

Red Hook,
 Historic Diner
 families mourn
 passing of Harkins



Sam Harkins

by Curtis Schmidt

The families and customers of the Historic Village Diner in Red Hook are mourning the passing of diner co-owner Samuel T. Harkins. Harkins, also an avid golfer and member of the Red Hook Golf Club, passed away on Thanksgiving Day at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie of complications due to COVID-19. He was reportedly not vaccinated. His wife, Arleen, and daughter, Blythe, were also infected with the virus, but have quarantined and since tested negative. Harkins was a partner in the Historic Village Diner with Melissa (Missy) Wambach. She reported that she and all other Diner employees have tested negative for COVID-19 and the Diner has received a "clean bill of health" from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Richard Wambach, a marketing and sales associate with the Northern

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Sinterklaas Festival returns
 with messages of unity, safety

by Rich Thomaselli

Sinterklaas is back! One of Dutchess County's greatest towns is bringing back one of the area's most revered traditions when the Sinterklaas Festival and parade returns on Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Village of Rhinebeck. The event was canceled last year due to the pandemic and, truth be told, putting on the celebration has been something of a challenge this year as well. "Exceedingly challenging," said the driving force behind the event, Jeanne Fleming, Sinterklaas designer/coordinator and its artistic and production director. "There's the constant reflection on public safety. We spent a lot of time listening to the community and what the parameters should be and what we have to work with. We're sensitive to that." Fleming also noted the core of the all-volunteer group that has put on Sinterklaas for 30+ years is aging. "I'm 75," she said. "A lot of us are pushing 80. Some have gotten sick this past year, others have had injuries." Ironically, for the first time in the history of Sinterklaas, Fleming hired an assistant to help with the production – and she tore the meniscus ligament in her knee and could not participate. Nonetheless, Fleming, at heart, is an



From left, Sarah and Emma Apai of Rhinebeck check out their "Froggy" Sinterklaas gifts from Joanna Hess of the Sinterklaas staff during a Clowns and Branches Workshop on Friday, Nov. 26. This year's workshops are being held at the former Bulkeley Middle School Building at 6 Mulberry Street in the Village of Rhinebeck. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

artist. She and her volunteer group, which she called a "deeply human community effort," are dedicated to the mantra that the show must go on. According to its website, Sinterklaas honors the area's heritage by recreating a celebration that the Dutch settlers brought to Rhinebeck more than 300 years ago. Mounted on a white steed, a town resident dressed up as Sinterklaas (elegantly garbed in a bishop's tall hat, red cape, shiny ring and jeweled staff) and rode through town knocking on doors late at night. He was accompanied by the Grampus, the half-man/half-beast who helped Sinterklaas deliver goodies to

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DCSPCA event will help
 fund crucial mission



by Kate Goldsmith

The Dutchess County SPCA will host its holiday fundraiser on Wednesday, Dec. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, it will be held virtually again this year. The event, titled "A Home for the Holidays," includes a silent auction that is already under way, recorded messages from

celebrity animal rights advocates, opportunities to adopt pets, a peer-to-peer fundraising contest (through Dec. 31) and more. Annie and Ryan from Q92's Annie in the Morning show will emcee the event live. There is a \$25 suggested donation. Register via onecau.se/_drQ. You can also view and bid on

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Brealynn White, the Dog Care lead at the Dutchess County SPCA, holds Louie, a puppy at the shelter in Hyde Park. Courtesy photo

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the Silent Auction items at this link. “It’s going to be a combination live event with some pre-recorded video; we’re doing the best we can with a virtual event,” said Lynne Meloccaro, executive director of the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA). “We can’t wait to do our next benefit live, but we felt that given the surge happening in New York, it would have been irresponsible of us to have a live event now.”

Actress Sally Struthers and musician Fred Schneider (from the B52s) are among the supporters who have provided heartfelt messages that will be played during “A Home for the Holidays.”

The event will come live from the DCSPCA shelter on Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. The decision, said Meloccaro, is “to help the community understand what we do for the community, and also how dependent we are on the community’s help to do what we do ... to give people a chance to participate, let them know how they can help.”

The choice of emcees was a natural, as the Annie & Ryan show hosts the Pet of the Week on Thursdays.

“Lynne usually handles the dog while I do the yapping,” said Penny Schouten, DCSPCA marketing, communications and community relations director.

The silent auction items range in price from \$50 to about \$5,000, and include jewelry, furniture, sky-diving lessons, cruises, a lottery gift basket, a two-week vacation in St. Maarten, a glamping trip and more.

There will also be videos honoring

DCSPCA volunteer of the year, Dave Stark, and special honoree John Storyk.

“[Storyk] is a legendary acoustic designer,” said Meloccaro. “Out of the goodness of his heart, he redesigned our dog wing acoustically so that it’s a quiet, serene space instead of a barking, anxious space.” She added that the dog wing is a nice facility, but previously the acoustics amplified the barking in the corridor.

“You can see the difference in the dogs,” she said. “When the dogs go back in their pods they’re like ten times more calm than they were before, because they had to run the gauntlet of barking dogs.”

Multi-pronged mission

The mission of the DCSPCA includes:

- Sheltering animals in need and secure permanent homes for adoptable pets.

- Providing practical and educational resources to the public to advance the highest standards of animal care and help keep pets in their homes.

- Enforcing humane law throughout Dutchess County.

- Striving for a community in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has had its challenges, but it has also provided opportunities.

“The biggest transformation [during the pandemic] was reconnecting ourselves to the community,” said Meloccaro. “Partly in response to Covid but also [through] progressive trends in sheltering ... helping the community through community programs.”

These programs are designed to help people keep their animals during difficult times, “instead of seeing [the shelter] as a warehouse where people put their animals they don’t want anymore.”

The programs include a safety net boarding program; for those who might be moving or having to go into the hospital, DCSPCA will offer free boarding for 30 days. There is also a medical emergency repayment program for expensive veterinary bills, offering affordable weekly payments. For dogs with behavioral issues in the home, the organization will send someone to your home to help.

DCSPCA also partners with organizations such as Grace Smith House, to arrange boarding for animal companions whose owners have had to leave their domestic situation for fear of their safety. Meloccaro noted that some of those women come to the shelter every day to visit their animals.

“Most people want to keep their animals; we want to help people keep



Lemon is one of the Shih Tzus rescued from a backyard breeder. At left is Lemon the day she was rescued. Above, she is pictured at the Hyde Park Library in August, after her hair grew back. Bottom left: Executive Directory Lynne Meloccaro and a tiny feline friend. *Courtesy photos*

their animals,” Meloccaro said. “It’s good for the people, the animals and for us, so we don’t have to [put those animals into the shelter system].”

As a result, the DCSPCA has been able to help hundreds of animals and families.

“The results have been pretty spectacular,” Meloccaro said, adding that DCSPCA is one of the top-rated shelters in the nation for its release rates and standards.

“I’m pretty proud of that. It’s a place where good things are happening,” she said. “As always, our biggest challenge is to raise money.”

And it takes a lot of money to implement and run programs and maintain high standards, not to mention the everyday care of the many dogs and cats at the shelter (Meloccaro said they have about three times as many cats as dogs). For instance, hundreds of pounds of food per week are required to feed the animals. Meloccaro said DCPCSA buys food and accepts donations through food drives.

There is also medical care, with some animals needing much more than others. For example, earlier this year the shelter received a call about a “backyard breeder” who was breeding Shih Tzus on their property and keeping the animals in squalid, unsafe conditions.

“In the height of the summer the Shih Tzus were locked in a shed with no

ventilation, no water, they were starving,” said Meloccaro. “Our vet said it was the worst flea infestation he’d ever seen. Some of the dogs died of the fleas.”

Eleven of the dogs were rescued but were in poor health; some had to have eyes removed due to the extent of infection.

“It was the worst case I’ve ever seen,” Meloccaro said. As they all required medical treatment, it was a very expensive rescue mission, but worthwhile.

“The good news is that they recovered and were all adopted out; they found great owners,” she said. “It’s incredible what they went through, but they’re incredibly sweet dogs.”

Meloccaro tells this story not to depress people, but to underscore the mission of the DCSPCA.

“It’s not about the condition of the animals when they come in. The story is about what would happen to them if we weren’t here,” she said. “The work we do to turn them back into normal, happy dogs in normal homes, and cats too. That, for me, is the most important story of the DCSPCA. You can feel bad for the animals, but feel good for them, too. That’s what we’re here for.”

Visit www.dcsPCA.org for more information about the organization and additional details about “A Home for the Holidays.”



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Serino, Red Cross to host local blood drive Dec. 9

To address an emergency blood shortage, Sen. Sue Serino is teaming up with the American Red Cross Hudson Valley Chapter to host a local blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Hyatt House in Fishkill, to give community members the opportunity to donate.

There is no deferral to donate for individuals who recently received the COVID-19 vaccine, booster or flu shot.

The Red Cross is strictly following all health and safety guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and due to safety precautions they have in place, individuals interested in donating must sign up in advance at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HyattHouseNY>.

Hyatt House is at 100 Westage Business Center Drive in Fishkill.

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children who were on their best behavior during the year, and, well, not-so-goodies to children who were a handful.

The concept of Sinterklaas still takes place in Holland.

In Rhinebeck, the indoor/outdoor day-long, colorful celebration features children's workshops, dance, theater and music all over the village. The spectacular Children's Starlight Parade at 6 p.m., featuring two-story tall animated puppets carried by hundreds of volunteers, closes the day at twilight.

The theme of this year's parade is the old tale of Froggy and Miss Mousey, who will actually get married. Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett and his wife will renew their vows as the storied characters in the opening ceremony.

"What inspires us about creating the honored animals each year is that there are so many entry-points for the audience to understand their story and meaning," said Red Hook resident Alex Khan of Processional Arts Workshop Inc., who designs the puppets with artist Sophia Michahelles. "Some just love the spectacle of giant puppets coming down the street. Others resonate with the folkloric roots of Froggy's courtship of Miss Mousey, a tale which has endured and evolved for centuries in verse and song. Still others may see a contemporary ecological or social message in the work. Our role is simply to make an evocative, animated visual performance that everyone can engage in their own way."

Fleming said Bassett was thrilled to be even more involved this year, especially after his wife had a difficult bout with

COVID.

"The mayor really wanted to do this. It's the personal and the community coming together," she said. "The personal has become crucial to the community. The personal stories have become communal stories. It becomes symbolic of bringing the whole community together. They will do a hand-clasping ceremony where they are tied together, and we're going to give a ribbon to the whole community and hope they tie around their wrists and by the end of the day tied together with someone."

Sinterklaas is for all ages, but especially for children. Kids are asked to carry a star that their parents can purchase ahead of time or at the event – serving as the "bringers of light" – and will join in the big country wedding of Froggy and Miss Mousey.

The stars will play a major role in the wedding ceremony, without giving too much away here. Children are transformed into Kings and Queens and honored as the bringers of the light at the darkest time of year.

Although Sinterklaas was canceled last year, Fleming and her crew made an animated video hyping this year's event that played in the window of village storefronts. It promised the children of the community that Sinterklaas would come back.

"We made a promise," Fleming said. "The kids missed it, everybody missed it. I felt a responsibility to fulfill this promise to the kids and the community."

She paused and began to tear up. "This," she said, "this is my life work."



Sophia Michahelles and Alex Kahn of Processional Arts Workshop work on this year's honored animal puppets for the Sinterklaas Parade - Miss Mousey and Froggy. Photo by Alida Kahn

RHINEBECK MAYOR BASSETT, WIFE WILL RENEW VOWS TO START FESTIVAL

by Curtis Schmidt

As a result of occurrences during the COVID-19 pandemic, Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett and his wife, Brenda, will be renewing their marriage vows during the opening ceremonies of this year's Sinterklaas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4.

And yes, they will be dressed in costume as "Miss Mousey and Froggy" for the ceremony set at 12 noon.

Brenda and Gary Bassett have been married for 45 years. Brenda contracted the virus early on in March of 2020 and had three bouts with two stays at Northern Dutchess Hospital and one at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She is a "long-hauler" and still suffers from COVID-19 symptoms 18 months later.

As part of her recovery, Brenda spent all of last winter with relatives in South Carolina. "We were apart and obviously concerned, so we decided to renew our commitment to each other," said Gary. "The only other time that I was this nervous was on our wedding day."

Renewing their vows as part of the Sinterklaas Festival came about through the Mayor's friendship with Festival Director Jeanne Fleming.

In his role as Mayor, Gary is concerned mainly with security and uniting the community during a wonderful yearly event.

"Jeanne and I were talking about how we wanted to unite the community after last year's event was canceled," said Gary. "So renewing our vows and then going out into the community seems like the perfect opportunity to do this."

Brenda and Gary will take part in a "hand-clasping ceremony" where a rope will be laid over their hands, and then as the roped is pulled, it forms a knot of unity as the hands are brought together.

Brenda's theme will be about the heart. It grows stronger and bolder as two individuals branch out during a relationship and then it comes back together to solidify the union.

Gary's theme is living together forever, regardless of what happens during the marriage.

As Mayor, Gary said he has "been extremely impressed with how so many members of the Rhinebeck community have come forward and worked together for the benefit of all during the pandemic. That is what community and unity is all about."



DUTCHESS TOURISM AWARDS ACCESSIBLE HOSPITALITY AWARD TO VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK

The Village of Rhinebeck and its Autism Supportive Community Committee recently won Dutchess Tourism's Accessible Hospitality Award of Distinction. In the photo, from left, are Kathleen Marshall, Director of Program Services for Anderson Center for Autism; Mayor Gary Bassett of the Village of Rhinebeck; and Joe Phelan Jr., Chairperson for the Autism Supportive Community Committee. Anderson Center Consulting began its partnership with the Village of Rhinebeck in the fall of 2018 to assist the village in becoming the first Autism Supportive Community in the region. For more information about this initiative, visit villageofrhinebeck.org/asc. Courtesy photo

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Joint Letter on Democratic Caucus attendance & County Legislature productivity

To the editor:

During a County Legislature Budget Meeting, Democrat Minority Leader Rebecca Edwards attempted to criticize her colleagues saying, "this Legislature is doing virtually nothing."

The Legislature is in the midst of reviewing the 2022 Proposed County Executive Budget by holding public hearings and meeting with Departments to ensure staffing and services are being maintained as well as discussing new service proposals. The Budget review process is one of the most important aspects of being a County Legislator.

Throughout the Legislature's Budget review and November meetings, the Democratic Caucus has maintained a 43 percent attendance rate average. At one meeting, 0 members of the Democratic Caucus were in attendance. Over that same span of eleven meetings, the Republican Caucus maintained a perfect, 100 percent attendance rate.

Our residents need a highly efficient and functioning County government. There are people out there that need help, want better roads & parks, and deserve to have their taxes lowered.

We are absolutely disappointed to hear Legislator Edward's remarks and suggest the Democratic Caucus starts doing their jobs and showing up.

The County Executive and Legislature Chairman point to their 2021 accomplishments:

- Purchased and authorized up to \$25 million for the construction of the Youth Opportunity Union (YOU)
- Delivered \$3.1 in Learn, Play, Create youth grants
- Negotiated and ratified a 25-year lease with Keystone Professional Baseball Club to bring a New York Yankees affiliate team to Dutchess Stadium
- Authorized funding for upgrades at Wilcox Park, Bowdoin Park, Lake Walton Park, and Quiet Cove Park
- Established a reserve fund for the Parks Division
- Expanded use of Crisis Intervention Team Training to municipal law enforcement entities
- Authorized a \$350,000 highspeed internet/broadband project
- Adopted a local law to protect restaurants from nefarious third-party delivery services

- Authorized and approved the implementation of the County Sheriff's Police Reform and Modernization Plan
- Negotiated and ratified a Government Greenhouse Gas Inventories and Climate Action Plan between the County and municipalities

- Authorized and conducted PFOA/PFOS study for homes surrounding the Hudson Valley Regional Airport

- Authorized purchase of a Mobile RV to deliver physical, mental, and communicable disease health services to Eastern Dutchess

- Adopted a local law for Fair Housing

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County Executive Marc Molinaro
and Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver

Communities need education on marijuana options

To the editor:

With the passing of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), New York became the 15th state in the nation to legalize adult-use cannabis. Local governments now have the choice to allow retail dispensaries and on-site consumption locations within their districts. Prior to deciding, it's important to understand the "opt-in" and "opt-out" features.

A community might choose to "opt-in" to dispensaries, but "opt-out" of on-site consumption locations. If a community chooses to opt-in to any of the opportunities, the decision will be final as of December 31, 2021 and cannot be changed.

However, if a community chooses to opt-out of any of the options, they can later choose to opt-in after December 31, allowing more time for decision making.

We at the Northern Dutchess Community Coalition strongly encourage our communities to educate themselves about these options. For more information on the effects of legalization of recreational marijuana please visit learnaboutsam.org.

Crissy Groenewegen
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and Education of Dutchess County Inc.



Tivoli crafting group donates to Red Scarf Project

For the past few years the Hooks & Needles, Yarns & Threads crafting group, which meets weekly at the Tivoli Free Library, has been rallying their community to create scarves to donate to the Red Scarf Project, a program sponsored by Foster Care to Success. Foster Care to Success is an organization that works with college-aged foster youth as they navigate the many issues involved with pursuing higher education. More information can be found on their website: www.fc2success.org. The Mid Hudson Library System featured this project in their weekly newsletter and the response was terrific: This year the Hooks & Needles Group collected 40 hand-made scarves, the most ever in their four-year history of being involved with the Red Scarf Project. From left are Charlotte Carr, Doris Formby and Hildegard Edling outside the Tivoli Free Library on their way to the post office. Photo by Michele DelPriore (Tivoli Free Library)

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Dutchess News, said he and the "Diner Family" have been "devastated by the news" of Harkins' passing, but they are working hard to keep the Diner open. Missy's sister, Tamara, is also an employee at the Diner.

"My daughters and the staff are working valiantly to try and handle everything. It's an extremely difficult and stressful situation," said Wambach. "My family has offered to help in any way we can."

He said his daughters "have been working extra shifts for a while. It's tough, because they, like most every other

business, are short-handed anyway."

The diner has been a mainstay at 7550 North Broadway in Red Hook and Arleen and Sam had been on the job for 40-plus years. In a Northern Dutchess News article, Sam said he figured they "normally serve well over 500 meals a day and are open seven days a week."

That article was from March 23, 2020 – at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, the Diner family was just beginning to adjust to provisions set forth by New York State and Dutchess County government.

In the article, Arleen Harkins commented on the pandemic, "The village of Red Hook has really come together and adjusted. All of the customers have really been very good and understanding."

In view of the current situation, Richard Wambach said, "That kind of coming together and understanding is what we need right now, too."

The Red Hook VFW Post 7765 has extended an invitation to the Diner families for a gathering. Services are private. See obituary on page 16.

PV volunteer with New York Guard recognized for service

LATHAM, NY — Major General Raymond F. Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces recent awards and individual recognitions for members of the New York Guard state defense force for their continuing commitment to serve community, state and nation as part of New York State’s Military Forces.

Cpl. Vincent Herring from Pleasant Valley, serving with the New York Guard Headquarters, received the New York Guard Achievement Medal during recent unit training events.

The New York Guard is a force of 500 uniformed volunteers, organized as a military unit, who augment the New York National Guard during state emergencies. They provide administrative and logistics

support to the National Guard. Members of the New York Guard supported flood control efforts along the Lake Ontario shoreline in 2019 and 2020 and have been part of the statewide COVID-19 pandemic response since March 2020.

Unlike members of the New York National Guard, New York Guard members do not have a federal military role and do not deploy outside the state. New York Guard members usually train in a volunteer status and are only paid when they are placed on state duty during emergencies.

The New York Guard, which is one of 23 state defense forces around the country, is authorized to recruit just over 1,000 volunteers organized into units located across New York.

About half of the New York Guard volunteers are former members of the active duty military or National Guard who bring a wealth of experience to the force while the other half have never served in the military. Previous military membership is not a requirement for New York Guard service.

People who have served in the military can serve in the New York Guard up until age 68. Those who have never served in the military must be between age 18 and

age 55 to join.

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state’s executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York’s Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

Rhinebeck medical student recognized for student organization involvement
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COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Rising cases, new variant prompts Ulster to declare state of emergency; Dutchess to monitor, react as necessary

by Kate Goldsmith

On Sunday, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan declared a state of emergency due to “rapidly rising” cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations, in addition to the new threat of the Omicron variant.

“The state of emergency will be in effect for at least 30 days and will allow Ulster County to rapidly procure needed testing and vaccination supplies, bolster available public health staff resources, and redeploy County staff to support COVID operations if necessary,” Ryan said in a statement on Nov. 28.

Active cases of COVID-19 have tripled in Ulster County since Halloween, bringing the count to its highest level since April 2021, Ryan noted.

Ryan continues to urge residents to get vaccinated if they have not already, and to get their booster shot if they received their last dose longer than six months ago.

“With the emergence of the Omicron variant, it’s even more urgent to get vaccinated and get your booster,” Ryan said. “Vaccines remain our most effective tool to stop the virus and save lives.”

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “[Dutchess] has the resources and executive authority to take appropriate steps without exercising the broad authority that comes with a declared state of emergency under New York State Executive Law 2B.”

Molinaro added that the pandemic has taught officials that they must always be ready for “what’s next.”

“As we learn about the new Omicron variant and experience the expected seasonal rise in cases, Dutchess County is well-positioned to continue responding to this public health emergency,” he said.

“Our health department has remained ever vigilant-working closely with hospitals, healthcare providers, school districts, colleges and more to monitor COVID-19 and adapt as necessary. Together with the Legislature who previously authorized funding, we have worked to ensure there is appropriate capacity and access to testing and vaccination.”

Molinaro said the county “will continue to monitor transmission and gauge any change in severity and hospital capacity. The advent of another variant doesn’t change our approach and prudence when using the powers given to the executive once a state of emergency is declared.”

Continue to follow prevention guidelines

Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) continues strongly urges all community members to follow CDC Disease Prevention Guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses including:

- Get Vaccinated and get your booster. COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, free and readily available. Anyone 5 years and older is eligible to be vaccinated. For information about where to get COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.DutchessNY.gov/covidvaccine.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, even if fully vaccinated.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water; or use hand sanitizer when necessary.
- Practice physical distancing – particularly in congregate settings
- Stay home when sick. Anyone experiencing cold or COVID-19 symptoms, including coughing, sneezing, loss of taste or smell; should stay home to rest, recover, and help prevent the spread of virus and disease.

December events at Starr Library

Register for these events at www.starrlibrary.org or call (845) 876-4030.

Graphic Novel for Tweens
“Class Act” by Jerry Craft
Thursday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m.
We will discuss last month’s title, “Class Act” by Jerry Craft, and give out the book “Anyas Ghost” by Vera Brosgol.

Mysteries Around the World Book Club: Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota
“Winter Counts” by David Heska Wanbli Weiden
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Rhinebeck Laughter Yoga Club
New recurring program
Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 15 & 29, 10:30 a.m.

Join Jennifer Axinn-Weiss of Izlind Integrative Wellness Center for a therapeutic practice, and laugh along with the Rhinebeck Laughter Yoga Club. This program will meet every other Wednesday.

Starr Stitchers
Monday, Dec. 6 & 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Starr Stitchers meets in person at the Starr Library every first and third Mondays of the month. A stitcher is anyone who does any or many types of embroidery and needlework, from beginner to advanced. All stitchers welcome.

Starr Board Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m.
Open to all community members who would like to attend.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Danny Sings About Everything
Thursdays, Dec. 2, 16 & 30, 9-10 a.m.
This is an ongoing program taking place every other Thursday until December 30th. All programs are online and presented on Zoom. We are so lucky to have Danny Tieger! Join us for this new music series for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers. New live shows will premiere at the time of the program. Danny Tieger is an author, songwriter and performer who

specializes in making never-before-thought-of-things come to life. This program is sponsored by the NorthEast-Millerton Library, Scoville Memorial Library and Starr Library.

Global Arts
Tuesdays, Dec. 7 & 21, 5-6 p.m.
Global Arts meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. It’s a hands-on, arts and crafts class led by Tara Foley, Starr’s Youth Programmer. We look at folk art traditions from different parts of the globe in order to better understand the world that we live in today. Parents and guardians are welcome to work together on the projects with their children. On Dec. 7, the theme will be Kalash, and on Dec. 21 the theme will be Mandala. This is a program geared toward elementary school-aged kids. Pizza is served at these meetings.

Music Therapy with Terry Watson
Thursday, Dec. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
This program is hosted every second Tuesday of the month. Music and music therapy provide opportunities for children to develop and learn new skills through music experiences. Music experiences address cognition, language and the social skills of the child within a safe, nurturing and fun process. We will use instruments, dance, chants, puppets and much more to provide your child with a meaningful and fun experience. This class is inclusive of children at all stages of development and functionality. This class focuses on elementary aged youth, but can also go up to middle school if requested.
Sessions facilitated by: Terry Watson, MA, CMT, LCAT, MS, Special Education.

Heroes Wanted! D&D with DM Joe
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4-6 p.m.
Once a month, every second Tuesday in the storytime room, Starr will host a 2-hour D&D game for ages 10-14. (For older kids, contact tfoley@starrlibrary.org for setting up another game if we get enough interest). There is a limit of 5 kids. Joe hails from Pleasant Valley and comes to us with 15 years of D&D experience with 9 years as a professional DM.

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Serino names Capt. Alyssa Carrion to Veterans’ Hall of Fame

This Veterans Day, Sen. Sue Serino announced that retired United States Army Capt. Alyssa Carrion has been inducted to the New York State Senate’s Veterans’ Hall of Fame. Carrion currently serves as the Program Manager for Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Veterans Housing, Employment, Reintegration and Outreach Program, which aims to help homeless veterans throughout Dutchess County.

“Alyssa continuously goes above and beyond to help veterans throughout Dutchess County by using her own personal experiences,” said Serino. “Since meeting her, I knew she was a trailblazer in every sense of the word and have been in awe of the incredible work that she does each and every day for our veteran community. It is an honor to be able to induct her into the New York State Senate’s Veterans’ Hall of Fame and to recognize her for the admirable work that she does to help our local heroes. Alyssa has touched so many lives, and I cannot thank her enough for her selflessness and dedication.”

Each year, state senators are given the opportunity to induct one individual from their district into the New York State Senate’s Veterans’ Hall of Fame to honor their dedicated service both in the military and in their community through civilian life. While inductees are typically invited to the State Capitol for an in-

person ceremony in the Spring, in an abundance of caution, this year’s event was held virtually.

According to a biography provided for the event, following graduation from Carmel High School, Carrion went on to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Spanish and Portuguese. Upon completing her degree in 2004, Carrion then went on to serve in the United States Army as a commissioned officer until 2009, and then completed her Army Reserve commitment in 2012. Carrion received the rank of Captain.

Carrion was deployed to Egypt in 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom where she served as a Platoon Leader for the 571st Military Police Company. She then went on to serve as the Operations Officer for the 80th Ordnance Battalion and the Executive Officer for the 508th MP Detachment.

While in the service, Carrion earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Achievement Medal, two Army Commendation Medals and a Meritorious Service Medal for her exemplary service.

Upon retirement, Carrion received a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences from the University of Washington and a Paralegal Certificate from Boston University.

For more information on the services



Sen. Sue Serino (left) recently inducted Capt. Alyssa Carrion into the NYS Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame. *Courtesy photo*

offered by Mental Health America of Dutchess County Veterans’ Programs, visit <https://mhadutchess.org/services/>

vet2vet/ . To learn more, or to connect with their office, call (845) 473-2500, ext. 1206.

VETERANS CORNER: NEWS YOU CAN USE

‘Holiday for our Heroes’ set Dec. 12

Marist College, Mike Arteaga’s Health & Fitness Centers, VetZero and MHA Dutchess Veteran Programs are sponsoring a “Holiday for our Heroes” event on Sunday, Dec. 12, in Poughkeepsie. The event will be completely free for all veterans and a guest, and will include:

2 p.m. Marist Men’s Basketball vs. Navy at Marist College: Marist has donated free tickets for all veterans and a guest to attend the game. There will be a special halftime ceremony honoring our local veterans. Tickets can be picked up at the gate for veterans.

4 p.m. Holiday for our Heroes celebration at Mahoney’s Irish Pub & Restaurant in Poughkeepsie, directly after the game. There will be a buffet and limited bar. There will be holiday gifts for veterans who attend.

This is not a fundraiser. It’s just a fun way to bring some holiday cheer to our veterans, and bring the people who take care of them together.

Any organization that like to join the planning meeting on Zoom after Veterans Day is asked to send an email to vetzero@hudsonriverhousing.org .

Vet2Vet Support Group set

MHA of Dutchess County’s next Vet2Vet Support Group will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 4 p.m., at

515 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie. These groups serve as an outlet for veterans to discuss with peers their opinions, challenges, successes and anything else in order to regain balance in their lives.

The groups are free, confidential and judgment-free. They are open to all veterans. Active and inactive and National Guard members are welcome, as well.

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

Walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics offer boosters to eligible veterans

Following CDC recommendations for those that would most benefit from the COVID-19 booster, the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is providing booster shots for Moderna and J&J COVID-19 vaccines to eligible veterans, as supply and capacity permits. The booster shots are available at:

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For more information about the status of vaccination throughout Dutchess County, visit DutchessNY.gov/COVIDvaccine.

Smithfield Road culvert replacement complete



The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced work to replace a culvert on Smithfield Road (CR-5) near Silver Mountain Road and Cooper Road in the Town of North East is complete and the road reopened to traffic. The project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Project work began in late-summer and included removal and replacement of the existing concrete structure, as well as the addition of three-foot shoulders to the roadway to improve the safety of the area for motorists. *Courtesy photo*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Poughkeepsie VFW Post collecting Christmas cards for USS Roosevelt
VFW Post 170 is collecting Christmas cards to send to the officers and crew of the USS Roosevelt, Dutchess County's adopted ship. The public is invited to drop off cards from noon to 8 p.m. daily at the Post, located at 1 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The cards will be shipped the first week in December.

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

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

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

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

Hyde Park leaf drop-off information
Hyde Park residents can drop off your leaves at the Athanas Farm, located at 1487 Route 9G, anytime during the day, Sunday thru Saturday.

The farm is located 2 miles past the East Park light on the left hand side of Route 9G.

Please note: You may bring in bagged leaves to dump but all bags must be taken with you when you leave. Truckloads are accepted for a small fee of \$10 per truckload. Absolutely no brush is allowed to be dumped.

For more information or if you have any questions contact the Hyde Park Town Hall at (845) 229-5111; press 8.

Bindlestick Bill to present songs and stories at Millbrook Library
Millbrook Arts Group in conjunction with the

Millbrook Library will present Songs and Stories with Bindlestick Bill, a program for children, on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Millbrook Library (3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook).

Bindlestick Bill, a traveling troubadour, will present a program of sing-alongs, storytelling, juggling and a talking sock-monkey. Bill has traveled throughout the Hudson Valley region for many years sharing his music with children and their families spreading the message about the beauty of the earth and one's responsibility in taking care of it.

Visit www.millbrooklibrary.org for more information.

Pancake Breakfast in Hyde Park
The Hyde Park Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast fund-raising event on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 8-11 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1278 Rt. 9G in Hyde Park. Items featured will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon and sausage. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65-plus) and \$5 for children under 12. Cub Scout Pack 153 is the co-sponsor for the event.

Penny Social in Stanfordville
Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Holiday Penny Social on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. Christmas items will be featured. There will be penny prizes, homemade baked goods, \$1 table, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and theme baskets. Refreshments will be served by the Grange Youth. For more information, contact Therese Fallon at (845) 868-1700 or Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back
The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Fall Soup Sales on Dec. 16, as well as on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 in 2022. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on those dates, a choice of soup or chili will be available for take-out at the cost of \$10 per quart. To order ahead, email Joe at baerhands@aol.com or call the firehouse at (845) 876-6149 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard Street in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard. Profits will alternate between the two community organizations.

December at Clinton Community Library

Clinton Community Library invites residents to participate in children's programs, adult book clubs, ongoing classes, and fun workshops.

Most programs require registration. Call the library at (845) 266-5530, check the website calendar at www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org, or email clintonlib1215@gmail.com to sign up, or for more information about these as well as other upcoming events.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

December is Take & Make month at Clinton Community Library: Register for a new Take & Make project each week.

Clinton Community Library cardholders can create a free Creativebug account for instructional video.

Combating Loneliness During the Holidays, Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. (virtual)

Cabin Fever Share 'n' Tell discussion group for adults, will meet monthly, first Monday of the month beginning Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Enjoy a fun discussion over hot cocoa.

Dessert Pretzel Bombs cook-along with ingredient kit pick up at the library a week in advance, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. (virtual)

Tea Time Book Club, Thursday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. Reading "How the Penguins Saved Veronica" by Hazel Prior

Global Literature Book Club: Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. (virtual). Reading "10 Minutes and 38 Seconds in This Strange World" by Elif Shafak.

QiGong with Vince: Ongoing Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. (virtual)

All-Level Yoga with Mia: Ongoing Wednesdays, 6 p.m. & Saturdays, 10 a.m. (virtual)

Chair Yoga: Ongoing Fridays, 11 a.m. (alternates in-person and virtual)

CHILDREN AND TEEN PROGRAMMING

Hey, Makers! Light-Up Origami Frog workshop, Saturday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. (virtual)

Story Seekers: Thursday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m. Storytime and activity for K+up (ongoing first Thursdays)

Making Connections: Thursday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Storytime and activity for grade 3+up (ongoing second Thursdays)

"For the Love of ___ Books": Thursday, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. Exploration of different book types and activity for grade 6+up (ongoing third Thursdays)

Storytime on the Dot: Ongoing Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for pre-K

FAMILY PROGRAM

Decorate Gingerbread Houses event: Friday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Clinton Community Library is located at 1215 Centre Road in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall. The library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra swings into holiday season with Dec. 4 concert

The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) will present “Jazz Up the Holidays,” featuring vocalist Teri Roiger, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m., at The Culinary Institute of America, Marriott Pavilion – Ecolab Auditorium, 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park.

This holiday concert includes “We Need A Little Christmas” Latin style; themes from “A Charlie Brown Christmas”; and timeless classics sung by Ella Fitzgerald and Mel Tormé, including “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm,” “What Are You Doing New Year’s Eve?” and “The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire).”

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

An American jazz musician vocalist, pianist, songwriter, educator and producer, Roiger lives in New York City and also spends time in the Hudson Valley. She began playing piano at age 5, and played church organ throughout her teens. One afternoon in Minneapolis, a young Roiger sat down at a piano amid a group of seasoned musicians, and played a burning rendition of John Coltrane’s

“Giant Steps.” An astounded nearby bass player said, “Hey, you aren’t supposed to be able to do that,” a remark that ignited Roiger’s determination to pursue a life in jazz. Shortly after that, she made her first demo with the legendary stride pianist Butch Thompson – and her musical path was set.

Throughout the years, her music has taken many exciting twists and turns. She has performed as a duo with her husband, bassist John Menegon, throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe; and they have been featured artists at the San Miguel Jazz Festival (Mexico), Panama Jazz Festival (Panama) and Bolzano Jazz Festival (Italy), where they presented concerts and masterclasses.

The depth of Roiger’s experiences and love of jazz is apparent when she brings her talent to live performances, the recording studio, and through her moving lyrics and compositions. Her latest recording, “Shine a Bright Light,” released in September, features Brazilian jazz with Roiger on vocals, Menegon on bass, Pete Levin on piano and keyboard, Jeff Siegel on drums, and Nanny Assis on percussion, guitar and vocals.

Music critic Stanley Crouch once said of Roiger, “She had all of the essence that anyone wants to hear anytime from a true

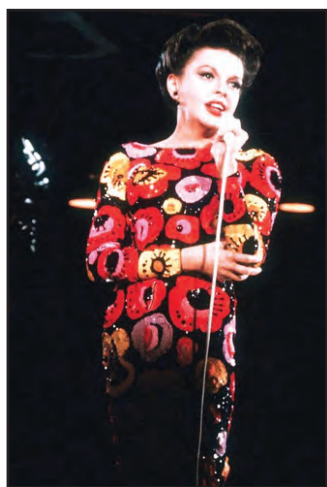
jazz singer... she is made for those who still understand the meaning of the term the real thing”

Legendary jazz drummer Jack DeJohnette said, “Teri has an intuitive laid-back sense of time reminiscent of Abbey Lincoln & Betty Carter, but with her own uniqueness.”

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



Teri Roiger



MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO JUDY GARLAND SET DEC. 4

90 Miles Theatre Company will present a Judy Garland Cabaret, a musical tribute to a Hollywood legend, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3 and 7 p.m. The cabaret will take place at Boughton Place, 150 Kisor Road, Highland. Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at door. Visit <http://90milesny.com/> to purchase tickets. *Courtesy photo*

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

Sets

Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

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Millbrook resident Luke Kelly wins Central Hudson’s photo contest



The winning entry in Central Hudson’s Fall Foliage Photo Contest was taken by Luke Kelly of Millbrook. *Courtesy photo*

The winner of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation’s ninth annual Fall Foliage Photo Contest’s \$750 prize is Luke Kelly of Millbrook, who submitted his photograph taken from the Ferncliff Forest Fire Tower in Rhinebeck. Kelly will also receive a framed print of his photograph. Of the 20 finalists, Kelly’s photograph received more than 1,100 votes, the most cast by Central Hudson’s Facebook followers. In total, more than 8,100 votes were cast.

In addition, a second drawing will be held to award a framed print of the winning photo to one lucky voter. The winner will be announced soon.

“We congratulate Luke on his winning photograph, which beautifully showcases the fall colors and inspiring vistas we’re treated to here in the Mid-Hudson Valley,” said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. “We were once again appreciative of and amazed by all of the entries submitted this year, as they were truly inspiring examples of

region’s spectacular fall season. We offer our sincere appreciation to the talented contestants who shared their work.

“Thank you also to all who participated by voting,” said Freni.

The contest opened on Oct. 4, 2021, inviting Central Hudson customers to submit photographs of the region’s fall season taken within the energy company’s service area by Nov. 5. A selection of finalists was posted to Central Hudson’s Facebook page, and voters were asked to “like” their favorite of the finalists. The official voting ended at noon on Nov. 19.

Freni also reminded customers of the benefits of “liking” and “following” Central Hudson on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to receive important safety messages, energy efficiency tips, announcements on new programs and services, updates on severe weather and other helpful information.

To view the images of all the finalists, go to Central Hudson’s Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/CentralHudson.

MJN Convention Center to present holiday spectacular

Majed J Nesheiwat (MJN) Convention Center, formerly known as the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie, will present the Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$39.50 to \$175 and can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the MJN Center box office, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular is an all-new production featuring some of the greatest holiday songs of all time performed with the world-renowned cast of Cirque Musica. Audiences will be amazed by the acrobats, aerialists, hilarious hijinks and holiday cheer. The show

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Cirque Musica is produced by TCG Entertainment. Visit www.CirqueMusica.com, Facebook or Twitter for more information.



Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular will be featured at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie on Dec. 12. The show blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today’s greatest circus performers with beloved holiday classics. *Photo courtesy of TCG Entertainment*

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Live broadcast of The Met’s ‘Eurydice’ featured Dec. 5 at Bardavon

The Bardavon continues The Met: Live in HD 2021-22 season on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m., with “Eurydice.” The ancient Greek myth of Orpheus, who attempts to harness the power of music to rescue his beloved Eurydice from the underworld, has inspired composers since opera’s earliest days. Rising American composer Matthew Aucoin now carries that tradition into the 21st century with a captivating new take on the story—a product of the Met’s commissioning program.

With a libretto by MacArthur “Genius Grant” recipient Sarah Ruhl, adapted from her acclaimed 2003 play, the opera reimagines the familiar tale from Eurydice’s point of view. Yannick Nézet-Séguin oversees the momentous Met premiere from the podium, leading Aucoin’s evocative music and an immersive new staging by Mary Zimmerman.

Soprano Erin Morley sings the title role, opposite baritone Joshua Hopkins as Orpheus and countertenor Jakub Józef

Orli?ski as his otherworldly alter-ego. Bass-baritone Nathan Berg is Eurydice’s father and fellow resident of the underworld, with tenor Barry Banks as Hades himself.

Ticket-holders are invited to enjoy an insightful pre-show talk on the day’s opera 30 minutes prior to the broadcast, led by Leslie Gerber, a music teacher at Marist’s Center for Lifetime Studies and author of all Hudson Valley Philharmonic playbill liner notes.

Tickets are \$28 (Adults), \$26 (Bardavon Member) and \$21 (Children 12 and under). Call (845) 473-5288 (Bardavon box office) or (845) 339-6088 (UPAC box office), or email at boxoffice@bardavon.org to purchase.

Due to the Delta variant and the recent increase in new Covid cases, all audiences at Bardavon and UPAC must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days.



A scene from The Met’s production of “Eurydice,” showing Live in HD at the Bardavon on Sunday, Dec. 5. Courtesy photo



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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

- Chair or stool
- Lanes
- High point
- Diamond and others
- Hatred
- "God Bless America, land ___."
- Equipped to fight
- "Oui"
- British nobleman
- "This little piggy ___ market..."
- Lustrous fabric
- Beasts of burden
- Multicolored cats
- Pole with a blade at one end
- Remembered mission
- Common conjunction
- Rope fiber
- Make an obligatory visit
- NBA or NAACP
- Highly valued person
- Get ___ on yourself; calm down
- In favor of
- Callings
- One of the five senses
- Item cast
- Shaw and others
- Mantilla
- Part of a military addr.
- Experience rejuvenation
- Taxi rider
- Audacity
- English river
- North Sea feeder
- Fence openings
- Within reach

DOWN

- Kill
- Ireland, to the Irish
- Charity
- Eliot's monogram
- Word with couch or sweet
- Reverences
- Book spine info
- "Pardon me?"
- Diving duck
- Solar disks
- Huntley and Atkins
- Dull finish
- Group principles
- Church leader
- Rip
- One of the 12 Apostles
- Zero
- Spanish cloak
- Word of woe
- Puts down
- Commercials
- Ulna's location
- Father
- Farmland unit
- Word with fry or crazy
- Recipe amts.
- Self
- Eastern European
- Early release
- Sense
- Adhere
- 1960s skirt styles
- Sweet stuff
- Vicinities
- Cubic meter
- Floor installer, often
- Turn away
- Croon
- Foreign girlfriend
- S. A. country
- Unusual individual
- Large parrot
- Sickly looking

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

Van Kleeck touchstones across five centuries

by Bill Jeffway

Arguably no local family has had a greater historical presence, one that is pervasive, persistent, and woven into the community, than the Van Kleeck family.

The Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) is fortunate to have been entrusted with many photographs, documents and objects from the family over generations. Van Kleeck family members remain active with DCHS today, supporting efforts like the broader sharing of the Van Kleeck photo collection that we expand on later.

The family name reminds us that Henry Hudson sailed on behalf of the Dutch in 1609, and it was the Dutch who were the first Europeans to settle along today's Hudson River, doing so under the colonial name of New Netherlands. Unlike Virginia, or the appropriately named New England, the first European settlers were not English. Even though Dutchess County did not start to see significant settlement until the mid 1700s, well into English rule, the Dutch imprint remains tangible.

The Van Kleeck House

One of the oldest items (and probably the heaviest item) in DCHS Collections is a stone lintel dated 1702 (see photo). Inscribed with the initials of husband and wife Baltus and Tryntie Van Kleeck, it is from the first significant stone house built in Poughkeepsie on what is today Mill Street near Vassar Street. The house is memorialized by the iconic 1834 sketch done by the local historian with a national reputation, Benson Lossing, just prior to its demolition.

It was on June 9, 1687 that Baltus Barents Van Kleeck signed a lease from the land patent owners Robert Sanders and Myndert Harmense. It is that date that is celebrated as the mark of the beginning of European settlement of Poughkeepsie. By 1702 he owned property and was building a substantial house.

Under that lintel passed the notable and notorious of that period. Given its

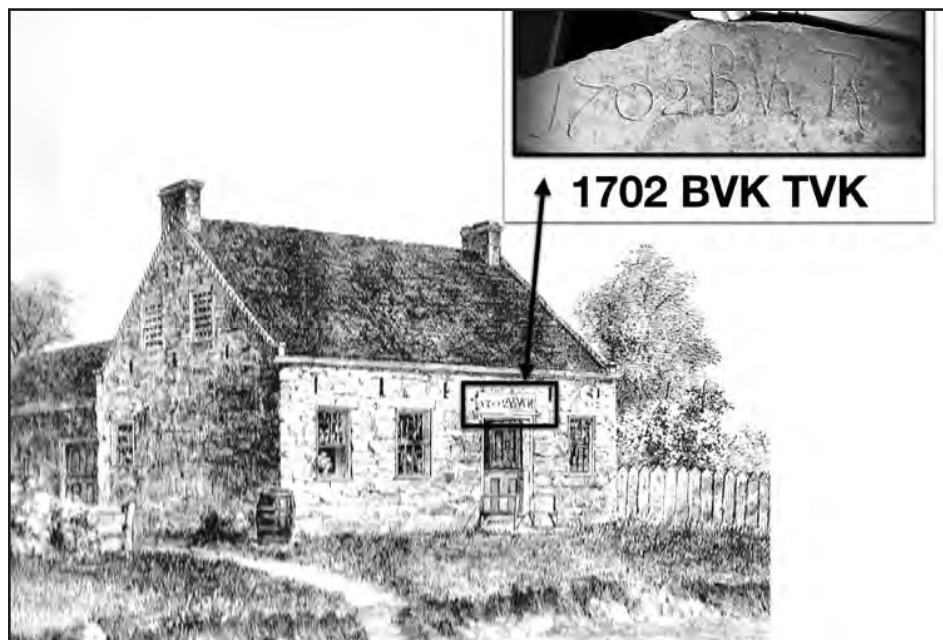
scale, and security, it was the meeting place of important councils planning the Revolutionary War. But sometimes it was used as a holding cell, as is reportedly the case of the radical Shaker, Mother Ann Lee (1736 to 1784). Lee was spreading what was seen as dangerous pacifism, urging young men not to take up arms in the Revolutionary War and cause of independence from Great Britain. She was imprisoned in the home in 1780. But during her six months of captivity, she created such a public sensation that it was determined that it would be better to let her go, than to allow her to gain the public attention she did by being a prisoner.

Johannes Van Kleeck helps confirm origin of 'Poughkeepsie'

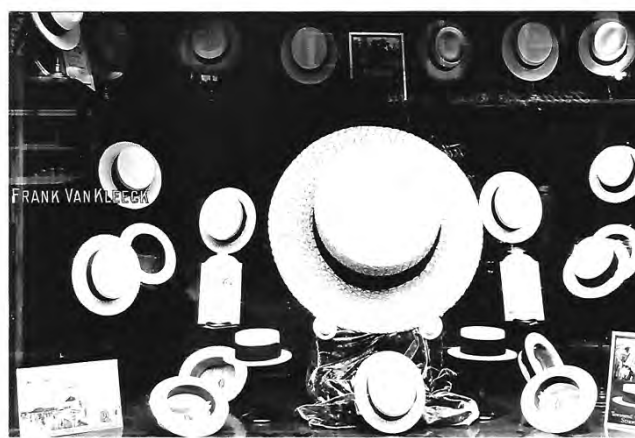
The 1692 scene of a six-year-old Johannes Van Kleeck and his friend of the same age can be seen depicted in the 1940 mural by Norman Foster in the Poughkeepsie Post Office. If you look up and to the right as you enter, you will see the depiction of two children approaching Native People at a spring near today's Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. The story the mural depicts is based on sworn testimony by a much older Johannes Van Kleeck later in life, when he testified in court about boundary disputes. In her 1924 landmark book, "Poughkeepsie, the Origin and Meaning of the Word," Helen Wilkinson Reynolds recounts the sworn testimony and uses it among a set of other original source material to convincingly make the case that this was the origin of Poughkeepsie as a name. Prior to that, it was commonly felt that it meant or referred to "safe harbor."

Van Kleeck presence on Main Street

The 1799 to 1960 family hat business on Main Street would in and of itself be of historic importance. But in addition to operating the store over generations, we are very fortunate that during that period, the Van Kleeck family, in particular Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck in the past, and Peter Van Kleeck today, were



Local historian Benson Lossing created this sketch of the 1702 Van Kleeck House on Mill Street (near Vassar Street), Poughkeepsie, in the years just prior to its demolition in 1834. The inset shows a recent photograph of the stone lintel that was over the door of what was the first stone house built locally. In addition to the date of construction, you can see the initials of the husband and wife builder/owners: Baltus Van Kleeck and Tryntie Van Kleeck. The "V" is artfully entwined with the "K" and "T." The lintel was a gift, among many photographs and documents over the years, entrusted to the Dutchess County Historical Society by the Van Kleeck family. *From the DCHS Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck Collection*



These are two images of newly created, small printed DCHS note cards that show (top) the 1924 storefront window of Frank Van Kleeck family business on Main Street, Poughkeepsie, that operated from 1799 to 1960. At bottom is the earliest known photograph of Poughkeepsie, dated 1850, showing Main Street east of Liberty Street. *From the DCHS Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck Collection. An index to the photo collection is at dchsn.org/cfi-van-kleeck.*



careful stewards of images of the transformation of Main Street from ox carts and horses, to horse-drawn trolleys, to the automobile.

DCHS has published a set of notecards with images from this collection, among which is the earliest known photograph of Poughkeepsie, dated 1850. Likely originally a daguerreotype by the renowned S.L. Walker (whose gallery sign is visible in the left of the photo), then copied to the more traditional style of a paper print mounted on cardboard, the photograph shows a group of men, some in the classic tall hats of the time, standing on the south side of Main Street, east of Liberty Street. We have to remind ourselves that when the photo was taken there had been no Civil War, and John Adams and Thomas Jefferson had died just two and a half decades earlier. The new invention, the first railroad, had only just come as far as

Poughkeepsie from New York City in the prior 12 months.

The Van Kleeck family business owners and operators were always conscious of, and protective of, local history. Whether it is events like the 1909 Hudson/Fulton Celebration, or regular holiday sales promotions, the store window often told the story of local and family history through the photographs that now make up the DCHS Van Kleeck Collection.

DCHS is making a sample of these note cards available with paid membership or donation at dchsn.org/short.

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If you walk into the Poughkeepsie Post Office today, and look up and to the right, you will see this 1940 depiction by Norman Foster of the young boy, Johannes Van Kleeck, and a friend, at the spring used by Native Peoples as a resting place. Native People referred to the spring and resting place in words that to Dutch ears sounded like Poughkeepsie, and thus the name remains today. *Courtesy photo*



‘What are we eating?’

An unforgettable experience at the dinner table.

The other night I was making dinner for the kids. I was preparing one of my favorite dishes growing up, escarole with beans. The kids looked at me with that face. I looked at them and told them that there was no way they would have survived growing up in our house. The things that we had to eat, they would never have eaten.

I remember one time we were visiting my uncle’s house. He had just gone bird hunting and was preparing what he had caught. I was never one to question what we were eating, everything always tasted so good. Heck, my father and uncles were chefs. But I had finally found something that there was no way I was going to eat.

My uncle comes out of the kitchen with a big platter and places it on the table. I looked on in horror as I realized what I was going to have to eat. On the table in front of me was a big plate of steaming hot roasted black birds. Yes, black birds. The beaks and the feet were still on them. The skin was roasted and charred and there was lemon and fresh mint on them. I can still smell it to this day. I must have been seven or eight

years old. I just sat there at the table staring at the bird as it stared back at me.

Now I had grown accustomed to eating things that normal American kids would never have touched. Dandelion salads, rabbit, tripe, but I took one look at those black birds and there was no way I was going to even try it. I was looking all over the table for a loaf of bread, or even a spare tire to gnaw on because there was no way in hell I was going to touch those birds.

My father, seeing my trepidation, takes one of the birds off the platter and places it on my plate and tells me to dig in. I couldn’t even think of eating that thing. The more I stared at it the less hungry I was getting. I was so mesmerized staring at that bird that I could have sworn it was talking to me. There they were Heckle and Jeckle looking at me like the cartoon and telling me to eat them. I could picture them in the tree throwing stuff at my uncle like in the cartoon.

My father pushed and prodded and told me to just try it. Normally, I wouldn’t hesitate, I mean everything that has been put in front of me tasted good up

until that point. My scope of culinary experimentation was vast for an eight year old. I had eaten weird stuff up until that point, but the black birds was my line in the sand. I just sat there getting greener and greener. Finally, my father had mercy on me and told me I could leave the table.

I didn’t just leave the table, I ran out of there. I left dreaming of escarole and beans.

ESCAROLE WITH BEANS

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 4 large garlic cloves, diced fine
- 2 oz. pancetta
- 1 head escarole, coarsely chopped
- 1 lb. white beans
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 4 green olives, diced
- 1 cup water
- 10-15 raisins
- salt (to taste)
- 1 lb. Tubetini pasta
- 1 oz. fresh grated Reggiano Parmigiana

Method

In a large fry pan over low heat, warm the olive oil. Add the garlic and sauté until golden brown. Increase the heat to medium, add the pancetta and olives and sauté until pancetta is lightly browned. Add the escarole, one cup of water, beans, oregano, red pepper flakes, raisins, dried pasta and season with salt. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until pasta is tender. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes.

Served with grated Reggiano Parmigiana and of course crusty Italian bread.

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

Poughkeepsie’s Celebration of Lights to return on Dec. 3



After a two-year wait, the 27th annual Celebration of Lights Parade and Fireworks is back on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. This event kicks off the holiday season in Poughkeepsie.

The event is presented by the Bardavon, Cocoon Theatre and City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and Poughkeepsie River District Business Association, with support from Nuvance Health, Rhinebeck Bank, Dutchess Cars, GEODIS and TD Bank Foundation.

The parade will commence at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street and Garden Street and proceed to the evening’s first Christmas tree lighting on Main, at Mural Square near Market Street.

The parade will then proceed down Main Street to Clover Street where it will conclude at Dongan Square Park for the second Christmas tree lighting. Then at 7:15 p.m., Poughkeepsie River District

Business Association and Legion Fireworks will present the area’s only winter fireworks display.

Featured in the parade: Cocoon Theatre Artistic Director Andres San Millan has created four giant float replicas of Vassar Brothers Institute, the Steamboat Mary Powell, the 1911 Pelton mansion and new this year, celebrating the power of children to motivate others, the Ruby Bridges Locomotive. Participants in festive costumes with props created with recycled materials will accompany the floats.

Local artist Suprina will unveil a new float called Mother Earth created in collaboration with Isabel Velasco Gomez and Guadalupe Rodriguez Ramirez.

The Celebration of Lights Parade is led by Mayor Rob Rolison and members of the Common Council. They will be joined by the Arm of the Sea Theatre’s



Tree lightings, parade floats, brass bands and more are on tap for the City of Poughkeepsie’s Celebration of Lights Parade and Fireworks, set Friday, Dec. 3. Pictured are a float depicting the Steamboat Mary Powell, created by Andres San Millan of Cocoon Theatre, and the Brasskill Brass Band. *Courtesy photos*

musicians and giant puppets, Amerscott Highland Pipers, Brasskill Brass Band, Fat Boi’s Brass Band, The Bucket Brigade and The Wholly Brass Band, plus Mid-Hudson Rowing Association, SPOKE Poughkeepsie Bike Club and the Poughkeepsie Library’s Bookmobile; and, finally, Santa Claus will arrive on a City of Poughkeepsie Fire Engine.

Following the parade and fireworks, the Bardavon will present a screening of the holiday film classic “It’s a Wonderful Life” (1946) at 8 p.m. The film is preceded at 7:30 p.m. with a concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Seats are \$6. This holiday film event is sponsored by Marshall & Sterling.

In the lobby, Lambe Lambe, a multiple

stage small puppet theater presentation by Paperheart puppets will precede and follow the film with a holiday fantasy experience for all ages.

Parking is available in City of Poughkeepsie Municipal lots. For further information, check out www.bardavon.org or call (845) 473-2072 or (845) 339-6088; or email at boxoffice@bardavon.org.

All audiences at Bardavon must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days. Exceptions: Children under 12 and those with medical or religious exceptions, must show proof of exemption and negative test in the last 72 hours.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Through Dec. 5: Online Holiday Benefit Auction, Historic Red Hook. Offerings include personal tours of historic homes, insider visits to working farms, vacation getaways to Nantucket and the Berkshires, and much more. Join Historic Red Hook for trivia and cocktails on Zoom for the final hour of bidding on Dec. 5 from 5 to 6 p.m. Proceeds from this auction will go toward completing the Elmendorph Green Campaign by the end of this year. Visit www.historicredhook.org for more information.

Through Dec. 19: Holiday Show, Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. The show offers unique, handcrafted items such as ceramics, drawings, paintings, greeting cards, ornaments, jewelry, prints, sculptures and photographs. Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Through Dec. 26: The Wonderland of Lights, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck. Holiday drive-thru experience features dozens of dazzling displays to delight the entire family. Sun.-Thurs., 6-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 6-10 p.m. Enjoy a plethora of festive pageantry while journeying through more than a mile of spectacular lights and holiday wonder, from tunnel displays to towering structures and whimsical designs. Tickets & info at https://thewonderlandoflights.com/rhinebeck_show/#date

Through Dec. 5: Menorah Lightings, various locations. Thurs., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Teens' Latke Cook-off at the Rhinebeck Jewish Center, 102 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Sat., Dec. 4, Menorah Lighting, 7:30 p.m. East Market St., Rhinebeck. More info at www.rhinebeck-jewishcenter.com. Sunday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Thorne Building, Millbrook. Following the lighting, there will be hot latkes, hot apple cider, coffee, baked goods and singing at Babette's Kitchen, 3293 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. (845) 677-0190

Dec. 2-4: Christmas Sale, St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Dr., Millbrook. Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual Christmas Sale, featuring Christmas decorations, gift items, holiday clothing and more. Hours: Thurs.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday Dec. 3: Celebrate the holidays in the Village of Millbrook. At 5 p.m., meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in front of the Tribute Gardens for a fun photo opportunity. At 6 p.m., Santa lights the tree and leads the Parade of Lights through the Village. Line-up starts on Franklin Ave. in front of MOST Physical Therapy. To participate, contact Ceil Collopy at ceciliacollopy@gmail.com or check the Village website, villageofmillbrookny.com.

Dec. 3: Snowflake Festival, Uptown Historic Stockade District, Kingston. Free community event featuring an array of holiday-themed performances, exhibitions, entertainment and open stores offering treats and warm beverages to all visitors, 6-8 p.m.

Dec. 3-4: "Swingin' in the Holidays, Big Band Style," Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Theater, 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Show presented by The Big Band Sound 25-piece jazz orchestra will benefit the Sparrow's Nest local charity. Performances: Fri., Dec. 3, 6 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 4, 2 p.m. General Admission \$20; purchase tickets in advance at thebigbandsound.com or at the door. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to enter and masks must be worn at all times inside.

Dec. 4: American Girl Day, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Bring your 18-inch dolls and meet with dolls styled to represent the real girls of Clermont, make a craft and leave with a goody bag of treats, 11 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Reservations required. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children. www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Dec. 4: The Clinton Historical Society's Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. Featuring local artisans selling their handmade crafts. CHS members will sell holiday decorations and gifts, homemade soups and baked goods, and Society publications and maps, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Society's mission.

Dec. 4: Concert with Bruce Molsky & Tony Trischka, The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. A fusion of Tony Trischka's bluegrass banjo world view and Bruce Molsky's new but true-to-tradition old-time Southern mountain fiddling and singing. 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. <https://thestissingcenter.org/>

Dec. 4: Cookie, Candy & Christmas Craft Sale, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1872 Salt Point Turnpike, Salt Point. Homemade cookies and candy can be purchased by the pound, many handmade items for Christmas gift-giving, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Masks and social distancing required. All monies raised are used for the church's Deacon mission programs to help in their community. For information or directions, call Diana at (845) 635-3635.

Dec. 4: Town of Poughkeepsie Holiday Caravan. The Town of Poughkeepsie is sponsoring a "Holiday Celebration" along with the Arlington BID, Eastdale Village and the Galleria Mall, 4:30 p.m. In order to give everyone a chance to celebrate the holiday spirit safely, the Town of Poughkeepsie is doing another Caravan this year with floats and vehicles decorated. The Caravan begins at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, traveling to the Arlington Business District and ends at Eastdale Village, 949 Dutchess Turnpike. To take part in the Caravan, contact the Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor's Office at (845) 485-3607. Enjoy the caravan with your family anywhere along the route. Adhere to social distancing.

Dec. 4: Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, "Jazz Up the Holidays," Marriott Pavilion, The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Dr., Hyde Park. Holiday favorites featuring vocalist Teri Roiger include "We Need A Little Christmas" Latin style, themes from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and timeless classics sung by Ella Fitzgerald and Mel Tormé including "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm", "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" and "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)." Adult ticket \$38, senior \$30, student \$10.

Dec. 4: Pleasant Valley Festival of Lights, Main St. & Cady Field, Pleasant Valley. Celebrate the holiday season and help welcome Santa Claus. Parade starts at 6:45 p.m., featuring vehicles, trucks, trailers and more, decorated with lights and music. Visit with Santa after the parade at Cady Field (behind Town Hall). Masks must be worn to visit with Santa. For parade information, to sign up to march in the parade or enter a float, contact Committee Chairman Jennifer Adams at (845) 762-9293 or Jennifer.Adams77@aol.com. Visit www.pvfol.com to register to enter the parade and for more information.

Dec. 4: Stanford Holiday of Lights Parade, line up at the Highway Garage, 11 Creamery Rd., Stanfordville. Parade will step off at 6 p.m. Rain/snow date: Dec. 5. More information at (845) 868-1366, ext. 5 (days) or (845) 868-1387 (evenings).

Dec. 4-5: Dutchess Handmade Pop-up Shop, The Trolley Barn, 489 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Shop Local this holiday season with glass, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood, products, prints, paintings, home, decorating items and more. Find the perfect item for gift giving

and collecting from local artists and artisans. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact Melissa at info@artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222 for more information.

Dec. 5: Merry & Bright Pop-up Holiday Market, 4390 Rte. 9, Hyde Park (across from Town Hall), 3-8 p.m. Local crafts, local foods. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce.

Dec. 5: Chanukah Festival of Lights, Mill Site Museum Park, 1624 Main St. (Rte. 44), Pleasant Valley. 5:30 p.m. Donuts & coffee served; all items will be packaged. <http://www.pvrec.com/>

Dec. 5: Lecture, "The Chancellor's War," Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Clermont's curator will present a lecture entitled "The Chancellor's War" which will explore the role that Chancellor Robert R. Livingston played in the American Revolution, 2 p.m. Free. www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Dec. 5: Virtual Holiday Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Kick off the holiday season with a virtual holiday show put together by the library's very own Dick Rizzo, 2 p.m. The program will feature Christmas poems performed by Joe Baer and his grandsons, Sam and Maddox; Shirl Sipperley with a humorous poem; a Hanukkah story performed by Stanley Katz; as well as holiday songs sung by Michelle Kafel and Christmas songs performed on the organ at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Barrytown, by Pete Sipperley. (845) 876-2903

Dec. 5-22: Theatre on the Road's "A Christmas Carol," various locations. Interactive dinner-theater performance of Charles Dickens' classic tale of transfor-

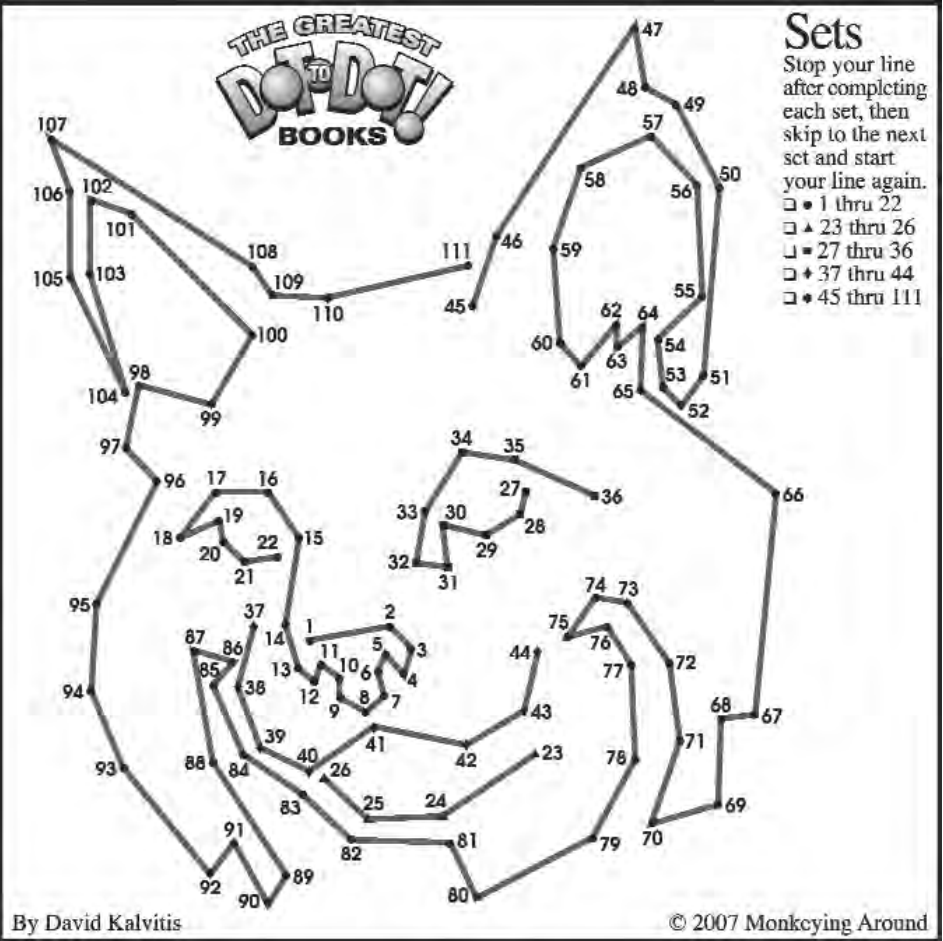
mation, brought to life by actors and carolers in authentic Victorian costume, and featuring merry songs, laughter and heartwarming nostalgia. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the characters throughout the performance. Each event includes a three-course meal followed by a reception where guests can meet the characters. Performances: Sun., Dec. 5, 5 p.m., Le Chambord, 2737 Rte. 52, Hopewell Junction. \$75 per person; doesn't include tax & gratuity. Reservations: (845) 221-1941. Wed., Dec. 8, 7 p.m., The Venue Uptown (Best Western), Kingston. Wed., Dec. 15, 7 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Sat., Dec. 18, 5 p.m., Meadowbrook Lodge, New Windsor. Sun., Dec. 19, 5 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Wed., Dec. 22, 7 p.m., The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Visit www.theatreontheroad.com/ for tickets and more information.

Dec. 9: Holiday After Hours, Hyde Park Brewing Company, 4076 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. Presented by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 p.m. Bring an unwrapped toy to be donated. RSVP by Dec. 6 at www.hydeparkchamber.org or email info@hydeparkchamber.org

Dec. 11: Morton/Rhinecliff Holiday Weekend / Rhinecliff Light Up Night, Morton Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Saturday evening we will shine some literal and figurative light on the hamlet, 5 p.m. Pick up luminaria kits at the library and then line the streets with candles. That evening, enjoy the sights by walking and visiting with neighbors while enjoying a complimentary hot beverage from the

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Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 9)



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

Suguru solution					
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Vincent J. Amodeo

HYDE PARK – Hyde Park- Vincent J. Amodeo, 81, died peacefully Sunday, November 21, 2021 at home in Hyde Park. He was the son of Philip and Magdalen Amodeo and was born on April 23, 1940 in Poughkeepsie, NY. He graduated from Wappingers High School and attended Oswego State University. Afterwards, he joined the US Navy and later worked for Omega and retired from IBM. Vincent is survived by his 6 children Laurie Amodeo, Diana Amodeo, Kelly Cass (Kevin), Daniel Cass (Faith), Georgeanne Bottjer (Noel) and Tracy MacKenzie (Daniel). Grandpa Vin was extremely proud of his 14 grandchildren: Anna Claire (Nadia), Nolan, Brian, Casey, Bridget, Katherine, Sophia, Margaret, Sarah, Gavin, Claire, Maureen, Colleen and Aileen. Vincent is also survived by his sister Joanne Amodeo. Vincent was predeceased by his parents, Magdalene and Philip Amodeo and his loving wife Maureen Amodeo in which they are now happily reunited. Vincent will be missed by all those who loved and knew him and his passing will leave a void that will never be replaced. He was a fountain of good advice, corny jokes, random facts and unlimited patience but above all, he was a loving father to the end. Calling hours will be held 8:30-9:30 AM on Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 AM at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, 185 Hudson View Dr Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Burial will be in the family plot at St. Peter's Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, NY. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Vincent's name to a Veteran organization. If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Grant Battistoni

STANFORDVILLE – Barbara Grant Battistoni, 84, of Stanfordville, passed away on November 17, 2021. She was born in Poughkeepsie, on December 23, 1936 to Stephen and Barbara (Place) Grant. Barbara spent her childhood in Millbrook, NY and graduated from Millbrook High School. She graduated top of her class from Saint Francis School of Nursing and worked over thirty years at Sharon Hospital, as an RN and a Supervisor of Nurses. On September 1, 1956, in Lake George, NY, Barbara married John Battistoni. They settled in Stanfordville. Barbara is survived by John and their 4 children, Lori (Edward) Conklin of Parsonsburg, MD; Debra (Gary) MacElveen of Poughkeepsie; Mark (Catherine) Battistoni of Millbrook; and Carol (Eric) Waldschmidt of Verbank, NY. She is also survived by ten grandchildren; Christofer (Susan) Conklin, John (Lisa Pedevillano) MacElveen, William (Elise) MacElveen, Joseph (Samantha) MacElveen, Daniel (Rhiana Blake) MacElveen, Nicole (Charles) Miller, Joseph Battistoni, Ema (Adam Dias) Waldschmidt, Samuel (Nicole Kennedy) Waldschmidt, and Anna (Kyle Apel) Waldschmidt, and one great-grandson, Giovanni MacElveen. Barbara is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Richard and Betty Battistoni and several nieces and nephews. Barbara was an active member of the United Church of Christ, and following her retirement from Sharon Hospital, she was instrumental in starting and running their thrift shop. She volunteered many years at the Stanford Library. While Barbara most enjoyed spending time with her family, she had many interests. She was a talented seamstress, quilter, embroiderer, knitter and restorer of antique furniture. Being a natural caregiver, she had an affinity for stray animals and was especially fond of the many cats she cared for over the years. Barbara was also an avid reader. Barbara was

predeceased by her parents and her sister, Glenda Brandt. Due to COVID concerns, services will be private. Interment will take place in Stanford Cemetery. Donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the Stanford Free Library, 6035 Route 82, Stanfordville, NY 12581 or Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, 9 Barnes Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

Samuel T. Harkins



Samuel T. Harkins, 68, a long-time resident of Red Hook, passed away on Thursday, November 25 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Born on April 28, 1953, in Little Falls, NY, he was the son of the late Floyd and Evelyn Harkins. Sam graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a business degree. He married Arleen Garelick on August 28, 1982 in Barrytown, NY. In addition to his beloved wife, Arleen of Red Hook, he is survived by his daughter whom he cherished, Blythe Harkins of Red Hook, his sister in law Dr. Karen Garelick of Red Hook, NY, countless Diner regulars, golf buddies, colleagues and friends. Sam, along with his wife Arleen, are the longtime proprietors and co-owners of the famous - Historic Village Diner in Red Hook. Having worked side by side for almost 40 years at the Diner, Sam and Arleen were true partners with everything in life. Sam also worked as the Code Enforcement Officer with the Village of Red Hook (formerly) and currently is the CEO for the Towns of Clermont, Germantown, Milan and Livingston. An avid golfer, Sam was a decade's long member of the Red Hook Golf Club (RHGC) and a faithful participant in the Tuesday Night Supper Club. He also served on the RHGC Board of Directors and was Past President. Sam was an original member of the Hourihan Challenge Cup - a golfing society consisting of members of the RHGC versus Hourihan Golf Society in Ireland. The Ryder Cup style matching that Sam has taken part in over the last 20-plus years, has created many great friendships and memories. At this time, funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be made in Sam's memory to the House for Dogmanity. (Checks can be mailed to 385 Foxhall Ave, Kingston, NY, 12401). Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook.

John W. Helmer

HYDE PARK – John "Jack" Helmer, age 93, passed away on Thursday November 18th at Vassar Brother Hospital. Born on May 20, 1928, in Poughkeepsie, NY, Jack was the only son born to Edna A. Donnelly and William E. "Bill" Helmer. Jack was a 1946 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, NY, where he met his wife, the late Janice M. Goth. They were married at Our Lady of the Rosary on the grounds of Hudson River State Hospital on September 10, 1950. They celebrated their 70th year wedding anniversary on September 10th with family and friends at their family home in Hyde Park. Jack served two years in the US Navy as a Seaman First Class and received his honorable discharge in April 1948. His tour of duty was aboard the destroyer USS Waldron where Jack earned the honorable distinction as a "Tin Can Sailor." A 1952 graduate of the Hudson River State Hospital School of Nursing, Jack worked as a psychiatric nurse for 36 years, retiring in 1988. Jack was known as "the doctor" to family, friends and neighbors who

came by for diagnosis of minor ailments, chronic health issues or needing stitches removed. For thirty years, six days a week, weather permitting, Jack and his wife Jan could be found walking the grounds of Vanderbilt's, where they would make many new friends. Jack is survived by his four children, Gail O'Neil and husband, Bill, of Poughkeepsie; Jacquelyn Valenta and husband, Bill, of Tucson AZ; David Helmer and wife, Alison, of Rhinebeck; and Thomas Helmer and wife, Chris, of Round Rock, TX; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Sclafani, of Hilton Head Island, SC, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, Jack is predeceased by his two sisters, Mary Podolak and Rita Donnelly. A Celebration of his Life took place on Tuesday November 30th in the Community Mausoleum Chapel at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, 342 South Ave, Poughkeepsie. To send an online condolence or view the recorded service, please visit Jack's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Patricia 'Tally' Lorio

HYDE PARK – Patricia "Tally" Lorio, 86, of Hyde Park, died on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY. Born on November 20, 1934 in Amsterdam, NY, she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Agatha Slusarz Danowski. On May 27, 1961, in Amsterdam, she married Thomas Lorio, of New Orleans, LA. Thomas predeceased her on January 13, 2021. Patricia, nicknamed "Tally" as a child by her sister, was an avid baseball fan, from her days attending home games of the Amsterdam Rugmakers, her town's Canadian-American baseball team, with her father and her lifelong friend, Dolores Pereicich, to more recent years when she closely followed the ups and downs of her beloved NY Mets. Besides baseball, Tally was interested in supporting loved ones and others in nursing homes, earning a certificate in Gerontology and an Associate's Degree from Dutchess Community College, and furthering her education at SUNY New Paltz and Marist College. She enjoyed keeping up with current events and loved music, especially Neil Diamond and Andrea Bocelli. She visited many nursing homes, bringing seasonal decorations and CDs of festive music. Proudly Polish and devoutly Catholic, Tally often attended mass with her husband, Tom. Socially, they could be found most mornings and often later in the day, enjoying a meal or gathering with friends they met and grew close to at the Eveready Diner in Hyde Park. Tally met several of their "diner friends" when she would be overheard discussing relief pitching or other intricacies of the game, and another patron would stop by her table to ask how a woman of her generation knew so much about the sport. Tally is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Traci Lorio, of Cortlandt Manor; her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne Lorio and Andrew Dykeman, of New York City; grandson Tommy Lorio, of Cortlandt Manor; several nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Along with her husband and parents she was also predeceased by her sister, Barbara Archinal, of Amsterdam. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. A memorial mass will take place at a later date in the spring. Tally's family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Hospice, or Catholic Charities. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Patricia L. Macura

AMENIA – Beloved Patricia Louise McDonald Macura passed away peacefully at 5:35 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Vassar Brothers' Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY with her family by her side. Patricia Louise Macura was born to Walter and Florence McDonald on December 15, 1934 at Sharon Hospital. She married John Macura from Granville, NY on June 16, 1956. The two quickly settled on an acre of land on Leedsville Road, where they built their home and raised their family. Mom leaves behind her daughter Elaine, son John Adam, daughter-in-law Patti, granddaughter Juliana, daughter Melissa and son-in-law Brian, and daughter Nadine, as well as two four-legged grand-dogs Baxter and Ringo. Patricia was predeceased by her husband John in October 2017, and eldest daughter Susan Macura in November 2020. Patricia is also survived by

her four siblings, Mary Ellen Downey, Walter (Bud) McDonald, Anne Cutolo, and Joseph McDonald. John and Patricia were traditionalists...winters for the family included skiing weekends at local spots (Jug End, Bittersweet, Hob Nob), ice skating at the Spingarn estate, snowmobiling all over the surrounding Meili farm trails and fields, and sledding adventures at the Erskine field. Mom packed lunches, dry clothes, and equipment for all. At the day's end, there was always mom's hot chocolate and peanut butter crackers. Summers were spent in the above ground swimming pool constructed by dad and Uncle Bud and expanded for height as we grew. Mom lived for the pool! Other adventures included the annual school skip day to attend the Danbury Fair, and family picnics in the backyard. After raising her children, mom's sister Mary Ellen introduced Mom to the estate sale world. We didn't know the obsession and love Mom would have for cleaning and selling other people's contents. She literally filled our family home from others! In later years, she volunteered as the "Christmas Lady" at the annual Hotchkiss August Habitat for Humanity tag sale. By far her favorite years began in 1999, when she became a grandma to Juliana. She was born to be a grandma whether it be playing in her jewelry box or playing dress up for hours. She also excelled at running "Macura camp" for years at the Leedsville house for Juliana and her friends for the summers. She loved school sick days, summer vacations, and holidays, as she knew that she would be able to spend time with her granddaughter. She and Juliana bought fresh fruit on their daily excursions to Paley's Farm Market or try out new recipes they found on her favorite food network shows. Patricia was a baker like no other...did not believe in or tolerate cake mix...she was old school. In her last year during the Covid pandemic, she baked a Bundt cake each week, and began an obsession with building puzzles. She was all about family! Calling hours were held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the Immaculate Conception Church, Lavalley Rd., Amenia. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia. At Patricia's request, in lieu of flowers, please support the Amenia Rescue Squad, P. O. Box 166, Amenia, NY 12501. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Margaret E. 'Peg' Sawyer

FORMERLY DUTCHESS COUNTY – Margaret E. (Peg) Sawyer, 91, a long-time resident of Hyde Park and Dutchess County, passed away on November 18, 2021 after a long illness. She was born Margaret Elizabeth Way on May 25, 1930 to Donald and Roxie Way in Curwensville, PA. On January 26, 1952 she married Kenneth L. Sawyer in Curwensville, PA. Mr. Sawyer died on January 4, 2018. Peg began her working career out of high school as a bookkeeper for Sealtest ice cream. Honing those skills would serve her well, as she would utilize them extensively in her later business career. After Ken and Peg got married, they traveled through five different states, as Ken was a climbing linesman constructing electrical towers throughout the East and Midwest. Peg insisted they settle down after several children were born, and they landed in Dutchess County. Ken then began a lifelong career as an independent businessman, with Peg by his side. Together they operated Ken's Mobile Home Service from the late 1950's to the late 1960's. Then, after selling pop-up campers out of the front yard to supplement their income, Ken and Peg proceeded to create Ken's Camper Sales from the late 1960's to the early 1980's. It became, at the time, one of the largest recreational vehicle dealerships in the Northeast. Although Ken's name was on the businesses, Peg was a very large part of their success. Utilizing those early bookkeeping skills, Peg organized, managed and accounted for all aspects of the businesses, especially Ken's Camper Sales. She managed the unit sales, service work, customer files, employee payroll and parts store inventory. All by hand ledgers, journals, and index files, no computers back then! She also did all this while taking care of three athletic children, getting them to classes, practices and games and of course doing ALL the dirty laundry! And, somehow, always had dinner on the table! Lots of twelve/fourteen-hour days. She and Ken were particularly proud of their son Kenny, who went to Syracuse University on a

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HILLSIDE FIRE DISTRICT TOWN OF RHINEBECK DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK
Notice to Bidders
Please take notice that the Hillside Fire District Board of Commissioners, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on Nov. 10, 2021 adopted the following resolution: "A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SUCH EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION 176(23) OF THE TOWN LAW AS AMENDED" Whereas the Hillside Fire District is owner of a low mileage 1997 Ford 4WD Utility Vehicle that contains a 250 gal. water tank and pump; and Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the Hillside Fire District has determined that said vehicle is no longer necessary for the purposes of the

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Hillside Fire District; and Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the Hillside Fire District has resolved that said vehicle to be declared as surplus equipment; and Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the Hillside Fire District has resolved that said vehicle be sold as surplus equipment to the highest bidder following publication of Notice to Bidders; Now, Therefore, Please Take Notice that the Hillside Fire District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid surplus equipment at the Hillside Fire District offices at 11 Fox Hollow Road, Rhinebeck New York until 7:00PM on Dec. 22, 2021 at which time the bids will be opened and the aforesaid surplus equipment will be sold to the highest bidder. The surplus equipment will be available for inspection on Dec. 6, 2021 and Dec. 13, 2021 from 4 to 7 pm at the

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Hillside Fire District Fire House. It may also be inspected at the Hillside Fire District Fire House, by appointment, by calling Chief Dennis McGuire at (845) 656-1839. The surplus equipment is being sold strictly AS IS, WHERE IS @ with no warranties or representations of any kind on the part of the Hillside Fire District. The Hillside Fire District Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids at its sole discretion and to re-advertise for the sale of the aforesaid surplus equipment. The successful bidder shall be required to tender the said amount in full, by immediately available funds, upon the awarding of the successful bid.
Nov. 10, 2021
Rhinebeck, New York
Colette DeWitt,
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Fire Commissioners
Hillside Fire District

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION 2021:
Please take notice that the 50th annual election of Dutchess Junction Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Dutchess Junction Fire house located at 75 Slocum Rd Beacon, NY 12508 for the purpose of electing a commissioner for the term of Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2026. All residents of the Dutchess Junction Fire Dist. duly registered with the Dutchess County Board of Elections as of Nov. 23, 2021 shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for office filed their names with the fire district Secretary in person or at PO Box 107, Beacon, NY 12508 no later than Nov. 24, 2021.

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Year End Meeting will be held by the Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting of the Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hughsonville Fire House located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New

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York 12590 and/or in accordance with new legislation (S.50001/A.40001) issued by Governor Kathy Hochul in response to Covid 19 Delta variant, the meetings will also be opened to the public by means of remote access by placing a telephone call to (845)297-4194 and requesting Zoom access. This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District. Respectfully submitted,
Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
Index No: 2021-54028
Plaintiffs designates Dutchess County as the place of trial.
SUMMONS
The basis of the venue is the location of the subject real property.
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NEMESIO SANTOS AND AUTUMN THARPE, Plaintiffs,
-against-
JOHN DOES 1-100 and JANE DOES 1-100, being all the heirs at law of FREDERICK C. THOMANN and W.O.K. THOMANN, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, the NEW YORK STATE

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TO THE HEIRS AT LAW OF FREDERICK C. THOMANN and W.O.K. THOMANN:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action. Plaintiffs Nemesio Santos and Autumn Tharpe have commenced an action in the Supreme Court of Dutchess County (Index No. 2021-54028) to determine claims under RPAPL Article 15 to a .12-acre service road adjacent to 36 Evergreen Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York (SBL: 6160-01-167836). Plaintiffs seek to establish that they are the sole owners of the title to the stated real property in fee simple absolute, and to forever bar the Defendants, their heirs, successors and/or assigns or any persons claiming any interest in the stated real property by, through or under such Defendants to the stated real property more fully described in the complaint of this action, and that full possession of the stated real property be exclusively granted to the Plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Any such heirs or other interested parties are required to file responsive

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pleadings on or before 1/21/2022. Upon your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default and bar any right, title or interest you may have or had in and to a portion of the property described in the complaint.
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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-73-21
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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 8th day of December 2021 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

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full football scholarship and eventually played in the NFL for the Cincinnati Bengals. Being in the RV business at the time, Peg and Ken would jump in a motor home and drive all over the Northeast and Midwest to watch Kenny play. When Ken, Kenny and daughter Kelly got into land development, Peg also jumped in and helped in the success of those businesses. Their main projects were two large manufactured housing developments in Hyde Park, Hidden Brook Estates and Kensington Village, totaling nearly 200 units. Peg would put her detailed finishing touches on each double-wide mobile home that was sold, delivering an "immaculate" home to each of the new buyers. She did this without one penny of pay! Many in the family jokingly called her "Mrs. Clean." Upon her "retirement" she was a very active, loving and doting grandmother and great-grandmother. Peg is survived by her three children: Kenneth Sawyer and his wife Patti of Hyde Park, her daughter and caregiver Karen Sawyer of Port St Lucie, and daughter Kelley Hammerling and her husband Steve of Napanoch, NY. Four grandchildren: Mike Houghtaling, Kyle Kneifel, Jared Hammerling, and Allie Garcia, five great-grandchildren: Chase Houghtaling, Cody Hardinage, Hunter and Faylynn Hammerling and Alina Garcia. Cremation has taken place in Port St Lucie. Peg's and Ken's ashes will be buried together in the family plot in Curwensville at a later date.

Helen Strollo

HYDE PARK – Helen Louise Strollo, 91, of Hyde Park, NY, died on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Ferncliff Nursing Home, Rhinebeck, New York. Born on May 30, 1930, in New Rochelle, NY, she was the daughter of Lewis Thomas Odell and Ruth Whitcomb. She married William R. Strollo on July 16, 1949, at the First Presbyterian

Church in New Rochelle. Mr. Strollo died on December 17, 2019. Prior to retirement, Helen was a Real Estate Broker for Weichert Realty, Rye, NY. Surviving are four children, Susan L. Strollo of Red Hook, Richard T. Strollo and wife, Diane, of Eastsound, WA, Ruth Elaine Haines and husband, Kenneth, of Hyde Park, and Ronald James Strollo and wife, Michelle, of Clinton Corners; sister, Abigale Hager, Florida, twelve grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Helen was predeceased by a daughter, Donna Ruth Strollo Tracy, and a sister, Ruth Beach. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will begin at 11am on Friday, December 10, 2021, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, the Rev. Gregg Gabor will officiate. Burial will follow at the family plot in Union Cemetery of Hyde Park. In lieu of flowers, the Strollo Family respectfully requests memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 132 W. 32nd St., NY, NY 10001 www.cancer.org, or, the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538. www.dccsPCA.org. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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Morton Library to present Judeo-Spanish ensemble



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Morton Memorial Library (82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff) will present a concert by the Alhambra Project on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Alhambra creates exciting arrangements of Judeo-Spanish wedding music, love songs and instrumental dances on the oud, violin, shawm, dumbek (Middle-Eastern drum), riq, def and bendir.

Alhambra was founded by Dr. Isabelle Ganz in 1981. Based in New York, the ensemble has toured Andalusia, the

British Isles (including London's Purcell Room and Almeida Theatre), Quebec, Bogota, performed at the Quincentennial Celebration in Istanbul, The First International Festival of Jewish Art Music in Vilnius, Lithuania, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and at colleges, community centers and folk festivals throughout the United States.

Suggested donation is \$10. All are welcome. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

MOUNT GULIAN ANNOUNCES NEW VIRTUAL VIDEO TOUR, DUTCHESS TOURISM AWARD

Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon has announced two recent important developments. The site, on both the NY State and National Registers of Historic Places for its key role as the headquarters of patriot Gen. Von Steuben during the Revolution, and for the formation of the Society of the Cincinnati at the site in 1783, is well-known for its special events, educational programming for students, and as a popular venue for weddings and meetings.

Despite the distractions of the past 20 months, Mount Gulian produced a virtual tour video, which offers a thumbnail introduction to the site's history, including a brief tour of the museum house, garden

and historic Dutch barn, complete with drone photography. Funded in part by a grant from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, video production was done by J6 MediaWorks, a regional corporate messaging firm in Beacon. The video is now available to the public and can be seen on Mount Gulian's website at <https://mountgulian.org/virtual-tours/a-virtual-visit/>. Additionally, Mount Gulian recently received the prestigious Dutchess County Tourism History Award of Distinction. The award was announced at a ceremony held at Locust Grove and hosted by Dutchess Tourism President and CEO Melaine Rottkamp and County Executive Marcus Molinaro.

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When I do it, red pushes me away from the color as does yellow, but with less force. Green pulls me towards the color as does blue, but with less speed. Others have felt themselves going forwards or backwards. Still other people experienced nothing.

We should try to figure out how to harness this force. Maybe it would decrease our dependence on all the things that we are removing from the Planet. Once that occurs maybe our roads will stop cracking and our buildings will stop heaving.

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Dec. 11: Winter Wonderland Story Hour, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave., Germantown. Kids and their adults will enjoy Winter Wonderland Story Hour. Our last story hour of the year, winter-themed stories will be read, 2 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Free. www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Dec. 11-12: "Miracle On 34th Street: A

Live Radio Play," Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Presented by Eastside Studio Theater. Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 general, \$15 student/senior. More info: (845) 471-0773, 452-0684 eastsidestudiotheater.com

Dec. 11-12: Handel's "Messiah," Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Performances: Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Leon Botstein leads The Orchestra Now, soloists from the Bard Conservatory Graduate Vocal Arts Program, the Bard Festival Chorale, and the Bard College Chamber Singers in a performance of one of the most popular oratorios of all time. Tickets start at \$30 for in-person and pay what you wish for virtual live-stream. fishercenter.bard.edu, (845) 758-7900 or boxoffice@bard.edu

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Dec. 17-18: "The Bald Soprano," The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. Presented by The Stissing Theatre Guild: "The Bald Soprano" by Eugène Ionesco, 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets via <https://stissingtheatre.org>

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Dec. 17-19: Winter Music Concerts at Kaatsbaan, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. Superwolves and Bonnie "Prince" Billy & Matt Sweeney, with Emmett Kelly & David Pajo. Matt Sweeney and Will Oldham reunite 16 years after their original underground classic, for performances featuring an album that plays like the continuation of a decades-long conversation. 8 p.m. www.kaatsbaan.org

Dec. 19: "Mr. Fullerton" by Local Produce Readers' Theatre, The Stissing Center, Pine Plains. "Mr. Fullerton" by Anne Undeland is a love story based on a true one. In 1909 while living in Paris, the 46-year-old Edith Wharton fell in love for the first and only time in her life. 3 p.m. Tickets \$5. <https://thestissingcenter.org/>



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