

FIREFIGHTERS HELPING FIREFIGHTERS!

Stanford Fire Committee embraces challenges with more aid for Ukraine

by Curtis Schmidt
and Rich Thomaselli

It's been almost a year of missions accomplished, and now, even more missions to come for members of the Town of Stanford Fire Department and its volunteers.

What began as a novel idea to help fellow volunteer firefighters in war-torn Ukraine has become an incredible adventure filled with challenges – and successes – that none of the local firefighters could have foreseen.

Dubbed Stanford's "Help For Ukraine Committee," and led by Co-Chairman Ed Zick, the group spent several months last year working to collect much-needed fire equipment and emergency medical supplies for a fire department in a village in Ukraine. Zick and a small group of local firefighters traveled to Syracuse in August to watch as 3,000 pounds of equipment was loaded to be shipped overseas – to Gdansk, Poland and then to Ukraine.

The first batch of supplies arrived in the village of Manevychi, Ukraine in late October. Included was everything from bandages to face-masks to body boards and more. Everything donated was from the Stanford Fire Department and fire departments across Dutchess and surrounding counties.

"The idea was well received," Zick said. "We appreciate everybody who got involved in one way or another."

The on-going war has resulted in many embargoes and other sanctions. That has meant a severe limitation on moving supplies and other items, as well as refugees, across the borders. So Zick and his colleagues did not know when, or if, the supplies would arrive.

Zick recalls the words of "Fred," his contact in Syracuse, when the shipment began its journey overseas. "Over and over, he would say 'I don't understand why you would do this for my people,

but God does.' It made all those setbacks and sleepless nights worth it," said Zick.

Zick recounted the events that transpired in transporting the initial shipment.

"Fred (our Ukraine contact from Syracuse) flew to Poland, met the ship, took possession of our cargo in Gdansk, and trucked it to his hometown of Manevychi before categorizing and transporting the supplies to the front lines of fighting. Shortly afterward, he coordinated a Zoom meeting between our committee members and the chief fire official and hospital medical director of the province. They wanted to directly acknowledge receipt of our cargo, and to express their profound gratitude for our contributions. They described how dire the situation had become. Firefighters were battling blazes in sneakers, turnout gear was insufficient to offer bodily protection, and fire hoses were rendered useless by Russian artillery strafing."

After speaking with these men, Stanford's "Help For Ukraine Committee" unanimously decided to send a second cargo, which would include heavy winter clothing, boots, and medicine. Three women on the committee volunteered to collect, coordinate and pack all donations received.

"Once again, we appealed to our local fire companies, communities, churches, outreach groups and resource



Members of Stanford's "Help for Ukraine Committee" are pictured with brothers from Ukraine who have helped in shipping local cargo to the war-torn country. Right: This bullet-riddled helmet belonged to a seriously injured Ukrainian soldier and was donated to the Stanford Fire Department for its efforts. *Courtesy photos*



organizations," said Zick. "The response was overwhelming. People donated ski gloves, hats, jackets, pants, woolen blankets, down comforters, children's

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Climate action program kicks off in nine municipalities

by Kate Goldsmith

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles that will inform readers about Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI), an innovative 16-month program to identify and address ways for local governments to become more sustainable, involving County Government and selected towns and villages that were chosen to participate.

Nine municipalities in Dutchess County are participating in the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) to identify a path toward more

sustainable local government operations. They include Dutchess County government; the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie; the towns of Amenia, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck; and the villages of Rhinebeck and Wappingers Falls.

CAPI is a project of the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC), an organization of county governments that provides a regional perspective, offers education and outreach, technical assistance, and advocacy to the communities it serves. The initiative

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Pictured at the kick-off meeting for Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) on Jan. 18 are (from left) Village of Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett, Rhinebeck volunteer Michael Forlenza, Rhinebeck Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi, and Carla Castillo, Interim Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, which oversees the program. *Photo by Mary Lambert*

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A New Year, a ‘New to You’ thank-you



The “New to You” Thrift Shop in Red Hook features a wide variety of neatly displayed items. Courtesy photo

Submitted by Pat Owens

The “New to You” Thrift Shop at St. Christopher’s Church Parish Center on Benner Road in Red Hook has been open since June, and we must thank everyone who has contributed to our success. We are hopeless shoppers ourselves and have tried to make our shop as welcome as we can so patrons can enjoy their experience and find some bargains, as well.

If you wish, we’re happy to offer advice while you’re trying on that perfect blouse or dress. But fear not, we are not just for womenfolk. Men come in to peruse books and chefs may find that perfect pan. Lots of paintings and frames line our walls and are updated regularly. An empty spot fills right up with another

interesting item. One thing we can say is that we have made new friends and welcomed old friends and we always have a good time.

Is it time to rearrange that closet? Or organize your kitchen? How about those unwanted gifts? (We won’t breathe a word!) The “New to You” Thrift Shop at St. Christopher’s Parish Center is available to take your nearly new donations every Saturday. We take women’s clothing, tchotchkes, housewares, books, lamps but NO MUGS. I’m serious, nobody wants them and we don’t either!

We are open on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. We would love to see you.

Gina McGrudden,
Pat Owens, Harriet Rossi

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Volunteer firefighters in the village of Manevychi, Ukraine stand with supplies sent from the Stanford Fire Department's "Help for Ukraine Committee." Co-chair Ed Zick noted that most of the volunteers are older, because the younger ones are fighting on the front lines. Courtesy photo

snowsuits and every imaginable piece of clothing and bedding essential for firefighters and their families to endure winter conditions on or near the battlefields.”

The second drive ended just after Christmas.

Zick said, with additional and generous financial support - much of which was contributed anonymously - the group was able to purchase generators needed to keep firehouses and hospital areas heated and powered. Additionally, they located a U.S. manufacturer of potassium iodide, a compound used to protect the thyroid gland in the event of radioactive contamination should Russian bombings strike at or near nuclear reactor plants.

Zick said his group was able to purchase 5,700 adult doses for 10 percent of the retail cost. Also contained in their current shipment are 300 tourniquets, useful in stemming severe bleeding and extremity damage incurred by battlefield

wounds.

“After everything was collected and packaged for transport, Fred and his brother drove down to the Stanford Fire House, where they and our members loaded a 20-foot box truck. These brothers will personally monitor the cargo’s progress from Secaucus, NJ, through Poland, into Ukraine, until it reaches its destination in crucial, war-torn areas of their homeland. The cargo is scheduled to arrive during the second or third week of February.”

Additional members of Stanford’s “Help For Ukraine Committee” include Evelyn Seipp, Duffy Layton, Dennis Buchal, Tim Gifford, Will Moriarty, Christopher Delfino, Ed Cerul, Sean McCarthy, Mike Pizzanelli, Doreen Brown, Cathy Dillinger, Laura Gilhooly, Dani Seipp, Kathie Spiers and Maria Young.

Roddey appointed principal at Red Hook High School

by Stacey van den Thoorn

Kyle Roddey is set to take the helm as principal at Red Hook High School at the end of February following his appointment by the Red Hook Central School District Board of Education at its Jan. 18 meeting.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Roddey to the Red Hook Raiders family at the high school,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Warden. “His presence will bring a great deal of experience and knowledge to our District.”

According to the district, a rigorous candidate search was conducted that included parents, students, faculty, administrative staff and members of the community. Roddey currently serves as principal at Fallsburg Junior Senior High School. His experience in education includes serving as Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and as a social studies teacher in school districts in Orange County.



Kyle Roddey

From 2011 through 2018 Roddey served as Mayor of the Village of Goshen and is expected to complete his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University in June 2023.

“I am beyond excited to be joining the Red Hook Central School District,” said Roddey. “One of the things that most attracted me to the district was the strong sense of community that was apparent throughout the interview process. Red Hook is a special place where neighbors take care of neighbors and the community works together exceedingly well. I am looking forward to being an active participant in community events, both inside and outside of Red Hook High School.”

Roddey’s experience in education and local government has solidified his commitment to the importance of community building through collaborative leadership and forward thinking.

“One of my biggest takeaways from being mayor was the importance of col-

laborative leadership. I know that I will never know it all, and it is critical that I engage those around me to make the best possible decisions,” said Roddey. “Collaboration, critical thinking, and creative problem solving must be developed in our schools simultaneously while we help students master academic content.

“As a principal, one of my primary goals is to make sure Red Hook High School is a safe, fun and engaging place for everyone. I was extremely impressed with the innovative learning that is taking place throughout the district. In a constantly changing world, it is critical that schools educate students to be critical thinkers who exhibit the soft skills that future jobs will require. I am excited to work with school stakeholders to continue these efforts and innovations. I look forward to supporting all faculty and staff members as they do amazing things each day for our students.”

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE, HUDSON VALLEY CASH COALITION TAX PREPARATION

Need assistance to file your 2022 tax return? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide and the Hudson Valley CASH Coalition are once again providing free in-person tax preparation assistance. IRS Certified volunteers will assist low to moderate income individuals, seniors, and families e-file state and federal returns. Filers do not need to be AARP members or seniors to receive the service. Last year 4,218 filers from Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties received assistance.

To see if one qualifies and to make a required appointment call the United Way's Help Line 211 or 1-800-899-1479, Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Visit HV-CASH.org for more information.

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The Post-Science era: Another confirmation

To the editor:
The Age of Science had its roots in The Enlightenment, dating from the late seventeenth century to the early nineteenth, leading to spectacular achievements in understanding phenomena, and harnessing them.
The Post-Science Age can be dated much more precisely, at a press conference held by HHS (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) Secretary Margaret Heckler, announcing that the cause of the illnesses called AIDS had been found. Details were sparse, but were soon provided by the key foundation paper of HIV/AIDS: “Detection, Isolation, and Continuous Production of Cytopathic Retroviruses (HTLV-III) from Patients with AIDS and Pre-AIDS,” available from “Science” the May 1984 edition, by paying \$30, authors Dr. Robert C. Gallo, et al. It is the most referenced paper in scientific history.
Retroviruses had never been associated with human disease, but Dr. Gallo fortuitously patented a detection test that could check for indications of the HIV retrovirus said to be the cause of AIDS.
At this point, a good grasp of mathematics will be necessary to contemplate Dr. Gallo’s achievement. The paper has a table summarizing the Gallo team’s findings: Juvenile AIDS : 3 out of 8 tested HIV-positive, or 37.5%, Adult AIDS with Kaposi’s sarcoma: 13 out of 43 tested HIV-positive, or 30.2%, Adult AIDS with opportunistic infections: 10 out of 21 tested HIV-positive, or 47.6%.
In total, just 26 of the 72 tested were HIV-positive, or 36.1%.
Thus was launched the HIV/AIDS phenomena, a mere 36% of cases sufficing to launch a worldwide campaign and medical treatment consuming hundreds of billions of dollars.
For those unfamiliar with science as it has been practiced historically, no, 36% is not considered proof of anything. Maybe it is an indication to merit follow-up work to get near 100%, but clearly inadequate as proof. Nobel Prize winner (for the PCR test) Dr. Kary Mullis, sadly no longer with us, did not regard Gallo’s paper as proof, and was unable to locate any other paper constituting proof.
And sure enough, a number of scientists came out with papers and books with titles like “Has Gallo proven the role of HIV in AIDS? “, and “Inventing the AIDS Virus”.
Backing up, AIDS was an umbrella term for illnesses, largely in a highly active, often stimulant-using, segment of the homosexual population, and in intravenous drug users. One might wonder if risky lifestyle might be the cause, which would suggest an investigation by specialists in toxic substances and drug impacts. But Gallo’s paper caused the AIDS work to be routed to the government department handling infectious diseases, recently headed by Dr. Anthony S. Fauci.
Today, the HIV/AIDS skeptics have their papers, books and websites, and the knowledge that all those hundreds of billions on HIV/AIDS money has yet to produce a cure, a vaccine, or proof. The Gallos and Faucis have fame and fortune, living proof that contrary to King Canute, nature (or its perception) can be bent to rulers’ commands -perhaps trusting that there is no afterlife, or real congressional investigation.
We live today in a 2 + 2 = ? world. We need to get back to the old 2 + 2 = 4 world.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

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Chris Rolison announces candidacy for County Legislature

Chris Rolison recently announced he is running to represent the 23rd District in the County Legislature. The district includes parts of the towns of Pawling, Beekman, and East Fishkill.
Rolison currently serves as a Sergeant with the New Castle Police Department. He previously served with the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office. His nearly decade-long career in public service includes experience with investigative policing, training, community policing, school security, and helping put young people back on the right track.
During his tenure, Rolison received several awards and commendations including two Life Saving Awards; one for intervention in a suicide and a second for his actions saving an individual during a drug overdose.
Rolison has also been actively involved with efforts to bring law enforcement and community together. With a focus on at-risk youths, Chris has also been very active in helping victims of Domestic Violence.
“My entire life has centered around serving the public and I believe the best



Chris Rolison. Courtesy photo by Chris Rolison for Legislator Campaign

way for me to continue and extend my love for public service is to serve the people of the 23rd District and Dutchess County as a member of the Legislature,” Rolison said.
“I look forward to beginning my campaign and earning the support of voters, as I listen to their concerns and share my ideas on how I can best serve,” Rolison continued.
Rolison lives in East Fishkill with his wife, Kelly, and their 10-month-old daughter Alena. Chris is the son of New York State Senator Rob Rolison and grandson of former New York State Senator Jay Rolison.



Barrett sworn into office Jan. 22 in Pine Plains ceremony

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia) was sworn into office for her sixth full term during a community ceremony held on Sunday, Jan. 22, at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains.

Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado spoke and administered the oath of office to Barrett. Emcee for the program was Alec Barrett, the Assemblymember's son; Rev. Kim Singletary of Hudson led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Poughkeepsie resident Rosmerayah Garcia. The Vassar Devils, a student a cappella group, performed three numbers to the delight of everyone in attendance.

Barrett thanked the crowd of elected officials, residents, and business owners

for their friendship and support and spoke of her love for her district, region and communities.

"I never tire of being a passionate advocate for our magnificent Hudson Valley region with its iconic cultural and historic past, natural resources, farmland and rural traditions; its picturesque viewsheds and engaged communities and its legacy of creativity, innovation and environmental activism. I promise that wherever you live, I will continue to fight for a just and equitable society and the values and priorities we all care about."

Barrett noted that constituents can contact her office at any time with questions or concerns at BarrettD@nyassembly.gov or by calling 845-454-1703.

District 106 Assemblymember Didi Barrett was sworn in on Jan. 22 at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains. In the photos: Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado (right) administered the oath of office and Barrett's son Alec (center) served as the program's emcee. *Courtesy photo*



Poughkeepsie seeks developers' visions for key southern waterfront parcel

The City of Poughkeepsie is seeking qualified developers to offer their vision for a 14-acre site on the city's southern waterfront.

The city has released a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the DeLaval site, which takes its name from the former owner and occupant of the site, the DeLaval Separator Company.

The site is the last parcel with undeveloped acres on the city's waterfront, with views of the Hudson River and the Highland bluffs of Franny Reese Park.

The city's goal is to identify qualified developers/organizations that have both the experience and financial and design/construction capabilities to be able to successfully complete a redevelopment project.

The city has completed a number of visioning exercises concerning the site and arrived at the overarching goal of creating an anchor on the southern waterfront — providing public space and water-related uses, driving tourism to bolster the local economy, and complementing existing waterfront assets, such as Waryas Park and the Walkway Over the Hudson.

The RFEI invites a dialogue with qualified respondents to develop a plan that meets the objectives of the city and is financially feasible. The RFEI is seeking the broadest range of responses, recognizing the once in a lifetime development opportunity presented by the site.

The city's development goals for the site include:

- Establish mixed-use waterfront facilities and programming that make optimal use of the city's waterfront, including day and nighttime activation via development that includes a creative mix of uses, such as restaurants, a boutique hotel, docks, water recreation, or other such uses.
- Make the site fiscally productive, contributing to tax revenue generation, both on and off site.
- Provide riverfront walkway connectivity and public gathering spaces.
- Landscaping and architecture that is

inspired by the site's unique location, including consideration of native plantings and resiliency to climate change.

"Careful and strategic development of this waterfront property offers us tremendous opportunity for transformative change in the City of Poughkeepsie," said Mayor Marc Nelson. "This RFEI will be well marketed, not only regionally but nationally as well. We invite those with extraordinary vision and a proven track record of success to participate as we prioritize and balance our chief objectives of achieving a continuous walkway along our waterfront, stimulating our local economy and creating jobs, attracting more visitors, expanding available housing options in the city and growing the city's tax base. The foundation for proposals should emphasize public access to the waterfront and our goal of advancing our designation under the New York State Climate Smart Communities Program. In designing an eco-friendly and sustainable destination, respondents should be guided by the city's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, available at www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com."

Proposals that are based on a master developer model and employ a collaborative approach using multiple architects, landscape designers and engineering firms to produce a total site plan that looks organically developed over time and is compatible with the historic fabric of the city are preferred.

City officials said the RFEI may lead to a Request for Proposals (RFP) process that may result in an award of a preferred developer to negotiate a Development Agreement that will memorialize the terms and conditions for a development.

Proposals in response to the RFEI should be sent by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 23 to: Natalie Quinn, Development Department, 62 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please include five (5) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal as part of your submission.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Lyall will continue to hold its Lyall Lunch on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyall are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

United Way & Ulster Savings Bank to present virtual financial literacy seminar

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region and Ulster Savings Bank will present a virtual financial literacy seminar, "Navigating Household Finances," on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. Register at www.uwdor.org/financial-literacy.

This one-hour seminar presented by Matthew Agor, Branch Manager - Newburgh Branch of Ulster Savings Bank, will share ways to feel more comfortable talking about money. He will discuss helpful tips including "Ten Rules for Personal Finance;" how to have conversations about money with partners and children; the importance of safeguarding data, passwords and signatures; and other important topics. COVID-19-related banking tips will be provided.

Presentation on ecological history of local forests

The Clinton Historical Society will host a talk by Charles Canham, Senior Scientist Emeritus, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, on "An Ecological History of Hudson Valley Forests." The meeting will take place on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, as well as on Zoom.

Forests of the Hudson Valley have seen constant change throughout the more than 12,000 years since the retreat of the Pleistocene glaciers. Although humans have been responsible for the most important transformations, the most dramatic changes followed European settlement. The future of those forests will be shaped by a new set of forces, including climate change and the impact of forest pests and pathogens.

Email news@clintonhistoricalsociety.org for the Zoom link.

Village of Rhinebeck Christmas tree pickup through Feb. 3

The Village of Rhinebeck Highway Department will pick up Village residents' discarded Christmas trees placed on the curb until Friday, Feb. 3. Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at mmc-clinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov with questions.

Cocktail party to benefit children's healthcare services

Ryan's Foundation and WMC Health will present the Beat the Winter Blues Cocktail Party on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Station Grille Restaurant, 2578 State Route 55, Beekman. (Snow Date: Sunday, Feb. 5) Tickets are \$150 per person and include Open Bar, Passed Appetizers, Carving Stations, and live music by Maria Hickey. Proceeds to benefit Ryan's Foundation and Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. For more information, to purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit <http://www.ryansfoundation.org/upcoming-events.html>.

Indoor Tag Sale set Feb. 11

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

Soup Sales set in Rhinecliff

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

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

Volunteers needed for amphibian migrations and road crossings

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

Note that spots are limited and priority will be given to volunteers from the Hudson estuary watershed, especially those who have not attended an in-person program before. The training will be offered in two locations:

Feb. 16, 6-8:30 p.m. in Millbrook (snow date: Feb. 23);

Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.-Noon in Averill Park (snow date: Feb. 25).

The virtual session is scheduled for Feb. 28, 5-6:30 p.m.

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

Free rabies vaccination clinic set Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Dutchess County SPCA, located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older.

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

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

Hyde Park Rotary sets comedy show

The Hyde Park Rotary Club will host Comedy Night on Friday, Feb. 24, at Coppola's in Hyde Park. Dinner (with cash bar) and show begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and available at the Hyde Park Rotary's Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/RotaryHydeParkNY>. All proceeds will benefit the Hyde Park Rotary Club and Rotary International's End Polio Now initiative. Call (845) 758-6464 for more information.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association

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

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program:

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

Four Renegades alumni named among top 100 prospects by MLB

Four Hudson Valley Renegades alumni were named to Major League Baseball's Pipeline's list of Top 100 prospects in baseball, which was released Thursday, Jan. 26. Infielder Anthony Volpe, outfielder Jasson Domínguez, infielder Oswald Peraza and left-handed pitcher Ken Waldichuk were all named as some of the brightest future stars in the game. Additionally, Volpe was named the No. 1 shortstop prospect by MLB, and Waldichuk the No. 3 left-handed pitching prospect.

All four players named as Top 100 prospects suited up for the Renegades during the first two years of the Yankees affiliation.

"We are so happy for Anthony, Jasson, Oswald and Ken for being recognized as some of the brightest stars of tomorrow in the sport," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades. "They are all incredible players whose strong work ethics were on display during their time in the Hudson Valley. We are very grateful as an organization to have been a part of their journey."

Volpe was drafted by the Yankees in the 1st round (30th overall) in the 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ. He appeared in 55 games for the Renegades during the 2021 season, batting .286/.391/.587 while clubbing 15 home runs in only 213 at-bats en route to being named MLB Pipeline's Hitting Prospect of the Year. He split the 2022 season with Double-A Somerset and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, hitting .249/.342/.460 with 35 doubles, 21 home runs and 50 stolen bases in 132 games. Volpe was the first minor league player to have 20 homers and 50 steals in the same season since Andruw Jones in 1995.

Domínguez is one of the most-hyped prospects in recent years, Domínguez had a breakout year as a 19-year-old in 2022. Split across three levels of the minors, The Martian hit .273/.376/.461 with 16 home runs, 37 stolen bases and 72 walks in 120 games in 2022. Domínguez spent

40 games with the Renegades, batting .306/.397/.510, and wowed with his athletic feats in the field and in the batter's box. In his last game with Hudson Valley, he switch-hit home runs against Wilmington, becoming the first Yankees minor leaguer to accomplish that rare feat since Andrew Velazquez with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in July 2021.

Peraza, a September call-up to the Yankees, was the first Renegades player to make his MLB debut with the Yankees since the team became affiliated with the Yankees in 2020. He played well in limited action in New York, batting .306/.404/.429 across 18 big league games. In his short time with the Renegades in 2021, he hit .306/.386/.532, and ushered in the Yankees-era with a bang – smacking five home runs in a four game stretch on the first homestand of the year, including hitting three in three straight at-bats at one point. He was named High-A East League Player of the Month for May, and was promoted all the way to Triple-A by the end of the season.

Waldichuk, now a member of the Oakland Athletics organization, made his major league debut in September, going 2-2 with a 4.93 ERA with Oakland in the final month of the 2022 season. He began 2021 with the Renegades, posting video game-like numbers across seven starts. The lefty struck out 55 batters and allowed only 12 hits and no runs in 30.2 innings. His 30.2 innings pitched is the most by a Renegades pitcher while maintaining a 0.00 ERA in club history. Waldichuk reached as high as Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in the Yankees organization before he was moved to Oakland in the July trade that saw New York acquire Frankie Montas.

Including Domínguez, 17 members of MLB Pipeline's Top 100 prospects list spent time playing in the South Atlantic League in 2022. Many more members of the list project to play in the SAL during the 2023 season.

LOCAL BARBERSHOP QUARTET OFFERS SINGING, ROSES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

The Poughkeepsie Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is taking orders for Valentine's Day.

The barbershop quartet from the New Yorkers Chorus will serenade your loved one with two songs, and present your "special someone" with a long-stemmed rose on Tuesday, February 14 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The quartet will arrive dressed in tuxedos.

These serenades will be delivered on Valentine's Day at a choice of your time and place. Call 877-843-5302 or email: sv@newyorkerschorus.org to request your musical serenade.



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COLLEGE NOTES

POTSDAM, NY -- The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 809 students to the President’s List, in recognition of their academic excellence in the Fall 2022 semester. The SUNY Potsdam students were honored for earning top marks by Officer-in-Charge Dr. Philip T. Neisser ’79.

The students included:
Emma Fusco of Poughkeepsie, whose major is Music Education;
Nora Gehlhoff of Verbank, whose major is Music Education;
Alexander Gray of Poughkeepsie, whose major is Music Education;
Daniel Isak of Poughkeepsie, whose major is Music Education;
John Lithco of Poughkeepsie, whose major is Music Business;
Amelia McNamara of Staatsburg, whose major is Music Education;
Heather Murphy of Poughquag, whose major is Music Education;
Kayla Outman of Lagrangeville, whose major is Music Education;
Mya Peek of Hyde Park, whose major is Mathematics;
Katie Pullaro of Red Hook, whose major is Music Education;
Sam Renaud of Lagrangeville, whose major is Chemistry;
Jason Santoli of Poughquag, whose major is Geology;
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.
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.

SPRINGFIELD, MA -- Springfield College has named Hope Christensen from Red Hook to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Christensen has a primary major of Education.

Springfield College has named Kevin Lee from Hyde Park to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Lee has a primary major of History.

Springfield College has named Thomas Rice from Pleasant Valley to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2022 fall semester. Rice has a primary major of Exer Sci / Pre-AT.

The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

CANTON, NY -- SUNY Canton recognized more than 600 students for earning President’s List honors during the fall 2022 semester, including the following local students:

Megan E. Cowles, a SUNY Canton Crime Analysis major from Hyde Park;
Charlotte S. LaPierre, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major from Pleasant Valley;
Hanlon Crane, a SUNY Canton Homeland Security major from Red Hook;
President’s List recognizes full-time students who achieve a 3.75 or greater GPA.

CANTON, NY -- Alexander McPhee, a SUNY Canton Emergency Management major from Hyde Park, earned Part-Time Honors during the fall 2022 semester.

The college created this recognition for students who earned at least a 3.25 GPA in 6 to 11 credit hours of coursework. It stands alongside the college’s Dean’s List and President’s List as one of the top awards given for academic success.

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA -- Rebecca Rugar of Clinton Corners was named to the Slippery Rock University dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester. The dean’s list consists of SRU undergraduate students who earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

WINCHESTER, VA -- Stephanie Williams of Lagrangeville is one of 1,087 students who earned a spot on the Dean’s List at Shenandoah University for the Fall 2022 semester.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students with a GPA of 3.90 or higher also qualify for Shenandoah’s President’s List.

ONEONTA, NY -- Two members of the SUNY Oneonta men’s soccer team were named Division III Academic All-Americans as announced by the United Soccer Coaches on Thursday. Graduate student Tristan Battistoni (Pleasant Valley/Arlington) and senior Ian Zingaro (Liverpool, N.Y./Liverpool) were the pair to receive recognition. Battistoni was named to the Second Team and Zingaro received a Third Team selection.

A captain and defender, Battistoni started all 21 games this season. He was part of a backbone that limited opponents to a 0.86 goals-against average with eight shutouts. Battistoni was also named All-Region First Team, SUNYAC All-Conference Second Team and was part of the SUNYAC All-Tournament Team. A business economics major with a 3.85 GPA, Battistoni scored a goal in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament against New England College.

Zingaro, a captain and midfielder, this season was also selected to the All-Region Second Team and SUNYAC All-Conference Second Team while he started all 21 games. He totaled 10 points on three goals and four assists. Zingaro, an adolescent education - social studies major with a 3.54 cumulative GPA, scored the game-winning goal in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament against New England College.

This season the Red Dragons (15-3-3) won the SUNYAC Championship title and made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

SUNY Oneonta supports 21 varsity teams and is a member of the SUNYAC Conference while competing at the NCAA Division III level. The Red Dragons have enjoyed a long history of success athletically celebrating National Champions and All-Americans along with Conference, Regional and National Players of the Year. Oneonta student athletes compete on state-of-art athletic facilities while enjoying modern locker rooms.

NEWTON, MA -- Adrianna Tassone, a Lasell University student from Salt Point, was named to the Dean’s List for their academic performance in the fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Dean’s List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

CEDARVILLE, OH -- Hannah Malafy, a Red Hook student majoring in Nursing, was named to the fall 2022 Dean’s Honor List at Cedarville University. Students receive this achievement for obtaining a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

CEDARVILLE, OH -- Connor Cavey, a Pine Plains student majoring in Social Studies Educ-Integrated, was named to the fall 2022 Dean’s List at Cedarville University. Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

POTSDAM, NY -- Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the Fall

2022 semester at Clarkson University. They include:

Shane Michael Benziger of Rhinebeck, a senior majoring in aerospace engineering;
Eric J Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering;
Evelyn Paige Laferriere of Pleasant Valley, a senior majoring in environmental science and policy;
Alice Patricia Wilser of Stanfordville, a senior majoring in civil engineering.

POTSDAM, NY -- Students have been named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester at Clarkson University, including the following local students:

Cary James Keesler of Pawling, a sophomore majoring in computer science;
Matthew Aidan Kelley of Lagrangeville, a freshman majoring in computer science;
Jonathon Thomas Krajieski of Holmes, a freshman majoring in computer science.

ROCHESTER, NY -- Nazareth College is proud to announce that Lauren Sanford of Hyde Park has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2022 semester.

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.

CORTLAND, NY -- More than 2,500 students earned recognition for academic excellence on SUNY Cortland Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester. Local students include:

Mackenzie Armbrust of Staatsburg, Alyssa Brady of Staatsburg, Jack Brammer of Red Hook, Richard Finn of Pleasant Valley, Lea Fleming of Hyde Park, Kerry Hare of Red Hook, Paul Lettieri of Hyde Park, Cory Murray of Red Hook, Evan Pasquale of Red Hook, Arianna Radovic of Millbrook, Sofia Raffaele of Pleasant Valley, William Sniffen of Pleasant Valley, Colleen Spizuoco of Stanfordville, Samantha Spizuoco of Stanfordville, Daniel Swift of Millerton, Brady Wade of Rhinebeck, Lorenzo Wilkins of Hyde Park.

The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

ONEONTA, NY More than 1,250 SUNY Oneonta students earned Dean’s List honors for the fall 2022 semester. Local students include Kaitlyn Mccabe of Hyde Park, Alexandra Mccrudden of Tivoli, Victoria Reichert of Pleasant Valley, and Macayla Young of Hyde Park.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

ONEONTA, NY -- More than 250 SUNY Oneonta students earned Provost’s List honors for the fall 2022 semester. Local students include Peyton-Michele Duncan of Hyde Park, Chloe Eckler of Pleasant Valley, Jacob Hart of Clinton Corners, Edward Sablinski of Pleasant Valley, and Christopher Whitten of Salt Point.

To qualify for the Provost’s List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

MANCHESTER, NH -- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2022 President’s List: Alexis Sullivan of Clinton Corners, Arlene Hotaling of Pleasant Valley, and Jordan Davis of Tivoli. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-

week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

LEXINGTON, VA -- Edward Sablinski, a native of Pleasant Valley, was recently initiated into the SUNY Oneonta Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 646 new initiates from 23 universities during December 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

MANCHESTER, NH -- Daniel Schroedl of Staatsburg has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2022 Dean’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

CASTLETON, VT -- The following students were named to the Castleton University Dean’s List for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year: Hannah Card of Hyde Park and MacKenzie Wade of Rhinebeck.

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

NEW PALTZ, NY -- SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean’s List for the fall 2022 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Local students include Bailee Abalos of Hyde Park, Hannah Apuzzo of Staatsburg, Kiersten Barkstrom of Red Hook, Jaylen Beliveau of Pine Plains, Grace Berardi of Red Hook, Julia Beyer of Hyde Park, Rhea Bhutani of Pleasant Valley, Tiffany Bonk of Clinton Corners, Mary Boyce of Salt Point, Jacob Buessem of Pleasant Valley, Sydney Cipriano of Staatsburg, Laura Clarke of Rhinebeck, Matthew Colton of Hyde Park, Crystal Cooper of Hyde Park, Mckenzie Costa of Pleasant Valley, Tristen Coughlin of Pine Plains, Abegail Dennis of Staatsburg, Alyssa DiBartolo of Staatsburg, Carolina Dickens of Rhinebeck, Camila Duran of Hyde Park, Skyler Fountain of Millbrook, Alyssa Franzken of Pleasant Valley, Heydi Gonzalez Lopez of Pleasant Valley, JohnGuarino of Pine Plains, Julia Hagadorn of Red Hook, Morgan Hammell of Pleasant Valley, Morgan Hawley of Hyde Park, Caroline Heitmann of Pleasant Valley, Eric Horn of Hyde Park, Nicholas Jameison of Red Hook, Maya Kardas of Millbrook, Peter Kollmar of Millbrook, Chauvelle Latty of Salt Point, Jacqueline Lazcano of Hyde Park, Madeline Marchant of Clinton Corners, Mike Markota of Red Hook, Alexandra McKenzie of Pine Plains, Michael Menz of Red Hook, Brianna Morano of Clinton Corners, Libby Mosher of Rhinebeck, Michael Newport of Pleasant Valley, Raphael O’Connor of Red Hook, Victoria Odescalchi of Salt Point, Rachel Owen of Pleasant Valley, Joshua Post of Hyde Park, Samira Rabei of Hyde Park, Logan Ritter of Hyde Park, Emily Rivas of Hyde Park, Rita Ruggerone of Clinton Corners, Heidy Ruiz of Pleasant Valley, Savannah Sage of Hyde Park, Leah Schmid of Stanfordville, Erin Sheehan of Millerton, Max Shock of Staatsburg, Matthew Skelly of Hyde Park, Cori Spillane of Red Hook, Sophia Stanton of Salt Point, Anna Stossel of Amenia, Danielle Walsh of Red Hook, Brenden Wisnewski of Pleasant Valley, Julianna Wisnewski of Pleasant Valley.

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Latest scam involves perpetrators posing as Sheriff's office personnel

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is warning the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

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

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. To make the scam seem legitimate, the perpetrators somehow duplicate the Sheriff's Office main number of 845-486-3800, and then identify themselves as "Sgt. Diaz" or another Sergeant before asking suspicious questions. These calls are scams designed to elicit money or information from the victim. If you receive one of these calls, please hang up immediately and call the Sheriff's Office to report it. This type of scam using duplicated phone numbers is known as a form of "spoofing."

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

- Legitimate law enforcement would not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.
- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number, DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.
- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them, use caution as it is likely a scam.
- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous, as well.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.
 - If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.
 - Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.
 - Ask the person for their call-back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and the number they give you will be bogus.
 - If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.
 - If a loved one has recently passed away, be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.
 - In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money – you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be true, it most likely is.
 - If there's any doubt about a phone call or email you've received, contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.
 - Scams tend to increase during the holiday season; be especially alert for them during those times.
- It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam, once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800 or via the tipline at 845-605-CLUE or dcsotips@gmail.com.

Don't miss valuable tax credits on National Earned Income Tax Credit Day

Credits worth up to \$11,097 are available to eligible New Yorkers

On National Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is urging taxpayers to review their eligibility for this valuable benefit.

When the federal, New York State, and New York City earned income tax credits are combined, they can be worth nearly \$11,100 for a family with three or more children.

"The earned income tax credit, which puts money directly into the pockets of working taxpayers, can be a financial lifeline for those struggling to make ends meet," Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller said. "I encourage all those eligible to take advantage of this valuable benefit."

The earned income tax credit (EITC) is a refundable credit for working taxpayers who earn less than \$59,187. This means you get a refund if the credit amount is more than what you owe in taxes.

Every year, thousands of New Yorkers qualify for the EITC for the first time as their filing status or personal financial situation changes. For eligibility require-

ments, please see the Tax Department's Earned income credit (New York State) webpage. For federal qualifications, see the IRS EITC webpage.

For more about the federal, state, and local earned income tax credits, including the value of available credits, see the Tax Department's Get all the credit you deserve with EITC fact sheet.

How to apply

You must file a personal income tax return to receive the credit, even if you don't owe any taxes. E-filing is the easiest and safest way to file your return, as well as the fastest way to receive your refund.

If you're eligible for the earned income tax credit, you're most likely also eligible to take advantage of the Free File program. This program allows you to electronically prepare and file both your federal and New York State returns at no cost through the Tax Department website.

Hundreds of thousands of New York State taxpayers take advantage of this truly free service each year, saving them hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in tax-preparation costs.

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COLLEGE NOTES

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WORCESTER, MA -- Julia Biamonte of Hyde Park was named to the College of the Holy Cross Fall 2022 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2026, Biamonte was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year. To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

LOUDONVILLE, NY -- Siena College names students to the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester. The following local students made the list: Jillian Burns of Clinton Corners, Natalie Colaizzo of Hyde Park, Mairead O'Donnell of Pleasant Valley, Samantha Riley of Red Hook, and Cody Romani of Hyde Park.

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

BURLINGTON, VT -- The University of Vermont is proud to announce that the following local students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester.

Catherine Spagnola from Pleasant Valley is majoring in Undeclared.

Lily George from Red Hook is majoring in Undeclared.

Brendan Donohue from Red Hook is majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Sadie Bloch from Barrytown is majoring in Community Entrepreneurship.

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.

LOUDONVILLE, NY -- Siena College names students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Local students include Ashley Bavis of Millbrook, Ryan Card of Hyde Park, Grace Foster of Rhinebeck, Gloria Graff of Red Hook, Kiley Lenahan of Tivoli, David Oliver of Rhinebeck, Sarah Olson of Hyde Park, and Brooke Pociask of Rhinebeck.

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

ALLENTOWN, PA -- Congratulations to the following local students for being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester: Serena Albahary of Rhinebeck and Jane Carney of Red Hook.

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

HEMPSTEAD, NY -- Sarah Raines of Hyde Park excelled during the Fall 2022 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Sarah's major is Drama.

DURHAM, NH -- Reid Signet of Rhinebeck has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning High Honors for the fall 2022 semester. Reid is majoring in Business Administration: Marketing.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors.



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MODfest to feature an evening of Native American song and storytelling

MODfest, Vassar College’s annual tribute to the visual and performing arts, will be highlighted this year by “Welcome to Indian Country,” an evening of song, storytelling, and satire celebrating Native culture. The performance will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at Skinner Hall on the Vassar campus in the Town of Poughkeepsie. All MODfest events are free and open to the public. For a complete listing of events, go to <https://www.vassar.edu/music/modfest#upcoming>.

Tom Pacio, MODfest co-director, said this year’s events feature numerous collaborations with visiting artists, faculty, alums, and others.

“We are grateful to work with the Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education for the first time, with the events featuring Kate

McGloughlin and her work on the Ashokan Reservoir,” Pacio said. “We are also thrilled to welcome back Andre Bouchard and Indigenous Performance Productions, who we have wanted to work with more deeply since he took part in the Indigenous Artist Panel in 2021.”

“Welcome to Indian Country,” which premiered in 2019, features a five-piece musical ensemble joined by Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest, a winner of the American Book Award, who complements the music with stories and poems celebrating Native culture.

Bouchard said he conceived of “Welcome to Indian Country” as a way of countering stereotypes of Native culture through stories and song.

“I wanted to reflect the sense of community and cultural richness I found in being a member of the Native American



Nokosee Fields (left) and Maliu Obomsawin, are musicians in the ensemble “Welcome to Indian Country,” which will perform on Feb. 4 as part of Vassar College’s MODfest. Photo by Ryan Hunt

community,” he said. “Rena has a wonderful, gentle way of taking us on a journey throughout the show, not just through her own work but through the work the musicians have created with their original compositions and the songs and stories we are bringing from our ancestors.”

“It’s a mosaic of a lot of different ideas bound together by a sense of hope and strength and connection and joy,”

Bouchard continued. “I term it a ‘low-key celebration,’ akin to curling up around the fire with a cup of cocoa and asking someone to tell you a story.”

MODfest kicked off on Jan. 26 with openings in three galleries on campus, including a reception in the Palmer Gallery. Painter and printmaker Kate McGloughlin will give a talk on Feb. 2 in

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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Stars

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The Wild Garden Project

Excitement abounds with news of a long-awaited addition to Bellefield's landscape in Hyde Park.

It's happening! – The Wild Garden at Bellefield – thanks to a generous donation by Hudson Valley native Bob Ouimette. “The Wild Garden” is a project initiated by Anne Symmes, former director of the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, to realize the vision of pioneering landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand. On the drawing board for the past 10 years, new funding and support from the National Park Service have pushed the project to the front burner.

Beatrice Farrand (1872-1959) was a charter member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, having studied with Harvard botany professor Charles Sargent at his home. She went on to champion the informal cottage gardens or mixed flower borders pioneered by William Robinson in his seminal 1870 book "The Wild Garden." Farrand incorporated these designs into more than 110 commissions, including work for John D. Rockefeller, Stephan Harkness, Princeton University, and most famously, at Dumbarton Oaks garden in Washington, D.C.

In 1911, Farrand designed a garden at Bellefield, the estate of Senator Thomas and Sarah Newbold in Hyde Park – a private walled garden attached to the Newbold house. The plan called for a “wild garden” outside the walls, incorporating Farrand’s favorite native plants. For some reason, the wild garden was never completed, and the more formal interior

garden eventually fell into disrepair.

In 1993, an intrepid team of garden enthusiasts, including my mom Doris Adams, founded the Beatrix Farrand Garden Association, with a mission to restore the 20 X 60 foot garden inside the walls, referencing historic photos and examples from Farrand's nearby gardens. The result is a stunning display of perfectly composed borders set off by vine-traced walls and clipped hemlock hedges, open to the public 7 a.m.–dusk every day, adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

When I heard about the jump start to the Wild Garden Project, I immediately called Bob Ouimette, who happens to be a friend, even though we hadn't spoken since we graduated from Arlington High School 55 years ago. In addition to his initial generous donation, Bob set up a \$25,000 challenge matching fund, which should go quite a ways toward realizing the total goal of \$150,000.

Bob is a former corporate attorney living in Manhattan. He got interested in historical preservation, working as a trustee at The Mount, novelist Edith Wharton's restored home in Lenox, Massachusetts. Beatrix Farrand was Wharton's niece, so Bob was excited to learn about the Wild Garden Project happening in his home town. Last fall, he visited Bellefield and was bowled over by the staff's enthusiasm and the "significance" of Farrand's contribution to the



The Garden at Bellefield inside the walls. Below: Plan for the Wild Garden at Bellefield in Hyde Park. *Courtesy photos*

gardening profession.

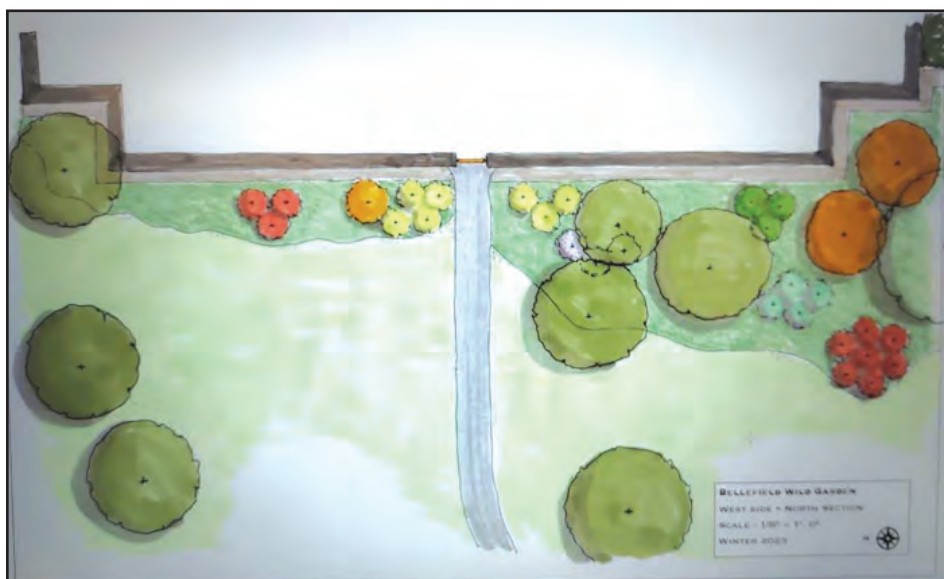
"How can I help?" he asked.

"Hmm, let me think," replied Bellefield's horticulturist Karen Waltuch.

I sat down with Karen and program director Chris Zumtobel last Tuesday at the National Park Service office in the Newbold House next to the Bellefield

Garden. The room was crackling with enthusiasm. Volunteers are already eager to get started, as soon as the ground dries out, including the Park Service itself, with their heavy equipment, as well as Heather Whitefield, the iconic, award-winning landscape designer and her crew.

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

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

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

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

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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

- Young animals
- Licensed accts.
- Title for Nicholas II and his predecessors
- Marketplace of old
- ___ Pakistan; former name for Bangladesh
- Blood: pref.
- Plant secretion
- Protective barrier
- Preposition
- Left high and dry
- Medicine container
- Walter or Rex
- Pullman car
- Wide gaps
- Old Testament prophet
- "Ben-___"
- Furry swimmer
- Second-largest city in the Sooner State
- Chorale member
- Part of the circulatory system
- Fly high
- Macaroni
- Set in place
- Fem. title
- Cornered
- Human being
- Sniper
- ___, Nevada
- City where Clint Eastwood was mayor
- Mattress framework
- Lamb's pen name
- Jacket style
- Useful
- Marquee light gas
- Mystical verse
- Aired again
- Sea eagles

DOWN

- Worry
- Anthony & Barbara
- Jack, for one
- Arch style
- Gambler's woe
- Those who make an effort
- Resort on the Riviera
- Gave up land
- No longer due
- Invite
- Commits a crime
- Tête toppers
- Arrangement
- Soap plant
- Cattleman
- Seed covering
- Encounter
- Types
- Fellow
- Luau entertainment
- ___ and crafts
- Name for several Judean kings
- Reckless imbibor
- Confused
- Gilbert, for one
- Russian sea
- Pieces of furniture
- Shot carefully
- Comedian Johnson
- Haircut
- Moray seekers
- Went bad
- Setting
- Healthier
- Hunter in the sky
- Revitalize
- Word with hip or T
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- Greenspan or Ladd
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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15

Author event set Feb. 2 at Wallace Center

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum will present a conversation and book signing with Peter Shinkle, author of “Uniting America: How FDR and Henry Stimson Brought Democrats and Republicans Together to Win World War II,” at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2. The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event (local health metrics permitting), but registration is required for in-person attendance. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

As Adolf Hitler’s Nazi armies threatened Europe, Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged a divided America to mobilize to defend democracy and freedom. Many Republicans accused FDR of leading the nation needlessly into war and demanded that America remain neutral. On June 20, 1940, FDR shocked the country by announcing that two prominent Republicans would take posts in his cabinet. Henry Stimson, former President Herbert Hoover’s secretary of state, became secretary of war, and Frank Knox, the Republican vice-presidential candidate in 1936, became secretary of

the Navy. Roosevelt intended the appointments to build national unity. But building a coalition across party lines was a risky move that could have backfired politically. It also placed a bipartisan relationship at the center of America’s confrontation with global fascism. FDR’s Republican allies went on to play critical roles in leading the war effort, and many bills passed Congress during the war years with strong backing from both parties. Following Roosevelt’s death, Stimson continued to champion bipartisanship under President Truman in the closing chapter of the war. “Uniting America” tells the story of how this alliance stands as an historic example of united leadership in a nation scarred by political division.

Peter Shinkle worked for 19 years as a reporter at various news organizations, including most recently the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He covered the federal court system and wrote investigative stories on subjects ranging from improper disposal of radioactive waste to contamination spread by a lead mining company. He is the author of “Ike’s Mystery Man: The Secret Lives of Robert Cutler.”

Contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 with questions about the event.

Black Legacy Project to launch touring band

Music in Common, the nonprofit that produces The Black Legacy Project (Black LP), recently announced the 2023 launch of the Black LP touring band. Online auditions are open now through Feb. 15.

The Black Legacy Project is a musical celebration of Black history to advance racial solidarity, equity, and belonging. The Black LP is a national project produced in partnership with community stakeholders at the local level. As it travels the country, the Black LP brings together Black and White artists and artists of all backgrounds to record present-day interpretations of songs central to the Black American experience and compose originals relevant to the pressing calls for change of our time. Community roundtable discussions help inform how these songs are interpreted and written. Project co-directors, Trey Carlisle and Todd Mack, were recently honored as 2022 CNN Champions for Change.

After more than a year of development in the wake of the killings of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd, The Black Legacy Project kicked off in September 2021 in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. The Project has since traveled to Los Angeles, the Ozarks of Northwest Arkansas, and Denver, and will launch in the Mississippi Delta, Atlanta, and Boise in 2023. In each community the Black LP travels to, songs addressing a theme connected to the local community are reimagined and composed. The Project is funded by a long list of local, regional, and national partners including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships.

To date, 15 songs have been recorded for the project, 12 of which will be released on The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 1 on April 3, 2023 - the 55th

Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech. King was assassinated the next day. A second album, The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 2, is slated for a February 2024 release. The Black Legacy Project, Vol. 1 & 2 will also be released as a double vinyl record in 2024. A docuseries of the project is being produced with a new episode from each of the initial seven communities previously mentioned.

A nationwide call for musicians is being conducted to assemble a band to tour behind the upcoming debut album and subsequent releases. The first tour is scheduled for late May throughout the southeastern United States. Auditions opened in early January and submissions have been steamrolling in ever since. “It’s been heartening and inspiring to see the incredible response to the Black LP band,” says Music in Common executive director, Todd Mack, “and we can’t wait to bring this moving and powerful show to audiences across the country.”

Interested musicians can audition online at www.theblacklegacyproject.org/audition and are encouraged to do so sooner rather than later. Auditions will close on Feb. 15 and final band member selections will be made by the end of the month.

The Black Legacy Project is produced by Music in Common, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that strengthens, empowers, and connects communities through the universal language of music. Since 2005, Music In Common has directly served thousands of people in nearly 400 communities across the globe and across religious, ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, and racial axes. The organization was founded by singer-songwriter and producer Todd Mack, in response to the murder of his friend and bandmate, Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter abducted by terrorists in Pakistan in 2002.

County Players to present ‘It’s Only a Play’



The cast of “It’s Only a Play”: Pictured, from left, Matt Fields, Emily Boone, Griffin Stenger, Ann Citron, Michael Frohnhofer, Paul Coleman and Eric Feeney. *Courtesy photo by Louisa Vilardi Photography*

County Players, one of the longest-running community theater companies in the area, will present the Terrence McNally comedy “It’s Only a Play.” Directed by Kit Colbourn, this Main Stage production opens Friday, Feb. 3, and runs through Feb. 18. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., and held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main St. in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

The producers, the playwrights, the reviewers, and the stars. A Broadway opening night party in a stylish NYC apartment brings together a cacophony of characters, with an armload of wit, warmth, and winter coats! “It’s Only A Play” is a laugh-out-loud love letter to the resilience of live theatre, and an homage to the people that — even when things seem impossible — believe that the marquee will be lit again, and the show must go on. The production features the local talents of Michael Frohnhofer, Griffin Stenger, Emily Boone, Ann Citron, Paul Coleman, Matt Fields, Eric Feeney and Euphemia Olive Sargiani.

Director Colbourn said, “This hilarious and loving send-up of the theatre and its people is a joy. Audiences will recog-

nize many of the names dropped, and the foibles and delicate egos of all who work in this noble art form called ‘the theatre.’ It’s also a testament to the resilience and passion of anyone who loves the theatre, on both sides of the footlights. A perfect midwinter opportunity to laugh.”

Note: This production contains adult language.

COVID-19 Policy through March 31: Audience members are exempt from having to submit proof of vaccination and are not required to remain masked during a performance; however, masks are strongly encouraged. County Players asks that any patron who is feeling ill to stay home and utilize its ticket exchange options. Individual ticket options will be limited to mobile/digital (paperless) or print-at-home and available online in advance of the performance dates. Visit the Box Office page of the County Players website (countyplayers.org/tickets/) for up-to-date information on theater restrictions and protocols.

“It’s Only a Play” and is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. Hudson Valley Credit Union proudly sponsors County Players’ 65th Season.

If one requires wheelchair accessibility, contact the Box Office at 845-298-1491.

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Vassar MODfest

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Taylor Hall about her work. April Beisaw, Associate Professor and Chair of Anthropology, met McGloughlin while she was conducting research about the creation of the Ashokan Reservoir, which resulted in the displacement of several villages in the Catskill Mountains.

“As a descendant of those whose homes and businesses were among the first taken for the Ashokan Reservoir, Kate has an intimate connection with the watershed landscape both past and present,” Beisaw said. “That connection comes through in her artwork that often depicts the same reservoir that destroyed her family’s way of life more than 100 years ago.”

A pillar of the festival, the annual Adene and Richard Wilson concert, will

feature premieres of works by Richard Wilson and Jonathan Chenette, and new music by Tyson Davis, Aviya Kopelman, and Elliot Carter.

“We are thrilled to highlight many of our faculty and guest artists in this special event,” said Professor of Music Christine Howlett, co-director of MODfest.

On Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Kenyon Hall, the Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre will perform works selected from the current repertory by faculty, students, and guest choreographers, including a special appearance by Heidi Latsky Dance Company. This is a free ticketed event; reservations for general seating are required. Reserve your tickets at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/vassar-dance/5731>.

Locust Grove events showcase local history of violets, floriography

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

The Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie offers the following events for lovers of violets and the Hudson Valley’s violet-growing history:

“Violets for your Valentine!” African Violet Sale

A special fundraiser for Locust Grove Through Feb. 3

The Hudson Valley was once known as the “Violet Belt,” exporting the delicate blooms worldwide. While today we think of roses on Valentine’s Day, violets, grown here, were the traditional flower of the day in the 1890s to the 1920s.

Locust Grove is embracing this history by selling African violets from Adams Greenhouse to raise funds to keep Locust Grove open for the community to enjoy for years to come.

The cost is \$20 plus tax for each per 4-inch pot of African Violets. Colors will vary. Colors cannot be reserved in advance. Order violets online at www.lgny.org/calendar or call 845-454-4500 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, to order over the phone.

Pick up your plants at Locust Grove on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“What Do Your Flowers Say Today?”

A fabulous floriography talk and flower readings by author and vice-president of Adams Greenhouses, Sue Adams

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Admission \$15/person

Floriography, the language of flowers, was popular during the Victorian-era as a means of communication in which flowers were used to send coded messages, allowing individuals to express feelings which otherwise could not be spoken. Go back in time and not only enjoy the beauty of flowers, but also their meanings, and learn how flowers can help us in our everyday lives.

After a brief lecture, Sue Adams will conduct flower readings for a lucky few raffle winners (every ticket holder will get a raffle ticket at the door).

Sue Adams is vice-president of Adams Greenhouses, a five-acre operation in Poughkeepsie. She is an award-winning container designer, graduate of Cornell University, president of New York State Flower Industries, serves on the New England Floriculture Board.

Her book, “What Do Your Flowers Say Today?” will be available for sale at \$25, with profit to benefit Locust Grove.

Visit www.lgny.org/calendar to purchase tickets.

Feb. 2: Open Mic, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Hosted by Chihoe Hahn, 7 p.m. Sign up in person, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Performers must be present when Open Mic begins. No cover. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Feb. 3: Jeffrey Gaines, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Jeffrey Gaines has been heralded for his soul-searching lyrics and his powerful live performances. With only his voice and a guitar for accompaniment, Gaines has earned a reputation as a captivating performer, entertaining his audiences worldwide. 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Feb. 3-5: “bare: A Pop Opera,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Presented by Teens On Stage, the play centers around a group of high school seniors at a Catholic boarding school faces issues of sexuality and personal identity. As they struggle to come to terms with who they are and who the world thinks they should be, they seek answers from their Church, their friends, and ultimately, from within themselves. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$14. Note: This show is PG-13 and explores some mature themes. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Feb. 4: American Pink Floyd, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Prognosis returns to The Towne Crier with their American Pink Floyd Show. Performing the music with album accuracy along with an elaborate light show including lasers and video projections. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Feb. 4: Virtual Live-Staged Reading Series. The Two Of Us Productions presents two exciting radio dramas from Suspense Theater: “Last Night” and “Bells,” 7 p.m. Presented in collaboration with Roving Actors’ Repertory Ensemble (RARE) Inc. In “Last Night” we meet Gil and Jacqueline (Jackie) Blaine, two nice people working hard to run a dude ranch for visitors from the city. They have nice guests and rude guests, but Mr. Burroughs takes the prize for rudeness by abruptly departing early one morning. The problem is, Mr. Burroughs never arrived home and now his wife wants to know where he is! In “Bells,” we meet Henry and Lucy Fielding,

a happily married couple who need to get away from their noisy cramped apartment. They have looked high and low for a larger quieter house in the suburbs, but the high rents are a big problem. Lucy accidentally purchases the wrong newspaper and discovers just the house they’re looking for and for a very affordable rent. But the low rent actually comes at a higher cost than either of them could have possibly imagined. Free, but donations accepted. RSVP to www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org

Feb. 5: The Ivy League of Comedy: Al Lubel, Liz Miele & Shaun Eli, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. The Ivy League of Comedy stars Al Lubel, who has appeared on The Tonight Show five times (with both Carson and Leno), seven times on Letterman, won Star Search and has had two documentaries made about him. Liz Miele has performed on Comedy Central and has had several hilarious videos go viral. Shaun Eli has performed on Amazon and Netflix. 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Feb. 8: “A Recipe to Die For,” The Venue at the Best Western, Kingston. Murder Cafe presents a sweet mystery dinner, 7 p.m. Four celebrity bakers, Phyllo La Grasso, Gioia Del Monte, Becky Bay and Guy Fury, will be asked to prepare an original Valentine’s Day dessert recipe, and each new concoction will be tasted and rated. On hand to oversee the bake-off will be Danny Glaze, the master of ceremonies, and celebrated food critic Francine Lydecker, who, along with several audience members, will act as judges. Murder is also on the menu and it will take a visit from local CSI investigators to determine whodunit and why. Tickets \$75 per person, includes 3-course dinner with entree choice, cash bar and show. Guess whodunit and be eligible for prizes. (845) 475-7973 or www.murdercafe.net

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

EXHIBITIONS

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through Feb. 5:** An exhibition of Hudson River Valley paintings and photographs by painter Virginia Donovan and photographer Mary Ann Glass can be viewed. Many works feature the Hudson Highlands region and Bannerman’s Island. (845) 416-8342.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through February:** Featuring the works of Renee

Samuels in the Victorian Gallery (formerly the Hallway Art Gallery) at 9 Vassar St., and Frank Rapant in the Hancock Gallery and Adrian Lee in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar St. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

Hyperbole, 484 Main St., Beacon. **Through Feb. 4:** “Duality,” the artists endeavor to creatively explore the multitude of ways that the conceptual ideas of duality identify themselves within our existential outlook, history, and approach to the world. info@hyperboleNY.com or (860) 490-2921

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26:** “Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape,” shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church’s iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

Olive Free Library Association, 4033 Rte. 28A, West Shokan. **Through March 4:** “I Dreamed a Garden,” showcasing the works of the 15 member artists of LongReach Arts, a Hudson River Valley artist cooperative. (845) 657-2482 or olivefreelibrary.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Feb. 9:** Exhibition of paintings by Stanfordville resident Joan A. Smith, on display during regular business hours.

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

Stars
Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 144

THE GREATEST DOT TO DOT BOOKS

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Answers to this week’s diversions (puzzles on page)

Suguru solution

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SUDOKU

This week’s answer

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OBITUARIES



Marjorie A Coleman

Marjorie A Coleman, 91, of Rhinebeck, NY, passed peacefully in her sleep on Monday, January 9, 2023, at The Thompson House in Rhinebeck, NY. Marjorie resided at the Thompson House for almost six years. Born on November 9, 1931, in Portage, PA, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Julia (Novotny) Sciko. Marjorie earned her Bachelor's degree from Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, DE. Margie held positions as executive assistant for many years, finishing her career at Mastercard International in Purchase, NY, as Executive Assistant to the CEO. Marjorie was also a model and worked in TV commercials. Margie enjoyed singing, dancing, ice skating, the arts and travel. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Beach Lynch of Fernandina Beach, FL, her beloved granddaughter, Caroline Lynch of Wewahitchka, FL and Scarborough, ME, and her twin nephews, Thomas and Anthony (Chris) Sciko, both of Portage, PA, as well as five great nieces and nephews. Marjorie will be interned in the Sciko family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Portage, PA in the spring. Memorial donations may be made in Marjorie's memory to the Thompson House, 6525 Springbrook Ave, Rhinebeck, NY, 12572. Local arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY.

Cecilia M. Cummings

AMENIA - Cecilia M. Cummings, 95, a longtime resident of Amenia, NY, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023, at The Thompson House in Rhinebeck, NY. Mrs. Cummings was a Registered Nurse at Sharon Hospital and Sharon Health Care Center for over 50 years. She was greatly admired and respected by her colleagues at both

institutions for her professionalism, compassion and sense of humor. Born on March 3, 1927, in Albany, NY, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Stronski) Klein. Mrs. Cummings was a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School in Schenectady, NY and later received her nursing degree from Saint Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Amsterdam, NY. In 1953, she married Robert Cummings who predeceased her on July 12, 1977. Mrs. Cummings was a parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, NY. Mrs. Cummings is survived by a daughter, Susan Cosentino of Syosset, NY, two sons, Richard Cummings (Teresa) of Pine Plains, NY, and Mark Cummings of Copake, NY and daughter-in-law Barbara of Jacksonville Beach, FL. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Christopher Holmes, Carrie Clark, Ryan and Erin Cummings, Christina and James Cosentino, Breigh Thomas, Brenden and Garrett Cummings, Kyleigh Robustelli, Todd Motter, and Austin and Jordan Cummings. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren: Jordan and Kennedy Clark, Tyler Parrotte, Evan Thomas, Troy and Charlotte Cummings, Gavin and Declan Cummings and Greysen Robustelli. Besides her parents and husband, Mrs. Cummings was predeceased by a daughter, Elizabeth Holmes; a son, Ralph Cummings; a son-in-law, John Cosentino, a brother, Joseph Klein and a sister, Marjorie Claus. Calling hours were held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY 12522. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, January 30, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY 12501 or the PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneral-home.com.

Jeffrey M. Miranda

Jeffrey Michael Miranda, 45, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of January 21st after a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. His wife, Leslie Hill, the love of his life, was close by his side. A longtime resident of the New York hamlet of Rhinecliff, Jeff was active in the community and beloved by his friends and neighbors. The eve before he went in for his first bout of chemo, a motorcade of fire trucks, ambulances and dozens of friends drove by his and Leslie's home, sirens ringing & horns honking, to show the love and support of all who knew him. Jeff loved the natural world and cherished being

outdoors. His overflowing bird feeders drew flocks of goldfinches, as well as many other little birds, a tiny rose sprig grew into a flower-laden bush under his care, and his herbs flourished in pots throughout the yard. Passersby invariably got a wave and hello as he tended to his charges, he and Leslie were the consummate hosts. Their porch, overlooking the garden, became a gathering place so well-attended it's now part of the local vernacular: "I was on The Porch last night..." Jeff welcomed everyone as if they were family. To know him was, indeed, to love him. The son of Alfonso and Michele Speer Miranda, Jeff grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He attended Fort Hamilton High School and College of Staten Island, where he flourished in many drama programs—he loved acting. He loved working for a time at the George Cole Auction House where his innate design sense dovetailed with his natural charm. Last July, after a new diagnosis, he and Leslie married in a small ceremony on their lawn with friends officiating. At the reception, Jeff outshone everyone on the dance floor. Jeff will be remembered for his graciousness and kindness, for his strength and generosity, and for his devotion to Leslie, his friends and family. His free spirit and eternal optimism, even in the face of devastating challenges, will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever. He truly was one of a kind. Jeff is predeceased by his grandparents, Dimitri and Mary David Speer and Alfonso and Zoila Miranda, and his father, Alfonso Miranda. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Hill; his mother, Michele Speer Miranda; his stepfather, Tony Steo; his stepmother, Juliette Miranda; his siblings, Al Miranda, Justin Miranda, and Taylor Miranda, and a large and loving extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be missed beyond telling. Viewing hours were held Jan. 26 at McLaughlin & Sons Funeral Home, Brooklyn, NY. Burial is in The Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Memorial hours were planned for Jan. 28 at Dapson Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY. The familys ask that memorial donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, Rhinebeck, NY and McLaughlin and Sons Funeral Home, Brooklyn, NY.

Arthur R. Nadeau

AMENIA - Arthur R. Nadeau, 91, a longtime resident of Amenia, NY, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan, CT. Mr. Nadeau owned and operated Tri-State Collision in Millerton, NY. He later owned and operated the Lantern Inn in Wassaic, NY with his companion, Kathryn Finkle, from

1979-2010. Mr. Nadeau retired in 2010. Born on May 3, 1931 in Haverhill, MA he was the son of the late, John E. and Mary (Houle) Nadeau. Mr. Nadeau proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a former member of the VFW Post #178 in Millerton, NY. Mr. Nadeau is survived by his daughters, Suzanne Louey and her husband, Samuel, of Amenia, NY, Karen Marino of Lititz, PA, and Lillian Simon of Springhill, FL and a son, John Nadeau of Clearwater, FL. He is also survived by his step-children, Jennifer McRoberts and her husband, Richard, of Millerton, Katrina Brazee and her husband, Robert, of Millerton, George Finkle of Millerton and Perry Finkle and his wife, LeeAnn of Lawrencebug, IN. Mr. Nadeau is also survived by six step-grandchildren, Kyle and Kate Louey, Ariel and Corinne Brazee and Joshua and Jared McRoberts and three step-great-grandchildren: Aiden, Madison and Austin McRoberts. Besides his parents and companion, Mr. Nadeau was predeceased by a son, Frederick Nadeau. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at Geer Nursing and Rehab for their care and kindness towards Mr. Nadeau and family while on Harmony Lane. Calling hours were held on Monday, January 30, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Salisbury, CT. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneral-home.com.

Peter Albert Porcelli

STORMVILLE - Peter Albert Porcelli, 74, passed away at Westchester Medical Center on January 22, 2023. He was born on June 30, 1948 in Portchester to parents Albert and Ann (Torre) Porcelli. Peter proudly served our country in the United States Army. He worked for many years as a postman for the United States Postal Service in Larchmont, NY. He loved spending time at the gun club, and was an avid NY Yankees fan. He was very low key and loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his two children: Peter Porcelli and his wife Christina, and Roseann Porcelli; his grandsons P.J. and Gavin Porcelli; his brother Philip Porcelli and his wife Eloise; and his nieces Gina Porcelli and Lori Sullivan. Calling hours were held January 27th at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc 895 Rt. 82 Hopewell. A Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on January 28th, followed by burial at Cold Spring Cemetery. Please visit Peter's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: I Catherine Gill, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Milan, 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 Milan for the year of 2023. I will be collecting taxes at the following place and time listed below:
MILAN TOWN HALL: Collection of taxes will be at the Milan Town Clerk's Office, 20 Wilcox Circle in the Town of Milan from today to February 28, 2023 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM or by mail anytime – excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
FURTHER NOTICE: The taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2023 without charge or interest. All taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest 2 % interest if paid on or before March 31, 2023 and an additional 1% for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.
FURTHER NOTICE: that a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 15th, 2023. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Milan will be returned to the Dutchess County Commission of Finance on the 1st of June 2023.
Dated: January 18, 2023
Catherine Gill
Milan Tax Collector

The Annual Meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery Associa-

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

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-08-23

REBID International OEM Replacement Parts
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2023 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX #2022-52606 FILED: 1/5/2023 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the Place of trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property. Subject Property: 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-

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CATES, SERIES 2005-SC1, Plaintiff, against HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; JOSEPH A. AUCLAIRE A/K/A JOSEPH AUCLAIRE III, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; WENDY BELAS, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ANN L. LOWN-RYAN A/K/A ANN RYAN; HEIDI SEELBACH, DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC DBA IN NEW YORK AS MIDLAND FUNDING OF DELAWARE LLC A/P/O HSBC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the com-

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plaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The

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foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Michael G Hayes, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, granted on the 21st day of December, 2022, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Dutchess County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ROBERT RYAN A/K/A ROBERT L. RYAN A/K/A ROBERT LEE RYAN, SR. and ANN L. LOWN-RYAN

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A/K/A ANN RYAN to A M E R I Q U E S T MORTGAGE COMPANY, bearing date November 23, 1999 and recorded in Instrument Number: 01 1999 14960 in the County of Dutchess on December 9, 1999, which was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-

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ment #: 01-2019-51595A. Said premises being known as and by 12 Neighborly Lane, Dover Plains, NY 12522, bearing tax map designation Section: 7063, Block: 06, Lot: 342917, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 File 1221-4489B

NOTICE OF NAMES OF PERSONS APPEARING AS OWNERS OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 601 of the Abandoned Property Law of the State of New York that The undersigned as Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess has on deposit or in her custody certain moneys and property paid or deposited in actions or proceedings in court(s) in the said County. The persons whose names and last known addresses are set forth below appear from the records of the said Commissioner of Finance to be entitled to certain such property of the amount of \$50 or more.

Deposited in Action of Proceedings in Dutchess County Courts

KC Engineering & Land Surveying PC vs Newbuy Inc			
2036 Route 9D	Wappingers Falls	NY	12590
KC Engineering & Land Surveying PC vs Newbuy Inc			
56 Main Street	Poughkeepsie	NY	12601
Keybank National Assoc vs Irene McLaughlin			
	Unknown		
NYS vs Sandre Joseph Smith			
216 Smith Street	Poughkeepsie	NY	12601
New Penn Financial LLC vs Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Florence Cintron			
	Unknown		
Ditech Financial LLC vs Robert V Gorman et al			
	Unknown		

DCFS - Bernard Barrett			
	Unknown		
Dutchess County vs Jesse Barticcio & CEMCO Development Group as Mortgagee			
	Unknown		
Dutchess County vs Roy O and Andrea L Rodriquez and WFHM as Mortgagee			
2 Florida Drive	Newburgh	NY	12550

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT
(A) A list of names contained in this notice is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Commissioner of Finance;
(B) Any such unclaimed moneys or other property will be paid or delivered by her on or before the thirty first day of March to persons established to her satisfaction their right to receive the same; and
(C) In the succeeding month of April, and on or before the tenth day thereof, such unclaimed moneys or other property still remaining will be paid or delivered to the Comptroller of the State of New York, and the undersigned shall thereupon cease to be liable therefore.

Dated: February 1, 2023
Poughkeepsie, New York
/s/heidi seelbach
Heidi Seelbach
Commissioner of Finance
Dutchess County, New York

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center recognized as one of ‘America’s 50 Best Hospitals’

Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) has been recognized with an America’s 50 Best Hospitals Award™ for consistently delivering exceptional, comprehensive quality healthcare, according to Healthgrades. This achievement places VBMC in the top 1 percent of all hospitals in the country for quality.

Healthgrades evaluates hospital quality for conditions and procedures to help consumers understand, compare and evaluate hospital performance. To determine America’s Best Hospitals, Healthgrades reviewed clinical quality outcomes for 31

conditions and procedures at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide.

Other VBMC Healthgrades quality recognitions include:

- America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care Award™ (2023) — Superior clinical outcomes in heart bypass surgery, coronary interventional procedures, heart attack treatment, heart failure treatment, and heart valve surgery. Learn more about the Heart and Vascular Institute.
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— Superior clinical outcomes in bowel obstruction treatment, colorectal surgeries, gallbladder removal, and upper gastrointestinal surgery

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- 802 Motor Homes
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- 903 Motorcycles
- 904 Auto Parts & Tires
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THE BAD GUYS DON'T STAND STILL

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) is warning of a new impersonation scam in which callers are pretending to be from the Sheriff's Office and spoofing the sheriff's phone number, then asking suspicious questions of anybody who picks up. Additionally, the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services reports a scam where SNAP beneficiaries are told that their benefits have been cancelled, and to call the scammer back to "get benefits reinstated."

"Spoofing" is the practice of altering the way an incoming call's number appears on a recipient's Caller ID. It is legal when used for legitimate purposes. Spoofing becomes illegal when the number is being altered for illegal purposes.

OFA does not cold-call people. If you see an OFA phone number on your Caller ID and you didn't contact us first, that's not OFA calling you. As for law enforcement, DCSO points out that legitimate law enforcement does not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money. If anyone thinks they may have been a victim of a scam they can contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-486-3800, call the DCSO tipline at 845-605-CLUE (3583), or email dcsotips@gmail.com.

By now you may be thinking of all the other articles you've read about phone scams, and how new technology would enable phone carriers to ensure that calls were coming only from authenticated phone numbers. And yet scam calls keep coming in. What happened?

Scammers adjusted their tactics to stay a step ahead of new laws and technology.

THE BATTLE AGAINST PHONE SCAMS CONTINUES

The Robocall Index maintained by youmail.com shows total 2022 robocall numbers of over 137 million – just for Poughkeepsie. That's roughly 103 calls per person affected. Compared to call numbers of recent years, that number is about in the middle. Some progress, but not enough.

One big problem: the new "STIR/SHAKEN" verification technology doesn't work on calls that come from or pass through older networks, like landline telephone wires. That may be how

the DCSO impersonators are getting through to people.

A PROMISING ANECDOTE

For a recent success story, we turn to "Larry and Helen," a couple in their 80s from the central Canadian city of Saskatoon. Their suspicions kicked in earlier this month, as they were headed to an ATM to withdraw money that they would have given to a phone scammer posing as a grandchild in legal trouble. Since they were still in touch with the scammer to arrange the drop-off, they asked for police assistance in hopes of being able to catch the scammer in the act. It worked. Three men from Quebec are now in custody charged with 10 counts of fraud over C\$5,000. Authorities say the men had victimized several other older adults before encountering Larry and Helen.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM ENROLLMENT CLINICS

If you're covered by Medicare, there's a new eligibility change that could mean considerable savings for you.

Starting this year, eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) in New York State expanded to single individuals with Medicare who have a gross income up to \$2,107 per month and couples with monthly gross incomes up to \$2,839. New York State does NOT look at your assets for this program.

In New York State, MSP helps older adults and people with disabilities living on low incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums (\$164.90 each month) and enrolling them in Extra Help, the federal prescription drug subsidy program that the Social Security Administration estimates is worth about \$5,100 per year. This program lowers prescription costs and gets rid of the deductible and the "donut hole", or gap coverage. The financial assistance can be a lifeline, allowing enrollees to maintain their Medicare coverage, access needed care, and afford other necessities, like food and rent.

If this is the first time you're learning of this, you can find out more about your potential savings. The Office for the Aging is hosting two Medicare Savings Program Enrollment Clinics for Dutchess County resident older adults in early February. Please call ahead to reserve a

time to meet with a trained counselor.

- Friday, Feb. 3, 10 am-1 pm at Sun River Health, 3360 NY 343 (East Main St.) in Amenia, about 0.3 miles east of the light in the middle of Amenia. To reserve your spot at this event, call 845-206-7526 (Ed) or 845-475-4159 (Mitzi). Masks are required at Sun River Health.

- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 am-2 pm at the Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. To reserve a spot at this event, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

Both events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to weather and/or community infection prevention measures.

Be sure to bring the following information with you to your appointment:

- Proof of income;
- Proof of age (driver's license and/or birth certificate);
- Your Medicare card;
- If you pay for dental insurance or Medicare Supplement, bring a bill;
- Proof of address, like a current utility bill.

For older adults who are homebound or whose schedules conflict with MSP enrollment clinics, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 and we'll connect you with the resources you need.

STILL SPACE FOR NEW 'FRIENDLY CALLS' VOLUNTEERS

We continue to have excellent response to our request for OFA "Friendly Calls" program volunteers – thanks! If you're just reading about the program for the first time, here's the quick version of how it works:

Volunteers (age 18+ welcome) speak once a week for 20-25 minutes on the phone with a pre-screened older adult participant in the program, with the goal being to re-establish social connections for isolated older adults. Volunteers can speak with more than one older adult, if they have the time to do so.

We're hosting orientations for new Friendly Calls volunteers during the next two weeks at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie. More will be scheduled in February and March as needed.

Contact OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at bjones@dutchessny.gov for more information.

USE "211" TO ARRANGE AARP/TAX-AIDE SERVICES

Since 1968, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

program has helped over 50 million low-to-moderate income taxpayers. As an intricate part of the Coalition Tax-Aide takes the lead in training volunteers and managing over 20 tax preparation sites in Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties. More information here.

PREPARATION PROCESS (Service is provided by appointment only.): Appointments are made by calling United Way Help Line 211 or 1-800-899-1479. Appointments can be made from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday. If you do experience a wait time, we encourage you to use the option of leaving your name and phone number for a callback. Important: Appointments cannot be booked through the Office for the Aging or any of the Tax-Aide sites.

Please be patient. Early call volume is very high. Please answer your phone when you are called back. Note: the caller ID may be that of one of our volunteers as opposed to the United Way 2-1-1 call center.

Each filer is required to obtain a Pre-Appointment packet, complete the packet prior to their scheduled appointment and come to the appointment with all required tax documents. Pre-Appointment Packets have a complete listing of documents you are required to bring to your appointment. IRS-certified Tax-Aide volunteers will review your tax documents and complete a short interview using the required IRS intake form. After the interview is complete, the volunteer will input tax information using the software provided by the IRS.

Your tax return will be quality reviewed by another IRS Certified Tax Counselor. Once the return is completed, the Tax Counselor will review the entire return with you and obtain your permission to e-file the return. Filers are required to remain at the tax site location during the preparation process. Please note valuable information you received in your appointment confirmation email regarding additional forms you may need for your appointment.

Printed packets are available at the tax site you are scheduled at during preparation hours. If you have difficulties getting to the site for packet pick-up, contact 875-475-7500.

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

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