

News briefs

Myron Ronk Black Diamond Dinner on election night in New Paltz

The New Paltz United Methodist Church will hold its Myron F. Ronk Black Diamond Roast Beef Dinner on Election Night, Nov. 5. The menu will feature cider, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls and homemade pumpkin and apple pies. There will be continuous servings from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Carry-out dinners will be available starting at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are available from church members and by calling 255-5210. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10, with no charge for children under five. There will also be a vegetarian entrée.

If you cannot attend, consider buying a ticket. It will be donated to Family of New Paltz. The church is located at the corner of Main and Grove streets. For further information, contact howemarg@aol.com.

Friday night live at the Unframed Artist's Gallery

Friday night live will begin at the Unframed Artist's Gallery in New Paltz on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Have a song to sing? Have an instrument to play? Have a sketch to play out? Have a poem to read? Have some jokes to tell? Then visit the gallery, located at 173 Huguenot Street, and do your thing.

For additional information, call 255-5482.

New Paltz Middle School hosts annual blood drive

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 (Election Day), New Paltz Middle School's eighth-grade health classes will be hosting its twelfth annual blood drive at the middle school auditorium. It will run from 3 to 9 p.m.

The donation process takes an hour. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To make an appointment, please contact the NY Blood Center online or call 1-800-933-BLOOD to make an appointment. If you would like more information from a middle school representative, please contact Cindy Dubois at 256-4210, or Melissa Gruver at 256-4200. The requirements to donate are: 16 years old, 110 pounds, in good health, to have eaten and drank enough the day of the drive and to bring one form of photo ID.

Thanksgiving meal for seniors of the New Paltz School District

Roasted turkey, stuffing, broccoli, tossed salad, dinner rolls and holiday pies are on the menu for New Paltz Central School District's 21st annual Thanksgiving holiday meal, sponsored by the New Paltz United Teachers. The feast will be held at both the Duzine and Lenape elementary schools at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 and all senior citizens of the district are invited to attend.

Michael Robinson, the food service director, is looking forward to the event. "It's a wonderful opportunity for seniors to get to know and see the youngsters in our schools, as well as enjoy a delightful meal," said Robinson. The school's food service staff will prepare the meal and Duzine and Lenape students will help serve. Also, student artwork will be displayed and entertainment will be provided.

Senior citizens interested in attending the festivities should RSVP by Nov. 15 by calling 256-4300 to reserve a place at Lenape, 256-4350 for Duzine or the food service office at 256-4050.

Press release guidelines

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Local boy scout earns the rank of Eagle Scout

NATHAN KERPEZ OF New Paltz Boy Scout Troop 172 recently completed his Eagle Scout project by installing erosion control and repairing and resurfacing the Huguenot Street entrance trail to the Nyquist-Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary in New Paltz. This heavily used trail is steep and was very eroded, making the trail uneven and dangerous. Many boy scouts and leaders from Troop 172 and others helped with the project. Landscape architect Stephen Yarabek of Hudson and Pacific Designs volunteered his time to assist with the design. Several area businesses donated materials to the project, including the Wallkill View Farm Market and True Value of New Paltz, whose owner Lou Benson helped with ideas for improving the project. The Thomas and Corinne Nyquist Foundation own and operate the 56-acre wildlife sanctuary, which funded the project. For additional information about the sanctuary and the foundation, visit <http://www.nyquistfdtn.org>.

Professor Dr. Robert Miraldi to discuss/sign new biography

Dr. Robert Miraldi, a SUNY New Paltz journalism professor, will read from his new biography of America's premier investigative reporter at a book signing and reception on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6 p.m., at the Honors Center in College Hall on the New Paltz campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Miraldi's book on Seymour Hersh, now 76-years-old, traces the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist's 50 years of journalistic crusades, exposés and confrontations with six presidents on his way to reshaping American national security policy and investigative reporting itself.

For more information, contact Dr. Patricia Sullivan at sullivanp@newpaltz.edu.

Preschool dance party at Gardiner Library

The Gardiner Library will host a dance party for children ages two to five years on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The community room will be open and filled with music for children to enjoy a little dancing. Certified dance instructor, Jen Wait, will be available to teach some fun dance moves. Participants are encouraged to bring a treat to share.

The party will be held at 133 Farmer's Turnpike. For further information, call 255-1255 or visit www.gardinerlibrary.org.

Shop at Water Street Market for Family of New Paltz on Nov. 2

For the second year in a row, Water Street Market is dedicating one day to donating a portion of its profits to Family of New Paltz. On Nov. 2, shop for art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, gifts, pet supplies, candy, gourmet treats or choose a snack or lunch from one of the food purveyors. For more informa-

tion, contact Theresa Fall at atterryfall@gmail.com.

Maria Rice invites residents to superintendent's coffees

New Paltz superintendent of schools Maria Rice invites school district residents to attend a series of "superintendent's coffees" throughout the upcoming school year. Superintendent Rice's objective is to offer an informal forum in which parents can share ideas and information, ask questions and get acquainted. Beverages will be provided.

The coffees will be held in the district office conference room located in the Lenape Elementary School. Meeting dates and times are as follows: Nov. 6, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Jan. 15, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; March 19, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; and April 30, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend.

Jewelry sale at the Gardiner Library

The Friends of the Gardiner Library will hold its fourth annual jewelry sale on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the library. Early birds can pay \$10 for admission from 9 to 10 a.m., which will include refreshments. Regular shoppers will be admitted for free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are more than 200 pair of earrings at \$1 each, sterling pieces, estate rings and hundreds of necklaces, bracelets and rings at low prices. The event will take place in the library's community room, located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike. For additional information, call 255-7629.

CRREO at SUNY New Paltz to host information session on "NY State of Health"

The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz (CRREO) will host an open information session on "NY State of Health,"

an online marketplace offering New Yorkers a gateway to affordable healthcare on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Multipurpose Room on the New Paltz campus.

Presented by the Maternal-Infant Services Network (MISN), the session will provide essential cost-savings facts, financial assistance and explain how to get enrollment assistance. The session will also offer information and assistance on new coverage options for small businesses, individuals and families. Uninsured and underinsured individuals, families and employers with fewer than 50 employees are encouraged to attend.

To pre-register, contact 257-2901 or send an e-mail to crreo@newpaltz.edu.

School districts to conduct annual test of evacuation and early dismissal plan on Nov. 7

Public schools in Ulster County will release students approximately 15 minutes early on Thursday, Nov. 7. Students will be sent home early on this day as part of an annual drill that tests the evacuation procedures of each district's Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness Plan. Each participating district will provide parents with district specific information regarding the evacuation drill's impact on bussing and after school activities.

Conference on climate change and regional water resources on Nov. 11

The public is invited to attend a full-day conference titled "A Watershed Moment: Changing Climate & the Future of Our Water Resources" on Monday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mohonk Mountain House. The event will be presented by Mohonk Consultations and the Hudson River Watershed Alliance.

In the Hudson Valley, climate trends and recent experiences indicate that our communities are likely to experience different and more unsettled weather patterns in coming decades. The conference will focus on understanding the impact of these trends on our water resources and charting ways to help our region to be more resilient. In the spirit of the work of Mohonk Consultations and the Hudson River Watershed Alliance, this is a participatory conference encouraging the exchange of ideas and fostering collaborative efforts.

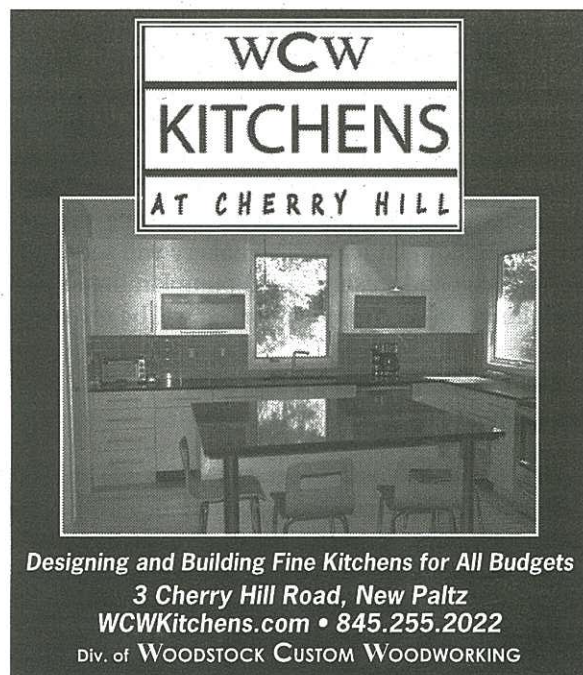
Registration of \$50/person, \$25/student may be made online at <http://www.mohonk-consultations.org/programs/events>. Alternatively, send a check payable to Mohonk Consultations, Attn: Water Resources Conference 2013, to Mohonk Consultations, 1000 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz, NY 12561.

SUNY New Paltz to host annual Business Day Conference

SUNY New Paltz's student chapter of the American Marketing Association will host its 18th annual Business Day Conference on Wednesday, Nov. 6 on the New Paltz campus.

The conference, which aims to help participants develop the knowledge and skills needed to give them a competitive advantage in the workplace, attracts more than 150 students from New Paltz and surrounding colleges, as well as local and regional business leaders.

This year's theme, "Training Champions Since



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1987," will highlight sports marketing and feature keynote speaker John Eickman, the vice president of HITS on the Hudson.

Registration costs \$10 for New Paltz students, \$15 for students attending other colleges and \$25 for business professionals. For registration information, contact Ted Clark at 257-2927 or e-mail clarkt@newpaltz.edu.

Emergency Services Education Day

Ulster County will be holding its first Emergency Services Education Day at Mohonk Mountain House on Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speakers will include specialists and physicians speaking on topics such as burn injuries, poisoning and drugs, rural emergency services, pediatrics and traumatic injuries.

"Conferences of this type are held in Dutchess and Orange, but this is the first one in Ulster," said Gina Bassinette, chief of the New Paltz Rescue Squad.

"We hope that this will be an annual event to both recognize emergency medical services and provide ongoing training and education."

Boy Scout Troop 172 to hold pancake breakfast

New Paltz Boy Scout Troop 172 will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall in New Paltz. The menu will include pancakes with local maple syrup, sausage, fruit salad, coffee, tea, juice and milk. The breakfast is a fundraiser to support the activities and equipment of Troop 172, which emphasizes developing character, citizenship and personal fitness for boys ages 11 through 18.

A donation is requested. For more information, please visit ww.troop172newpaltz.com.

Day of remembrance at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery

On Saturday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., the New Paltz Ru-

ral Cemetery on Plains Road will hold its second annual Day of Remembrance (Day of the Dead). This event, celebrated in many countries, especially in Latin America, provides an opportunity for families and friends to decorate graves and honor the lives of their loved ones.

The event, to be held rain or shine, will feature music and refreshments. Flowers will be available for decorating.

Leaf pickup in the Village of New Paltz

The Village of New Paltz will begin its annual leaf pickup on Nov. 4 for a two-week period. Pick-up will take place on the north side of the village from Nov. 4-8. Pick-up will continue on the south side from Nov. 12-15. If bagging leaves, only biodegradable bags will be accepted. Bagged or loose leaves only should be placed at curbside. Biodegradable bags can be purchased from the Village of New Paltz at 25 Plattekil Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the price of \$2 per five-pack.



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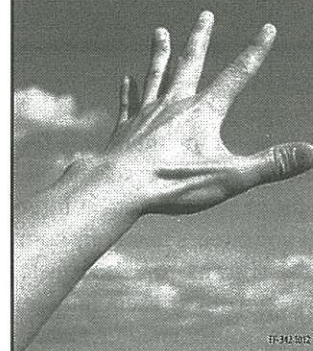
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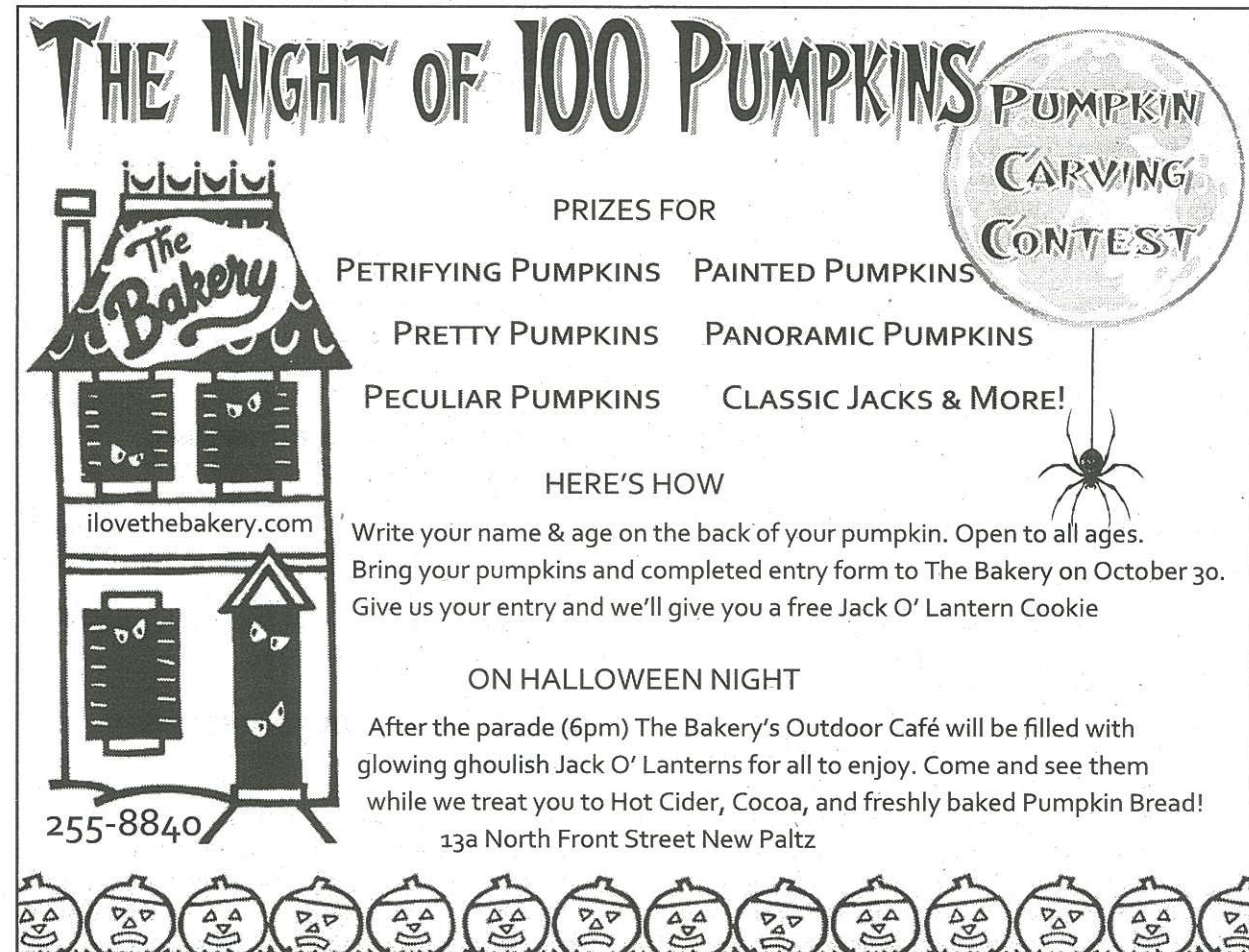
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