

Imperati named to Hall of Fame of NYS Ag Fairs

by Curtis Schmidt

Dutchess County Fair CEO/Manager Andy Imperati was the subject of a surprise honor at the annual convention of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs on Jan. 16 in Rochester.

Imperati, who is chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the Association, had just finished making presentations to three new Hall of Fame inductees and taken his seat. That's when Association President Jason Lawrence called on Erie County Fair Manager Jessica Underberg to make a special presentation.

"Whenever we give out awards, we try to put clues out there, so people can begin to figure out who the recipient is" said Imperati. "So as she started to read off the clues, it became a little obvious."

Imperati, who took over as Dutchess County Fair manager in 2012, returned to the stage as the newest inductee of the Association's Hall of Fame and the first ever from the Dutchess County Fair to join the elite group of 22 individuals.

"I never saw that coming," said Imperati. "They did a great job of keeping it quiet."

Hall of Fame members are selected on the weight of what they give back to their community and to the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs.

Imperati began working at the Dutchess County Fair as a carpenter building horse stalls in 1994 and the rest has become a challenging and rewarding history. He started working full time for the Fair in 1995 and became the lead carpenter and then operations manager in 2007.

"I am honored to be recognized by my peers and be included in a group that has done so much and continues

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'His legacy is one that will live on through all of those whose lives he touched.'
 NYS Sen. Sue Serino – on the passing of Herb Redl

Herb Redl remembered for kindness, generosity

by Rich Thomaselli

A Hudson Valley business titan has passed.

Dutchess County native Herb Redl, more known for his community generosity as his ownership of dozens of properties in the Hudson Valley, died on Jan. 21.

He was 91.

Born and raised in Poughkeepsie, Redl began his entrepreneurial real estate career in 1949 when he owned an operating a service station and auto repair shop. His business empire grew over the next 70-plus years to own more than 1.3 million square feet of retail, office, warehouse and storage space throughout Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

Redl's passing was announced in a statement by All Sport Health and Fitness in Fishkill, which he founded more than 40 years ago.

"It is with heavy hearts that the family of Herbert H. Redl announce his peaceful passing on January 21, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Herb was the

founder of multiple businesses, which include Guardian Self Storage, The Gables, and his favorite of all, All Sport Health and Fitness. Herb's life was a life well lived by a self-made, hard-working, and well-respected man. Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life and legacy of a man that has done so much for our community.

"Rest in Peace, Herb Redl. Today, this workout is for you!"

Redl's death drew an overwhelming outpouring of love and appreciation from politicians, community leaders and, mostly, the people he worked with and those he helped.



Herb and Sue Ann Redl are pictured at the 2018 Tom Jones Gala after party at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie. Photo courtesy of the Bardavon

Pam Tarquinio, who worked part-time at All Sport when it first opened its doors

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Pleasant Valley community gives tribute to Herb Redl

by Jim Donick



From left, Valerie Britton, head of Borrower Services, Dave Kruger, then president of the Pleasant Valley Library Board, Herb Redl, Steve MacNish, Board Treasurer, and Library Assistant Bethany Lowe. The photo is from December, 2018 when Redl gave the lease to the Library to move to the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center after the Nov. 6 fire. The temporary library opened in February of 2019. Courtesy photo

"Pleasant Valley has lost an Angel on Earth," said Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor John DeVecchio.

Herb Redl's generosity had a broad-ranging impact on his home town. There is the Redl Park that is about to be developed, the shopping center that has provided so many jobs, the memorial to Penny Hickman at the Mill Park, and countless others.

Perhaps the most long lasting, though, will be his role in helping the Pleasant Valley Free Library survive its catastrophic fire on Nov. 6, 2018 and then rebuilding and expanding the library, itself.

At the time of the fire, the president of the Library Board was Dave Kruger. He and his board members were at the fire scene all day when it took place and, as he said, "We were pretty numb and downhearted by the end of that particular day."

The concept of recovery was a most daunting idea and the board members at that moment had precious little in the way of ideas.

Kruger recalled, "At the very depth of our depression after the fire, we temporarily met in a small office generously donated by our neighbors, the Presbyterian Church. We knew we needed to find something or

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Dutchess County Fair CEO/Manager Andy Imperati holds a plaque recognizing him as the newest inductee to the Hall of Fame of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. *Courtesy photo*

to support our industry,” Imperati said of the Hall of Fame honor. “I am a firm believer in surrounding yourself with the right people. I could not do the job that I do without the support of my staff, my family and especially my wife.”

He added, “Growing up, I worked alongside my father (Andy Imperati, Sr.) on our farm and worked in the family drywall business. Both opportunities taught me responsibility and a work ethic. My father instilled in both me and my brother, that if you wanted something you had to work for it; if you committed to something you had to follow through to the end, and you should try to find a way to give back.

“My dad’s involvement with the Dutchess County Fair included helping with the beef cattle show, serving as a 4-

H club leader for the beef and poultry clubs and he started the Livestock Auction for Dutchess County youth to sell their animals. He served on the Board of Directors for the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for many years, helping to ensure that the youth of Dutchess County had an opportunity to learn about agriculture by sharing his knowledge. All of this has had an influence on who and where I am today. That foundation of work ethic, responsibility and giving back has led me to this point in my life and career.”

The New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs consists of 52 agricultural fairs and the Dutchess County Fair is second only to the Erie County Fair in regard to size.

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“Our deepest sympathy goes out to his (Herb Redl) family, who we know will continue to support the greater community. A man’s greatest legacy is what he teaches his children.”

Joy Dyson,

President of the Pleasant Valley Free Library Board of Trustees, on the generosity of Herb Redl

somewhere to try and get the library up again, but where?

“Relatively quickly Herb Redl and his family offered us the grocery store space in their Pleasant Valley Shopping Center. He offered it rent-free and over the three years we have been there, it likely saved us nearly \$300,000. If we could have found other suitable space in Pleasant Valley, which was unlikely, I don’t know that we could have afforded to rent it and still be able to build our new library in the time we have accomplished it.”

That sort of generosity has been a hallmark of the Redl family even before Herb. Former Pleasant Valley Town Supervisor Gary Veeder was reminiscing on the loss of Herb Redl and noted, “I knew his father, Hans, a down-to-earth man, who was generous and quiet. He was well loved and he passed all of his good attributes to his son, Herb. Herb was soft-spoken and was always a gentleman.”

Herb’s own family are carrying on that tradition.

“We could not have been able to survive the fire as well as we did without the Redl family,” said Pleasant Valley Library Director Daniela Pulice. “We reached out to a number of possible temporary locations (after the fire), but the Redl site was always our first choice. Mr. Redl gave us the space free of charge for the last three years. I am told that it was an easy decision for him because his grandchildren used the library all the time and loved it. Anytime we needed help with anything at the temporary library, he had it taken care of immediately.”

Aside from providing simply space for the library to continue functioning after the fire, the temporary space provided an

unexpected positive impact on the soon-to-be opened new library facility.

Dave Kruger explained it well.

“This space was nearly twice what we had in the old library and it was on only one level, so we could offer programs that we couldn’t offer before due to accessibility issues,” he said. “The temporary site also provided us the opportunity to learn about running the library on a single level, rather than the two floors we were used to. This helped us planning the layout of the new library as well as giving us ideas and experience that will help us moving into our new space.

“Herb’s generosity gave us more than just the space, it helped us learn things that will translate well into the new building. The Pleasant Valley Library will forever be in his debt.”

That new library is about to open; and the current president of the Board of Trustees, Joy Dyson, offered the following as to how Redl’s generosity will long be seen.

“The story of his generosity will live on at the new location with the Redl Reading room, at the front of the original building, as well as the Redl Reading porch. He is part of the library’s history that future generations will see every day.”

Herb Redl was always quiet about his generosity, preferring to simply help where needed and to avoid the lime light of public acclaim.

Dyson concluded with a final thought.

“Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family, who we know will continue to support the greater community,” she said. “A man’s greatest legacy is what he teaches his children.”

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and rose to become the fitness center's general manager for more than 17 years, said there isn't enough time in the day to discuss Redl.

"There are so very many accolades due him for his business skills and accomplishments – he was innovative and always looking for ways to grow and improve. However, he was also supportive and respectful of women in the workplace and, indeed, encouraged me to be creative, to thrive and to grow in my leadership role," Tarquinio said. "Herb loved meeting and greeting All Sport members and staff. He took delight in learning people's names and talking with all. I will be forever grateful to him for the many lessons I learned and for the opportunities I had."

Redl's business ventures are numerous. His holdings include office buildings, shopping plazas and self-storage facilities, and he was one of the first individuals to conceive the concept of a manufactured home community in this area

known as "The Gables." The network of Herb Redl properties rounds out with HHR Construction, Guardian Self Storage and All Sport Health and Fitness.

But as great as his business acumen was, Redl and his wife Sue had a greater impact on the community through their time, support and generous donations. They include:

- A founding member of the Dutchess Community Economic External Marketing Council.

- Board member or affiliated board member for Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC), The Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Mid-Hudson Savings Bank, First Fidelity and First Union.

"Herb and Sue, and in fact the entire Redl family, have been major supporters of the Bardavon for as long as I can remember and we're all saddened by this news," said Bardavon Director Chris Silva. "Herb will be greatly missed, espe-

cially at the Gala, where his smiling face always beamed up from his favorite seat in the front row."

- Financial support for the Pleasant Valley Library, the March of Dimes, the American Heart Association, the United Way and the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life event.

"We are saddened to learn of the passing of Herb Redl," said Jeannie Montano, President & CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. "He was a generous supporter of our organization and our community. We extend our condolences to his family."

- And donations that resulted in the Herb and Sue Ann Redl Center for Cancer Care at MidHudson Regional Hospital (formerly Saint Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie), and the Redl Infusion Therapy Center in the Dyson Center for Cancer Care at VBMC.

"It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of our longtime friend, Herb Redl. Herb, Sue Ann and their family have been loyal supporters and friends of MidHudson Regional Hospital, establishing the Herb and Sue Ann Redl Center for Cancer Care," the Westchester Medical Center Health Network said in a statement. "Herb has left an enduring imprint on the Hudson Valley, Dutchess County and in particular on the patients of our hospital and its predecessor, Saint Francis Hospital. We are forever grateful for his generosity. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue Ann and the entire Redl Family."

Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro called Redl one of the strongest and most abiding pillars of the community.

"Herb was the quintessential entrepreneur, community benefactor, family patriarch and devoted friend. He was a gentleman who didn't seek the spotlight,

preferring instead to quietly contribute substance with dignity and grace. Herb was a marker of generosity," Molinaro said in a statement. "The contributions he and his wife, Sue, and their family have made over decades will long endure. ... Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. A remarkable, gentle man has left us – but his legacy, leadership and example are forever left with us."

New York State Sen. Sue Serino said she was heartbroken to learn of Redl's passing, calling him a community hero.

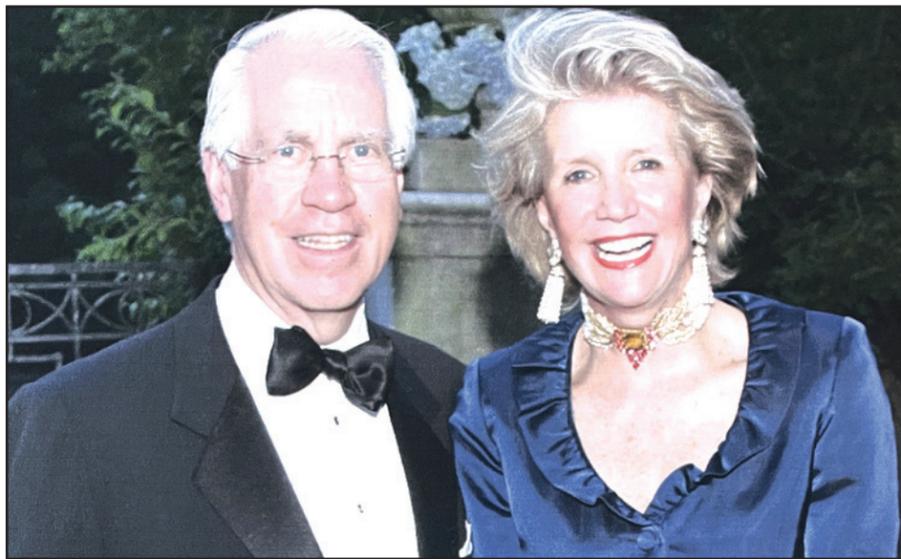
Ironically, Serino knew of Redl and his family long before she moved into local politics. She met Herb and Sue years ago when she was a waitress at the old Steak and Stein restaurant in Wappingers Falls, where Buffalo Wild Wings is now.

"They would come in every Monday night and I'll never forget the generosity and respect they always showed to all of us," Serino said in a statement. "A gentleman through and through, Herb's quiet strength and dedication to our community set him apart. He was all about family, and he treated everyone like a member of his own. He was never without a kind word and I'll always remember the care he showed to all. I've learned so much from Herb over the years, but what stands out is his heart of gold and how much he gave back to our community, all without ever wanting any accolades."

While his daughters have long had strong roles in running Herb Redl Properties and certainly will continue to do so, Serino said she feels like Redl's passing is the end of an era.

"Our community simply won't be the same without him, but I know his legacy is one that will live on through all of those whose lives he touched," she said. "Our hearts are with Sue and his beloved family during this difficult time."

Campaign for Cary supporters gift \$2M to transform Millbrook headquarters



Jim and Zibby Tozer have donated \$2 million to the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Courtesy photo

Celebration set for April

A \$2 million gift recently received by Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will support the transformation of its Millbrook headquarters into the facilities needed to advance 21st-century science. The leadership gift to the Campaign for Cary came from Zibby and Jim Tozer, longtime supporters of Cary Institute and its research for environmental solutions.

Zibby served on the Institute's Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2013; as Chair of the Development and Trusteeship Committee, she brought on a remarkable number of Trustees. During her time as Chair of the Aldo Leopold Society, Zibby initiated a program of fostering relationships among Trustees, donors, and Cary scientists.

Jim is a source of invaluable guidance as part of the President's Advisory Council, and their daughter, Farran Tozer Brown, is a current Trustee, continuing the family's legacy of commitment to Cary Institute.

The two-year capital campaign was launched in 2020 to raise funds to reimagine the headquarters of one of the nation's leading ecological research organizations. Staff are global experts in the ecology of cities, freshwaters, forests, infectious diseases, and the impact of climate change on ecological systems.

The Tozers' gift will allow Cary Institute to surpass its original public fundraising goal. Scott Ulm, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Campaign for Cary, said, "This is an extraordinary contribution from a family that has been instrumental in championing Cary Institute and its scientists.

Zibby has been essential in recruiting new Trustees and founding the Aldo Leopold Society, a patron group that provides vital support to Cary Institute's research and education programs." In recognition of their longtime support and generosity, Cary Institute will be naming the renovated headquarters the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building.

An open house celebration is planned for April 8.

Architects Becker + Becker are leading the reimagining of the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building, with oversight from Emeritus Cary Trustee, architect Allan Shope. The original 1975 building, designed by architect Malcolm Wells for the New York Botanical Garden, was one of the nation's first commercial solar buildings. Cary Institute took ownership in 1983.

Becker + Becker restored its sawtooth roofline, and have achieved energy efficiency and sustainability goals. Recycled and repurposed materials feature in the redesign, and 100% of the building's electric needs will be met by an adjacent 700kW solar field. The Campaign for Cary kicked off in August 2020 with lead gifts from Institute Trustees who were soon joined by more than 200 supporters.

The campaign is ongoing through spring of 2022, and is committed to raising an additional \$680,000 to complete all aspects of the \$14 million project, which is funded in part by Institute resources. The new building will include additional science offices, dedicated space for visiting scientists and postdocs, and conference rooms outfitted with the technology to support virtual and hybrid networking.

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Enjoyed article on Dave Bean from West Side Story

To the editor:

We enjoyed the recent (several weeks ago) article by Jim Donick, I believe, on Dave Bean of Clinton Corners.

Dave has quite the story with his involvement in the original West Side Story, now the remake, and his recent book release. My wife and I have the opportunity to stop at Jeanie Bean's Café quite often and enjoy the store and Dave's entertaining customer interaction. Good article.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

Differing views on the abortion issue

To the editor:

The January 12-18 edition of the Northern Dutchess News included a letter to the editor titled: "More to abortion than just a choice." The writer expresses his view, to which I would like to respond.

The writer states "a human being is in the womb," and that it "has the base of science found in embryology and ultrasound technology for its support." However, no evidence is given to support these arguments, such as vetted, scientific articles or references.

Two movies were also offered to the readers in support of the writer's position. One is about the experiences and perceptions of a single individual, and the other is of the singular practice of a malicious abortion provider. If one chooses to judge all abortion providers by these two instances alone, then perhaps we should also apply the same type of judgment to other organiza-

tions based upon the experience and perception of one individual or one bad actor. How about police departments?

Finally, I would like to point out to the readers that the anti-abortion movement is solely directed against medical and surgical abortions, which occur at a rate of about 180 per 1,000 live births in this country. There is another type of abortion which is generally overlooked or ignored: Spontaneous Abortion. Spontaneous abortion occurs at a rate of about 1,500 to 3,000 for every 1,000 live births. Most occur because a fertilized ovum (considered to be a human being by many in the anti-abortion movement) fails to progress or fails to implant in the uterus, and simply passes during the menses, or a fertilized ovum does implant, but is later rejected by the body, either before or after pregnancy is determined. And spontaneous abortion may occur later into the pregnancy up to the point of fetal viability, after which the loss is called a stillbirth.

Spontaneous abortion is a medical term, better known to the general public by its euphemism, "miscarriage." The reason the numbers vary so widely for the frequency of spontaneous abortion is that most of the organizations which keep track of them (March of Dimes, The CDC) only account for pregnancies lost after pregnancy has been determined.

Given these numbers, one might take a different view of the abortion issue.

And finally, I don't believe that men, myself included, should be making decisions about the choices women are allowed to make with their bodies.

Joseph Treimel, RN
Pleasant Valley

GOLDEN LIVING

MORE DECLUTTERING TIPS FOR SENIORS

If you didn't catch last week's Golden Living column, introducing you to the joys of mid-winter decluttering, fear not. You've come to the second in our two-part series on improving your home's safety and livability.

You've looked around your cluttered home and you're ready to start cleaning – but where to start? We turned to Colleen Ashe of Red Hook-based Ashe Organizing Solutions (asheorganizing.com), for some tips on getting started:

- Set a timer for 15 minutes and select a drawer, countertop or shelf to tackle;
- Sort the items (Keep, Toss/Recycle, Sell/Donate), putting similar items together if you're keeping them;
- Decide what should stay in the space, and remove everything else that doesn't belong;
- When the timer rings, feel free to stop the process.

Small steps taken over time can lead to big changes. What can you sort in just 15 minutes? If a task or project just seems too big, think about recruiting friends, family or even a professional organizer to help jump-start your project.

Organizing has an additional benefit: You could find things you thought you had lost but were only misplaced. It could even be something truly valuable like a long-lost wedding ring that migrated to the back corner of a junk drawer, but it's more likely to be something you can easily dispose of. Say goodbye to that stack of utility bills from 1967.

START WITH THE EASIEST THINGS FIRST

If you're stumped as to where to begin, start with anything that's expired: food, makeup and especially medications. Dutchess County's Prescription Medication Drop Box Program provides safe drop-off locations where you can anonymously dispose of expired, unwanted and unused prescription medications and controlled substances, including inhalers, ointments and over-the-counter medicines. Hazardous materials and sharps/needles are not accepted.

- These drop-off points are open 24/7:
- City of Beacon Police 1 Municipal Plaza;
 - Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center 108 Parker Avenue,

Poughkeepsie;

- East Fishkill Police 2468 Route 52, Hopewell Junction;
- Hyde Park Police 3 Cardinal Road;
- New York State Police, Troop K Headquarters 2541 US 44, Salt Point;
- Town of Poughkeepsie Police 19 Tucker Drive;
- Wappingers Falls Police 2628 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls.

Four other locations are open for limited hours:

- Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Pawling Substation, 9 Memorial Drive; call 845-486-3800 for assistance;
- Millerton Police, 5933 North Elm Avenue, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat noon-midnight, Sun 4 p.m.-midnight, or call 518-789-3115;
- Red Hook Police, 7467 South Broadway, 8 a.m.-midnight daily;
- Rhinebeck Police, 76 East Market St., 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

In addition, there are National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events that take place in April and October, and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and Dutchess County Stop-DWI will collect unwanted medications at all 12 OFA Senior Picnics this summer.

SPEAKING OF THE PICNICS...

We're working on the Summer 2022 picnic schedule already. By springtime we hope to know whether we can proceed with traditional sit-down picnics, or whether pandemic necessities will require drive-through picnics. Stay tuned!

'PANCAKES IN THE PARK' SAVE-THE-DATE UPDATE

OFA's first outdoor event of 2022 is expected to be the free "Pancakes in the Park" event, presented with Dutchess County Parks which made its debut in March 2021. The date for the event has been updated to Friday, March 25, 2022. We expect to begin accepting reservations for the event in mid-February.

OFA NUTRITION SEEKS ASSISTANCE IN BEACON, EAST FISHKILL, POUGHKEEPSIE

Looking for a volunteering opportunity? The Office for the Aging's Division of Nutrition Services is looking for volunteer drivers and kitchen help at Senior Friendship Centers in Beacon, East Fishkill (Hopewell Junction) and the City of Poughkeepsie. See www.dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition for details and a

printable volunteering form, which includes information on other OFA volunteering opportunities around the county.

PLEASANT VALLEY LIBRARY NEEDS MOVING ASSISTANCE

The Pleasant Valley Library is just about ready for their "move back home" to the original library site at 1584 Main St. (US 44), next to the Presbyterian Church, which is the site of the OFA Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center. Our new neighbors at the library would like volunteer help with moving and setting up tables, putting up signs, arranging books, moving furniture, helping customers and more ... on any or all of these dates:

Thursday 1/27 through Sunday 1/30;
Friday 2/4 through Monday 2/7.

Contact the library (www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org, 845-635-8460) to find out more, including information about the library's moving sale coming up at the temporary library location (3 Maggiacomo Ln., next to Dollar General), scheduled for the end of January and early in February.

HAPPY 100TH, LOUISE!

A happy 100th birthday to Louise Morgan of Poughkeepsie, who celebrated the milestone on Saturday.

If someone you know in Dutchess County is turning 100 or more in 2022, or celebrating a marriage of 70 years or more in 2022, we'd love to know about it. Email bjones@dutchessny.gov for more information. Honorees may appear in an Aging News newsletter, and are also honored in the Summer 2022 issue of our "Spotlight on Seniors" newsletter, which publishes in late May.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL PLANNING VIRTUAL EVENT (Tue 3/15)

Join the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Pawling and Red Hook Public Libraries for a virtual event with guest speaker Rachel Flanagan Frost, Esq. It takes place from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15. Register by emailing adult@pawlinglibrary.org or programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 for more information.

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Data on hospitalizations, deaths underscore co-morbidity risk

by Kate Goldsmith

As the holiday surge abates, and with at-home testing more available and convenient, the number of active COVID-19 cases in Dutchess County has dropped below 2,000 – a remarkable decline from just three weeks ago, when that number topped 8,000. New cases per 100,000 residents is still high at 113.71 (as of Jan. 21, the latest information available as this paper went to press), but there are reasons for cautious optimism.

“We are on the other side of a peak,” said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro at his Jan. 21 Facebook Town Hall. “The question is, how fast and how long the decline will continue.”

Molinaro noted Dutchess was in its 11th day of declining active cases. The largest amount of new cases from Dec. 19 to Jan. 15 were in ages 20-29 (18 percent) and 30-39 (17 percent).

This Facebook event included illuminating data on individuals who have been hospitalized with (or due to) COVID-19 as well as those who have succumbed to the disease. Information was provided by local hospitals, where 80 percent of fatalities from Dec. 1 to Jan. 20 were associated with COVID-19.

Of the individuals who died in that time period:

- 35 percent were vaccinated, 49 percent were unvaccinated, 7 percent were partially vaccinated, and 9 percent had an unknown vaccination status.
- The average age for unvaccinated individuals was 72; 79 percent had significant co-morbidities.
- The average age for vaccinated individuals was 78; 100 percent had significant co-morbidities.
- There were two fatalities of individuals who were boosted. The average age was 80, and both had significant co-morbidities.

Molinaro noted that “the fatality data is what is called a ‘lagging indicator,’” and that it is “always going to be a little bit behind the cases coming in. ... We expect to see more individuals losing their lives [to COVID].”

The data seem to confirm that vaccination provides protection from more serious illness, and that having significant co-morbidities increases the risk of hospitalization and death.

“Severity continues to occur among those who are unvaccinated,” Molinaro said.

Vaccination rates in Dutchess continue to rise slowly, with 84 percent of adults and 75 percent of the total population

having at least one dose. Thirty percent of ages 5-11 and 67.3 percent of ages 12-17 have had at least one dose.

Testing, vaccination opportunities expanded

Molinaro said nearly 62,000 tests had been conducted over the last few weeks at the county site, the former JCPenney in the Poughkeepsie Galleria. Recently, availability of both testing and vaccination have expanded there.

Vaccinations will be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is encouraged, although walk-ins will be accepted.

PCR and rapid testing will continue on the second floor (near Best Buy) from Tuesdays to Fridays, 1-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Again, registration is encouraged.

Molinaro said New York State has provided the county with additional staffing resources, allowing for the expansion.

On Jan. 27, the county is offering a free adult and pediatric vaccination clinic from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the former CVS location at 3081 Route 22 in Dover Plains. Dutchess has partnered with Dr. Neal Smoller of the Village Apothecary for this clinic. Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccines and boosters will be offered based on eligibility. Registration in advance is required and is available online at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/220133600737142>.

The county is partnering with Senegene Solutions to offer rapid antigen and lower nasal PCR testing at the Dover location on Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., through Feb. 11. Testing results turnaround time for PCR testing is up to 48 hours from receipt of testing, though the time frame can vary based on demand. Test results can be accessed through the iLab Patient Portal (<https://result.ilabconnect.com/>) or by calling 1-800-869-0168.

There is no out-of-pocket cost to residents for these testing options. Senegene Solutions works directly with insurance companies for testing costs, or for those without insurance, with the federal government for all costs (must provide valid U.S. identification).

Testing is available on a walk-in basis, but advance registration is encouraged to speed up the check-in process and can be completed online before arriving.

There will also be pop-up clinics throughout the county, including on Friday, Jan. 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Pawling Elementary School. Visit



Dutchess County will distribute free at-home COVID-19 test kits this week. *Courtesy photo* www.dutchessny.gov/coronavirus for more information.

At-home test kits, N95 masks being distributed

The federal government is distributing free at-home COVID tests (one kit of four per household). Visit covidtests.gov to order. The US Postal Service will deliver the kits in approximately seven to 12 days after placing the order.

Dutchess County is distributing more than 10,000 free at-home tests this week, with a limit of two kits per family. Drive-through distribution points include Dover High School today (Wednesday, Jan. 26) from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 28, at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, also from 4 to 7 p.m. Check county’s Facebook page for more information.

The federal government is also distributing hundreds of millions of free N95 masks via pharmacies that participate in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program as well as community health centers across the country. The

masks are expected to be available by early February.

Contract tracing winds down

With the exception of identifying cases in congregate settings such as nursing homes, contact tracing on the government level has wound down, due to the widespread transmission and decrease in severity that has come with the Omicron variant. Those who test positive are encouraged to share that information with their recent contacts.

Schools are not required or encouraged to engage in contact tracing, Molinaro said.

Addressing questions about when children won’t have to wear masks at school, Molinaro said that schools are “subjects of state law” and the state hasn’t provided that information yet.

“We think it’s wrong to not have a metric [no goal]” to determine when kids can stop wearing masks, he said.

As he has all along, Molinaro reiterated that it should be up to parents to decide.

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United Way offers free transportation for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Poughkeepsie residents

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is partnering with Lyft to offer free rides to individuals needing transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments and COVID-19 booster vaccinations. The program covers up to \$50 round trip. The individual must cover any expenses beyond \$50.

The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. It cannot be used for drive-thru vaccination sites. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program. They can call their Medicaid provider to cover the cost of transportation.

Sign up to receive your unique code by at uwdor.org/vaccinerides and click the "apply" button. You can apply the code to a round trip. Rides can only be used as transportation to and from a vaccine clinic site. Users can apply for a second code to use for transportation to and from a second shot.

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Fall Soup Sales on Jan. 27 as well as 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.

Hyde Park Winter Fest set Jan. 29

Hyde Park Recreation invites residents to the annual Winter Fest on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Hackett Hill Park, 59 East Market St., Hyde Park. Dress warmly and enjoy some outdoor winter activities, warm up by the fire, and enjoy time with your fellow Hyde Park neighbors. Call (845) 229-8086, ext. 4, for more information.

Stanford Grange to host events

All CDC & Gov. Hochul's Health Guidelines will be followed at all events.

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10-percent discount off their collision

and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Family Activities Committee with a free-will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

The new Travel Club of Stissing Mountain Junior - Senior High School in Pine Plains will serve a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, Jan. 31, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville (rescheduled from November). All dinners are take-out only from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, side salad, roll, and homemade cookies for dessert. Donation is \$12 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner and get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! Total proceeds will benefit the Travel Club's trip to the Galapagos in the Summer of 2022. For more information, contact James Wiley, Travel Club Advisor, at (518) 398-7181 Ext. 1204 or Stanford Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Arts Mid-Hudson sets virtual meeting

The Board of Directors of Arts Mid-Hudson invites all to attend its 2022 Annual Meeting virtually on Monday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m. The 2021 Annual Report and the 2022 Board of Directors will be presented. Register at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=274>; contact info@artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222 for more information.

Program for men to discuss 'living with loss'

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: "It's Okay to Grieve, Let's Talk: An Open Discussion for Men Living With Loss." It will be held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. The program is open to men nationwide who have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer, regardless of how much time has gone by.

To learn more or to register, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31.

The open discussion format provides a safe and supportive venue to talk with others coping with similar challenges. Share concerns, experiences and information with others who've been there, too.

Six projects receive first-round funding of Agency Partner Grant: Infrastructure Awards

The first round of funding awards, totaling \$904,500 for six projects, through the 2022 Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure Program have been announced by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro. The APG: Infrastructure Program awards are given to local 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies to implement capital and operating infrastructure initiatives, providing critical resources that allow them to continue to address service gaps and critical needs throughout Dutchess County.

With support from the Dutchess County Legislature in December, \$3 million was allocated in the 2022 Dutchess County Budget for the APG: Infrastructure Program. Additional awards will be announced in the coming months.

Molinaro said, "I thank the Legislature for allocating funding for this grant program. Due to the restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our local non-profit agencies did not have the resources to proceed with capacity-building infrastructure projects. This funding will enable these agencies to operate more efficiently while providing them with the tools to better serve and expand their reach to those most vulnerable in the community."

Projects funded through the 2022 Agency Partner Grant: Infrastructure Program include:

NAMI Mid-Hudson Inc. - \$25,000 to expand mental health programming and outreach efforts throughout Dutchess County through the purchase of new technology equipment.

Taconic Resources for Independence Inc. - \$20,000 to replace antiquated and non-accessible office equipment, upgrade office doors to enhance security and accessibility, and purchase video equipment to expand community education and engagement for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dutchess Outreach - \$65,000 for equipment purchases, including refrigeration and cold storage repairs and upgrades, an inventory management system, point of sale (POS) equipment,

and pantry shelving and storage to increase the organization's capacity to store, process and distribute meals to low-income, food-insecure individuals and families throughout Dutchess County.

The Art Effect - \$560,500 to complete the gallery space at The Trolley Barn, which hosts youth-led exhibitions and performances showcasing students' artwork, including the purchase of equipment, such as mounted and multi-surface projectors, a sound system, screens and a portable stage, as well as for the costs related to the engineering and design needs for The Trolley Barn construction build-out to allow the organization to fulfill its mission of empowering young people to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House - \$34,000 to support theatre safety and efficiency upgrades for staff and patrons, including the purchase of new lighting, soundboards, stage curtains, wireless microphones, laptops and software at the theater, which routinely offers performances for local school groups throughout Dutchess County.

Millbrook Library - \$200,000 to support the repair and upgrade of the library's current heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system to an energy-efficient model, allowing the community to comfortably enjoy the library's programming and services year-round.

The Agency Partner Grant (APG): Infrastructure Program provides funding opportunities for Dutchess County non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation. Funding is awarded to organizations on a competitive basis, based on ability to demonstrate a capital and/or operating infrastructure project need which will provide organizations with the resources needed to continue to fulfill critical community needs. Additional information about the APG Program is available online.

Dutchess County received a total of 24 APG: Infrastructure applications, requesting over \$5.1 million in funding.

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National Science Foundation announces \$1.4 million grant for Marist College

The National Science Foundation has announced a \$1,480,254.00 grant for Marist College.

"I am proud to announce that Marist College will receive a grant from the National Science Foundation for over 1.4 million dollars to support low income STEM students," said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. "The COVID-19 pandemic has been a poignant reminder of how critical it is to invest in science. I am thrilled that the National Science Foundation has awarded this grant to Marist to ensure its students' academic achievements are not limited by their socioeconomic status."

"Expanding educational opportunity is a high priority of mine," said Kevin

Weinman, President of Marist College. "This grant increases Marist's ability to attract, enroll, and retain a diverse group of talented students regardless of their financial circumstances, and we are grateful to the NSF for recognizing the importance of this work."

"This grant is a major milestone for the School of Science and a valuable tool in our efforts to help all students reach their full potential," said Alicia Slater, Dean of the Marist School of Science. "It is our hope that the programs we begin for the S-STEM scholars will promote the academic success of all low-income students in the future."



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Red Hook National Guard Airman 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 Air National Guard's 174th Attack Wing in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Jason Foscolo from Red Hook, and assigned to the wing's 174th Attack Wing

Headquarters, received a promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel on Oct. 13, 2021.

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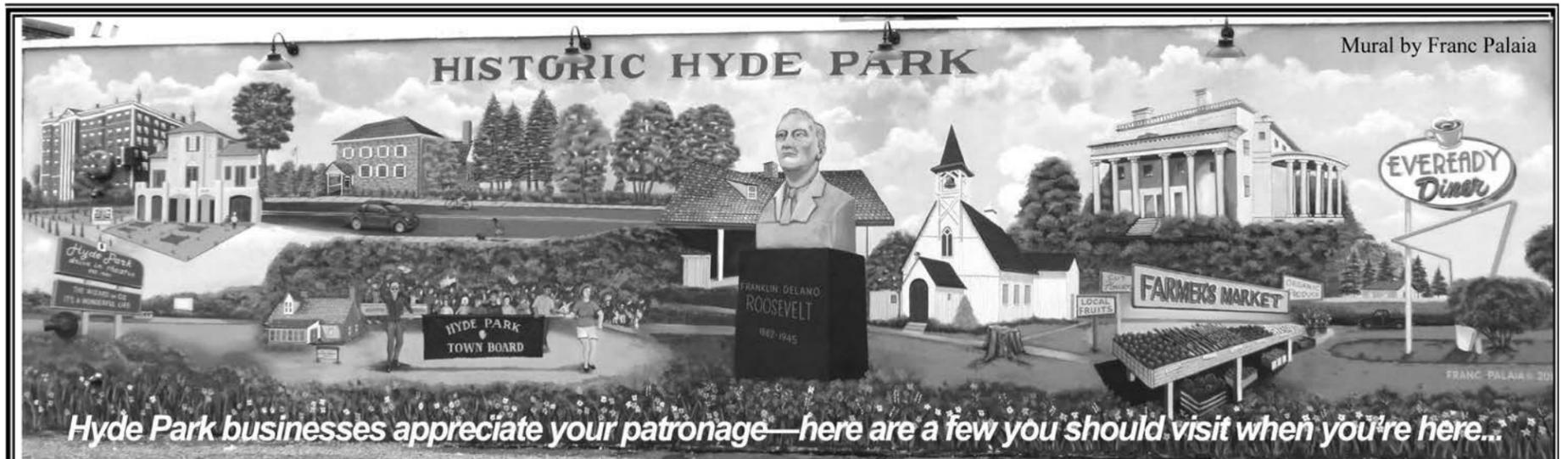
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Family Services announces growth plan in response to more behavioral health needs

In direct response to the needs of the community and its staff, Family Services Inc., a mission-focused nonprofit committed to providing critical life-changing supports to clients in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties for more than 140 years, has announced new plans for 2022.

Beginning early this year, Family Services plans to expand its behavioral health centers through a nearly 50 percent increase in social work staff and other important shifts to improve client outcomes and employee experiences.

"We are excited to expand our reach through this responsive hiring initiative and intentional changes from within," said Family Services' Chief Executive Officer Brian Doyle. "We've listened closely to our valued clients and staff and have implemented expanded client access along with new employee benefits for both our current and prospective team members, based on their feedback.

"With the dramatic increase in needs among our clients since the pandemic began, including a desire for greater mental health support and a variety of ways to access it, plus a shortage of professionals to meet that need, we knew we had to step up our response. We want to ensure we continue delivering support with integrity and remain a place we're all proud to work for, giving our clients the dignity and respect they deserve."

One benefit to growing the number of social workers is that it will reduce clinicians' caseloads, allowing them to increase the frequency and duration of services for clients, moving from 30-minute to 45-minute sessions. In addition, Family Services is recruiting permanent onsite medical staff to create better continuity of care. The nonprofit also adjusted its workweek to 40 hours to allow medical doctors, nurse practitioners and therapists administrative time for

paperwork and documentation, empowering staff to best manage their schedules and time.

In order to meet the current needs of the market, and to recruit and retain top-notch staff, Family Services has increased the pay scale for open positions to be competitive with industry benchmarks. It has also taken important steps to lead the way in terms of progressive benefits and culture, from being at the forefront of Covid protocols, ahead of state and national guidance, to launching its compassionate leave program more than a decade ago, which allows employees to donate unused time off to help colleagues when needs arise. With equity in mind, Family Services also implemented a tiered structure for healthcare, meaning the organization contributes more for employees who need it most and levels the field to make health benefits accessible to all.

According to Doyle, this compensation and benefits structure, plus the ability for staff to develop professionally through the attainment of licensure and quality supervision and training, furthers providers longevity in the field and their progression with Family Services.

"In addition to feeling connected to the transformative work we do at Family Services, I often hear from my colleagues that they appreciate our respectful, collegiate environment and the growth opportunities available to them," said Vice President for HR, Risk Management, and Organizational Development at Family Services, Christopher Pels. "With these mindful changes we're making, we're opening up even more opportunities for professional advancement and fulfillment."

To learn more about these new initiatives and all open positions, visit familyservicesny.org/.

City of Poughkeepsie awarded \$3.5M state grant to repair aging sewer line, protect environment

The City of Poughkeepsie has been awarded an approximate \$3.5 million state grant to reduce groundwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system, combating the impacts of water runoff that can overwhelm the city's sewer system and cause "combined sewer overflows" or CSOs.

A chief goal of the \$3,566,800 grant is provide better environmental protection for the city by making repairs to an existing, aging sewer line that extends from approximately Winnikee Avenue to High Street paralleling the Fall Kill Creek.

The city has been addressing potential sources of inflow and infiltration within the sanitary sewer collection system and is particularly focused on sewer overflows that discharge into the Hudson River when overcapacity occurs during storm events.

While Poughkeepsie is in compliance with all New York State regulations, the city is working to mitigate combined sewer overflows, and this an integral project in that strategy.

"We are grateful for this generous state grant, as it allows us to continue our work to address Poughkeepsie's aging infrastructure while lessening our reliance on long-term borrowing in order to do so," said Mayor Rob Rolison. Limiting long term borrowing continues to be an important aspect of our financial management plan. As prior bond issuances are retired, we look forward to declining debt service costs in coming years, and it is large grants for infrastructure projects like this one that have a tremendous positive impact on our community."

Much of the City of Poughkeepsie's sewer system is almost a century old. At the time it was built the best practice method of collecting sanitary sewage, rainwater runoff and industrial wastewater was to combine all of them in one

pipe and bring it to the Water Pollution Control Plant. As is common with many waterfront cities around the world, this combined sewer method is still used in the older parts of the city.

The city operates under a state permit that regulates the discharge of wastewater from the Water Pollution Control Plant, as well as the discharge of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

This sewer rehabilitation program will reduce the impacts of flooding during strong weather events by repairing, replacing or lining existing mains and manholes, the mayor said.

Mayor Rolison said the city is committed to improving operations at the City's Waste Pollution Control Plant and eliminating the discharge of combined sewer into the Hudson River. The mayor noted the city already has spent millions of dollar making improvements in the water and sewer systems.

"We will continue modernizing our system, in order to provide better environmental protections and use the latest technologies to foster green infrastructure," Mayor Rolison said.

Last year Mayor Rolison formed a Climate Smart Communities Task Force, which successfully worked to win the city its bronze certification in June 2021 through the state Department of Environmental Conservation program. This important achievement will qualify the city for funding to support future climate-smart actions. The city also was selected as the host community for Cornell University's fall 2021 Climate-adaptive Design studio. In partnership with Cornell students and DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program, the community is exploring design alternatives for more climate resilient and connected waterfront areas.

HV Pattern for Progress appoints Bosch as President/CEO

The board of directors at Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress today announced the appointment of Adam Bosch to be the organization's next president and chief executive officer. Bosch, a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, worked as a journalist, college professor, and policy analyst across the region before joining the senior leadership team of the New York City water supply system. He will become Pattern's sixth president since the organization was

founded in 1965.

"As Pattern enters into this next chapter of its history, I am excited to work with our new President and CEO Adam Bosch, our talented staff, and our committed and dedicated board of directors," said Anthony Campagiorni, Chair of the Pattern for Progress Board of Directors. "Adam is the right leader for Pattern at this moment. He has demonstrated success in developing actionable research for the region, he brings an exciting vision

for the Hudson Valley and Pattern's role in advancing that vision, and he demonstrates an inspiring passion that will undoubtedly attract new individuals and organizations to Pattern's critical mission."

"Adam is the perfect choice to lead Pattern for Progress at this important time for the Hudson Valley," said Jonathan Drapkin, who stepped down as president of Pattern in December after leading the organization for 15 years. "Throughout his career, Adam has built many strong

relationships across the region. Those who have worked with Adam respect and trust him for his savvy advice, creative thinking and ability to knit issues together. Adam is a thorough researcher and an articulate communicator who will help the region assess where it was before the pandemic, and where it needs to go in the future. Pattern was indeed fortunate to attract Adam to this vital position."

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Bard to present concert to welcome Chinese New Year

The US-China Music Institute of the Bard College Conservatory of Music will presents "The Sound of Spring: A Chinese New Year Concert," conducted by Director of the US-China Music Institute Jindong Cai with The Orchestra Now (TON) performing. This special annual event, marking one of the most important holidays in the Chinese lunar calendar, showcases some of the best Chinese-American artists and solo artists in America today, Chinese music and traditional instruments. Performances will take place on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m., in The Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College; and on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m., in the Rose Theater of Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall in New York City.

To purchase tickets for the Jan. 28 Fisher Center concert, visit fishercenter.bard.edu, call (845) 758-7900 (Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) or email boxoffice@bard.edu. For tickets to the Lincoln Center concert, visit ticketing.jazz.org or call (212) 721-6500.

This year's concert will celebrate the Chinese Year of the Tiger. As the Institute has done with great success in its previous concerts, it aims to create the most authentic Chinese New Year musical event to reflect both traditional and contemporary music of China. Amazing

artists and exciting music, like the most-played Chinese symphonic piece, "Yellow River Concerto," will inspire the audience to overcome obstacles and meet the future with hope.

"This program represents a selection of pieces that show how Chinese music and Western music can interact with one another, from the formal elements of the traditional instruments and the modern Western orchestra, to the musical elements of diverse compositional styles, to the thematic elements of setting, history, and story-telling," writes Jindong Cai. "Music transcends culture, and I always say that it is the best way for people to understand one another, no matter who they are or where they are from. Obstacles are all around us, both from nature and from the political environment. But through music we have a language that can connect people together and to help us see beyond our differences."

The concert features vocalists Song Feihong (Peking Opera), Esther Maureen Kelly (soprano) and José Rubio (baritone); Yazhi Guo (suona and guanzi); Ju Xiaofu (piano); and Zhou Yi (pipa).

The Orchestra Now is a group of vibrant young musicians from across the globe who are making orchestral music relevant to 21st-century audiences. They



Bard College US-China Music Institute concert conducted by Jindong Cai. Photo by Karl Rabe.

are lifting the curtain on the musicians' experience and sharing their unique personal insights in a welcoming environment.

Conductor, educator and music historian Leon Botstein founded TON in 2015 as a master's degree program at Bard College, where he also serves as president.

The orchestra is in residence at Bard's Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, presenting multiple

concerts there each season as well as taking part in the annual Bard Music Festival. It also performs regularly at the finest venues in New York and beyond, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and elsewhere. The orchestra has performed with many distinguished conductors, including Fabio Luisi, Neeme Järvi, Gerard Schwarz, and JoAnn Falletta.

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Remembering when...

Pop's recollections of World War II prompt gratitude.

Whenever my father comes into the restaurant in the morning, he always turns on his battered radio with a coat hanger as an antenna that he keeps by his work table. It is always tuned into talk radio. Many a morning I've heard the daily news or Rush Limbaugh and Curtis & Cubie coming from Pop's work table. This particular morning, as he listened to the radio, I heard people calling in, complaining about this country and how horrible it is, etc.

I asked Pop if he remembered when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor during World War 2. He was a little boy in Italy at the time, but he remembered. Everyone prayed for the servicemen who had died and hoped that the United States would enter the war. Everyone in his town knew that once the U.S. joined, they had a chance.

I asked him what life was like during the war. Though his memory has started to fail him, he vividly remembered what it was like. He remembers the Germans stealing all their livestock and all the vegetables from the garden. He remembers that salt and tobacco were rationed. They

would have to steal ocean water in order to have salt to cook with.

He remembers the huge bombers and the sound of their engines as they flew over his town. He remembers the day that his town was bombed and that most of the shells didn't explode. He remembers sleeping outside for a month for fear that the Germans would be blowing up the munition dump in a cave in the side of a mountain near where they lived. He remembers the day the munition dump was destroyed, lighting up the sky, and watching the mountain collapse onto itself and saving his town from debris raining down on them. He remembers feeling the earth shake and watching the buildings in the town collapse from the man-made quake.

Finally, he remembers the day the American forces liberated his town. He remembers the parade of people walking behind the American forces as they drove into his town. Cheering for them. He remembers the cans of food that they distributed to feed him and his fellow townsfolk who were starving. He remembers the feeling that they were safe. He also

remembers knowing at that moment that he wanted to come to America.

It was then that he told me how lucky we are to be in such a great country. He told me to never forget, to always appreciate our country and to make sure my children and grandchildren never forget either.

As we begin the new year, let us remember the people who came before us, who sacrificed so much so that we would be able to live in a free nation. To appreciate our family and friends. Enjoy this traditional New Year's Cookie Recipe.

MUSTACCIOLI

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup finely ground almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 lb. of dark chocolate

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Sift the cocoa powder through a fine strainer to eliminate lumps. Combine it with the flour, white sugar, ground

almonds, cinnamon, cloves and baking soda.

Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the honey and 1/4 cup of the water. Stir until a smooth, sticky dough forms. Allow to stand for 1 minute to absorb the liquid.

Turn the dough out onto a generously floured surface and pat it into a 6X12 inch rectangle about 1/4-inch thick. Flour the dough lightly and roll over it once or twice with a rolling pin to even it out. Cut the dough into 1 1/2 inch strips, then cut the strips diagonally to make diamond shapes and transfer to the prepared baking sheet.

Bake at 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) for 15 minutes. Remove from pan to cool.

To make the icing: Mix the confectioners' sugar with the remaining 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Add the chocolate and melt completely. Dip each cookie into the chocolate to cover completely. Allow to cool on a wire rack.

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

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The Art Effect approved for \$15,000 grant from National Endowment for the Arts

The Art Effect has been approved for a \$15,000 Grants for Arts Projects award to support The Art Institute. Funding for the Art Institute supports high school students in developing advanced artistic skills, producing high-quality college art portfolios, and establishing college readiness. The Art Effect is among 1,248 projects across America totaling \$28,840,000 that were selected to receive this first round of fiscal year 2022 funding in the Grants for Arts Projects category.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like this one from The Art Effect that help support the community’s creative economy,” said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. “The Art Effect in Poughkeepsie, NY is among the arts organizations nationwide that are using the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts.”

The Art Institute engages more than 150 youth each year and provides them with access and opportunity to pursue their professional goals, attend college, and receive scholarships. The Art Institute goes beyond arts instruction,

says Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt, Executive Director. “The student-centered, holistic program prioritizes personal and professional development. Classes are not only taught by professional artist educators with a rigorous curriculum that surpasses the New York State Standards of Art Education, but also provides mentorship, portfolio development support, exhibition and leadership opportunities, and access to college representatives to gain tools for success in college and career.”

Students participate in the Art Institute’s National Art Honor Society, The Art Effect’s Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Week, and curate and display their work in public exhibitions such as “Teen Visions” and “Senior Project.” In addition, the Art Institute provides one-on-one mentoring to support students’ college applications and help students secure merit scholarships. Since 2000, Art Institute graduates have been offered over \$60 million in scholarships. Learn more about the Art Institute, visit thearteffect.org/programs/art-institute.

For more information on other projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.



The Art Effect received approval of a \$15,000 Grants for Arts Projects from the National Endowment for the Arts. Pictured is from The Art Institute’s Senior Project in 2021. Courtesy photo

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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.

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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

1. Notice
4. Nothing's opposite
7. Prefix for scope or meter
11. Milton ___
13. Car radio knob
15. Press
16. Activity for the formally dressed
19. Defeats soundly
20. Dog breed
21. Long-eared animal
23. Gin man's first name
24. Bird that cannot fly
27. Place for a chalice
30. Fellow
34. Fashion designer Bill
36. Leave one's bed
38. Imitate
39. ___ acid
40. Part of a bible chapter: abbr.
41. ___ Haute
43. Goodman or Cariou
44. Sparkle
46. Writer Chekhov
47. Enraged
49. Put in
51. TV room, often
52. Ohio, for one: abbr.
54. Original
56. Footwear fastener
61. Fragrances
66. Activity for the casually dressed
68. Lincoln and Vigoda
69. In the past
70. Belief
71. Blessed
72. Poet's contraction
73. Use a needle

DOWN

1. Scorch
2. ___ Stanley Gardner
3. "Queen of Jazz"
4. Unnecessary ruckus
5. Drooping
6. Draw out water
7. Outdoor meal
8. Spooky lake?
9. Reagan and others
10. Pulitzer-winning playwright
11. Brit's network letters
12. Columnist Bombeck
14. NBA team
17. Greek peak
18. Nothing
22. Worked hard
24. Cartoon character Fudd
25. State
26. Mil. branch
28. Trample
29. Enlisted personnel
31. Writer Bret
32. Kitchen garb
33. Hammer part
34. Indonesian island
35. Soak
37. Letter for Aristotle
42. Last portion
45. Basin
48. Like elegant clothes
50. Precious
53. Suffix for text or percent
55. Legal document
56. Iranian leader, once
57. Vagrant
58. Russian city
59. Oldster's prop
60. ___ Homo; religious painting
62. Lofty poems
63. Selfish person's cry
64. Again
65. Police officer's rank: abbr.
67. Berry, for one

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15

Free Black Communities were bulwarks of safety before Civil War

by Bill Jeffway

For persons of color, the 66 years between New York State's 1799 Gradual Emancipation Act (a promise of the abolition of slavery that was realized in 1827) and the 1865 national abolition of slavery, was a period of great peril.

Five years into New York being a "Free State," in 1832, a well-known Poughkeepsie stagecoach proprietor named Isaac Butler was heading to Virginia to sell horses. He asked a local Black man if he would allow the man's young son to come along to help. The father said yes. Butler returned to Poughkeepsie, but not with the boy, saying the boy had run away.

The young boy's astute petitioning for justice in Virginia, naming prominent men in Poughkeepsie that he knew of, had the good fortune to be heard by someone who knew Poughkeepsie's Judge James Emmo. The plot was exposed and reversed, and the boy returned to Poughkeepsie.

The need for security was obvious. One of the ways Blacks sought greater security in this period was by coalescing in small, rural communities. This afforded the potential to own property, even if the land was poor, and allowed a proximity that improved communications and safety.

The Black historian A. J. Williams Meyers writes, "Free Africans with their landholdings in rural areas ... carved out that 'social space' for themselves and family. They created caring, nurturing, and religious communities up and down the Hudson Valley ... many of them were mixed communities of African, European, and Native American descent. Because they were caring communities, free of racial strife, interracial couples were attracted to them. In the Hudson Valley [there were] such communities [as] Freemanville and Baxtertown east and west, respectively, in southern Dutchess County ... They were steadfast in weakening the molding of a materially dispossessed and dependent African by nurturing a materially affluent African."

In addition to Freemanville and Baxtertown mentioned by Dr. Williams-Meyers, we will also look at Lithgow, Hyde Park's New Guinea, and the less

traditional situation (more central to the village than rural or marginal), Rhinebeck's Oak Street.

Freemanville

Freemanville, sometimes called "Guinea," and was located in the Town of Beekman near the village of Poughquag, and was named for its free Black founder, Charles Freeman.

The Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project reports, "By 1818 Freeman [then known as "Cesar Freeman"] had purchased three acres of land for \$312, and this became the nucleus for Freemanville." An illustration in the 1877 General History of Dutchess County by Philip Smith shows what is meant to be a typical Freemanville house. The house is two stories, has a traditional roofline, clapboard siding, and a high stone foundation suggesting it may have been built into the side of a wall.

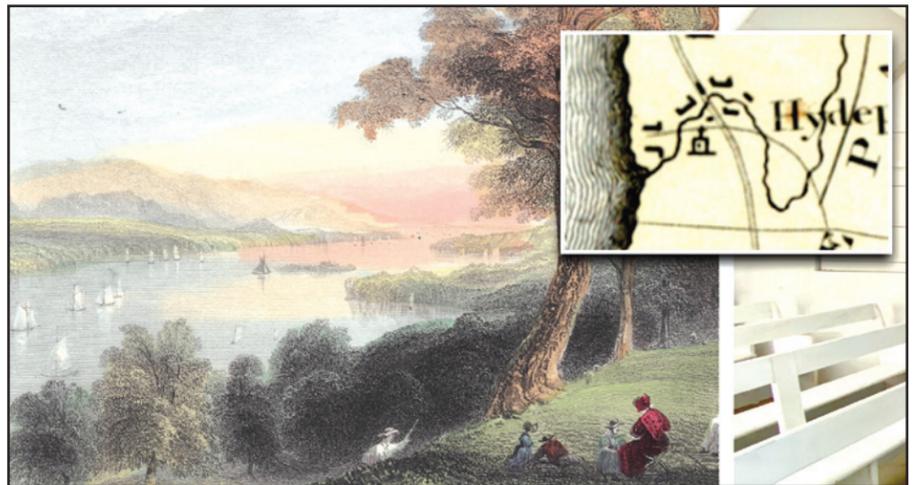
Lithgow

In his 1958 book, "Blithe Dutchess," Henry Noble MacCracken writes that "Lithgow, near Amenia, became the home of freed Negroes, who found employment on the farms in the area. Others drifted in as seasonal laborers. The Central Baptist Church of Clinton welcomed them." We have not been able to find the kind of evidence we have found for other communities in census records and maps, but this is likely a factor of the impoverished, transient and seasonal nature of the population. More evidence is likely to be found with further research.

Baxtertown

About two miles northwest of the Village of Fishkill you will find Baxtertown Road. You will also find a 2015 historic roadside marker from the Pomeroy Foundation reading, "Site of Zion Pilgrim M.E. Church, Served Baxtertown Community 1848 to 1930s. Evidence suggests [it was a] station on [the] underground railroad." Beyond this, nothing visible remains of the Baxtertown community.

The lawyer and noted local historian Frank Hasbrouck wrote in 1909 that Baxtertown was a hamlet where Blacks, Indigenous Peoples, and multi-racial persons through their intermarriage made up



In a program on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., DCHS Executive Director Bill Jeffway will look at the Hyde Park New Guinea Community that settled in and around the elbow in the Crum Elbow Creek. "Bright Spark in Freedom's Pursuit" will examine the unique Dutchess story of a Free Black community buffeted and supported by adjacent communities. To the west were wealthy estate owners (1838 river perspective), some of whom had very aggressive pro-slavery views. To the east, the Crum Elbow Meeting House (recent photo) was a source of national voices for the abolition of slavery. See more at DCHSNY.org/feb9.

a vibrant community. Like most of these free communities, the land was poor; it was rocky and swampy. Appearing to speak from direct, personal knowledge, and making the point that Native Peoples made up a good part of the hamlet, he describes one resident, Harry Catskill, an entirely Native in appearance, "a well-built, handsome man, with straight hair."

There are newspaper references to Baxtertown as a hamlet into the early 1900s. Baxtertown appears to be named for William Baxter (1805-1875), a White medical doctor who lived in the area.

New Guinea

The New Guinea Community, one to two miles east of the center of the village of Hyde Park, will be the subject of a DCHS program on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. via Zoom (see end of article).

Census records suggest that the population of persons of color peaked across two specific decades when it grew from around 50 enslaved persons in 1820, to perhaps 100 free persons in 1830, and back to 50 free persons in 1840.

It was home to fugitive slaves as well as locals. Robert St. John was a freedom seeker from Brazil who was forced to work on ships bringing goods to New York City. He escaped during a port visit sometime in the 1840s. Solomon Garnett was a fugitive slave, perhaps from Virginia. Many were former slaves of the adjacent river families, the Bard family, and Judge Pendleton for example. Pendleton was Alexander Hamilton's chosen "second" in the duel with Aaron Burr that proved fatal.

Most importantly, here persons of color became landowners. Inside and around the u-shaped elbow turn that was the inspiration for the name, "Crum Elbow Creek," the land is very rocky and marshy but gave persons like ??Primus & Betty Martin, Richard & Nancy Jenkins, Frank & Sukey Peters, Jack & Dinah DeWitt and Dunbar & Amy Brown became landowners.

Oak Street

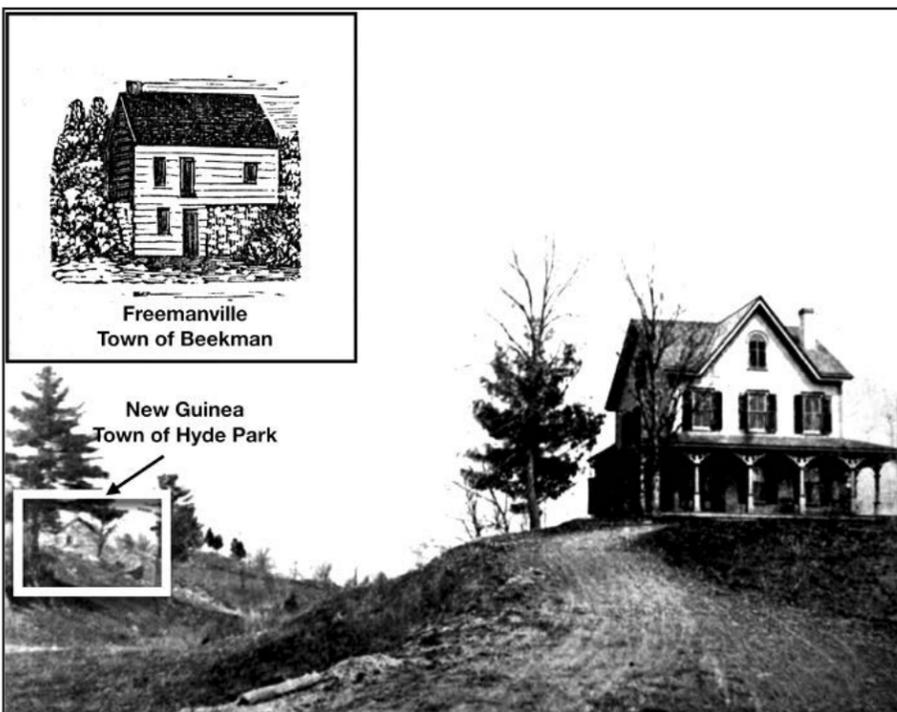
As mentioned earlier, Oak Street does not meet the criteria of the traditional Free Black community, as laid out by Williams-Meyers. It is not clear why Oak Street in Rhinebeck emerged as a neighborhood of persons of color. It may be related to the fact the land was owned by Mary Garrettsen, daughter of the famous Methodist agitator Freeborn Garrettsen. She herself had given land nearby for a cemetery dedicated to, in her words, "persons of color."

A good example of the nostalgia expressed for an earlier Black community that had receded is expressed in the writings of Howard Morse in his 1908 book, "Historic Old Rhinebeck." He writes, "The colored people of Rhinebeck, in the old times, cut something of a figure. Tune was a blacksmith. Chalk was the town fish peddler. Aunt Lyd and her daughters were washwomen. Jennie Pierce was the popular stewardess on the old barge Milan. Three or four were coachmen. Others were stablemen, drivers and choremen."

These rural communities would ultimately recede, however, in favor of communities in cities and large towns. In addition to the advantages that attracted Whites, like better paying and more reliable employment, the cities and large towns offered the chance for organizations to emerge, like the AME Zion Church, which allowed tighter-knit and more effective political, educational, religious and social advancement.

For information about the DCHS program on the New Guinea Community, visit dchsny.org/feb9.

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Inset top left: An 1877 illustration of the type of home that could be found in Beekman's hamlet of Freemanville, prior to the Civil War. The larger photo is of the Hackett House, now owned by the Town of Hyde Park as part of its public park. Historians speculate as to whether the small building barely visible to the left of the main house, might be one of the small houses that dotted New Guinea's Fredonia Lane in this undated photo.

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Arts Mid-Hudson receives grants for Folk Art projects

Arts Mid-Hudson received \$2,000 toward its Folk Art Program from the Robert R. Chapman Fund of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley for Rhythmic Crossings: International Poets and Students Share Poetry. This project will bring immigrant and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) poets to high school English classrooms in Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park this coming spring.

Led by Dutchess County Poet Laureate Lucia Cherciu, pairs of poets will visit classrooms (in person or virtually depending on COVID-19 conditions) to work with the students. The teaching poets will be Lucia Cherciu, Molly McGlennon, Saida Agostini and David Gonzalez. Cherciu and McGlennon teach poetry writing and have exercises to prompt students to write. Cherciu and Gonzales are bilingual (Romanian and Spanish respectively) and incorporate their language into their work.

Mono-lingual students will experience poetry in a new way, through sound and emotion. Multilingual students will be encouraged to experience poetry through the lens of their cultural experiences and be exposed to poets who speak multiple languages as they do. All students will be encouraged to write about their cultural background and experiences, as well as in all the languages they speak.

The Folk Arts Program also received a \$5,000 SHARP (Sustaining Humanities Through the American Rescue Plan) Action Grants from Humanities New York to support "Peg Leg Bates Resort: The Legacy of a Black Resort in the Catskills."

A young boy in South Carolina, the son of sharecroppers, loses his leg on the second day of his first job. He was 12 years old. This so easily could have been the end of his story, but not for Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates, it was the beginning of

a hero's journey that would take him from South Carolina, around the world, and finally to Kerhonkson, New York, to open a resort catering to Black people.

Encyclopedia.com has this header for the listing on Peg Leg Bates: "Peg Leg Bates 1907 - Tap Dancer, Lost His Leg, Became A Star, Opened Black Resort." A great summation and the accompanying article only fills in a few of the lines in between.

Over the years there have been many articles in mainstream publications, anthologies, scholarly works about Black entertainment in America, and a documentary called "Dancing Man," that largely focuses on Bates' dancing career, the resort and his humanitarian efforts in the community. There is no comprehensive work that ties all of these parts together within the context of the larger issues of his time such as Jim Crow, the Green Book, civil rights, and the Catskill experience that was the Peg Leg Resort.

The Arts Mid-Hudson Folk Arts Program researches the arts and traditions of the region's rich cultural, ethnic, religious, and occupational heritages. Through educational and public programs like Kakizome, the Folk Arts Program shares these traditions. The program is open to ideas and suggestions about how to assist in celebrating your community's heritage.

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

HVADC coordinates FeedHV, donates locally produced food to nine programs

Turning an adversity for local small farmers into an opportunity to feed Hudson Valley neighbors in need, FeedHV has coordinated with Scenic Hudson to purchase frozen products from Hudson Harvest at a reduced cost to distribute to nine area agencies with food assistance programs.

Administered by Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), FeedHV is a regional food rescue and harvesting network operating throughout Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties. It links donors of prepared, but unserved, food and fresh produce with nonprofits and food assistance programs.

Through an app-assisted network of food donors, volunteers and feeding agencies, FeedHV facilitates the harvesting, processing and distribution of locally grown or produced agricultural products, shelf-stable food donations and prepared nutritious foods. Among the donors are restaurants, farms, food makers, stores, hospitals and universities. The food assistance programs include food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

When several area small farmers were notified in the fall of 2021 that their freezer storage facility in Columbia County would be closing, they began to seek out a new location, reached out to Hudson Harvest, and also to HVADC to find new cooling storage. HVADC coordinated the effort through FeedHV to enable Hudson Harvest to identify excess products in their freezers for distribution to food assistance agencies.

"HVADC was in the unique position to assist both the farmers who were losing their freezer space and our FeedHV food assistance agencies by coordinating with two of our long-time partners, Scenic Hudson and Hudson Harvest. Scenic Hudson's continued generosity and commitment to farms and food security is greatly appreciated. Hudson Harvest did a spectacular job at coordinating deliveries and pick-ups to ensure that the food reached those who needed it," said Mary Ann Johnson, Deputy Director, HVADC.

Based in Germantown, Hudson Harvest is a local food distributor supporting local food communities, making it easier for consumers to get access to local, sustainably grown, healthier food. The FeedHV purchase, made possible by a donation from Scenic Hudson, allowed Harvest Hudson to free up approximately 15 pallets of space in its freezer facility in Athens, making room for ten small farmers who were displaced by the closing of their prior facility. More than 4,550

pounds of locally produced frozen products — including turkey, goose, pork, salmon, beef, venison, lamb, baked goods, prepared rice, and vegetables and fruits — has been delivered to the receiving agencies.

"We are thrilled to help the many food pantries in need, as well as those farmers who were affected by the closing of their prior cold storage facility. Helping donate significant amounts of local food to our community pantries, while also providing cold storage space to those affected farmers was a win-win for all of us. Thankfully the teams at HVADC, Scenic Hudson and FeedHV coordinated a swift, multifaceted solution in just a few days, all in time for the holidays and winter season when our local supply chain is even more critical for those in need," said Michael Waterman, CEO, Hudson Harvest.

The receiving agencies are in Beacon, Cairo, Catskill, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook and West Park, and include Ascension Food Pantry, Catskill Community Center, the Center for Creative Education, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Outreach, Fareground, Prabhuji Food Distribution, Red Hook Responds and The Pantry at Dutchess Community College. Food distribution started just prior to Thanksgiving and was completed in December.

This was the third instance of HVADC facilitating coordination between FeedHV and Scenic Hudson, and at the same time helping Hudson Valley farms and food producers. In September, HVADC connected Scenic Hudson and FeedHV with Hudson Valley Fisheries (HVF) of Hudson, New York, to procure approximately 1,200 pounds of locally grown steelhead trout for distribution to six agencies with food assistance programs in Greene and Columbia counties. In August 2020, at the height of the pandemic and surplus challenges facing local dairy farmers, Scenic Hudson and FeedHV partnered to purchase milk, yogurt and butter from Hudson Valley Fresh and Ronnybrook Farm Dairy. Through that effort, nearly 75,000 pounds of dairy products were directed to community assistance organization focusing on feeding children in need in Dutchess, Ulster and Columbia counties.

To learn more about FeedHV, its donor and volunteer programs, visit feedhv.org. To become a food donor, contact info@feedhv.org. To make a monetary donation to FeedHV, visit feedhv.org/donate-today.

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Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



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COLLEGE NOTES

MILWAUKEE, WI — Anne Blejwas, from Poughquag, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2021 Fall Quarter. Blejwas is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned a GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) for this quarter are on the Honors List.

ELMIRA, NY — Emma Clegg of Clinton Corners has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for the Fall 2021 Term. Full-time undergraduate students registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and earning a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher at the end of Term I or Term II are placed on the Dean's List at the College.

POTSDAM, NY — The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 887 students to the President's List, in recognition of their academic excellence in the Fall 2021 semester.

The students included:
Allison Budd of Red Hook, whose major is Music Education;
Quinn Graziano of Rhinebeck, whose major is Geology;
Amelia McNamara of Staatsburg, whose major is Music Education;
Jonah O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Music Education;
Samala Rubin of Red Hook, whose major is Music Education;
Jaelyn Twitchell of Hyde Park, whose major is Music Education;
Hali Wack of Millbrook, whose major

is Music Education;
Maia Weiss of Red Hook, whose major is Music Performance;
Julianne Williams of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Music Education.

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

POTSDAM, NY — The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 235 students who excelled academically in the Fall 2021 semester to the College's Dean's List.

To achieve the honor of being on the Dean's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

The students included:
Aidan Sears of Stanfordville, whose major is Music Education;
Kat Tompkins of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Physics.

BURLINGTON, VT — The following students have been named to the University of Vermont Dean's List:

Sadie Bloch of Barrytown (Community Entrepreneurship major, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences);
Wyatt Matyas of Hyde Park (Environmental Engineering major, College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences).

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or

better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

ALBANY, NY — The College of Saint Rose has awarded dean's list honors to students who earned a 3.5 average or higher in the fall 2021 semester.

Natalie Wajda of Staatsburg, who is majoring in Music (BS);
Nicholas Espeut of Pleasant Valley, who is majoring in Accounting;
Christina Evans of Hyde Park, who is majoring in Forensic Psychology.

PLYMOUTH, NH — Sean Murphy of Rhinebeck has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Fall 2021 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Murphy is a Adventure Education major at Plymouth State.

TROY, NY — More than 1,500 students were named to the Fall 2021 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College.

Local students include:
Skyla LaFumee of Hyde Park, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science: Adolescent Education academic program.
Jennifer Massarone of Rhinebeck, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program.
Ruo Nan Huang of Millerton, who is studying in the Biological Sciences academic program.

Edward Hayes of Red Hook, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program.

Mandy Wexler of Tivoli, who is studying in the Health Information Management and Technology academic program.

Eoghan Haughey of Staatsburg, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program.

Each fall and spring term, the college's President's List names those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of between 3.5 and 4.0 and who received no grade of "D," "F," "I," "Z," or "W" on their record for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

TROY, NY — Nearly 900 students were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College.

Local students include:
Devon Flynn of Red Hook, who is studying in the Exercise Science academic program.
Kyle Markumas of Pleasant Valley, who is studying in the Surgical Technology academic program.

CONWAY, SC — Nearly 1,000 students were named to the President's List at Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2021 semester, including Ryeann-Marie Duncan, an Elementary Education major from Hyde Park.

CANTON, NY — SUNY Canton recognizes more than 200 part-time students for academic excellence during the fall 2021 semester.

The college created this award to recognize students who earned at least a 3.25 GPA in 6 to 11 credits of course work. It stands alongside the college's Dean's List and President's List as one of the top awards given each semester at the college.

Local students include:
Alexander McPhee, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major, from Hyde Park.

Louise Lloyd Payne, a SUNY Canton Veterinary Service Administration major, from Red Hook.

CANTON, NY — SUNY Canton recognizes approximately 600 students for earning a spot on the President's List during the fall 2021 semester. President's List recognizes full-time students who achieve a 3.75 or greater GPA.

Students honored include:
Elizabeth Mackey, a SUNY Canton Legal Studies major from Millbrook.

Emily Luse, a SUNY Canton Legal Studies major from Pleasant Valley.

Hanlon Crane, a SUNY Canton Homeland Security major from Red Hook.

CONWAY, SC — Nearly 2,500 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester, including Jessica Perrin, a Undeclared - Business major from Pleasant Valley.

DURHAM, NH — Kyle Teller of Hyde Park graduated from the University of New Hampshire in December 2021. Teller earned a PhD in Math Applied.

Students who received the honor Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; Students who received the honor of Magna Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64.

CENTER VALLEY, PA — Taylor Guerra, a resident of Lagrangeville and majoring in Nursing, made the 2021 Fall Dean's List at DeSales University.

To qualify for Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.50 GPA on no fewer than 12 credit hours.

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List:

Calette Tarkos of Millbrook, Olivia Beer of Red Hook, Steven Albrecht of Pleasant Valley, Daniel Schroedl of Staatsburg, Brett Weathers of Millbrook, Andrea Ugalde - Velasquez of Salt Point.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

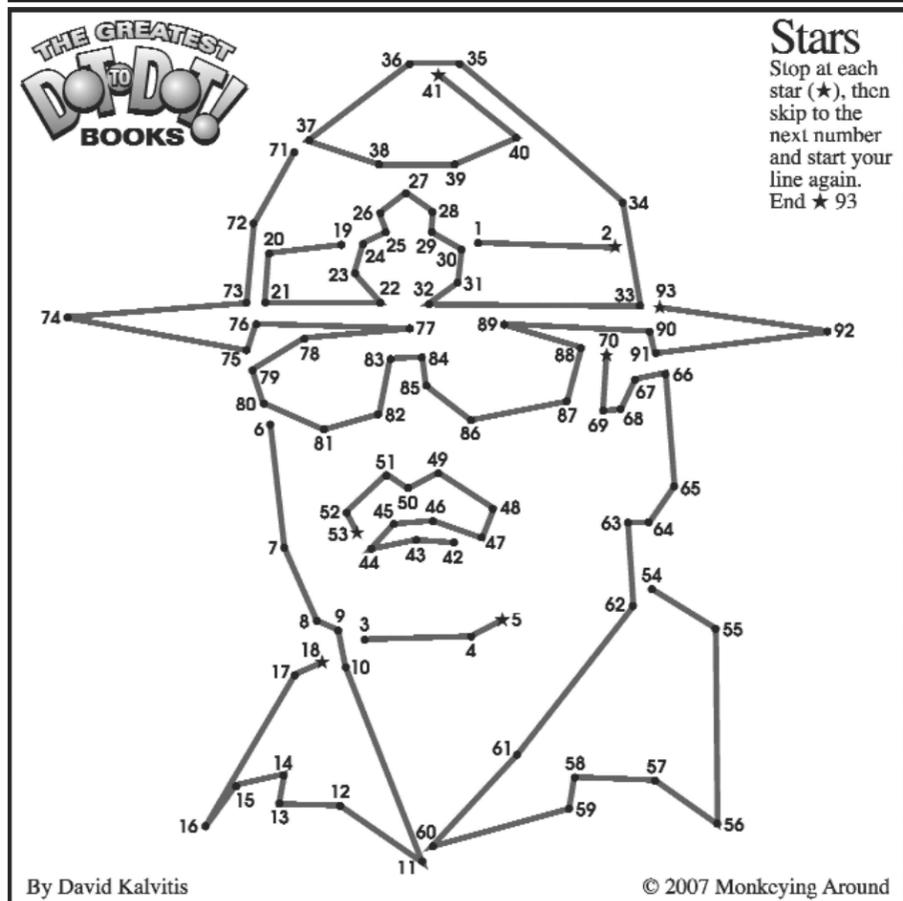
BUFFALO, NY — Tristan Pitcher of Red Hook has been named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Buffalo State College. Pitcher is majoring in Social Studies 7-12.

In general, students who have completed at least 12 credit hours and who have attained a term GPA of 3.5 or higher qualify for the Buffalo State dean's list.

ROCHESTER, NY — Nazareth College students named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List include Kathleen Anspach of Tivoli, Lauren Sanford of Hyde Park and Madeline Anderson of Red Hook.

A student's grade point average must be at least 3.5 or above, and they must complete 12 credit hours of graded work that semester in order to be included on the dean's list at Nazareth.

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



Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 12)

Suguru solution

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SUDOKU

This week's answer

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OBITUARIES

William G. Baratta, Jr.

HYDE PARK – William G. Baratta, Jr., 79, of Hyde Park, NY and Dunedin, Florida passed away on January 17, 2022 at home in Hyde Park, NY. He was born on December 21, 1942 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the son of William G. & Katherine Caruso Barrata, Sr. He was employed by the City of Poughkeepsie School District as the Transportation Supervisor for the district. He retired December 31, 2005. Bill married Rita M. Tillou on October 4, 1964 in St. Peter's Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. She survives at home. He enjoyed scuba diving with the Aquatic Explorers Club and was a former member of the Italian Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He loved his residence in Florida and was an avid golfer there playing three times a week. Survivors include a son: William (Wendy) Baratta of Dunedin, Florida; daughter: Corrine Baratta-Gannon and her husband Jeff; sisters: Brenda Baratta-Smith and husband Art; Christine Baratta-Soricelli and husband Albert both of Poughkeepsie, NY and daughter-in-law: Isabel Baratta of Poughkeepsie, NY. Grandchildren include: Jeffrey, Jr., Dominic, Joey, Shaniece, Isabella, Alyssa and great granddaughter: Layla. He was predeceased by a son: Gregory G. Baratta (12/3/21) and a grandson: Nicholas. Visitation was Sunday, January 23, 2022, at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, January 24, 2022 at Mt. Carmel Church, 95 Mill St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Burial will be at a later date in St. Peter's Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105 OR Friends of Karen 118 Titicus Rd., No. Salem, NY 10560. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Jean R. Barnard

POUGHKEEPSIE – Jean R. Barnard, 92, a longtime resident of Poughkeepsie and a previous resident of Holmes, NY, died on January 12, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Jean was born in Hull Kubeck, Canada on May 30, 1929. The daughter of the late Wilbrod Belanger and Albine Sarrazin Belanger. On October 29, 1949 in Montreal Canada, she married Albert Barnard. Mr. Barnard predeceased her on January 25, 2018. Survivors include her 4 children; Carole Barnard of Poughkeepsie, Daniel Barnard and his wife Karen of Florida, Deborah Kelly of Poughkeepsie, Alan Barnard of Poughkeepsie, her brothers; Paul and Robert Belanger and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and several nieces nephews and cousins. Jean was predeceased by her 3 sons; David, Joseph and Jamie Barnard and two brothers; Fernande and Marcel Belanger. Private burial will take place at Raymond Hill Cemetery in Carmel, NY. Let not your heart be troubled, Neither let it be afraid, Believe in God, Believe also in me, In my Father's house, There are many mansions, If it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, And where I go, There, you will go also, Jesus. Arrangements by the Michael Torson Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 218 Mill St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

George W. Berryann Sr.

HYDE PARK – On January 14th, 2022 George lost his battle of many years to Lewy Body Dementia & Parkinsons. He was a loving and caring husband, father, son, brother, brother in law, grandfather & great grandfather. Born on October 25th, 1933 to Alfred and Lillian Berryann in Kingston NY. George had two brothers and one sister. Alfred Jr, Charles, and Johana, who have all predeceased him. He is survived by the love of his life Marie Berryann, five children (three sons & two daughters) George Jr & wife Jody, David & wife Janet, Joseph, Patty & husband Patrick Tropea, and Debra & husband Gurunandan Dugal, 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren & many nephews & nieces. George was a veteran, he served in the army's 70th Engineer Combat Battalion from 1953-1955. He was a carpenter in the union & worked for the Fimble Overhead Garage Door Co. for many years until he was hired by IBM as a facilities coordinator. He retired from IBM in 1993. George was very active in the community, he was a member & past president of the Regina Coeli Men's club, Pop Warner football and Boy Scouts. He was also a member & past president of the Viola Rod & Gun Club. He loved boating, fishing, hunt-

ing & camping with his family. He also had a cabin on the Great Sacandaga Lake for 30 years where he always loved to spend time with his family and friends. He will always be remembered as "Pop - the man, the myth, the legend" & will be truly missed by all! The Berryann Family would also like to give a big thanks to the Hudson Valley Hospice staff, nurses and aids for all their dedication, love, care, understanding and expertise they gave to George in his time of need. A special thanks to Maureen & Angela for all their love, caring & dedication to not only George, but to everyone of the great many other people they care for. In keeping with his wishes services are private, he will be laid to rest in the family plot in St. Peter's Cemetery, Poughkeepsie. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Hudson Valley Hospice, 80 Washington St. Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, (www.hvhospice.org). Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

John Norman Boyles Sr.

PINE PLAINS – John "Norman" Boyles, Sr., 90 of Pine Plains, NY was called home to our Lord on Saturday, January 15th. He resided at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, CT. He was born on October 13, 1931 in Hudson, NY to Arthur and Helena Boyles. He is predeceased by his wife Patricia Ann Boyles and his brother William Joseph Boyles. He attended Pine Plains Central School, he then went on to serve 4 years in the United States Air Force. On July 13, 1957 he married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Galm. They raised five loving children together: Lorraine Olay (Christopher), John Boyles, Jr. (Mary Leonard), James Boyles (Julie Lutz), Patrick Boyles and Noreen Hoysradt (Christopher Bodnar). He was loved by his numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Norman retired from IBM after 32 years. After retiring he drove for Blackburn Contracting. Norman served on the Pine Plains Central School Board of Education for several years and the Ag Advisory Board. He was instrumental in organizing the horse pull for the FFA Fair. He was a founding member of the Bomber Booster Club. He was also a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion. He was immensely passionate about farming and livestock however, his greatest pride was his family. He was an incredible patriarch and he will be sorely missed by all who love him. Calling hours were Monday, January 24 at Peck and Peck Funeral Home, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, January 25 from Saint Anthony's Church (Corner of Poplar Ave & 199) Pine Plains. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Donations in Norman's memory may be made to the Pine Plains FFA, 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Laura Broas

HYDE PARK – Laura Broas, 84, a longtime resident of Hyde Park, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2022, at the Eleanor Nursing Facility. Born on May 31, 1937, in Yonkers she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spontini. Laura was an Assistant Chef at Vassar College for approximately fifteen years until her retirement. A former resident of Tivoli, she was once a Volunteer Firefighter. Laura liked cats, and while in the nursing home, she enjoyed watching movies, listening to oldies music, playing BINGO, and baking. On October 25, 1959, in St. Mary's Church, Poughkeepsie, she married Robert K. Broas Sr. Her husband predeceased her in 2011. Laura and her husband had two children, Robert K. Broas Jr. and Judith Ann Lockhead; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. She had two brothers, Lewis and Joseph Spontini. There are no calling hours. Graveside services and burial took place Friday, January 21st at Crum Elbow Cemetery, Hyde Park. The ashes of her husband and brother, Lewis, will be placed with her. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Denise Anna Every

PLEASANT VALLEY – The family of Denise Anna Every announces the passing of their beloved mom, sister, aunt, and cousin. Denise, a warm, loving, gentle soul touched many with her beautiful artwork and her willingness to share all the invaluable knowledge she gained through her insatiable quest of reading. She continued to work throughout her life utilizing her skills as a registered nurse.

She will forever be loved and missed by: sons, Conor and Travis Outwater; the Every sisters and brothers, Cheryl, Michele, Mark, and Zane and their spouses and children; and all the Every, Ong, Seko, Myers, and Outwater families. She joins those she loved who passed before her: sister, Margaret Ann Myers; parents, Zane Every and Janet Ong. A graveside memorial was held Saturday, January 22 at Wappingers Rural Cemetery, Rte 9D, Wappingers Falls. Donations in her memory may be sent to rescue her favorite type of dogs @ North American Shar-Pei Rescue (NASPR), 2203 Walnut Grove Lane, Richmond, Texas 77406 (501) (c) 3 non-profit (www.sharpeirescue.com) or Savethe Children.org. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. To send Denise's family an online condolence or for directions, please visit her obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Antoine O. Gendron Sr.

MILAN – Antoine O. Gendron, Sr., 88, a longtime resident of Wappingers Falls and recently of Milan, passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Born November 10, 1933, in Bradford, VT, he was the son of the late Antoine and Adelia (Farr) Gendron. Antoine married Geraldine Mattoon on April 18, 1954. Geraldine predeceased him on April 5, 2009. Antoine worked as a Carpenter with the Local Union out of Beacon for many years and up until his retirement. After retiring Antoine continued to keep busy by operating a small engine repair shop. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling, hunting, and tinkering outside. As of late, he could often be found working on a puzzle. Survived by his children, Antoine Gendron Jr. of Milan, NY, Deborah Gendron-Losee of Wappingers Falls, NY; his grandchildren, Antoine Gendron of Albany, NY and Jessica Gendron of Milan, NY; in addition to extended family and friends. There will be no services at this time. Antoine will be buried next to his wife in Vermont. Memorial donations may be made in Antoine's memory to the Cancer Society, Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Joan M. 'Tracy' McDonald

RHINEBECK – Joan M. McDonald died on January 17, 2022 at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY. Joan was born in October 1934 in Indian Lake, NY to John and Sophronia Tracy, the youngest of 13 children. After high school graduation, Joan moved to Poughkeepsie to attend the Vassar Brothers Hospital School of Nursing. In 1961, she married William J. McDonald (predeceased) and they remained in Poughkeepsie. A skilled RN, Joan worked as a nurse throughout her career in a variety of settings. These included the former Hudson River State Psychiatric Center, Vassar Hospital, The Culinary Institute of America, and for several local ob/gyn and pediatric practices. Joan also volunteered and served on the Board of Advocates for the Vassar Warner Home for many years. She is survived by her son, W. Patrick McDonald (Kirsten), and her daughter Mary E. Bish. Also surviving are her grandchildren Caitlin Haber (Zachary), Sarah Bish (Aditya Sapkal), Evan Bish, and Will McDonald, along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to her love of the Adirondack Mountains, Joan will be remembered for her quiet faith, service to others, and devotion to her family - especially her grandchildren. Graveside Services were Friday, January 21, 2022 in St. Peter's Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller Funeral Home & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Please send any donations made in Joan's memory to The Alzheimer's Association. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Suzy Myers

CLINTON CORNERS – Suzy Myers, 62, died on January 14, 2022 at Northern Dutchess Hospital. A resident of Clinton Corners for the last 12 years, she previously lived in Fishkill. Born in Portland, ME on January 5, 1960, Suzy was the daughter of the late John and Sydell (Schuman) Ligotino. She was the lunch monitor at Fishkill Elementary School when her daughters were younger. She had been employed at Cracker Barrel in Fishkill for many years before becoming a Pharmacy Technician at CVS in Fishkill. On April 21, 2007, she married Larry Myers who survives at home. She is also survived by her children, Amy Ruhe and her husband Chris of

Stormville, Emily DeCarlo and her husband Sean Heaphy of Hyde Park, Peter Myers of Kingston, Sarah Bell and her husband Emmett of Red Hook, and Hannah Myers of Kingston; her grandchildren, Ella Brescia, Aerias Ruhe, Eli Brescia, and Freya Ruhe; her niece, Jessica Lynch; her great-niece, Madison Lynch; her former husband, Robert DeCarlo; and her daughter, Kerry DeCarlo. Suzy was a devout Christian and an avid reader who deeply loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren every chance she had. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. Please visit Suzy's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Plank Conklin

RHINECLIFF – Nancy Plank Conklin, 81, passed away January 13 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She is survived by her husband, Jack Conklin of Rhinecliff, her son David Straub of Conshohocken, PA, and stepsons, Thomas Conklin of Greensboro, NC, and Todd Conklin of Brandan, FL., four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Jane Copp of Brookfield, CT. Nancy was the daughter of Curtis and Katherine Plank of Catskill, NY, and a graduate of Catskill High School and Albany Business College. She was employed by the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank, was Office Manager for United Way of Dutchess County, and joined IBM Poughkeepsie in 1981. Nancy retired in 1996 as a manager responsible for the maintenance and furnishing of several IBM properties in the Poughkeepsie area. Nancy was a member of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie and co-founder of the Hyde Park Historical Society Museum. Nancy joined the initial year of Bard College's Lifetime Learning program. There will be no calling hours; a memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations in Nancy's memory may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. To sign the online register please visit dapsonchestney.com.

Herbert H. Redl



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Herbert H. Redl announces his peaceful passing on January 21, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Born on December 1, 1930, he was the eldest child of Hans and Laura (nee Quick) Redl, both deceased. He is survived at home by his wife, Sue Ann Cotter, his high school sweetheart who was captain of the Arlington cheerleading team when they fell in love while he played the star quarterback. They married August 17, 1952 and raised 4 daughters, Kim {Redl} Lawrence {John}, Kelley Redl-Hardisty {Dave} Kari Redl Daniels {Alan} and Kristi Redl Deasy {Jim}. He is also survived by his brothers Frank {Janet} and Richard {Chris}. He also leaves behind his adoring eight grandchildren, Hans {Amy} Hardisty, Ross {Melissa} Hardisty, Kiel {Meghan} Lawrence, Megan {Ryan} Wiley, Jason {Corrine} Daniels, Kristen Daniels, Jack and Libby Deasy, as well as nine great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his brothers Carl, Donald, and Ronald, and two sisters Ruth {Joseph} Mesuda and Joan {Edward} Anderson. His extraordinary life really began as a star athlete in high school as he played varsity football, basketball, and ran track. Herb was a natural born team leader. He consistently contributed at least 50% of the total team points to each game and was one of the highest scoring players at the high school during his tenure. As such, he was admitted into the Arlington High School Hall of Fame inaugural class in 2014. In 1949, he purchased his first property and opened Herb Redl's Autobody Shop, which was where his story

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF 2022 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX COLLECTION TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Lee Anne Freno, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Wappinger, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Wappinger for the year 2022.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, and that I will attend at 20 Middlebush Road, in the said Town of Wappinger from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on each day, excepting Saturdays, Sunday and holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid via drop box, in person, online or by mail. Check or money order is to be made out to Lee A. Freno, Receiver of Taxes. Payments made in person will be subject to the town's current COVID-19 protocol. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that payment may be made any time from the receipt of bill to February 28, 2022 without penalty. Payments made March 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 incur a two percent (2%) penalty. Payments made from June 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 incur a four percent (4%) penalty. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law provides that after the interest free period for payment of taxes elapses and taxes remain unpaid, the tax collecting officer is required to send a notice of unpaid taxes to the owner. The expense of this notice is a two dollar (\$2.00) charge which is added to the parcel.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, no payments will be accepted at this office after August 31, 2022. After August 31, 2022 the tax roll of the Town of Wappinger will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. Information may be obtained by calling the tax office at (845) 297-4342

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or by visiting the Town's website at townofwappingerny.gov. Dated: January 14, 2022

Signed: Lee Anne Freno, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Wappinger

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

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No. 2021-50761

Date Filed: 1/4/2022

BankUnited N.A.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Constance Talbert; Jerome L. Frazier, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; WF HIL 2017-2 Grantor Trust; GL Mortgage; Sharon Burt; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; Dutchess County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services; Dutchess County Department of Community & Family Services, State of New York, and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 126 Curry Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by

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Dated: September 8, 2021

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completion date, including all punch list work is March 31, 2022. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYSDOT specifications September 1, 2021. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2022000368. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. "Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov."

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the front of the lot. In addition, the lot will be used for temporary storage of portable toilets that are continuously moved to off site locations. Other improvements to the site shall include driveways, parking areas (31 parking spaces), a gravel storage area, utility infrastructure, etc., that is normally associated with the development of a commercial site. The site will be served by an additional new private on-site sewage disposal system. The proposal involves the disturbance of 2.1 acres of which 0.63 acres will be impervious with the remaining 1.47 acres of pervious area consisting of lawn/landscaped area and existing vegetation. The parcel for this proposal is located at 146 Old Route 9, consists of 5.94 acres, is identified as Tax Map Parcel No.: 6155-04-840483 and is in the GB (General Business) and R-15 Zoning Districts. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov.

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and legacy began. Realizing his love of business, he began purchasing real estate that he would eventually grow into shopping centers, residential properties, offices, retail spaces, a self-storage company – Guardian Self Storage - a manufactured home community– The Gables - and of course the favorite business child, All Sport Health and Fitness! Over the years he developed over 1,300,000 square feet of rental space in Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange counties and acquired over 139 properties. To his family, Herb was an entrepreneur, businessman, math whiz, master negotiator, loving husband, father, grandfather, great dancer, terrible singer, and an even worse driver. The story is true: during one of his several car accidents, the other driver asked his wife to get out of the car so she could meet Herb Redl! He loved tailgating at West Point football games, playing horseshoes, and barbecuing chicken, which was always overdone during the two Manhattan cooking ritual. He

loved his friends and dinners out, lunch at the diner, and our annual family reunion in Ellenville. He especially cherished his four daughters and business partners who each can recall those special words he said as he walked each of them down the aisle: "Are you sure honey? We can just have a party!" As a younger man, Herb sat on many boards, which included: several bank boards, Vassar Brothers Hospital, the Bardavon, the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and was one of the founding members of the DC External Marketing Counsel. His philanthropic support of the community can be most recognized by his establishment of the Herb Redl Family Foundation, which continues his ongoing support of the Westchester Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital and the donation of the Herb and Sue Ann Redl Center for Cancer Care. Herb also had an affection for Marist College where he established the Herb and Sue Redl Scholarship, which contributes

financial support for students in financial need. To date there have been 138 awards given to 71 students. In 2013, Herb and his wife Sue received the Marist College Presidents Award for Community Service. The Marist College Rotunda also bears their name. Recently his foundation donated a treatment room to the Nuvance Emergency Center at Vassar Brothers Hospital. The family is grateful for the wonderful care Herb received from Hospice of the Hudson Valley. We also cannot thank his care givers enough, Joan, Aimee, Debbie, Bylinda and Anne for their kind and loving care they gave to him during his time of need. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or the Herb and Sue Ann Redl Center for Cancer Care at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, payable to the Westchester Medical Center Foundation, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital,

241 North Road, 5th floor-The Atrium, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 All and all a life well lived by a self-made, hardworking and well-respected man. The one comforting thought he leaves behind to the rest of our souls still here on Earth that we are certain of, should Heaven ever need more space, let's hope Herb is the person negotiating our deal! Rest In Peace HR. Arrangements are being handled by our personal and dear friend Vincent Miller, at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Calling hours will be Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 2pm to 6pm. Family requests that all attending the Visitation and service to PLEASE WEAR A MASK. Services will be Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10AM in the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main St. (Rt.44) Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. If you wish to send an online condolence please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com

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The very unreal Tammy

All of the awards translate into success in marketing and selling. Tammy says her key to success is to "work from the road." She prides herself on being the most recommended realtor in the North East. "Your reputation becomes your passport to achieving great levels of boldness," she said. "I am an optimistic and bold-thinking individual. I work hard for the people who choose me as their professional realtor." Tammy has the most listings "closed" every year and says "that is the most important statistic one can look at."

If you want to work with Tammy, contact her at 555-3333 (office) or 555-4444 (direct).

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State Office for Aging offers cold weather tips, emergency resources

With many more weeks of cold weather still to come – New York State Office for the Aging Director (NYSOFA) Greg Olsen reminds older adults, their caregivers and neighbors to take extra safety precautions and check in on one another.

He also highlighted emergency assistance and other resources that are available to help ensure the safety of older adults – and all New Yorkers – during the winter months.

“Winter has always been an important time to check in on family, loved ones, and neighbors to make sure they are safe,” he said. “This kind of outreach is even more important now, during the pandemic, as older adults, persons with disabilities, and the chronically ill face even more extreme levels of social isolation that can make them especially vulnerable to winter safety risks at home.”

Emergency heating assistance through HEAP

Individuals facing a home-heating emergency may be eligible for assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. The emergency benefit opened on Jan. 3 and is available for low-income older adults and other New Yorkers whose home heating is either shut off or scheduled to be shut off, as well as for individuals who are running out of home heating fuel or other deliverable heat sources.

Regular HEAP benefits

Lower-income New Yorkers may also

be eligible for regular (non-emergency) HEAP benefits to help pay for heating your home.

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Benefits opened on Oct. 1, 2021.

Reporting a dangerous living condition

Neglect (including self-neglect) is the most prevalent form of elder abuse. It can include being deprived of enough food, water or heat. “For individuals with a chronic illness or living in an unsafe environment, the consequences can be catastrophic during cold weather,” Olsen said.

If you are concerned about an older adult’s living situation during the winter months and are unable to assist, you can call Adult Protective Services at 1-844-697-3505 or contact the local social services department’s Adult Protective Service bureau using the directory at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/directories/localdss.php>.

New Yorkers concerned about the safety of an older adult at home can also contact their county Office for the Aging (845-486-2555) or contact the NY Connects helpline at 1-800-342-9871.

Space heaters and supplemental heat safety

“Unattended, improperly vented or malfunctioning space heaters pose a major fire risk,” Olsen added.

Below are some tips to ensure you or a

loved one is using these supplemental heat sources safely.

- If you use a fireplace, wood stove, or portable kerosene heater to stay warm, be sure there is adequate ventilation to the outside. Without enough fresh air, carbon monoxide fumes can build up in your home.

- Never use a natural gas or propane stove/oven to heat your home.

- Follow all safety precautions when using wood stoves, space heaters, electric heaters, kerosene heaters, and pellet

stoves.

- Now is a good time to test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms – and to do so at least monthly. Be sure to also replace batteries at least once a year, and replace alarms that are ten years or older.

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