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Beaver Stump Grinding, Landscaping and Tree Cutting Now owned and operated by Clayton Pulver

By Lisa Dudley

After 16 years in business, Bob Hilbrandt has sold his Beaver Stump Grinding business to his grandson, Red Hook resident, Clayton Pulver.

In addition to stump grinding, Clayton Pulver, better known as CJ Pulver, has added landscaping and tree cutting to his business. "Landscaping is a natural extension to stump grinding because property needs to be repaired after removing stumps," he explains. "Sometimes, leveling land after stump removal requires excavator machinery." Fortunately, CJ is being mentored by Bob Hilbrandt's son, Glenn Hilbrandt, a well-known local excavator. CJ owns a Bandit 2550 grinder. "It's one of the best stump grinders out there. It's got a window that swings out before you start



Clayton (CJ) Pulver

grinding. It has a 3 foot plow on the front and is equipped with 6 wheels total -- 2 in the front and 2 on each side in the rear where I control the stump grinder."

According to their website, "the Bandit 2550 boasts the power necessary for heavy duty right-of-way clearing jobs, but remains versatile, lightweight and compact enough to tackle those hard-to-reach stumps hidden in the backyard." It runs on diesel and it can easily handle an 8' wide stump. Another feature of this powerful grinder is the size -- it will generally pass through any garden gates and loads easily onto CJ's trailer.

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Independence Day at Staatsburgh State Historic Site Open for Mansion Tours 11:00am-4:00pm Enjoy Free Stewart's Ice Cream and Make a Patriotic Craft from 1:00pm - 3:00pm Friday, July 4, 2025

This Independence Day, come for a tour of the mansion at Staatsburgh State Historic Site, picnic in the park, and stay for a complimentary ice-cold treat, courtesy of Stewart's Shops. The site is open for mansion tours on July 4, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. From 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and while supplies last, visitors to the site can also enjoy a complimentary ice cream cone courtesy of Stewart's Shops, and make a red, white, and blue boutonniere to wear for a star-spangled holiday look. Reservations for mansion tours can be made at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS.



Admission is \$10 per person; \$8 for seniors and students; children ages 12 and younger are free. No reservations are needed for the craft and complimentary ice cream.

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

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours Thursdays through Sundays. To attend a mansion tour, please make advance reservations on www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS; admission is charged upon arrival. Visitors may also enjoy a picnic or stroll by the Hudson River, or a hike along the woodland trails in adjacent Mills Memorial State Park.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State

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Art Gallery 71 presents Riverlight

Hudson River Images by Elisabeth Barnett

Showing July 11th to August 3rd
Reception: Saturday, July 19th, 4-6pm

(presentation on protecting the river at 5:30)
Come in between July 11th and 19th to sign up for 2 free raffle tickets for the Solaris, a solar powered boat run by the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, NY.



Olana - Winter Light, oil on canvas, 20" x 30"

Elisabeth Barnett grew up in New Paltz and then lived in many places before settling in Rhinebeck in 2006. She identifies as a plein air oil painter but also engages other subject matter, aiming for a sweet spot between realism and abstraction. Her painting allows her to deeply connect with the natural world, and to capture images with resonance or beauty. When possible, she paints outdoors but is also happy painting in the studio inspired by photographs. More recently, she is painting flowers and people living their lives. She has shown her work in juried and member galleries and shows throughout the Hudson Valley. The current show highlights the Hudson River with its different nuances and seasons. To see more of Elisabeth's work: Website: www.elisabethbarnett.art Instagram: @elisabethbarnett Art Gallery 71 is an artist owned and operated fine art gallery in the heart of Rhinebeck, New York.

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Can't wait to take some photos with you... See you in October!

Spencertown Academy Arts Center Presents

"Gee's Bend: The Next Generation" Quilts Exhibition July 11 to August 3, 2025

Spencertown Academy Arts Center, in collaboration with Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy, announces "Gee's Bend: The Next Generation" an exhibition of more than 30 quilts, along with talks, workshops, and demonstrations by the celebrated makers, from July 11 through August 3. This is the first time this generation of Gee's Bend quilters have traveled outside of their community in Alabama to present their works in such a major exhibition.

The exhibition will be held in the Spencertown Academy Galleries and the nearby Austerlitz Historical Society Church. There will be six participating quilters: Loretta Pettway Bennett, Stella Mae Pettway, Emma Mooney Pettway, Polly Mooney Middleton. Sharon Ann Williams, and Andrea Pettway Williams. They are third and fourth generation Gee's Bend women who learned the art and techniques from their mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers. There will also be a special appearance by Willie Joe Pettway, son of legacy quilter Lola Pettway, who will exhibit and discuss his late mother's quilts.



Loretta Pettway Bennett / Old Gee's Bend / 74" x 65" / Photo by Stephen Pitkin/Pitkin Studio

"We are so honored to bring this exceptional exhibition to the Hudson Valley," says curator Lisa Bouchard Hoe. "The quilts are beautiful, and the women who make them are a joy to be around, exuding love and strength."

Gee's Bend, Alabama, is a small isolated community tucked into a bend of the Alabama River. Once a plantation, the slaves of Gee's Bend were given the last name of the owner Pettway, and many of the quilters carry that name today.

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The August Edition Of The Hudson River View Will Be In Area Homes On August 6th
The Deadline For Advertising And Press Release Submission Is July 16th

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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.

Independence Day at Staatsburg from page 1

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](#).

General Richard Montgomery House

The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open from 2pm-4pm Saturday July 12, 19 and 26, and August 2, 9 and 16, 2025. The House, located at 77 Livingston Street, is the oldest clapboard house in the village of Rhinebeck. General Richard Montgomery and his wife, Janet Livingston Montgomery, resided there in 1773 while building Grasmere. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District.
This is an opportunity to view the many items that have been donated over the years. Admission is free; donations welcomed. Open also by appointment. (845) 871-1777, or email darrhinebeck@gmail.com. <https://sites.google.com/view/clcdar/>

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Beaver Stump Grinding from page 1

Beaver Stump Grinding is highly recommended by local arborists because CJ cleans up after himself (he can also take the material away if you want, or bury it in the stump hole) and many builders use Beaver Stump Grinding to clear the land of stumps in order to build new houses.

But, “after this tough winter, many trees didn’t make it.” Once a damaged tree is removed there remains the stump to deal with. Why should you remove a tree stump from your property? Because an old tree stump can be a bigger issue than just being in the way when you mow the lawn. A tree stump can begin to decay (much like a bad tooth) causing problems for the rest of your yard as it crumbles.

Many insects, such as termites, ants, and beetles, will invade and nest in an old tree stump. Once established, they can quickly spread to other trees and buildings, including the



wood framing in your home.

As everyone knows, termites can be very expensive -- so that’s another good reason to remove your tree stumps as soon as possible. Other insects that live in tree stumps, like bees and wasps, can be harmful to you and your family if they swarm and sting. Roaches are also known to live in tree stumps and they are hard to get rid of if they move in.

And then there is the matter of mushroom-like fungus which grows on damp rotting tree stumps. If left to spread, fungus will attract gnats and flies. Fungus can also spread to other plants, causing damage to trees, vegetable gardens, and flowers.

Finally, a tree stump can be dangerous for the elderly, small children and clumsy people. Even if the tree is gone, the extensive root system still exists, not to mention a big hole. These roots can cause people to fall as well as causing problems for

your expensive lawn mower.

CJ acknowledges there are many ways to extract tree stumps including burning the stump, using chemicals, digging, drilling and dragging the stump with chains and a strong truck. But stump grinding is usually the safest and the fastest -- especially if there is road frontage involved, pipes, gas lines, and other possible hazards. CJ is happy to evaluate the situation and help you decide the best course of action for the care and protection of your home and family, while providing free estimates.

Also, to maintain maximum safety, CJ insists no children, pets, or homeowners be nearby when this powerful machine is working, due to the speed of the blades and the worry of flying wood chips.

He himself wears a special helmet and hard hat to protect his head and a hard mesh visor that protects his face and eyes as well as protecting him from any stinging insects that may have nested in a rotting tree stump. The helmet also contains earmuffs for sound protection which is another reason to keep pets and children inside while he works. His steel-toed boots are another feature of his safety uniform.

For more information about CJ Pulver’s Beaver Stump Grinding, Landscaping, and Tree Cutting service, call 518-567-3689 or visit and like his Facebook page: @Beaver Stump Grinding LLC and watch videos of the stump grinder at work. Serving Dutchess, Ulster, Columbia and Greene counties

The Germantown Garden Club

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6) Louisville Sluggers, e.g.

10) Public relations need

14) Brother of Moses

15) Bone ___ (study)

16) Orchestral "tuning fork"

17) They have supporting parts

20) Arctic plain

21) Wearable wares

22) Kind of node or gland

25) Prefix with "violet"

26) Miss America's accessory

30) Toward sunrise

32) "To tell the truth ..."

35) Wobbly, e.g.

41) Diplomatic official

43) Medium-sized sofa

44) Suppress, in a way

45) Farm storage unit

47) Tramp's companion

48) Oscar or Tony

53) Four-door model

56) Common sight in Arizona

58) ___ out at (reproved harshly)

63) Put one in the win column

66) Move like flood mud

67) Performances for one

68) Synthetic fiber

69) ___ the line (behaved)

70) Ball-shaped cheese

71) Clear the chalkboard

DOWN

1) Verifiable statement

2) Diamond Head locale

3) Persia, now

4) "Little ___ Fauntleroy"

5) Doberman's warning

6) "___ seriously, folks ..."

7) Barbary beast

8) Synagogue scrolls

9) Click the fingers

10) "___ Recall" (Sci-fi film)

11) Cancel, to NASA

12) Apple gizmo

13) Electric auto brand

18) Cartographic speck

19) "Brain" of a PC

23) Pinochle term

24) Due

26) Some flies or bunts, for short

27) Muscle malady

28) "Immediately!" in the OR

29) Wound

31) Dense clump of trees or bushes

33) Questionnaire datum

34) Harper and Stan

36) ___ King Cole

37) It's under the window

38) Length times width, often

39) Long-running conflict

40) TV sports prize

42) It's sometimes "junk"

46) Certain crustacean

48) English horse race

49) "Yippee!"

50) Like curious onlookers

51) Wore the crown

52) N. or S. state, briefly

54) Kentucky boxing legend

55) Oyster shell interior

57) Tricky play, e.g.

59) Rigel or Vega, e.g.

60) Georgetown athlete

61) Winged god of love

62) Force of physics

64) Chicken ___ king

65) ___ and vigor

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By Rob Lee

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Spencertown Academy Arts Center from page 1

Originally, they made quilts from any available fabric, and used them to keep their families warm as their homes lacked electricity, running water, and heat. Somehow, despite the poverty and hard living conditions, an art form was born.

The quilts are characterized by bold improvisational designs that are highly expressive and very personal to the maker. Discovered by the art world

and made globally famous in the early 2000s, Gee’s Bend quilts are today in the permanent collection of over 30 leading art museums around the world. *The New York Times* hailed Gee’s Bend quilts as “some of the most miraculous works of Modern Art America has produced.”

Plans for “Gee’s Bend: The Next Generation” have been in the works for the past year and a half. Bouchard Hoe, a quilt collector, was astounded by the 2002 exhibition of Gee’s

Bend quilts at the Whitney Museum, then traveled to Gee’s Bend to meet the quilters. With the support of Spencertown Academy, she worked with the Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy to bring this exhibition to the Northeast.

“Gee’s Bend: The Next Generation” will kick off on Friday, July 11 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Academy with an opening reception. Acclaimed contemporary artist ransome will be a special guest. He will speak about his paintings of Gee’s Bend quilters and one of his works will be on display courtesy of Carrie Haddad Gallery. Ransome applies the spontaneity of hip hop deejays in his art, along with the resourcefulness of rural quilters, who use what is at hand, assembling, collaging, creating, making something out of nothing. In addition, Willie Pettway will present five legacy quilts by his late mother, Lola Pettway (1941-1942), who was an iconic Gee’s Bend maker. Tickets are \$100 (limited availability).

Gallery Hours & Locations

Fri-Mon: 11:00am to 5:00pm

Free Admission

The Gallery at Spencertown Academy

790 State Route 203,
Spencertown, NY



Gee’s Bend next generation quilters left to right: Loretta Pettway Bennett, Stella Mae Pettway, Sharon Ann Williams, Emma Mooney Pettway, Polly Mooney Middleton, Andrea Pettway Williams. Photo by Stephen Pitkin/Pitkin Studio

The Church at Old Austerlitz
11550 NY-22, Austerlitz, NY

Quilting Demonstrations

A unique experience and opportunity for guests to quilt alongside the artists on a large quilt frame, hear their stories, and enjoy the camaraderie of group quilting.

Free Admission

Saturday, July 12, 11:00am to 1:00pm: The Church at Old Austerlitz

Sunday, July 13, 10:00am-

12:00pm: Spencertown Academy Arts Center in the Blanche Grubin Auditorium

Quilting Workshops

The Gee’s Bend quilters guide participants in designing and sewing a 12” by 12” quilt block suitable for framing to take away with them. Making the block consists of designing and piecing the top, adding batting and backing, and then hemming to completion. All materials are

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Rabbit Care

By Julianne Porter

It is estimated that 1% of the U.S. population owns pet rabbits. While this is significantly less than households with dogs and cats (approximately 45% and 32%, respectively), it still accounts for millions of rabbits. Rabbits have different care requirements compared to dogs and cats, so it is important to be educated on their needs to properly care for them.

Housing – Rabbits can be housed in a wire caged enclosure or pen with good ventilation. This means no fish tanks or glass aquariums. The floor should be solid as wire flooring will cause wounds on their feet. The bedding should be soft but should not stick to their fur. CareFresh bedding or other recycled paper bedding is recommended. Do not use cedar or pine shavings as they have volatile oils. The minimum size of the enclosure is four times the length of the rabbit, and they should be able to stand upright on their hind legs. Rabbits should have supervised time outside of the cage for enrichment and exercise. If this is not possible, then a larger cage should be provided. Rabbits should have a hiding box as they are prey species and like to feel secure. They also should have a litter pan as they tend to urinate and defecate in the same place. Shredded newspaper or pellets should be used as litter—do not use kitty litter or shavings in the pan. Improper housing and bedding can lead to respiratory problems.

Feeding – The digestive system of a rabbit is different and more complex than cats and dogs. They need to eat far more frequently and therefore should have unlimited access to hay, preferably timothy hay. This is the most important part of a rabbit's diet. They can survive solely on hay, and it promotes

proper health of their teeth and digestive tract. Rabbits can also eat fresh leafy greens such as alfalfa sprouts, basil, beet greens, and romaine lettuce. Avoid high-calcium greens such as parsley and kale as these foods can lead to bladder stones. Start off with a small amount of vegetables to see how they do as some rabbits can develop soft stool with too many vegetables at once. Fruits and other treats should be limited to a very small amount, if at all. Avoid sugary fruit (i.e. bananas and grapes), seeds/nuts, bread, and cereal. Commercial rabbit pellets do exist but should not exceed ¼ cup per day and should be timothy based (18% or more fiber). Avoid cereals or other mixes as these can lead to obesity and problems with their digestive tract.

Health – There are a few unique illnesses that a rabbit owner should be aware of. If they are not going to be bred, spaying is essential. The majority of female rabbits will develop reproductive cancer by the time they are four years old if they are not spayed. Oral care is also extremely important. Rabbits' teeth, unlike dogs and cats, continue to grow throughout their life. These teeth need to be checked regularly to make sure they are growing properly. If they are not, they will require a veterinarian to trim them to avoid pain and infection. Eating timothy hay is the best way to keep their teeth healthy, but some rabbits may still require occasional trims. Another area to monitor is their feet. A rabbit's foot has thick fur as opposed to a pad like a dog or cat, so they are more vulnerable to wounds. They also need their nails trimmed like most dogs and cats. Rabbits are also sensitive to digestive upset, which can be fatal if not detected and treated. Anything that stops a rabbit from eating for more than 12 hours is an emergency. Rabbits

can also be prone to fleas and mites; talk to your veterinarian about preventative medication.

Owning a pet rabbit requires unique care, but it is often a very rewarding experience.

Spencertown Academy Arts Center from page 4

provided.

Workshops will be held at Spencertown Academy Art Center in the Blanche Grubin Auditorium.

Sunday, July 13: 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Monday, July 14: 10:00am to 1:30pm

Registration required (Academy members: \$250, Non-members: \$275)

Maximum number of participants: 10 per session

Lecture

“Gee’s Bend: The Legacy Lives On” Spencertown Academy Board Member Lisa Bouchard Hoe will discuss the long tradition of American quilting and how Gee’s Bend quilts—made for use, not display—caused a major shift in thinking about what constitutes a quilt. She will also discuss the changes global fame brought to the Gee’s Bend community, and how the legacy of the original quilters not only lives on, but has grown to embrace the younger generation. Saturday, July 19: 2:00pm: The Church at Old Austerlitz Free admission

This program is made possible with the support of platinum sponsors Hudson River Bank and Trust (HRBT) Foundation, Diane D. Kern, TKG Real Estate, The Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame; gold sponsors Carrie Haddad Gallery, Paul Cassidy and Vernon Evanson, Thalia Cassutto, Victoria Dinardo and Stephen Montefiore, Sherry and Phil Meeks, Nick Van Alstine; and silver sponsors Cindy and Carl Atkins, Joanne Williams Bilotti and Richard Bilotti, Corinne Jones and Oren Knopp, MetzWood Insurance, Karen Milton, and Nadia

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DQ supports the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA.

Dairy Queen of Ghent raised over \$2,300 to support programs and services for animals cared for by CGHS/SPCA that are lost, unwanted, and/or victims of cruelty. Shelter Day is an annual fundraiser hosted by the staff of Dairy Queen-Ghent. Since the inception of the event, DQ-Ghent has raised over \$20,300 for the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA.



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ZONTA CLUB OF UHV ANNOUNCES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Zonta Club of the Upper Hudson Valley presented the 2025 Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award to two deserving students, Luca Spenser, a graduating senior at Chatham High School and Katherine VanWagner-Puff, a graduating senior from Taconic Hills Central High School. This scholarship is presented annually, to high school juniors or seniors who perform outstanding community service. Mr. Spenser is Chatham High's salutatorian, and participates in robotics, varsity soccer and tennis and is a member of the National Honor Society. He volunteers his time as a Tech Tutor at the Chatham Public Library. Mr. Spenser will be attending Cornell University studying computer science. Miss VanWagner-Puff has been involved in various school



Deb Otlowski, Scholarship committee, Luca Spenser, Scholarship recipient, and Celeste Alexander, President of Zonta UHV



Pat Corbett, Scholarship Committee, Katherine VanWagner-Puff, 2025 scholarship recipient.

activities in addition to being a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Columbia County Z Club which participates in many local projects. Z Club is a student community service organization designed to provide opportunities for young people to develop communication and leadership skills. Miss VanWagner-Puff will be attending SUNY Oneonta in the fall studying Education. Zonta International is a leading global organization of members working together to build a better world for women and children. With nearly 28,000 members belonging to 1,100 clubs in approximately 63 countries, Zontians volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects

focusing on achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls. Zonta clubs also sponsor Z clubs for high school students to develop leadership skills, promote career exploration and encourage members to participate in school, community and international service projects.

The Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley was chartered in 1984 by Zonta International and meets monthly. It conducts events and fundraisers throughout the year working to improve the lives of women and children in its local communities. Zonta always welcomes new members to support its mission. Please email UpperHudsonValley@ZontaDistrict2.org to inquire about membership.

Morgan Lewis, A Complicated Patriot

A presentation on history at Staatsburgh State Historic Site 2:00pm, Sunday, July 6 As we celebrate the founding of our country, Staatsburgh State Historic Site presents, "Morgan Lewis, A Complicated Patriot",

about the estate's own founder, Morgan Lewis. Join historian and conservation architect, TR Revella-Hamilton, on Sunday, July 6 at 2:00pm, as he presents the complex journey of Morgan Lewis from young revolutionary to aged statesman. Lewis embodies the story of many founding fathers who helped to transition America into a modern nation. His story and that of many of his contemporaries is documented through tangible remnants in art and architecture. A short reception with light refreshments will follow. The talk is free, but reservations are required. There will be an optional mansion tour following the presentation for a cost of \$10/Adults and \$8/Students & Seniors. Please visit: www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS for reservations for both the talk and optional mansion tour. TR Revella-Hamilton is a conservation architect and historian with degrees from the University of Mary Washington and the University of Edinburgh.

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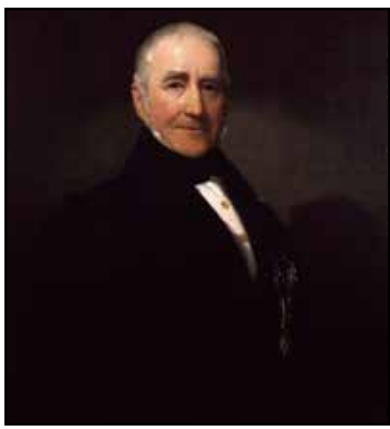
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He is a native New Yorker who specializes in the conservation of the built environment from the 17th to early 20th century. In addition to private restoration projects, he has worked for several preservation-focused organizations throughout the East Coast including most recently the nearby Jenrette Foundation. He currently serves as President of the American Country House Foundation and as the Director of Preservation & Collections for the Webb Deane Stevens Museum in Wethersfield, CT. 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.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS; admission is charged upon arrival. Visitors may also enjoy a picnic or stroll by the Hudson River, or a hike along the woodland trails in adjacent Mills Memorial State Park. 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.

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Inclusive by Design: Open to leaders from every sector – business, nonprofit, government, education, and beyond. **Action-Oriented:** You'll leave each session with tools, insights, and strategies you can use immediately. **Program Snapshot** **Schedule:** First Tuesday of the month, October 2025 – May 2026 **Time:** 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM **Location:** In-person sessions rotate between Columbia and Greene County **Tuition:** \$1,600 **Deadline:** July 31, 2025 (space is limited to 16 participants and may fill early) **Application:** Required, reviewed on a rolling basis **Who Should Apply?** Business owners, team leaders, and nonprofit professionals Educators, municipal

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God's Corner

The 5 Senses of a Grateful Heart

By Naomi Fata

Have you ever felt that melancholy restlessness? Like life is flat. Lacking meaning. One day after another. All the same.

Looking inward for the solution can be a never-ending search that often leads to further melancholy. We can be tricked into believing that change, new things, adventure, or a fresh romance will break us from this restlessness.

Take a step back. You are not the center of this universe. The answer to our need for meaning isn't found in any of these things. Because we were not created to be the center. Instead, we were created to worship the One who is.

When you pass the fields of flowers on a hot summer day, when you hear the evening sounds of the season from a seat on your patio, when a tot whispers to you in a sweet baby voice, when the smell of the bakery wafts through your windows—these are an invitation to cease the restlessness. Stop in the present. Give thanks for each sound and each smell.

God has given the gift of our five senses: touch, taste, sight, smell, and hearing. Often thoughts are too preoccupied with internal conflict, planning for the future, and discontentment, that the present passes by unnoticed. Yet, here in the present is the only place to truly commune with God.

A heart of thanksgiving, it's what draws us into the presence of God. This is a place where our agitated spirits find the longed-for rest and refreshment. To give thanks one must use our senses to take in all that God has put right in front of us. Marvel at His handiwork at the colors of the flowers. Thank Him for the sweet evening sounds. Out of a grateful heart those feelings of darkness flee.

This doesn't mean that all the troubles will be over. That situation that you find so troublesome may still be there. But you will have settled your soul in a place of joy and contentment for those moments when you live in the present and give thanks.

Whatever your worries are for tomorrow, His invitation to peace is found in Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience

God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

May the natural beauty of the summer season help remind you to live in the present with thanksgiving. As you do so, I pray that you will experience the peace that comes only from God.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST: LIVING THE VICTORIOUS LIFE IN CHRIST!

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). When a person repents of their sins and believes on and receives the Lord Jesus Christ into their life as their Personal Savior and Lord they are Born Again (John 3:1-7). Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again" (John 3:7). When a person is Born Again it is the beginning of their Spiritual Life in Christ. In fact they become a Christian. The only way a person can become a Christian is by being Born Again.

COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1,2). The Believer should surrender their life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and be committed to Him. The Believer is to be separated from the ways of the World and live their life for the Glory of God. True Freedom is when a Believer dies to their own self and lives in the Power of the Resurrection. **VICTORY IS PROVIDED IN CHRIST JESUS THE LORD!** "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14). The Believer is provided the ability to live the Victorious Life in Christ because at the moment of Salvation the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in his or her life. The Holy Spirit's presence enables the Believer to live the Victorious Life

in Christ. Believers need to stand strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 2:1). It is important that we stand together in the Lord Jesus Christ and support One Another. It is much better to stand together in Christ than to stand alone! Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus you Soldiers of the Cross. **BEWARE OF THE PERILS TO THE VICTORIOUS LIFE IN CHRIST!**

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:13) Believers face many dangers that will try to hinder them from living the Victorious Life in Christ. Satan will use false religion, legalism, worldly living, and a host of other things to hinder the Believer's Spiritual Life in Christ. The Believer is to stand fast in the liberty they enjoy in Christ by depending on the Holy Spirit, the teachings of God's Word, Prayer, and Fellowship with other Believers.

USING YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST TO SERVE OTHERS!

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). One of the greatest expressions of freedom is the blessing of serving One Another. The Lord Jesus taught His Disciples the joy of Serving others by His own example. He didn't come to Earth to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. We are to follow in His footsteps. In fact when He washed the Disciples' feet in the Upper Room he told His Disciples, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BE FREE!

LIVE THE VICTORIOUS LIFE IN CHRIST!

The Lord Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the Cross. He died for us and Rose bodily from the grave. Receive the gift of Eternal Life now (John 3:16). If the Son therefore shall make you free,

ye shall be free indeed. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). If you would like to know more about being Free in Christ and Living the Victorious Life in Christ or how to become a Christian, please contact us by Email at fdcirone@aol.com or by phone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 Mile north on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

GHENT REFORMED CHURCH

The following will take place for the rest of June and July 2025 at the Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, NY. Worship service begins at 9:00 am every Sunday and Sunday School follows at 10:15 am when in session. All are welcome. On 7/6/25 we will have a Drive-thru chicken BBQ fundraiser from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Take Out Only. Cost is \$20.00 for full dinner of half a chicken, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, corn muffin and brownie. Please call to reserve tickets at 518-828-5946 to the church office. Any questions, please contact us. Have a blessed day.

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Germantown Garden Club Members Get Ready For Upcoming Flower Show

The Germantown Garden Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15, at the Hover Meeting Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, Germantown. The meeting begins at noon. On the agenda will be a presentation by Accredited Flower Show Judge Barbara Campbell on "Designing Arrangements for Flower Shows." Barbara will share tips and ideas for creating award-winning floral designs with a special emphasis on the club's upcoming flower show displays. She will also talk about exhibiting specimens for the horticulture classes. A question-and-answer session will follow. The club will also discuss plans for their upcoming Annual Flower Show. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public, new members are always welcome.

For over 95 years, the Club has hosted an annual Standard Flower Show. This year it will take place on Saturday, August 23, from 1-4 p.m. and on Sunday, August 24, from 1-3 p.m., at the Kellner Community and Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. The show will feature flower arrangements, educational displays, and horticultural specimens. This year, the Germantown Garden Club's show title is "A Garden... Here, There, and Everywhere." The design and horticulture classes will offer this theme for their entries.

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

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**“FLOCK” Lands
at GRIT Gallery on
Aug. 2: An Exhibit
Featuring Highlights
From Artist Steven
M. Strauss’s Avian
Paintings**

The artist aims to capture every species of bird on canvas; this upcoming exhibit showcases his progress and process along the way.

GRIT Gallery is proud to present **FLOCK**, a vibrant and evolving collection of paintings by artist Steven M. Strauss, exploring the entire avian species; a larger feat than he anticipated. What began in 2021 as a spontaneous exploration of avian life has grown into a sweeping visual archive of nearly 300 bird species—each one rendered with Strauss's signature blend of immediacy, nuance, and reverence for the natural world.

Spanning works from 2021 to 2025, **FLOCK** captures the artist's journey from rapid-fire spray paint sketches to large-scale, detail-rich oil paintings on canvas and paper, offering viewers a rare glimpse into the scale and spirit of an ambitious creative pursuit still in flight.

F L O C K
August 2-September 20, 2025
Opening Reception:
August 2 from 3-7pm
Steven M. Strauss is a multi-

medium artist who began his studies at Pratt Institute with a focus on film and video. After several years in the film production world, later producing his own award-winning films, he shifted careers into another form of art, hairstyling, which has been his primary path for the past two decades. This journey led him to found Spring Atelier in Peekskill, NY in 2019, a creative space for Hudson Valley hairstylists to share their knowledge and collaborate on creative projects, as well as explore other facets of the professional hair world beyond formal in-salon work. However, his most constant form of creative expression throughout the years has been painting.

In Steven's words, "It is a grounding space I know I can always return to, a solo practice to escape the often chaotic world. Over the years, my subjects have morphed from the ballet to portraits to Hondas to Canadian geese, and now to the entire avian species."

EXHIBIT DETAILS:
FLOCK:
 Aug 2 - Sept 20, 2025
Opening Night Reception:
 Saturday, August 2, 2025
 from 3-7pm: Meet the artist
 and enjoy refreshments.
GRIT Gallery is located at 115
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Curator David Lionheart
is available for interviews.
About GRIT Gallery:
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The executive leadership team of Anderson Center for Autism today announced that colleagues have arrived from India for a month-long learning experience with Anderson experts. During a visit that will extend through the end of June, Dr. Selvanayaki Venkatesan and

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Three-Bean Baked Beans

A close-up photograph of a bowl filled with baked beans. The beans are a mix of three types: dark red kidney beans, light-colored cannellini beans, and dark green beans. They are coated in a thick, dark brown sauce. The bowl has a blue and white patterned interior and a reddish-pink exterior. The bowl is sitting on a wooden surface.

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 5 bacon strips, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) pork and beans, undrained
- 1 can (16 ounces) butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained

Directions
Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, cook and crumble beef with bacon and onion over medium heat until beef is no longer pink; drain.
Stir in sugars, ketchup, barbecue sauce, molasses, mustard, chili powder and salt until blended. Stir in beans. Transfer to a greased 2 1/2-qt. baking dish. Bake, covered, 1 hour or until beans reach desired thickness.

A collage of three images: a red hook, a red hook, and a red hook. The first image shows a red hook with the word "Indian" written in a stylized font. The second image shows a red hook with the word "Indian" written in a stylized font. The third image shows a red hook with the word "Indian" written in a stylized font.



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Mr. Richard Rakesh Aaron will be consulting with Anderson's team as they develop plans for a residential and vocational center for young adults with autism. Dr. Selvanayagi is Professor, Vinayaka missions Annapoorana College of Nursing - a unit of Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (VMRF), and Mr. Rakesh Aaron is the Chief Consultant for Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (VMRF). Among its other initiatives, VMRF is the organization behind their proposed program, which will be modeled after Anderson and located in Salem, Tamil Nadu, India. Mr. Rakesh Aaron initially developed a relationship with Anderson as an Anderson Center International (ACI) J-1 scholar from July 2017- July 2018. Along with dozens of individuals from various corners of the globe who have, over the years, engaged in ACI's 12-18 month training program, Rakesh Aaron received certification as a Registered Behavior Technician during his hands-on experience as an ACI scholar. He recently finished his Board Certified Behavior Analyst coursework as well and is awaiting an examination to complete that certification. Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson



Dr. Tina Covington, Chief Operating Officer of Anderson Center for Autism, welcomes Dr. Selvanayagi and Mr. Richard Rakesh, representatives from Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (VMRF), who will be participating in a month-long training program with Anderson.

Center for Autism, "Like most of our scholars, when Mr. Rakesh Aaron returned home, he immediately got to work figuring out how to address the growing needs of people in his own country who are impacted by autism, specifically zoning in on his vision of opening an autism center for adults. While he was well-trained on service delivery after his time as an ACI scholar, he and Dr. Selvanayagi decided to return to Anderson to better understand the operational components of sustainable programs. It is our great privilege to spend time with them this month to shed light on how to clarify goals, structure services, craft policies and procedures, hire key personnel, educate the public, secure funding through grants and events, manage finances, and most importantly, ensure that they are ever mindful of their responsibility to protect

the health, well-being, and dignity of autistic individuals."

Added Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, "This visit from our colleagues in India represents Anderson's commitment to building bridges worldwide, and we are so honored to have the opportunity to work with them. With over a century of experience under our belts, we want to be a resource for professionals, leaders, and organizations all over the globe who share our desire to enrich life for autistic and neurodivergent individuals. It is our hope that this will inspire others to engage with us when launching programs in previously underserved communities and countries. Autism knows no borders, and we envision furthering our mission well beyond our own."

Mr. Richard Rakesh Aaron commented on the visit, stating: "It's been very meaningful for me to be back at Anderson Center for Autism this month. I'm reminded that when learning starts, learning never ends. Anderson has helped me continue to discover ways to help autistic people enjoy higher quality of life, and has helped me take my own quality of life to the next level too. I'm excited to emulate Anderson's organizational model as we get our own residential center for adults fully set up in India."



Dr. Selvanayagi and Mr. Richard Rakesh, representatives from Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (VMRF) in India, tour Anderson Center for Autism with Bevarlyne Ochieng and Dr. Tina Covington.

In addition to its 12-18 month training program and ongoing consultation offerings available on an international basis, ACI recently gained designation from the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC)

as a Civil Society Organization within the UN DGC. This allows Anderson representatives to participate in various UN events, thus helping to further ACI's mission, which is to "improve the quality of life for individuals with autism throughout the world in a systematic, sustainable, and culturally appropriate way."

Noor Syed, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, Director of Anderson Center International, shared, "We are especially proud to be part of the UN 2030 'Leave No One Behind' agenda at the UN - and look forward to doing our part to help improve the quality of life for people impacted by autism for generations to come,"

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regardless of where they live.”
Anderson Center for Autism (ACA), founded in 1924, offers evidence-based educational, vocational, residential, and consulting/training programs, drawing students and residents from all over the United States to experience its school and

residential offerings. The organization also has several affiliates, including Anderson Center International (ACI), Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT), The Anderson Center Clinic (ACC), three Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) programs, and Anderson Foundation for Autism (AFA).

Paul remarked, “We plan to continue to take our expertise out into the field and do our part to help build support for our cause all over the world; there is much work to do, and we are just getting started.” Learn more about Anderson Center International (ACI) at andersoncenterforautism.org/international.


About Anderson Center for Autism
Our mission at Anderson Center for Autism is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.
About Anderson Center International
At ACI, our mission is to facilitate the improvement of the quality of life for individuals with autism throughout the world in a systematic, sustainable, and culturally significant way.

About Anderson Foundation for Autism
Through grantmaking, fundraising, and marketing initiatives, Anderson Foundation for Autism helps support, sustain, and expand upon Anderson Center for Autism’s efforts to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.

Photographic Scavenger Hunt at Staatsburgh State Historic Site Free & Fun Outdoor Family Activity

Staatsburgh State Historic Site invites you to explore the site’s beautiful Hudson River landscape by taking a photographic scavenger hunt challenge! A camera and walking shoes are all that’s needed to complete ten fun riddles on a loop through the grounds of the historic Gilded Age estate. All ages are invited to participate – play solo or with a group. Learn some of the highlights of the former grounds of the Mills family country estate, exploring the landscape and various buildings. All participants who submit their pictures before October 31 can receive a free ice cream cone, courtesy of Stewarts

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To download the scavenger hunt to your phone, find the signs on kiosks throughout Mills State Park or visit <https://millsfriends.org/virtual/lets-go-outside/>
Complete the hunt and submit your photographic answers via Facebook Messenger (@StaatsburghSHS) or email (staatsburghshs@parks.ny.gov). Anyone completing and submitting all 10 tasks before October 31 will win a coupon for ice cream, while supplies last. We invite you to post on Facebook or Instagram and tag us or use the hashtag #StaatsburghScavengerHunt.
Families may also wish to hike the woodland trails beginning at Staatsburgh; have a picnic or stroll along the Hudson River. Tours of the mansion can be reserved at <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS> (there is an admission fee for people over age 12).
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
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Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA), an affiliate of Anderson Center for Autism, announced today plans to host its

annual graduation ceremonies, which will be held throughout the last two weeks in June. First launched in 2022, AELA is a NYS-approved 4410 program which delivers evidence-based educational services to children ages 3-5 in each of its three locations: Pine Plains, Latham, and Mount Marion. AELA offers customized math, reading, and language arts curricula with functional communication, visual, and environmental supports, in-classroom occupational, speech, and physical therapy, and social skills development. Graduation across all 3 AELA sites (and 9 classrooms) will honor both students who are graduating and moving on to kindergarten programs, and those who are “moving up” to spend an additional year at AELA. The decision to build both groups into the ceremonies is to promote inclusion, according to AELA’s leadership team. Noted Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson

Center for Autism, “Thanks to their families and our team at AELA, all of these children have begun to develop the foundation for long-term success; the graduation ceremonies are a special way to honor the strides

they’ve made. The celebrations are, likewise, symbolic of the progress of our AELA program. Since inception, enrollment has grown 400%, and our teachers, therapists, and team members now

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work with 80 students from 34 New York State school districts.” Said Daniel Rounds, MS Ed. SBL, Director of Early Childhood Education at Anderson Early Learning Academy, “Preschool

graduation is a proud moment for everyone involved. It reflects the hard work of our young learners, and the dedication of the educators who guide them every day. At AELA, we believe that amazing growth happens when children are nurtured in a

safe, engaging, and supportive environment—and this year’s graduates are a shining example of that belief in action. We are so proud of our students and all that they’ve accomplished. Watching them grow socially, emotionally, and academically has been a joy.”



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Rounds continued: “These celebrations are a testament to the power of early education and the need for early childhood services. And our AELA team also wants to express heartfelt gratitude for the families who have entrusted their children to the program.”

Among those family members is Iliana Trianna, parent of an Anderson Early Learning Academy 2025 graduate, who reflected, “Anderson Early Learning Academy in Latham is a place where children are truly seen, understood, and supported. My child is graduating from preschool, and we are celebrating milestones that once felt out of reach. I am so grateful for the kindness and support my child received during his time in AELA -they didn’t just teach him, they believed in him; and that belief made all the difference. Teachers, paraprofessionals, therapists, and staff, you have made a lifelong impact on our children, and on us as parents, and for that we are extremely thankful.”

For more information about Anderson Center for Autism and its educational, vocational, residential, clinical, and consulting/training offerings, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

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Murder Café to produce Omega Institute’s first Mystery Weekend

In celebration of its 27th year in operation Murder Café will be producing Omega Institute’s first Mystery Weekend, July 4 – 6, 2025 on site at the Omega campus in Rhinebeck, New York.

The weekend will feature Murder

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Murder Cafe from page 14

Café’s original mystery, *Talked to Death*, in four acts beginning Friday night with the final act performed in Omega’s Theater on Sunday morning. Tickets for this event are \$285.00 for members, and \$315 for standard. Guests can register by visiting www.omega.org/workshops

The entertainment is suitable for all ages; 1970s costumes are encouraged but not required.

Murder Café owner Frank Marquette wrote *Talked to Death* and he explains the plot as follows: “It’s 1974 and you are invited to a night of entertainment and disorder as you attend a live broadcast of *The Very Late Show with Les Hope*. You will witness the secrets behind the scenes, and the friction between Les and her whacky guests. Someone dies on the air. It’s up to you to guess whodunit and why.”

Talked to Death has interactive elements; guests will be encouraged to follow the plot, keep track of clues and guess “whodunit”. Guests will be eligible for prizes.

The cast features the talents of Ellen Pavloff, Erica Woolley, Lauren Roberts, Tom Roberts, Scott Woolley, Nicole Perepeluk, Scott Woolley and Frank Marquette. Murder Café’s Technical Director, Amanni Sitz, will direct lighting and sound. Founded in Las Vegas in 1998, Murder Café is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette, along with wife and producing partner, Kristen Marquette. Primarily known for comedies, musicals and murder mysteries, Murder Café provides entertainment for company parties, fundraising events, schools and colleges, casinos and a number of choice public venues.

Hillsdale Town Board Approves Gift to Maintain Loose-Gravel Road

The Hillsdale Town Board on Tuesday approved a gift to cover the town’s cost of maintaining a loose-gravel town road instead of having the road upgraded with the chip-sealing technique, as the town had planned.

The gift, of \$20,000 per year, comes from Honey Dog Farm LLC and applies to Appletree Lane, a rural road about a half mile in length. Honey Dog Farm describes itself as a “certified organic, eco-friendly farm dedicated to sustainable, local agriculture” that grows fruit and vegetables.

The gift will pay for the annual cost of grading, replacing gravel and other labor and materials connected with maintaining a loose-gravel road.

“I’m glad that we were able to find a way for those who are passionate about loose-gravel roads to keep them without burdening Hillsdale taxpayers for years to come,” Town Supervisor D. Michael Dvochak said.

Richard Briggs, a 30-year veteran of the Hillsdale Highway Department and Hillsdale’s elected highway superintendent for the last two decades, added: “I’ve worked steadily over my terms to use CHIP (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding from New York State to eliminate the need for continual purchase of gravel and calcium. Without the funds from the state which provide long-term savings, there would be no way I could maintain our roads and keep our residents safe with our current tax base.”

The Town Board voted to

create a Gift Committee in March to make recommendations to the Board about accepting such gifts. Criteria include public safety, approval from all residents on the road, and the amount offered in relation to the mileage of the road in question.

The Gift Committee, consisting of Dvorchak, Briggs and Town Clerk Robina Ward, voted unanimously to recommend the acceptance of the Honey Dog Farm gift after evaluating the proposal.

The Town Board voted to formally accept the gift at its June meeting Tuesday.

The Gift Committee was created after residents of several loose-gravel roads opposed the town’s plan to chip-seal them. They said chip-sealing would degrade the rural atmosphere of their roads.

Town officials say chip-sealed roads not only require much less taxpayer money to maintain but also are safer for emergency vehicles and residents. Moreover, the state CHIP program pays 100 percent of the town’s cost of initial chip-sealing.



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Sprawling, Private & Minutes to Town! Tivoli, NY: This turnkey Center Hall Colonial sits on 3+ peaceful acres at the end

of a private road. The bright living room with pellet stove opens to an eat-in kitchen with new appliances, plus a formal dining room, powder room, and 2-car garage with loft storage. Upstairs features a primary suite with jetted tub, walk-in closet, and double vanity, along with three additional bedrooms, full bath, and laundry. The finished basement offers high ceilings, a full bath, and walk-out-perfect for guests, a gym, or office. With central A/C, a whole-house generator, fenced yard, pool with deck, and garden space-this is upstate living just minutes from Red Hook, Tivoli, and local favorites. Asking **\$759,900**



Peaceful Setting, Minute to Village! Red Hook, NY: Tucked off a quiet country road, this 2-3 bedroom ranch

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