

Imperati to seek office of DC Sheriff



Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk A. Imperati has announced his intention to seek the office of Sheriff of Dutchess County in the November 2022 election. Imperati has more than 29 years of experience at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, with 14 of those years serving as Undersheriff. He became the Acting Sheriff on Sept. 29, 2021 upon the sudden passing of his "mentor" Sheriff Adrian H. "Butch" Anderson. Anderson served as Dutchess County Sheriff for 22 years. Imperati was the architect of the police modernization and reform plan for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and assisted other law enforcement agencies in developing their own plan. In 2017, he implemented an Internal Affairs Bureau at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and today it remains the only local law enforcement agency to have one. Additionally, Imperati is implementing a body camera program for deputies assigned to the road patrol division, a further important step for public transparency. As part of the Police Modernization Plan, he oversaw an extensive outreach and recruitment effort for a more diverse workforce for both deputy sheriffs and correctional officers. Imperati said he is proud to protect and serve all of the residents of Dutchess County and will continue to be "Everyone's Sheriff." Imperati said, "The generosity, outpouring of support and encouragement for me to seek the Office of

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VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE STORY

From Germany with love!

Salt Point couple shares story of transatlantic journey

Editor's note: Each year for Valentine's Day, we at the Northern Dutchess News recognize another couple married for more than 50 years.

by Curtis Schmidt

Love and respect can take you around the world. Don't believe it? Just ask Renate and Dieter Friedrichsen of Salt Point. Their love affair of 60-plus years has taken them across two continents. And it's a bond that has not only given them a beacon of support, but has also enabled each to pursue a vast array of differing interests. Their story begins while they were growing up in post-World War II Germany. Their hometown of Kiel, a northern city by the Baltic Sea, was almost completely destroyed during the War. Dieter and his family lost everything in a bomb attack in the last month of the War in 1945. Renate was fortunate as her family's apartment house survived all of the destruction in her neighborhood. The two met in 1954 when he was 19 and she had just turned 17. Renate had just started her apprenticeship as a

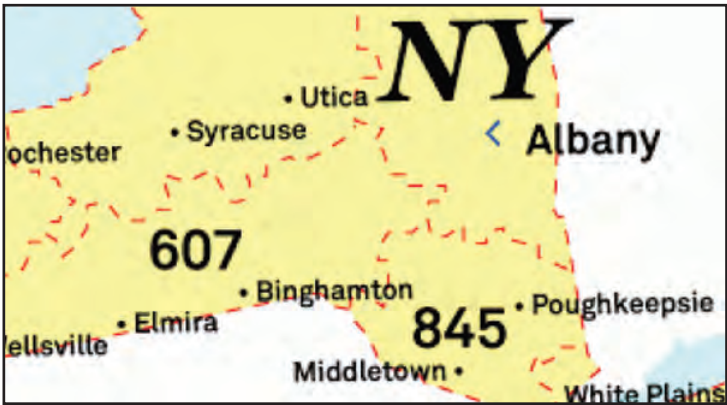


Renate and Dieter Friedrichsen of Salt Point are pictured vacationing at Cape Cod, a trip they have made almost every year since 1963. Courtesy photo

mechanical draftsman and Dieter was already involved in his apprenticeship learning the trade of book sales and research. His hobby was playing in a small band called "Die Solide Vier" (The Solid Four). Dieter was the guitarist for the

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Public can submit comments on possible new area code for parts of 845



The New York State Public Service Commission is considering a new area code for portions of the 845 area to relieve a forecasted shortage of telephone numbers. Courtesy photo

by Kristine Coulter

The public can comment on the New York State Public Service Commission considering a new area code for 845. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) filed a petition to relieve a forecasted shortage of telephone numbers. That would be done by adding a new telephone area code within parts of Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties, that are

currently covered by the 845 area code. The petition was filed on Nov. 30, 2021. Public comments are due March 27. "The new area code will be determined by NANPA. They have not yet announced what the number will be," James Denn, with the Public Service Commission told the Southern Dutchess News Group. According to a press release, "In accordance with standard telephone industry guidelines, NANPA bases its

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Transportation Council welcomes public comment on planning program

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is pleased to announce it has opened a 30-day public comment period for its Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): the DCTC's annual work plan that identifies the federally funded planning activities it will undertake for the upcoming State Fiscal Year.

The UPWP includes descriptions of planning tasks and resulting products, a

schedule for completing tasks, the cost of the work, funding sources and the organizations working on each task. For the new program, the DCTC will start several new studies to include a vulnerability (resiliency) assessment of the transportation system and local pedestrian planning studies in Dover, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck.

The DCTC will also work on a new capital program (Transportation

Improvement Program-TIP) to allocate federal highway and transit funding for state, county and local projects throughout the county. The majority of funding for these tasks will come from federal sources.

Comments are welcome through Feb.

28 and can be submitted by email to dctc@dutchessny.gov, by phone at (845) 486-3600 or by mail to DCTC, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 107, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Visit the DCTC website for more information: www.dutchessny.gov/dctc.

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group that entertained by playing popular rock dance music at restaurants, dance halls and other locations around the city.

In so doing, the band developed quite a local following.

"That is how I, along with a group of girl friends, became a 'Groupie,' following the band wherever they played," said Renate. "A friendship grew into love, living in a 'City by the Sea' surrounded by beaches and cultural activities."

They still vividly remember trips to the beaches.

"She wasn't afraid to ride the motor scooter with me," said Dieter. "We were fortunate to even have a means of transportation at that time."

"I put his guitar on my back, packed the amplifier, and away we went," said Renate.

Moving to America

But all of that was about to change.

Dieter had family members on his mother's side who immigrated to America many years prior and they came back home frequently to reunite with their relatives. In 1958, enticed by their stories and looking for better life opportunities, Dieter, with only a suitcase in hand, immigrated to the U.S., staying in Queens with one of his relatives and working in the Big City.

Renate stayed behind and "so began a time of letters between two friends and lovers," she said. "International phone calls were too expensive. A test of time would tell where this friendship would lead us." (They still have a large box of letters bearing witness to all that happened while they were separated.)

But their life of changes was about to take a few more turns.

In the same year he immigrated, Dieter was drafted and joined the U.S. Army. After basic training, he was sent back to Germany in the spring of 1959 and was stationed in Bad Kissingen, located in the southern part of the

country. Renate joined him, finding an apartment and working for the German government.

In 1961, Dieter returned to the U.S. to complete a full three-year stay in the Army, which was required to become an American citizen, and then moved to live with his relatives, Mary and Harry Beckmann, in Salt Point.

In June of 1962, Dieter asked Renate to join him. With immigration visa in hand and sponsorship through the Beckmann family, she traveled to America, leaving her family behind.

"I arrived by ship at Pier 86 in New York City with two large wooden boxes full of china, silverware, feather quilts etc., carefully packed by my Dad," said Renate.

To help with the cost of moving, Dieter sold the Volkswagen he owned in Germany and gave the money to Renate.

But unknown to him at the time, Renate had a secret back-up plan.

"I had saved enough money for a one-way ticket back home should this 'new beginning of life' not work out," she said.

Wedding and careers

But "work out" it did and Renate and Dieter were married on Sept. 22, 1962 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie; and their aunt and uncle (the Beckmanns) surprised them with a reception at the famed "Nick Beni" restaurant.

After the wedding, it was all about adjusting to life, work and careers.

"For a girl coming from a large city, moving into a small apartment on lonely Ward Road (in the Town of Pleasant Valley), that location was a challenge," said Renate. "But I started looking for employment, not worrying about my limited language skills and the transition from working in metric to inches."

While Dieter was employed at Schatz Federal in Poughkeepsie, Renate found an opportunity with the architectural firm



Renate and Dieter Friedrichsen are pictured on the beach at the Baltic Sea, and on a date as teenagers. Left, Dieter plays the guitar with "Die Solide Vier" (The Solid Four). Courtesy photos

of Clark and Warren, as an architectural draftsman and interior decorator.

In 1964, Dieter joined IBM until his retirement in 1993, and continued to work for 13 years as Zoning Administrator for the Town of Pleasant Valley. Renate then began a 27-year career with the Engineering Department at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

On Oct. 9, 1973, their daughter Audrey was born. Dieter's mother and Renate's parents visited often to share the joy of watching their granddaughter grow. Renate and Audrey also took many trips to Germany to show Audrey where her parents grew up and stayed connected to her German family.

Audrey now works as a Land Use and Environmental Advocate with Scenic Hudson and teaches at Marist College.

Renate and Dieter will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary later this year. They are hoping to repeat a transatlantic journey on the Queen Mary II as they did 10 years ago, to celebrate this

milestone with their family abroad.

When it comes to the secrets of a long and loving relationship, both say that allowing the other to enjoy many differing interests is part of the key.

Dieter is active stamp and coin collector, local historian and NASCAR fan, which took him to the Daytona 500 each February for 30 years. He also wrote a history of the Pleasant Valley Railroad Station, now on display at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Renate enjoyed experiencing the arts locally and in New York City and traveling with girl friends to many different locations.

"It's all about trust, communication and laughter," said Renate. "If our interests take us to different places, then we say 'See you in two weeks and have a good time.' We both understand the need to remain independent."

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Climate Smart and the Americans with Disabilities Act

To the editor:
§ 35.149 Discrimination prohibited. ... "no qualified individual with a disability shall, because a public entity's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by individuals with disabilities, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity..."

One way to explain this citation of law, found in Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act, is to look at public parking lots. If a Town or Village failed to provide the designated, blue-striped parking spaces, reserved exclusively for drivers with disabilities, the municipality would be in violation of this anti-discrimination clause because disabled drivers would be "denied the benefits" the parking lot furnishes other drivers.

Over the last few years, Towns and Villages have been leveraging public funding from NYS to construct Electric Vehicle charging stations. People with disabilities also drive Electric Vehicles (EV). If state and local municipalities fail to provide disabled EV drivers with ADA-compliant access to charging stations or fail to include ADA-compliant stations in the NYS "charging station location lookup" database, the anti-discrimination clause will surely be tested and challenged.

We must strive to be both climate smart and compassionate; it;s also the law.

John Rossi
Rhinebeck

Investment advisors and COVID-19

To the editor:
A tale of three investment advisors. First, TV's Jim Cramer said, "government has a right to force you to obey and has always exercised it especially under GOP," referring to vaccine mandates.

Welcome to the authoritarian state, Dr. Jim.

Next up, Phil Davis, who supports COVID-19 vaccination and lockdown / mask measures. He is unhappy, though, that a chart shows the U. S. with by far the worst COVID-19 deaths per one hundred thousand. Hmm. At the bottom of the chart, with the best statistics is, well, Sweden – no masks, no lockdowns. Any message there, Dr. Phil?

Neither of them, by the way, are physicians.

And then there is Jim Rickards, a hard money supporter, summarizing the painful reality for pandemic supporters:

1. The masks don't work.
 2. The vaccines don't prevent infection, unlike past ones, and unlike early claims.
 3. Our experts fought to prevent early treatment by low-cost antivirals.
 4. And told patients to wait until quite sick to go to the hospital.
 5. Where they were often treated with ventilators, with a low chance of surviving.
 6. Despite high levels of vaccination, there are many cases and hospitalizations in Israel.
 7. The New York City restaurant economy cratered due to lockdowns, while Sweden and Miami carried on.
- Several billionaires have greatly increased their wealth during the pandemic. How might they have done that?
- Well, back in October 2019, when the pandemic was predicted in Event 201, Moderna stock was around \$10. It is sometimes

possible to buy far out of the money stock options, a year ahead, for 5 cents a share. Someone, say a Klaus, knowing the pandemic will happen and that Moderna will be vaccinating half the world, might mention this to a billionaire friend, say a Bill. If Bill bought options on 10 million shares, strike price 100, it might cost \$500,000 at 5 cents a share.

By late 2020, Moderna stock was sitting at 150. Bill's option would then be worth \$50, netting half a billion dollars.

Why haven't those in Congress sought to get billionaire gains from the pandemic routed instead to those who really need help? Hello, Congress. Anyone home?

This note, and much else, can be found at aidspetition.org/cv.
Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

Molinaro requests report on bail reform impact

Editor's note: County Executive Marc Molinaro wrote the following letter to Mary Ellen Still, Chair of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council. The letter is regarding Nassau County Executive Order on Effects of Bail Reform.

To Chair Mary Ellen Still:

Since Bail Reform has been enacted in New York, specifically the sections regarding "no bail" offenses, there has been considerable discussion concerning the impact these changes have had on the level of criminal activity. The 2019 bail reform law prohibits the setting of cash bail by judges for most misdemeanors and non-violent felonies. I am interested in knowing how much crime is occurring in Dutchess County by individuals who before the reforms might have been incarcerated and thereby unable to commit any crimes while awaiting adjudication of their original offense.

On January 19, 2022, Nassau County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman issued Executive Order Number 4-2022 directing the Nassau County Police Department to increase transparency by disclosing in daily reports pending criminal case data and bail status of individuals re-arrested by the department. Presently, the Nassau County Police Department is developing new policies to enable them to identify and publicize the names of defendants not given bail on a previous charge who are re-arrested. The purpose of the directive is to inform the community about the impact of the 2019 bail reform law.

I am requesting the Criminal Justice Council to explore whether a similar report could be developed for Dutchess County. I recognize that certain considerations may need to be taken into account since our county has more law enforcement agencies and courts than Nassau County. Please research this issue and provide me with a recommendation for creating a similar type report that provides information on defendants released with no bail who are re-arrested while pending a criminal charge.

Thank you.

Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County Executive

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Sheriff has been overwhelming."

Prior to his formal announcement to seek the position in the November general election his committee, Friends of Sheriff Kirk Imperati hosted a well-attended fundraiser in December 2021 and raised more than \$240,000 for the election campaign.

Imperati presided over the construction of the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement center, which came in on time and \$2 million under budget.

He is also overseeing the construction project for the justice and transition center. That project will also open on time and under the projected budget. This state-of-the-art correction facility will provide a safer, more efficient and effective working environment for correction officers as well as the inmate population.

The programs offered at the justice and transition center are designed to reduce recidivism and help these individuals acclimate back into the community in a positive way.

Imperati has received the endorsement of the Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, the Town of East Fishkill PBA, the Patrolman's Benevolent Association of the Town of Poughkeepsie PBA and The Dutchess County Sheriff's Employee Association.

Central Hudson restores power to hard-hit Ulster County after storm

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. crews made progress in repairing damage and restoring power to customers who experienced service interruptions from Winter Storm Landon on Sunday. To date, power has been restored to more than 48,000 homes and businesses since Friday morning, primarily in hard-hit Ulster County. As of 7 p.m. Sunday, approximately 16,000 customers are without power in Ulster County.

"We understand how critical it is to restore power to our customers given the current weather conditions. Our field force of nearly 900 line and tree professionals will continue to work into the night to restore as many homes and businesses as possible," said Ryan Hawthorne, Vice President of Electric Engineering and Operations. "Some customers in our most heavily impacted areas may not have service restored until Tuesday night. We are encouraging those without power to take appropriate measures to stay warm throughout the night."

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Central Hudson is working to refine estimated times of restoration on a municipal level. Areas that have been the most heavily impacted could see restoration efforts extend into Tuesday evening. Central Hudson will conduct targeted outreach to customers in these areas.

Damage from the storm has been severe. So far crews have addressed nearly 600 individual damage locations and have approximately 670 locations remaining with additional outages still being reported. Since the start of the storm, there have been 75 broken poles and more than 2,000 cases of downed lines. Central Hudson has deployed wire guards to warn motorists and pedestrians to stay clear of these areas. In addition, representatives are making door-to-door visits with customers dependent on electrically operated life support equipment to ensure their well-being.

Molinaro: Emergency powers no longer appropriate

by Kate Goldsmith

During his 95th Facebook Live event on Feb. 3, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro called for Gov. Kathy Hochul to end the emergency mandates related to COVID-19.

“Knowing what we know ... we are not in an emergency situation, period,” he said, citing data points that are “all in the right direction.”

On Feb. 3 there were 731 active cases of COVID-19 in the county, down considerably from recent weeks; on Feb. 6 (the most recent update to the county’s COVID-19 Dashboard) that count was even lower, at 563. It should be noted that test results data comes from the Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System, a NYS Health Department database that contains reported results from all the labs testing samples from New York State residents. It doesn’t include results from at-home tests.

Community transmission is also decreasing – 35.75 per 100,000 as of Feb. 6 – although the seven-day average was still high (159 per 100,000).

Hospitalizations were also down to 89 as of Feb. 6. The county’s dashboard now makes the distinction between those who were hospitalized due to COVID-19 (50) and those who were admitted for other reasons, but tested positive upon admis-

sion (39). This differentiation is worth noting because it tracks the severity of infection.

One data point that is slightly higher than the previous week is deaths related to COVID-19: There were 17 in the past week, bringing the total to 620 as of Feb. 6. Over the previous week, there had been 16 deaths.

‘You must make choices’

Molinaro reiterated his call for the state to reveal its goals for ending the emergency mandates.

“New York State has to be very clear about why certain mandates are in place and when they will end,” he said. “What is the metric that must be achieved in order to end the mask mandate?”

Molinaro said the county is joining with others across the state, including the teachers unions and school officials, in asking for this information. The way it now stands, “There isn’t an endpoint, an off-ramp [to determine when the mandates will end],” he said.

As a government official, Molinaro said he knows when government should intervene in what constitutes an emergency situation, and such is not the case at this point in time.

“This is not a crisis moment,” he said, “therefore, the use of emergency powers by an executive is not appropriate.”

It should be up to individuals to

determine how they will proceed, said Molinaro.

“You know the risk, you know the steps you can take, and you must make choices,” he said.

Moving forward, Molinaro said, “We need to ask real solid questions ... What went right? What missteps were taken? How can we learn based on data and science?”

This is the discussion that will allow people to make the best choices in their lives, he added.

Molinaro also said, “We need to own up that damage was done” to businesses, children and others as a result of government actions during the pandemic.

“If we don’t do that, we don’t give meaning to a great deal of loss,” he said.

Vaccinations, testing scaled back

The county has seen a decrease in demand for vaccines and tests, and is scaling back its operations at the former

JCPenney site in the Poughkeepsie Galleria. Vaccinations are available on Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Testing is available Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Dover location will be open for testing Friday, Feb. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Free over-the-counter test kits are available at both locations.

Municipalities will continue to distribute free test kits as supplies are available. County departments (such as DMV) will also have some kits available.

Schools continue to receive and distribute test kits, Molinaro added.

As of Feb. 6, 84.5 percent of adults (18+) and 75.83 percent of the total population in Dutchess County had at least one dose of a vaccine; 67.79 percent of the total population had completed their two-dose series. The dashboard doesn’t have data on boosters.

Public can submit comments on possible new area code for parts of 845

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petition on a projection that forecasts the current 845 area code will exhaust available numbers in the third quarter of 2024. Per the petition, all existing wireline and wireless telephone customers in the overlay area would retain their current 845 area code and telephone numbers. The new area code would cover requests for new phone numbers.”

Approval of the proposed new area code in time to be implemented six months prior to the projected third quarter of 2024 exhaust date, according to the petition. The implementation of a new overlay area code normally requires “concurrent implementation of mandatory 10-digit dialing (the three-digit area code and seven-digit telephone number are required to complete a call) for all calls, whether local or long-distance,” states the press release.

NANPA, after submitting the petition, revised the forecasted exhaust projection for the 845-area code to the third quarter of 2023 due to an increase in the demand for numbers.

According to the petition, “The 845 NPA was created as a result of the geographic split of the 914 NPA and has been in service since June 5, 2000. The 845 NPA serves all or parts of Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. The geographic split ordered by the Commission runs along the county boundary dividing Westchester County from Putnam and Rockland counties.”

The petition also stated, “The Industry recommends that it implement the new overlay NPA based upon a 9-month schedule. The new NPA will be implemented after customer education of the transition to 10-digit dialing is completed

in the 845 NPA. Adhering to the Industry agreed-upon schedule will allow the new NPA to be implemented six months prior to the projected exhaust of the 845 NPA.10 The Industry will complete the implementation of mandatory 10-digit local dialing by July 15, 2022, well before usage of the new NPA.”

When submitting a comment, one should refer to 21-C-0600. For those who want to submit a comment online, go to www.dps.ny.gov, then click on “Search” and enter 21-C-0600 in the “Search by Case Number” field, and then click on “Post Comments” at the top right of the page.

One may send comments by email to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

For those who want to mail their comments. Send them to: Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the “Public Comments” tab.

To comment by calling toll-free, call the Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission, according to the press release.

The Commission is also considering holding virtual public statement hearings. If hearings are to be held, the dates and times will be announced, according to the release.

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The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Installation Dinner and Penny Social on Thursday, Feb. 24, at The Eveready Diner, 4184 Route 9, Hyde Park. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

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Troop K accepting donations for NYS MLK Inter-Agency Food Drive 2022

The New York State Police in Troop K is hosting a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. food donation drive, this year to benefit Dutchess Outreach in Poughkeepsie.

Dutchess Outreach has operated emergency food access and relief programs in Dutchess County for more than 46 years. In Dutchess County, 26,130 individuals suffer from food insecurity, or around 8.8% of the population. Dutchess Outreach acts as an advocate and provider of hunger and relief programs in order to ensure that everyone, regardless of income, has access to fresh, healthy food and the support they need.

If you would like to donate, Troop K will be accepting new and unopened food or financial contributions in the form of grocery store gift cards (please no cash or checks), through Feb. 11, at Troop K Headquarters, 2541 Route 44, Salt Point. Items can also be donated at any Troop K installation that is most convenient to donors.

Child passenger safety event in Salt Point

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the New York State Police will host a child car seat check event at Troop K Headquarters, located at 2541 Route 44 in Salt Point, from 3 to 8 p.m.

An appointment is suggested, but drive-ups are welcome. To make an appointment or for additional information, contact Troop K Traffic at (845) 677-7331 or Ktraffic@troopers.ny.gov .

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank to hold meeting Feb. 16

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. If one would like to attend, please register. After registering, those who signed up will receive a link to the meeting.

Meeting materials are available on the website at: <http://www.dcpoklandbank.org/?p=724> To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires five days notice), please call 845- 293-3547 or email secretary@dcpoklandbank.org,

Board of Health meeting set for Feb.17

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting virtually on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m., using Microsoft Teams. To listen to the meeting, call 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 760 712 078#.

The Dutchess County Board of Health meets on the third Thursday of each month except for the month of July.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-3432.

Historic Red Hook to host free virtual events

"Spaces of Enslavement," an author talk with Andrea C. Mosterman, will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. This virtual event is presented in collaboration with the Dutchess County Department of History,

Andrea Mosterman is associate professor in Atlantic History and Joseph Tregle Professor in Early American History at the University of New Orleans. In her work, she explores the multi-faceted dimensions of slavery, slave trade and cross-cultural contact in the Dutch Atlantic and Early America with special emphasis on Early New York.

On Wednesday, March 16, at 7 p.m., Sarah K. Herman will present an author talk via Zoom, titled "The 1903 Jackson Corners Signature Quilt."

Hermans grew up in Millerton, and has resided in Poughkeepsie and Pine Plains. Her

grandmother, Clara Weller Losee, was a dedicated local and family historian for the towns of Red Hook, Milan and Northeast.

In 2010 an old, stained muslin sheet made of 42 blocks sewn together, many covered in embroidered names, was passed down through five generations of Hermans' family. She spent a decade researching the quilt; the 260 names of local people from Milan, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Pine Plains, Livingston, Clermont and Ancram embroidered on it; and the world of Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia counties in 1903 when the "simple" life was coming to an end.

Register for these free programs at <https://www.historicredhook.org/register> .

Rabies Vaccination Clinic set Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Community Health and the Dutchess County SPCA will hold a free Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the DCSPCA shelter, 636 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park. The vaccinations for dogs, cats and ferrets are free to Dutchess County residents. Proof of previous vaccination must be presented to receive a three-year certificate.

Dogs must be on a leash, and cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

Advance registration is required at DCSPCA.org or call (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

Chicken & Biscuits Dinner set

Stanford Grange #808 will serve a Chicken & Biscuits Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take out only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of chicken with gravy & mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, homemade biscuits, apple/walnut/cranberry salad, and cherry pie for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. All CDC & Gov. Hochul's Health Guidelines will be followed. Call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton for reservations at (845) 868-7869.

Wilderstein to offer virtual lecture Feb. 24

"Wilderstein Digital Products & Experiences," a talk by Craig St. Clair, Wilderstein board member and curatorial committee chair, is set on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Visit www.wilderstein.org to register.

This lecture will introduce Wilderstein's digital catalog and archival collections, with particular emphasis on the making of the new interactive timeline and how the digital catalog will be used to create more virtual experiences in the future.

Rhinecliff Soup Sale set Feb. 24

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Soup Sale on Thursday, Feb. 24. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on those dates, a choice of soup or chili will be available for take-out at the cost of \$10 per quart. To order ahead, email Joe at baerhands@aol.com or call the firehouse at (845) 876-6149 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard Street in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard.

Profits will alternate between the two community organizations.

Line Dancing set at Poughkeepsie Senior Center

The Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation will hold a Country Line Dancing Night at the Senior Center, 14 Abe's Way, Poughkeepsie, on Friday, Feb. 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. There is free admission, and non-perishable donations to the Food

Pantry will be accepted. Visit www.poughkeepsietownrec.com or call (845) 485-3628 for more information.

Concerts set at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Group will present "Southland, Swing & Spain," a monthly concert series, at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. Each concert starts at 5 p.m. and ends by 7 p.m.

The schedule:

Thomasina Winslow - Blues Singer and Guitarist - Feb. 26;

Teresa Broadwell - Swing Violinist and Singer - March 26;

Maria Zemantowski - Flamenco Guitar Master - April 30.

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.

Innisfree presents lecture series

Innisfree Garden is hosting a lunchtime lecture series via Zoom, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. In "Effective Solutions for Dealing with Deer," Innisfree trustee Brad Roeller shares his philosophy that by learning about the environmental and biological factors which influence deer and their food choices, homeowners and professionals can implement informed strategies for deer-proofing their landscapes.

Drawing on more than 40 years of gardening in deer country, and his findings in the Deer Browse Garden he created at the Cary Institute, Roeller will share hard-won lessons on how to deter deer from browsing ornamental plants. Over the course of his career, Roeller has evaluated hundreds of popular herbaceous and woody ornamentals. He will share those plants showing any inherent resistance to deer plus his top picks from the plethora of products, gadgets, and meth-

ods intended to discourage deer from foraging in landscape plantings.

This talk will also examine how historic and current land use trends impact deer densities and look at the ramifications of high deer populations.

Lectures all start at 1 p.m. via Zoom. The cost is \$15 (free for Innisfree members); register at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/innisfreegarden> .

Upcoming events include:

"A New Way of Thinking about Gardens, Nature, and Ourselves" with James Golden, Wednesday, March 2;

"Painting the Romantic Landscape: Claude Lorrain to the Hudson River School" with John McGiff, Wednesday, March 23;

"Landscape, Poetry and Ecology: Romanticism at Innisfree" with Paul Kane, Wednesday, April 6;

"Romanticism at Innisfree" with Katherine H. Kerin, Wednesday, April 20.

Cary Institute to offer free virtual event on deer impacts to forest ecosystems

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. join Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies for a virtual event exploring how deer influence forest health in our region.

Deer shape the future of our forests. What they find appetizing, or unpalatable, can determine which plants survive and thrive. Forests with abundant deer can suffer from selective feeding on woody plants during winter months when other food is limited. This can result in the loss of seedlings and saplings, dominance by invasive species, and shifts in the tree species that make up the next generation of forest canopy.

This virtual event will cover the history of deer in the Catskills, how deer influence the composition and health of our regional forests, and strategies to mitigate deer impacts. Presenters include: forest ecologist Dr. Charles Canham (Cary

Institute), ecologist Dr. Lynn Christenson (Vassar College), and deer biologist Brendan Quirion (NYS DEC Region 3).

Among the topics to be discussed: how deer populations have changed over the last 100 years as land has become reforested and hunting pressure has declined, what loss of woody cover and the herbaceous layer means for forests and wildlife, management options, and ways that landowners can help promote healthy forest regeneration.

This event is free and open to all. A Q&A session moderated by Cary President and Director of the Catskill Science Collaborative Josh Ginsberg will follow the presentations. Register via EventBrite to receive Zoom log-in details; search for "Oh Deer! How Deer Shape Forests in the Catskills & Beyond."

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Cary's Hudson Data Jam registration deadline is Feb. 22

The Hudson Data Jam competition is an opportunity for students in grades 4-12 to explore ecological datasets, creatively communicate the stories they tell, and win cash prizes. Write a song, record a video, create a book, paint a mural – your imagination is the limit.

The event is conducted by Cary Institute for Ecosystems Studies. Students can participate individually or in groups – from two children working together, up to a whole class. Students must register by Feb. 22 to participate. Projects will be judged by scientists, artists, and educators. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top elementary, middle school, and high school projects.

The 2022 Hudson Data Jam is 100-percent virtual, with many opportunities for interactive support. Cary Educators will be hosting a series of webinars and workshops to guide advisors and students through the Data Jam experience. There

will be four sessions for advisors, and one especially for students. These virtual presentations will help advisors and students learn about competition basics, data analysis techniques, using creative media to tell science stories and more.

Registered Data Jam participants are invited to sign-up for a 15-minute session to ask questions about their data analysis and creative projects.

Cary Institute educator Ashley Alred will be available to support student inquiries about their data analysis or creative project. These sessions will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from Feb. 7 through March 3. Students will need to register for a specific 15-minute time slot at least 24 hours in advance.

If you have questions about the competition, webinars or drop-in sessions, email Ashley Alred at alreda@caryinstitute.org.

Support Connection offers February support groups

Support Connection, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. They offer monthly support groups which focus on topics pertaining to living with breast and ovarian cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, because in-person programs are not possible, the support groups have been transitioned to virtual platforms (ZOOM or toll-free teleconference.) Virtual groups are accessible to women from the comfort of their homes, regardless of where they live. All groups are open to new members as well as past participants.

Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for individ-

ual counseling and assistance via phone and email. Call 800-532-4290, or submit an online request at supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor.

The following virtual support groups are scheduled for February:

Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Groups:

- Wed. Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Ovarian Cancer Support Group:
Wed., Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group:
Fri., Feb. 18 at 12:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group:
Mon., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation announces scholarship and grant deadlines

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is offering competitive scholarships and grants for students, nonprofits and schools in northeast Dutchess County. Apply for funding during the winter grants cycle at BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships and BerkshireTaconic.org/Grants.

For students: Scholarships

Students who plan to attend an accredited college, university, trade school or graduate program may complete Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's common scholarship application to determine their eligibility for all of the foundation's scholarships. Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and support a variety of academic interests. Some funds offer renewable awards.

Applications are due March 15. Apply with the common application at BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships.

Scholarships for northeast Dutchess County residents include:

- The Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship Fund for female residents who are currently enrolled at a four-year college and majoring in math, chemistry, engineering or physical sciences.
- The Ferris Burtis Scholarship Fund for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at a conservatory or school of music to pursue a career in clas-

sical music.

- The Karen Kisslinger Scholarship Fund for students of Webutuck High School who have a demonstrated interest and passion for holistic, health and wellness practices.
- The Matthew D. Reagon Scholarship Fund for graduates or graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who attained reasonable academic achievement despite facing adversity.
- The Northeast Dutchess Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors of Dover High School, Millbrook High School, Stissing Mountain High School and Webutuck High School.
- The Rhoda Lubalin Art Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who intend to study visual arts at a college or other educational institution.
- The Thomas J. Berlinghoff Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who are attending a college, university or vocational school.

For students: Travel and service

The Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund and Youth World Awareness Program provides grants to students ages 14 to 22 for international travel and service. Grants range up to \$1,500 for individual applicants; larger grants may be considered for groups.

Applications are due Feb. 21.

For nonprofits

- The Crane Family Fund supports environmental nonprofit organizations that propose innovative projects, particularly for programs that connect at-risk and low-income youth to the environment. Grants range up to \$4,000. Applications are due Feb. 15.
- The Green Pastures Fund supports nonprofit organizations or public entities that encourage or preserve small, community-based agricultural ventures. Grants range up to \$3,000. Applications are due March 1.

Mark Your Calendars:

The Northeast Dutchess Fund supports nonprofit organizations serving Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic

and Wingdale. The fund awards grants for projects and services that benefit residents of these towns, particularly those who have limited incomes and are underserved. Applications are due April 22.

For schools

Education enrichment funds will award grants for projects that enhance and enrich the educational experience of the students and teachers in area schools. Applications will be accepted from students, teachers, administrators, parents and members of the community.?

- Dover Education Enrichment Program (DEEP) for the Dover Union Free School District, due March 6.
- Sustaining Education Enrichment and Development (SEED) Fund for the Pine Plains Central School District, due March 31.

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Bekah Martz – A 4-H'er set to explore agriculture

Bekah Martz is a freshman studying at Cornell CALS Department of Animal Science. Shas been part of 4-H in Dutchess County since she was 12 years old and participated in dairy youth extension throughout high school.

She writes, "I grew up in Dutchess County, located in the southeast corner of New York State. I had no direct connection to agriculture. My dad's family owned a dairy farm until his early 20s when it shut down and my mom is from Guam with no background in agriculture. When I was in sixth grade, a friend invited me to a 4-H club event at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. I instantly fell in love with the program and all the animals. By seventh grade, I joined the Dutchess County 4-H dairy program.

"I held leadership positions throughout my time in (4-H). I made it my mission to teach the members basic dairy management skills, so I organized a lot of teaching and mentoring opportunities. Over the course of both 4-H programs, I worked with over 50 students. A highlight of my time in 4-H was when I mentored a young girl named Alice who had no background in agriculture. She ended up taking first place at the fair!"

Bekah gave 4-H her all and, with her dad's encouragement, took every opportunity for personal development and to help her peers. Cornell Animal Science Dairy Youth Extension and New York State 4-H provide youth programs for those interested in livestock, pet species, animal biology and production systems. These programs are catalysts for personal growth and development, encouraging leadership, cooperation, and marketable skills for the future.

Now an Animal Science major, with a concentration in dairy management, Bekah also hopes to do a minor in sustainability.

Three things Bekah would like everyone to know about 4-H and Dairy Youth Extension programs are:

"They are made for everyone! You don't need to come from an agriculture background".

"It's all about what you make of it. You get out what you put in! The impacts of the programs are felt years later".

"It's so much fun! There is never a dull moment and I guarantee that you will make lifelong friends".

Here in Dutchess county 4-H, we are very proud of Bekah who is a shining example of the power of youth.

For more information on 4-H clubs, send an email to Jane Rodd at jr825@cornell.edu.



Bekah Martz, right, organized a variety of teaching and mentoring opportunities during her time with Dutchess County 4-H programs. Courtesy photo

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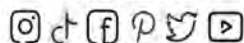
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Dutchess 4-H'ers win at Northeastern Poultry Congress event

On January 15-16, Flock of Feathers members Elena and Richard Sassi traveled to the Big E in Springfield, MA to show at the Northeastern Poultry Congress. This was the first show they had entered beside the Dutchess County Fair 4-H show. They entered for the experience of a big show (2,400 entries!) and to learn more about the standard of perfection and showing poultry.

Mom Lisa said "We didn't expect to place, and we sure didn't expect to win anything."

Richard and Elena both entered one trio in the trio classic. Richard entered bantam black Wyandottes and Elena entered bantam partridge Wyandottes. They both had a blast and learned a lot from the bantam Wyandotte breeders and the judges.

Richard's bantam black cockerel (Pumpkin) placed reserve variety out of 46 entries in the open show. His young trio of bantams (Pumpkin, Pocket, and Dumpling) won best rose comb clean leg trio, also in the open show. What a fabulous learning experience for them both!

Flock of Feathers

Flock of Feathers is Dutchess County's only 4-H club dedicated solely to raising poultry with more than twenty members this year. Most of the club members raise chickens, while a few also raise turkeys, ducks, and geese.

Members have been busy since this 4-H year began, visiting other poultry shows in New York and Massachusetts, and sharing their knowledge at the LaGrange Bicentennial Celebration. The Flock has a lot more work planned before the Dutchess County Fair in August. The kids are busy preparing for the county level public presentations, and in April will hold a clinic with seasoned poultry judge and breeder Jamie Matts to hone their showmanship skills and poultry knowledge.

The club hopes they will be able to get out into the community at farmers markets and other events during the spring and summer. And they are really looking forward to participating in the 4-H Gala, "The A-Fair to Remember" in June.

The Dutchess County Fair is always the highlight of the year for Flock of Feathers. This year the club is collaborating with the poultry kids in the Stony Ground Club and the Dutchess County 4-H Poultry Advisory to offer heritage turkeys and chickens for the Youth Livestock Sale for the second year. What makes this year special is that

the heritage chickens will be sourced from a local Dutchess County farm, Hubbel Spring Farm, in Pine Plains.

Owners Brian Tallman and Tanya Rivera have offered chicks from their champion line of Imperial Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks for the heritage chicken selection. Being able to source poultry locally is better for the health of the chicks and it is a huge plus to be able to support and represent a Dutchess County poultry farm.



Richard Sassi poses with his Champion Cockerel at the Big E. Photo by Lisa Sassi

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Northern Dutchess Symphony sets evening of romantic Italian music



Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra will present an evening of romantic Italian music with on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Culinary Institute of America, Marriott Pavilion.

The program, entitled “That’s Amore” will include excerpts from The Barber of Seville, themes from The Godfather movies and familiar Neapolitan folk tunes.

Artistic director Kathleen Beckman will conduct the orchestra.

Guest trumpet soloist Peter Bellino will be featured on “Carnival of Venice.” He has been in high demand as a performer in the classical, jazz and commercial idioms. He performs regularly with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and the Albany, Glens Falls and Schenectady symphonies as well as many regional chamber ensembles, including Albany Pro Musica, Empire Jazz Orchestra, New York Players Organization and many marquee artists.

Bellino has performed throughout much of the United States as well as Japan, Canada and India. Additionally, he serves as faculty at Bard College, The College of Saint Rose and Union College.

Tickets for the program are \$38 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$10 for students. To buy tickets and get more information about the concert, visit ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 635-0877.

Guest trumpet soloist Peter Bellino will be featured on “Carnival of Venice” during the Feb. 12 concert by the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra. *Courtesy photo*

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HVP: Behind the Music #3
Free stream begins Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. on YouTube @BardavonPresents.

The next episode will explore the HVP’s March 5th concert which shines a spotlight on female composers while focusing on the broader title theme of Underground Figures. In this episode, composer Nkeiru Okoye discusses the creation of her moving Songs of Harriet

Tubman; a work about the life of the legendary figure of the underground railroad. We also hear the story of Florence Price who went from being the first African American woman to have a symphony performed by a major US orchestra to being nearly forgotten as an American composer and the chance discovery that brought her back from obscurity.

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Annual Cookie ‘Walk’ is drive-thru again this year

As in 2021, the Annual Love INC Cookie Walk will be exclusively a drive-thru experience. The event on Saturday, Feb. 12, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road (Route 376) in Poughkeepsie.

“We know people would love to pick out their favorites from the hundreds of dozens of cookies, but we promise to pre-pack a wonderful variety in each box, and this way people don’t even have to get

out of their cars,” commented event coordinator Katherine Betz.

This is the 14th year for the Mid-Hudson Love INC 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 hundreds of pounds of handmade gourmet cookies. The treats are carefully pre-packaged into one-and-a-quarter pound bakery boxes following health and safety protocols. Boxes are



Love INC’s annual Cookie Walk will be a drive-thru event again this year, due to the pandemic. Pictured from last year’s event: A box of cookies demonstrates the variety of choices; and (left) a table holds boxes of cookies for purchase. *Photos by Patty Ten*



available curbside for a donation of \$10 each. While supplies last, specialty boxes such as Gluten-Free or Mostly Chocolate will also be offered.

Betz added that “it’s pretty awesome to see how this event turns cookie dough into bankable dough!”

Proceeds from the innovative Drive-Thru Cookie “Walk” will benefit the ministry work of local churches through Mid-

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Reptile Expo set at MJN Convention Center



The Mid-Hudson Reptile Expo comes to the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, Feb. 20. *Courtesy photos*

The MJN Convention Center will host the Mid-Hudson Reptile Expo on Sunday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the Hudson Valley’s largest Reptile Expo, with more than 150 vendor and display tables.

Dozens of reptile breeders will have thousands of reptiles, amphibians and arachnids on display and for sale as pets. Vendors will also be selling cages, terrarium supplies, frozen feeder rodents and many other reptile-related items at dis-

counted prices. Admission is \$10/adults, \$5/kids 7-12, under 7 free. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets sold at the door only; Cash or credit card No pet animals from home will be allowed at the expo. The MJN Convention Center is at 14 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie. More information is available at <https://www.midhudsonciviccenter.org/event/mid-hudson-reptile-expo/>.



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Don't go skiing

Luigi's ego isn't the only thing that gets bruised.

When I was younger, I loved to go skiing. I remember when I got my first set skis I went to every local mountain. Of course, the more I skied, the better I got; the better I got, the harder the trail I would go down. The harder the trail, the better your ego felt.

As I got older and started getting more and more responsibilities at the restaurant, Pop's disapproval of my hobby grew. He felt it was too dangerous. "You dunt understand. Ifa youa getta hurt how you gonna work," he would tell me. Of course, I thought I was the second coming of Bode Miller and didn't think anything would happen to me.

One day, my future wife, Lisa, and I went skiing with my brother Anthony and his wife Liz. Everything was fine, we enjoyed the day immensely and skied down numerous trails. Had a wonderful lunch in the ski lodge and had a great time. Of course, our last run was the one that ruined the day.

On our last run, we decided to take the wraparound, which is a very easy trail, just to finish the day on an leisurely note. You know, don't push yourself, take it easy. During the ski down, Lisa hit an ice patch and fell down. Me, the chivalrous boyfriend, stopped to help her. Unfortunately, as I stopped my skis hit a patch of ice, also, and down I went. Not only did I fall down, I was carried down the side of the trail, over the ridge, out of bounds, down a bunch of rocks and settled in a pricker patch about 20 feet from the top. My snow pants were ripped during the slide down, and I had pricklers and gravel embedded in my ego. My left ego, to be exact.

I felt my body to make sure nothing was broken, felt the bottom of my ego and saw blood.

I shook the cobwebs out of my head and started to crawl up the side of the mountain dragging my skis and bloody ... ego. As I put some distance from the pricklers and realized I had escaped with only a minor injury to my ... ego, I heard my father's voice in my head.

"Youa stupid. I told you, I told you. Now you hava to go toa the doctor to getta your ego stitched up and how you gonna work. You no listena to me. You never listen."

I made it to the top of the ridge. Out of breath. I threw my skis over the top of the ridge, which I had been dragging up with me, and climbed the rest of the way. As I started to focus, I noticed these two ski patrol men checking on my girlfriend making sure she was OK. I've got gravel stuck in my ... ego and they're making sure that she's OK?

We made it to the bottom of the trail. As my ego started to warm up it really started to hurt. I could hear my father yelling at me. I had to ride in the back seat of the car on my knees because I had tore up my ... ego, pretty good. The entire way home, my sister-in-law Liz couldn't stop laughing. All she kept saying was, "I looked up you were there, then I blinked and you weren't. Then I saw you crawling up."

When we got home, I had my future mother-in-law, who was a nurse, look at my ego and clean the stones and pricklers out. I went to work the next day and made sure to not limp or show any signs of pain because I didn't want to hear my father tell me, I told you so.

Needless to say, I never skied again.

When it gets really cold out, my ego still hurts a little. Enjoy this recipe for a hearty winter soup to warm your ego. Buon Appetito!

- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 16 ounces chicken broth
- 16 ounces heavy cream
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 10 oz. fresh kale
- 2 cups cheese tortellini (frozen)
- 2 teaspoons fresh basil
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- add grated Parmesan (for a topping before serving)

Method

Sauté onion and carrot in 1 teaspoon olive oil until onion is translucent and carrot is tender. Add the sausage and basil and continue to sauteed for 2-3 minutes.

Add the chicken broth and tortellini and bring to a boil. Boil about 5 minutes. Turn the heat down and add the kale and chicken chunks and heavy cream. Cook 2 to 3 more minutes. Remove from heat, serve in bowls topped with grated Parmesan cheese.

Serve with a glass of pinot grigio and, of course, a nice crusty loaf of bread.

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.

WINTER SOUP

- Ingredients
- 1 cup cubed chicken
 - 1/2 cup browned diced sausage
 - 1 whole medium onion (diced)

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Feb. 11-March 6:** Featuring the work of Port Ewen watercolorist Claudia Engel. Gallery members will also exhibit a variety of work during the month. (845) 516-4878, artgallery71rbk@gmail.com or www.artgallery71.com

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 25:** Featured in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Jim Bennett; and at 12 Vassar St. will be Ada Monica Sperling in the Reception Gallery and Brett Gehrke in the Hancock Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to galleries. Visit cunneen-hackett.org for hours and to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

Trolley Barn Gallery, 489 Main St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 24:** The Art Effect hosts the youth-curated, international juried exhibition, "Double Take," featuring 43 works of art and unconventional uses of media including: distortions, optical illusions, drawings, double exposure, sculptural installations and more. Virtual artist talk: Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7-8 p.m., moderated by the Youth Curatorial Team and three featured artists. feelhearteffect.org

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The Palatines: Northern Dutchess County's first German immigrants

by Will Tatum

Motorists driving along Route 9G in the southern portion of the Town of Rhinebeck may occasionally notice a tall, elegant church on a hill, situated east of the highway. The more eagle-eyed observer might also catch the road sign, which reads "Wurtemberg." Upon consulting a Dutchess County Highways map, they would discover that they had passed the hamlet of Wurtemberg, a special window into 300 years of local history.

Northern Dutchess, like the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has a bit of confusion over the Dutch. Pennsylvania Dutch, celebrated in that area for centuries, are more accurately called the Pennsylvania Deutsch, being immigrants from Germany rather than the Netherlands.

The Dutchess County version of this confusion is slightly different, owing to have both Dutch and Deutsch people living in close proximity since the early days of the colonial period. The Dutch story is well known, but the German less so, despite having played an arguably greater role in the settlement of large sections of the county. The Dutch owned the land and the Germans cleared, built upon, and farmed it.

Our colonial-era Dutchess County Germans are a special community, called the Palatines. For readers wishing to take a deep dive into the complicated history of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Germany (and period of multiple kingdoms and city states rather than the modern united country), I highly recommend Professor Philip Otterness's "Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York" (2004). Prof. Otterness spoke at the Elmendorph Inn in Red Hook (a Palatine site) a few years back. His book is engaging and illuminating.

The Palatine Migration to America, elements of which arrived in Pennsylvania as well as New York, began as a response to nearly a century of war in Germany, ranging from the Thirty Years War to the War of the Spanish Succession. The people who pulled up stakes in the Rhineland to make a difficult journey to the Hudson Valley were

largely village-dwelling artisans and skilled tradesmen, tired of seeing their communities burned by one army or another. A complicated piece of early tourism literature also played a role in the migration, but that's a story for another time.

Arriving in America

In 1710, roughly 3,000 Palatine Germans arrived in what is today southern Columbia County, what was then Livingston Manor. They had signed a contract with the British government to create naval stores (all of the various materials one can extract from pine trees that are essential for running a wooden-ship navy) in exchange for land.

Unfortunately, it turned out that New York's pine trees were the wrong species, so no usable tar, pitch, or other sticky, aromatic compounds could be extracted. The Royal government quickly abandoned the Palatines after recognizing this critical flaw in the plan.

The German group split, with some parties heading further west to the Mohawk Valley and the Schoharie Valley, while others crossed the Hudson to set up new settlements. A few stayed in place, founding what is today East Camp and Germantown. The final group headed south to Dutchess County, where Henry Beekman needed willing hands to turn wilderness into profitable farmland.

Spreading in a southerly arc, Palatine families established small farming enclaves across much of northern Dutchess, from modern Red Hook and Rhinebeck to Amenia. Some families made it as far south as Dover and Pawling. Many of the pre-Revolutionary War era buildings and sites in these towns have some connection to the Palatines. Within a few generations, their work had expanded from creating new farms to running a variety of businesses.

Driving down Route 9 today, one can still see the marks they left on the landscape: the Elmendorph Inn, the Old Stone Church, the Palatine Farmstead, and finally the burial ground at Old Rhinebeck, just north of the Route 9/9G intersection. The family names are still here as well: once a family arrives in



St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg is located just off Route 9G in the Town of Rhinebeck. Photo by Will Tatum

Dutchess, they tend to stay, even three centuries later.

Despite the importance of the Palatines for understanding the development of Dutchess County, relatively little has been written on their work here. In addition to Otterness's book (which does not focus exclusively on Dutchess), one can read Mark D. Isaacs' "The 250th Anniversary History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg, Rhinebeck, New York," available on Amazon.

Roots of St. Paul's Church

The long-serving pastor of the church that motorists can clearly see from Route 9G, Reverend Isaacs spent years combing through archival material and visiting multiple sites in Germany to learn more about the Palatines who established his congregation. The exact roots of St. Paul's, however, remain shrouded in some mystery due to a lack of surviving sources. It may have begun to the west, near where Mills Cross Road intersects with Route 9, early in the eighteenth century. The first firm evidence for its establishment at the current site comes from the late 1750s.

In either case, the congregation and the farming community they established is old and has remained largely untouched

by development. A drive up or down Wurtemberg Road (not recommended during winter conditions) will present a string of old farm houses, barns, and other surviving evidence of centuries of cultivation, with the church and its burial grounds at the center.

Little has changed in the line of that road since Morgan Lewis's surveyors laid out a map of the area in 1802, which is now in the possession of the Rhinebeck Historical Society. While written source material is not as widespread as the Palatine settlements were, communities like Wurtemberg provide a vital window to better understanding our county's deep German heritage.

If you want to learn more about the history of Wurtemberg, tune in to the Rhinebeck Historical Society's program on Friday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., free and readily accessible via Zoom. Using Morgan Lewis's 1802 map as a starting point, I will trace what we currently know about the settlement and development of the hamlet, including some thoughts on how the Palatines continue to impact county life today.

Will Tatum has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012.



This detail of the 1802 map of Wurtemberg, shows the church and the vly (swampy area) for which Vlei Road is likely named. Image courtesy of the Rhinebeck Historical Society

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

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

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Suguru

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

ACROSS

- Request permission
- Trigger's rider
- Crusty formation
- Wild plums
- Periods
- Top-notch
- Hit song of the '60s
- Complete
- Most in need of a plumber's attention
- Of a Prot. denomination
- Two-digit number
- Long ___; in the distant past
- Brit. church leader's accessory
- Show delight
- Refrigerator name
- Taunt
- Common verb
- Like soft-boiled eggs
- 45 Down, to friends
- At a future date
- Years of life
- Fat
- Cruel one
- Pitch
- Anthony and Barbara
- Poetic monogram
- Place for a muff
- Down in the dumps
- Cheats
- Talked on and on
- Sydney song
- Maple genus
- Jot down
- Opera solos
- Too curious
- Fast way to fly, once: abbr.
- Letters on a record

DOWN

- Ladd or Arkin
- Kind
- French cap
- Gun the engine
- Type of test
- School founded in 1701
- Saw
- ___ with; tolerate
- Household pests
- Exhausted
- Elle or ella
- Belgrade native
- Schedules
- Enlarge an opening
- ___ out a living; get by
- Felt compassion for
- José's friend
- Checkers and chess
- First word for a counter
- Succinct
- Largest crows
- Prices per hour
- Castle, for one
- Unpopular one
- Rat-___-tat
- Brouhaha
- Little one
- Tiny island
- Famed composer
- Guard
- Adventure story
- Shaping tool
- Facts and figures
- Word with dive or song
- Texas city
- ___ du Vent
- Seth's boy
- Corp.'s superiors
- Vibrant, whirring sound
- Radar screen image
- Cheese town
- Public prosecutors: abbr.
- Made the acquaintance of

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

GOLDEN LIVING

Note: the Office for the Aging and all OFA Friendship Centers are closed on Friday, February 11th in observance of the New York State holiday marking Lincoln's Birthday. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program will receive their meals in advance of the holiday.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND NUTRITION FOR OLDER ADULTS

February is both Black History Month and American Heart Month, and an opportune time to address conditions like diabetes that are common among older adults, and disproportionately affecting older African Americans among the general older-adult population – 52 hospitalizations per 10,000 African American New Yorkers, compared to 17.7 per 10,000 for the general population, according to the New York State Office for the Aging.

Unmanaged diabetes is linked to increased risk for other diseases common in older adults, like cardiovascular and kidney disease, along with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The encouraging news is that by addressing diabetes, we can reduce the risk of many other diseases. Just as diabetes has a larger presence among African Americans, so will addressing diabetes bring about larger improvements among African-Americans.

GOOD NUTRITION AND STAYING ACTIVE ARE THE KEYS

The Office for the Aging's Nutrition Services division publishes monthly menus and newsletters for clients of OFA's Friendship Centers and Home Delivered Meals program, and you can read them yourself at dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition. February marks the start of "candy season," which begins on Valentine's Day and can continue right through Easter season to Mother's Day and Father's Day.

It's a lot of temptation: but rather than try and fail to avoid sweets altogether, it's helpful to have healthy options available. They'll keep one's sweet tooth from taking too much control.

This recipe for dark chocolate covered figs is included with the February menu:

Ingredients: 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips (dairy free, if you can find it)

12 fresh Mission (a/k/a Black Mission or Franciscana) figs

1/4 cup finely chopped raw walnuts

Directions:
Melt chocolate in double boiler or microwave. Dip figs into melted chocolate, sprinkle with nuts and place on parchment-lined pan. Refrigerate about 30 minutes, until chocolate and nuts are set and figs are cold.

Calories: 80; Total fat: 4g; Saturated fat: 1.5g; Trans-fat: 0g; Cholesterol: 0mg; Sodium: 0mg Total carbohydrate: 13g; Dietary fiber: 2g; Sugars: 10g; Protein: 1g

Compare that to what's in a small box of mass-produced commercial chocolates: well over 200 calories; 18 or more grams of fat and trans fat; 20-50 grams of sugar; additives of questionable-at-best

nutritional value; and negligible amounts of anything potentially healthy like fiber, vitamins and/or protein.

But if you really must have a bit of candy, something produced locally will be far tastier. Savor it, and maybe you really will be able to hold yourself to just one. Want more simple, healthy recipes? Visit dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition. Each recipe is in printable, large-print PDF format.

Exercise is the second part of the health equation, and OFA hosts safe, socially distanced exercise classes throughout the county. Interested in tai chi? OFA offers those classes as well. And there's an "A Matter of Balance" class getting underway this month in Fishkill. For more information about classes near you, or on becoming a volunteer exercise class leader, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

OFA NUTRITION PRESENTATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Join the Office for the Aging's Nutrition Services division for presentations aimed at raising awareness of good nutrition for older adults. In observance of Heart Health Month, the topic of this month's presentations is "Eating for a Healthy Heart." Advance registration is required for non-clients of OFA Friendship Centers. Call 845-486-2555 for information. Below is the February schedule. All presentations take place at 11:00 am. Schedules are subject to change.

- Wednesday, Feb. 9, East Fishkill Friendship Center, 890 NY 82, Hopewell Junction

- Monday, Feb. 14, South Amenia Friendship Center, 229 South Amenia Rd., Wassaic (First Presbyterian Church Hall)

- Tuesday, Feb. 15, Millerton Friendship Center, 28 Century Boulevard (Library annex)

- Thursday, Feb. 17, Tri-Town Friendship Center, 1576 US 44, Pleasant Valley (First Presbyterian Church)

- Tuesday, Feb. 22, Pawling Friendship Center, 154 Charles Colman Blvd. (American Legion Hasler-Kamp Post 215)

- Wednesday, Feb. 23m Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St.

- Thursday, Feb. 24, Red Hook Friendship Center, 59 Fisk St. (Red Hook Community Center)

In the event of winter weather disrupting Friendship Center schedules, announcements will be posted on Dutchess County social media at www.facebook.com/DutchessCoGov and www.twitter.com/DutchessCoGov, and are distributed to area broadcasters for announcing and/or posting on their websites.

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

MARC Foundation plans to open Overdose Awareness Memorial Garden

The Mid-Hudson Addiction Recovery Center Inc. (MARC) plans on a late spring 2022 opening of one of its most ambitious projects – The Overdose Awareness Memorial Garden.

Created by the MARC Foundation and Mental Health America, the Garden will honor those who lost their lives to a substance use disorder.

Located behind Gold's Gym in the Town of LaGrange beside the Dutchess Rail Trail, it will be a garden for reflection about the toll that substance misuse takes from our community. The memorial will feature a chain-linked fence where individuals can place a padlock to honor a loved one lost to addiction. The landscaped garden will include a bench for seated reflection, sitting on a plaza of memorial bricks that have been dedicated by those concerned about substance use disorder.

The Foundation is inviting the community to be part of the memorial through purchasing an engraved brick

that will be presented at the entrance of the memorial. Your generous donation will be used to help build and maintain the memorial for many years to come as we work to carry the message.

Each 4x8 brick is \$100 and will be engraved with a message of your choosing.

Since 1993 The MARC Foundation, now part of Mental Health America Dutchess County (MHA), works with several local organizations involved in the vital effort to improve recovery and prevention of substance use disorder.

The mission of the MARC Foundation is to aid individuals with a substance use disorder by generating financial support to provide prevention and residential treatment. The Foundation accomplishes this mission by giving grants to expand and improve sober housing, which creates a safe and secure environment for people in recovery, and by supporting organizations that prevent or treat substance use disorders.

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Eastern NY Fruit and Vegetable Conference

set Feb. 15-17 with series of webinars

Registration is now open for the Eastern New York Fruit and Vegetable Conference set Feb. 15-17 with a series of virtual webinars.

The agenda for the three days is as follows:

Feb 15, 8:15 – 10 a.m.: Strawberry Soil Health -Focusing on soil health and good soil management and the impacts soil has on plant health.Strategies to decrease tillage and incorporate cover crops and rotations will be discussed. Dr. Kerik Cox of Cornell will share tips to identify and manage soil borne disease, and ongoing work using anaerobic soil disinfestation (ASD) will be explained.

Feb 15, 10:15 a.m. - Noon: Strawberry Production Systems - Dr. Marvin Pritts (Cornell), Dr. Becky Sideman from the University of New Hampshire and Dr. Elisabeth Hodgdon (Cornell) will help clarify the nuances of the strawberry plant and the different options growers have with planting, cropping and wintering these unusual plants.

Feb 15, 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.: Raspberry & Blackberry Production - Dr. Courtney Weber (Cornell) will discuss progress in breeding plants with improved flavor and better tolerance of root diseases. Dr. Greg Loeb (Cornell) will share results from ongoing work into SWD chemical ecology and behavior as the basis for management and Dr. Juliet Carroll (Cornell) will discuss efforts to simplify SWD monitor-

ing and what that could mean for growers. Bramble farmers will share successful strategies for cane berry production.

Feb 15, 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.: Blueberries - This session will feature a deeper dive into virus identification and management by Dr. Timothy Miles of Michigan State University. Organic blueberry management from the farmers point of view will be covered and Dr. David Handley of the University of Maine will close the program with valuable information about the impact of pruning on blueberry production.

Feb 16, 9 - 11:45 a.m.: Vine Crops - Learn from Cornell Dr. Meg McGrath first-hand what fungicides are and aren't working for Cucurbit Powdery Mildew and Downy Mildew. Sandy Menasha from CCE Suffolk County will share variety updates and Natasha Field will also share interesting facts on hull-less seeded pumpkins. We will also hear the latest results with using ultra violet lighting to control powdery mildew from Nick Skinner from Mount Sinai, Icahn School of Medicine.

Feb 16, 1 - 3:30 p.m.: Sweetcorn - This session features several out-of-state speakers including Dr. Mark VanGessel from the University of Delaware to discuss herbicide management practices in Delaware and Kris Holmstrom, Rutgers University Pes Management Specialist who will discuss worm management with

Bt varieties and insecticides.

Feb 17, 9 – 11 a.m.: Climate Change - Presentations from farmers and scientists will help this session to support resilience and strategy over fear and confusion. There will be some pre-session work that will be recommended, but all are welcome to join this participatory virtual workshop.

Feb 17, 1:30 – 4 p.m.: Brassica Crops - The conference concludes with a brassica session with experts Elisabeth Hodgdon

and Christy Hoepting from Cornell and Gordon Johnson from the University of Delaware focusing on a variety of disease, heat stress and varietal topics for broccoli, cauliflower and cabbages – all pertinent to the retail market grower. Brussels sprout production will be covered by Jan van der Heide of Bejo seeds and grower input will also be included.

For more information or to register, visit cce-enychp.teachable.com/p/2022-eny-fruit-vegetable-conference-sessions.

Sheriff's Office makes arrests, warns residents about scams

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is warning the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise, and to also report the arrest of two subjects in connection with a recent scam.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of a legal team in order to scam the victims out of money. On Jan. 28 Sheriff's Office Detectives became aware of a possible scam in which the perpetrators contacted the victim and informed them that a relative was a suspect in a DWI-related fatal crash, and that they were looking for \$25,000 to bail them out.

After some research, the victim was able to recognize it as a scam and didn't pay the money, but contacted the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Office Detectives were then able to further the investigation and identify the perpetrators, identified as Elizabeth Y. Taveras (age 29 of NYC) and Sade N. Rosario (age 29 of NYC). Both subjects were arrested on Jan. 28 and charged with attempted grand larceny, a felony.

After being processed, both subjects were released on appearance tickets and are due to reappear before the Town of Wappinger Court. If anyone has any further information about this case or similar cases involving these subjects, they are urged to contact Detective David

Meyer at 845-486-3778 or dmmeyer@dutchessny.gov. The Sheriff's Office can also be contacted via the tip line at 845-605-2583 or dcso tips@gmail.com, and all information will be kept confidential.

The Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.
- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money, call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email or call the number provided in the email.
- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.
- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.
- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.
- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.
- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.
- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.
- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.
- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize.
- If there's any doubt about a phone call or email you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.
- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at (845) 486-3800 or via the tipline at (845) 605-CLUE or dcso tips@gmail.com.

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

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

Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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COLLEGE NOTES

MONTCLAIR, NJ — Paige Guski of Red Hook was named to Montclair State University's Fall 2021 Dean's List. Guski is a Film and Television major.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

NASHVILLE, TN — Bastien Dal Farra of Rhinebeck qualified for the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Daniel Tompkins of Salt Point has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at American International College (AIC).

BRISTOL, RI — Sophia Bodack of Pleasant Valley has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I.

Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

CASTLETON, VT — MacKenzie Wade of Rhinebeck was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

TUSCALOOSA, AL — Sydney Tomaine was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for Fall Semester 2021.

A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama made the dean's list with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the president's list with academic records of 4.0 (all A's).

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Springfield College has named Kevin Lee from Hyde Park to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2021 fall semester.

Lee has a primary major of History.

Sarah Mavila (BS Medical Imaging) of Staatsburg was among students who were named to the Honors List for the Fall 2021 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named to the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours.

FRANKLIN, MA — Dean College is pleased to announce the students that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester: Lindsay Effron of Poughkeepsie and Elena Mejorado of Pawling. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

LOUDONVILLE, NY — Siena College names students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester, including the following local students:

Joseph Burns of Red Hook, Ryan Card of Hyde Park, Natalie Colaizzo of Hyde Park, Brianna Femenella of Hyde Park, James Flood of Red Hook, Kiley Lenahan of Tivoli, Sarah Olson of Hyde Park and Samantha Riley of Red Hook.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

NEWARK, DE — Jenna Dorrian of Red Hook has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

POTSDAM, NY — Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall 2021 semester at Clarkson University.

Shane Michael Benziger of Rhinebeck, a junior majoring in aerospace engineering / mechanical engineering;

Ryan Michael King of Lagrangeville, a freshman majoring in aeronautical engineering;

Eric J Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a sophomore majoring in aerospace engineering / mechanical engineering;

Ethan Patrick Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a junior majoring in biology;

Evelyn Paige Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a senior majoring in environmental science and policy;

Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

POTSDAM, NY — Students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester at Clarkson University

Edward Julian Cerrone of Millbrook, a freshman majoring in civil engineering;

Isabella Mia Saltarelli of Pleasant Valley, a freshman majoring in chemical engineering;

Alice Patricia Wilser of Stanfordville, a junior majoring in civil engineering;

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

LOUDONVILLE, NY — Siena College names students to the President's List for the Fall 2021 semester, including:

Ryan Beauchesne of Holmes, Sophia Conte of Poughkeepsie, Rachel Gifford of Poughkeepsie, Connor Maune of Lagrangeville, Mairead O'Donnell of Pleasant Valley, David Oliver of Rhinebeck, Benjamin Reale of Verbank and Cody Romani of Hyde Park.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

CHARLESTON, SC — Joseph Clement of Stormville was named to the dean's list at The Citadel.

The Dean's List is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

ALLENTOWN, PA — Congratulations to these local students for being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester: Serena Albahary of Rhinebeck and Jane Carney of Red Hook.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

CANTON, NY — St. Lawrence University congratulates more than 640 students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester, including:

Mikayla Quinn of Pine Plains, a member of the Class of 2023 who is majoring in psychology. Quinn attended Stissing Mountain Jr-Sr High School.

Dylan Schmalz of Wassaic, a member of the Class of 2022 who is majoring in economics and business in the liberal arts. Schmalz attended Millbrook School.

ADELPHI, MD — Felipe Castellanos of Red Hook earned a Master of Science in Biotechnology from University of Maryland Global Campus. More than 8,000 students from all 50 states, four U.S. territories, and 26 countries earned UMGC degrees worldwide in fall 2021.

MORRISVILLE, NY — SUNY Morrisville recently announced that Kayla Sheeley of Tivoli was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.0 to 3.99 grade-point average for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

SCRANTON, PA — Local residents were among more than 1,650 students

named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2021 fall semester.

The students are:

Jeremy Dickinson of Hyde Park, a sophomore nursing major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Charlotte Bodack of Pleasant Valley, a senior kinesiology major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Abbie Cummings of Staatsburg, a senior nursing major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Amber Diehl of Staatsburg, a senior nursing major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences, Kania School of Management and Panuska College of Professional Studies.

CLINTON, NY — The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2021 fall semester:

Reid Curran of Rhinebeck. Curran, a first-year student, is a graduate of Berkshire School. Corey Rundquist of Millbrook. Rundquist, a senior majoring in biology and Chinese, is a graduate of Millbrook School. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Andreas Gukeisen of Rhinebeck excelled during the Fall 2021 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2021 Dean's List. Local students include: Meranda Hummel of Staatsburg, Rachel Kaplan of Rhinebeck, Morgan Maleonskie of Pleasant Valley, Jon Piasecki of Hyde Park, Ava Schneeberger of Pine Plains, Nola Storms of Amenia, Sydney Van Fleet of Amenia, Jake Wilber of Millbrook and David Young of Pleasant Valley.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

WILKES-BARRE, PA — Aiden Plant of Salt Point was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the fall 2021 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade

point average and carry at least 12 credits.

SELINSGROVE, PA — Lauren Wiehe of Pleasant Valley was named to Susquehanna University's dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. Wiehe, who is majoring in early childhood education, is a member of the Class of 2023.

The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

ATLANTA, GA — Anthony Sanseverino of Lagrangeville made the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

ATLANTA, GA — The following students earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2021 at the Georgia Institute of Technology: Ciarra Ortiz of Dover and Alexa Peruffo of Poughkeepsie.

This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

READING, PA — Nearly 700 students were named to Alvernia University's Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

The following local students were named to the list:

Katherine Manning of Hyde Park, currently enrolled in the PK4 SpEd PK12 program at the university.

Hope Andrews of Pleasant Valley, currently enrolled in the PK4 SpEd PK12 program at the university.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and take a minimum of 12 credits.

SPARTANBURG, SC — Ava Legette Quartararo has been named to Wofford College's fall 2021 Dean's List. Quartararo is from Millbrook.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ — Seton Hall University announced the following students who qualified for the Fall 2021 Dean's list and to congratulate them for their outstanding academic achievements.

The following local students awarded Dean's List: Gavin Burns of Clinton Corners; Jake Tomanocy of Hyde Park.

HARRISONBURG, VA — Hyde Park resident Colleen Biskup has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2021 semester.

Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899.

Biskup is a hospitality management major.



Chancellor Livingston Elementary Kindergarten registration under way

Residents of the Rhinebeck Central School District who have a child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1 can register that child for Kindergarten through March 25. Call Mary Ann Torres at (845) 871-5500, ext. 6560, or e-mail at registration@rhinebeckcsd.org.

The District will mail a registration packet to you in advance to minimize your appointment time or you can download the registration packet by going to the following link: <https://www.rhinebeckcsd.org/district/registration> Information required to complete the registration process includes:

- one proof of residency (most recent tax bill, lease, etc.);

- student's birth certificate or passport;
- parent's driver's license or other proof of identity;
- immunization record; and
- custody documents (if applicable).

Once you have collected all requested materials and completed the forms, please contact Ms. Torres for an appointment to commence the registration process. Once complete, you will be asked to visit the Chancellor Livingston Elementary School Main office or contact Rachel Ranalli at (845) 871-5570 x6571 to make an appointment to finalize paperwork and reserve a 1-hour slot for Kindergarten Screening (which will take place on June 1, 2 and 3).

Pleasant Valley National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, NY — Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Enrique Antonio-Lopez from Pleasant Valley, assigned to the 1569th Transportation Company, received a promotion to the rank of private on Dec. 25, 2021.

Army National Guard promotions are

based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit www.dmna.ny.gov or www.1800go-guard.com.

Ag scholarships available

President/CEO Andy Imperati, announced today that the Dutchess County Fairgrounds will continue with the scholarship program which awards a Dutchess County high school senior or student enrolled in college or technical school with an \$8,000 scholarship. The Dutchess County Agricultural Association Inc. sponsors this scholarship.

The qualifying student must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by the agricultural society. The recipient must seek an undergraduate degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. All applicants must submit their applications by May 11, 2022.

Information and a fillable pdf application are available at the Dutchess County Fair's website www.dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships, through Cornell

Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and from local high school offices.

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. The fair where you have been active, or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. The website www.nyfairs.org/Scholarship offers a complete list of member fairs, the scholarship application, and instructions.

Visit www.dutchessfair.com/participate/scholarships or www.nyfairs.org/Scholarship for information regarding both scholarships.

MHA of Dutchess County Vet2Vet Support Group set

MHA of Dutchess County Vet2Vet Support Group will hold meetings on Feb. 9 and Feb. 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 515 Haight Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Masks and social distancing are required.

These groups serve as an outlet for veterans to discuss with peers their opinions, challenges, successes and anything else

in order to regain balance in their lives. The groups are free, confidential and judgement free. They are open to all veterans despite discharge type, time in services or period of service. Active & Inactive and National Guard members are welcome as well. RSVP is required.

For more information, call (845) 473-2500, ext. 1306 or 1307 or 1365.

OBITUARIES

Harold P. DeMattio

RED HOOK – Harold P. DeMattio, 80, of Red Hook, NY, passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at the Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, NY. Born on June 7, 1941, in Stormville, NY, he was the son of the late Dorothy Osterhoudt. Harold married Susan A. DeMattio on July 14, 1962 at St. Peter's Church in Poughkeepsie. Susan predeceased him on August 9, 2020. In always keeping busy, Harold worked for a variety of school districts in their maintenance and transportation departments while managing his own locksmithing and property security business. In addition, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was an active parishioner of St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church in Red Hook. Harold is survived by his daughter, Kathy and son-in-law Antonio Dellaripa of Rhinebeck, NY; his daughter in law, Anna DeMattio of Millbrook, NY; and grandchildren, Coryne DeMattio and Antonio "AJ" Dellaripa; in addition to extended family and friends. In addition to his wife, Harold is predeceased by his son, Richard DeMattio. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Memorial donations may be made in Harold's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942, www.stjude.org/memorial. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Danielle Distefano

RED HOOK – Danielle Distefano, our beautiful daughter, niece, cousin, and friend passed away on January 22, 2022, in Rhinebeck, New York. Everyone that knew and loved her - knew her as "Dee Dee." As a family, we are heartbroken that our beautiful and amazing Danielle has been taken from us far too early. Danielle was born on January 3, 1987, in Newburgh, New York. She spent her childhood between Red Hook and Newburgh. Danielle graduated from Red Hook High School and had an Associate Degree from Dutchess County College, while working on her Bachelor of Arts Degree at the City of New York-Brooklyn College. Danielle also attended classes in Paris, France with the Parsons School of Design. She used her talents being employed in New York City and in Dutchess Co as a Floral Designer and creating

handmade jewelry. She also was eager to help her dad with his business and on his boat in Newburgh whenever needed. Our sweet Danielle leaves behind her mother and stepdad, Evelyn (Kevin) Gaylord of Hudson, NY and her father and stepmother, James J. (Angela) Distefano of Newburgh, NY. Her stepbrother, William (Jennifer) Roth and step-sister, Catherine Roth, and her Grandma Catherine Fant. Her Godfather and uncle George (Maria) Distefano of Somers, NY; her aunt and uncle Wanda & Rob Fahrenbach, her aunt, Zeida Frisher, her uncle and aunt Angel & Rachel Cuevas. Her Godmother & daughters, Melody Gregory, Alexis & Skye. Her extended family Ralph & Maria Miele, Regina & Sophia. Her cousins, Michael, George Jr., Millie, Mariah, Sierra, Salvatore and Jay Christopher and many, many friends. Danielle loved life and the ability to take on an outdoor adventure, she had a passion for travelling, and biking as displayed by her fearlessness and fun-loving personality. Danielle would express her belief that unicorns and rainbows were always around us for all to enjoy.....and that she did! Our sweet girl possessed a passion for animals, and many would label her a crazy "cat lady". Danielle displayed her love for animals when her cat "Little Man" had no choice but to join in on her journey when she travelled from the East Coast to the West Coast and everywhere in between. Her kindness and compassion were obvious when surrounded by her family whom she loved so dearly. If you and Danielle were fortunate to connect and were up for an adventure, consider yourself a friend for life as she cherished the company of one and all. Our beautiful daughter was extremely kind, talented, and loved to transform fresh cut flowers into works of art. Danielle had a heart larger than life and always loved one and all unconditionally. As parents, we were so very fortunate that Danielle loved her family deeply and time spent together was always carefree and full of laughter. We believe Danielle is in heaven planning a new adventure with her maternal and paternal grandparents and her uncle, Jose Cuevas. Our hearts are broken having lost the most amazing and loving daughter whom we loved and will miss so dearly. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Grace Smith House, Poughkeepsie, NY which serves to assist victims of Domestic Violence, or the local Humane Society in Danielle's name is appreciated. Friends called

at Burnett & White Funeral Homes on Friday, February 4, 2022. Arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Home, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571. To sign the guestbook, please visit www.burnett-white.com.

Gary St. Onge



PLEASANT VALLEY – Gary Joseph St. Onge, 63, a resident of Pleasant Valley since 1982, died on February 3, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He previously lived in Massena. Born on March 26, 1958, Gary was the son of the late Clova St. Onge and Solange Mayer. Gary earned his master's degree in Statistics from Purdue University in 1982 and was then employed by IBM for over 36 years until his retirement. He was a very well-respected manager, who always went out of his way to care of his employees. Gary was an active member of a running club and treasurer of an investment club. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed running, hiking, and traveling the world. He loved learning, particularly about astronomy and science, and was quite the wine enthusiast! Most of all, he cherished spending time with his wife, children, and especially grandchildren. He was truly adored by all of his family and friends. On May 9, 1981, he married Cheng-Tin Luo who survives at home. He is also survived by his children, his son, Daniel St. Onge and his wife Shannon Tomita and, his daughter, Alexis Keller and her husband Jon; his grandchildren, Madelyn Keller (6), Cameron St. Onge (2), and Remi St. Onge (5-months); his sib-

lings, Susan St. Onge and Dave St. Onge; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thursday at 11:30 am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Donations may be made in Gary's memory to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit Gary's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Keith Surico

HYDE PARK – Keith Robbie Surico, 37, a lifelong area resident, died on January 31, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born in Rhinebeck on September 22, 1984, he was the son of Rose Lehan. Keith cherished time with his family and he enjoyed working on cars. He never met a stranger and was loved by everyone he met. Keith is survived by his mother, Rose Lehan; his sister, Terri Veach and her husband Thomas; his brother, James Lehan; and his nieces and nephews, Alex, Zachary, Briana, Skyylynne, Emma, Bradley, Paige, Dustin, Noah, Besiana and Emalie; his grandmother, Rose Holsapple; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by a service. Memorial donations may be made to JDRF (JDRF.org).

Stephen Young

HYDE PARK – It is with great sadness that the family of Stephen Copeland Young announce his passing on December 31, 2021, at the age of 70 in Poughkeepsie, NY. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister Deborah (Young) Tribble, his son Christopher Berlin, his nieces – Bambi Walters, Heidi Faivre and Abigail Charity Sorey, his nephew Clifford Tribble, his ex-wife Connie Parker, and many Goth cousins. Stephen was born in Hartford, CT to the late Victor and Mary (Goth) Young and was preceded in death by his sister Lyndsey Young. Stephen was a life-long steward to the environment and enjoyed cross-country bike rides, gardening, exercising and many outdoor activities. The family will hold a memorial service on Roundtop Mountain, NY during sapping season. Arrangements have been entrusted to Joseph J. Darrow Sr. Funeral Home, Inc. 39 So. Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (845)452-1840. To send online condolences please visit our website at www.darrowfuneralhome.org.

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bidders will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Joint Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 489 549 927#. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) website. 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 assigned 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 3pm on Friday, February 18, 2022 and shall be emailed to dpw-contracts@dutchessny.gov, with the County's response published in Addenda by close of business Wednesday February 23, 2022. The anticipated start of construction is April 4, 2022, the anticipated substantial completion date is November 4, 2022, and the anticipated completion date of construction including all punch list work is June 15, 2023. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYS DOT specifications current at the date of advertisement. This project is subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2022000754. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals. Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpw-contracts@dutchessny.gov

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in the Municipal Center courtroom, located at One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. A training work session will take place at 7:00 PM and the regular meeting and public hearings will begin immedi-

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of March 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Mid Hudson Construction Management joins Hudson Valley EDC board

Deepening its commitment to the region's economic vitality, Mid Hudson Construction Management (MHCM) has officially joined the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation's (HVEDC) Board of Directors.

MHCM's Scott Travis, vice president and COO, will represent the business in this prestigious appointment.

"MHCM has a long history within our region," said HVEDC President & CEO Michael Oates. "We're looking forward to having Scott actively involved in the HVEDC and to collaborating with him to move the right developments forward and in a way that contributes to economic vitality in the seven counties our organization touches."

With more than 20 years in business, MHCM has developed some of the most preeminent projects in the Hudson Valley. From Abilities First to Our Lady of Lourdes High School, as well as the newly revamped Firehouse Lofts and Hudson Valley Hospice, MHCM's portfolio covers a wide range of projects.

"As a family-owned business, we greatly value the power of teamwork," said Travis. "As our projects and impact in the region has grown, we want to grow

our community involvement as well."

Coldwell Banker agents lead 'CB Supports St. Jude' effort

Principal Broker Candida Ellis and C.O.O. Guy Barretta have announced the results of Catskills and Hudson Valley Coldwell Banker affiliate Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty's participation in the "CB Supports St. Jude" partnership, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Local Coldwell Banker agents Allison Morelle, Angela Lanuto, Aysa Morehead, Feng Liu-Winham, and Patricia Lenseth made automatic donations to St. Jude for each home sale they completed in 2021.

Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty matched the donations of its agents for a total of over \$8,000 in 2021. Together, the Coldwell Banker network of over 100,000 agents has donated over \$500,000 and was recognized by St. Jude with a New Partner Campaign of the Year Award in 2021.

Barretta said, "We're proud of the generosity of our agents who've made a commitment to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®. Real Estate is about helping people find home, find comfort. Making a difference to children and families during a difficult time, helping them find comfort, is a wonderful way to extend our pur-

pose beyond our business. 2021 was just the beginning of a great partnership with St. Jude."

Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty is celebrating 30 years in the Hudson Valley with six offices: Catskill, Kingston, New Paltz, Red Hook, Windham and Woodstock.

MVP partners with Galileo to connect with primary care doc any time

MVP Health Care and Galileo have announced a groundbreaking partnership to offer all MVP members access to virtual comprehensive care including primary care, chronic disease management, and multi-specialty health care. For the first time, MVP's entire membership will be able to connect with a primary care physician (PCP) at any time, day or night, within minutes and without making an appointment using Galileo's app. This first-of-its-kind offering also allows MVP's Medicaid members virtual health care access, as they were previously regulated to see an in-person PCP.

Galileo's experienced and culturally inclusive, bilingual providers can quickly address a wide range of patient needs, delivering fully integrated primary and behavioral health care, providing faster access to multispecialty care, improving chronic condition management, and

avoiding unnecessary ER visits.

MVP's partnership with Galileo is a testament to its commitment to improving patient outcomes, especially for its Medicaid enrollees. For the first time in New York State, MVP's Medicaid members will have on-demand access to primary and specialty care that focuses on their individual needs as accessing high-quality health care can often be a serious challenge for them. Over the last 18 months, nearly 40% of MVP's Medicaid members have not seen a PCP, often due to competing demands on time and resources, transportation challenges, and language barriers, exacerbating health care inequities.

With Galileo's on-demand care, no appointment is necessary, shrinking wait times to access care from weeks to minutes. All MVP members can now select their virtual PCP through Galileo and can be connected to acute care, specialty care, chronic condition management, pharmacies, labs, and more 24/7, 365 in both English and Spanish.

MVP members can access care by visiting www.galileohealth.com/mvp.

County accepting Learn, Play, Create grant applications through March 3

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the county is now accepting applications for the first round of the 2022 Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program, which offers one-time grants awards to local non-profit organizations that serve children and families and were deprived

of a year of fundraising or participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, \$1 million in Learn, Play, Create (LPC) grants are available, and there will be two rounds of awards this year, each totaling \$500,000. In this first round, grants of up to \$20,000 each will be available to non-profit youth organiza-

tions that directly serve children and families and promote learning, arts enrichment and sports engagement.

Application instructions and guidance are available at www.dutchessny.gov, and applications can be submitted through an online portal.

Molinaro said, “Dutchess County is proud of the great success with our initial Learn, Play, Create grants in 2021, funding more than 140 projects throughout our community to give children back some of what this pandemic has taken from them – socialization with each other and mentors, skill development, and opportunities to just enjoy being a kid. The popularity of this program proved there are more organizations that make a real difference in the lives of our children, and Dutchess County is honored to fund projects that make a true impact on our next generation.”

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- A youth sports league’s purchase of new uniforms for its teams, enabling the league to lower its registration fee and making it more affordable for families whose income was negatively impacted

by the pandemic or offer a skills clinic for player development at no cost to participants;

- Scenery and sets for a youth theater organization unable to fundraise for their cost during the past year; and

- Establishing a concession operation to enhance event experience, as well as create future fundraising revenue for program sustainability.

Applications for this first round will be accepted through March 3 at 4 p.m., and awards will be announced in spring 2022; funding should be utilized within one year of award. Neither organizations which received LPC funding in 2021, nor school districts, private and religious schools – including school-funded clubs and/or programs – and municipal-funded/sponsored departments or clubs are eligible for this round of LPC funding.

As part of the County Executive’s “Dutchess Invests” initiative to direct part of the County’s American Rescue Plan funding from the federal government toward community priority areas, the Learn, Play, Create (LPC) program awarded \$3 million in grants to 147 various organizations in 2021.

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