Mayor Kyriacou announces creation of Police Chief Search Committee

Mayor Lee Kyriacou has announced the creation of a diverse Police Chief Search Committee to recruit, screen and recommend candidates for Beacon Police Chief.

The Mayor appointed Councilmember Terry Nelson as chair, along with 12 additional members to represent the community, police and city.

The Mayor’s announcement creating and appointing the search committee occurred at the July 27 City Council workshop meeting. Mayor Kyriacou moved to begin the transition process after the retirement of Police Chief Kevin Junjulas and Captain Gary Fredericks, who served their final days on July 7.

The City Council approved the Mayor’s appointment of former Beacon Police Lieutenant William Cornett as Acting Chief of July 6. At the Mayor’s request, At Large Council members Amber Grant and George Manufield screened executive search firms and recommended Public Sector Search, a firm with a strong history of identifying the best candidates for Beacon’s Police Chief.

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By Richard Thomasell

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who said last month he would decide in the first week of August how and when schools in the state would reopen, has apparently made his decision.

“Schools should plan on reopening,” Cuomo said during a Saturday, August 1 conference call, a day after school districts across New York had to deliver their plans for coming back.

Cuomo acknowledged that “The discussion assumes if the schools open, all the parents will send their kids back to school. That is not the case.”

As such, many schools, including those in Dutchess County, have planned accordingly.

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Lagrangeville resident Tomiko Morimoto West was just 13 years old on August 6, 1945. As a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing in Japan, West speaks of her experiences from that day 75 years ago in Japan and the impact it has had on her life.

West, who is currently self-quarantining because of the COVID-19 pandemic, has told her story throughout the country and world.

Asked if she could believe that it has been 75 years since the U.S. bombed the Japanese cities of Hiroshima then three days later Nagasaki, ending Japan’s involvement in World War II, West replied via email, “No, I cannot but when I think about it, I was 13 years old and now I am nearly 80 years old...so it must be true.”

In 2019, West told about her experiences in Hiroshima at Hudson Beach Glass. She also spoke at Vassar College.

So far, local districts in the area have already begun posting their reopening plans on their respective websites. Not only do they look startling similar, some even use the same language.

Each district was told to produce three different plans to submit for a return to school - all in-person, face-to-face; all remote learning from home; and a hybrid of both in which students come to school two or three days a week and also do remote learning for two or three days a week.

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Reopening plans for school districts

Express Employment Professionals recently expanded into the Hudson Valley area and serves job seekers and clients in Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, and Columbia counties.

Franchise owner, Sandra J. Jackson, an alumna of SUNY New Paltz (BS) and Fordham University (MS), has over 25 years of human resources and staffing experience and is currently building a diverse base of local clients. Jackson and her team have 40 years of combined staffing and human resources experience and are well equipped to meet any organization’s individual needs.

“What’s unique about Express is that we are locally owned and operated, yet we’re supported by big company resources,” said Jackson. “We’re part of the community and have a vested interest in the success of local businesses and in helping people find good jobs. And, because we’re backed by an international, franchised staffing giant, we receive ongoing, state-of-the-art training. We’re informed about government regulations that impact businesses and we’re updated on the latest in human resource policies.”

As businesses continue to reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic, Express Employment Professionals is putting job seekers to work with its third annualmass interview event on Aug. 6 - National Interview Day.

National Interview Day was first created by the staffing company and celebrated in 2018 as a day to ramp up hiring efforts in a historically tight labor market. With temporary business closures due to the pandemic starting in March, Jackson said Express is stepping up, more than ever, to provide hope through employment.

“Hiring is ramping up across the country, and Express offices are doing everything they can to help rebuild the work force,” said Bill Stueber, Express CEO. “We are excited to safely interview interested job seekers this National Interview Day in what has become the employment event of the year.”

Express’ National Interview Day is creative way to connect job seekers with local businesses in need of qualified workers. Job seekers are invited to attend a “contact-less, Drive-thru” interview event at the Express office, located at 3 Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie.

Resume will be collected, and “mini” interviews will be conducted. Individuals are invited to come and meet the Express team and enjoy giveaways, interview guides and raffle drawings. No appointment is necessary. Masks/face coverings are required.

“We work with local companies in need of part- and full-time workers, giving job seekers access to employment opportunities in a variety of industries,” said Jackson. “At no cost to the applicant, we’ll match their skills and experience with open positions within our client companies. It’s a win-win situation.”

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Express Employment Professionals opens, sets ‘Interview Day’ Aug. 6

Beacon City School District officials recently announced the plans for the upcoming school year. Parents of students attending Beacon High School, above, as well as the four elementary schools and Rombout Middle School, will have to decide by mid-August whether to send students to school or to do online learning.

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By Kate Goldsmith

At his virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, July 29, County Executive Marc Molinaro was not in the mood to mince words when talking about the need for federal action on aid to states and local governments. Noting that the “Senate majority has yet to come to the table” in passing legislation that would provide financial relief to states and localities, Molinaro said, “This is not a game; it’s not time for politics.”

He said the county has been doing its job to protect public health and build the economy, while facing a dire fiscal situation. So far this year, sales tax is down $10.5 million, and that downward trend could result in losses between $20 and $40 million by year’s end. He added that local governments rely on sales tax for 40-50 percent of their revenue.

State aid reductions could total 20-50 percent, or between $17 million and $42 million, depending on federal aid and the size of the state budget deficit; and casino revenue paid to the county is expected to be $1 million less than projected.

The report also notes that state and local governments are major employers and donors to the United States Treasury. “This is terrible news for New York and the United States as the taxpayers of New York are major contributors to gross domestic product. Both in employment terms and contributions to national output, the financial assistance that state and local governments provide nearly 12 percent of all U.S. jobs. Economists have noted that in the last downturn, during the Great Recession, the federal government’s austerity approach and prematurely ending financial assistance to states and local governments contributed significantly to the slow recovery, both in employment terms and contributions to gross domestic product.”

Molinaro said Dutchess has furloughed “a good number” of employees, trimmed costs and “is taking every step necessary” to deal with budget shortfalls, but the pandemic has created challenges for local governments to continue to function.

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- Late last week, the New York State Association of Counties called on Congress to reject proposals to pass a stripped down “skinny” coronavirus relief bill and come to an agreement on a recovery package that provides local governments with direct, flexible aid to offset a steep loss of revenues and increased costs associated with fighting COVID-19 locally. Earlier in the week, NYSAC released an updated economic impact report that shows counties and New York City facing a catastrophic $13.5 billion loss in revenue over two fiscal years that could lead to significant cuts to services and permanent layoffs, slowing the economic recovery and threatening gains made against the virus.

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- Last week, County Executive Molinaro met with Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand to advocate for the federal “Child Care Is Essential Act,” which establishes and provides $50 billion in appropriations for the Child Care Stabilization Fund to award grants to child care providers during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Molinaro said lacking affordable, quality daycare keeps many parents from re-entering the workforce, thus negatively impacting the local economy. The bill establishes the fund within the existing Department of Health and Human Services Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program, and the grants must be administered by the existing CCDBG lead agencies of states, tribes, or territories. Child care providers that are currently open or temporarily closed due to COVID-19 are eligible to receive grant awards, which are based on the provider’s operating costs before the COVID-19 public health emergency and adjusted to account for the increased costs of providing child care as a result of COVID-19.

COUNTY COVID-19 updates

County Executive Molinaro to feds: ‘This is not a game’
RiverWinds Gallery to close at end of month

After 17 years, RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon is closing as of Aug. 31. “It’s been a painful decision to close,” says Karl LaLonde, one of the co-owners. “We will miss our artists, our customers both local people and folks from out of town. And we will miss being part of Beacon’s vibrant artistic community.”

There is a GoInGtOut of Business Sale through the end of the month, with discounts from 25%-50% on most pieces of artwork: paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, glasswork and fiber art.

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Cuomo stresses persistence, planning in dealing with COVID-19

By Kate Goldsmith

As many parts of the country continue to struggle with infection surges, and with summer activities and travel increasing dangerously, the state is taking steps to prevent another resurgence.

"The numbers are just about where we want them to be, which is all very good news and says that our plan is working," Cuomo said. "However, context is important, and there are storm clouds on the horizon in the form of new cases throughout the country, and a lack of compliance here in the state, and I urge New Yorkers to stay New York Smart and local governments to properly enforce state guidance."

Of the 58,961 tests conducted on Saturday, 531, or 0.9 percent, were positive. In the Mid-Hudson region, the percentage of positive results was 0.9 percent last Thursday, 1 percent last Friday, and 0.8 percent last Saturday, the latest data available as this paper went to press.

The number of new cases, percentage of tests that were positive and many other helpful data points are always available at https://forward.ny.gov/.

The State of New York has not seen a new case of COVID-19 since those two days, and the total of 13,684 establishments and has issued 578 enforcement notices that were not in compliance with state mandates. Cuomo and Long Island and observed 36 establishments when and if needed.

The NYS Contact Tracing Initiative, in partnership with counties, uses the NY Communicable Disease Management System or CommCare. To ensure our future needs in a crisis like this one — they also represent an opportunity to revitalize the New York manufacturing sector and support the economy."

Visit the Press Room at www.gov.ny.gov to see the companies that received grants.

The governor also announced that the Eastman Kodak Company, a storied New York manufacturer based in Rochester, was awarded a $765 million federal loan under the Defense Production Act. This loan will allow Kodak to create a new business unit, Kodak Pharmaceuticals, dedicated to producing pharmaceutical ingredients that are essential for vital medications.

According to Cuomo, "New York’s long-term support for Eastman Business Park helped the company to take advantage of this opportunity." He said the move would result in 300 direct jobs and 1,200 indirect jobs for New Yorkers.

"More importantly, it will help ensure that America can provide for our own needs in a pandemic like this one. Never again do we want to rely on shipments from China or elsewhere in order to get life-saving medical supplies," Cuomo said. "It is not just a public health issue — it’s a national security issue. This is a great step forward and a great business opportunity for New York."

Preparation for the upcoming flu season is also in the works. More than $30 million in grants was awarded to counties, to enhance COVID-19 contact tracing and flu prevention in advance of the fall flu season.

"The upcoming flu season is expected to add stress to both contact tracing and testing infrastructure; these funds will allow counties to prepare accordingly," Cuomo said. "The NYS Contact Tracing Initiative, in partnership with counties, uses the NY Communicable Disease Surveillance System to ensure consistency throughout the state, counties receiving this funding will be required to use CommCare for all COVID-19 investigation and tracing activities. Awards are based on county populations plus a supplemental award for the percentage of statewide COVID-19 cases in each county.

Dutchess County has received $917,184 for this initiative.

Cuomo and other state and local officials continue their call for federal funding to help offset the billions of dollars being spent during the pandemic, even as revenues are drastically down. Last Wednesday, Cuomo issued a letter to New York’s Congressional Delegation calling on them to ensure $500 billion in unrestricted state aid is included in any Senate passed relief package.

The governor said, "States need federal assistance to help fight against this virus, and I urge our representatives in Washington to make sure that states receive this critical funding."

As of last week, the state had investigated 240 cases of the Kawasaki Disease-like syndrome that has affected children in the state, known as MIS-C. The State Department of Health published a study of patients younger than 21 who met the criteria for MIS-C in the New England Journal of Medicine. Among the findings of the study are that the hyper-inflammation syndrome is associated with cardiac dysfunction. The majority of the patients in the study had no documented underlying conditions.

- Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico have been added to the state's travel advisory list. Individuals traveling from these areas, and other states with high infection rates, must quarantine for 14 days. The advisory now applies to 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. See the full list and more details at https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory.

Live Stream Virtual Concert for Spirit of Beacon Day - submissions

Submit your short video messages, photos, musical performances, or art on the theme of "Spirit of Beacon" to be included in the Live Stream Virtual Concert on Spirit of Beacon Day. Deadline September 7th.

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Summer is Here!
Spirit of Beacon Day Committee announces Sept. event

The Spirit of Beacon Committee has announced that the traditional Parade and Festival will not be held along Main Street this September due to the Covid 19 health and safety guidelines. However, Spirit of Beacon Day will still be celebrated with virtual and safe-distance events across the city. The date is set for Sunday, September 27.

Instead of the traditional Parade, there will be a Neighborhood Drive-Through of decorated vehicles which will travel in groups / caravans throughout the city neighborhoods and streets. These vehicles will represent the various local organizations, schools, community groups, businesses and first responders.

There will also beSpecial Recognition and Honoree cars carrying those who have especially served our community at the “front lines” during the pandemic.

The goal is to have as many folks as possible be able to watch the Drive Through from their homes and front porches and everyone is encouraged to decorate their front lawn, yard or windows during the month of September, and make homemade community messages, banners or signs to display throughout the month and cheer on the vehicles as they come around on Sunday the 27th.

Other satellite and virtual events are also being planned for Spirit of Beacon Day, organized by local groups and businesses, soon to be announced.

A Virtual Concert will be Live-Streamed on Facebook and the Spirit of Beacon website, showcasing live and pre-recorded video messages, music performances, art and photographs with contributions from individuals, families and groups of all ages across the community on the theme of Spirit of Beacon. Submissions for the Virtual Concert are currently being accepted in digital and video format by the Spirit of Beacon Committee. Visit spiritofbeacon.org for submission details and guidelines - deadline is September 7.

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In our last Dispatch, we asked Assemblymember Didi Barrett to give us the latest updates on her work on behalf of our local veterans. I think it’s important to stay connected with our elected leaders, especially during trying times like these. So this week, I thought we could keep that momentum going by talking with New York State Sen. Sue Serino. Let’s listen!

Q. Can you give us any updates on your work in 2020 in the New York State Senate on behalf of our veterans?

2020 has been quite a year so far! Even as the COVID-19 pandemic significantly shortened our Legislative Session, we were successful in securing critical resources that will directly benefit veterans here in our community, and across the state. Once again, this year, while funding for the highly successful Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet program was left out of the Executive Budget Proposal, I was proud to join with vets from across the state and a bipartisan group of lawmakers to push for this critical funding in final state budget. We were ultimately successful in securing an unprecedented $4.5 million to support not only the existing programs, but to expand it into other Hudson Valley counties, as well.

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Q. Is there anything else you would like to let our veterans in Dutchess County know?

When I took office, one of the first things I did was create a ‘Veterans Advisory Board,’ to hear directly from local veterans about the issues of most importance to them. This Board goes above and beyond to help me understand the unique challenges our vets face and helps me to develop innovative solutions. I govern by listening, and I want to be sure our vets know, my door is always open. Our veterans have an incredibly grateful community behind them, and if ever I can be of service to them, I hope they will never hesitate to call me at (845) 229-0106 or email me at serino@nysenate.gov.

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While the car parades honoring veterans across our community have been so much fun to be a part of, I’m excited to be able to reunite with our vets at our favorite local hang-outs, hear their stories again and be a part of the moments where I know they will help us all to reconnect. I think it’s important to stay connected with our elected leaders, especially during trying times like these.

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Nuvance Health names 2 new hospital presidents

Veteran health system leaders Peter Kelly and Dr. Mark Hirko have taken on new roles in Nuvance Health.

Kelly is the new president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center in the City of Poughkeepsie. Hirko will serve in an expanded leadership capacity as president of both Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn., and Putnam Hospital in Carmel, NY.

Kelly has served as president of Putnam Hospital since 2016 and Hirko has served as president of Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn., since December 2019.

Kelly replaces Joseph J. Mullany, who is no longer with Nuvance Health. The organization wishes him well in his next endeavor.

Kelly brings more than 45 years of healthcare experience to Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Prior to joining Putnam Hospital, a member of the CarePoint Health System in New Jersey and later senior advisor to CarePoint. During his career, he has held numerous leadership roles, including managing director at the Huron Consulting Group; and president and CEO of Continuum Health Partners System, consisting of Beth Israel Center, St. Luke’s and Roosevelt Hospitals and the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary in New York City. Prior to that, he was CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center. Kelly holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from St. Bonaventure University and a master’s degree in healthcare administration from Long Island University. He also served as a field artillery officer in the United States Army.

Hirko has built strong working relationships in the Sharon Hospital community since he was appointed president there.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote in federal elections, communities across the country are remembering and honoring the achievements of outstanding women residents throughout history.

Dutchess County Clerk Bradford H. Kendall highlights one of the many remarkable women who called Dutchess County home, whose accomplishments and indomitable spirit continue to inspire us today.

Local historian Helen Wilkinson Reynolds (Dec. 9, 1875-Jan. 3, 1943) was a member of the prominent Reynolds Family of Poughkeepsie and a prodigious historian of Dutchess County. In a career spanning 32 years, she conducted research into practically every aspect of county history, publishing numerous articles and books. Though best known for her two groundbreaking works on local architecture ("Dutch Houses in the Hudson Valley before 1776" and "Dutchess County Doorways"), her writings spanned the spectrum between studies of local plants to the records of churches and municipalities.

She joined the Dutchess County Historical Society soon after its founding in 1914, becoming editor of the annual "Dutchess County Historical Society Yearbook," in partnership with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, she launched the society’s long-running publication series, which documented details ranging from gravestone inscriptions to early colonial municipal records. She confront ed difficult challenges including inaccessible and decaying historical records, vanishing local landmarks, limited publication opportunities for local historical research, and the tendency by some scholars to dismiss the importance of local history.

He brings significant experience to this expanded role, having served in multiple senior positions with Health Quest Medical Practice (HQMP). Prior to joining HQMP, Hirko was chairman for the Department of Surgery and the General Surgery Residency Program director at Monmouth Medical Center-RWJ Barnabas Health in Long Branch, NJ. He also served as chief of vascular surgery at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. He completed his general surgery internship and residency at Akron City Hospital. He earned his medical degree at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Prior to medical school, Hirko earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology from the University of Akron.

Visit www.nuvancehealth.org for more information.
Justin William Robinson

Firefighter Justin “JRO” William Robinson, 65, of Glenham, NY, died Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Donald was born on November 19, 1941, in Poughkeepsie, NY to Harold and Mary (Freeman) Robinson. He married Anne Marie (Huntley) Powell on April 24, 1964, in Beacon, NY. Donald was a graduate of the Beacon High School Class of 1962 and attended college in the spring of 1980. Leo was a member of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 2320 Main St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at www.wmglillerfuneralhome.com.

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The Burial is at the convenience of the family. Donations can be set up. Messages of condolence can be set up for his daughter Kaylee (Details). Joseph grew up in Glenham, NY with his siblings Delores Brown, Regina Powell, and12603. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at www.wmglillerfuneralhome.com.

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The Town of Fishkill is seeking an architect/Engineer on behalf of the Village of Wappingers Falls for the Project will be advertised at a later date.

The public is not permitted to attend this hearing. The Public hearing will be conducted via videoconference and a transcript will be provided at a later date.

The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

The Town of Wappingers Falls, New York, is accordingly seeking the advice and counsel of interested persons.

The public record will be open, in person and electronically, at the Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., at Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York.

The public record is not to be initiated at the Board Meeting will be live-streamed at:

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Chairman

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The Town of Fishkill invites bids for MECHANICAL Work for the Project, located in the Town of Fishkill.

The Town of Fishkill will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, 300 Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York.

SEPARATE sealed bids will be received at Town Clerk’s office, Room 304, Village Hall, Town of Fishkill Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524, no later than 4:00 P.M., on Thursday, August 6, 2020, and will be publicly opened and read at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at Village Hall.

The Town of Fishkill may also be contacted via phone or fax at (845) 876-5356.

The Town of Fishkill reserves the right to reject any and all Bid(s) or to accept any Bid(s) which may be submitted, and reserves the right to waive any irregularities in Bid(s) if determined to be in the best interest of The Town of Fishkill.

The Town of Fishkill, New York, has the power and authority to take all necessary actions to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Fishkill.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.
The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
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.

1. Failed to be honest
2. Make a smudge worse
3. Haughty manners
4. Loafing
5. Jargon
6. Depressed
7. Majority
8. Official ambassador
9. Narrow strap
10. of leather
11. Happy
12. Bright
13. Type
14. Lost color
15. Small lazy mat
16. Intl. alliance
17. Representative
18. Hightails it
19. "Evita" setting; abbr.
20. Sharp
21. Loss; puzzled
22. Tumbler
23. Fifth or Pennsylvania: abbr.
24. Dennis, for one
25. Barrier
26. Biblical locale
27. Common contraction
28. Paver’s substance
29. Paying attention
30. Droplets
31. Pub order
32. Coax
33. Tiny bits of wood
34. Brass instrument
35. Appeared shocked
36. Neighborhood
37. Man’s name
38. Venerate
39. Mexican relatives
40. Terrain feature
41. Organic compound
42. Finishes

The finished puzzle should be filled with Xs and Os.
Horizontally and vertically, there should never be a continuous run of the same symbol longer than 2.
There are an equal number of Xs and Os in each row and column.
All rows are unique.
All columns are unique, too.

The solutions to the Sudoku, Crossword puzzle and Binox can be found on page 8
Wappingers Falls student statewide DAR essay winner for 6th grade

Joan Miskell, Chapter Regent and Diane Landau-Flayter, Chairman of the American History Committee of Melzingah Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) announced that Mia Bailey, 6th grade winner of Melzingah’s American History Essay Contest, has been named the statewide 6th grade winner by New York State DAR. Mia, 12, is a student at St. Mary’s School in Fishkill and is the daughter of Celeste and Brian Bailey of Wappingers Falls.

The contest, open to all students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in a public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schooled in southern Dutchess County, is an annual event sponsored by the NSDAR with the express purpose to promote American history by honoring significant historical people, places, dates, and events. This year’s essay topic, “The Voyage of the Mayflower,” marked the 400th Anniversary of its sailing in 1620.

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“Through research and composition about an assigned topic of American History, our American History Essay Contest participants not only get to show off their writing skills, but also learn about a specific time in history. By putting themselves into that space in time, they can better understand what it was like to live as our ancestors lived,” added Landau-Flayter, American History Committee Chair.

The next American History Essay Contest topic will be “The Boston Massacre.” The 250th anniversary of this historical event, which is considered to have been a pivotal one that paved the way to the American Revolution, was March 5, 2020.

Teachers or parents who are interested in more information should contact Melzingah Chapter, Landau-Flayter, DianeLF@optonline.net or madambretthomestead@gmail.com.