

Puppy Bowl to feature local dog

by Kristine Coulter

Will it be Team Ruff or Team Fluff? That is the question of this year's Puppy Bowl. Bea, a Heeler-mix pup, will be making her television debut in the annual Puppy Bowl on Feb 12, the same day as the Super Bowl, when the Kansas City Chiefs will play the Philadelphia Eagles. Bea will be playing on Team Ruff.

Cassi Paupert is a board member with the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) in Beacon where Bea was before her adoption. Cassi traveled with Bea to upstate New York, where the Puppy Bowl was filmed.

"We found out Bea would participate in the Puppy Bowl in September 2022," said Cassi. At the time of filming, Bea was 10-11 weeks old. "She made many friends and enjoyed filming!" exclaimed Cassi.

Since filming, Bea, who is now around 7 months old, was adopted by Colin and Sarah.

"We met Bea and her sister Honey at the same time. We renamed her Pepper! It was such a tough decision between the two, but Pepper had such a friendly personality, big expressive eyes, and those adorable black ears and a big black spot. We knew she was deaf, and we didn't think twice about whether or not we could handle the additional challenge. It was a pretty quick choice on our end, and she seemed to connect with us quickly too," Colin and Sarah shared via email.

Colin and Sarah said, "We took Pepper home in mid-October, soon after she filmed the Puppy Bowl. She's such a smart, sweet dog and has been doing great in her training. Our neighborhood in Beacon has lots of dogs, and she's made a bunch of new friends. She loves going for walks at Madam Brett Park and Dennings Point [in Beacon], and also loves to visit the farmer's market each week. Everyone on the street

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VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE STORY

Fun, love and support – Meet Pam & Gary Veeder

Editor's note: Each year for Valentine's Day, we at the Northern Dutchess News interview a local couple that has been married for over 50 years.

by Curtis Schmidt

If you like funny lines and stories, then say hello to Pam and Gary Veeder – two people who just love being together.

They met in high school. They have shared similar career interests. They have visited every state in the nation, plus all of the provinces of Canada – and they have loved and supported each other through good times and difficult times.

And later this year, the Pleasant Valley pair will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

But we did say funny, right?

Let's start with the not-so-great first date. They were both juniors in high school in 1958 – Pam at Poughkeepsie High and Gary at Franklin D. Roosevelt. Gary's cousin, Becky, happened to be best friends with Pam and she set up the blind date.

Pam and Gary went to a high school dance. And?

"I came home and said 'I don't want anything to do with anybody from FDR,'" Pam said. "He was way too aggressive."

Gary's comeback? "Too aggressive to her just meant dancing too close."

What about attractions? Gary said Pam "was damn good looking." Pam said Gary "was kinda little and scrawny." Gary's comeback? "I played football and had a couple of concussions."

Off to college

All that aside, they dated through high school and went to college at the Albany College of Pharmacy. Gary's father ran Veeder Pharmacy on

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Photo by Curtis Schmidt



Pam and Gary Veeder of Pleasant Valley are all decked out in red for Valentine's Day. They are holding one of the fine bowls that Gary carved. The rose petals are from the treasured roses Pam received for one Valentine's Day. Owning the Veeder Pharmacy for so many years, she always had her pick of the leftover chocolates.

3-alarm fire destroys three businesses, injures three firefighters in Poughkeepsie



A fire at 784-788 Main Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Feb. 1 destroyed three businesses, injured three firefighters and displaced approximately 28 residents. Photo by Bill Conners

by Curtis Schmidt

Three businesses were totally destroyed and 28 residents were displaced in a three-alarm fire at 784-788 Main Street in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Wednesday morning, Feb. 1.

Additionally, three firefighters were injured, two requiring transport to local hospitals by ambulance. All were treated and released and are home recuperating.

William A. Steenbergh, Chief of the Arlington Fire Department, said Tony's Pizza Pit, Arlington Exchange, and C. Brook

Amber's Salon were destroyed in the blaze. Twelve residents were permanently displaced from the apartments at 784 Main Street and approximately 16 residents were temporarily displaced from the apartments at 788 Main St. All of the displaced residents were transported to the Town of Poughkeepsie Community Room at the Police Station, by Police Officers, and were provided shelter during the incident. The American Red Cross provided additional assistance to those who did

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Bea will be featured in this year's Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet on February 12. Bea has been adopted and renamed Pepper since the Puppy Bowl filming. Courtesy photo Animal Planet

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stops to say how cute she is. One day, we hope she'll become closer friends with our cats, Lewis and Clark!"

Asked if they will be watching the Puppy Bowl, Colin and Sarah replied, "Yes! We are hosting a Puppy Bowl party for our friends and family, and even some of Pepper's doggie friends. She doesn't seem to have a clue about all the fuss we are making about her star turn."

Cassi said, "All of the volunteers are extremely excited to have one of our very own in the Puppy Bowl. This was our first Puppy Bowl experience, and it was absolutely amazing."

Asked how the Puppy Bowl would assist with ARF's mission, Cassi replied, "ARF is a 100% volunteer no-kill organization that was started in 1986 by Barbara Shea. We are small but try to help as many animals as possible. In addition to local surrenders, we rescue dogs and cats from southern states and have even brought cats in from Puerto Rico. Our mission is to rescue and find loving homes for as many animals as

possible. And yes, sometimes that means their loving home has to be ARF! It is our hope that participating in the Puppy Bowl will bring attention to our rescue and the work we do for the animals. With more awareness we will be able to find more homes and raise funds in order to continue rescuing and caring for the animals."

Asked what they would say to someone who is thinking about adopting from ARF, Sarah answered, "We cannot thank ARF enough for their work or recommend them highly enough for anyone seeking to adopt a pet. Colin volunteers there once a week, so we were already passionate about the organization, but after going through their very thorough adoption process, we are even bigger fans."

ARF is at 54 Simmons Lane in Beacon. For more information, or to learn how to donate, visit <https://www.arfbeacon.org>.

To see if Team Ruff or Team Fluff wins the Lombarky trophy, tune into the Puppy Bowl on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. on Animal Planet.

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Board members also represent and work to ensure mental hygiene needs are being met. For further information and meeting dates, please visit dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/dbch.htm.

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Clinton Square in Poughkeepsie and both Pam and Gary took an interest in pharmaceutical careers.

They initially wanted to get married before going to college, but their parents said they would not help pay for college if that happened.

"There was no animosity. That's just the way it was back then," said Pam.

They lived separately while attending college and kept on dating.

"We had so much in common, but I think he also liked me because I did his homework for him while he hung out with friends at a local bar," said Pam.

Gary's comeback? "I hated English. I was OK with other subjects, but I was awful with verbs and adverbs. Hanging out at the bar was social and Pam didn't enjoy drinking anyway."

Living separately even extended to weekends away.

"We went to Lake George one time and got separate rooms," said Gary. "We accidentally bumped into the school dean, but said 'Hey we had separate rooms!' The dean knew my dad. That was kinda funny."

Engagement & wedding

The engagement ring provided another funny story.

Gary had visited a family friend and jeweler, Lenny Rugman.

"I told Lenny 'I have \$20. Can I put that down and get this ring?' He agreed, but he didn't know what he was getting into," said Gary. "I gave him \$2 and \$3 at a time for about a year until the ring was paid off."

The engagement itself came while the two were home from college visiting Pam's mother. Gary, noting that he had given Pam his fraternity pin earlier, told her "I want my pin back. I've got something else for you." And he presented her with the ring.

"I was surprised, but only at the timing," said Pam. "We were very committed to each other, but I just thought he

would wait until after we graduated."

Graduation came in June of 1963 and they were married on July 28. Gary's birthday is July 27.

"We got married on the 28th so Gary would remember the anniversary every year," Pam said with a laugh.

They were married at the Dutch Reformed Church on Hooker Avenue in Poughkeepsie and the reception with about 100 individuals in attendance was held at Talbot's Inn and Restaurant in Pleasant Valley.

"I still have the list of attendees," said Pam.

They traveled to Nantucket Island for their honeymoon.

"We stayed at the Harbor House Hotel. The cost was \$15 for the week," said Gary.

Veeder Pharmacy

Gary's dad had added another pharmacy by this time – on Manchester Road (State Route 55 in the Town of LaGrange). Gary and Pam eventually took over the Route 55 location in the late 1980s.

"We had the first pharmacy in Dutchess County with a drive-in window for prescriptions," said Gary. "It was nothing fancy, but we had to stop that because it became too easy for burglars breaking in."

Difficult times arrived in 1996 when the state decided to widen Route 55 and the construction blocked the entrance to the pharmacy and they eventually had to close it.

"We loved that store and all of the people who were our customers," said Pam. "It was such a great family business."

But Pam and Gary were resilient. He also had a career in local politics. He was a member of the Town of Pleasant Valley Council and Planning Board starting in the late 1960s and served as Town Supervisor from 1976-80. In all, he served in various roles for the Town of Pleasant Valley for 50-plus years.



Above: Pam and Gary Veeder stand outside the Dutch Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie on their wedding day, July 28, 1963. Left: The Veeders relax next to their camper during a visit to the Florida Keys. They have visited every state in the U.S. and all provinces of Canada. Courtesy photos

DC Fair & traveling

Gary has also been a member of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (DCAS), joining during the tenure of Executive Director Sam Lloyd. The DCAS operates the Dutchess County Fair – and that is another love for Pam and Gary. They never miss the Fair and one year even traveled to county fairs all across New England.

Gary's three loves are: Pam and family, the Dutchess County Fair and the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Fine woodworking is another talent they shared and the couple spent many years as vendors at local and area shows.

Later on, traveling became a great pastime. They have indeed visited every state in the nation, plus all of the provinces of Canada – driving most of the time and staying in a camper atop their 1997 Ford F250 diesel pickup truck. They bought the truck new and still drive it (250,000 miles).

"We had to get along to spend all that time in such close quarters," Pam said of the camper.

They enjoyed traveling the "back roads," discovering small family businesses like saddle shops and hardware stores and even striking up conversations with farmers in Iowa.

They have two children, Dal and Meegan, and four grandchildren, Cosette and Macey Veeder-Shave and Keegan and Dalton Veeder.

On the keys to a long and happy marriage, Pam said, "Tolerance and understanding. (Love and respect are understood.) We've been through difficult times and held it together when others might have walked away." She referred to the traumatic closing of the Veeder Pharmacy and various medical issues.

Gary smiled and said the key is "finding the right girl and then loving and supporting each other all along the way."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Urge Clinton Board to delay vote on lifting zoning restrictions

To the editor:

On Tuesday Feb. 14, the Town Board of Clinton will hold a Public Hearing and plans to immediately take a vote to lift zoning restrictions that currently prohibit expansion of non-conforming alternate care facilities. This is being done in order to settle a lawsuit brought against the Town (of Clinton) by Cornerstone of Rhinebeck, a for-profit corporation that has recently been acquired by an even larger for-profit entity.

If the amendment to the code is passed as written, it will legitimize Cornerstone's past non-permitted expansions, and open up a path for future commercial development and set a new precedent in our environmentally protected districts around our lakes and aquifers.

We, as neighbors of Cornerstone and residents of Clinton, feel the board needs to better understand the consequences of their vote and not make a decision based on fear of a lawsuit, but rather what best serves our community. It is crucial to let the board know how we feel. We want the board to stand up to bully developers and fight this. We want them to delay a vote until proper due diligence has been done and evaluated by both the board and the community.

Our board members are good people in a very tough spot. The very best thing we can do is write to the board and tell them we support a delay in their vote on this expansion and stand up for the community. The second best thing you can do is tell your neighbors and show up to the meeting on Feb 14.

Request a vote NOT be taken on Feb. 14th.

Send emails to our town clerk Carol Mackin, she will distribute them to the Board and they will be read. townclerk@townofclinton.com

Brad Cole
Clinton

Choose good judgment over resentment in geopolitics

To the editor:

In Michael Crichton's excellent novel, "Rising Sun," the detective investigating the 1990s murder at a Japanese conglomerate's Los Angeles headquarters is angry at the Japanese over the brutal death of his uncle in World War II. The wiser, older detective explains that it is a different country now, but the other detective cannot put aside his bitterness, and makes mistakes.

Similarly, European countries, with bitter experiences from their time in the Soviet Union, are letting those cloud their judgment.

This is not to downplay the real tragedies experienced. The small Baltic States, each with a unique culture and language, suffered suppression of both, and migration of many non-native people into those countries. Poland suffered atrocities, and the imposition of a Soviet-backed regime at the end of World War II. Ukraine, with its rich farmland and many small farmers, suffered in the 1930s from the forced, brutal collectivization of small farms. Many Russian speakers moved to Ukraine during industrialization of the rich resources in the Donbas region.

A Deep State armchair strategist might see these as resentments to exploit against Russia, the dominant force in the Soviet Union.

After the 2014 coup, Ukraine moved to suppress the Russian language, the mother tongue of perhaps 20 percent of the population - leading to rebellion, back-and-forth shelling, and ultimately the Russian invasion playing out now, with 20 percent of Ukraine occupied by Russia, and estimates of over 100,000 deaths of Ukrainian soldiers, and a fifth of the population refugees.

Russia's Baltic Sea naval base is sandwiched between Lithuania and Poland. Lithuania last year had the idea to halt traffic of essential goods to Kaliningrad, effectively an act of war. Fortunately, cooler heads ultimately prevailed.

Poland's government is offering military support to Ukraine, which some say includes soldiers fighting in Ukraine uniforms. Presumably Poland is betting that if it becomes a target, NATO will come to the rescue, since Poland's population is a fraction of Russia's.

Is the Deep State playing those historical resentments like a violin to damage Russia? Hope the people of Europe wake up before other countries experience the devastation war has brought to Ukraine, or the far worse tragedy of nuclear war.

The ethnic tensions in Ukraine had a practical solution in the 2015 Minsk II agreement. Tragically, Western Europe has admitted the agreement was hoax, just buying time for Ukraine to arm, making trust in any new agreement very challenging.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

Hudson Valley Community Power program to launch this spring

To the editor:

Local energy news has been chaotic and confusing these past two years, shining a light on the importance of consumer protection and the impacts of the high cost of energy. With New York's emission reduction goals and the opportunities for all utility customers in mind, it is important to address persistent confusion surrounding energy decisions.

During this time, Community Choice Aggregation programs have provided significant protection against this volatility, while helping municipalities reach emission reduction targets. For instance, Joule Community Power's community-based renewable electricity program, Hudson Valley Community Power, saved customers more than \$7 million in electricity costs and helped avoid 25,000 MT CO₂e (metric tons of carbon equivalent emissions) between July 2021 and July 2022.

The Hudson Valley Community Power program unfortunately came to a halt in July 2022 when the selected supplier, Columbia Utilities, broke its contract and ceased serving customers, despite continued advocacy and legal action against Columbia by Joule in coordination with eight of the partner-municipalities and two local residents. The Public Service Commission (PSC) supported these actions and opened an investigation of their own. The PSC also investigated Central Hudson's billing system errors and confirmed that Central Hudson's billing issues were not caused by Hudson Valley Community Power and are significantly more widespread. Joule continues to act for the community members, supporting the State's investigation by advocating on behalf of consumers and supporting the development of solutions.

Meanwhile, the Hudson Valley Community Power program protected customers from market volatility by providing fixed electricity supply rates. After Columbia's breach of contract and after saving customers the collective \$7 million, customers were simply returned, with no interruption in service, to the original opt-out arrangement whereby Central Hudson makes the electricity supply decisions, which is predominately from non-renewable sources.

What's next? The Hudson Valley Community Power program will be launching a new electricity supply contract this Spring for participating municipalities. Currently, 13 cities, towns, and villages are taking steps that will enable them to contract a new protective electricity rate for their residents and small businesses, with the opportunity to continue to save residents money while strengthening consumer protections. Municipal leaders continue to act to protect their residents and move towards a cleaner energy future.

Jessica Stromback, CEO
Joule Community Power

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Renegades, DBH start Phase One upgrades to Dutchess Stadium

by Rich Thomaselli

As the area's only professional team, you know about the Hudson Valley Renegades.

You also know that Dutchess Stadium is almost ancient at nearly 30 years old. Remember that the stadium was put up quickly in April of 1994. And with Major League Baseball changing its operating standards practically every year, it needs some work.

The Renegades ownership, Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), has announced the commencement of major capital upgrades to Dutchess Stadium prior to the 2023 season.

"This first major wave of construction at the ballpark is necessary to create a better, safer environment for Renegades players at the park," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades. "These are necessary upgrades to improve player training and development facilities, and enhance player safety – ensuring that affiliated, professional baseball can exist in the Hudson Valley for years to come. Additionally, it will enhance the experience for our local college student-athletes and youth baseball players who use the field throughout the year."

Phase One consists of player-facing upgrades to Dutchess Stadium, including the construction of a brand new, padded outfield wall for enhanced player safety and a cleaner, more modern aesthetic to

the ballpark. The right field clubhouse building is also being gutted and completely renovated to provide facilities for players, coaches, and umpires that conform to modern needs and requirements, as outlined in Major League Baseball's Player Development License (PDL).

This includes larger spaces for training areas and a video room, dedicated locker room space for female coaches and umpires, and the conversion of the visiting clubhouse space to a state-of-the-art weight training facility. For the 2023 season, visiting teams will move to a temporary clubhouse before occupying the right field building for themselves upon completion of the new home clubhouse in 2024.

Additionally, the batting cages in right field are being enclosed to create a training facility that can be used by both teams in all weather. Subsequent phases of work at the ballpark are set to commence in the coming months, with details to follow. Phase One construction is being performed by Holt Construction Company's Hudson Valley division.

The Renegades routinely draw more than 4,000 fans a night into the small facility and it underwent a seating makeover several years ago. But this is far more ambitious and part of the MLB standards for minor league franchises. The Renegades are the high Class A farm team of the New York Yankees.

The improvements are also required by Major League Baseball in order to



Construction is under way enclosing the batting cages to create a training facility that can be used by both teams in all weather. Courtesy photo

keep the team here as part of the Player Development Contract. And the Renegades are in a lucrative situation as a farm team of the richest club in baseball. Not to mention the proximity to Yankee Stadium. Already, the Renegades have had several players called up to the big leagues.

The projects are being overseen by former Renegades president and general manager Steve Gliner, in his new role as a consultant to Diamond Baseball

Holdings.

The past few years have already seen significant improvements including replacing and upgrading stadium seats, the installation of state-of-the-art, energy-efficient LED lights, and the re-pavement of the parking lots. Over the next 18 months, the Renegades, DBH and Dutchess County are embarking on several projects to transform the stadium for baseball and community events.

ADVERTORIAL

Hudson Valley man on a mission to spread Immune Health to the world

By Joe Doran

The Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia corridor is rightly known as one of the most beautiful regions of the Hudson Valley and the world. But might it also be recognized one day for spreading the word about a one-of-a-kind natural immune system nutrition booster and glutathione precursor that supports many health conditions. It will if Joseph V. Cassarino has anything to say about it.

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chemistry research and a concern for humanity. He was awarded a Harvard Medical Student Research Fellowship and merited Honor grades for his research, and holds a Master of Science degree from New York University, and a Doctor of Science (Hon.) degree from the University of Redlands (CA).

Dr. Crum has been called into counsel or Audiences with many world leaders, including an Audience with Pope John Paul II, now Pope Saint John Paul II, and with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and many others. In 1974, Dr. Crum, a non-sectarian, was awarded the Pope John XXIII (now Pope Saint John XXIII) Gold Medal with a sacred embedded Relic of Pope Saint John XXIII. Dr. Crum served as co-Chair of the U.S. Coordinating Committee Supporting the Nomination of His Holiness the Dalai Lama XIV of Tibet for the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Crum is also a 2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

"Dr. Crum made his groundbreaking scientific discovery over many years of laboratory research," says Joseph. "ProImmune is a scientific formula that he worked on to discover glutathione synthesis, and Dr. Crum's motivation was that he always felt that there should be a way, where the [human] cell could make its own glutathione exactly as nature intended." Joseph, an avid practitioner of a healthy life-style had never heard of glutathione. "The bottom line is, the average person has no awareness of glutathione. I didn't, before I met Dr. Crum four years ago. I'm 65 years old and I'm

a health oriented person but I did not know how important glutathione is and I am discovering that most people do not know what glutathione is or how toxins and stress inside the cells called, oxidative stress cause cells to decay or die and that glutathione helps the body reduce decay.

Joseph learned that glutathione is so important to the body and immune system and general health, that it is referred to as the "master antioxidant." And Dr. Crum, funded in part by \$88M if grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was on the cutting edge of glutathione research. His work was trail-blazing not only concerning understanding of what glutathione does. He also discovered a crucial combination of natural precursors nutrients that could help the body manufacture optimum amounts of glutathione at the cellular level.

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"By making the glutathione inside the cell, and only as much glutathione as the



Joseph V. Cassarino

cell needs to reduce the toxins and the oxidative stress, discharging what it doesn't need, it actually is the most efficient and effective implementation, over any method of glutathione supplementation and I learned this by sitting in meetings with Dr. Crum's legal rep and with top scientists of the world."

Joseph V. Cassarino has developed an ecommerce website that offers free shipping www.thebestimmunesupport.com "I put so much education concerning the product onto the website," says Joseph. "There's the science, the data, the links to the NIH health report that all prove the importance of what glutathione does and the science of what Dr. Crum's discovery provides for optimal glutathione replenishment.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Indoor Tag Sale set Feb. 11

Stanford Grange #808 will host an Indoor Tag Sale on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All new items will be featured. Proceeds will benefit the Grange's continual community service projects and maintenance for the Grange Hall. No donations of items for the sale, please - we don't have room to store them. Please call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 for more information.

Play4Kay Night set Feb. 11

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will partner with The Marist College Athletics Department for the 13th annual Play4Kay Night to promote the importance of breast cancer awareness in the Hudson Valley. The event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11, at McCann Arena, where the women's basketball team faces Canisius at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the evening's 50-50 raffle will benefit the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. Donations will also be accepted. At halftime, breast cancer survivors will be recognized with a special on-court ceremony.

Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation and to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

Soup Sales set in Rhinecliff

The Rhinebeck Grange will sponsor the winter Soup Sales on Feb. 16 and March 16, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, at the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard. Soup is sold by the Quart for \$10 per quart. Take-out only. Pick up at side window on Orchard St.

Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

Volunteers needed for amphibian migrations and road crossings

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation announces this year's schedule of Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Project trainings for volunteers. They will be offering two in-person trainings and one virtual session, designed for new volunteers and past participants looking for a refresher. All are free but registration is required.

The training will be offered in two locations: Feb. 16, 6-8:30 p.m. in Millbrook (snow date: Feb. 23); Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.-Noon in Averill Park (snow date: Feb. 25). The virtual session is scheduled for Feb. 28, 5-6:30 p.m.

Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/51925.html> to register and for details of the trainings.

Free rabies vaccination clinic set Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Dutchess County SPCA, located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

There is no charge for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Rhinebeck Garden Club sets monthly meeting

The Rhinebeck Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m., at the Starr Library, 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Program: Black Gardeners in the Hudson Valley and Beyond, presented by Brenda Brockett. Refreshments served. Visitors welcomed. Every year, the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call (914) 263-5298 or visit or <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064834505072>.

Hyde Park Rotary sets comedy show

The Hyde Park Rotary Club will host Comedy Night on Friday, Feb. 24, at Coppola's in Hyde Park. Dinner (with cash bar) and show begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and available at the Hyde Park Rotary's Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/RotaryHydeParkNY>. All proceeds will benefit the Hyde Park Rotary Club and Rotary International's

End Polio Now initiative. Call (845) 758-6464 for more information.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor,

clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program: The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is reaching out to older adults who are isolated and would like some type of social connection, somebody to talk to for 20-30 minutes a week. OFA's Friendly Calls program is looking for volunteer callers to reach out to our older adults. It's a simple program at its core: neighbors talking to neighbors in a short, structured conversation. OFA screens both the volunteer callers as well as the people being called. You'd be talking to somebody who lives alone, is isolated, and has expressed an interest in staying socially connected. Volunteers would start out calling from OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie, but we envision the program becoming something a volunteer can do from home if that's what they prefer. Adult volunteers of all ages are welcome. If you're interested in taking part as a volunteer caller, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 486-2555.

3-alarm fire destroys three businesses, injures three firefighters in Poughkeepsie

continued from cover

have local families, or could not make temporary shelter arrangements.

Steenbergh said the origin and cause of the fire is being investigated by the Arlington Fire District Fire Investigation Division. It has been determined that the fire originated within 786 Main Street, in the back kitchen area of the restaurant, at the very rear of the structure. The fire at this point is not considered suspicious. The investigation remains on-going.

Steenbergh said it is important to note that this fire was discovered by an occupant of one of the apartments at 786 Main Street who had just returned home from work, and was preparing to shower prior to going to bed. Many of the impacted apartments did not appear to have had functioning smoke detectors.

Had this person not already been awake, discovery of the fire likely would have been even further delayed, potentially resulting in an even more devastating outcome, according to Steenbergh.

He reported that at approximately 2:05 a.m. on Feb. 1, the Arlington Fire District was dispatched to a report of smoke in a first floor apartment at 784 Main Street. Town Police officers arrived at 2:07 a.m. and discovered an active fire at 786 Main Street, and began evacuating the residents of the apartment building at 784 Main.

The first fire apparatus from Arlington arrived in less than four minutes of the original 911 call. Fire was visible inside the rear of the single-story wood frame structure at 786 Main, more commonly known as Tony's Pizza Pit. A second alarm was immediately called for, bringing additional Arlington units to the scene, as well as the City of Poughkeepsie FD, and Mobile Life Support EMS.

Fire was already impinging upon the adjacent three-story wood frame apartment house at 784 Main Street. Crews simultaneously initiated a primary search for victims in all of the apartments in 786 Main, and began an interior fire attack in the restaurant.

Rapidly deteriorating conditions within the restaurant resulted in a "Mayday" being called by an attack crew who had entered via the front door, when they became entangled in debris, and briefly trapped, prior to being able to extricate themselves. Additionally, a firefighter entering the restaurant via the rear door became separated from his crew and was injured when he fell down an open staircase into the basement.

Steenbergh said a third alarm was called for at 2:37 a.m., bringing additional units to the scene. With fire extending into 784 Main Street and the failure of sections of the floor within the restaurant, all crews were pulled out of the two structures, and defensive fire operations commenced. Additional units were summoned from across Dutchess and Ulster

Counties.

Crews were hampered throughout the night by freezing temperatures, water supply insufficient for the volume of fire, and frequent collapses of portions of the two buildings. As mutual aid departments were released from the scene, Arlington FD remained, continually checking for hot spots, and for Arlington Fire Investigators to be investigating the origin and cause of the fire.

The Town of Poughkeepsie Building Department had ordered the two buildings to be demolished, as a result of severe structural damage, and the potential for collapse.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. the next day, crews discovered fire burning in the basement, in an area that was inaccessible secondary to fire damage, and previous collapses. Excavators were used to remove debris in an attempt to access the burning basement. This fire rapidly escalated when oil tanks in the basement failed, resulting in flaming fuel oil floating on top of the water that almost totally filled the basement at this point.

It would ultimately take more than a thousand gallons of finished foam product to be pumped into the basement control this petroleum-based fire.

Arlington FD, Town of Poughkeepsie building officials and contractors remained at the scene until approximately 9 p.m. the next day, in order to complete the demolition of the structures.

The following agencies assisted Arlington at the scene of this incident, and we are grateful for their help. In all, 22 different fire apparatus from 10 departments responded to the scene of this incident, with additional apparatus relocating and standing by for other emergencies all across the region.

Arlington FD, City of Poughkeepsie FD, East Clinton FD, Fairview FD, Hughsonville FD, Hyde Park FD, IBM Emergency Control, LaGrange FD, Pleasant Valley FD, Roosevelt FD, West Clinton FD.

Other agencies assisting on scene – Town of Poughkeepsie Police Dept., Town of Poughkeepsie Building Dept., Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Department, Town of Poughkeepsie Water Dept., Town Supervisor Baisley, Mobile Life Support Services, Dutchess County Dept. of Emergency Response, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Dutchess County Public Transit, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Dept. of Transportation, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Clove Excavators.

Fire Departments standing by and/or relocated – Highland FD, Millbrook FD, New Hackensack FD, New Hamburg FD, Pleasant Valley FD, Roosevelt FD, Union Vale FD, Wappinger Falls FD.

PLAY BINGO TO BENEFIT UNITED WAY

Emerging Leaders United will hold a Bingo event at Goodnight Kenny (27 Academy St., Poughkeepsie) on Saturday, Feb. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. The event will benefit United Way's Crisis Fund.

There will be six rounds of bingo (\$5/round) with prizes for the winners of each round. There will also be Valentine's cards and candies to purchase for loved ones.

All proceeds will go directly to United Way's Crisis Fund, which gives emergency assistance to individuals and families so their bump in the road doesn't turn into a catastrophe.

To register, visit <https://www.uwdor.org/> and click on Upcoming Events. For more information, contact Kristie at khagen@uwdor.org or (845) 471-1900, ext. 3104.

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Sheriff's Office investigating multiple cases of youth extortion via social media

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reports the investigation into multiple cases of local youths being extorted via social media over last week.

The extortion begins when the perpetrator befriends the child posing as someone their age on social media, then at some point asks the child to share explicit photos of themselves, stated the Sheriff's Office in a press release. Once

the photos are shared, they then blackmail the child by telling them that the photos will be posted/shared with others unless money is paid. In some cases, the perpetrator asks for the money in the form of gift cards, because they know that many kids still have unspent cards from Christmas and using them is less likely to alert parents and other authority figures, states the release. So far the

Sheriff's Office has one case in which the perpetrator did in fact post the explicit photos of the child after not receiving the money that they demanded.

If anyone has any information about these cases, thinks they may be a victim, or knows someone who may be a victim they are urged to contact Detective Cohen at 845-486-3820 or via email at jcohen@dutchessny.gov. The Sheriff's

Office can also be contacted via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or dcsotips@gmail.com, and all information will be kept confidential.

Finally the Sheriff's Office would like to ask that parents and caregivers make their children aware of these incidents and reinforce the best ways for them to stay safe while using the internet and social media.



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Hinchey announces February Mobile Office hours

KINGSTON, NY – State Senator Michelle Hinchey today announced that members of her Constituent Services Team will hold mobile office hours across the 41st Senate District during the month of February, continuing their work to bring state government resources directly to the communities she represents in Columbia, Northern Dutchess, Greene, and Ulster Counties.

During mobile office hours, constituents can meet with the Senator's staff and receive assistance and information on a wide range of issues. This can include utility support, help with unemployment, EZPass and DMV issues, food and health resource referrals, heating assistance, and

more. Appointments are suggested and can be scheduled at bit.ly/HincheyMOH.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "My team and I are always working to make state government more accessible by bringing our services straight to our neighbors in their community, and we're excited to do that this February through our mobile office hours. From these one-on-one support sessions, we've helped over 1,000 people resolve issues and access a number of resources, like fixing an inaccurate utility bill to receiving the unemployment they're owed or getting a new business license. We're excited to ramp up these efforts this year and continue finding ways to make our services

as easy as possible for people to access."

Senator Hinchey's Constituent Services staff will be available for mobile office hours at the dates and locations listed below.

Wednesday, February 8, 10am - 2pm
Catskill Public Library
1 Franklin St
Catskill, NY 12414

Thursday, February 16, 11am - 3pm
Elting Memorial Library
93 Main St
New Paltz, NY 12561

Tuesday, February 21, 10am - 2pm
Red Hook Public Library

7444 S Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Thursday, February 23, 11am - 3pm
Hudson Area Library
51 North 5th Street
Hudson, NY 12534

Monday, February 27, 5pm - 8pm
Senator Hinchey's Kingston Office
721 Broadway, Suite 150
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4-H Public Presentation Program provides valuable training

The 4-H Public presentation program here in Dutchess County is regarded as one of the strongest in the State. 4-H alumni tell us that (with hindsight as they move on to college and employment), it is one of the elements they value most from their 4-H experience.

Prior to Covid, 4-H had a strong public presentation program with approximately 250 youth per year participating. During Covid, we had to radically change the format, doing virtual presentations and in very small groups. But we did it!

In 2021-22, the program flourished; 295 youth completed county level public presentations in their chosen format including Cloverbud Workshops, Food Festivals, Interviews, Illustrated Talk and/or Demonstrations and the Speech Category.

Of the 295, 21 youth progressed to the Regional event, and of the 21 who participated at Regional level, two were selected to represent New York State in the Northeast States Championship (42 youth from 7 states were invited). They both placed highly: #1 in Speech and #3 in Demonstration/Illustrated Talk!

DC 4-H Leads Statewide

Livestock Summit for Youth

This event, in its' third year, continues to grow.

The brainchild of 4-H Educator Emma Kron, the goal is to bring youth with a passion for agriculture together to learn and make connections. Top-class presenters speak each week on a wide variety of topics such as livestock judging, shearing, marketing, and safe work with trailers.

Sessions are via Zoom, but are very interactive with great door prizes. This year, 73 participants have signed up! Dutchess 4-H youth register for free while out-of-county youth pay a small fee.



Nora Alfaro presents at the 4-H Fall Food Festival – Learning by Doing and having fun!
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33 and growing! Area classrooms are signing up for Ag Literacy Week

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We also welcome volunteers who would like to read to children. This year's beautiful story, suitable for 1st-3rd graders, "Lovingly affirms how we can connect to other cultures, as well as to our own, through food."

Last year we reached 1,780 children. Help us exceed this in 2023 by contacting us if you have a group of students or would like to volunteer to read.

Email Emma at elj57@cornell.edu. Each participating group receives a copy of the book to keep and materials for an engaging hands-on activity plus an Educator Resource Guide.

Quilt, Quilt, Quilt with our Newest 4-H Club!

For children aged 8-plus, we are offering the opportunity to learn all about quilting from scratch or improve their skills in a small, fun and friendly group.

Led by an experienced volunteer, this club will meet twice a month at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building in Millbrook (time/day tbd).

To register your interest and find out more email Mrs. Ashline at tgnash99@verizon.net.

New members will have the chance to exhibit as part of the 4-H program at the Dutchess County Fair!



The newest 4-H club will teach youth ages 8 and over all about quilting – from scratch or improve quilting skills. Courtesy image



Hyde Park Chamber installs officers

New officers and directors of the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce were installed during the annual banquet held on January 26 at Joseph's Steakhouse. From left are Dot Chenevert, Rob Sweet, Dora Visbeck, Michael Petralia, Phyllis Delarm, Bob Delarm, Sandy Hicks, Patty Moore, Catherine Lane, John Lane, Dan Bush and Stu Davis. Courtesy photo

Hinchey calls on Hochul to codify food procurement bill in State Budget

ALBANY – A legislative proposal sponsored by State Senator Michelle Hinchey (S3125) to create food procurement goals for state agencies has been included in Governor Kathy Hochul's Executive Budget plan for Fiscal Year 2024 as an addendum through Executive Order. Hinchey released the following statement today, urging for her proposal to be included, instead, in the State Budget process:

"Expanding access to healthy, locally-sourced food while supporting our New

York farmers is a hallmark of our work in the Senate Agriculture and Food Committee, and I'm honored that my proposal to set first-ever food procurement goals for state agencies has been included in the Governor's budget address," said Hinchey in a press statement. "I thank Governor Hochul for seeing the importance of this shift and for expanding the thresholds of our plan to get more local healthy food to those utilizing state agencies."

Hinchey added: "While this Executive

Order is helpful, I believe an economic growth opportunity this important should be codified in State Law through the budget. This will help to ensure that no matter who sits in the Executive Chamber, state agencies have a direct line to buy local from New York farmers and our incredible array of homegrown food is available to every person being served by that agency."

The senator said she believes that food is a form of healthcare, "and whether you're an individual living in a nursing home, at a correctional facility, or a state university, you deserve to eat fresh, healthy New York-grown food."

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE OPENS APPLICATION PROCESS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Marc Nelson has announced that \$490,000 is being made available to community organizations through the city's Youth Activities & Opportunities Grant Program.

The city created the program in 2018 with \$140,000 in seed money. Over the years, grant monies have been distributed for sporting activities, the performing arts, summer camps, tech programs, job skills development, among other essential endeavors.

This year, the city is raising the maximum funding award from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for recipients.

Last year, the city allocated \$339,000 for youth-related programs, more than doubling the annual investment the city has been able to make in these endeavors over the years. The city has created a summary of grant recipients from 2022 and the programs and activities they created with the funds.

Like last year, this year's commitment involves both city and American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2023. The application form, guidelines and other information can be found at the city's new Youth Services Division webpage.

Youth grant applicants are invited to attend an information meeting to be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 13 at City Hall, Common Council Chambers. There, the city will answer questions and provide information on reporting and training compliances connected to the program.

Applicants can contact Williams at 845-451-4016 or email her at KaWilliams@cityofpoughkeepsie.com for more information or to discuss program eligibility.

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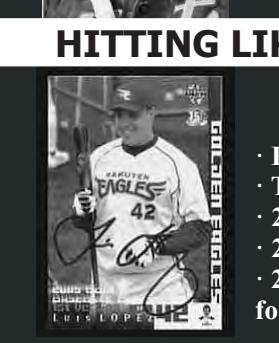
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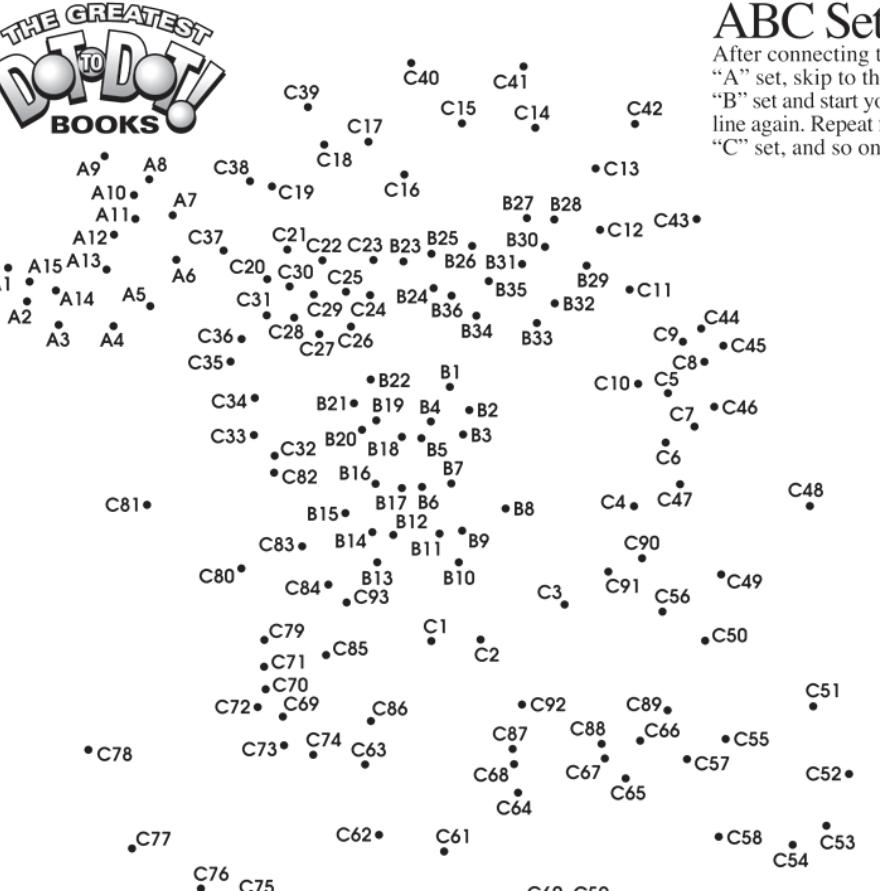
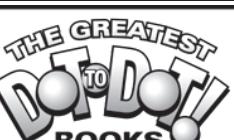
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ABC Sets

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By David Kalvitis

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DCC to expand offerings for career, academic success of diverse community of learners

Dutchess Community College announced it will design micro-pathways in business, construction, and information technology/data science in partnership with the Educational Design Lab (the Lab), a national nonprofit that designs, implements and scales new learning models for higher education and the future of work.

About Education Design Lab: The Lab is a national nonprofit that co-designs, prototypes, and tests educa-

tion-to-workforce models through a human-centered design process focused on understanding learners' experiences, addressing equity gaps in higher education, and connecting new majority learners to economic mobility.

Through its Community College Growth Engine Fund (the Fund), the Lab works with colleges to create micro-pathways for students who may not have previously been able to enroll in full-time study, slowing their academic and profes-

sional progress, for several reasons, including time and financial constraints.

What are micro-pathways? Co-designed with learners and employers, micro-pathways are defined as two or more stackable credentials, including a 21st century skill micro-credential, that are flexibly delivered to be achieved within less than a year and result in a job at or above the local median wage, and start learners on the path to an associate degree.

President and CEO of the Lab, Bill Hughes, elucidates some of the reasons for developing micro-pathways: "The world of work has never before put such an onus on skills as exist today. Learners and earners need to show evidence of skills to be eligible for advancement in their career journeys. Employers need workers whose skills align with their talent requirements. The traditional degree alone does not solve for either of these, as it may be too time-intensive or expensive, and it may not align with the fast-changing needs of the labor market. The response to these challenges must be a shift to open up more affordable, accessible, job-aligned routes to employment opportunities. The work of the Community College Growth Engine Fund does that, and the Lab is excited to launch its next and largest cohort."

DCC will join the Lab's third cohort in February 2023 along with 17 other community colleges across the country, including the five other schools in SUNY's Hudson Valley Education and Workforce Consortium — Ulster, Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Sullivan.

As part of its ongoing efforts to increase higher education accessibility and economic mobility to the Hudson

Valley community, the College will utilize this opportunity to work with employers to develop and evaluate micro-pathways that bring value to both the individual, in search of higher wages and professional growth, and industry, in need of employees with specified sets of skills.

Director of DCC's Workforce Education & Development, Paloma Krakower, says of the initiative: "The thing I really like about the Lab's model is that it works in tandem with the College's Guided Pathways framework, positioning students on an upward career trajectory and giving them touchpoints and credentials to help them build momentum along the way. Because the credentials students will earn in micro-pathways are stackable, portable and flexible, students managing multiple responsibilities in addition to work and education will be able to move more seamlessly between their roles to realize their academic and professional goals."

DCC President Dr. Peter Grant Jordan said: "Through partnering with the Education Design Lab, the College will have the chance to incorporate more industry input into its program development. Through our industry advisory councils, employers will help design the curriculum and be involved in the evaluation process, meaning that we will be able to really align the needs of our students and industry stakeholders to have an even greater impact. Our participation in the Lab will provide much needed perspective and data-driven insight to inform relevant programming that will create new possibilities for our students and employers throughout the region."

Residents may submit photos for Comptroller's annual report

For the first time in Dutchess County's history, the Comptroller's Office will be publishing a "Popular Annual Financial Report" (PAFR). In addition to providing residents with a digestible summary of the financial state of the County, this optional report will include various statistics, demographics, and government information.

In anticipation of this report, the Comptroller's Office is asking members of the community if they would be willing to provide photos they've taken in Dutchess County that could accompany the data. All photographers will be credited for their work within the published report, unless anonymity is requested.

Photos should be high-resolution and submitted no later than February 28.

"I am excited to be creating the first ever PAFR report for Dutchess County," said Comptroller Lois. "I look forward to

seeing what everyone sends in and having the community be part of the finished product."

1-2 photos will be selected (and credited) per the following topics:

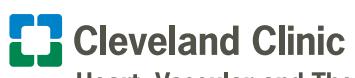
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Submit photos to comptroller@dutchessny.gov by February 28.



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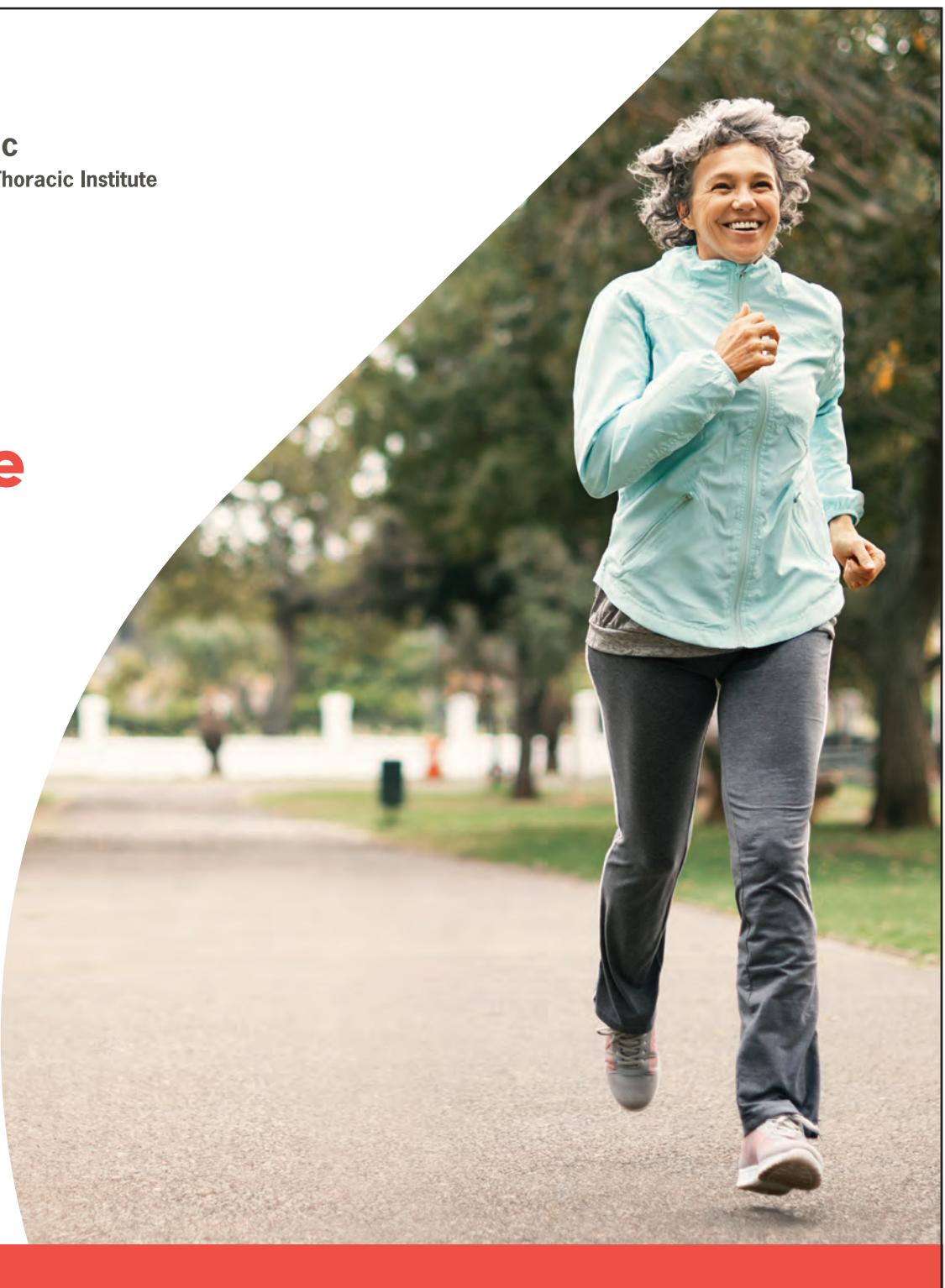
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Murder Cafe serves up 'A Recipe to Die For' in February

Murder Cafe begins its 25th anniversary year with a Valentine's themed interactive show, "A Recipe to Die For," at several venues in the upcoming weeks.

Four celebrity bakers, Phyllo La Grasso, Gioia Del Monte, Becky Bay and Guy Fury, will compete for the position of Pastry Chef at your restaurant. Each will be asked to prepare an original Valentine's Day dessert recipe, and each new concoction will be tasted and rated. On hand to oversee the bake-off will be Danny Glaze, the master of ceremonies, and celebrated food critic Francine Lydecker, who, along with several audience members, will act as judges.

Murder is also on the menu and it will take a visit from local CSI investigators to determine whodunit and why.

The schedule:

Feb. 8: The Venue at the Best Western in Kingston;

Feb. 10: The Historic Hotel Broadalbin in Broadalbin (Fulton County, N.Y.);

Feb. 11: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck;

Feb. 17: Le Chambord at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction;

Feb. 18: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck;

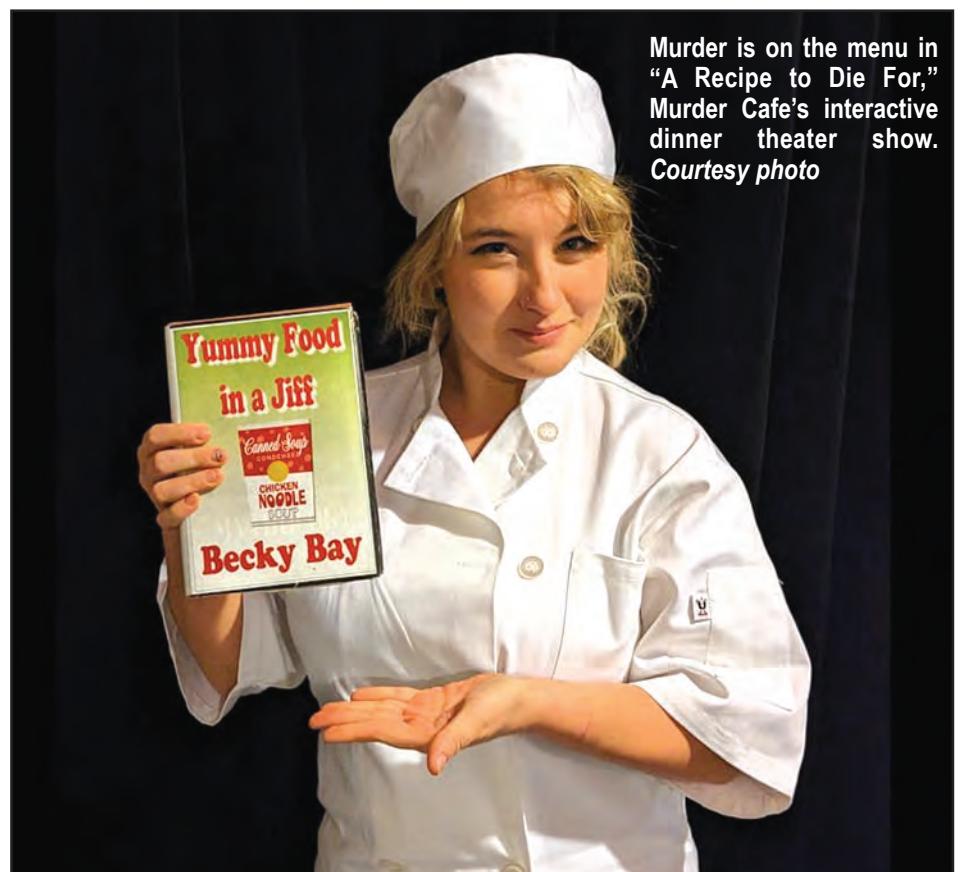
Feb. 25: The Castle on the Delaware, Walton (Delaware County, N.Y.);

March 25: The Eldred Preserve, Eldred (Sullivan County, N.Y.);

March 26: Buttermilk Falls and Spa, Milton (Ulster County, N.Y.).

To select date and to purchase tickets, visit www.murdercafe.net.

Murder is on the menu in "A Recipe to Die For," Murder Cafe's interactive dinner theater show. *Courtesy photo*



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Two of Us presents 'The Lady and the Clarinet' in Copake

The Two Of Us Productions, the award-winning theater company based in Copake, opens their 2023 season of live in-person theater with "The Lady and the Clarinet" by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Michael Cristofer. Performances are Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

Presented in collaboration with The Copake Grange in the intimate theater at the historic Grange Hall in Copake, you don't want to miss this exploration of aspects of love from a tantalizingly abstract perspective. Cristofer doesn't provide any easy answers concerning questions of the heart, but instead demonstrates love's ability to manipulate human behavior.

The scene is the cozy New York apartment of Luba, a woman successful in business but less fortunate in her private life. She is awaiting a male dinner guest and has engaged a clarinet player to provide romantic background music. Falling into a reverie, Luba begins to reminisce about the three men who have meant the most to her in her life, which leads to a series of intriguing flashbacks. In the first Luba is 16 and meets Paul, a young employee of her father's, who initiates her into the mysteries of sex, but bores her

otherwise. Then comes Jack, a high-powered television producer who is successful, exciting and funny, but also married to someone else. Finally there is George, a rich widower who keeps the house for her but looks elsewhere for love.

As the play ends the unanswered question is whether her new dinner companion will, at last, be "the man" she has been searching for, but as the nonspeaking clarinet player so eloquently suggests with smiles, shrugs and instrumental trills, the prospects (measured by Luba's past) are not too promising.

"The Lady and the Clarinet" features Constance Lopez as Luba, Eamon Martin as Paul, Bill Solley as Jack, John Leinung as George, and Stephen Sanborn on clarinet. The Theater at the historic Grange Hall provides an intimate performance space that brings the audience into this engrossing romantic comedy.

The Theater at the Copake Grange is located at 628 Empire Road in Copake, right down the street from the Clock Tower Pub in the center of town. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for Students & Seniors. Please call for Group Rates.

For advance reservations, visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or call (518) 329-6293. Masking is recommended for the safety of all.



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NY Stage and Film, Marist College announce multi-year collaboration

New York Stage and Film (NYSF) and Marist College have announced a dedicated, multi-year collaboration that will enable NYSF to expand its year-round services for artists developing new work in theater, film and television in the Hudson Valley and New York City while also opening up significant new educational programs and experiential learning opportunities for Marist students.

Building upon NYSF's successful work with Marist during the past two years, this dynamic relationship will include hosting the return of NYSF's NYC-based Winter Season (February 27-March 5) at Marist's Midtown Manhattan location and continue with NYSF's 2023 Summer Season to be held on the Marist Campus in Poughkeepsie (July 14-August 6), in which hundreds of artists will incubate new stories for the stage and screen through NYSF's celebrated residency and workshop programs. This collaboration also will expand the reach of popular public programs to benefit local communities served by both NYSF and Marist College.

"On behalf of the hundreds of artists we serve each year, I am so glad to be extending and deepening our relationship with Marist," said NYSF Interim Artistic Director Liz Carlson. "We share a focus on community-building, on continuous learning, and on discovering unique and surprising ways to experience the world around us. To be able to invest in this work and serve our respective communities in a long-term sustained way, both in the Hudson Valley and New York City, is an exceptional opportunity

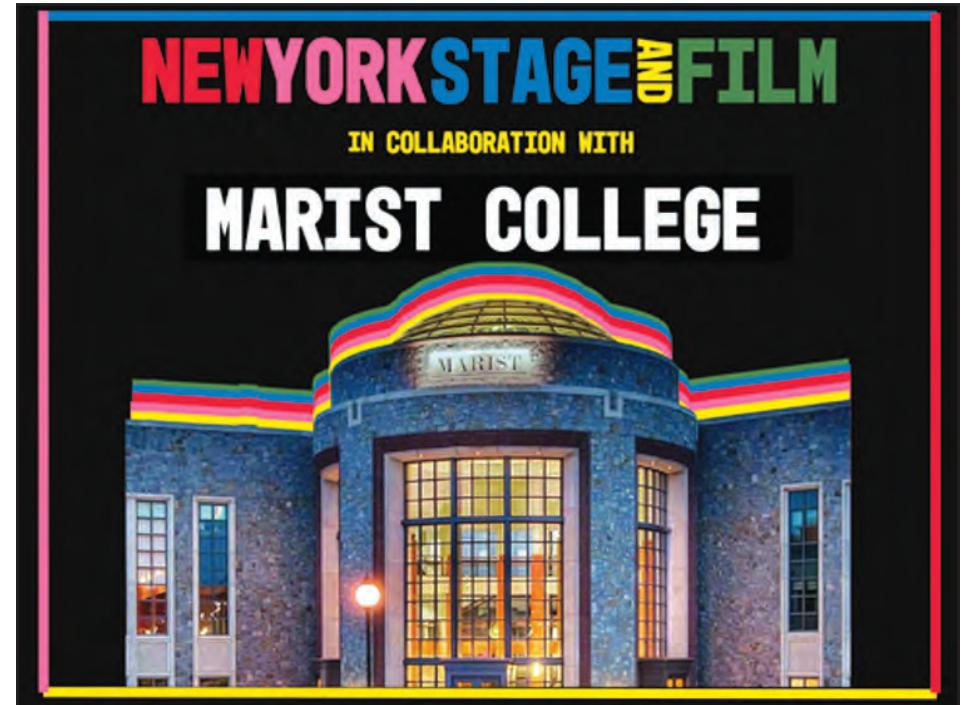
for all of us."

New York Stage and Film was founded in 1985 to create a nurturing environment for artistic process away from critical and commercial pressures, and it proudly collaborated with Vassar College to produce the summer Powerhouse Season in Poughkeepsie.

Since 2021, NYSF has been presenting programming at both Marist and Vassar to meet the evolving needs of its artistic community and to respond to logistical limitations during the COVID pandemic. The dedicated collaboration announced on Feb. 2 between NYSF and Marist builds upon the two organizations' existing work together and will give a wider community of artists in both the Hudson Valley and NYC the space and resources to pursue their work throughout the calendar year.

"We are grateful for this expanded relationship with New York Stage and Film, which will provide a unique benefit to Marist College and our surrounding community," said Marist Executive Vice President Geoffrey L. Brackett. "Our campus will play host to world class theater workshops and productions, Marist students in both Poughkeepsie and Manhattan will have the opportunity to apprentice and work with top leaders in theater and film, and young, aspiring artists will have access to amazing experiences through our summer pre-college programs for high school students."

Marist will provide housing, rehearsal, and performances space for NYSF's year-round programming as well as specialized resources to support NYSF's



Filmmakers' Workshop and other programming. NYSF will focus all of its Summer Season on Marist's Poughkeepsie campus and will work with the College to lend professional expertise to its curricular programs. Students will benefit from year-round experiential learning opportunities and apprentice positions and the Schools of Communication and the Arts and School of Liberal Arts will engage various student-centered clubs, organizations and other programs in practical work opportunities that support the collaboration, such as assisting with NYSF marketing,

PR and social media activities.

"NYSF extends our heartfelt gratitude to our colleagues at Vassar for their support through many years of the Powerhouse Season," said Board Chair Barbara Manocherian. "We are eager to build on our track record of curating exceptional stories and serving artists and audiences through our expanded relationship with Marist. They have been welcoming collaborators, excited to help envision unique ways to serve new work and provide a vital launch pad for new generations of artists."

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Annual Cookie Walk set Feb. 11



Mid-Hudson Love INC's Cookie Walk returns to a fully in-person event this year on Feb. 11. In this photo from a past event, attendees make selections of delicious home-baked treats. Photo by Patty Ten

After two years as a 'drive-thru' event, the Annual Mid-Hudson Love INC Cookie Walk returns to its traditional format. Cookie-lovers are invited to select their favorites on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (as long as supplies last). More than 600 dozen cookies will be on display at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road (Route 376) in Poughkeepsie.

This is the 15th year for the Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ Cookie Walk, which is always held the Saturday before Valentine's Day. It showcases the recipes and decorating skills of many volunteer bakers who donate their best baked goods to the event. Shoppers receive gloves and a bakery box and walk through the cookie display selecting the

items they want. Some gluten-free baked goods will be available. The filled bakery boxes are weighed, and shoppers take their treats home for a suggested donation of \$9 per pound. Shoppers are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

Proceeds benefit the ministry work of local churches through Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches that helps local families experiencing poverty, providing personal attention, skill-building classes, and tangible goods such as personal care items, linens, and furniture.

For further information about Mid-Hudson Love INC, visit the website at www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or call (845) 471-0102.

Arts Mid-Hudson to present exhibit, talk on Peg Leg Bates

After losing his leg in a work accident at the age of 12, Peg Leg Bates embarked on a dancing career that would last into his twilight years. Whether he was on the vaudeville stage in Lew Leslie's Blackbird reviews, on television with Ed Sullivan, on stage for a benefit or dancing on the porch with a fellow amputee, Peg Leg Bates was the consummate performer. The AMH (Arts Mid-Hudson) Gallery and Folk Arts Programs present "Peg Leg Bates: The Performance Years." The exhibit will run from Feb. 9 to March 9 at Arts Mid-Hudson, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. It may be viewed Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., or by appointment.

Using posters, photos, and text, the exhibit will explore his performing life through the experience of being a Black performer in vaudeville in the United States and beyond during the Jim Crow into the Civil Rights and post-Civil rights eras. What did it mean to perform with Lew Leslie's Blackbirds Reviews? What happened when he performed in blackface in Washington D.C?

The exhibit will also feature video clips from the Peg Leg Bates web page created through funding from Humanities New York.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. there will be a facilitated discussion on Black entrepreneurship pre and post-Civil Rights Movement. The evening will open with a dance performance by Nick Jackson in honor of Black History Month. Register at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PegLegBatesEntrepreneur>



Arts Mid-Hudson opens an exhibit this week on dancing legend Peg Leg Bates. Courtesy photo

[perfect.com/PegLegBatesEntrepreneur](http://www.artsmidhudson.org)

Poughkeepsie Native Nick Jackson has been a self-taught Hip Hop and animation dancer for 20 years. His style of dance is a combination of Pop-locking, Gliding, and Body Waving with African-inspired Movements/Rhythms. He taught hip-hop at Queen City Dance from 2019-2022. Today, he is still teaching through his own dance school, Rhythm of Water, is part of a Black Fire Dance Troupe Called PSI Fire Flow, and runs an Urban Garden on Pershing Avenue through his work with the City of Poughkeepsie and Scenic Hudson.

For more information about Arts Mid-Hudson and future art events, sign up for the monthly e-newsletter at www.artsmidhudson.org.

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The face-lift

Luigi gets the 'kid brother' treatment from his older siblings.

Growing up in the restaurant, my brothers and I got to know a lot of people. Being that I was a lot younger than my brothers, I believed everything they told me. I remember one time, they were talking about a particular customer. I was around 10 years old and was a busboy on that particular evening. My older brothers were 15, 17 and 19 at the time and they loved to pull my leg because I was so gullible. I would believe everything they said.

Pop: Luigi, Mr. and Mrs. Canton are in the second booth. Getta them bread and water.

Me: Yes Pop.

I went into the kitchen to get the bread and I overheard my brothers talking.

My brothers: Mr. and Mrs. Canton are here? I heard Mrs. Canton had a face lift. Yeah someone told me her face was pulled back so tight she can't close her eyes anymore. She sleeps with her eyes open. She has to wear a mask. Yeah, you can't see the scars from far away, but if

you get up close you can see scars right around her hair line.

I'm hanging on their every word. Pop comes into the kitchen and yells at me to hurry up, breaking me from my trance. I get my bread basket with butter and I go bring the bread to their table. As I put the basket on the table, I caught myself staring at Mrs. Canton's face. Pop saw me dawdling and came over and pinched me to get me moving. Broken from my trance, I went and got the pitcher of water and went back to water the glasses.

Once again, I caught myself looking at her face, this time staring at her hair line trying to find the scars. Once again, Pop comes to me and pinches me to get me moving. This time he follows me into the kitchen.

Pop: Whata matter for you. Huh? Why you looking at Mrs. Canton? Getta to work!

Pop went back out to greet the customers. I stayed in the kitchen licking my wounds and filled my water pitcher. My brothers decided to put more bait on

the hook, speaking loudly while I filled up my empty water pitcher.

My brothers: Did you know that Mr. Canton has a toupee? Yeah, I heard it was made from horse hair and costs \$10,000. Yeah someone told me he uses special screws to attach it to his head.

Once again, I'm, hanging on their every word. Pop comes into the kitchen and yells at me to hurry up, breaking me from my trance once again. I got my water pitcher and went into the dining room. Pop sees me coming out and tells me to refill everyone's glass for water. Naturally I went to Mr. and Mrs. Canton's table.

This time I caught myself staring at Mr. Canton's head looking for the screws in his head. Mr. Canton looked up at me and asked if there was anything wrong? I quickly went to the next table, but couldn't stop staring at Mr. & Mrs. Canton.

Pop must have yelled at me 20 times that night. On the way home, Pop asked me what was going on.

Pop: Whata matter for you. You maka the customers feala funny.

Me: Nick, John and Anthony told me about Mr. and Mrs. Canton's face.

Pop: Whatta you talking about?

Me: They told me that Mrs. Canton's face was pulled back and she couldn't close her eyes and Mr. Canton had horse hair screwed into his head.

Pop: Leesten to me Luigi. Dontcha leestena to your brothers. Theya maka the joke.

Me: Huh?

Pop: Justa doa your job. No leesten to them.

Me: It's not true?

Pop: I don't know! Just giva them water and bread and no worry about anything. OK?

Me: OK, Pop. Sorry.

Pop: Nonja worry. Whena we go home momma isa making the roasted chicken wings with a lemon.

When we got home, mom put a big

platter of chicken wings on the table. We all ate till we were full. No one said anything about work. Everything was forgotten once we entered our house. Anyway, Buon Appetito!

ROASTED CHICKEN WINGS WITH LEMON

Ingredients

4 pounds chicken wings, split, rinsed and patted dry
4 tablespoons olive oil
1/3 cup chicken broth
1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons oregano
1/3 cup lemon juice
Zest from the lemons you squeezed
10 medium garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons pepper

Instructions

Toss wings with oil, salt, pepper, sugar, half the garlic, and oregano in a medium bowl. Spray a large rimmed baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray; arrange wings in a single layer.

Adjust oven rack to lowest position. Set baking sheet on oven rack in cold oven and preheat to 450 degrees. Roast for 30 minutes.

Remove wings from oven and use a metal spatula to turn wings; continue to roast until golden brown, about 10 minutes longer.

Meanwhile mix lemon juice, broth, lemon zest and remaining garlic. Miz in a bowl with the wings, put it back onto the sheet and return to oven. Roast to blend flavors, about 5 minutes longer. Scrape wings and sauce onto a platter and serve.

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

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Kendra Cunningham is a stand-up comic living in Brooklyn. Boston bred and Brooklyn based, Kendra Cunningham has been named as a comic

to watch by Time Out New York and has been compared to Groucho Marx and Mae West by the UK's Chortle. She is a regular on the New York and Boston comedy scene.

Katina Corrao is an actress, comedian, and writer. The New York Times calls Katina a "staple in the New York comedy scene." She's been seen on The Daily Show, Broad City, Deadbeat, Big Morning Buzz Live, and heard on the animated series, Pinkalicious & Peterrific.

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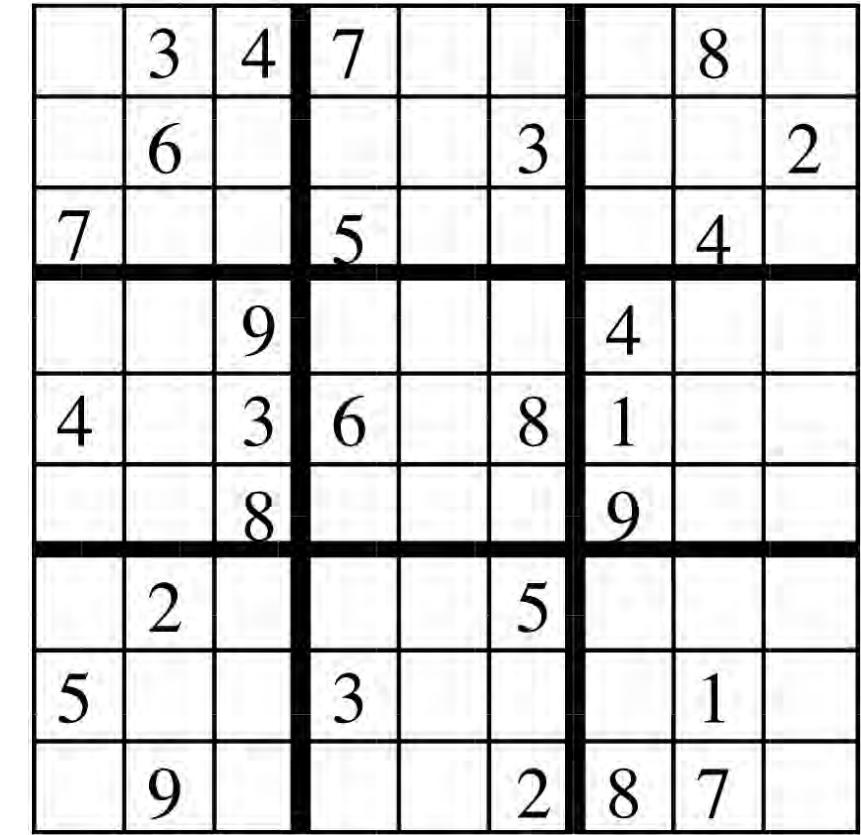
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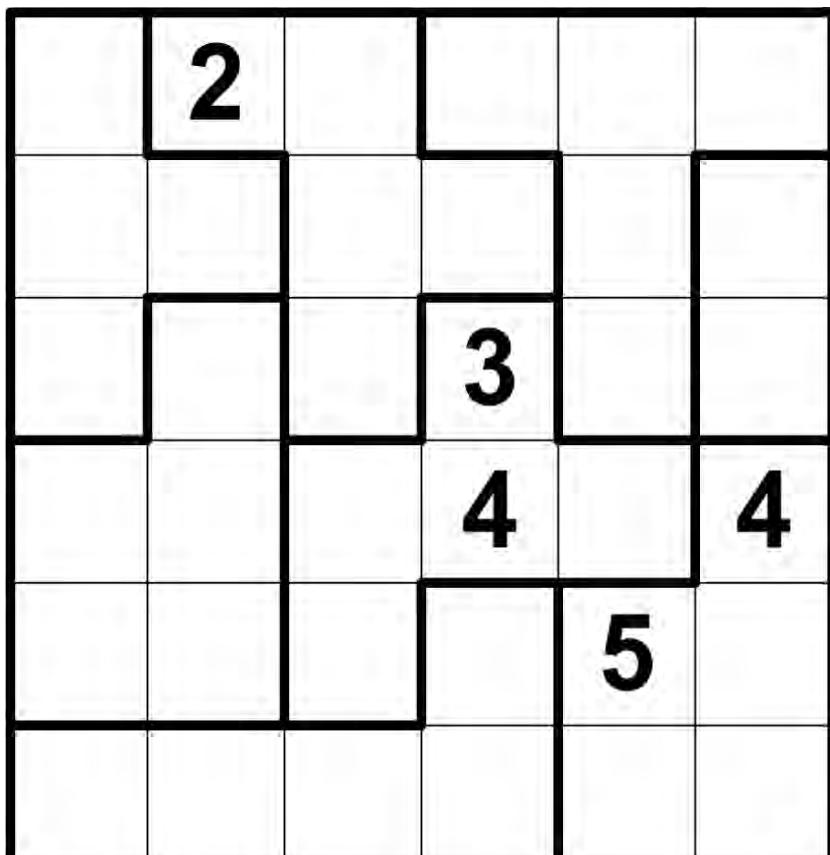
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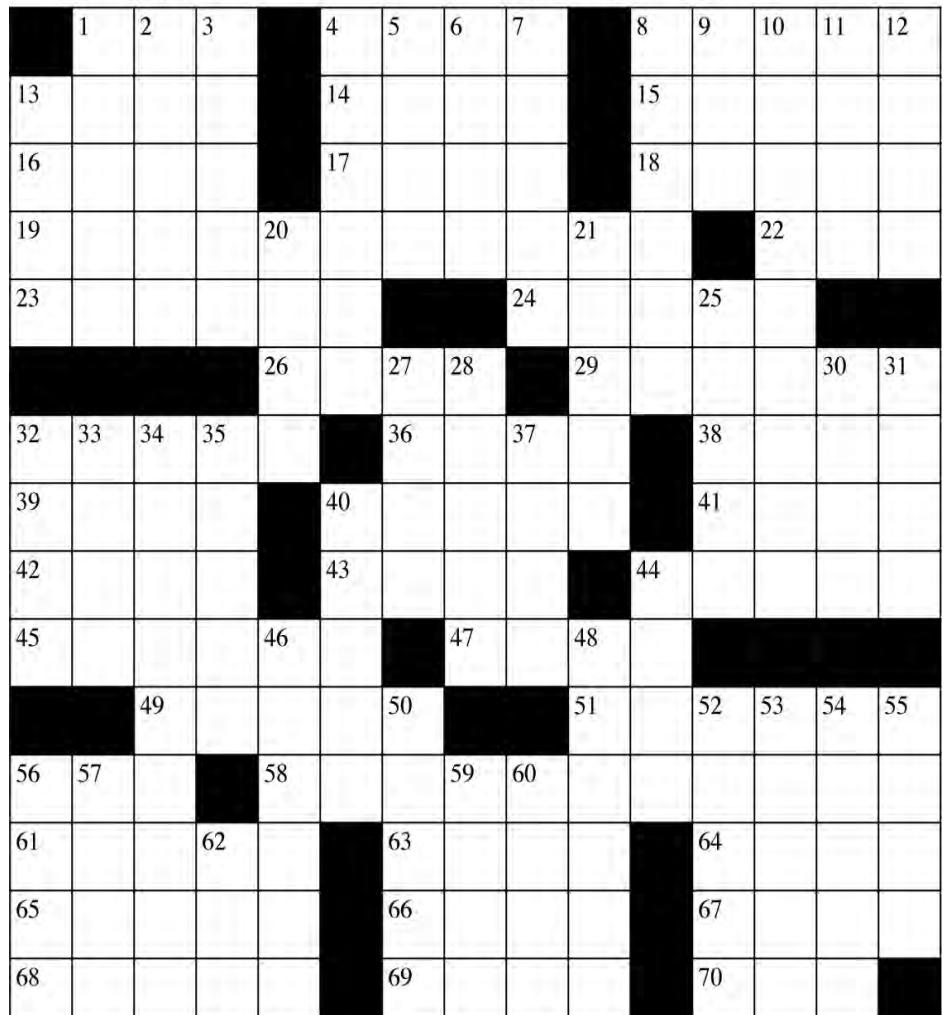
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ACROSS

1. Mandible
4. Injection
8. Wedding dress fabric
13. Long-running TV series
14. Honey factory
15. Overly proper one
16. Lover of an Irish Rose
17. Seaport in Yemen
18. Heron
19. Cure-all, according to some
22. Nope
23. Rather barren plain
24. Parts
26. Casa ladies: abbr.
29. Disease-carrying insect
32. Slogan
36. "As I was going to St. Ives, I ____..."
38. Foreign currency
39. Musical number
40. Juicy fruits
41. Misfortunes
42. Incline
43. Poker term
44. Waterbirds
45. Looks of contempt
47. Stitched
49. Commonplace
51. Customary practices
56. Fashionable resort
58. Operated a guillotine
61. ___ TV
63. Baker's need
64. ___ good example; be a role model
65. Refueling ship
66. Traditional learning
67. Journey
68. Lock

DOWN

69. Farm femmes
70. Suffix for lion or host
1. Blouse frill
2. In reserve
3. Young animal
4. Razor user
5. Pelt
6. Finished
7. Male singer
8. Brief periods
9. S.A. nation
10. Admittance regulator
11. Creative thought
12. Eur. nation
13. Davis and namesakes
20. ___ facto
21. Particles
25. Mysterious
27. Word of agreement
28. Bleachers or benches
30. "My Gal" and others
31. Otherwise
32. One of the planets
33. Algerian seaport
34. Schedule
35. Diminish
37. Yuletide purchase
40. Stickum
44. Pesky insect
46. Horsemen
48. Complains peevishly
50. French student's milieu
52. Keep a roasting turkey moist
53. Brain canals
54. Noggins for Rene and Renée
55. Coyote State: abbr.
56. Falkirk resident
57. Pants or scissors
59. Declare
60. Parisian pop
62. Mr. Brown



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Feb. 9: Open Mic, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Hosted by Chihoe Hahn, 7 p.m. Sign up in person, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Performers must be present when Open Mic begins. No cover. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Feb. 11: Contra Dance, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie. Music and calling by the Walker Family. Doors 7 p.m., lesson 7:15 p.m., dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission \$10 or \$5 w/student ID. No partner is needed and beginners and all ages are welcome. Bring your own water and snack to consume outside the hall. This is a vaccination optional dance, and masking requirements will depend on the Dutchess and Ulster County Covid levels designated by the CDC. (845) 473-7050 or www.hudsonvalleydance.org

Feb. 11: Talk & Flower Readings by Sue Adams, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie. Sue Adams, author of "What Do Your Flowers Say Today?" will

discuss floriography, the language of flowers, which was popular during the Victorian-era as a means of communication in which flowers were used to send coded messages, allowing individuals to express feelings which otherwise could not be spoken. Learn the meanings of different flowers and how they can help us in our everyday lives, 1:30-2:30 p.m. After a brief lecture, Adams will conduct flower readings for a lucky few raffle winners. (Every ticket holder will get a raffle ticket at the door.) Admission \$15. Her book will be available for sale, with profit to benefit Locust Grove. (845) 454-4500 or www.lgny.org

Feb. 11-12: The Orchestra Now, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. The visionary orchestra and master's degree program founded by Bard College president, conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, returns from the holidays to begin its winter/spring season with two performances of Berlioz's

popular "Symphonie fantastique." Performances: Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. The program also features Adolph von Henselt's Piano Concerto with American guest artist Evren Ozel and Weber's Overture to Der Freischütz. All programs will be livestreamed on The Orchestra Now's website, ton.bard.edu. Tickets \$25-\$40. Ticket holders will need to comply with the venue's health and safety requirements, which can be found on the Fisher Center website. (845) 758-7900 or fishercenter.bard.edu

Feb. 12: Film, "Sweet Violets," Upstate Films' Starr Cinema, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Screening of Tobe Carey's 2012 documentary about this little-known slice of Rhinebeck history: the Violet Boom. From the Gilded Age through the Depression, the violet was the world's most popular flower, a symbol of the height of fashion--and Rhinebeck was the Violet

Capital of the World. "Sweet Violets" includes archival images and postcards, rare film footage, and 19th century music and literature. All these, plus interviews with historians and commercial growers, tell the neglected story of sweet violets and their effect on our small Hudson Valley town. 1:15-2:30 p.m. Masking is encouraged but not required. (845) 876-4030 or www.starlibrary.org

Feb. 15: Rhinebeck Choral Club Open Rehearsals, Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook. Wednesday rehearsals, 7-8:30 p.m. The group sings a variety of styles of music including pop, jazz, secular, folk, a cappella and more. Open to anyone age 14+ who enjoys singing—no experience necessary and no audition process. www.rhinebeckchoralclub.org or <https://www.facebook.com/RhinebeckChoralClub/>

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra concert to honor everyday heroes

The Northern Dutchess Symphony and Orchestra (NDSO) will present a hero-themed program, collaborating with local nonprofit organizations World of Tomorrow and Hudson Valley Comic Con, to honor our everyday heroes. The concert, "Summon the Heroes," will feature theme music from an array of hero movies and shows.

The concert swings into action on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., at the Marriott Pavilion at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Show date is Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m.

The evening performance will include themes and scores inspired by fictional and real-life heroes, from Superman and Spider-Man to the astronauts on Apollo 13, to James Bond and The Lone Ranger. Intermission will feature clips of our heroes in action, and in the lobby take a selfie with featured life-sized hero cutouts.

NDSO is collaborating with the World of Tomorrow for the photo op cutouts during the concert. World of Tomorrow is a local nonprofit organization whose

focus is science, technology, engineering, the arts and math (STEAM). They plan to open a futuristic innovation center locally. World of Tomorrow recently hosted a "Tribute to Heroes" event as part of Comic Con in the Hudson Valley.

Tickets for the program are \$38 per person, with discounts for seniors and students. To honor and show appreciation for everyday heroes currently working in frontline jobs, Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra is offering a \$20 ticket offer. To buy tickets and get more information about the concert, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 635-0877.

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. Now in its seventeenth season, the orchestra offers the best possible live performances of classical music at family-affordable prices. Since the beginning, the orchestra has been conducted by Kathleen Beckmann who also serves as artistic director.

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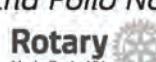
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Rhinebeck High School inducts 29 members to National Honor Society



A total of 29 students have been inducted into the Alice T. Daly Chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Laila Alam, Bodhi Binetti, Ella Brick, Luke Butler, Margaux Illye Epter, Samuel Fleming, Spencer Firestone, Griffin Giles, Hunter Guterman, Parker Guterman, Annika Hale, Allison Hewitt, Addison Kelly, Charlie Kozma, Chloe Moor, Frances Nathan, June Nathan, Aidan Prezzano, Olivia Pulver, Anna Savolainen, Lena Sealey-Nicotra, Sophia Schofield, Elyse Seldin, Emily Seldin, Bianca Spinelli, Malcolm Stewart, Ezra Steinman, Saxton Terranova, and Delilah Tumolo. Courtesy photo

Starr Library events at-a-glance

EVERYONE

Saturday, February 4th, 1-3pm - Saturday Chill with Classical Guitar Music

Saturday, February 11th, 10:15am-12pm - Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Workshop with Theresa Corrigan (V, GF)

Saturday, February 11th, 10am-2pm - Rhinebeck Repair Cafe at the Brookmeade Pavilion

Sunday, February 12th, 1:15-2:30pm - Sweet Violets: Screening and Q&A with the Director at Upstate Films' Starr Cinema

Thursday, February 16th, 4-5pm - Peace & Hope Flag Making Workshop

ADULTS

Tuesdays, February 14th & 28th, 11:30-12:30pm - Knit Stitch, Purling, & More! Beginner's Knitting

Thursday, February 16th, 10:30am-11:15am - Good Vibrations: In-Person Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Tuesday, February 21st, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story & Craft Program

Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Writing Workshop

Wednesday, February 22nd, 7-9pm,

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Thursday, February 2nd, 4-5pm - STEAM for Kids with Mikelison Womack: Hydroponics

Saturday, February 25th, 2-3pm - The Spectacular Snowman Show with Brad Shur of Paper Heart Puppets!

Wednesdays, February 8th and 22nd at 4pm - After School Dungeons & Dragons with DM Jack.

Every Tuesday at 10:30am - Storytime with Miss Robbie

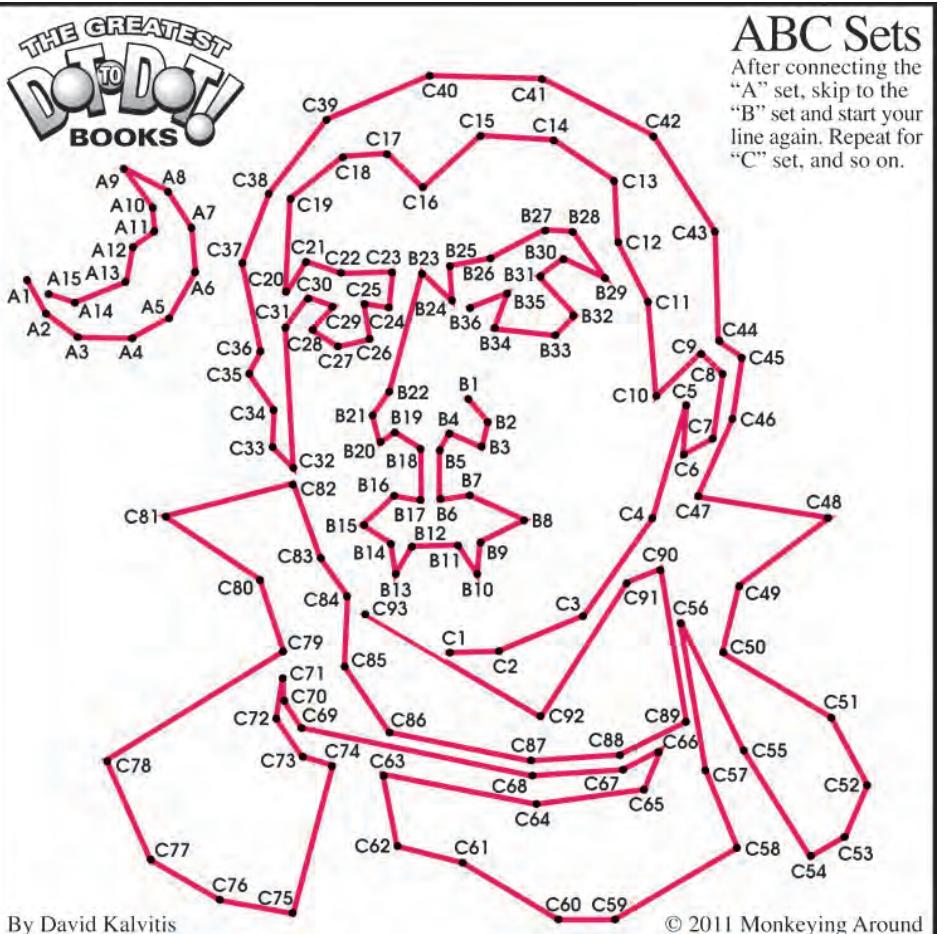
Thursdays, February 9th and 23rd at 10:15am - Music & Movement with Terry Watson

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour!

Every Wednesday at 3:30pm - KidPix Digital Art

Starr Library is at 68 West Market St. in Rhinebeck. Call (845) 876-4030 or visit www.starrlibrary.org to register for events.

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



ABC Sets

After connecting the "A" set, skip to the "B" set and start your line again. Repeat for "C" set, and so on.

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Answers to this week's diversions
(puzzles on page 16)

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This week's answer

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DCC to hold Black History Month events

Dutchess Community College has announced an exciting lineup of events to celebrate Black History Month (BHM), including the Black History Committee's third annual Black Solidarity Conference and Black Professionals in Science, Engineering & Technology Panel.

On Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Dutchess Hall, room 101, IBM leaders Mustafa Mah, Ali Duale and Marc Coq will speak on the Black Professionals in Science, Engineering & Technology Panel about their personal and professional journeys as Black professionals in tech.

The two-day Black Solidarity Conference, on Feb. 16 and 17, features programming centered on literacy, education and building socially just communities. DCC's Lyceum speaker event, "Black Solidarity Reads," will be on Feb. 16 with a welcoming tea scheduled for award-winning author Junauda Petrus-Nasah at 11:30 a.m. in the Ritz Lounge, with her reading at 12:30 p.m. in the James and Betty Hall Theatre. Next, on Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Bowne Hall, room 122, Dr. Robert Robertson (John Jay College) will lead a "Social Justice in Education Workshop" open to all educators in the community and within DCC; future educators are also encouraged to attend.

There will be four scholarly presentations on Feb. 17 in Bowne Hall, room 122. Emerging BIPOC Scholars recipients, August Smith (CUNY Graduate Center) and Omar Ndizeye (SUNY Binghamton) will give their respective talks: "The Edge of Empathy, Apathy and Education" at 10 a.m. and "A Life of

Justice through Peacebuilding" at 1 p.m. Professors, Dr. Blair Proctor (SUNY New Paltz) and Dr. Robert Robinson (CUNY John Jay College), will speak on their topics, "From Pandemic to Pandemic" 11:15 a.m. and "Black Queer Pedagogies" at 2:15 p.m.

Chair of the Black History Committee and DCC English Professor, Willie Morris, is especially looking forward to highlighting the work of the Emerging BIPOC Scholars recipients; he says, "There is a different generation of scholarship coming, and this award we've established is a chance for increased exposure and expanded academic discourse."

DCC President, Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, expresses the College's support of February's events: "At DCC, we are delighted to celebrate another Black History Month with a rich array of events and activities like those we will be hosting this February. It's a great opportunity to bring our community together, to learn and be inspired by the experiences, scholarship and artistic achievements of established and emerging Black leaders. This year's planning committee once again deserves our thanks and appreciation."

This year's programming comes with the kind support of the DCC Foundation, DCC Writing Center, DCC Ritz Library, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center and SUNY Black Faculty and Staff Collective.

DCC's BHM events are free and open to the public. A full calendar with more details can be found at www.sunydutchess.edu/bhm.

February events at the Red Hook Public Library

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Healthcare Navigator is back in the library for in-person appointments this February. MisN's certified Navigators can help with health insurance options and guidance for the New York State Marketplace. Call 845-670-3104 or email jstalley@misn-ny.org to make appointments in advance.

Book an appointment for the first Mobile Office Hours for the Office of New York State Senator Michelle Hinckley on Feb. 21 at the library. Meet one-on-one with a Constituent Services Specialist from their team to learn about all of the areas where they can help.

Register for Narcan Training on Feb. 28 and learn to save a life by knowing how to respond when you suspect an opioid overdose. Led by staff from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health. The training will take place in Red Hook Village Hall, and participants can take home a Narcan kit.

The Cookbook Group will be exploring Israeli cuisine this month. Pick a recipe to cook from Sababa by Adeena Sussman and bring it to the meeting. Share food and ideas with other cooking enthusiasts.

The Evening Book Group is reading *Violeta* by Isabel Allende in February. This 2022 novel by the Chilean-American author is a fictional autobiographical account of the life of Violeta Del Valle and the various upheavals of the 20th century she lived through.

All Abilities Adults, American Sign Language, Knitting, ESL for Adults and RHPL Games at the Senior Friendship Center continue in February.

For more information or to register, email Renee at adultservices@redhooklibrary.org

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

RHPL & RH Community Center are

joining forces on teen programs! Teen Takeover will continue on Sundays at the library, and there's more fun & food on Tuesdays & Fridays at RHCC. There's a meeting for youth grade 6+ to tell Amy & Jeung-il what they want and/or to learn more about possible paid jobs in the program.

Want some extra support with math? Experienced math tutors are at the library twice a week to help middle and high school students with homework or extra explanations.

All Abilities Teens will be dancing at Zumba, making essential oils sprays and stretching at yoga this month. Registration is required for all these programs.

Middle-school-aged homeschoolers won't want to miss Library Skills Lock Box program where Amy introduces them to fundamentals of research and information literacy. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Sundays in Winter, there's Family Storytime where we're reading our way around the continents. There's stories, crafts and everyone gets a reading passport to track where we've "been". No registration required.

Is there a Minecraft-obsessed kid in your life? At Minecraft Club, kids make themed craft projects and play online together. Registration required.

Kid Takeover: Mario Night returns! Build your cardboard vehicle and race your friends on courses throughout the library. Registration required.

Preschool Nature Walk, Storytime, Library and LEGO Club also continue this month.

For more information or to register where required, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org

Sergio Santos named 18th manager of Renegades

The New York Yankees have announced their minor league field and support staffs for the 2023 season. Sergio Santos will take over as the manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Yankees High-A affiliate.

Santos takes over as the 18th manager in team history and third in three years during the Yankees era. He is joined on the coaching staff by Pitching Coach Preston Claiborne (1st season), Hitting Coach Kevin Martir (1st season), and Defensive Coaches Rob Benjamin (2nd season) and Derek Woodley (1st season). They will be joined by Athletic Trainer Brandon Rodríguez (1st season), Strength Coach Isiah McDonald (1st season), Clubhouse Manager Ryan Shute (3rd season), Video & Travel Assistant Carlos Cespedes (1st season), and Advanced Scouting Analyst Matt Wells (1st season).

"I'm extremely excited for the start of the season," said Santos. "I know our staff is top-notch, and I'm looking forward to the players who are going to be here and experience the Hudson Valley. I hope everyone comes and supports the Renegades because it's going to be a great year."

Santos begins his second season coaching in the Yankees organization in 2023, and his first with the Renegades. In 2022, he managed the FCL Yankees to the Florida Complex League Championship, defeating the FCL Rays 2-1 in the FCL Championship Series. The team finished with a 38-17 (.691) record, winning the FCL North by 10.0 games

and posting the second-best record in the league. Prior to joining the Yankees, Santos was a coach and mentor at the MLB Urban Youth Academy in Compton, California from 2018-22.

Born in Los Angeles, Santos was selected in the first round (27th overall) of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks out of Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California. He spent the first seven seasons of his professional career as a shortstop before converting to pitching in 2009. He made his Major League debut on April 8, 2010 with a scoreless relief inning for the Chicago White Sox. Santos pitched for six seasons in the majors with the White Sox (2010-11), Blue Jays (2012-14), Dodgers (2015) and Yankees (2015).

Santos racked up a career-high 30 saves in 2011 with Chicago, and across 194 career MLB appearances posted a 3.98 ERA and 11.2 strikeouts per nine innings. During the 2011 season, Santos established a new Major League record by posting 25 straight scoreless appearances on the road to start the season, a record that had previously been held by Mariano Rivera. His time in the majors with the Yankees lasted only 3.0 innings across two appearances before an elbow injury ended his season.

He becomes only the sixth manager in Renegades history with MLB playing experience, joining Bump Wills (1995-96), Charlie Montoyo (1998), Edwin Rodríguez (1999), Dave Silvestri (2000), and Jared Sandberg (2010-12).

Dutchess County celebrates Black History Month

As the nation this month celebrates the achievements and contributions African Americans have made and continue to make, Dutchess County invites residents to participate in upcoming Black History Month events.

Dutchess County Government will sponsor a free virtual presentation on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. by Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway, who will discuss the introduction of a forthcoming interpretive trail that links the Walkway Over the Hudson to Poughkeepsie's College Hill Park and shares the stories of Black residents with a new generation of visitors.

The western end of the new Walkway Freedom Trail will introduce the story of Sojourner Truth and local efforts to assist freedom seekers passing through the area. The eastern end of the trail is anchored at College Hill Park, where Frederick Douglass electrified an audience of thousands during his August 1858 visit to Poughkeepsie.

Between these two points, visitors will learn the stories of otherwise forgotten individuals who demonstrated the moral courage and determination to strive in the face of oppression and prejudice.

For more information on the trail and RSVP instructions on the program, please visit <https://dchsn.org/walkway-free-dom>.

Josayne Anderson-Tejera, Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion Officer for Dutchess County Government, said, "Whether they be historical, cultural, political, or economic achievements, the accomplishments of Black Americans have led to a more

advanced and thriving community – globally, nationally and locally. Dutchess County is proud to inspire current and future generations to similarly contribute to the vivid tapestry that is the county in which we live, work, and raise our families. We look forward to ongoing County-sponsored events, which will help ensure the legacy of African Americans in Dutchess County will always be remembered."

Other Black History Month observances taking place locally include:

Dutchess Community College (DCC) will host a Black Professionals in Science, Engineering and Technology panel on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 12:30 p.m. at Dutchess Hall 101. DCC will also a hold its two-day Black Solidarity Conference on Feb. 16-17, a free event open to all, dedicated to literacy, education, and building socially just communities. (See related story on this page for more information on both events.)

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced two month-long initiatives to highlight and celebrate local organizations and Black baseball pioneers. Throughout February, the Renegades plan to highlight Black-owned businesses and community organizations throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley in a bi-weekly feature on social media and on a dedicated page on the team's website www.hvrenegades.com; the team is also providing these organizations with tickets for use during the 2023 season. Additionally, a series of articles will be published by the Renegades, telling the stories of Black baseball pioneers with ties to New York baseball and the Hudson Valley.

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The Annual Meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association will be held in the parlor of the 1st. Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY on Feb. 21, 2023, at 7:00 in the evening for the election of three (3) Trustees and for the transaction of any additional business that may be brought before the Board.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX #2022-52606 FILED: 1/5/2023 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the subject of the Subject Property. Subject Property:

12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, Plaintiff, against HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; JOSEPH A. AUCLAIRE A/K/A JOSEPH AUCLAIRE III, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; WENDY BELAS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; HEIDI S E E L B A C H , D U T C H E S S COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC A/P/O HSBC; NEW YORK STATE DE-

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PARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Michael G Hayes, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 21st day of December, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and

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other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR. and ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN to A M E R I Q U E S T MORTGAGE COMPANY, bearing date November 23, 1999 and recorded in Instrument Number: 01 1999 14960 in the County of Dutchess on December 9, 1999, which was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment executed November 21, 2019 and recorded November 25, 2019, in Document #: 01-2019-51595A. Said premises being known as and by 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522, bearing tax map designation Section: 7063, Block: 06, Lot: 342917, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4489B

Special Meeting
Please be advised that the Milan Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on 02/10/2023 at 11:00 am for the purpose of opening the bids for the Rocann Drive Culvert Rehabilitation Project. Said meeting will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle.
By the order of the Milan Town Board
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-05 NAME OF PROJECT: Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Concrete in Place Project Description: This project involves the furnishing and installing of hot mix asphalt (HMA) concrete overlays, shoulder back-up material, providing pavement milling services, traffic control services and providing other incidental services associated with installation of asphalt concrete overlays. These services will typically be used for highway and parking lot construction, reconstruction and/or repair. However, other similar

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projects could also be undertaken using these services. Beginning **February 8, 2023 at 8:00AM**: Bid Specifications may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, and E-mail Address. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. A refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Bids due on or before **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Any one who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. **Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602** United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 981 484 250#

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Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business February 24, 2023 and emailed to Diane

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McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is April 17, 2023; the anticipated substantial completion date is December 1, 2023 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is December 15, 2023, respectively. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023001238. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-06

NAME OF PROJECT: Rehabilitation of Fallkill Dam Project. Beginning February 8, 2023 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Any one who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. **Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602** United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 981 484 250#

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bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Bidders shall prepare and submit a written plan for drawdown of the impoundment as part of their bid submittal. **Bids that do not include a drawdown plan will be considered unresponsive.** Questions will be accepted by 3pm February 22, 2023 and emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at **dpwcontracts@**

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dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is July 5, 2023; the anticipated substantial completion date is December 22, 2023 with the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is May 10, 2024, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may re-

sult in liquidated damages. This project maybe subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023001198. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

OBITUARIES

Joachim Gerhard Ansorge

FORMERLY OF LAGRANGE - Joachim Gerhard Ansorge, 74, formerly of the Town of LaGrange, NY, died peacefully after a long illness in the early hours of January 28, 2023 in Saugerties, NY. Joachim was born October 22, 1948 in Dissen, Germany. In 1955, his parents Gerhard and Charlotte sailed with Joachim and his sister Christine on the USS General Langfitt (a Liberty Ship) from Bremerhaven, Germany to New York City. Sponsored by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod under the 1953 Eisenhower Refugee Act, they resettled in Fremont, Ohio. Later they relocated to the mid-Hudson Valley where Joachim ("Yogi") attended Kingston High School then Arlington High School, from which he graduated with Honors (Class of 1967). He subsequently earned a degree in Economics from Hartwick College (1971) and a Master of Regional Planning from Penn State University (1974). He worked initially for Dutchess County Department of Transportation, and then became the Planning, Zoning and Building Administrator for the Town of LaGrange until he retired in 2008. Since 2014, Joachim was happily engaged to his lifelong friend Jennifer Horner, with whom he shared a home in Saugerties since 2018. A soccer player in high school and lifelong fan of Bundesliga soccer, Joachim was an avid outdoorsman, jogger, skier, and traveler (in the US, Europe, Africa, and Australia). He was more recently an enthusiast of kayaking on the Esopus Creek, especially when surrounded by his beloved daughters and grandchildren. Joachim was survived by his sister Christine Charlotte Ansorge of Kingston, NY, his daughters Lisa Christine Ansorge (grandchildren Ryley and Reegan), Heather Lynn Ansorge (Russ Addis) (grandchildren Chloe and Cameron), and Katherine Margaret Ansorge (Joseph) Zeller (grandchildren Elliott and Charlotte), his former spouse Christine (Vosburg) Eidel, as well as family members in Germany: Ingrid (Bernd) Bueser, their children Christine Bueser and Michael (Christina) Bueser and their children Felix and Moritz, as well as Heinz (Traudel) Opitz, Heinz (Isa) Rettig, and Renate (Harald) Wimmer-Voegt and, in Ohio, cousins Martina (Tony) Kramb and Marnie (Tom) Graves. Joining the family in love and celebration of Joachim's life are many lifelong friends. A private memorial service will be held at a later time. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please send donations to a charity of your choice. Arrangements were entrusted to the Burnett & White funeral home, 91 East Market St., Rhinebeck, NY.

Harold Carey

DOVER PLAINS - Harold Carey, 68, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mr. Carey was a heavy equipment operator for the NYS Department of Transportation for 27 years retiring in 2010. Mr. Carey was also a mechanic specializing in small engine repair. Born on September 27, 1954 in Mahopac, NY, he was the son of the late Mortimer and Mildred (Harrison) Carey. On April 27, 1984 in Pawling, NY, he married Margaret A. Harris who survives at home. In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Carey is survived by a son, Kevin Carey of Pawling, NY. He is also survived by a brother, Mortimer Carey of South Carolina and a sister, Charlotte Dingee of Pawling. Besides his parents, Mr. Carey was predeceased by a sister, Priscilla O'Dell. Calling hours took place on Thursday,

February 2, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Robert E. Ellsworth

RHINEBECK - Robert E. Ellsworth, 76, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Albany Medical Center. Bob was a lifelong Rhinebeck resident and a graduate of Rhinebeck High School. Born January 12, 1947 in Rhinebeck he was the son of Katherine (Bernice) Ellsworth; Katherine passed away when Bob was still an infant and he was adopted by his grandparents George (Wesley) and Katherine (Kitty) Ellsworth. Bob served in the US Navy from 1968 to 1974 and served on the USS Josephus Daniels and the USS Holder. In the last several years, Bob had reconnected with his Holder shipmates and was an active member of the USS Holder Association, including in his most recent role as President. Bob was proud of his service to his country and felt honored when his grandkids would point out his name on the Vietnam Memorial in town. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Bob worked at Ruge's before joining IBM in Poughkeepsie as a computer programmer. While working at IBM, he went on to graduate from Marist College in May 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Bob would work at IBM for 28 years before retiring. Bob was an active member of the Rhinebeck Community; He was recognized in 2018 for having served 50 years as a member, and former chief, of the Rhinebeck Fire Department. He also served on the Thompson Mazzarella Park Committee, was a Boy Scout Leader and Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop #128, and was involved with the Rhinebeck Soccer League. Bob is survived by his wife Setsuko Ellsworth of Rhinebeck; his son Richard, and his wife Catherine Macaulay; and their children Lucas, Abigail and Edward. Services will be held privately for Bob's family. Memorial donations may be made to the Rhinebeck Rescue Squad, 78 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572 To sign the online tribute page please visit dapsonchestney.com. Arrangements under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck.

Eugene E. Gernes

HYDE PARK - Eugene E. Gernes, age 67, a resident of Hyde Park, NY, passed away on HYDE PARK - Saturday, January 28th. He was born on February 14, 1955, in Bronxville, NY to parents Elmer and Barbara (Kugler) Gernes. On August 27, 1988, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville, NY he married the love of his life, Melissa Spencer. Eugene worked for many years as an engineer for NBC Universal at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC. He was also a union rep for NABET-CWA Local 11, helping promote equality and fairness in the workplace, as well as settle any disputes. Gene was a volunteer firefighter for 34 years, first for the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Dept, and then for the Town of Beekman. He was also the Vice President, on-air talent, and Broadcast and Technical Engineer for his radio station, WBXO Radio as well as a board member for Pawling Public Radio. Radio was his passion, and throughout his radio career, he worked with many big names in radio including Soupy Sales, Howard Stern, and Don Imus. Gene was also a member of the Freemasons. In addition to his beloved wife Melissa Gernes, he is also survived by his loving children: Caroline Gernes-Ahmed and Matthew Gernes; his grandchildren Logan and Ava Gernes; and his siblings Janine Wilson and Glenn Gernes. Eugene was prede-

ceased by his parents Elmer and Barbara, his brother Richard Gernes, and his sister Victoria Harrell. Calling hours were January 31, 2023, at McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, INC. 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Fire Matic service was held in the Funeral Home. Memorial donations can be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. www.mmrf.org. Please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com for Eugene's Book of Memories and online condolences.

Pasquale Iacurto

DOVER PLAINS - Pasquale Iacurto, 96, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 30, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Iacurto was a mechanic for Parkchester Management in the Bronx retiring in 1996. Born on August 19, 1926 in Casacalenda, Italy he was the son of the late Carmine and Maddalena (Fantillo) Iacurto. Mr. Iacurto proudly served and was a Purple Heart recipient in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. On September 4, 1955 at St. Bridget's Church in Brooklyn, NY he married Josephine Santangelo who survives at home. In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Iacurto is survived by a daughter, Madeline Iacurto and her spouse, Cathy, of New Fairfield, CT and a son, Carmine Iacurto and his wife, Sharon, of Dover Plains, NY. He is also survived by a grandson, Jay Iacurto and his companion, Maria Totten, of Queens, NY and a granddaughter, Danielle Iacurto and her husband, Michael Mapes of Danbury, CT. Besides his parents, Mr. Iacurto was predeceased by a brother, Onofrio Iacurto. Mr. Iacurto lived the American Dream; he came from little and built a beautiful home for his family whom he deeply adored. He loved working in his garden and spending time with his grandchildren. He was also a parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Dover Plains. Calling hours were held on Friday, February 3, 2203 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services took place at the funeral home with Rev. John F. X. Palatucci. Entombment followed with military honors at the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 372 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send the family an online condolence, please visit: www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Robert Myers

MILLBROOK - Robert (Bob) Myers, 80, of Millbrook, New York, passed away on January 27, 2023. Bob was born on July 16, 1942, to William and Mary Myers of Hyde Park, New York. Bob was a graduate of Arlington High School. He married Kathy Chadwell, the love of his life, on May 9, 1970. Bob began working for J.P. Woods construction in 1968. In 1973 he started working for the Dutchess County Infirmary. In 1990 Bob retired from the Infirmary and began working at IES, Cary Institute. In 1977 he joined the Millbrook Fire Department and in 1979 he also became a member of the Millbrook Rescue Squad, where he served as Lieutenant and then Captain. Bob was the recipient of many awards for his dedication, leadership, and hard work. The one he was most proud of was the Augustine Rotunno Life-time Achievement Award. In addition to Bob being a community leader and beloved husband of Kathy for 51 years he had many interests. He and his family devoted 11 years of fundraising for the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation by sponsoring an annual dinner dance in the Millbrook community as a tribute to their sister Sue and other dear friends. Bob's first love was his family and home. He loved to play golf and bowl with his friends. Managing the Fire Department Softball League and coaching Little League for many years. Bob and Kathy loved their walks around town, family holiday gatherings, vacation trips to Marblehead, MA and Vero Beach, Florida to visit Kathy's sisters and their families. Bob is predeceased by his wife Kathy and his brother Richard. He is survived by the second love of his life his daughter Kelly Tomasulo and husband Justin, as well as his grandson Trevor Gruntler. He is also survived by his brother Don Myers of Poughkeepsie, Deb Temme and husband Bill and Ann Spaeth and husband Don. and many nieces and nephews. Bob loved his John Wayne movies and would often be heard saying "Listen here, Pilgrim. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 2 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. A memorial service was offered on Friday, February 3 from Lyall Memorial Federated Church, Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Interment followed in Nine Partners Cemetery, Millbrook. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Millbrook Fire Department/ Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 202, Millbrook, NY 12545. For directions and condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

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'Our Hearts Go On' at Poughkeepsie Galleria to honor those lost to chemical overdose, suicide, drunk driving and more

Poughkeepsie Galleria will be hosting a "Our Hearts Go On" on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday February 12th from Noon-4 p.m. in Center Court. The goal of the event is to create a positive way in which the community's grief and sadness can be turned into a supportive

and educational event that honors those who have been lost due to chemical overdose, suicide, drunk driving, social violence and the many physical ailments which take individuals far too soon.

Using the idea of a "Forever in our Hearts" Wall, attendees will be able to

place a heart on the wall with the name of a person / or persons they have lost to remember and honor them. Donations for the Hearts will start at \$1 and all proceeds from them will go to benefit the non-profit organizations participating in the event. Stickers will remain on the "Forever in

Our Hearts" Wall for the remainder of February and the Malls will give away several Mall gift certificates to selected individuals who participated at a special event in March, when they can retrieve their hearts from the wall.

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SIX COMBINED HEALTHY CHOICES

How many of these six contributing factors to successful aging can you check off right now?

- a healthy diet;
- regular exercise;
- active social contact;
- cognitive activity;
- non-smoking; and
- not drinking alcohol.

There's good news if you didn't go six-for-six. To reap the benefits and delay mental decline, meeting four or more goals will do, according to the authors of a ten-year study published in the British Medical Journal.

Memory does decline as we age, but the study suggests that combining healthy physical, mental and social choices can hold off the decline at least somewhat. The study measured changes over time in people with and without the "APOE" gene that is considered the strongest genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

What counts as a healthy diet? For the purposes of this study, it's defined as eating the recommended intake of seven out of 12 food groups: fruits, vegetables, fish, meat, dairy, salt, oil, eggs, cereals, legumes, nuts and tea.

As for "regular" exercise, that's defined as at least 150 minutes a week at moderate intensity, or 75 minutes at vigorous intensity. If that sounds like a bit much for your stage of life, remember that any physical activity is better than none. Consult your doctor before starting an exercise program; and, having done so, one excellent follow-up step is to get your doctor's approval to take an Office for the Aging Exercise Program class. We

offer opportunities in general exercise, tai chi, Bingocize, and A Matter of Balance, as well as a remote exercise option. Contact OFA for details or visit www.dutchessny.gov/SeniorExercise.

NYSOFA SURVEY MAILERS - NOT A SCAM

If you receive a card in the mail with an Albany return address from the New York State Office for the Aging, asking you to respond to the 2023 New York Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults, it's legitimate. Be sure the following link is included: <https://polco.us/nyalbany23>, which takes you to the survey page. If you received the card in the mail, type the URL (the website address) carefully. The company conducting the survey is spelled POLCO. A few people who received the card have reported that the URL was smudged on the card, making it difficult to read.

If you're not online, the card also comes with the toll-free number to call New York's NY Connects hotline with questions about the survey, at 1-800-342-9871.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

Dutchess County Government observes the Lincoln's Birthday holiday, which falls on Monday, February 13th this year. Dutchess County offices, the Office for the Aging, and all OFA Friendship Centers will be closed on February 13th, as well as the national President's Day holiday, February 20th.

Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program will receive shelf-stable meals in advance of each holiday.

SNAP EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS END IN FEBRUARY

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Emergency Allotment benefits that have been provided throughout the pandemic are ending in February, due to federal rules. These temporary benefits have provided an extra payment each month to ensure all SNAP households received at least the maximum monthly benefit.

The last month that SNAP Emergency Allotments will be issued is February.

Beginning in March, only regular monthly SNAP benefits will be issued to all eligible households.

A regular monthly SNAP benefit is based on household size, income, and other factors.

As a beneficiary, what do I need to do?

Most households do not need to do anything. However, if your household has a loss of income or an increase in housing costs, childcare fees, or child support payments since your last recertification, report those changes to your local district. You should also report any medical expenses over \$35/month (if you are age 60 or older or disabled). These changes may result in an increase in your normal monthly SNAP benefit. Contact OFA if you have any questions.

What else do I need to know?

Emergency Allotment benefits have been eliminated under federal law, and this decision cannot be changed by a fair hearing if you request one. SNAP

benefits do roll over month to month and will remain on your card if you use your benefits any time within 274 days from when they are issued.

Keep your benefits safe – change your PIN often, and never give your card number or PIN to anyone. For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/EA-SNAP.

NYSEG UTILITY ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP (Mon 2/27)

The Amenia Wassaic Community Organization (AWCO) and NYSEG are holding a Utility Assistance Workshop for NYSEG customers on Monday, February 27th at Amenia Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

Topics include but are not limited to: HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), Electric and Gas Bill Relief Programs, Bill Assistance during hardship, energy saving tips and much more.

For more information, call 845-863-4862 or email dmollica@siloridge.com.

WOMEN'S VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS IN PLEASANT VALLEY (Fri 2/10)

The Vet2Vet veterans' organization is hosting a Women's Veterans Support Group on Friday, February 10th from 12 noon to 1 pm at 1335 US 44 in Pleasant Valley. A remote option for the meeting is available at <https://zoom.us/j/954753775>.

For more information, contact Alyssa Carrion at 845-473-2500 ext 1306.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN OFA "FRIENDLY CALLS" VOLUNTEER?

We have room for six more "Friendly Calls" volunteers to attend an orientation on Thursday, February 9th. Space is limited, so contact OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at bjones@dutchessny.gov to reserve a seat. If you aren't available on that date, don't worry – there will be other orientation opportunities in the weeks to come.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

D.C. Young Democrats elect 2023 Executive Board

The Dutchess County Young Democrats announced their newly elected 2023 Executive Board, including the election of a new President, Daniel Hyatt & Vice President Michael Natrella, both of whom are 24 years old. The Young Democrats held their annual elections on Jan. 25, where the general body elected the new leadership team. During the meeting, the young Dems stressed the importance of civic action and leadership in such an important election cycle.

Daniel Hyatt is a communications and Ad-Tech professional with extensive experience in government and activism. He currently sits on the City of Poughkeepsie's ethics board, has worked on economic justice issues, as well as LGBTQIA+ causes, women's rights issues, and indigent defense campaigns. Hyatt has worked on numerous campaigns including the WNY effort for the 2016 Clinton campaign and was the recipient of the 2014 Youth Advocate of the Year award.

Yvette Valdés Smith, Minority Leader of the Dutchess County Legislature said: "I am thrilled Daniel Hyatt will be taking the reins of the Dutchess County Young Democrats. He is tenacious, brilliant, and progressive. His work speaks for itself and I look forward to many years of continued good work and progress together. I want to thank Vincent Pedi for his outstanding leadership during 2022, as well as Ethan Pine for rechartering the group in 2021, their efforts were instrumental in supporting young Democrats in Dutchess County."

The Dutchess County Young Democrats additionally emphasized synergy and partnership with the county

committee as a priority for the upcoming election cycle.

"Our Dutchess County Young Democrats continue to provide an important arena where younger people can connect to share ideas, goals, and current events. With many residents believing politics are nothing more than a constant partisan battle, it's important to remember that the younger generations are ready to tackle many of the most intractable issues boomers have been unable to solve." Michael Dupree, Chair of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, said, "Whether it's focusing on bringing sustainable jobs, protecting freedoms like reproductive choice, improving choices for seniors' who need more care or ensuring their own children have clean air and water and a normal climate, our young Democrats are entrepreneurial and charting new ways to provide a better future."

Many alumni have announced candidacy for public office, including members of the current leadership team. Vincent Pedi, Former DCYD President, Candidate for Councilmember At-Large City of Poughkeepsie: "Daniel has been one of our most active and passionate members and I am proud to support him as our new President. The Dutchess County Young Democrats serve at the forefront of youth engagement, and we have a proven track record of supporting young people throughout their journey of civic involvement."

Also elected to the organization's leadership team: incoming Vice President Michael Natrella is the current chair of the Fishkill Democratic Committee. Additionally, Vincent Pedi, will stay on as Treasurer.

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