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Get Your Property in Summer Shape with Dave's Tree Service

By Joe Doran
With summer in full bloom across Northern Dutchess and Ulster counties, property owners face a distinct set of land management and safety needs. From maintaining the health of centuries-old natural canopies to clearing residential lots for new construction, the work required to keep local properties safe and functional can shift dramatically this time of year.

Residents looking to protect their homes and maximize their outdoor spaces rely on Dave's Tree Service for a comprehensive suite of seasonal services designed to prevent property damage, improve tree health, and solve difficult land-clearing challenges.

Owner Dave Hughes, whose company operates from a central facility on Arborist Way in Rhinebeck and a long-standing presence in Kingston, notes that the warmer months are prime time for high-benefit preventative care. By addressing structural weaknesses, soil nutrition, and potential safety hazards now,



Dave Hughes and daughter, Ella

he says homeowners can avoid costly emergency situations later in the season.

The Practical Benefits of Preventative Tree Care and Feeding

Sought-after spring and early summer services generally focus on preservation and safety, says Dave. For the average homeowner, as well as the managers of estates along River

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Hillsdale Presents the Second Annual Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park

Rooted Voyageurs Bring AS YOU LIKE IT to Hillsdale on July 18 Featuring a Special Pre-Show Performance by Garrin Benfield

The Town of Hillsdale is pleased to announce the return of **Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park**, now in its second year, featuring **The Rooted Voyageurs'** acclaimed outdoor production of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" on **Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in Hillsdale's Hamlet Park, at the intersection of State Routes 22 and 23.

Before the performance, audiences will enjoy a special pre-show set by Columbia County musician **Garrin Benfield**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** Based in Brooklyn and Hillsdale, singer-songwriter Garrin has released



Rooted Voyageurs in a 2025 Shakespeare production in Hillsdale's Hamlet Park

five full-length albums and has been touring nationally since 2000. Garrin first gained notice in the LGBTQ community for his stark tribute to Mathew Shepard, "What You're Hiding." Playing his original songs and eclectic covers, Garrin is also known for his vocal range and dexterity on guitar.

Presented free of charge, Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park reflects Hillsdale's commitment to creating opportunities for residents and visitors to gather and enjoy public spaces as outlined in the town's Project for Public Spaces Plan, which was adopted into the town's comprehensive plan.

"Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park was a great experience for all last year," said Town Supervisor Michael Dvorchak. "We're excited to welcome the amazing Rooted Voyageurs back for a second year and to showcase the talents of Garrin Benfield before the performance. This event highlights the important role that arts and culture play in

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Rhinebeck Lodge #432 to Dedicate Veterans Support Benches at Montgomery Post #429 American Legion

The brothers of Rhinebeck Lodge #432 Free and Accepted Masons have purchased and installed two benches at Montgomery Post #429 American Legion in Rhinebeck, New York, as part of a statewide Masonic effort supporting the mission of the Battle Within Foundation.

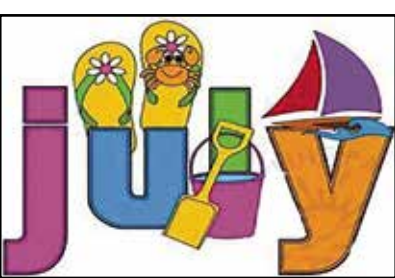
The following businesses helped make this project a success by donating materials and/or their time. The Lodge thanks Williams Lumber, Inc., EHGC, LLC., John D. von der Lieth and Sons, Inc., Matthew von der Lieth, and Top-Quality Property Maintenance.

A formal dedication ceremony for the benches will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Montgomery Post #429, located at 6361 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, New York 12572. Community members, veterans, local officials, and members of the Masonic fraternity are invited to attend.

The benches are intended to provide a place for reflection, remembrance, and conversation while helping raise awareness of the challenges faced by veterans and others who may be struggling with the invisible wounds of service. Similar Masonic bench projects across New York have supported suicide awareness and crisis-prevention efforts, including visible reminders that help is available through resources such as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

These benches represent more than a place to sit, they stand as a reminder that no veteran, service member, family member, or neighbor should ever feel alone. The brothers of Rhinebeck Lodge are honored to support the Battle Within Foundation's mission and to place these benches at Montgomery Post #429, a location deeply connected to service, fellowship, and community.

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ART GALLERY 71 PRESENTS "FILM PHOTOGRAPHY" New Looks Featuring Old Techniques By BILL JACOBS

Showing July 10th- August 2nd
Opening Reception Saturday, July 18th, 4-6pm

I am a self-taught photographer who has been shooting film for over 55 years. Initially, I shot using black & white film and printed it myself. Today I mainly shoot color film and use black and white if I plan to hand-tint the image. My exhibition will be mainly still lifes shot through a special glass to give them a painterly look, along with hand-tinted black & white photos.

See more of Bill's work: Website:

billjacobsphotography.com

Opening Reception: Saturday, July 18th, 4-6pm

Rhinebeck Arts Walk:

Saturday, July 18th



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Tivoli Artists Gallery Presents "Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies"

Tivoli Artists Gallery (TAG) is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition, "Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies," curated by Linda Cassidy. The exhibition will run from July 3 through August 2, 2026, with an Opening Reception on Sunday July 5, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

"Duets, Trios & Quartets" invites viewers to consider the power of the series. By moving beyond the standalone piece, the exhibition explores the dialogue that emerges when an artist creates groups of related works.

The show features a diverse range of works by gallery members across all mediums, styles, and sizes—from intimate visual duets to expansive four-part quartets. Curated with an eye toward these close harmonies, the exhibition highlights the rhythmic and structural relationships that can bind art together in resonant sequencing.

Event Highlights:

Opening Reception:

Sunday, July 5, 3-6 pm.

Location:

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli, NY.

Exhibition Dates: July 3 – August 2, 2026.

Gallery Hours:

Fridays 5:00–8:30 PM,

Saturdays 12:00–8:00 PM, and

Sundays 11:00 AM–5:00 PM.



Yellow on Sienna, Linda Cassidy, mixed media on canvas, 24 x 30 in



Yellow on Blue, Linda Cassidy, mixed media on canvas, 24 x 30 in

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OUR FLAG

By Patricia A Fleming
 She waves for my attention,
 So free upon the breeze.
 The sun reflects her stars and stripes,
 As proud as she can be.
 She tells a tale of people lost,
 Who came to find their way
 And carried on through every loss,
 To bring us here today.
 She reminds me of the brave
 who fought
 To keep our country strong
 And shouts at me of victories
 To right egregious wrongs.
 She whispers to our children
 Of all this country has to give
 And begs that they stand up for her
 And give thanks for how they live.
 She cries to me of apathy,
 Of prejudice and hate,
 Of disrespect for what she stands,
 And a Constitution we forsake.
 She demands that I acknowledge her
 And what she means to me

And dares me to imagine life
 If she should cease to be.
 And still in Glory she unfurls
 And gives me hope again
 For a people reunited,
 And a country on the mend.
 So each time I see her wave at me,
 I'll stop and gaze above
 And take a moment to respect
 This country that I love.



The Month Of July

By Catherine Pulsifer
 July, how we adore thee,
 A month of warm and sunny glee.
 With thirty-one days in your keep,
 We wish for more time to play and sleep.
 Cool ocean waves and sparkling sands,
 Barbecue grills and ice cream stands.
 Yet fleeting are your precious hours,
 We savor them like summer flowers.
 Oh July, please slow your pace,
 And let us bask in your warm embrace.

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The Battle Within Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring service members and veterans while raising awareness of post-traumatic stress, depression, and suicide prevention. The statewide Masonic bench initiative reflects the fraternity's continued commitment to service, compassion, and support for those who have served the nation.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026
 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Montgomery Post #429 American Legion
 6361 Mill Street
 Rhinebeck, New York 12572

About Rhinebeck Lodge #432 Free and Accepted Masons
 Rhinebeck Lodge #432 Free and Accepted Masons is part of the long-standing Masonic tradition of brotherhood, charity, and community service. Through local projects and partnerships, the Lodge works to support meaningful causes and strengthen the communities it serves.

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bringing our community together while demonstrating the value of investing in public spaces like Hamlet Park.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and

picnic dinners to enjoy during the performance. Admission is free and open to the public.

Directed by Rooted Voyageurs Artistic Director and Co-Founder Devante Owens, "As You Like It" transports audiences to the idyllic Forest of Arden, where exile gives way to adventure, mistaken identities, romance and self-discovery. Filled with wit, warmth, disguises and unforgettable characters, Shakespeare's beloved comedy celebrates the beauty of nature, the transformative power of friendship, and the joy of finding one's true self.

The Rooted Voyageurs' family-friendly, fast-paced adaptation runs approximately 75 minutes and is designed to make Shakespeare accessible and enjoyable for audiences of all ages.

Founded in 2022 by Devante Owens and Zoe Wohlfeld, The Rooted Voyageurs are dedicated to bringing free, donation-based theater to communities throughout Columbia County, N.Y, and Berkshire County, Mass. Their mission is to celebrate community through live performance that is accessible to everyone.

Event Details

Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park: As You Like It

Saturday, July 18, 2026
 Garrin Benfield Pre-Show
 Performance: 5:30 p.m.
 Performance Begins: 6:00 p.m.
 Hamlet Park, at the intersection of State Routes 22 and 23

Hillsdale, New York
About Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park
 Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park is an annual Town of Hillsdale cultural program that brings free professional theater performances to Hamlet Park, creating opportunities for community engagement, artistic expression, and economic vitality in the Hillsdale Hamlet.

Old Dutch Village Garden Club Beautifies Our Community with Plant Sale and More!

By Nancy Bendiner and Felice Gelman

With the help of many generous donations from local gardens and much hard work from garden club members, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club (ODVGC) held its annual plant sale on May 16. What a stunning success, with over 1200 perennials and shrubs sold to help beautify our local yards and community. The line of buyers stretched around the sale area for hundreds of feet. Then the yellow tape was lifted, signaling the start of the sale.

What helped make this sale and all our sales special are the donations of the sale plants from local gardens. The plants are almost all perennials acclimated to our local weather and conditions. Also those who donate have a chance to beautify their yards by

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creating space for new species and by removing plants that have spread beyond their allotted space. Many buyers at the plant sale excitedly spoke about how they would use their new plants in their home landscapes.

Huge thanks to Linda Lawson, the master organizer of the sale, her husband Rich whose help was invaluable at all stages, and to all those who gave their time and energy to this fun and worthwhile project.

Learning opportunities for ODVGC members come at every meeting. Recently speakers have covered a wide range of subjects including how to prune shrubs, gardening best practices for baby boomers, and a June 11 presentation by Thomas Johnson about monarch butterflies. The July meeting will be our annual picnic, with a raffle of gardening related objects and, in the fall, crafting with garden materials.



We hope you saw our decorations at the Four Corners highlighting Fall with materials donated by local farmers. ODVGC finds community projects to beautify and represent our community. You are invited to visit ODVGC's Memorial Garden, just north of the Veteran's Memorial, near to and across the street from CVS in Red Hook. Sit awhile, and enjoy the flowers! In the holiday season, the garden will be festively decorated and lighted.

ODVGC meets at 12:30 pm, St. John's Reformed Church, Upper Red Hook, usually on the second Thursday of each month except August. Our meetings are open to the public. If you would like to learn, enjoy fellowship, and take part in some community activities, join us. Follow our Facebook page for details and dates of our activities. Have a great summer in your garden!

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ACROSS

- 1) Make scholarly revisions
- 6) Fan part
- 11) Mongrel
- 14) San ___ (California city)
- 15) "Nevermore" speaker
- 16) Gene material, briefly
- 17) Testy garden flowers?
- 19) Wood-shaving tool (var.)
- 20) Fuss
- 21) Came in first
- 22) Feed lines to
- 23) Inept
- 27) Followed obsessively
- 29) "Close Encounters" craft
- 30) Nevada's second-largest city
- 32) Keystone State port
- 33) Chop, as tree limbs
- 34) Follows recipe directions
- 36) Guessed wrong, e.g.
- 39) Artist's apartment
- 41) Cook, as crabs
- 43) Not quite closed, doorwise
- 44) Brew, in a teapot
- 46) Deep sleep
- 48) Title of respect, abroad
- 49) Customer come-on
- 51) Effervescent beverage
- 52) Shed tears
- 53) Private's privy
- 56) Abolishes or cancels
- 58) Jackie O's spouse
- 59) Org. quoted on toothpaste tubes
- 60) "Go team!"
- 61) Carving mo. in the U.S.
- 62) Laughing very hard, in slang
- 68) Does in a bloc
- 69) Disclose
- 70) Commit character assassination?
- 71) Minceo of old Hollywood
- 72) More than a third of "Mississippi"
- 73) Roomy vehicle

DOWN

- 1) Bad ___, Germany
- 2) Dog's best friend?
- 3) Flier's concern, for short
- 4) Country bordering Tibet
- 5) Walks unsteadily
- 6) Grille cover
- 7) Hang back
- 8) Declares openly
- 9) De musical sign?
- 10) Catch in a trap
- 11) First-rate
- 12) Type of influence
- 13) Brought down the house
- 18) Red colors used by painters
- 23) Ships' bottoms
- 24) Underway, as a game
- 25) Musical extravaganza
- 26) Agitated states
- 28) Italian cash, once
- 31) Cookies with three parts
- 35) It's a matter of taste
- 37) Tidal bore
- 38) Mule-drawn vehicles
- 40) Kind of drop
- 42) Up-to-date
- 45) Easily bent
- 47) Wrecks havoc on
- 50) Provides with a trait
- 53) Turner and Cantrell
- 54) Free bakery treat?
- 55) 90-degree headings
- 57) Midwest airport
- 63) Little piggie, for one
- 64) Write-___ (some vote-getters)
- 65) ___ about (wander)
- 66) "Anytown, ___"
- 67) Midmorning hour

TAKE A BREAK By Timothy E. Parker

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Claverack Free Library Announces 2026 Summer Reading Program and Summer Events Calendar

Dinosaurs, Science, Story Times, Reading Challenges, and Family Fun All Summer Long

The Claverack Free Library invites children and families to **Dig Into Reading** this summer with an exciting lineup of reading challenges, weekly programs, and special educational events running from **June 24 through August 15, 2026.**

This year's Summer Reading Program encourages children from **preschool through sixth grade** to discover the joy of reading while participating in hands-on activities, earning prizes, and exploring a summer full of learning and adventure.

Summer Reading Registration
Families may register for the Summer Reading Program and Summer Reading Challenge by visiting the library anytime

between **June 22 and July 2.** As part of the registration process, children will have the opportunity to **adopt a dinosaur egg** to decorate and create a habitat. Two weeks later, participants help their egg "hatch" and discover which dinosaur pet they have adopted. Supplies are limited, and early registration is encouraged.

Summer Reading Challenge
Participants are challenged to read at least **20 minutes each day for 5 days a week for 7 weeks** throughout the summer.

Readers may visit the library each week to redeem their reading minutes and earn **Jibbitz™ charms** (limit two charms per week). Children who complete all seven weeks of the challenge will receive a special prize. Additional prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the summer program before Labor Day weekend.

Weekly Programs
The library will offer free recurring programs throughout the summer:
Tuesdays – Toddler/Preschool Story Hour
10:00 a.m.

Stories, crafts, music, and activities designed for young children and their caregivers.

Wednesdays – Battle of the Books Practice Sessions
6:00 p.m.

Open to students entering grades 5 through 11 who are preparing for regional Battle of the Books competitions.

Thursdays – Baby & Me Story Time
11:00 a.m.

Interactive stories, songs, and enrichment activities for babies and their caregivers.

Fridays – Musical Story Time
10:00 a.m.

Local musician Abby Lappen leads an engaging program featuring live music, creative storytelling, movement, and fun.

Special Saturday Events

In addition to weekly programming, the library will host a variety of enrichment activities for elementary and middle school aged students:

July 11 – The Art of Soil with Leanna O'Grady
12:00 p.m.

Join Mud Creek ELC to learn about the importance and the beauty of soil (aka dirt). After digging into the wonders of soil, we will make soil paintings!

July 18 – Discovery Museum: Dinosaurs
12:00 p.m.

Travel back in time through fossils, hands-on activities, and interactive discoveries about the world of dinosaurs.

July 25 – Mohonk Preserve: Hands-On Archeology
12:00 p.m.

Learn about authentic Indigenous artifacts discovered in the Hudson Valley and gain insight into archaeological research.

August 1 – Archeology Artifacts for Middle School Through Adult
2:00 p.m.

An exploration of Indigenous artifacts and archaeological discoveries geared toward older students and adults.

August 8 – Cooperative Extension Summer Fun
12:00 p.m.

A hands-on science experience featuring experiments, observations, measurements, and scientific exploration.

August 15 – Cooperative Extension Summer Fun Part 2
12:00 p.m.

Continue the scientific adventure with additional experiments and discoveries.

Building a Community of Readers

The Summer Reading Program is designed to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer months while providing opportunities for creativity, exploration, and community connection. Through books, science, music, storytelling, and hands-on learning experiences, the Claverack Free Library aims to make reading an exciting part of every child's summer.

All programs are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit claveracklibrary.org, call **518-851-7120**, or stop

by the library at **9 Route 9H, Claverack, NY 12513.**

About the Claverack Free Library

Founded in 1829, the Claverack Free Library serves as a center for lifelong learning, literacy, culture, and community engagement. The library provides free access to information, educational programming, and enrichment opportunities for residents of all ages throughout Columbia County and beyond.



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God's Corner

How Do We Pray for Our Country?

By Naomi Fata

The semi-quincentennial anniversary of our nation is a time to give thanks for the freedoms we have, but also a time for prayer. Regardless of your feelings about those in leadership over our country, the public policies, or the economic stability of the United States, our faith is a vital part of the present and future history.

God gives clear instructions about praying for one's country in 2 Chronicles 7:14 saying, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

The future of our country starts with us. We are to humble ourselves, pray, and turn to God. As we correct the state of our own hearts toward God, then we can also pray for our leaders and nation.

It is easy to fall into praying for change in others that would benefit ourselves or align with our own point of view. Rather than praying for what we think we want, look to Scripture for God's perfect will. Consider praying for: The fear of the Lord: Proverbs 9:10 "Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment." In this passage, the word 'fear' in the original Hebrew language means 'reverence.'

Suggested Prayer: God, please give the leaders of our country a reverence and knowledge of you that will result in good decisions. To Listen Well: James 1:19b-20 "You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires." So many conflicts, both in our personal lives and in positions of power, can rapidly develop when listening does not occur.

Suggested Prayer: God, please help the leaders of our country and government be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Untiring in Doing Good: Galatians 6:9 "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Many in

public office start off with campaigns that sound promising, but they may not keep these promises because of pressure to follow the crowd. It takes effort to go against the current and be successful in change.

Suggested Prayer: God, please help our leaders to stay focused on the good work that You have for them in office. May you give them the strength and energy they need to continue to make godly decisions. Love for God: Matthew 22:37 "Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'" Reverence for God is one thing, but a love for God brings us into a deep relationship with Him.

Suggested Prayer: God, may the leaders of our country love You with all their heart, soul, and mind. As we humble ourselves and pray, let us believe for our country that God will hear our prayers and heal our land. Naomi Fata is the author of the award-winning book, *Stitching Your Story Piece by Piece*, available on Amazon.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

On July 4, 2026 the United States of America will celebrate 250 years as a free nation. The Declaration of Independence was signed by fifty-six men which declared our Freedom from Great Britain. In order to secure our freedom as the new independent nation the Revolutionary War was fought. Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus came from Heaven and was born of Mary the Virgin in Bethlehem. He came in order to provide freedom from our sins so that anyone that calls upon Jesus' name can be saved and set free.

THE PERSON OF FREEDOM

The Person of Freedom is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is Perfect God-Perfect Man. He came to this Earth for the purpose to give His life a ransom sacrifice for our sins. Jesus lived a perfect life, spoke with authority, did many mighty works and miracles, and had compassion on people in need. Then at about the age of thirty-three He gave his life on the Cross for our sins to provide salvation as a free gift of God's grace. The Apostle Paul wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). Jesus came into the world to save sinners. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). The Bible declares that everyone has sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23). Jesus came as the Lamb of God to provide salvation to all that believe on and receive Him as their Lord and Savior. John the Baptist said, "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b)

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

In order for the price to be paid for sin the Perfect Lamb of God needed to lay His life down so that we could be saved. In order for that to happen Jesus needed to be the perfect spotless Lamb of God. Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. He was perfect, is perfect, and will always be perfect. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). In order for the price of sin to be paid a perfect sacrifice was required. It wasn't the result of a sacrifice of money or by other corruptible things, but by the perfect Lamb of God. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18,19). The Lord Jesus laid His life down willingly on the Cross as the payment for our sins. On the third day the Lord Jesus rose bodily over death and the grave and is declared to be the Son of God with power (Romans 1:4).

THE PROVISION OF FREEDOM

Since the price has been paid for sin the provision is made so that whosoever calls up on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Salvation is available to whosoever calls upon the name of Jesus. There is no other name or way to be saved in order to become a Christian. Salvation is not by any religious group or by some other name, but salvation is only in Christ and in Christ alone. He has provided the means by which a person may be saved. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). If you haven't called upon the name of Jesus to be saved I encourage you to do so now. Salvation has been paid for by Jesus by giving His life willingly on the Cross. The provision of salvation is offered to us. It is a free gift of God's grace, but in order to receive the provision of salvation the person must repent of their sins and believe on and receive Jesus into their life.

THE RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE OF FREEDOM

When a person becomes a true Christian they need to stand fast in the freedom that they enjoy. They must be careful that they don't get

wrapped up into the affairs of this life or in the dangerous religious teachings by false prophets and religious organizations. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1). While the Believer is set free in Christ and enjoys being saved, they have the responsibility and privilege of sharing their liberty with others. When there is genuine freedom also will come the responsibility to live in freedom. True freedom requires the Believer to share their freedom with others and to serve one another with a heart of love "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion for the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

If you have never accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior and Lord I urge you to do so now. Remember the price for your salvation has been paid. Now is the time to receive the gift of God's grace into your life. "(For he saith, I have heard thee in time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

If you would like to know more about our Freedom in Christ and/or how to become a Christian contact us. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is Local Independent Bible Church that holds forth the Word of Life. GBFC is located at the intersection Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 Mile north on Route 9. in Rhinebeck, NY. You can reach us by Email at fdcirone@aol.com or by phone at (845) 876-2122 of (845) 876-6923. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

Skyllkill's Annual Flea Market and Silent Auction

July 8th -Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville - Come to the Skyllkill Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA) annual flea market. Doors open at 10AM and close at 1PM.

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Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the organization's project to carry out necessary structural upgrades to the basement of its historic building. This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$82 million to 132 arts and culture facilities across New York State.

The project will include a new poured concrete floor to replace the existing dirt floor, and replacing the original timber beams with steel structural support beams to preserve and enhance the integrity of the 120-year-old building. "This work is long overdue," says David Maltby, Vice Chair of The Moviehouse Board. "We are extremely grateful to NYSCA. Their support has made it possible for us to continue to preserve and improve The Moviehouse as a key regional arts organization for the community."

"New York's powerful arts and culture sector is a formidable asset," Governor Hochul said. "Our continued investments in museums, theaters and art centers generate incredible returns — sparking innovation, boosting local economies, driving visitors and making us the global epicenter of arts and culture."

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New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "We know that when the arts flourish, communities follow — bringing energy, creating jobs, expanding accessibility, and increasing tourism. This grant program is a critical investment in our creative sector, empowering our creative community and inspiring innovation. Congratulations to all the grantees, we look forward to seeing these diverse projects develop all throughout the state."

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award over \$161 million in FY 2027, serving hundreds of arts organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by

convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch.

For more information on NYSCA, please visit www.arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

People's Place Expands Service Reach into Dutchess County Beginning June 1

People's Place, a nonprofit organization that has served as a vital social safety net in Ulster County for more than 50 years, announced today that beginning June 1, 2026, it will officially expand its service reach to include residents of Dutchess County.

While services will now be available to eligible Dutchess County residents, all programs and operations will continue to be based out of People's Place's long time Kingston location.

For decades, People's Place has worked to combat food insecurity and provide critical support services to individuals and families facing hardship. The expansion reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to meeting the growing needs of the Hudson Valley community during a period of increasing economic uncertainty.

"Families throughout our region are facing rising costs for housing, food, transportation, and healthcare, and many are finding it harder than ever to make ends meet," said Christine Hein, Executive Director at People's Place. "Expanding our service reach into Dutchess County is an important step in ensuring that more people have access to nutritious food, compassionate support, and the resources they need during these challenging economic times. No one should have to choose between paying bills and feeding their family. While our services will continue to operate from our Kingston home, we recognize that need does not stop at county lines, and we are committed to helping as many neighbors as possible."

The expansion will allow People's Place to extend access to food assistance and other supportive services to a broader population across the Mid-Hudson region. The organization

has seen increased demand in recent years as inflation, economic instability, and shifting federal support programs continue to place pressure on working families, seniors, and vulnerable populations.

"As Board President of People's Place, I am proud to support the expansion of our services into Dutchess County. Every individual and family deserves access to compassionate support, essential resources, and opportunities to thrive. This expansion reflects our continued commitment to meeting people where they are and strengthening the communities we serve together." – Crystal Jacob, People's Place Board President

Founded more than five decades ago, People's Place has remained dedicated to addressing immediate needs while fostering dignity, stability, and hope for neighbors in crisis. MISSON STATEMENT People's Place is a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding, clothing, and responding to the essential needs of individuals and families in Ulster County with kindness, compassion, and respect for human dignity. For more information about this expansion and the organization's full range of programs and services, visit [People's Place](http://People'sPlaceKingston.com) or [facebook.com/PeoplesPlaceKingston](https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesPlaceKingston)

Music on the Portico A Free Series of Three Eclectic Musical Offerings

At Staatsburgh State Historic Site Reveal in the sounds of a Gilded

Age summer on the grand portico of Staatsburgh State Historic Site, the country home of Ruth and Ogden Mills. The music series, sponsored by The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh, will be held on June 27 (rain date of June 28), July 18 (no rain date), and August 8 (rain date of August 9) and is free to the public. Each concert is one-hour in length and starts at 4:00PM. Come early to visit the gift shop, tour the mansion by reservation, and enjoy a picnic or hike as you take in the splendid views of the Hudson from Mills Memorial State Park. Seating on the portico is on a first-come basis and is accessible. Guests are also welcome to bring a blanket or chair for lawn seating – no reservations required. Please check social media or call (845) 889-8851 for weather cancellations.

On June 27, Bennett Harris Ragtime Blues Acoustic Guitar Duo performs ragtime tunes that were popularized during the Gilded Age. On July 18, celebrate our country's 250th birthday with patriotic music performed by the Hyde Park Chamber Ensemble's Woodwind Quintet. On August 8, international chanteuse, Elaine Rachlin, evokes the Gilded Age's penchant for European, and French culture, with her repertoire of songs sung in their original language.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours by reservation, Thursdays through Sundays. To attend a mansion tour, please make advance reservations on www.

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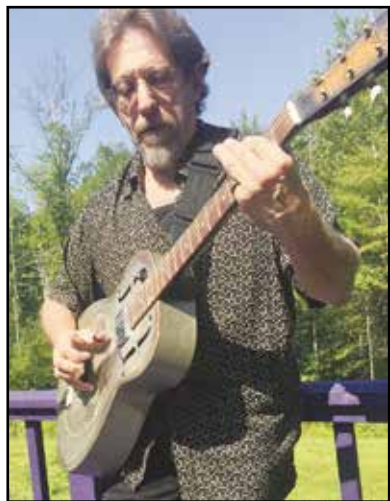
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Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS; admission is charged upon arrival.

Staatsburgh's 79-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River is in the hamlet of Staatsburg, between Hyde Park and Rhinebeck. A time capsule of the Gilded Age, Staatsburgh retains its original furnishings and opulent décor. The historic estate grounds surrounding the mansion, now Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial



Elaine Rachlin



Bennett Harris

State Park, offer scenic walking paths as well as woodland trails.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh's websites at, <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>, www.Facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS, and www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com. Staatsburgh's events are also listed at parks.ny.gov.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, and welcomes over 80 million visitors annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free [NY State Parks Explorer app](#) or call 518.474.0456. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) (formerly Twitter), the [OPRHP Blog](#) or via the [OPRHP Newsroom](#).

Auditions scheduled for the area's premier murder mystery dinner theater company.

Murder Café Entertainment Group, now in its 28th season, will be holding auditions for

a series of productions that will be staged at major venues between August and October of this year. A range of roles are available for both male and female participants, ages 21+. All positions are paid, and include dinner. It is recommended that actors live in the mid-Hudson Valley area of New York State and have reliable transportation.

On Wednesday, August 19th Murder Café will be producing a *Vaudeville Show* at Mohonk Mountain House. This family-friendly variety show will feature acts that include comedy, music, magic, puppetry, juggling and whatever else actors can bring to it. On October 2nd, 3rd and 4th Murder Café will be staging *Tales from the Underground* in the Widow Jane Mine in Rosendale, New York. Guests will be greeted by The Night Watchman and he'll introduce four historic characters, each of whom made an impact on local history. All roles are open. Murder Café will return to Mohonk Mountain House on Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st with the following productions: **Forest of Fright:** a guided wagon ride that will be interrupted by five different haunted characters. They will include a mysterious Lady in White, an asylum escapee, a grave robber, the vanishing hitchhiker and a Hudson Valley gnome. **Carnival of Curiosities:** a sideshow of oddities including a fortune teller, spooky conjoined twins, bearded lady, ventriloquist and a Gypsy fortune teller. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, July 14th and Wednesday, July 15th beginning at 6:30 pm at Studio KTM in Red Hook, NY. Contact Frank Marquette at murdercafe.ny@gmail.com or 845-475-7973 to request sides and schedule an audition time.

Columbia County Jewish Festival Returns After Drawing Hundreds in Its First Year

Live Jewish Music, Kosher Food, Family Activities and Local Vendors Return to Hudson's Riverfront

After drawing hundreds of attendees in its first year, the **Columbia County Jewish Festival** is returning for its second year on **Sunday, July 26, from 1:00–3:00 PM** at **Henry Hudson Riverfront Park** in Hudson.

The festival, which brings together residents and visitors of all backgrounds, celebrates Jewish life and culture through music, food, art, family fun and community connection. **Admission is free.** Advance registration through the festival website is strongly encouraged and walk-up registration will also be available at the park.

"We were deeply moved by the incredible response to last year's festival," said Rabbi Mendel Kremer, event organizer and director of **Chabad of Columbia County**. "It showed how

meaningful it is to create a space where people from across the community can come together to celebrate Jewish culture in a warm, joyful and welcoming environment. We are excited to build on that success and make this year's festival even more special."

This year's festival will feature a live concert by **Tali Yess**, bringing a high-energy Jewish music experience with soulful vocals, meaningful lyrics and a dynamic sound for audiences of all ages.

Kosher food will be a major highlight of the festival, with a full menu of freshly prepared favorites available for purchase. Guests can look forward to brisket tacos, loaded pastrami potatoes, schnitzel sandwiches, burgers, pulled beef sandwiches, hot dogs, fries, onion rings and more. **Rita's Italian Ice** will also be onsite with refreshing summer treats for kids and adults.

Families will find plenty to enjoy throughout the afternoon, including a **Kids Fun Zone** with a moon bounce, inflatable slide, face painting, a balloon artist and other activities. Additional highlights include a **family-friendly bubble show** and "**The Art of Jewish Scribing**," a hands-on presentation led by skilled scribe Rabbi Leibel Kremer.

The festival will also feature a **Hudson Valley Marketplace** with local vendors offering unique gifts, handmade items, art, crafts and more.

"This festival is designed to be joyful, welcoming and meaningful for people of all backgrounds," Rabbi Kremer said. "It gives the community a chance to experience Jewish culture in a way that is lively, accessible and memorable."

The Hudson Police Department and New York State

Police will be onsite to support a safe and welcoming environment for all attendees.

Festival organizers are also welcoming local vendors interested in participating, as well as sponsors who would like to support a meaningful community event while connecting with hundreds of local attendees.

EVENT DETAILS:

WHAT: Columbia County Jewish Festival

WHO: Open to residents and visitors of all backgrounds

WHEN: Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

WHERE: Henry Hudson Riverfront Park | 1 Water St, Hudson, NY 12534

ADMISSION: Free; registration required. Advance registration strongly encouraged. Walk-up registration available at the park.

MORE INFO: www.ColumbiaCountyJewishFestival.com | 518-441-9528

ABOUT CHABAD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

Founded in 2023 by Rabbi Mendel Kremer and his wife Rochie, Chabad of Columbia County creates a warm, personal and inviting atmosphere where everyone can feel comfortable embracing, discovering and strengthening their Judaism. The Kremers host a variety of programs including Shabbat services, Jewish holiday celebrations, Torah learning, children's programs, community

events and adult education. Chabad of Columbia County is part of the Chabad movement, the largest Jewish education and outreach network. To learn more, visit www.jewishcolumbiacounty.com

SUMMER READING EVENTS AT THE MILLBROOK LIBRARY

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Dinosaurs Rock!

Saturday, June 27
10:00 - 12:00

Summer reading is here, and the Millbrook Library is starting it off with a prehistoric bang! Join us for an unforgettable morning as Dinosaurs Rock transforms the library into a hands-on dinosaur museum experience perfect for curious kids and families.

Dig up real fossils, including dinosaur bones, shark teeth, and ammonites. Touch and explore genuine prehistoric specimens and life-size replicas. Get up close with the creatures that ruled the Earth millions of years ago through dynamic storytelling, amazing facts, and interactive exhibits that bring the Jurassic era to life.

Dinosaurs Rock will start at 10:00. From 11:00 - 12:00, join us for some dinosaur-themed activities, ice cream, and a

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steel drum performance by Jahiani Roberts sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group. You will also have a chance to pick up your summer reading logs and learn about the upcoming exciting events we have planned!

Two by Two Animal Haven Visit

Tuesday, July 7
10:00 - 11:00am
Two by Two Animal Haven visits the Millbrook Library for a hands-on encounter you won't forget! Meet a kangaroo, friendly goats, a tortoise, a snake, a

bearded dragon, and a cane toad, and learn what makes each one unique.

This is a wonderful opportunity for kids and families to connect with animals they may have never seen in person, ask questions, and discover the wild diversity of life on our planet.

Millbrook Memories Recording Booth

Tuesdays, July 7, 14 & 21, August 4, 11, & 18
Register on the library's calendar at millbrooklibrary.org to book a recording session.

Book a recording session with a loved one at the Millbrook Library and capture their stories for future

generations. You're invited to share your recording as part of the library's Millbrook Memories Oral History Project or keep the recording for your own use. **The Archaeology of New York City's Watershed Communities with Dr. April Beisaw**
Wednesday, July 8
6:00-8:00pm



NYC has clean water because it comes from pure and rural mountains. However, to create the water system, thousands of people lost homes and businesses. Over the last nine years, Dr. April Beisaw, associate professor of Anthropology at Vassar College, and her students have documented the ruins of communities along the watershed.

Dr. April M. Beisaw is a professor of anthropology at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. There she teaches courses in archaeology, forensic anthropology, Native American culture, and museum studies. April's 40 publications include the books *Taking Our Water for the City: The Archaeology of New York City's Watershed Communities* (2023), *The Archaeology of American Protests* (2025), and *Identifying and Interpreting Animal Bones: A Manual* (2013). The Putnam County Historian's Office awarded April with the Local History Publication Award for *Taking Our Water*. April recently served as a US Fulbright Scholar at the Natural History Museum Vienna, Austria. There she began new research on the past, present, and future of wild animals. What ties these projects together is the use of archaeological methods to document the long histories behind contemporary social issues.

Our World in Ten Buildings: Author Talk with Michael Murphy
Thursday, July 16
6:00-8:00pm



Join author and architect Michael Murphy at the Millbrook Library for a reading and signing of his new book *Our World in Ten Buildings: How Architecture Defines Who We Are and How We Live*.

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World in Ten Buildings is a personal and deeply researched look at how the choices we build into our environment reflect and determine the way we think, connect, and live. Author Michael P. Murphy is an architect, educator, and writer, and is the founder and president of AMMA, a design and development collaborative focused on the ways in which space shapes our minds, bodies, and communities. In 2007, he founded the architectural non-profit firm, MASS Design Group, and was CEO until 2022, leading the design of their projects including the Butaro Hospital and The National Memorial

for Peace and Justice to name a few. He is currently the Thomas Ventulett Chair of Architecture at The Georgia Institute of Technology. Originally from Poughkeepsie, New York, he lives in Los Angeles with his wife and children.

This program is brought to you in partnership with Merritt Bookstore. Copies of *Our World in Ten Buildings* will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Film Club: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)
Friday, July 24
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- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 cups ketchup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
In a small bowl, mix the three ingredients for the ketchup mix (ketchup, brown sugar, and Worcestershire sauce) together and set aside.
In a separate large bowl, mix together the ground beef, eggs, dried onions, crushed wheat crackers, shredded cheese, salt and pepper to taste, and half of the ketchup mix.
Press the meat mixture in a loaf pan.
Put the remaining half of the ketchup mix on top of the meatloaf.
Bake the meatloaf for 1 - 1 1/4 hours.



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Inappropriate Urination in Cats

By Julianne Porter

It is no question that cats are complex creatures. If you have had cats in your life, you'll know that they are not always easy to read and can act very differently from one another. This can make living with them a bit tricky, especially when their complexity results in urinating on your carpet or shoes!

Urinating outside of the box, often referred to as "inappropriate urination," can result from a multitude of causes. This can lead to very difficult and tense times as you cannot easily treat the problem if you don't know the cause. Inappropriate urination can be grouped into three potential root causes: litter box avoidance; preference to urinate elsewhere; and an often vague "I don't feel well". The last of the three can be physiological or psychological.

Litter box avoidance means that there is something about the box that the cat does not like. They may also defecate outside of the box for this reason, but not always! This could be caused by the location, the type of box itself (e.g., sides are too tall, covered, not covered, etc.), or the type of litter used. Cats are most likely to prefer the finer, clumping litter that is not strongly scented. Be sure the litter box is not near a source of loud noise (e.g., washer/

dryer, furnace, a busy street, playroom, etc.). Some cats prefer covered boxes, whereas others do not. Be sure the kitty is not getting bullied in or around the box by another cat, dog, or child. Many cats like to use the box in privacy. To accommodate this, be sure you have enough boxes, offer a few types of litter to see which is preferred, and make sure the boxes are in different (and quiet) locations. The "golden rule" for boxes is "n + 1", where "n" is the number of cats you have, plus one more box. So if you have 1 cat, that's 2 boxes. If you have 5 cats, that's 6 boxes! You can also use litter that has an attractant to help draw the cats to it. If your kitty is older, make sure they can easily access the box and get in and out with minimal effort.

A cat's preference for urinating in a location other than their litter box can be tricky and frustrating. There might be nothing particularly wrong with the box, but your cat has decided that they prefer the scent of your shoes or the texture of the couch. This is often observed in cats that mark their territory, too. Marking is distinct from other urination in that it is often a smaller volume of urine and directed onto a vertical surface. This may mean that there is a cat around who is making them anxious. To help remedy this behavior, try to make the preferred spot less desirable, or completely inaccessible, if

possible. Clean the area with enzymatic cleaners to remove the urine odor and make it less likely that they will return there to mark. If feasible, consider placing one of the litter boxes close to the preferred area to encourage its use. If there is another cat around, you might seek advice from your veterinarian or a behaviorist.

Lastly, when a cat is upset for any reason, it can translate into inappropriate urination. It is important to note that it can be either medical or emotional. Other pets in the house, lurking wildlife, or loud noises like nearby construction can be stressful for them. They may be bored or want to watch the birds but are unable to. They may have a urinary tract infection or another medical issue that is causing them discomfort and distress. Because this area encompasses so many possibilities, the treatments and preventative measures will have to be aimed at the specific cause, or causes.

The best way to get to the bottom of this problem is to consult your veterinarian. They can determine or rule out medical issues and then work through the scenarios you are dealing with to identify the cause and come up with a treatment and prevention plan. This might include environmental enrichment, pheromone sprays, consultation with a behaviorist, and possibly some medications and/or supplements.

Cats certainly make a statement with their inappropriate urination and it is up to you, your veterinarian, and possibly a behaviorist to team up to find the solution. For a helpful website, please visit: <https://indoorpet.osu.edu/cats>.

"Every cat that is spayed or neutered helps prevent future unwanted kittens and reduces the number of homeless animals entering shelters," said Ron Perez, President/CEO of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA. "Programs like this are such an important part of addressing pet overpopulation, and at the same time, we help local families access affordable veterinary care. For years this has been and will remain a pillar of our services to the community."

In addition to spay and neuter services, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA offers a variety of other low-cost veterinary services through its clinic programs. Additional vaccinations, testing, and preventive care options may be available at the time of the appointment.

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/ SPCA (CGHS/SPCA)

Has launched a campaign to raise \$40,000 to replace its aging emergency backup generator, a critical piece of equipment that helps ensure the safety and well-being of the animals in its care during power outages and emergencies.

After years of dependable service, the shelter's current generator has reached the end of its operational life. Replacement

parts are no longer available, manufacturer support has ended, and repairs can no longer guarantee reliable operation.

For an organization that provides shelter, medical care, and protection to thousands of animals each year, dependable backup power is not a luxury, but a necessity.

"When the power goes out, the animals in our care still need heat, ventilation, lighting, refrigeration for medications, and access to critical medical equipment," said Ron Perez, President and CEO of CGHS/SPCA. "We may be in the middle of surgery or caring for a critically ill animal when an outage occurs. A dependable generator isn't simply a backup plan. It's an essential part of providing safe, uninterrupted care."

The need for reliable emergency power extends beyond the shelter's daily operations. As a member of the community's Emergency Disaster Management and Response team, the CGHS/SPCA plays an important role in both Columbia and Greene Counties during severe weather events, natural disasters, and other community emergencies that affect animals. Maintaining uninterrupted operations helps ensure the organization remains prepared to assist animals and support emergency response efforts when they are needed most.

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As part of its ongoing commitment to reducing cat overpopulation and preventing unwanted litters, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA is offering a special low-cost spay/neuter program for cats.

For a limited time, cat owners can have their cats spayed or neutered for just \$50 per cat. The package includes the spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, distemper vaccination, ear cleaning, nail trimming, and other routine services typically provided during the procedure.

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Summer Reading Events at the Millbrook Library from page 7

finds himself in search of the Holy Grail and his missing father in this rip-roaring summer adventure starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. (Rated PG-13)

How to Lose a Bird in 100 Years (or less): Cautionary Tales from the Dodo, Passenger Pigeon, Huia, Heath Hen & Carolina Parakeet
Thursday, July 30
6:00-8:00pm

Join George Dante, President and Founder of The Institute for Natural History Arts, and Peter Capainolo, Research Associate in the American Museum of Natural History's Division of Vertebrate Zoology-Ornithology, for a captivating journey through the stories of bird species that once graced our skies but have since vanished forever. Explore the causes behind their extinction—ranging from habitat destruction and overhunting to the introduction of invasive species and climate change, while highlighting the delicate balance of ecosystems they once inhabited.

Through vivid visuals, historical accounts, and scientific insights, this program showcases iconic examples such as the Passenger Pigeon, and Carolina Parakeet, reflecting on the lessons they leave behind, emphasizing the urgent need for conservation to protect today's threatened and endangered birds, and reminding us that the fate of many species still lies in our hands.

Featuring natural history relics from the Elizabethan and

Victorian eras on loan from Sabrina Hansen, conservationist and collector.

Wild & Bright Reptile Show
(Recommended for ages 5+)
Friday, July 31
5:00-6:00pm

Join reptile educator Maureen of Wild & Bright for an exciting and engaging animal program!

This program will feature live, up-close reptile experiences and promote nature conservation by celebrating these often misunderstood creatures. We invite curious folks, animal lovers, and even the brave souls looking to face their fears of reptiles!

Recommended for ages 5+. Children must be supervised by a caretaker during this event.

Film Club: Jurassic Park (1993)
Friday, August 7
6:00-8:00pm

Celebrate Summer Reading with Stephen Spielberg's OG dinosaur movie! On a remote island, a wealthy entrepreneur secretly creates a theme park featuring living dinosaurs drawn from prehistoric DNA. He invites three top scientists and his two eager grandchildren to experience the park before it opens to the public. What could possibly go wrong? (Rated PG-13)

What I Did This Summer: Zine Making with Vaea Dang
(for Teens and Adults, ages 12+)
Wednesday, August 12
6:00-8:00pm

As Millbrook Library's Summer Reading Program comes to a close, join artist Vaea Dang to create a zine inspired by your reading journey. You might map

the places your books took you, illustrate a favorite scene, collect memorable quotes, reflect on where you read this summer, imagine yourself stepping into a story, or explore why certain books stayed with you long after the last page.

Through simple prompts and accessible techniques, you will create a personal keepsake celebrating a summer of reading, imagination, and discovery.

End of Summer Reading Party with Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum

Saturday, August 15
Three sessions with the same content at 11:00am, 11:45am, and 12:30pm

Join the Millbrook Library as we celebrate the end of summer reading with the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum! Step back in time to uncover the world of dinosaurs through fossils, hands-on activities, and interactive discoveries about life long ago. Please register only children who will be attending this event, and be sure to sign up for the session time you want!

Applying to College in 2026-2027 and Not Sure Where to Begin? Start Here
Wednesday, August 19
6:00pm

The Harris & Mead Group, an educational consulting firm with an office in Rhinebeck, invites local students and families to a free, one-hour college admissions program.

Co-founder Slade Mead, a Rhinebeck resident, will guide families through the key components of the college admissions process. Designed

especially for juniors (Class of 2027) and their parents, this session offers clear, practical insight into: building a thoughtful and balanced college list, navigating the Common Application, understanding supplemental essays, requesting teacher recommendations, and more! The evening will conclude with time for audience questions.

Community Supper Club: Picnic in Bennett Park
Wednesday, August 26
6:00-8:00pm

Everyone's invited to a community picnic at Bennett Park. Pack a sandwich or whatever you'd like to eat, invite your friends, and join our neighbors for a lovely evening in good company! We'll gather near the old Greek Theater on the north end of the park.

Please note this is a carry in/carry out event. Please help us leave no trace in our beautiful park.

Craft and School Supply Swap
Saturday, August 29
2:00-4:00pm

Make the new school year and your year-round creative projects more environmentally friendly at the Millbrook Library's Craft and

School Supply Swap! Bring new or gently used craft and school supplies to the Library and swap them for something new to you! Can't make the swap but have supplies to share? Drop donations off at the main circulation desk August 24-28 during regular library hours.

GERMANTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Each year the Germantown Garden Club donates a book to the Germantown Library. President Irene Clum presents Librarian Lynn Place with "We Are the Gardeners" by Joanna Gaines.



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Get Your Property in Summer Shape with Dave's Tree Service from page 1

Road in Barrytown, Rhinecliff, and Hyde Park, the seasonal benefits break down into three main categories: structural reinforcement, canopy pruning, and deep-root feeding.

• Deep-Root Feeding and Injections: Early spring and early summer represent a vital biological window for tree preservation. Dave's Tree Service utilizes specialized nitrogen injections delivered directly into the soil surrounding the root systems. This process ensures the tree has the necessary nutrients available in the ground to feed efficiently throughout the peak growing season before its final natural feeding cycle in the fall.

• Cabling and Bracing: For properties with large, mature, or co-dominant trees, structural cabling is a highly effective preventative measure. By installing high-strength cables to brace heavy limbs or weak crotches, the team structurally supports the tree so it can withstand high-wind events without splitting or dropping massive branches onto nearby structures.

• Canopy Thinning and Deadwood Pruning: Standard maintenance involves thinning out the upper canopies of large trees. This service directly benefits clients by removing heavy deadwood and reducing overall wind resistance. By thinning the branches, wind is able to blow cleanly through the canopy rather than pushing against it like a sail, significantly lowering the risk of a tree blowing over during a sudden storm.

As a certified arborist, Dave also provides professional tree evaluations. This helps homeowners identify hidden hazards—such as internal rot, disease, or compromised root

zones—before they result in property damage or legal liabilities involving neighboring properties.

“Nothing is hurricane-proof,” Dave says, regarding the reality of property management. “You just keep your trees, by all means, but make them as safe as you can”.

Advanced Solutions: Tree Relocation and On-Site Recycling

In addition to standard preservation, the company has introduced some novel services for local property owners.

For clients who have an attachment to a specific tree but are moving to a new property, Dave's Tree Service now offers large-scale tree relocation. Utilizing a 70-inch tree spade, the crew can extract and transport mature trees with trunk diameters ranging from 12 to 14 inches, specializing in species with compact root structures like locusts and black walnuts. This service allows homeowners to bring meaningful plantings with them, rather than leaving them behind.



For clients managing larger home-site developments, driveway construction, or extensive land-clearing projects, the company's recent investment in heavy machinery offers a major environmental and financial benefit. Historically,

disposing of large tree stumps and trunks wider than 20 inches has been a difficult and expensive logistical bottleneck for excavators and developers.

To streamline this process, Dave utilizes a commercial stump shear and a high-capacity tub grinder to recycle heavy wood waste directly on the job site.

“We're chopping them up into pieces and then tub grinding them into natural mulch,” Dave says, explaining how the process works. “The excavators are using them for ground cover and erosion control. So it's something that you used to get rid of is now environmentally friendly and used back on site so it's not causing a problem somewhere else.”

Another service that helps clients enjoy the outdoors with more piece of mind is forestry mowing. The mowers are used to create biking and walking trails on a property. The process grinds up ground cover and brush, and lays down chips. The created paths not only can make for scenic strolls and exercise, but

can reduce the chance of run-ins with ticks. **Navigating Local Weather Trends**

While preventative care and specialized land services comprise the bulk of scheduled daytime operations, Dave notes that emergency response has become an increasingly frequent part of his business model due to shifting local weather patterns.

Based on his decades of experience running

the third-generation business, he says that severe weather events in the Hudson Valley appear to be more frequent and less predictable than in times past.

“My grandfather started the business in 1936. I remember being a kid, seven, eight years old, and my dad and my grandfather would be getting ready for hurricane season in August,” Dave recalls. “Sharpening a couple chainsaws and getting everything ready. And now it seems like every day can be hurricane season. It's not just August anymore. I don't know what that is or what the reason for that is, but the storms are definitely more prevalent. And without a doubt, they're more severe and a lot

more of them, that's for sure”.

That perspective was reinforced during a recent weekend storm system, which Dave noted dropped damaging hail on Hyde Park and resulted in nine or ten



distinct local emergency calls for his crew. In these severe scenarios, the company deploys specialized heavy equipment, including a 45-ton, 147-foot crane and an all-terrain European material handler equipped with a computerized grapple saw.

When handling storm damage, the initial focus is strictly on structural safety rather than immediate site cleanup. Dave explains that his four active crews focus on stabilizing homes as quickly as possible so that general contractors can secure the structures.

“When there's trees through a house, we don't even bother cleaning them up,” Dave says of the emergency protocol. “We just pick them up and set them off the house. Then the contractors can tarp the roofs and get people going again. Then we'll circle back four or five days later and clean everything up. We just run as fast as we can just to get them off houses trying to mobilize as quick as we can”.

A Profile of Local Commitment

The operational capacity of Dave's Tree Service relies heavily on its local infrastructure. The 8,100-square-foot shop built by Dave and his wife, Michele, at 13 Arborist Way in Rhinebeck allows the company to house its crane and truck fleet on the east side of the Hudson River, complementing their original

Kingston office. This dual-location footprint eliminates the need to constantly cross the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, allowing for faster response times to properties throughout Northern Dutchess and Ulster counties.

During local community events and fundraisers, such as those hosted by the Red Hook Fire Department or the American Legion, Hughes frequently provides a custom bucket-truck bounce house for children and sponsors coloring contests judged by his daughter, Ella, where participants can win

new bicycles. The company also handles the installation of the traditional holiday tree lights that line the main streets of downtown Rhinebeck each winter.

“We try to give back as much as possible,” Dave says.

The business itself is a deeply rooted family legacy, established ninety years ago by Hughes's grandfather, David E. Hughes, Sr., who originally cleared local properties using handheld crosscut saws. Dave grew up learning the trade from his father and grandfather.

Today, that legacy includes a strong emphasis on community involvement. The business regularly supports regional causes, including local veterans' organizations, Autism Awareness, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and juvenile diabetes initiatives. And in 2021, Dave received Rhinebeck's annual “Good Egg” award in recognition of his volunteer work and local contributions.

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The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA from page 10

The new generator will provide reliable emergency power for years to come, helping protect animal housing areas, medical equipment, refrigeration systems, communications infrastructure, and other essential services throughout the facility.

“This is one of those projects that most people never see, but its importance cannot be overstated,” Perez said. “When storms strike or power fails, our responsibility to the animals does not stop. We must be ready to provide the same level of care and protection regardless of the circumstances.”

David Harrison, Jr., Director of Emergency Management for Columbia County, commented:

“The Columbia-Greene Humane Society has long been, and will continue to be, a critical partner in our community’s emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts during disasters and other major emergency events throughout the county.

Working closely with Columbia County Emergency Management, the Humane Society helps ensure that the pets of county residents have a safe place to stay, access to adequate food, and necessary veterinary care when families are forced to leave their homes and seek emergency shelter.

I wholeheartedly support this effort and encourage others to do the same. Investing in a backup generator for the Columbia-Greene Humane Society is an investment in the safety, resilience, and well-being of both our residents and their beloved pets.”

To recognize those whose generosity helps make this project possible, donors who contribute \$1,000 or more toward the Generator Replacement Campaign will have their names displayed on a plaque at the shelter.

Community members wishing to support the project may make a donation by mail to CGHS Generator, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY, 12534, through our website at cghs.org, or in person at the shelter. Gifts of all sizes will help ensure that the organization can

continue protecting animals and serving the community during emergencies for years to come.

For more information about the Generator Replacement Campaign, please contact Ron Perez at (518) 828-6044, ext. 108 or ronperez@cghs.org. The CGHS/SPCA is a private, nonprofit organization serving Columbia and Greene Counties.

Germantown Garden Club Prepares for Upcoming Flower Show

The Germantown Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, July 14, at noon in the Hover Meeting Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd. This gathering will feature a special presentation by Accredited Flower Show Judge Barbara Campbell, titled “Designing Arrangements for Flower Shows.”

Ms. Campbell will offer expert tips and creative ideas for crafting award-winning floral designs, with a focus on the club’s highly anticipated upcoming flower show. Attendees will also learn about exhibiting horticultural specimens for the show’s competitive classes.

We invite all members and interested community members to attend and get inspired for the upcoming event. For more information, please call Irene Clum at 518-537-4793.

About This Year’s Flower Show:

Step into nearly a century of tradition at the Germantown Garden Club’s annual Standard Flower Show! This year’s event, themed “Blooming Through History,” promises a vibrant celebration of floral artistry and horticultural excellence. Join us on Saturday, August 22, from 1–4 p.m., and Sunday, August 23, from 1–3 p.m., at the Kellner Community and Activity Building on Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. Marvel at creative flower arrangements, explore educational displays, and discover exceptional horticultural specimens. Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or simply appreciate the beauty of blooms,

this show offers inspiration and enjoyment for all ages.

For more information, please call Irene Clum at 518-537-4793.

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Featuring acoustic music performances by local musicians from the Hudson Valley, Twilight Music at the Walkway outdoor concerts is free and open to the public. Concerts are weather permitting.

- July lineup:**
July 1: Erin Hobson, Soft rock covers
July 8: Elly Wininger, Hudson Valley Folk Guild
July 15: Storm King Skyline, Hudson Valley Folk Guild
July 22: O’Sullivan’s March, Irish music

July 29: Straight-Ahead Jazz Trio, Jazz

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The Church in Staatsburg announces *Artist Books of Loss & Healing*, an exhibition bringing together artist books centered on love, loss, and healing, on view during Upstate Art Weekend June 25–29 and continuing through August 2, 2026. The exhibition features work by over 25 artists working across letterpress and bookbinding, photography and text, drawing and collage, and hand-sewn construction. Lament is one of the most universal and least publicly accommodated of human experiences. And yet artists have always known otherwise — from medieval Books of Hours to contemporary archive works, the making of objects in response to loss is among the oldest and most persistent human impulses. Artist books are particularly well-suited to this work. They unfold in time, like grief itself. They require the reader to participate, to turn pages, to make choices about pace and attention. They can hold contradiction — the beautiful and the devastating, the intimate and the universal — within a single object. And they resist the logic of the monument: they do not insist on permanence or resolution. They simply bear witness. Curators Alison Cornyn and Yolanda Cuomo state, “The works gathered here carry what this territory truly contains — not only sorrow, but tenderness; not only grief, but the love that makes grief possible.”

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Some of these books are elegies. Some are records of survival. Some are acts of protest or documentation. Some are simply the place an artist needed to go, and went. Included are photo books, embroidered books, pop-up books, editioned books, and unique objects. Artists include Enrique Borges, Ann Burke Daly, Linda Duvall, Alex Callendar, Giovanni Cocco, Alison Cornyn, Maureen Cummins, Yolanda Cuomo, Christy Ferrato, Donna Ferrato, Patty Goodwin, Heather Greer, Raj Hariharan, Sandra Harper, Ann Lovett, Tanya Marcuse, Jillian McDonald, Maria Mayer Feng, Michelle A M Miller, Stella Nall, Marianne Petit, Sylvia Plachy, Nina Sobell, Sandra Spilke, Beth Theilen, Cristina Vatielli, Diana Weymar and Susan Wides.

Exhibition Dates:

Upstate Art Weekend: June 25-29, 12:00-6:00 pm daily
 Opening Reception: Saturday, June 27, 4:00-6:00 pm
 Open by appointment and weekends, July through August 2, 12:00-6:00 pm
 Closing Reception: Sunday, August 2, 1:00-4:00 pm
Free Public Programming (all events free and open to all):
TENDER RECORD:
 A Poetry Reading — Friday, June 26, 7:00 pm



The Church Staatsburg Alex Callendar photo credit Womens Studio Workshop



The Church Staatsburg Stella Nall photo credit Womens Studio Workshop



The Church Staatsburg Yolanda Cuomo

THE NOODLE + THE SATELLITE:

An Attention Workshop — Friday, June 26, 1:00-2:00 pm
SOUND WORKS: Embodied Listening — Saturday, June 27, 6:30-7:30 pm
BOOKMAKING: A Workshop — Sunday, June 28, 2:00-4:00 pm

pm (registration required)
Location and Access: The Church in Staatsburg, 5 Market Street, Staatsburg, NY 12580
About The Church in Staatsburg: Now in its third summer, The Church in Staatsburg is an art space dedicated to presenting exhibitions and programming that engage with critical social justice issues through the lens of contemporary art practice. Founded by artist and educator Alison Cornyn in 2023, The Church is located in a historic landmark building dating to 1876 in Staatsburg, NY. www.thechurchstaatsburg.org / [@thechurchstaatsburg](https://www.instagram.com/thechurchstaatsburg)

ART STUDIO VIEWS RETURNS FOR ITS 19TH ANNUAL OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Art lovers, collectors, and curious explorers are invited to experience a weekend of creativity during the 19th annual Art Studio Views tour, September 5-6, 2026, from 11am to 5pm.

During this free, self-guided event, 28 artists across five Hudson Valley communities—Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli—will open the doors to their private studios, offering visitors a rare opportunity to meet the artists, see where they work, and gain insight into the ideas, techniques, and inspiration behind their art.

“For nearly two decades, Art Studio Views has been a celebrated tradition Labor Day weekend in the region,” said Joanna Hess, Director of Art Studio Views. “This event is more than an art tour—it’s an invitation to step inside the creative process, engage directly with artists, and experience the remarkable talent that thrives in our communities. It’s a wonderful way to spend the holiday weekend with family

and friends.” The tour showcases an extraordinary variety of artistic disciplines. Visitors will encounter painters working in oils, acrylics,

watercolor, ink, and encaustic; printmakers; photographers; sculptors; ceramic artists; and mixed-media artists transforming found objects into imaginative works of art.

“Whatever your artistic interests, there is something for everyone,” Hess added. “From functional ceramics with personality to bold contemporary paintings and intricate printmaking, every stop offers a unique creative experience.”

The ASV Class of 2026 (*indicates studios are also open Monday, Labor Day)

Germantown/Clermont: Russ Bogdan: painter; *Marie Cole: painter/printmaker; *Ramah Commanday: wood-fired & stoneware ceramics; Grace Gunning: metal arts; Valerie Shaff: photographer. **Red Hook/Tivoli:** Sean Bowen: painter; Louise Kalin: printmaker/mixed media; Kevin Palfreyman: painter; Linda Palfreyman: encaustic painter. **Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff:** *Gwen Bardon: painter; *Elisabeth Barnett: painter; *Melissa K. Braggins: printmaker/ceramics; *Ted Braggins: printmaker/works on paper; Mark Hopkins: painter; *Linda Lavin: alcohol ink painter; Nansi Lent: painter; Penelope Hyde Levine: ceramics; Adrienne Lobel: painter; Owen McGettrick: sculpture; Wendy Miller: painter; Ann Rhinehart:



Class of 2026



Ramah Commanday, Germantown



Ted Braggins, Rhinebeck
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Vivian Todini, Rhinebeck

painter; Sandra Spilke: painter/printmaker; Diane Stredicke: painter/printmaker; Vivian Todini: painter; *Dean Vallas: painter; **Hyde Park/Staatsburg:** Rose Gennaro: painter; *Tatiana Rhinevault: painter; Margaret Savino: ceramics.

Visitors can also preview participating artists' work through special exhibitions at The Betsy Jacaruso Gallery in Rhinebeck and the Red Hook branch of Ulster Savings Bank. Attendees are encouraged to pre-plan their route by visiting these shows and our website. **Printed maps are also available at our Headquarters: The Artists' Collective of Hyde Park, Art Gallery 71, The Betsy Jacaruso Studio & Gallery, Equis Art Gallery, and Tivoli Artist Gallery.**

Art Studio Views is made possible through the support of local businesses, organizations, and community partners whose commitment to the arts helps keep this event free and accessible to all. The organization extends special thanks to its Platinum and Gold Sponsors: The Henry L. Kimelman Family Foundation, The Loewi-Lemberger Kaplan Charitable Fund, Acadia HR, Corcoran Country Living, Dave's Plumbing & Heating, Law Offices of Karen Tobias, Kathy Schmidt Studio, Luxe Optique, Oki Doki Clary Art Center, Rhinebeck Rotary, and Zulch Tax Consultants.

"Whether you are an avid collector, a practicing artist, or simply looking for an inspiring weekend activity,

Art Studio Views offers a unique opportunity to explore the region's thriving creative community, discover new artists, and experience art where it is made," Hess added. "Admission is free. Families are welcome, but please leave pets at home."

For artist information, maps, sponsor listings, and suggestions for dining and local attractions, visit artstudioviews.com. **ABOUT ART STUDIO VIEWS A Weekend of Creativity: Step Inside the Private Art Studios**

Art lovers, collectors, and curious explorers are invited to experience an inspiring weekend of creativity during Art Studio Views' annual Labor Day Weekend Open Studio Tour. On September 5-6, 28 accomplished artists will open their private studios to the public, offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at the spaces where ideas take shape and art comes to life.

Visitors will have the unique opportunity to meet artists in person, learn about their creative processes, and discover the stories and techniques behind their work. Whether you're a longtime art enthusiast or simply looking for a memorable cultural experience, Art Studio Views offers an engaging journey through the region's vibrant artistic community.

Spanning five picturesque Hudson Valley communities—Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli—Art Studio Views has been connecting artists and audiences for 19 years. The event celebrates local talent, fosters meaningful connections, and invites visitors to experience the rich creative spirit that makes the Hudson Valley such a dynamic cultural destination. ASV is a free event and families are welcome. However, please leave your pets at home.

Maps and brochures are available at our headquarters locations or can be requested by mail. To learn more about participating artists, event locations, our generous sponsors, and additional Art Studio Views programs, visit artstudioviews.com.

Crandell Theatre Selects Nomadland for Next Book-to-Film Club, a Collaboration with Chatham Bookstore and the Chatham Public Library

Get your copy of Nomadland now, and discuss the book and its film adaptation after the August 30 screening at the Crandell!

The popular **Crandell Book-to-Film Club**, launched earlier this year, will return to the Crandell on **August 30 at 4pm** for a screening of the 2020 Academy Award-winning film **Nomadland**, which also won Oscars for director Chloé Zhao and star Frances McDormand. The club blends a community read, a Crandell screening and a thoughtful discussion comparing the book and its film adaptation. It gives community members a unique forum to finally settle the age-old question of which is better, the book or the film.

Jessica Bruder's nonfiction **Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century** reveals the growing "nomad" movement among aging Americans, unable to find work locally, who travel across the country in their RVs looking for their next job. The author spent years traveling the country interviewing more than 50 itinerant workers. Although she exposes the dark realities of

the post-recession economy, she also found among the nomads a profound and meaningful sense of community, resilience, and personal empowerment.

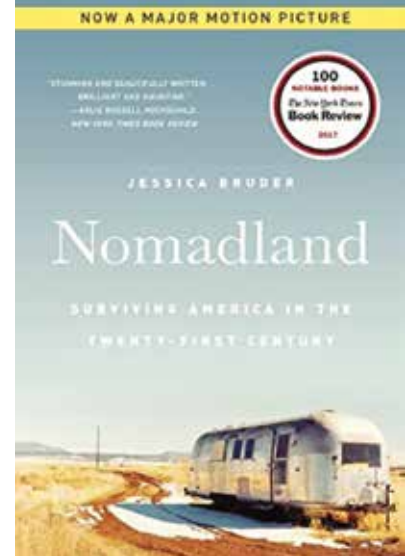
Copies of the book are available for sale now at a 10% discount at the **Chatham Bookstore**, and are also available for loan from the **Chatham Public Library**.

The Oscar-winning film **adaptation of Nomadland** explores what's beyond the perimeters of a dying town, chronicling heartbreak, healing and persistence through some of America's most remote places. Zhao wove the true-life tales Bruder captured in her book into a screenplay with the fictional Fern, played by McDormand, at the center. Zhao also populated the supporting cast with the very same people Bruder profiled.

Directly following the **Sunday, August 30, 4pm** screening, Crandell Board Member and Vice President of Programming, **Calliope Nicholas**, who also serves as FilmColumbia's Festival Director, will lead a discussion of the book and the film. **Tickets:** <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/crandell-book-to-film-club-nomadland/> **About the Crandell**

The Crandell Theatre is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit community cinema in Chatham, NY. It is one of only 54 independent, single-screen movie theaters left in the United States and one of a handful left in the Hudson Valley. The theater is supported by ticket sales and

earned revenue, contributions of members and friends, and private and public grants, including the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Beginning in 2010, Crandell Theatre, Inc., raised more than \$1 million to purchase the historic theater and make needed repairs. In November 2024, the Crandell closed for a \$4.2 million dollar construction project to enhance the moviegoing experience for generations to come. The theater reopened in October 2025. For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518-392-3445.



Nomadland Book Cover



Nomadland Production Still. Searchlight Pictures



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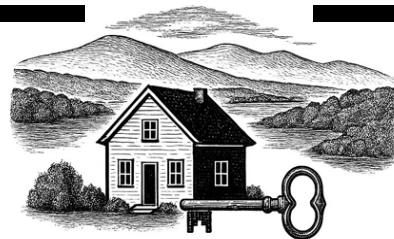
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