lewis Sheridan Hughes and Magpie, said Artzner. A concert was planned, at first just for family, but then Lewis Sheridan Hughes thought a community event would be better, explained Artzner.

"The concert would be a multimedia event, and, while focusing on the heroes of Harper's Ferry, would make connections to the rest of the history and its' significance in our current situation, socially and politically. The chefs would come

together, put on a big feast, and the entire thing would be a fundraiser for the organizations whose mission is to feed the people. What could be better?"

Artzner noted, "We were on board right at the beginning, but now we were even more committed to it."

"It is our hope that people will go away sated and satisfied, and that the concert will perhaps provide not only some compelling history they hadn't known before, but also some inspiration based on those stories of the heroes and "sheroes" (as Maya Angelou liked to call the women) who stepped up to bring down slavery," said Artzner.

Organizers are "focusing on bringing the change that you can make," said Lewis Sheridan Hughes.

For tickets and donations, go to <https://givebutter.com/a67axM>.

The Yard is at 4 Hanna Lane in Beacon.

The fundraiser was originally scheduled to be held in June.



Jason Hughes, left, and Lewis Sheridan Hughes outside of The Yard in Beacon. A fundraiser for Beacon Community Kitchen will be held on November 9 at The Yard in Beacon.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

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including a tale about a monster and his Halloween soup, a ghost who loves pie and a woman who played hide-and-seek on her wedding day much to the disappointment of her husband."

Hartin Gelardi noted, "I'm still making my mind up about a couple of other tales which could include a story about a ghost who didn't want to be a ghost."

How will the barn be set up for the event?

"We don't need to decorate our circa

1730s barn for this event. The mood is entirely set by the creaky spirit of the historic barn itself and Lorraine's engaging tales," Hayes replied.

As for why the barn is a good location for an event like this, Hayes stated, "Our 300-year-old barn works well for this event because it's an original old-fashioned setting."

She added: "[The barn] can comfortably accommodate over 100 people, and has a high roof, so we let the ghosts in the rafters watch the show for free."

For further information call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

DCC to host panel on the global impact of the 2024 Presidential Election

The Dutchess Community College Foundation (DCCF) will host a panel discussion on Oct. 24, examining how the outcome of the 2024 presidential election could shape America's role in global affairs. The panel, titled "November 5, 2024-U.S. Voters Decide What the World Looks Like in 2025 and Beyond," will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the James and Betty Hall Theatre on DCC's main campus.

As the nation prepares for a significant vote, this discussion will focus on the potential implications for U.S. foreign policy, especially concerning key geopolitical areas such as Ukraine, the Middle

East and China.

The Richard Reitano Faculty Endowed Chair in Social Sciences is a free community event supported by the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley and will feature expert insights from three leading foreign policy experts:

- Dr. Joseph J. Collins, National Defense University
- Malia Du Mont, Bard College
- James Ketterer, Bard College

The conversation will be moderated by Richard Levitt from the NYU Center for Global Affairs and facilitated by DCC Associate Professor of Government Dr. Karin Riedl.

This event is supported by the DCCF and presented as one of the Endowed Chair lectures, which offer select faculty members the chance to bring educational programming to campus for the benefit of their students, colleagues and the public.

For more information, visit the DCC events calendar at sunydutchess.edu/events or contact the DCCF at 845-431-

8407. If one requires sign language interpreting services or special accommodations, please make a request at least two weeks before the event by reaching out to Linda Bertolozzi at 845-431-8058 or bertoloz@sunydutchess.edu.

Visitors are encouraged to park in Lot D (GPS address: 97 Cottage Road, Poughkeepsie).

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- We will run as many letters as possible, space permitting, in our Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 issues. Please note that we will NOT run negative letters against any candidate in the Oct. 30 issue; only letters endorsing candidates will be run in that issue.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate the passion that people feel for their candidates and their political parties, but encourage letter-writers to express support for their candidates in a positive and instructive manner. It is easy to criticize others, but at the local level, we know that great things can be accomplished through cooperation. We have faith that our readers, and our communities, can rise above the partisan fray in this election season, and emphasize the good that their candidates will do.

Healthy Minds for Children, a grassroots group that cares about children and youth

To the Editor

Our Grass Roots Group was formulated 12 years ago to establish treatment options in Dutchess County for Children and Youth suffering from mental illness, especially those in crisis. In our Dutchess County, we need a Mental Health Crisis/Wellness Center that is close to home and offers families the ability to support, comfort and be totally part of their child's treatment program.

Presently, this is not happening. The children and youth are sent downstate to various facilities, such as, Four Winds, Rockland Hospital and Valhalla. These are distances that are over an hour away. Most parents work, maybe even two jobs to make ends

meet. Maybe they do not have a car. If they do have a vehicle, they cannot afford the gas to get down to visit their loved one.

If we had a facility in Dutchess County, they could visit often and be a total part of their child's treatment program. They would become a support to their child's follow up treatment program on the road to wellness.

Why are we lagging behind on such an important issue as our children and youth? Is it money? No, we have enough. Our Governor Hochul allotted millions and millions of dollars to help the cause, but no one is caring enough to do something about it. We are in a crisis. We need a facility that would house 20 or more beds and allow the children and youth more than a week or so to get better. We need to staff this facility, pay them enough and require quality treatment. We have the Stabilization Center available, but they can remain there 23 hours and 59 minutes. Hardly enough time.

Hopefully our Dutchess County will heed the warning that this mental ill crisis is only going to escalate given the way things are today. Take a look at all the school shootings that have taken place. Our local politicians are aware of this crisis. Let's ask them to support our mission to help our children and youth and stick together as a community to do our best for our kids. They are our future.

Terry Schneider
Poughquag

Retired generals, cabinet members, 'Waves of Republicans' all agree Trump must never be in the White House again

To the Editor:

The events of 1/06/21, Donald Trump's love of autocrats, taking the word of Putin over his own intelligence, his gross mishandling of the pandemic and lying to the American people (just read the book "FEAR" by Bob Woodward as he interviewed Donald Trump over a 7-month period) are a clear danger to America.

Lying, name calling and toxic rhetoric, lack of knowledge of history, lack of empathy and moral compass clearly speak to who he is. Bigotry and anti-semitism, pathological lying regardless of who it hurts, and his thin-skinned pettiness – all make Trump unfit to be president of this country.

Just listen to his past cabinet members, communication directors, military leaders and personal staff who have all left him and declared him a danger to our country, our national security and democracy. They all have first-hand accounts.

Over 750 retired generals and former security leaders signed an "Open Letter to America" stating "We love our Country, Unfortunately we also fear for it," while sighting Trump's disrespect and disregard for the military and rule of law, his belittling of a Muslim Gold Star parent of a slain U.S. soldier, the disregard of John McCain and the sacrifices he made as a 5-year P.O.W. etc. They said and I quote "He is destructive to the very fiber of our democracy, has no concept of leadership, putting the nation first. He is driven by what's best for him personally, including trying to overturn an election because he lost."

He regularly incites violence, hate and divisiveness. ABC News has identified 54 criminal cases which invoked Trump in connection with the violence, threats and assaults that all have links to the former president in court documents and public statements. He has mocked the near fatal attack of Paul Pelosi, husband of the Speaker of the House. And he hosted the white supremacist and holocaust denier Nick Fuentes at Mar A Lago soliciting his support.

Read the book "PERIL" by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa detailing in chronological order the depths Trump has gone through to overturn the election.

We need good, solid and honest Conservative leadership. Donald Trump is anything but that. Waves of Republicans who have never voted for a Democrat are voting for Kamala Harris, not because they agree with her policies, but to protect democracy, our country and our constitution from a tyrannical leader who craves power - not patriotism.

Kevin Murphy
Millbrook

Libertarian Party opposes Prop 1

To the Editor:

The Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) opposes Proposal 1, the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment," on the upcoming general election ballot. After careful review of Assembly Bill A1283, we believe its language poses significant risks to the rights and liberties of New Yorkers, and urge voters to reject it, allowing for a future revision.

If passed, Proposal 1 would add a wide array of new anti-discrimination categories, including ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and reproductive healthcare. This extensive list goes beyond similar initiatives in other states, most of which are narrowly focused on abortion rights. Notably, New York's proposal avoids using the term "abortion" altogether.

A key concern is the inclusion of "national origin" as a protected class. In 2021, New York City passed a law allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections, enabling approximately 800,000 new voters. This law was struck down in *Fossella v. Adams*, where the court ruled that it was non-compliant with the New York State Constitution. However, if Proposal 1 passes, the protection of national origin could potentially overturn this decision by giving legal standing to non-citizens, thereby allowing them to vote in state and local elections.

Similarly, the inclusion of "age" as a protected class raises concerns about parental rights. The LPNY supports parental authority over minors until emancipation, except in cases where due process dictates otherwise. The broad inclusion of age as a category of non-discrimination could lead to expanded autonomy for minors in areas such as medical decisions, as seen in *Parham v. J.R.* (1979), where the Supreme Court acknowledged that parents have the primary role in child-rearing, but also opened the door for state intervention in specific cases. Amplifying age protections in the state constitution could further erode parental rights, particularly in areas such as gender identity and vaccination, where legislative battles are ongoing.

Section B of the proposal, which could lead to expanded affirmative action and quota systems in the private sector, also raises legal red flags. This section could be interpreted as enabling new mandates for hiring practices, potentially clashing with previous case law on affirmative action, such as the recent Supreme Court decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* (2023). In that case, the Court placed limits on race-based affirmative action in university admissions, signaling that such quota-based systems are legally vulnerable under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Section B of Proposal 1 could lead to protracted legal challenges if it attempts to extend similar quota systems to the private sector.

The LPNY sees Proposal 1 as being too risky and imprecise, and it will open the door to unintended legal consequences if passed. We urge voters to vote NO on Proposal 1 and to stay vigilant as legislators work on revising the language for future consideration

Andrew M. Kolstee
Chair, Libertarian Party of New York

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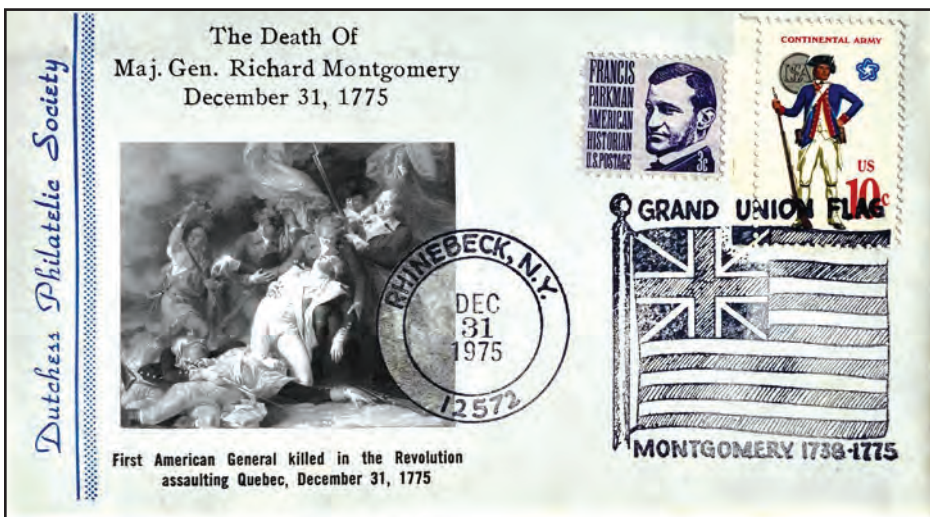
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Decoding the Past: An update on our Rev250 planning



Above: Among the earlier local “Rev250” anniversaries next year is the death on December 31 of 1775 of Rhinebeck’s General Montgomery. This special issue cover from the bicentennial of the event in 1975 was published by Dutchess Philatelic Society.

-DCHS Collections

By Will Tatum

On April 19, 2025, the 250th anniversary cycle of the American Revolution will kick off in earnest with the commemoration of the “Shot Heard ‘Round The World.” The local history community in Massachusetts, along with the National Park Service staff that operates Minute Man National Park, have spent the better part of the past twenty-five years preparing for this event. Hotels are sold out and crowds of tens of thousands are expected in the wider Lexington and Concord, MA, area to witness the re-enactment of the epic clash between British soldiers and Massachusetts militia.

After this event, other engaging 250th anniversaries will quickly follow: the Battle of Bunker Hill in June, the Invasion of Canada in the Fall, and the evacuation of Boston in March 2026. Much like the war itself, we will face a high tempo of opportunities for commemoration leading to July 4, 2026, when the Federal effort will climax with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. That will be a big day for the Lower Hudson Valley, thanks to OpSail 2026 bringing a flotilla of large sailing ships of all eras and modern military vessels to New York Harbor. If you thought Fleet Week was a big deal, hold onto your hat.

After July 2026, with Federal attention quickly sunseting, state and local groups will be left to their own resources and initiatives to commemorate or ignore the subsequent seven years of anniversary events. For the Mid-Hudson and the State of New York, 2027 will be a vital year, including the anniversaries of the British invasion of the Hudson Valley, which culminated in the Burning of Kingston and Clermont, along with the Battles of Saratoga. Plans for subsequent years are still sketchy at best, though New York remained an important seat for the struggle over American Independence until the British evacuated Boston in November 1783 (2033).

What has Dutchess County’s History Community been up to on the Rev250 planning front? We initially began our efforts in 2019, establishing local planning committees to encourage grassroots engagement and ensure that the details of local history would be honored. The COVID pandemic severely disrupted, but did not entirely halt, those planning efforts. Much thought and speculation has centered on the issue of what funding will be available for Rev250. With our state Rev250 commission still not seated, the outlook for us on the county level relies entirely on local forms of support. We are therefore looking to achieve the most



Performances emphasizing local history will be a focus of “Rev250.” This is a photo of the playwright and actors involved in DCHS’ September 16 performance of “Journeys” at FDR Presidential Library & Museum. “Journeys” is the story of a free Black couple from the Town of Washington who named their son Lafayette Williams shortly after Lafayette’s 1824 visit. Left to right: Aaron Morton as Tom Williams; Alexis Braxton as Jane Williams; DN Bashir, lead artist; and Michael Halbert as Lafayette.

-Courtesy photo

bang for the buck, investing our planning time and effort into events that offer Dutchess County residents and visitors the greatest return on investment.

If your interests trend towards fireworks displays, parades, and outdoor parties, fear not: there will be plenty of those activities on offer in 2026. July 4th has always been a mainstay day for fireworks and civic observations in Dutchess County. The Village of Fishkill has hosted an annual July 4th reading of the Declaration of Independence on the front steps of village hall for over a century. The parade in Hyde Park is another long-running favorite, along with the relative newcomer of the fireworks display at the Walkway Over The Hudson. Northern Dutchess residents have long enjoyed the fireworks displays from across the Hudson, courtesy of our Ulster County neighbors. I expect that as we approach 2026, the number of these offerings will grow and expand throughout the year. Planners in the Town of Stanford have informed me that they are exploring a fireworks display for their community day later in 2026, which provides a nice example of how other communities can spread their commemorations and celebrations across the calendar year.

When history is involved, somewhat more cerebral pursuits are always on offer. My office is collaborating with the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS), with input from historians across the county, to design and launch a traveling exhibit introducing residents and visitors to the Revolution within Dutchess County. This exhibit builds on DCHS’s previous successes including the Year of the Veteran Exhibit in 2018 and this year’s Firefighting exhibit. Designed to be portable and thought provoking, the six banners of the exhibit will explore different aspects of the Revolution, ranging from the hard choice between supporting the established government of the British Empire or joining the Revolution to the local industries that sustained the war effort. QR codes will direct interested visitors to expansive online content where they can learn even more about the nitty-gritty details of life in Revolutionary Dutchess.

Historical dramas offer a new entry onto the Rev250 scene that provides an additional opportunity for residents and visitors to engage with our local past. While “Hamilton” is the blockbuster example of

how performing arts and history can cooperate to engage new audiences, it is by no means a new phenomenon. History communities in other states have long sponsored historical dramas, such as “Horn in the West” at Boone, North Carolina, or “The Lost Colony” at Roanoke, North Carolina. During the Bicentennial of the Ratification of the US Constitution in Poughkeepsie in 1988, a local planning community sponsored “The Deciding Vote,” a drama centered around how the Poughkeepsie debates over the proposed US Constitution not only secured New York’s entry into the Union, but also set the stage for the Bill of Rights. On September 14, 2024, a successor production, “The Fateful Hour,” explored similar themes during a performance at Upper Landing Park. A few days later, on September 16th, the Dutchess County Historical Society hosted a production by Bard College Professor DN Bashir that explored LaFayette’s inspirational visit to Dutchess County in 1824 through the eyes of two free persons of color. Efforts are under way to encourage similar collaborations between arts and history as we move into Rev250.

With a potential nine years of commemorative events ahead of us, there are tremendous opportunities to present the local facets of the globally-significant founding of our country to the public. Stay tuned to the pages of this paper, to the Dutchess County Historical Society’s webpage (www.dch-sny.org) and to the Dutchess County Department of History’s webpage (www.dutchessny.gov/history) for updates. We look forward to exploring many exciting stories of our local past together over the years to come.

Will Tatum has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012. He holds a Ph.D. in Early American History from Brown University and has published broadly on the American Revolution. His local work includes coordinating the historians, historical societies, and historic sites of the Dutchess History Community, improving access to historical records held across Dutchess County, and delivering signature programming, including the Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail series.

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Healey Brothers donates \$50,000 to Hudson Valley Hospice, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan

Healey Brothers' Driven to Give Foundation has donated \$50,000 to Hudson Valley Hospice and Hospice of Orange & Sullivan, with each nonprofit organization receiving \$25,000. That donation will help fund vital services that provide care and comfort to patients with a short life expectancy in the region, where Healey Brothers has nine automotive dealerships.

The money was raised through the Third Annual Driven to Give Foundation Golf Outing, held Oct. 4, at the Osiris Country Club in Walden.

"Healey Brothers' Driven to Give Foundation supports numerous nonprofit organizations performing crucial services that enhance the Hudson Valley's quality of life," said Jason Healey, Chief Marketing Officer at Healey Brothers. "These Hospice organizations offer essential, thoughtful support for patients in the final stages of life and their families, with a focus on care and comfort. They are well-respected organizations that safeguard the efficient use of donor dollars while partnering with families when it matters most. In addition, we are beyond thankful to our generous sponsors, golf participants and our Healey team - all of whom are integral in making the golf tournament a thorough, enjoyable success."

Specifically, Hudson Valley Hospice offers pain relief, emotional and spiritual support, medical care management, respect for the patient's and families' wishes and quality time that relieves stress. Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties provides comfort and support to patients and their families when a life-limiting illness no longer responds to cure-oriented treatments. Services include bereavement care, support groups and caregiver and family support.

Hudson Valley Hospice President and



Healey Brothers' Driven to Give Foundation donates \$50,000 to Hudson Valley Hospice, Hospice of Orange & Sullivan.

-Courtesy photo

Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Kaminski, MPH, FACHE, was gratified by the substantial donation. "Hudson Valley Hospice is honored that Healey Brothers and the Driven to Give Foundation recognizes and champions the care our dedicated staff provides to our patients," he said. "Their generosity will supplement our efforts to partner with families in need, a tradition that dates back to 1982."

For Sandra Cassese, RN, MSN, CNS, President and CEO of Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Healey Brothers' philanthropic spirit mirrors Hospice's commitment to exceptional, heartfelt support that champions grace, dignity and

compassion. "At Hospice of Orange & Sullivan, we are proud of the kindness, professionalism and guidance our team members offer to patients and their loved ones. Thank you to Healey Brothers and the Driven to Give Foundation, as well as every golfer and sponsor. Their generosity and philanthropy will touch family after family, and are deeply appreciated."

Established with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, the Driven to Give Foundation is a permanently endowed fund to award grants to a wide range of nonprofit organizations in the Hudson Valley, as well as scholarships to students pursuing automotive industry careers. The Foundation extends Healey

Brothers' tradition of supporting nonprofits and other regional civic and philanthropic initiatives.

"All of us at Healey Brothers and the Driven to Give Foundation are thrilled that this year's golf outing was a superb success, and that proceeds help support our community," Healey said. "Our dedicated employees very much embrace the priority of giving back to our communities, especially to such superb nonprofit organizations such as Hospice."

Learn more at HealeyBrothers.com. For more information about the Driven to Give Foundation or to donate, visit <https://cfosny.org/healey-brothers-driven-to-give-fund/>.

County expands 2024 Composting Grant Program options

Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management is expanding the 2024 Composting Grant Program to offer additional options for local municipalities and public school districts to establish composting programs. The program offers the choice of applying for either a 50-percent matching grant to purchase and install an in-vessel aerobic composter or start-up funding to establish food waste drop-off sites.

Dutchess County Executive Serino said, "Dutchess County is proud to collaborate with our municipalities and local school districts on sensible composting programs to reduce food waste and keep our environ-

ment healthy for our children and their children. With additional options in the expanded program, municipalities and school districts can choose the option that best fits their community's needs. We look forward to many communities taking advantage of this great program!"

The first option is the purchase and installation of an in-vessel aerobic composter, which provides a controlled decomposition process to turn the organic materials into beneficial compost. The County will match 50 percent of purchase and installation, with funds up to \$50,000 per project.

The second option is the establishment of

a food waste drop-off site. Municipalities and school districts can apply for funds, up to \$20,000 per award, to initiate and establish food waste drop-off stations, where organic material is collected and hauled off-site to be composted.

The updated 2024 Composting Grant application instructions and guidance are now available on the County's Division of Solid Waste Management website; applications must be received by 3 p.m. on Nov. 7.

For inquiries or assistance with the application process, applicants can contact the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 845-463-6020 or solid-

wastemgmt@dutchessny.gov.

The Composting Grant Program is one of the County's latest initiatives in its continuing efforts to preserve a vibrant environment for future generations. Dutchess County was recently awarded New York State's highest Climate Smart Community distinction, for the County's continued climate action and environmental efforts.

Additional information about Dutchess County's ongoing environmental initiatives is available on the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development's website.

this week's puzzle solutions

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SUDOKU This week's answer

Suguru solution

County Community Services Board to meet on Oct. 21

The Dutchess County Community Services Board will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 21, at noon at the Community Mental Health Center, at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie. One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting or phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 130 029 923#.

Pumpkin Fest set for Oct. 20



The annual Pumpkin Festival will be held on Oct. 20 at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. The annual event is hosted by the Beacon Sloop Club. -Archive photo

The annual Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. Featured will be Hudson Valley pumpkins of all sizes and shapes. There will be pumpkin pie served with homemade whipped cream, vegetarian chili, pumpkin soup, baked potatoes served with or without sour cream and butter, hot and cold apple cider and more.

Environmental non-profits will feature displays of local river history and the environment including information about their organization.

Live music on two stages, one dedicat-

ed to children only. Families can enjoy many free activities for children in addition to the dedicated children's stage.

Attendees may enjoy the day surrounded by the majestic Hudson River.

The Beacon Sloop Club's boat, the Woody Guthrie, will be taking guests on free sails from the Beacon Harbor, weather permitting. The public may sign up for an afternoon sail to relax and experience the beauty, power and grandeur of the Hudson. No phone reservations for festival sails; sales are made in person only. Sign up at the Beacon Sloop Club table starting at noon.

Family Services launches 'Fifty2 End Stigma' campaign

Family Services has launched its "FIFTY2 End Stigma" campaign as the organization increases its already substantial focus on behavioral healthcare, expanding to include behavioral health services for youth in 2025. The campaign, in which area residents walk, run, or hike 52 miles over the course of the month, is designed to start conversations in order to end the stigma around mental health.

"Over my career I've seen first hand how stigma can prevent individuals and families affected by mental health challenges from seeking the support they need," said Leah Feldman, CEO of Family Services, "and that makes their journeys more difficult than they need to be."

Feldman, along with Arlington Professional Firefighters Battalion Chief Chris Rinck, are co-captains of the FIFTY2 End Stigma Wellness Warriors, a group of six campaign ambassadors who will complete the entire 52 miles in one day, on October 19. Rinck was not a long distance runner prior to his preparation for this challenge.

"Training for this has involved sticking to a grueling schedule, getting enough sleep, the right nutrition, and finding the right mental headspace. In this way, this

challenge is symbolic of training for life," he said.

The campaign places a particular emphasis on first responders.

"Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are five times more common in first responders than the general population," said Rinck. "First responders are part of a team, and it's critical we address our mental and physical health so we show up when that team needs us." Feldman wants FIFTY2 End Stigma to be about bringing the community together in a common cause. "This isn't just about pushing your limits or raising money. It's about standing together to address something that impacts us all." Although the campaign officially began on October 1, multiple participants started their challenges early, and have so far raised over \$26,000 and traversed over 420 miles.

"We must lead by example, talk openly about mental health," said Rinck. "When we normalize talking about mental health, we normalize overall wellness." Those interested in joining the challenge can find details by visiting fifty2endstigma.org. If you or someone you know is in need of mental health support, help is available at familyservicesny.org.

LOCAL SPORTS

By Rich Thomaselli

Kozak scores nine TDs as OLL crushes Wallkill

Nine - that's how many touchdowns Drew Kozak of Our Lady of Lourdes High School scored in one game.

He also totaled more than 460 yards from scrimmage in a 66-48 win over visiting Wallkill in a Section 9 game last week.

OLL coach Sean Keenan was astonished and remember this is a man who not only played youth football and high school football, but was a standout at Marist College and coached running back Nick Finger for several years at Millbrook High School.

Kozak's accomplishment was the second highest total in New York State history.

RCK off to 4-1 start after win over Yonkers

Don't look now, but here comes the Roy C. Ketcham High School football team.

And you thought it was just a baseball school.

Dylan Fay scored two touchdowns to lead the Storm to a 31-0 win over Yonkers Force last week. One of the scores was a 36-yard touchdown run.

RCK is off to its best gridiron in 11 years. The program is off to a 4-1 start and the defense has pitched consecutive shutouts.

Roosevelt to host MHAL girls tennis tournament

The Mid-Hudson Athletic League

began primarily as a Section 9 league made up mostly of Orange County and Ulster County schools.

But the girls tennis tournament scheduled for this week has a decidedly Dutchess flavor.

For starters, the two-day tournament was scheduled to be hosted at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Dutchess County.

The top seeds in singles play were Tiffany Ren of Lourdes, Isabel Luzzi of Red Hook, Margo Ogden-Kosofsky of New Paltz and Katie Park of Spackenkill - three schools based in Dutchess County.

The top seeds in doubles were Thanya Tran and Alison Lee of Spackenkill; Lucy French and Coco Hamilton of Red Hook; Olivia Raiche and Amy Tomann of Lourdes; and, Bianca Buel and Makenna Ronk of Roosevelt - all from Dutchess.

Spackenkill girls defeat FDR

The Spackenkill High School girls soccer team is starting to find its groove.

After a narrow 3-2 victory over Saugerties, the Spartans went on the road and beat their foes from Franklin D. Roosevelt, 3-1.

Morgan Agosta had a goal in each half in the win over the Lady Presidents.

Celeste Gorres scored the lone goal for Roosevelt.

Both victories for the Spartans came in Mid-Hudson Athletic League action.

Halloween Carnival set for Oct. 19

A Halloween Carnival is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon. Join in the spooktacular Halloween Carnival! Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy carnival-style games like ring toss and cornhole, a

fun photo booth, a costume contest, and more. This event is for kids ages 0-12. Families must sign up for a half-hour time slot to participate in the festivities. It is only necessary to register children.

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

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Multi-parcel private estate available for purchase in Fishkill



The expansive property near Fishkill features five parcels - including four existing houses - and offers significant potential for future development.

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Commercial broker, Rob Buyakowski of RBR Real Estate Solutions, has been named the exclusive agent for a distinctive 22.5-acre estate in the Hudson Valley region that has recently been placed on the market for \$1.85 million.

Located at 62 Old Glenham Road in Fishkill, New York, nestled in a private, peaceful setting with seasonal southern views of Mt. Beacon, this expansive property features five parcels - including four existing houses - and offers significant potential for future development.

"Properties like this estate don't come around often, which is why we've already

seen early interest," said Buyakowski. "It possesses a rich history, craftsmanship and a prime location, and at 22.5 acres, the estate is a hidden gem for someone looking for a peaceful retreat or smart investment opportunity. We're excited to connect the right buyer to this property at an unbeatable price."

Built in 1924, the main home of the four located on the site, boasts a rich history and showcases many well-crafted features, including a grand staircase and intricate detailing throughout. These timeless elements add character to the property, blending craftsmanship with modern development potential.



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- 4) #880479 - 662 Route 52, Beacon, NY
- 5) #923470 - 672 Route 52, Beacon, NY

Strategically located in Southern Dutchess County, just minutes from the vibrant Village of Fishkill, the City of Beacon, and the bustling Route 9 corridor, the property provides a perfect balance between tranquility and convenience. With entrances from two separate streets, the property is easily accessible and offers flexibility for a potential variety of uses, including single-family estates or the home to religious groups and community organizations.

"At its newly reduced price, below market value, it is a rare find for its size and location with the opportunity to rezone to accommodate higher-density housing," added Buyakowski.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.crexi.com/properties/1583864/new-york-fishkill-ny-estate-property---development-opportunity>. To schedule a visit to the property, please contact Rob Buyakowski at 845-489-5079 or robert@rbrres.com.

Obituaries

Guy Te Watson



FISHKILL - Guy Te Watson, a longtime resident of Fishkill, NY, went home to be with (Avinu), God Our Father on Monday, October 7, 2024. He was 66.

Son of the late John and Helen (Love) Watson, he was born in Manhattan on February 24, 1958.

On September 13, 2014, he married Shawn Pridham in Poughkeepsie, NY. Shawn survives at home in Fishkill.

Additional survivors include his daughter, Esther Joy Watson of Kingston, NY; his stepbrother, Vernel Watson & his wife Angela of Cherry Hill, NJ; his brother-in-law, Phil Todd of Fishkill, NY; his aunt, Evelyn Reid of Fishkill, NY; also several cousins and many other loving relatives

& friends.

Guy Te was preceded in death by his parents as well as two sisters: Deena Watson and Paige Loree Todd.

Guy came to love the Lord at 15 years old and walked with the Lord in everything he did. He played guitar and wrote a few songs, one special one, "For By Grace." Guy Te was a researcher of all things Bible, Constitutional Law and Natural Holistic Health (God's medicine).

Guy worked at home as a sole proprietor, helping people as a Next Friend, Marketing for businesses and was a Holistic Health Practitioner, he also worked at TBN as a cameraman and technician. Being the computer nerd that he was, he worked as an IT tech for Cellular One.

Guy had a few sayings: "I heard it both ways," from Sean on the TV Series Psych, and would say to his daughter Esther, "You're funny kid." He would also say, "You see what I'm saying?"

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 18 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. Additional visitation will take place from 10am to 11am on Saturday, October 19 at Beth-El Church of God in Christ, 91 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, 200 West Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the following ministries: Hear The Watchmen, 516 Main Street, # 315, Salmon, ID 83467 (www.hearthewatchmen.com); Flyingbow Music Ministry, 39 Fairmeadow Drive, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 6X2 (www.flyingbow.com); or Adult & Teen Challenge, Memo: In Memory of Guy Te Watson, PO Box 249, Ozark, MO 65721 (www.teenchallengeusa.org).

For online tributes, visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Ann Smith



BEACON - Dorothy Ann Smith, a lifelong Beacon resident passed away peacefully at her home on October 7, 2024; at the age of 82. She was born on May 25, 1942, in Beacon, New York, daughter of the late Aaron and Bessie (Tomlins) Yerks. With an infinite love for animals, jigsaw puzzles and country music, she lived a simple life.

On June 29, 1963, at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Beacon, she married Edgar Smith; who predeceased her on December 27, 1999, after 36 years of marriage.

Dorothy is survived by her sister Audrey Henderson, and sister-in-law Maria Yerks. Her three nieces Lisa (Greg) Strong, Tracy (Larry) Way, Heather Yerks, and several nieces and nephews. Along with her husband and parents, Dorothy was predeceased by her son Stephen A. Smith, her

sister Dolores Mazzacone, and her brother Aaron Yerks.

Her family gathered to remember and celebrate Dorothy's life on October 11, 2024, at the Libby Funeral Home, 55 Teller Avenue, Beacon, where a Celebration of Life was offered followed by interment to the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, Fishkill, NY.

To offer a message of condolence or share a fond memory, please visit us at www.libbyfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Ann Dolfinger



POUGHKEEPSIE - Elizabeth Ann Dolfinger, 86, of Poughkeepsie, New York, passed on October 6, 2024 surrounded by her loving family at her home.

Elizabeth was born on September 27, 1938 in Rich Square, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Percy Lassiter and Bessie Taylor Lassiter. She was a dedicated employee of Vassar Brothers Medical Center from 1970 until her retirement in 2000. She was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls, New York.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Louis "Toot" Dolfinger, her sisters Louise Adell Gillespie and Rose Marie Sheppard; her brothers, John Willie Lassiter, Leon Douglas Lassiter, and

Lorenzo Lassiter. She is survived by her son Louis Derek Dolfinger and his wife Sabrina, daughter Joy Dolfinger-Mendez and her husband Jaime; grandchildren Brandon and his wife Portia, Vanessa, Justis and Jalena; her brother Percy "Nip" Lassiter, Sister Mallie Rebecca Gregory and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Elizabeth was a caring, loving and generous person. She was always there to offer her support, wisdom and love in abundance. She was our earth angel.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 3:00PM followed by a Memorial service at 4:00PM at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2607 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York. If you cannot attend the service please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com to pay your respects, leave a condolence, share a memory, light a candle and more.

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Visitation Data Committee affirms visitation projection for Fjord Trail

The independent Visitation Data Committee (VDC) has affirmed a final visitation projection for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. The committee includes representatives from Beacon, Fishkill, Cold Spring, Nelsonville, and Philipstown, appointed by their respective municipalities. The VDC was supported by BFJ Planning, an independent consultant selected by the committee.

The committee reviewed and helped refine the projection over the course of eight months. The final projection report was issued by ORCA, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail's visitation management consultant, on August 21.

The projected total visitation to the Fjord Trail for the year 2033 (when Fjord Trail is planned to be fully operational), is 637,000 visits. More than half of these visits represent hikers or park users who would visit their trail or park of choice whether the Fjord Trail is built or not, but would walk on the Fjord Trail to get there once it is built; would add it on to their already-planned

visit; or would shift their visit from another park or trail in the immediate area to the Fjord Trail instead. New visits directly attributable to the Fjord Trail are projected to be 268,700 annually. The projection numbers denote unique visits, by locals and non-locals, across the full planned 7.5 miles trail and six main entry points, over the course of an entire year - not the total number of individual people visiting the shared use path. Most users are repeat visitors (the report indicates that on average, each individual generates over eight individual visits each year). Thus, these annual visitation figures correspond to a much lower number of individual people. For example, a single daily runner from Beacon or Cold Spring could generate up to 365 visits over the course of one year.

These revised figures represent the mid-range projections for the year 2033. Low- and high-range estimates are also included in the report, and, as recommended by the VDC and their consultant, represent a 15% +/- variance from the mid-range projec-

tions. The projection report informs HHFT's operational planning, including a range of visitation management strategies that could be employed in peak times of the year.

Over the past year, the VDC has reviewed and analyzed the visitation projections and methodology prepared by ORCA, and provided feedback for revisions. BFJ Planning has provided technical support to assist them in this work. Consensus on the revised projections was formalized in a committee-approved memo authored by BFJ Planning and released on October 4.

"Managing visitation to the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve is a core mission of Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail [HHFT]. We encouraged the creation of the independent Visitation Data Committee to ensure transparency and give local stakeholders an understanding of how projections were calculated, as well as the opportunity to make suggestions for further examination. The committee provided an abundance of feedback, which HHFT's consultants integrated into these revised

projections." said HHFT Executive Director Amy Kacala. "Ultimately, the number for new visits with the Fjord Trail in place shifted from our consultants' original projection of 204,900 to 268,700. The projections released today have been independently assessed and verified by the third-party consultant selected by the Visitation Data Committee. We deeply value the time and work that the Visitation Data Committee volunteers put into this effort."

The Visitation Data Committee, formed in August of last year, consisted of eleven members representing communities across the project area. The committee, with the support of their consultant, also reviewed and reached consensus on HHFT's consultants' traffic study and pedestrian counts. All studies will be included and assessed by the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, as part of the Fjord Trail's Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). The Fjord Trail's DGEIS is expected to be completed and made available for public comment this fall.

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PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law by DUTCHESS COUNTY

Index No. 2022-53489

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons Affected: This Notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby further notified that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Finance, the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District, and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption.

LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION: THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS HEREBY FIXED AS APRIL 16, 2025.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all of his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this Petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: October 11, 2024.

Enforcing Officer:

Signature of Heidi Seelbach, Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess, 22 Market Street, 4th Floor, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, HEIDI SEELBACH, being duly sworn, depose and affirm under penalty of perjury: I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Dutchess. I have read this Petition and Notice which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents.

Signature of Heidi Seelbach, Commissioner of Finance, County of Dutchess.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of October, 2024.

Signature of Carol Thompson, Notary Public, State of New York, Commission Expires 8/14/26.

Attorney for Tax District: CAROLINE E. BLACKBURN, ESQ., Dutchess County Attorney, 22 Market Street, 5th Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS RFB-DCH-2024-13 NAME OF PROJECT: Phase II of Replacement and Repair of Bus Shelters Throughout Dutchess County, New York. Project Description: This project involves the construction of eight (8) new bus shelters throughout Dutchess County. Work includes adjacent sidewalk panel replacement and new signage. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess . Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notifica-	tion System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov , or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Renée	Osterhoudt, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 15, 2024 , and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 461 252 739#. Each	bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 and emailed to Renée Osterhoudt at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48	hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is January 2, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is October 31, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project is subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2024012480. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.	OCTOBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT THE FIREHOUSE. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. COPIES ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN OF FISHKILL TOWN CLERK. SECRETARY/TREASURER, ROSEMARY MERRIDGE	fect its residents' water supply sources by prohibiting contaminant sources within the separation distance to a public water supply well, wetland, or aquifer. In addition, the Dutchess County Legislature intends to regulate the drilling of a public water supply wells within the separation distance to the contaminant sources. The Legislature finds by doing so, it will greatly reduce the risk of groundwater and drinking water contamination, protecting County residents' health. A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours. LEIGH WAGER Clerk Dutchess County Legislature Dated: October 11, 2024
				NOTICE OF ADOPTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on September 9, 2024, adopted a local law entitled: LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024, A LOCAL LAW REGULATING HAZARDOUS POLLUTION SOURCES IN PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SOURCES AND AQUIFERS AND WETLANDS. It is the intent of the Dutchess County Legislature to establish restrictions to pro-		

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Friday at noon.

that's italian!



by luigi coppola

'Make Momma Happy'

Sage advice from Pop sets the stage for a peaceful home life.

When I first got married, I wanted nothing more than to buy a piece of land, put a house on it and have my own garden and grape vineyard like my parents. I also wanted the property to be large enough so as to have privacy. However, my wife Lisa wanted to live in a neighborhood so the kids could have friends and ride bikes.

I found a piece of land. After much cajoling, I was able to convince Lisa that it was a great location and a better buy. So with that, we started our journey to build our dream house. We spent countless days driving around getting ideas from other houses. We also spent a large amount of time walking in the neighborhood behind the restaurant and looking at some of the newly built houses getting concepts.

After months of gathering, we finally designed our dream home. We contacted a builder and gave him our plans and asked if he could come up with a price. In the weeks that followed as we were waiting for the price, Lisa started having cold feet and told me once again that she wanted a neighborhood, something that our property did not have. "Nonsense," I said. "You'll love it." Being the great wife that she is, she let it drop, but the seed was planted in my head and I could not shake the foreboding feeling that this was not going to be a good decision.

It was the day before Christmas Eve, and I went to my father for advice. I told Pop that I didn't think that Lisa would be happy living on the property that we had bought. Pop looked at me and told me a story.

"In 1972, I retired to Italy. If you remember we went to Italy on a cruise ship. We settled in a beautiful two-story house with a marble staircase in Parco Polumbo near Largo Patria outside of Naples. It was the town where the U.S. NATO military forces were stationed. It had a school where English was the primary language, so you kids could be comfortable. We furnished the house with expensive furniture purchased in Naples. I lived 20 minutes from my mother. Everything was perfect. However, it was only perfect for me.

"Your mother and I fought every day. You kids were miserable. Vacation in Italy was one thing; living there was quite another. It was the end of July when I sought out the counsel of a priest, my cousin, Don Michael. I asked him for advice. I told him about our far-from-peaceful family. I wanted to stay, though, because it made my mother happy to have me around. After I said my piece, he sat back and thought for a moment.

"After what felt like an eternity, he asked a very simple question: 'Was there peace in your home in the United States?' It's amazing how simple life is. In other words, if your wife is happy, then you are happy. If your wife is not, then you can never be."

I left my father with his words spinning in my head.

That afternoon we met with the builder. He gave us a price that was right up against our budget. We would be strapped if we built the house. I could tell Lisa was not happy, but she refused to go against me. The next day, Christmas Eve, I called the builder and

told him we were going to wait until after the holidays to make a final decision. I called Lisa and told her we were going to wait. That night at church, I prayed and asked God for guidance.

The next day the entire family got together at the restaurant for Christmas Dinner. The table was filled with traditional Christmas dishes, lasagna, braciole, meatballs, sausage, and pastas. Everyone was happy.

I snuck off into the office and got on my computer. This was the very beginning of the internet and I typed in "House foreclosures in Dutchess County." After about 10 minutes of it searching, something came up. Wouldn't you know, the house in the village behind the restaurant that we patterned our design on was in foreclosure, and far below what we would have to spend to build our house. I ran into the dining room and grabbed Lisa and brought her into the office to show her.

The next day, we called the real estate agent, made an offer and in approximately four weeks were moving into our new home, where we have been happy ever since.

So just remember this advice my father gave me: If your wife is happy, then you are happy. If your wife is not, then you can never be. Oh and a good meatball wouldn't hurt either.

Meatballs Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground veal
- 1/2 pound ground pork

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 eggs
- 1 oz. ground raisins
- 1 cup freshly grated Romano cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped Italian flat leaf parsley
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups stale Italian bread, crumbled
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
- 1 cup olive oil

Method

Combine beef, veal, and pork in a large bowl. Add garlic, eggs, cheese, parsley, raisins, salt and pepper.

Blend bread crumbs into meat mixture. Slowly add the water 1/2 cup at a time. The mixture should be very moist but still hold its shape if rolled into meatballs. Using a small ice cream scoop, portion out the mixture and roll into balls.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Fry meatballs in batches. When the meatball is very brown and slightly crisp, remove from the heat and drain on a paper towel.

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

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5. Tire meas.
8. Flock member
11. Hollywood sidewalk mark
12. Architect's drawing
13. Muhammad's teachings
15. *Leaning Tower city
16. Co-eds' military org.
17. a.k.a. Pleasant Island
18. *Angkor Wat country
20. Like some Christmas sweaters
21. Walt's Mickey
22. Blunder
23. Emerge
26. "Midsommar" flower arrangements
30. *Avenue des Champs-Élysées, technically
31. Plural of stria
34. Prescribed food selection
35. On pins and needles
37. Knee-related acronym
38. Fur of the marten
39. Hissy fit
40. Political "shelter"
42. The night before Christmas
43. Eyewash vessel
45. Food tester
47. King Kong, e.g.
48. Milk quantity
50. *Verde National Park
52. *Black Hills' Mount ____ National Memorial
55. Short-trunked ungulate
56. Geometric calculation
57. Barbequed anatomy
59. Not upright
60. Mountain lake
61. *Easter Island statues
62. Short for detective
63. Follow ems
64. "Mr. Roboto" band

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1. Recipe amt.
2. Related to ear
3. U.S. space agency, acr.
4. Gram, in Great Britain
5. Walks weary
6. Composer of "Gymnopédies" fame Erik ____
7. *Machu Picchu empire
8. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
9. On one's guard
10. Ostrich-like bird
12. Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame
13. Harden
14. * ____ Familia, Spain
19. Autocratic
22. Earlier in time, archaic
23. Use blunt end of pencil
24. Sack fabric
25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.
26. *China's Great attraction
27. *Mt. Everest's northern slope location
28. Tool handle
29. Ranch grazer
32. Poison ivy woe
33. * ____ Strait, Alaskan cruise destination
36. *Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia
38. Ingratiating behavior
40. Gobbled up
41. Relating to Utah
44. Like exes
46. Violent weather, pl.
48. #13 Across' sacred writings
49. Site frequenters
50. First one on a ship
51. Long narrative poem
52. Loan attribute
53. Heavy metal's Quiet ____
54. E-commerce website
55. Sylvester, to Tweety
58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry VIII

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HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Leatherjackets and Grass: A one-sided love

Most plants grow from the very ends of their roots and stems. But not grasses. The growth point of grasses is the crown, located at the base of the plants. It is the crown that sends up a new tiller (daughter shoot) if the original culm (stem) is cut. This adaptation allows grass to recover quickly from frequent grazing or cutting.

Another adaptation in grass' arsenal is the ability to draw nutrients into its roots to protect itself when it is 'attacked' by an animal feeding on it, or a lawnmower. Grass plants also release hexanal, a chemical that sends the message of danger to other grass plants so that they, too, can store food below ground. The scent of hexanal can be experienced around here March through November as the smell of freshly-cut-grass. It is also a signal which attracts predators, such as birds, who can prey upon grass-eating insects.

Insects

Many Insects are grass-consumers, at least at an immature state in their life cycle. Some are considered pests which can damage grass. The larvae of scarab beetles, Japanese beetles (and their larvae), as well as the larvae of crane flies are just a few examples.

Crane fly larvae that damage turf are called leatherjackets. Their greyish-brown, tough exterior earned them the moniker. When found in abundance, they can cause lawns to develop dead patches and make them vulnerable to drought stress, as well as nutrient deficiencies. Secondary damage can also occur when birds, moles, or foxes damage a lawn in search of the grubs.

Where is your mother?

As larvae, their parentage is not obvious. Leatherjackets are worm-like. They are approximately two inches long and have

fleshy projections at the end of their bodies.

The babies' mama is the long-legged crane fly. I spotted two crane flies canoodling near my house this past spring. Crane flies resemble giant mosquitos, which is why they are also known as mosquito hawks!

The adults emerge from the soil in warm, moist weather. The females contain mature eggs when they exit their pupa. As soon as a male is available, they mate. The females then lay their eggs in wet soil. Once the adults have mated, they die. The four life-stages of crane flies take about a year to complete, but only the larvae feed – on grass!

Fall into Spring

The munching maggots begin feeding on lawns after hatching in the fall. They can be numerous after a wet and mild autumn, when the conditions favor their survival. If winters are cold and dry, many don't survive. Populations surge in milder winters. In the spring and summer, as they continue to feed, patchy grass is one sign of an infestation.

Pay attention

This season I put in plenty of flowers, shrubs, and trees, but I haven't spent much time tending to the most common plant on Earth. With widespread distribution across ecosystems, grass is, by far, the most ubiquitous plant. It serves to protect the soil from erosion, aerate heavy soils, and add organic matter. Growing a mix of types of grass gives turf more genetic diversity, elevating the disease tolerance of the lawn. If you want grass to effectively do these jobs, pay it some attention.

Cut grass lower in the fall and survey for pupal cases. Be sure that your lawn has been



Tiger crane flies.

-Photo by Francine Wizner



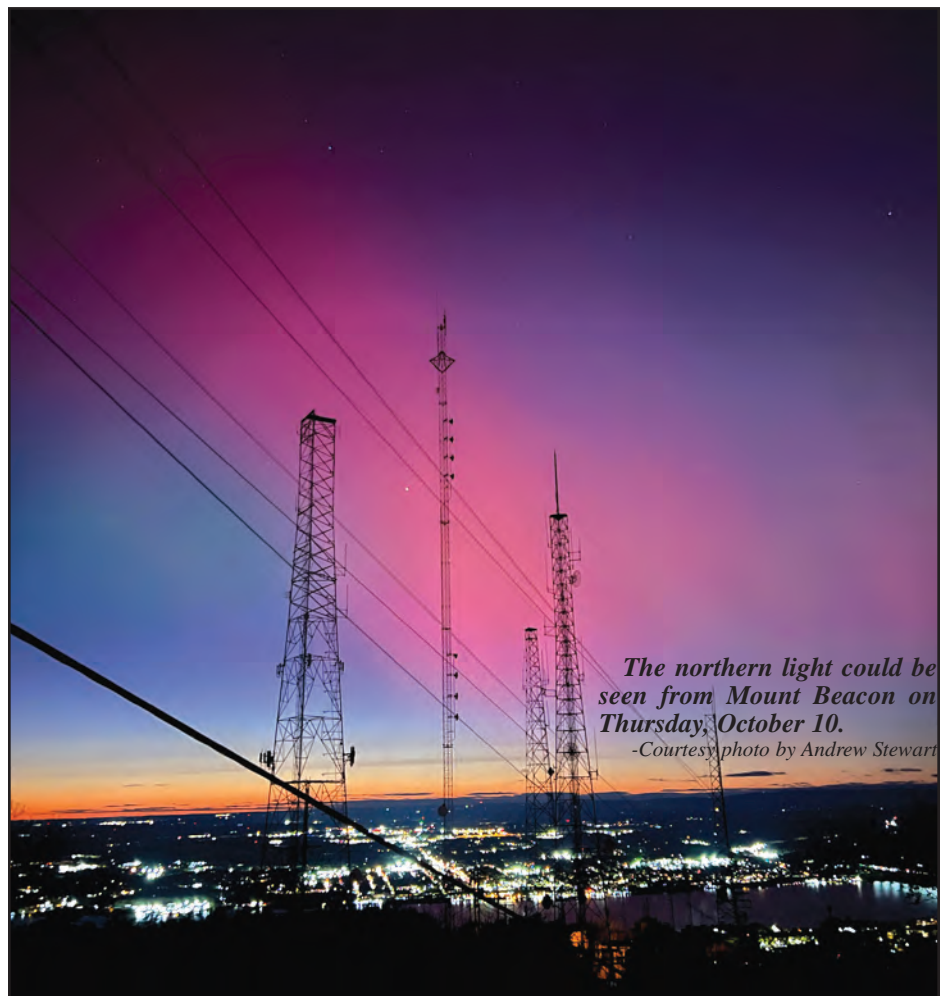
Stylized leatherjacket grub (crane fly larvae) by Rebecca Smith Paul of Pleasant Valley.

-Courtesy image

will enjoy your efforts as your lawn contributes to New York's pollen count. But, even if you love your grass as much as leatherjackets might, your grass probably won't love you back.

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Spectacular Northern Lights for skywatchers in Beacon



The northern light could be seen from Mount Beacon on Thursday, October 10.

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