

Free breakfast at Red Hook schools now on the table

By Stacey vandenThoorn

Breakfast is now served for free to all students of the Red Hook Central School District, thanks to a grant from the Ascienzo Family Foundation (AFF). The AFF was founded by Nick Ascienzo, a former educator in Red Hook for more than four decades.

Ascienzo is joined by a corps of Red Hook graduates and former faculty who act as Ambassadors and serve on the Board of Directors of the foundation. According to the AFF website, the foundation is “a multi-dimensional 501(c)(3) private non-profit foundation whose goal is to put philanthropy into action and is committed to serving Red Hook and the surrounding communities by supporting “social justice initiatives and community health and well-being, including educational needs, poverty alleviation, and services for the elderly.”

The \$20,000 AFF grant covers the cost of breakfast for all Red Hook Central School District students for the 2023-2024 school year and also includes another \$30,000 for the 2024-25 school year – provided universal breakfast is not provided by New York State.

“The foundation is proud to be part of the universal breakfast program in Red Hook,” said AFF Director and former Linden Avenue Middle School English teacher Sue Kaiser. “Feeding the students in our community contributes to the community’s overall health and well-being, as well as to the education of our young ones. When you are hungry, it is almost impossible to learn. Although we expect legislation in New York State to address this need eventually, that could be two or more years down the road. Our kids shouldn’t go hungry until then.”

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Handcrafted Octoberfest at Fairgrounds is a ‘Family Harvest Celebration’



Seasonal fun and unique shopping opportunities are on tap at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck this weekend, when Quail Hollow presents its fourth annual Handcrafted Octoberfest Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The festival features works of art and craft, activities such as horse-drawn carriage rides and more. *Courtesy photos*

By Rich Thomaselli

The new month is just days away. And you know what that means. Octoberfest.

A lot of communities have them, but one of the best, and most unique, is Handcrafted Octoberfest at Rhinebeck: A

Family Harvest Celebration.

Produced by Quail Hollow events, this is the fourth annual festival. It will be held on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1, at the Fairgrounds. It is being billed as a reimagined Octoberfest.

Says Ola Rubinstein, director of Quail

Hollow Events, in a statement, “Handcrafted Octoberfest champions the craft, training and story behind each object and attraction. Featuring works of art and craft, but also gourmet specialty foods, local wine and spirits, and agricultural marvels, this celebration highlights

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Milan Community Day brings neighbors out for a day of fun

By Rich Thomaselli

Milan might not be the biggest town in Dutchess County. In fact, as far as population goes, it’s one of the smallest.

But it seems like everybody comes out for Community Day.

This year, the Milan Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 30, from noon to 4 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, October 1.

Despite the existence of such cities as

Poughkeepsie and Beacon, and the ever-sprawling area of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County is a rural community at heart. It’s a place where neighbors are like family. A place where everybody knows everybody. Or to paraphrase an old television jingle, it’s a place where, at least, everybody knows your name.

Nothing exemplifies that like Milan Community Day.

It’s like a movie with its small town feel and hospitality and graciousness

from everyone from visitors to vendors.

Milan Community Day will feature an old-fashioned ice cream social and a car show. There will also be a pie-eating contest – it doesn’t get homier or produce more of a small-town feeling than that. One can only hope the pies will be blueberry.

There will be plenty of food and drink, face-painting, a magic show and more.

The event will take place at Milan Rec Park, 30 Matecki Road.

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Rhinebeck and Red Hook
will sparkle and shine pink
in October for Breast
Cancer Awareness Month

Northern Dutchess Hospital is hosting the third annual Light the Village Pink celebration for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Businesses, schools and residents are invited to participate to raise awareness about breast cancer and support the breast program at Northern Dutchess Hospital, part of Nuvance Health.

Join the fun at the Light the Village Pink kick-off event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Foster's Coach House Parking Lot, 6411 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck.

Organizations and community members can make a big impact by participating in Light the Village Pink. Funds raised will help grow breast cancer services for people in the community, including education, risk reduction, screenings, diagnostics and treatments.

Funds raised will also help Northern Dutchess Hospital launch a breast cancer survivorship program, an integral part of the breast program.

As a breast cancer survivor, Dr. Lisa D. Curcio, director of the breast program at Northern Dutchess Hospital, is passionate about establishing a survivorship program.

“The survivorship program will offer supportive care to patients during and after treatment, with the primary objective

of enhancing their overall wellness,” said Dr. Curcio, a board-certified, fellowship-trained breast surgeon. “We will create personalized survivorship care plans that include managing potential post-treatment side effects and the stress commonly associated with a cancer diagnosis.”

“We established a comprehensive breast program three years ago so our neighbors who are affected by breast cancer can stay in their community and not have to travel for care,” said Denise George, president of Northern Dutchess Hospital. “We are excited about this year’s Light the Village Pink celebration and grateful for the community’s support and the partnership with the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce.”

How to support Light the Village Pink and breast cancer awareness

To make a donation or sponsor Light the Village Pink, visit nundance-health.org/lightthevillagepink or text [lightthevillage](tel:41444) to 41444. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

Local organizations and residents can display pink bulbs to show their support. The complimentary bulbs are available at the following locations:

Rhinebeck Mercantile, 1 E Market
Street, Rhinebeck

Winter Sun & Summer Moon, 14 E
Market Street, Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck Area Chamber of
Commerce, 23F E Market Street,
Rhinebeck

Visit nuvancehealth.org/lightthevil for more details including activities and events throughout October.

Guardian Self Storage's annual coat drive will kick off on Oct. 1 with iHeart Radio's Boo 92! Join iHeart Media to welcome in the Halloween season and share the fun of a live broadcast on Q-92.1 FM. The kick-off will be held outdoors from 1 to 3 p.m. at Poughkeepsie Plaza on Route 9. One can donate coats, visit with the DJ, and meet Mary Dynes, the Coat Drive Manager at the kickoff.

Donations of clean, new or gently used winter coats will be collected during the month of October. Coats can be donated at any of the fourteen Guardian Self Storage locations, all locations of Rhinebeck Bank, Red Cap Cleaners, TEG Federal Credit Union, and Raymour & Flanigan Stores and Outlets, October 1 through October 31. Only freshly washed or dry cleaned coats will be accepted. New gloves, hats and scarves are also welcome. Children's coats and large adult sizes are especially needed, although every coat collected is appreciated.

The mission of The Dutchess Outreach Susan DeKeukelaere Coat drive is to keep people in the local communities warm this winter. Both monetary donations and donations of new or clean gently used winter coats are greatly appreciated. Dutchess Outreach, The People's Place and Hunter Insurance will distribute coats for free this fall in Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

Nyhisha T. Gibbs, the Director of Community Engagement for Dutchess Outreach partners with Guardian Self Storage to run the coat drive each year. She remarked, "I am excited for the start of our annual coat drive, sponsored by Guardian Self Storage! We are looking forward to collecting thousands of gently used coats with an emphasis on boys' coats and coats sized 2XL or larger. I would like to thank Guardian Self Storage, iHeartMedia and all of the coat drive collaborators for their support. Let's help keep our neighbors warm!"

Judy Motter, General Manager of Guardian Self Storage also commented

on the annual drive. “I am so pleased to be able to participate in this drive again this year. All of us at Guardian Self Storage sincerely enjoy interacting with those that donate as well as those working on the distribution process. It is so heartwarming to be able to help our communities in such a meaningful way.”

Guardian Self Storage has held their annual coat drive for the past 28 years. This year's sponsors include Dutchess Outreach and iHeartRadio. Community partners have joined together with the coat drive's sponsors to help local families in need. They include Raymour and Flanigan, the Rotary Club of Walden, the Knights of Columbus, Rhinebeck Bank, Red Cap Cleaners, Ulster Savings Bank and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Guardian Self Storage would like to thank the community and local businesses for past contributions. Each year, thousands of coats are collected, impacting the lives of so many in our community. Please help make this year a huge success once again. You will be making a real difference for families in our community this winter.

Guardian Self Storage has been giving back to the community for over 37 years. Each quarter, the managers at each of the fourteen Guardian locations choose a community organization to support with a month-long drive or collection. Some of the local groups that benefited during 2023 are Sparrow's Nest, DCSPCA, Beyond the 4th Wall, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, People's Place, and the Great Cycling Challenge. All donations stay local.

Monetary donations will be accepted at all Guardian Self Storage locations. Just look for the coat drive drop box. You can also donate online at iHeart.com or DutchessOutreach.com. Every donation will help those in need.

For more information call Dutchess Outreach at 845-454-3792.

The Mediation Center of Dutchess County will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Guest host is the Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt.

The event will honor New York State Court Officers Jermaine Dublin, Poughkeepsie City Court, Darryl Peterson, DC Family Court; Denise Quiles, DC Supreme Court, Robert (Bobby) Smrcka, Beacon City Court; and

Rowell Williams, Poughkeepsie City Court.

The Cocktail Reception & Awards Ceremony includes served dessert, open bar from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony.

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“This grant is a huge benefit because breakfast is the most important meal of the day,” said Red Hook Central School District Food Services Director Larry Anthony. “This provision acknowledges the importance of our students’ health and well-being.”

According to Anthony, since the free breakfast inception on the first day of school there has been an observable increase in the number of breakfasts served daily.

The Red Hook Central School District Board of Education and administration recognized the foundation for its donation at the Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2023 meeting.

“Students do come in (to school) hungry and often are too humble and don’t say anything or parents don’t say anything, and we are seeing that more and more with the economy and people moving into the area - that they are struggling,” said Red Hook Central School

District Superintendent of Schools Janet Warden during the meeting. “Food costs are really high, so this is an incredible gesture to give to the district.”

In addition to the breakfast program, AFF has also been instrumental in providing grants which have provided for Red Hook Central School District Summer Academy classes this summer, as well as outreach backpacks and has matched grants for faculty members.

“AFF serves as a model for our students. We are striving to have our students meet our Raider Profile (graduate profile for all Red Hook Central School District students) of engaging in local civics, tending to physical and emotional health, collaborating, demonstrating empathy and compassion, challenging inequities and having an impact on others,” Warden said. “We are lucky to have such strong community partnerships that help our students thrive.”

5K Run/Walk to honor Army veteran and Vassar alum

The Braga 5K Committee will hold the inaugural Braga 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m., on the Vassar College Campus. This race is named in honor of U.S. Army veteran and Vassar College alumnus, Fernando Braga '17, who died by suicide in 2022.

The purpose of this annual race is to raise awareness of veteran suicide in the United States, which continues to be significantly higher than the national suicide average. All are welcomed to participate in this momentous event.

Runners/walkers can expect a race that will be professionally timed with live

results, well staffed, and with awards for those who place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their categories. All registration fees will go toward Fernando Braga's daughter college fund, the Stop Soldier Suicide organization, and the Warrior Ranch Foundation.

Vassar College is at 124 Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie.

For more information, visit oBraga5k.com and/or contact Colleen Mallet, Race Co-Director and Director of Veteran Students Outreach and Support, at (845) 437-7096 or comallet@vassar.edu.

County clerk to host Passport Day Saturday in Poughkeepsie

The Dutchess County Clerk's office announced that it will host a Passport Day, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, 22 Market Street— 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie. Adults who are first-time applicants, children under age 16, or those needing a replacement for a lost, stolen, or damaged passport will be assisted on a first come, first serve basis.

All U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and seaports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government. The County Clerk encourages those who are traveling in the near future to utilize the extended hours to apply for a passport in time for the busy holiday travel season.

As a passport processing facility, the County Clerk's Office serves as a one-stop shop. Applicants can apply for their

passports and also have their passport photos taken. Photos are available to new applicants and those seeking passport renewals for an additional fee of \$10. Please note that all payments must be made separately, and the applicable fees are as follows:

Adult- \$130 check or money order payable to US Dept of State

Child- \$100 check of money order payable to US Dept of State

Processing Fee- \$35 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk

Photo \$10 all forms of payment payable to Dutchess County Clerk

There are no appointments needed.

Only passport and photo transactions will be processed that day. No DMV or legal related business will be accepted.

Free parking in the lot adjacent to the County Office Building will be available as space permits. Information on how to apply for a U.S. passport is available by visiting www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/County-Clerk/passports.htm or by calling (845) 486- 2120.

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The "Great Scott" Giant Pumpkins by Tony Scott are one of the attractions at Handcrafted Octoberfest. *Courtesy photo*

the idea of small-batch and hand-spun, with lots of harvest fun for all ages on the side."

In addition to the food and drink, there will also be seasonal grub, a beer garden, live musical performances, horse-drawn carriage rides, master pumpkin carving, and a family art and crafts area (with children's programming and creative free play).

The Fairground open at 10 a.m. for the event on both days. Admission is \$13 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children, ages 6 through 16. Children ages 5 and under are free. The tickets are

good for both days, so if you want to come on Saturday and go back on Sunday, you can.

This event provides visitors the rare opportunity to browse one-of-a-kind handmade goods (created by 100+ juried exhibitors in more than 10 media categories), before hopping on a horse-drawn carriage ride, visiting a petting zoo, dancing to live music, and witnessing a weigh-in for what may be the state's largest pumpkin.

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Public forum about recycling set Oct. 9 in Poughkeepsie

To the editor:
Put Monday Oct. 9th 6 p.m. on your calendar-- Neil Seldman, Director of the Recycling Cornucopia Project for Zero Waste USA, will be speaking at our public forum-- “How Dutchess County Can Transition from Incineration Towards Zero Waste, Saving Tax Dollars, Creating Green Jobs with Cleaner Air” at Rockefeller Hall Room 300 at Vassar College at 124 Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie.
This event is cosponsored by Zero Waste Dutchess, Zero Waste USA, WHVW 950 AM/96.5 FM, Concerned Citizens of Dover, Dutchess Greens, Working Class Dutchess, Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions, and Zero Waste Warren County; we are indebted as well to the Environmental Studies Program Director at Vassar College for finding this space for us as well.
The Dutchess incinerator in Poughkeepsie emits 100,000 tons of global warming pollution in CO2 equivalents annually along with seven pounds of mercury-- enough to poison 3100 lakes of 20-acre size to make the fish too contaminated to eat (BeyondBurning.org)-- unacceptable.
The recently approved Solid Waste Management Plan for Dutchess admits the county incinerator is falling apart and will soon need millions of dollars in new pollution controls.
There's another way-- Seldman co-authored the cost-saving, zero-waste plan for Montgomery County (MD) that weans the county away from incineration-- with recycling/composting/reuse.
Seldman is also working with Warren County and Replenish.com to save hundreds of thousands of dollars annually baling recyclables locally-- Dutchess could save half a million dollars annually this way.
Join Zero Waste Dutchess on Facebook; contact zerowastedutchess@gmail.com or (845) 876-2488 to get involved.

Judy Malstrom
CoDirector, Zero Waste Dutchess
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County partners with Family Services
for ‘50 Meaningful Miles’ campaign
to raise awareness of mental health

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and as part of continuing efforts to break stigma and raise awareness on mental health, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is supporting Family Services’ “50 Meaningful Miles” campaign. The campaign encourages community members to run or walk 50 miles, solo or in a team, during the month of September to bring mental

health awareness to the community while highlighting the importance of physical activity for wellness. Individuals can create a team or join an existing one or help raise money for the cause at family-servicesny.org.
On September 30th, Family Services CEO Leah Feldman will run 50 miles in one day to honor the unwavering determination that exists inside everyone. The daring feat is Feldman and Family Services’ way of showing support and solidarity for those struggling within the community. Her route spans two counties - running first into New Paltz (Ulster County), then heading into Dutchess County where she will run on the William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail to Morgan Lake Trailhead then looping back to finish on the Walkway Over the Hudson, where she began. She will be met along the run by event supporters, including the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office. Leading up to the run, Family Services has been sharing 50 stories of people that have shown strength and resilience to overcome obstacles on their mental health journey and with grit determination have overcome adversity.
Dutchess County Health Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado said, “DBCH is delighted to support our community partner, Family Services for this

great campaign. 50 Meaningful Miles highlights how physical activity has such a positive impact on both physical and mental health. By working together to spread information and awareness, we can make a true impact on the wellbeing of our community.”
Dutchess County offers many mental health services including the Dutchess County Stabilization Center and the 988 Dutchess County HELPLINE that are both available 24/7 to those in need. The County also with community partners, ensures a full spectrum of resources including partnering with Family Services to provide mental health, domestic violence, youth programming, and other services.
Family Services CEO Leah Feldman said, “It is important to know we are all in this together and no one should cope alone. Everyone is trying to tackle their own ‘50 miles’ in life, one way or another. Many people and their brave stories have inspired this event and with support, we will continue to help those in need find their finish line. We thank partners like Dutchess County for their continuous support.”
To learn about the many behavioral health resources throughout Dutchess County visit dutchessny.gov/behavioralhealth.

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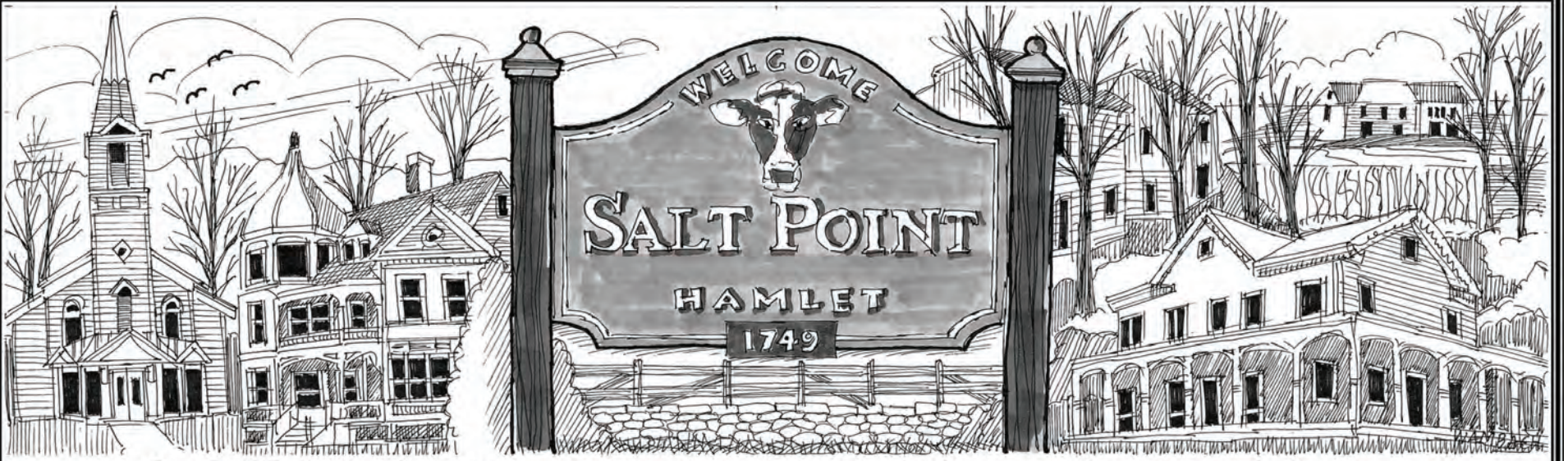
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Renegades season ends

Students promoted during Traditional Okinawan Karate's Fall Shiai

By Rich Thomaselli

The season is over for the Hudson Valley Renegades.

And much of it has to do with the constant turnover in the second half of the season at this level of minor league baseball.

The Renegades lost in two straight games in the best of three South Atlantic League finals against the Greenville Drive. Hudson Valley was shut out in the first game, 2-0, on Sunday. And on Tuesday, the team lost the second game 7-3.

That final series summed up the season for the Renegades.

The team made the playoffs by winning the North Division of the South Atlantic League in the first half of the split season. But the constant roster changes in the second half upset the chemistry. Hudson Valley had nearly 40 roster moves during the year. It's a catch 22: There is joy because most of them are being promoted to the next level as they chase their dream to get to the major leagues, and there is sadness about their departure.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again," manager Sergio Santos said. "Ultimately, our job as coaches is in player development and getting them to the next level."

Hitting was inconsistent, however. There were games when Hudson Valley would struggle to score a run; there were days when the team would score in double figures. But that's less about talent and more about taking key players out of the lineup.

For instance, half the roster at Double AA Scranton is made up former Hudson Valley Renegades players.

And there are numerous success stories. Shortstop Anthony Volpe played less than half a season in Hudson Valley two years ago, and was the starter for the New York Yankees when they opened the season in April. Outfielder Jasson Dominguez, who played a handful of games with the Renegades last year, was one of the September call-ups to the Yankees and hit a home run off three-time Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander in his first at-bat at the age of 20.

That Hudson Valley made it to the league championship series is still a testament to how much talent is in the organization.

OLL field hockey wins; Spackenkill tennis wins

By Rich Thomaselli

POUGHKEEPSIE – Our Lady of Lourdes field hockey evened its record at 2-2 with a 2-0 victory over Onteora last week.

Senior captain Deirdre Connolly had a goal and senior captain Lauren O'Rourke had a goal and an assist.

Onteora is 0-2 overall.

Meanwhile, Spackenkill girls tennis is 2-0 after a 5-0 win over winless Roosevelt. As a team, the Spartans won all three singles matches without giving up a set and won both doubles matches.

Elena Sung captured her first singles match, 6-2, 6-2. Katie Park and Jojo Ragusa we're both victorious at second and third singles, respectively, without dropping a game.

Angelina Park and Qadira Scheidelman won at first doubles by default and Thanya Tran and Giselle Gutierrez-Camacho rallied at third doubles to win 3-6, 6-3, 10-3.

Arlington's Morano named Coach of the Week

By Rich Thomaselli

It's a well-deserved honor.

Arlington High School football coach Michael Morano has been named the New York Giants High School Football Coach of the Week.

The National Football League team sponsors the Coach of the Week, as well as the Heart of a Giant weekly award for players. The awards are to help foster growth of the game at every level.

Morano said he was "humbled" by the recognition.

The award comes in the wake of the Admirals' shocking 55-18 victory over Carmel, arguably the biggest victory for the coach and the program in his four seasons at the helm. Carmel, the two-time defending Section 1 Class AA champions and the state champions of 2021, had been something of a nemesis for the Admirals for the last four years.

The Rams did not lose to Arlington during those four seasons and actually outscored them 168-55.

Now Arlington is the odds-on favorite to win the section.



Students from Traditional Okinawan Karate were promoted during the fall Shiai which was recently held at the New Paltz Karate Academy. *Courtesy photo*

Helping people achieve is a community effort. That community, and the subsequent achievements were on full display at New Paltz Karate Academy's fall Shiai.

The event, held in the Lenape Elementary gymnasium on Sept. 9, drew students from five locations, plus their families and friends. The event included students from New Paltz Karate, and Traditional Okinawan Karate schools in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill, Brooklyn and Kinnelon, NJ. The Shiai is a semi-annual event and an opportunity for the students to come together and demonstrate their skills for families and friends.

The event began with a moment of silence for Mr. Jenkins, a martial artist and teacher who made great contributions to Isshin Ryu Karate, the traditional Okinawan style that New Paltz Karate Academy teaches. Mark Murphy, a student, sang the national anthem.

Over the next hour, groups of students performed self-defense demonstrations and kata (martial arts forms).

The final segment of the shiai was the promotion of the students who had been tested earlier in the day. The highest pro-

motions were those at black-belt level:

- Junior Black Belt: Lillianna Aiello, Elizabeth Bair, Sahana Cherian, Saniya Cherian, Elizabeth Edattel, Hunter Useche
- Shodan (First degree black belt): Elizabeth Buley, Natalie Buley, Jeffrey Burdian, Sienna Engasser, Peter Frank, Hudson Gould, Carol Kocotos, Sean McClafferty, Catherine Miller, Frank Useche
- Nidan (Second degree black belt): Joel Dampf, Natalya Jemison, Traci Larson, Julian Maerowitz, Ryan O'Shea, Phillip Ouma, Mark Sidnam, Kaitlyn Weinerman, Brian Wolf
- Sandan (Third Degree black belt): Alexi Levitz
- Yodan (Fourth Degree black belt): Gina Tauro

Following the shiai was a large potluck dinner. Students, family and friends ate, drank and congratulated those who had just been promoted.

Traditional Okinawan Karate has Dutchess County locations in Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill. They can be reached at (845) 635-1426 (Pleasant Valley) or (845) 797-2258 (East Fishkill).



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New outdoor archery range opens at Bowdoin Park

The Dutchess County Parks' Weekend Archery program kicked off on September 16 at Bowdoin Park's new outdoor archery range. The range, which was completed this summer with funds received through the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund, expands capacity for the popular program held every spring and fall as part of Parks' Naturalist Programming schedule.

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "We're excited to welcome program participants to the new outdoor archery range! For nearly two decades, this program has been a way for residents, young and old, to try the sport of archery in a safe way. We're excited to celebrate this newest improvement at Bowdoin Park and remain committed to offering dynamic, educational, and fun programming for everyone."

Weekend Archery has been part of the Parks Naturalist Programming for 14

years, with more than 4,000 participants over the years. Each year, registration for the popular program fills up quickly – often reaching capacity within 24 hours of sign-up opening. The new range doubles participants capacity with space for 20 people to take part per session. The range features a covered firing line and storage shed for equipment. It is located adjacent to Pavilion 4 and features an accessible sidewalk and parking area, making the program easy to access for participants of all abilities.

The new range is currently only available for use by the Naturalist Program participants. Dutchess County Parks plans for expanded public use in 2024.

For more information on Parks Naturalist Programming, including Weekend Archery and programs for school and scouting groups, call 845-298-4602 or visit DutchessNY.Gov/ParksEducation.



Dutchess County Parks' Weekend Archery program kicked off at Bowdoin Park's new outdoor archery range with a ribbon cutting celebration on September 16. *Courtesy photo*

Anderson Center sets annual gala Nov. 4

Anderson Foundation for Autism will host its Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. This black-tie-optional event will honor Barry R. Feirstein and the Legacy of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein.

There will be a cocktail reception from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with dinner, program and dancing from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The evening will include the presentation of the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award and Above & Beyond Award.

Individual tickets are \$250 and include extended Cocktail Reception, dinner, dessert, and unlimited cocktails and beverages, and more. There are a variety of sponsorship levels starting at \$2,500. Visit www.andersoncenterforautism.org or call (845) 889-4034 to purchase tickets and for more information.

The Pay It Forward Match Challenge
Many Anderson families and team

members have been touched by other families' donations that positively impact their loved one and their loved one's team. Paying it forward took this to a new level. The Anderson Center asked families to donate to a residence other than the one their loved one resides in, thus ensuring that every Anderson residence has discretionary funds to support otherwise unfunded recreation and leisure opportunities. In fact, before the launch of the Pay It Forward campaign, some of the houses had never received a restricted gift for recreation or leisure activities.

In memory and in honor of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein, who, along with the 2023 V.V. Anderson Community Service Award Honoree Barry R. Feirstein, initiated and supported this campaign from its start, more than \$72,000 has been raised through Pay It Forward.

This year's fundraising goal for the gala is \$200,000.



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‘Boots by the Bandshell’ to feature music, dancing, fireworks at Bowdoin Park on Oct. 14

“Boots by the Bandshell” will be back on Oct. 14 with even more free family friendly fun this year, including covered line dancing, live music, and fireworks. The third annual event, hosted by Dutchess County Parks, The Wolf and Wakin’ Up with CJ and Jess Show and Townsquare Media Group, will be held near the bandshell pavilion at Bowdoin Park, at 85 Sheafe Road, in the Town of Poughkeepsie. This year’s event will feature a larger, covered dance floor for line

dancing with CJ McIntyre and Frank Alexander, country music by Thunder Ridge Band, free family activities, food trucks, and more. County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said, “Fall in the Hudson Valley means great views and cool nights, and what better way to enjoy both than with live music, dancing, family fun and delicious local food right next to the river at our own Bowdoin Park. ‘Boots by the Bandshell’ is a fun, free way for families

to spend time together, and we encourage everyone to join us and spend the day dancing at the park. We are grateful to Townsquare Media Group for their ongoing support of this popular event.” This year’s event will include line dancing at 3:30 p.m., followed by Thunder Ridge Band’s performance at 5 p.m. and fireworks at 7:45 p.m. It will also feature a fall-themed scavenger hunt and a special family game area, a bonfire

with S’mores, and food trucks. Picnics, camp chairs, and coolers are encouraged, but glass containers, alcohol, and smoking or vaping products are prohibited. This event will be held rain or shine. Updates will be posted on the Parks division website, dutchessny.gov/parks and the Dutchess County Parks and Dutchess County Government social media pages. For more information, call Dutchess County Parks at (845) 298-4600.



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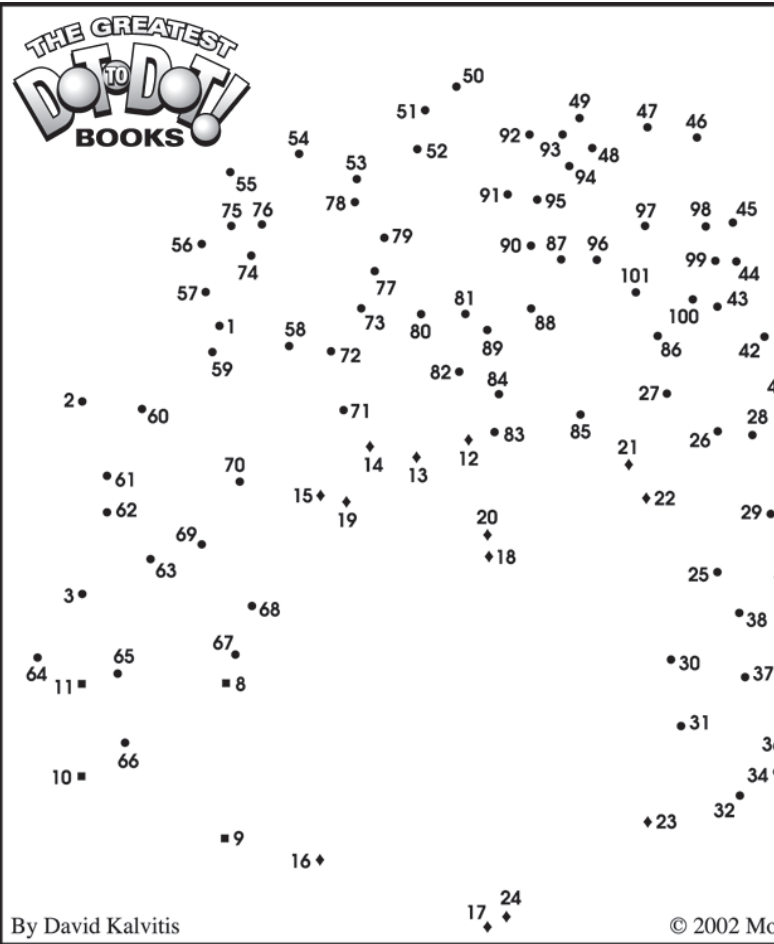
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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE
See page 17 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



THE GREATEST DOT-TO-DOT BOOKS

Sets
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.
□ • 1 thru 3
□ ▲ 4 thru 7
□ ■ 8 thru 11
□ ♦ 12 thru 24
□ ○ 25 thru 101

By David Kalvitis

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Pumpkin spice

Can there be too much of a good thing?

September 23rd marked the official start of fall, my favorite season. That day, the autumnal equinox, had the distinction of being one of only two days of the year with equal hours of day and night. From here the daylight hours begin to get shorter and we start getting cozy. That means sweaters and scarves, hot chocolate and cider donuts, soft blankets and lots and lots of baking!

For many, fall also means consuming copious amounts of pumpkin spice. And, no, I really don't want to jump on that band wagon. As someone who writes about and loves food, I know I should stay up on trends in that world, but nowhere does it say I have to like them all. It's just hard not to talk about something that is absolutely everywhere you look. And I mean EVERYwhere! And it's out of control.

Don't get me wrong; the warm blend of cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, ginger and clove (because that's what pumpkin spice is) is very comforting in both flavor and aroma, so in that I'm a fan. It's lovely in pie and I even get the whole latte thing even if I don't order it. But do we really need it in everything? A walk through the grocery aisles recently told

me loud and clear that, apparently, we do. And so, somewhat reluctantly, I'll elaborate simply because there's no getting away from it and maybe by venting about it, I can get it out of my head and move on.

Before I do, though, I wonder how many of you feel the same as I do. Are you a fan who just can't get enough, or are you rolling your eyes along with me right now? I mean no disrespect – to each their own. I'm genuinely asking because there must be a market for such extremes and I'm baffled by it. For me it's just too much and enough already.

Let me try to prove my point by listing some of the pumpkin spice products out there on shelves right now. Like me, you might just be amazed. In addition to the traditional latte that I suspect started it all, here's what you can get:

Pretzels, coffee creamer, cream cheese, hummus, cereals galore, caramels, candy corn, bread, toaster pastries, donuts, yogurt, tea, almond milk, ramen, beer, popcorn, cocktail mixes, hot cocoa, ice cream, chewing gum, cough drops, bagels, pasta sauce, salsa, tortilla chips, peanut butter and English muffins.

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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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Suguru

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

ACROSS

- Science class, perhaps
- Not genuine
- Exclude
- S. A. nation
- See 6 Down
- Place for a sports event
- Long-legged bird
- "When I was ___."
- Lower region
- Speech given at a toast
- Canonized lady: abbr.
- Arm covering
- Bacon orderer's word
- Nearly horizontal passage
- Evergreen tree
- Virile one
- Dumbbell
- Athlete who scored 1281 goals
- Mr. Knievel
- Detective's helps
- At ___; relaxed
- Mythological queen
- Prefix for gram or space
- Neatness
- Prepared
- Unexpected obstacle
- One who translates into symbols
- Like an incline
- Turkish leader's title
- Parent, at child's bedtime, often
- Small mesa
- River flowing from Belgium
- Show courage
- Bass holder
- Ending for prank or mob
- ___, Oklahoma
- Urbanites on a ranch
- Web-footed bird
- Originally called

DOWN

- Stereotype
- Heed the alarm clock
- Tend a roasting turkey
- Humiliated
- Headgear for 22 Across
- With 14 Across, portrayer of the Skipper on "Gilligan's Island"
- Battlefield cry
- Large, showy flower
- Are flipped over
- Comforter alternative
- Dill herb
- Level: var.
- Deep holes
- Mr. Lendl
- City in France
- Gasoline buyer's choice
- Lounging around
- St. Martin's home
- "Or ___!"; words of a threat
- Sidelong look
- 1965 Beatles movie
- Word with when or how
- Like throat lozenges
- San Antonio site
- Laborer
- West Point student
- Make eyes at
- Former Ford products
- Toward the rear
- Perch
- Of former times
- 1896 invention
- Spine-tingling
- Famous Scott
- Passing marks
- Respected teacher
- Wedding, for one
- River in France
- Letter

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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 17



The Farm Bill

It's time to renew the federal Agriculture Improvement Act. Constituents, let your representatives know what you want and need from the bill.

The Farm Bill. If your eyes didn't just glaze over, please keep reading. The 2023 federal Farm Bill (officially called the Agriculture Improvement Act) will become law before the end of this year, according to Congressman Marcus Molinaro. On September 7, Elizabeth Ryan hosted a Farm Bill listening session at one of her six apple farms – Stone Ridge Orchards – sponsored by Scenic Hudson and the N.Y. League of Conservation Voters. Both of our Dutchess County representatives, Molinaro and Pat Ryan, spent the day with an invited group of local farmers, trying to figure out what needs to be included in the 2023 Farm Bill to benefit Northeastern farmers.

We all gathered beneath a 300-year-old oak tree at the farm. This year's apple crop was impacted by a late spring frost. Years ago, a farmer could absorb an occasional crop loss; but nowadays, the margins are so slim that one bad year can be devastating.

The Farm Bill is the primary agricultural and food policy instrument of the federal government, renewed every five years. The total cost, about \$85 billion per year, represents a little over 1% of the federal budget. And of that \$85 billion, \$72 billion is earmarked for nutrition programs.

So why is it that whenever I mention the Farm Bill to any of my casual acquaintances, the first thought that pops into their heads is "subsidy." Hey, isn't that the policy where the government pays farmers not to grow stuff while I work my butt off to pay taxes to support

them?

Consider:

- 2% of the U.S. population works on farms
- 90% of our food is produced in the U.S. (We even grow some of our own coconuts)
- \$213 billion of farm products are exported annually. This helps pay for the \$100 billion of clothing and \$477 billion of electronics we import.

The perception that farmers are paid to not farm was a reality during the Great Depression, when overproduction caused prices to plummet, and it looked like every farm would go under. At first the government bought surplus crops, but when that didn't work (the crops rotted in huge underground storage bins), it was decided to pay farmers directly. It must have worked out, because we now enjoy the most bountiful food supply in the history of the world. If you don't believe it, take a stroll through the aisles at Walmart.

Nowadays, farmers are paid to take land out of production for environmental purposes. In effect, the government is renting land from the farm owners, to create buffer zones along streams, protect wildlife habitat and reduce carbon emissions. This "Conservation Reserve Program" currently protects 21 million acres.

Crop insurance is a big part of the farm bill. Farmers pay premiums to insure against crop loss due to drought, hail or natural disasters. This program has historically benefited big Midwestern wheat, corn and soybean farmers. Small vegetable farms in the Northeast are not



Pictured, from left are Congressman Marcus Molinaro, who represents NY19; Ned Sullivan, President of Scenic Hudson; Elizabeth Ryan; Congressman Pat Ryan, who represents NY18; and Julie Tighe, President of NY League of Conservation Voters. Photo by Mark Adams

covered, partly because it's harder to quantify their losses if they grow a variety of crops. Sporadic attempts have been made to insure against loss of income.

Rep. Molinaro sits on the House Committee on Agriculture, hoping to increase funding for N.Y. farmers through the Conservation Reserve Program, which plans to add four million acres this year. He points out that each congressional representative looks after the people in their own district, so don't

blame a congressman from Iowa for seeking money for corn farmers. We just need to shout the loudest.

Tell the government what you want, need and deserve from the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill.

Contact your congressional representative ASAP.

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

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through Oct. 22:** "Entanglements," an exhibit featuring the work of recent Arts Mid-Hudson grant recipients, exploring intersections of ecology, time, culture, and the everyday. Participating artists: Natalie Beall, Eric Diehl, Serena Domingues, Erica Hauser, Alison McNulty, Laura Moriarty, Sharon Penz, and Suzy Sureck. www.artsmidhudson.org

CO, 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (off Rte. 9, across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds), Rhinebeck. **Through October:** "Big Polaroids," an exhibit by noted artist Franc Palaia. Featuring large-scale color photographs based on Palaia's award-winning hand-colored SX-70 Polaroids. Palaia is the recipient of two Polaroid Sponsorships for his original technique of hand coloring SX-70 Polaroids with oil-based crayons. He is a painter and photographer who treats his photographs like paintings. The original Polaroids are only 3 inches by 3 inches in size, but after Palaia's hand colors the photographs, they resemble miniature oil paintings. His process continues by scanning the small Polaroids and enlarging them to 3 by 3 feet. The final results are large vibrant and colorful images with the appearance of blended oil paintings with gestural brush strokes and textured pigments. coworkwith.co

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through October:** Featured in the

Hancock and Reception Galleries at 12 Vassar St. will be photographer Frank Ritter whose exhibit is based on his highly-acclaimed book, "9/11 Remembrance Renewal Hope: A Twenty Year Journey," and showcases a collection of visually stunning and sensitive photographs. Mixed-media artist, Morgan Kennedy, brings her Haunt Couture exhibit to the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. that reflects on her experience as a late-in-life diagnosed Autistic woman. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through Dec. 2024:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. www.fdrlibrary.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through Oct. 1:** "Light and Lines," paintings by Sharon Nakazato. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Olana State Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed," an exhibition focusing on Olana's remarkable trove of nearly 5,000 19th-century photographic prints, collected by the artist Frederic Church between 1850 and 1900. An installation of 48 original photographs within Olana's Sharp Family Gallery will include original and historically significant works by pioneering early

photographers, including Eadweard Muybridge, William James Stillman, and Claude-Joseph Désiré Charnay. (518) 828-1872 or www.olana.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Oct. 8:** "Weather...or Not!" new exhibit by Hudson Valley artist Marie Cole of paintings, pastels and prints about weather and places. www.tivoliartists-gallery.com

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Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction at Vassar College supports Vassar Haiti Project

By Kristine Coulter

The Vassar Haiti Project will host its annual Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. The online auction began Sept. 9 and bids can be placed until Oct. 2. The sale will begin on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. in Vassar College's Multipurpose Room in the College Center.

The in-person art sale takes place at Vassar College, where one can see more than 250 paintings and handcrafts by Haitian artists. Stop by Sept. 29 from 3 to 7 p.m.; Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VHP was co-founded by Andrew and Lila Meade in 2001. Since that time, VHP has hosted an art sale and auction. The sale and auction support education accessibility in Haiti.

"The vibrant colors in Haitian art will

show people who come to the art sale to better understand a different narrative about Haiti. News outlets often show negative aspects of Haiti and rarely show the strength, dignity and creativity that Haitian culture embodies. The art and music of Haiti is dynamic and exciting despite the internal turmoil that currently impacts the population. We invite people to come and see a brighter side of this amazing country," said Lila Meade.

One can see and purchase various types of art – from "luscious landscapes, amazing market scenes, dynamic marine scenes, fabulous floral motives, dazzling dreamscapes and magical vodou works," she said.

"This year, we have an added bonus of some older, unique pieces that were recently donated to us by Sarah Planton, of Shropshire England. Sarah and her late husband Paul were one of our first cus-



The 23rd Annual Families Weekend Art Sale & Auction will take place at Vassar College Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The online auction is open to bid until Oct. 2. The sale and auction are of Haitian artists' works and raises money for Vassar Haiti Project. *Courtesy images*



tomers in the early 2000s. They bought lots of art and accumulated it from many sources over the years, even holding their own art sales in England and sending the proceeds to us. When Paul passed away, Sarah decided that she would award the Haiti Project with the bulk of their estate paintings - about 80 of the pieces will be available for sale at the art sale," said Meade. She added: "Ms. Planton will be coming to the U.S. and shall present to us on Saturday, September 30 at 4 p.m. where she will illustrate her journey in embracing Haitian art and why she decided to bestow her collection to the Haiti Project!"

Proceeds will go to VHP's first initiative: education which funds a primary school for children in the village, said Meade. The school is in a remote part of Haiti and offers the students meals.

Sudiksha Miglani joined VHP to learn important skills and to make a difference in a sustainable, culturally respectful manner.

As for what Sudiksha hopes people who attend will learn, "a way to support Haiti; a cause where there is transparency as to where their money is going to; exposure to Haitian art and culture and changing the narrative about Haiti."

Meade said, "We're very cause and effect: we say we're going to do something, and we see it through to the end. Our track record is excellent, and our supporters have been our primary cheerleaders!"

Other ways one may contribute:

- Purchase original Haitian art which directly supports Haitian artists.
- Donate Haitian art to VHP
- Donate at the VHP website, <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/history/>
- Mail a check payable to: The Haiti Project, Inc., PO Box 2985, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or email thevassarhaitiproject@gmail.org. For a complete schedule, visit <https://www.thehaitiproject.org/events/2022-families-weekend-art-sale-and-auction>.

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Broadway 'Dracula' returns to the Widow Jane Mine in Rosendale

Theatre on the Road, a traveling company based in Rosendale, will produce and stage "Dracula" at the Widow Jane Mine at Snyder Estate in Rosendale on Thursday, Sept. 28, and Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. Written by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston, the play has been described by Newsweek as "an evening of high class fun."

From the Bram Stoker novel, this is the original Broadway production that premiered in 1927 and was revised in 1997 starring Frank Langella.

In September 2022 Theatre on the Road brought this production to the Widow Jane Mine and it sold out all three performances.

Director Frank Marquette describes the play as follows: "Lucy, whose father is in charge of an English asylum, has been attacked by a mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing believes Lucy is the victim of a vampire — a certain Count Dracula. Renfield, an inmate, suffers from delusions and is under the spell of the Count. Will he be found and finally laid to rest?"

Marquette added, "I can't think of a better marriage of play and location. Who wouldn't like to experience Dracula live? I'm setting this in the 1920s with period costumes and making full use of the spooky wonders of the Widow Jane Mine."

The cast features a roster of accomplished actors all of whom live and work in the Hudson Valley area of New York. They include David Smilo as Dracula, Michelle Kafel as Van Helsing, Joe Maxwell as Jonathan Harker, Dan Anderson as Dr. Seward, David Britton as Renfield, Heather Roland-Bianco as Lucy, Ellen Pavloff as Miss Wells and Frank Marquette as Butterworth. Sue Regan will stage manage. Kristen Marquette, Theatre on the Road's co-owner, will provide costumes and styling.

General admission tickets are \$22 and \$16 for Century House members and can be purchased by visiting www.century-house.org.

For information call (845) 658-9900 or (845) 475-7973.

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A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Sept. 28-30: Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Sept. 28: Arun Ramamurthy Trio, 7 p.m. Unique take on the age-old South Indian classical repertoire. The Carnatic canon is reimagined in this organic and seamless integration of styles as the group expands on traditional forms in explosive, improvisational flights of fancy. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Sept. 29: Milton & His Trio; special guests Jacob Bernz and Chris Knoepfel, 8:30 p.m. A songwriter's songwriter, known for his lyric craft, distinctive voice and soulful songs steeped in classic rhythm & blues, pop, jazz, folk and country. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Sept. 30: The British Legends of Rock Show, 8:30 p.m. Spend an evening with ALL of your favorite '60s & '70s British rock legends A-Z – The Animals to Led Zeppelin and everything in-between. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Fall Festival, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Sept. 29: Ruckus Early Music & Line Dancing with caller Sargent Seedoo, 7 p.m., Black Box Theater. A dynamic and collaborative baroque band, Ruckus Early Music is known for their visceral and playful approach. Their evocative performances have garnered widespread acclaim, seamlessly blending delicate nuances with pow-

erful, energetic moments. In this special program, Ruckus joins forces with acclaimed line dance caller Sargent Seedoo, igniting the stage with infectious rhythms that will have the audience on their feet. Tickets: \$25. Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Tan Dun's Ghost Opera, Wu Man and the Attacca Quartet team up to perform Tan Dun's Ghost Opera, a pioneering work that dramatically combines elements of both Chinese and Western cultures. Pipa master, Wu Man, has been associated with the piece since its composition 30 years ago. Ghost Opera evokes the spirits of Bach and Shakespeare – in the manner of ancient folk traditions and traditional shamanistic Chinese music, complete with elements of paper, water, stone, metal, and vocals. This new production, in association with the Ojai Music Festival, incorporates dance via dancer/choreographer PeiJu Chien-Pott and is reimagined through Jon Reimer's direction. Performances: Sept. 30, 7 p.m.; Oct. 1, 1 p.m. Venue: Black Box Theater. Tickets: \$45. www.kaatsbaan.org

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: "The Women of Lockerbie," The James Baird Pavilion, Pleasant Valley. Presented by Rhinebeck Theatre Society. Deborah Brevoort's modern-day Greek tragedy tells the story of the 270 people who were killed on December 21st, 1988, when Pan Am 103 was brutally

bombed mid-flight. But furthermore, it tells of the hell that was created when the fiery pieces of that bombing fell like rain onto the quiet little Scottish farm town directly beneath. Performances Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$22. www.rhinebecktheatresociety.com

Sept. 30: Alejandro Brittes Quartet, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Delve into the rich history of Chamamé, where Argentine accordionist Alejandro Brittes and his Quartet breathes life into centuries-old traditions. From ancestral rituals to innovative compositions, witness the magic as musical expressions traverse continents, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. (518) 771-3340 or www.thestissingcenter.org

Sept. 30: The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 269 Mill St., Poughkeepsie. The evening will feature the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir directed by Marva Clark, Dinesa Hansen, and Ciesta Little-Quinn, and the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Dance Team led by Linda Molina. Performances by Miss Rene Bailey and the Rainbow Singers will round out the evening. This year's Walk Through Gospel History spotlights Mahalia Jackson, 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults, and \$15 stu-

dents (K-College with ID), seniors and veterans/active military. Children under 5 are free. To purchase tickets: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2023HVGospelFestival>

Oct. 1: "An Afternoon with Edgar Allan Poe and Mary Shelley," Hurley Reformed Church, Hurley. Murder Cafe presents a fundraiser for the Hurley Library, 2 p.m. Witness an epic showdown as two literary giants, Edgar Allan Poe and Mary Shelley, clash over who reigns supreme as the creator of science fiction! Poe is the father of the modern detective story and the Gothic horror story, while Shelley's "Frankenstein" is a pioneering work of science fiction. Join us as these two legends take center stage, sharing their stories and insights in their own words. Tickets \$15 per person. (845) 338-2092

Oct. 1: Sylvan Winds, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. The Howland Chamber Music Circle continues its 2023–24 chamber music series with Sylvan Winds, 4 p.m. Purchase tickets at howlandmusic.org. To ensure the safety of patrons and musicians, face masks are encouraged while indoors.

Oct. 1 Vert Fest - Convertible Saab Club, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. www.olderhinebeck.org

COLLEGE NOTES

ANCHESTER, NH -- Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2023 President's List: Charissa Poston of Hyde Park, and Arlene Hotaling of Pleasant Valley.

The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

ATLANTA, GA -- Destiny Holder of Pleasant Valley was named to the Summer 2023 Dean's List at Georgia

State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List during the summer semester, degree-seeking students with a minimum Georgia State cumulative GPA of 2.00 must earn a 3.50 GPA for the semester and complete at least 6 semester hours of academic credit with no incompletes.

ELMIRA, NY -- Elmira College recently announced this year's recipients of its annual Key Award. This year's award was given to 783 students in 16 states. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

This year's recipients included Mia Ferrara of Hyde Park, and Jack Barry of Rhinebeck.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. "We hope they will choose to make Elmira College their place."

CORTLAND, NY -- The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) recognized 278 SUNY Cortland student-athletes on its statewide 2022-23 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. Earning a place on the list required a minimum a 3.3 cumulative grade point average through the spring semester. Among those who earned the honor are Humberto Cabrera of Millbrook and Richard Finn of Pleasant Valley.

BETHLEHEM, PA -- Lehigh University is proud to welcome the Class of 2027. Josephine Raccuia of Rhinebeck is enrolled at Lehigh University as an undergraduate student. Josephine, Lehigh is thrilled to count you among the 80,000+ members of the Lehigh family. Welcome to Lehigh!

Members of the incoming undergraduate class represent 49 U.S. states and territories, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, and 52 countries and is the largest and among the most diverse classes ever admitted to Lehigh.

ITHACA, NY -- Ithaca College students named to Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester include Lily Babcock of Staatsburg, Kate Drickel of Staatsburg, Jo Dull of Rhinebeck, and Lila McGuckin of Red Hook.

Love to Cook

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Among known name-brands you're sure to be delighted by Peeps, Oreos, Cheerios, Fudge Stripe Cookies, Twinkies, Kool-Aid (I kid you not), Milano cookies, M&Ms, Milk-Bone dog treats(!), Spam(!!!), Pringles, Hershey Kisses and Jell-O (pudding).

Of course, the warm scent of pumpkin spice is equally as beloved as the flavor profile. To that end some non-edible options for you include lip balm, beard oil, cleaning products, make-up, candles, deodorant, lotions and even scented garbage bags.

Can I please stop now?

I mean, come on. That's a lot. Even hard-core fans out there have to see why some of us think this is out of hand. And while I've gotten past this (thank you for letting me vent so I could) and can now move on, I have to say that if something brings you joy, I promise you don't need permission or to justify it to me or anyone else. Besides, it isn't you lovers of the spice that I'm poking fun at so much as it is all the companies that keep trying to come up with new, sometimes questionable, products just to shoehorn them into

a trend that is clearly here to stay. I can't really blame them for trying. I just hope they can see the humor in some of their ideas. Because, come now. Spam?

I also can't blame you for loving pumpkin spice in the first place. It's a classic combination of warm, aromatic flavors that call to mind the very best of fall, so if that's what now defines the season to so many, then my endlessly complaining about it seems a waste of time. It isn't going anywhere anytime soon, so I'll find something else to occupy my mind. Like this pudding I'm offering up as a sort of olive branch so we can be friends again.

SILKY SPICED PUMPKIN PUDDING

You can make your own pumpkin puree but since this is designed to help you get a quick fix, this recipe uses canned. It's also gluten-free because I opted to use corn starch as a thickener in lieu of flour.

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
3 tablespoons corn starch
1 cup pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 tablespoons butter (cut into 3 pieces)

Whipped cream for topping (optional)

METHOD:

In a large saucepan whisk together brown sugar, spices and corn starch. Add pumpkin puree, milk, cream and salt and whisk to blend well. Whisk in egg yolks, one at a time, blending well between additions until very smooth.

Place over medium heat, whisking constantly, until bubbling and starting to thicken, about 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to low, still stirring, and cook another 1-2 minutes to thicken more. Remove from heat and stir in the butter, one piece at a time, blending well between additions. Stir in vanilla until completely combined. Pour into

ramekins or bowls, allow to cool and cover with plastic wrap, making sure it touches the surface of the pudding. This is to make sure you have consistent texture without forming that skin you'd otherwise get as it cools. Refrigerate until cold, at least 2 hours.

Garnish with whipped cream. Serves about 6.

So, here's to fall, that magical, beautiful time of year that takes my breath away while filling my heart with joy. I hope you fill yours with joy as well, even if it's pumpkin spice flavored. In the end, it's all part of the glory of the season. 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.

OBITUARIES

James J. Fallon

LAGRANGE - James J Fallon, 64 died on August 31, 2023.

Jay was a lover of the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working with dogs which led him to an early career at two Rod and Gun clubs in the Millbrook area. He also worked as a painter of home exteriors and interiors and was very skilled at this occupation as well.

Born in Sharon, CT, he was the son of Dorothy S Darnell and James J Fallon Sr.

Jay leaves behind his longtime companion Annie Bendix, daughter Sarah Singleton (Tim), granddaughter Sadie Singleton, as well as four sisters Kathleen Fallon, Elizabeth McLaughlin (Bill), Susan Fallon, Julie Herman (Josh), three nieces, one nephew, Aunts, many cousins and long time friends.

As per his wishes there will be no visitation at this time and burial will be private. A Celebration of Life for Jay will be announced at a later date.

If anyone wishes, donations in his name can be made to Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School, 282 Millbrook School Rd, Millbrook, NY 12545 or a charity of your choice.

Richard A. Harrington

DOVER PLAINS -- Richard A. Harrington, 59, a lifelong area resident, died on Monday, September 18, 2023 at home surrounded by his loving family and friends. Born on August 8, 1964 in Barcelona, Spain, he was the son of the late Richard E. and Ann (Boles) Harrington.

He is survived by the love of his life, Letecia "Lee" Bates of Dover Plains, NY; his daughter, Talia Mae Harrington of Dover Plains, NY and two sisters, Cherie Harrington-Mullen of Greensboro, NC and Cathy Harrington-Brabender of Wingdale,

NY. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Rich also leaves behind his beloved dog, Rigley.

Rich was an electrician with IBEW Local #363 in Woodbury, NY. He was a member of the San Silverio Shrine and the Sons of the V.F.W. Post #5444, both in Dover Plains. Rich was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and NASCAR fan. He loved hanging with the guys at "Hale's Shed," camping and to travel, especially to Daytona, FL. Affectionately known as our "Gentle Giant" he will be dearly missed by everyone.

Calling hours were held on Friday, September 22, 2023 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services followed at the funeral home with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. A celebration of life followed the funeral service at VFW Post #5444 in Dover Plains. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Nancy J. Mellott

RHINEBECK -- Nancy J. Mellott, 87, a longtime resident of Rhinebeck, passed away on September 18, 2023.

Born in Washington D.C. on April 7, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Paul R. and Alive (Hovermill) Mellott.

Nancy was an active member of the Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck for over 60 years. She served as a Eucharist Minister, Lector, a member of the Parish council, and worked on the church finance committee. In addition to an active church life, she was a member of the Women's Society, the

Caregiver Coalition, and the Ladies of Charity of Northern Dutchess.

She loved flowers, gardening and attending craft shows.

She worked as the Executive Secretary for the Astor Home in Rhinebeck for 43 years.

Nancy is survived by her sister Patricia Mellott Harwood and her husband Neddy of Maryland; godchildren Kristen Hobson, Courtney Reichelt, and Meghan Betanzos; nephews Richard Mellott, Michael Mellott, Patrick Mellott, Christopher Harwood, Cory Harwood, and Curtis Harwood; niece Teri Cole; many great nieces and nephews; and close friends Betty and John Sturm as well as Rudy Marks.

She was predeceased by her siblings Mary E. Deadmon and Paul R. Mellott.

Calling hours were held at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., on Sunday September 24.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday September 25 at the Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck.

Burial followed at the Rhinebeck Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations in honor of Nancy can be made to the Good Shepherd Church, 3 Mulberry St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572, the Astor Services for Children and Families, 6339 Mill St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572, or to your local Fire and EMS Services.

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

Joseph W. Veach Sr.

FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK - 9/10/51 - 9/10/23 Joseph Wesley Veach Sr., 72, passed away on September 10, 2023, at home after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Joe, effectively known to many as "Palsie," was a

lifelong resident of Hyde Park, NY. However, in 2019 he decided to retire to Albemarle, NC to escape the cold winters.

Joe was one of nine children to the late, George and May (Simmons) Veach Sr. Joe had two sons, Joseph W. Veach Jr. and Bryan S. Veach with his ex-wife, Betty Bucey. He remarried to Renee Bourbeau, who, despite their end of marriage, remained in close touch over the last several years. His surviving siblings include sisters; Barbara Green & Linda (Jim) Burns and brothers; Chuck Sr., Hank & Brian Veach. He is predeceased by his brothers; George, Jim, and Tom, sisters-in-law; Liz, Robin, Debbie and Hank's girlfriend, Sue along with his nephew Timothy Veach Sr. and his son Timothy Veach Jr. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who he adored greatly. Additionally, his furry friends, Luna, Nova, Shelby, Harley, Primrose, and Weston were such an important part of his life.

For 30 years, Joe was employed by Marist College in the Building and Grounds Department. Joe was an outdoor enthusiast, loving all things that involved being with those he loved and having a good time...from hunting, fishing, riding his Harley, or just having a cold beer with tomato juice. Joe knew how to have fun, he lived life to the fullest as if every day was his last. He could make anyone laugh for hours with his jokes and sense of humor along with some tricks up his sleeve...

To honor Joe's wishes, there will be no services. Family and friends may send donations to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538 or Hospice of Stanly & The Uwharrie, 960 N 1st St, Albemarle, NC 28001 in his memory.

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BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in-person)
October Selection: We Need New Names by NoViolet Bulawayo
Thursday October 12 at 2:00 PM
Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Global Literature Book Club (in person)
October Selection: Seven Empty Houses by Samanta Schweblin
Tuesday October 16 at 7:00 PM
The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

Never Been in a Book Club, Book Club (in person)
October Selection: The Hungry Tide by Amitav Ghosh
Thursday October 5 at 1:30 PM
This book club is for those who have always wanted to join one but have been a little wary to try! Join the group and chat about the monthly read with others new to the book club world!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Ceramic Pumpkin Painting
Saturday October 14 at 10:30 AM

Painting pumpkins is a great autumnal pastime, but having to say goodbye to your gorgeous masterpiece at the end of the season can be such a bummer! So why not make something that you can decorate with each year! We will have the pumpkins, paints and brushes ready for you to make something amazing!

Note: You must register for each individual who is attending and would like to participate. Materials are limited and there will not be extra!

Crafts & Coffee
Monday October 16 at 1:30 PM (in-person)
Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) For October we will meet on the Third Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more. Space is limited. Register Online.

Lunch & Learn: Harry Houdini A Magician Among The Spirits
Thursday October 28 at 12:30 PM
Registration required, begins Sep 28.
When we think of Harry Houdini, we tend to think of a man loaded with chains who escapes from straight jackets, locked safes, or boxes sealed with padlocks. But in his last years, Houdini was known for exposing fraudulent mediums and spiritualists. After his death, his wife spent 10 years trying to contact him from beyond the grave via a secret code they had agreed upon. Join lecturer Barry Pirro as he explores the fascinating life and career of Harry Houdini. Presented by Barry Pirro, Paranormal Investigator.
Barry Pirro encourages audience members to share their own true ghost stories in his lectures,

(especially in October!). If you have a spooky story, come prepared to share

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All programs are free. Visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org to register and for more information.

SPECIAL PROGAMS

Medicare Basics
Friday, October 13 4:30-5:45pm
Medicare insurance specialist Robert Quinlan will discuss the basics of Medicare supplement insurance plans, Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans, and Medicare subscription (Part D) drug plans.

Crafterday: Vintage Halloween Papercraft Wall Hanging
Saturday, October 14 12:00-1:00pm
Local crafter and artist Michelle Mead will teach how to make a spooky-fun vintage Halloween papercraft wall hanging. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. For everyone age 15 and up.

"Madams, Mobsters and Murders in the Hudson Valley"
Monday, October 16 6:30-8:00pm
Local author and historian Anthony Musso will discuss his newest book, "Madams, Mobsters and Murders in the Hudson Valley" - a true reflection of the history of the darker side of life in our region that's known for its beauty, peacefulness and quiet way of life. Signed copies will be available to purchase, with a portion of the sales donated to the library.

The Great Give Back

Saturday, October 21 10:00am-2:00pm
During October, we are taking part in The Great Give Back - a day for patrons of NY State Public Libraries to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. From October 2 until October 21, we will collect toiletries in our lobby whenever we are open. And on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00am-2:00pm, we invite everyone to come in and assemble the donated items into personal care packages for the clients of Hudson River Housing - a local organization that strives to end homelessness by developing and preserving affordable housing and creating opportunities for people to thrive. No registration is required and participation is not limited to residents.

A Ghost Hunter's Favorite Cases

Wednesday, October 25 6:00-7:30pm
Paranormal investigator Barry Pirro will discuss some of his most chilling cases of ghosts, demons, and haunted objects, in a program featuring real ghost voices recorded during ghost investigations, and an amazing video of a ghost captured on film.

Halloween Family Interactive Movie Night: "Hocus Pocus 2" (2022, rated PG)
Friday, October 27 6:00-8:00pm
Don't just watch the movie, be a part of it! Join us to celebrate Halloween with this audience-participation showing of "Hocus Pocus 2." Dressing in costume is encouraged. We'll provide the props, prompt sheets, and snacks! Children under 13 must have an adult with them.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE BE ADVISED the Milan Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on October 4, 2023 at 10:30 am to receive the supervisor's 2024 Tentative Town of Milan Budget. Said meeting will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By order of the Town Board
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
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LEGAL NOTICE EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pursuant to New York State Town Law Article 11 Section 181-3a "Annual Budget and Levy of Taxes", **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **East Clinton Fire District** will hold a public hearing relative to the **2024 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, October 17, 2023** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the East Clinton Fire District firehouse located at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. A copy of the budget is available for inspection with the Fire District Secretary and the Town of Clinton Town Clerk and is posted on the East Clinton Fire District website.

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LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Hyde Park Library District in the Town of Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, upon receipt of a petition of registered voters of that portion of the Town excluding the Staatsburg and Hillside Fire Districts, does hereby give notice that a Public Election will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Hyde Park Library, 2 Main Street, Hyde Park, New York. The issues to be presented in this election are as follows:
a. WHETHER the Budget proposed by the Board of Trustees shall be approved. Copies of the Budget are available upon request at the Hyde Park Library, and
b. ELECTION of three (3) Trustees to the Board.
By:
Tatiana Rhinevault
Election Chairperson
Hyde Park Library District

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

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

Sets
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.
□ • 1 thru 3
□ ▲ 4 thru 7
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Suguru solution

1	2	4	3	2	1
3	5	1	5	4	5
4	2	4	3	1	2
1	3	1	2	4	3
2	5	4	3	5	1
4	3	2	1	2	3

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BUTTE	OISE	DARE
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Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 12)

SUDOKU
This week's answer

7	4	8	6	9	2	1	5	3
5	9	1	3	4	7	8	6	2
2	6	3	8	5	1	4	9	7
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9	7	6	4	8	5	3	2	1
1	5	4	2	3	6	7	8	9
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Come to compete or just bring your appetite, watch the expert judging, and taste the sweet masterpieces! The Friends of the Staatsburg Library is excited to bring back this fun-for-all-ages celebration of baking and books.

Consider five categories: Pies & Tarts, Cakes & Cupcakes, Cookies, Gluten

Free, and Unique Desserts. Select one of three competitive divisions: junior (6 to 12 years), teen (13 to 16 years), and adult (17 and older).

Judges will evaluate entries based on taste, presentation, and creativity. Enter one or more categories for \$5 per entry. For cupcakes and cookies 1 entry equals 1 dozen.

Buy refreshments and chances to win fantastic raffles, too.

Registration is at 1 p.m., followed by judging at 2 p.m. and a bake sale at 3 p.m. Treats are \$1 each. For more details, visit staatsburglibrary.org.



Above and left: Two entries in a previous Staatsburg Baking Competition. *Courtesy photos*

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